



May 27, 2010

On behalf of everyone within the United States Army Special Operations Command, I welcome comrades, friends and, especially, our Gold Star Families to our Memorial Ceremony. Today we gather as Family to commemorate and remember our Fallen Heroes who have given of themselves completely on behalf of our Country on the faraway battlefields of Pakistan, the Philippines, Afghanistan and Iraq. Today we honor these incredible men who remained faithful to their oath to the Citizens and Constitution of the United States of America in the face of true adversity and danger. Today we not only give thanks that our Country produces such men, but we also recommit ourselves to be worthy of their sacrifices.

These brave professionals of Army Special Operations will never be forgotten. Their names will forever remain inscribed on our Fallen Special Operations Soldiers' Memorial Wall and within our hearts, memory and unit histories. We will best honor them, not only by what we do here today, but by what we will continue to do tomorrow, and the days that follow.

To our Gold Star Families, the immediate Families – please know your loved one is forever a Hero, that a grateful Nation honors and salutes their heroic service in combat against the enemies of our Country. Know that they, and you, will remain in our hearts and thoughts always. May God bless each of you.

Strength and Honor

Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding



**Sergeant
Nicholas A. Robertson**

Nicholas, a 27 yr-old senior voice interceptor, died April 3, 2008 in Ghanzni Province, Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Maine, he enlisted in the Army in May 2005.



**Sergeant
James M. Treber**

James, a 24 yr-old weapons sergeant, died June 29, 2008 near Khosrow-E Sofla, Afghanistan, while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in November 2006.





Douglas, a 38 yr-old detachment commander, died July 29, 2009 in Afghanistan while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Oregon, he enlisted in the Army in 1989.



**Chief Warrant Officer 2
Douglas M. Vose III**



Ronald, a 27 yr-old detachment commander, died Aug. 2, 2009 in Qole Gerdsar, Afghanistan, while serving with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of California, he was commissioned in the Army in 2002.



**Captain
Ronald G. Luce, Jr.**



Alejandro, a 42 yr-old communications sergeant, died Aug. 2, 2009 in Qole Gerdsar, Afghanistan while serving with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Mexico, he enlisted in the Army in January 1988.



**Sergeant First Class
Alejandro Granado III**



Severin, a 43 yr-old engineer sergeant, died Aug. 2, 2009 in Afghanistan while serving with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Louisiana, he enlisted in the Army in 1989.



**Sergeant First Class
Severin W. Summers III**



John, a 28 yr-old detachment commander, died Aug. 12, 2009 in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, while serving with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of New Jersey, he was commissioned in the Army in Aug. 2002.

**Captain
John Tinsley**



Andrew, a 29 yr-old medical sergeant, died Aug. 22, 2009 in Yakhchal, Afghanistan, while serving with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of New Jersey, he enlisted in the Army in January 2004.

**Staff Sergeant
Andrew T. Lobosco**



William, a 31 yr-old senior medical sergeant, died Aug. 16, 2009 in the Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, while serving with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Missouri, he enlisted in the Army in 1996.

**Sergeant First Class
William B. Woods, Jr.**



Duane, a 30 yr-old weapons sergeant, died Sept. 12, 2009 in Baghdad, Iraq while serving with, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Maryland, he enlisted in the Army in 1996.

**Sergeant First Class
Duane A. Thornsbury**





**Sergeant First Class
Bradley S. Bohle**

Bradley, a 29 yr-old medical sergeant, died Sept. 15, 2009 in Ghur Ghuri, Afghanistan, while serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Maryland, he enlisted in the Army in 1998.



**Staff Sergeant
Joshua M. Mills**

Joshua, a 24 yr-old communications sergeant, died Sept. 15, 2009 in Ghur Ghuri, Afghanistan, while serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native Texas, he enlisted in the Army in 2005.



**Sergeant First Class
Shawn P. McCloskey**

Shawn, a 33 yr-old intelligence sergeant, died Sept. 15, 2009 in Ghur Ghuri, Afghanistan, while serving with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of New York, he enlisted in the Army in January 2002.



**Staff Sergeant
Jack M. Martin III**

Jack, a 26 yr-old sergeant, died Sept. 29, 2009 on Jolo Island, Philippines, while serving with, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Oklahoma, he enlisted in the Army in 2001.





Christopher, a 37 yr-old sergeant, died Sept. 29, 2009 on Jolo Island, Philippines, while serving with, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Mississippi, he enlisted in the Army in 1995.



**Sergeant First Class
Christopher D. Shaw**



David, a 32 yr-old communications sergeant, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in September 1996.



**Sergeant First Class
David E. Metzger**



Keith, a 28 yr-old weapons sergeant, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of New York, he enlisted in the Army in April 2003.



**Staff Sergeant
Keith R. Bishop**



Matthew, a 34 yr-old intelligence sergeant, died Nov. 23, 2009 in Pashay Kala, Afghanistan, while serving with, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Massachusetts, he enlisted in the Army in 2002.



**Staff Sergeant
Matthew A. Pucino**



**Staff Sergeant
Rusty H. Christian**

Rusty, a 24 yr-old engineer sergeant, died Jan. 28, 2010 in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan while serving with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Tennessee, he enlisted in the Army in February 2004.



**Specialist
Christopher Gathercole**

Christopher, a 21 yr-old Infantryman, died May 26, 2008 near Ghazni, Afghanistan, while serving with 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in October 2005.



**Captain
David J. Thompson**

David, a 39 yr-old detachment commander, died Jan. 29, 2010 in Afghanistan, while serving with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). A native of Oklahoma, he enlisted in the Army in 1989.



**Staff Sergeant
Anthony D. Davis**

Anthony, a 29 yr-old infantryman, died Jan. 6, 2009 in northern Iraq, while serving with 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Florida, he enlisted in the Army in October 2000.





**Corporal
Ryan C. McGhee**

Ryan, a 21 yr-old weapons squad team leader, died May 13, 2009 in Central Iraq, while serving with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, A native of Virginia, he enlisted in the Army in August 2006.



**Staff Sergeant
Jason S. Dahlke**

Jason, a 29 yr-old squad leader, died Aug. 29, 2009 in the Paktika Province, Afghanistan, while serving with, Company A, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Florida, he enlisted in the Army in May 2004.



**Corporal
Benjamin S. Kopp**

Benjamin, a 21 yr-old rifleman, died July 18, 2009 in southern Afghanistan while serving with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Minnesota, he enlisted in the Army in July 2006.



**Private First Class
Eric W. Hario**

Eric, a 19 yr-old infantryman, died Aug. 29, 2009 in Paktika Province, Afghanistan, while serving with 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Michigan, he enlisted in the Army in June 2008.





Roberto, a 24 yr-old automatic rifleman, died Oct. 1, 2009 Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, while serving with, Company B, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Florida, he enlisted in the Army in 1995.



**Sergeant
Roberto D. Sanchez**



Michael, a 23 yr-old machine gun team leader, died April 9, 2010 in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, while serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of New Jersey, he enlisted in the Army in July 2006.



**Corporal
Michael D. Jankiewicz**



Joel, a 23 yr-old team leader, died March 16, 2010 in Farah Province, Afghanistan, while serving with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. A native of Alaska, he enlisted in the Army in February 2006.



**Sergeant
Joel D. Clarkson**



Josue, a 23 yr-old flight engineer, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). A native of Nevada, he enlisted in the Army in February 2005.



**Sergeant
Josue E. Hernandez Chavez**



Niall, a 40 yr-old pilot and tactical operations officer, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). A native of Washington, he enlisted in the Army in October 2004.



**Chief Warrant Officer 3
Niall D. Lyons**



Michael, a 36 yr-old pilot and electronic warfare officer died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). A native of Washington, he enlisted in the Army in October 1991.



**Chief Warrant Officer 4
Michael P. Montgomery**



Shawn, a 24 yr-old emergency care sergeant, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). A native of Texas, he enlisted in the Army in July 2003.



**Staff Sergeant
Shawn H. McNabb**



Nickolas, a 26 yr-old flight engineer, died Oct. 26, 2009 in western Afghanistan, while serving with 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). A native of Wisconsin, he enlisted in the Army in June 2004.



**Sergeant
Nickolas A. Mueller**



James, a 43 yr-old civil affairs officer, died July 5, 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq, while serving with 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne). A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in 1989.

**Major
James M. Ahearn**



Matthew, a 35 yr-old team sergeant, died Feb. 3, 2010 in the Lower Dir District of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province, while serving with 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne). A native of Kentucky, he enlisted in the Army in 1991.

**Sergeant First Class
Matthew S. Sluss-Tiller**



David, a 27 yr-old noncommissioned officer, died Feb. 3, 2010 in the Lower Dir District of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province, while serving with Company B, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne). A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in 2000.

**Sergeant First Class
David J. Hartman**



Nicholas, a 22 yr-old psychological operations specialist, died Aug. 16, 2009, in Herat Province, Afghanistan, while serving with 1st Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne). A native of Michigan, he enlisted in the Army in 2007.

**Corporal
Nicholas R. Roush**





**Specialist
Marc P. Decoteau**

Marc, a 19 yr-old psychological operations specialist, died Jan. 29, 2010 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, while serving with 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne). A native of New Hampshire, he enlisted in the Army in 2008.



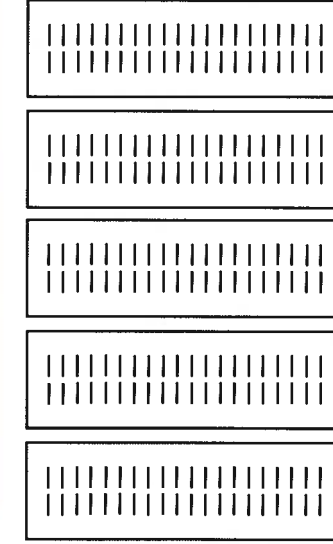
Mark, a 39 yr-old psychological operations sergeant, died Feb. 3, 2010 in the Lower Dir District of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province, while serving with Company C, 8th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne). A native of California, he enlisted in the Army in 1995.



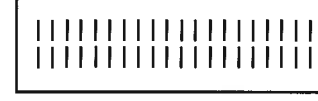
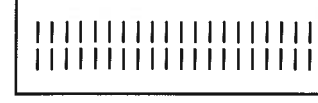
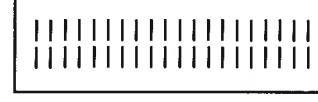
**Staff Sergeant
Mark A. Stets, Jr.**



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN SPECIAL OPERATIONS SOLDIERS



Welcome Kinsman, Comrade, Friend.
 Remembered here on this humble Wall are the names of our fallen Heroes. They were and will always be cherished Soldiers of Army Special Operations, our comrades in arms. Know that they eagerly sought and accepted our Nation's most difficult missions against our most dangerous enemies. Know that they willingly endured hardship and danger and, at the end, sacrificed all for us. With solemn pride, know that in doing so they proved true to their oath to the Constitution and duty to the Citizens of the United States of America. To them, their example and their memory we humbly dedicate this Memorial.



ROBERTSON, NICHOLAS A.
 GATHERCOLE, CHRISTOPHER
 TREBER, JAMES M.
 KOPP, BENJAMIN S.
 VOSE, DOUGLAS M. III
 GRANADO, ALEJANDRO III
 LUCE, RONALD G. JR
 SUMMERS, SEVERIN W. III
 TINSLEY, JOHN
 ROUSH, NICHOLAS R.
 WOODS, WILLIAM B. JR
 LOBOSCO, ANDREW T.
 DAHLKE, JASON S.

SGT
 SPC
 SGT
 CPL
 CW2
 SFC
 CPT
 SFC
 CPT
 CPL
 SFC
 SSG

3RD SFG
 75TH RGR
 7TH SFG
 75TH RGR
 10TH SFG
 20TH SFG
 20TH SFG
 20TH SFG
 7TH SFG
 4TH POG
 20TH SFG
 7TH SFG

HARIO, ERIC W.
 BOHLE, BRADLEY S.
 MCCLOSKEY, SHAWN P.
 MILLS, JOSHUA M.
 MARTIN, JACK M. III
 SHAW, CHRISTOPHER D.
 SANCHEZ, ROBERTO D.
 BISHOP, KEITH R.
 HERNANDEZ CHAVEZ JOSUE E.
 LYONS, NIAL D.

PFC
 SFC
 SFC
 SSG
 SFC
 SSG
 SGT
 SSG
 SGT
 CW3

75TH RGR
 7TH SFG
 7TH SFG
 7TH SFG
 1ST SFG
 1ST SFG
 75TH RGR
 7TH SFG
 160TH SOAR
 160TH SOAR

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

MCNABB, SHAWN H.
 METZGER, DAVID E.
 MONTGOMERY, MICHAEL P.
 MUELLER, NICKOLAS A.
 PUCINO, MATTHEW A.
 CHRISTIAN, RUSTY H.
 DECOTEAU, MARC P.
 THOMPSON, DAVID J.
 HARTMAN, DAVID J.
 SLUSS-TILLER, MATTHEW S.
 STETS, MARK A. JR.
 CLARKSON, JOEL D.
 JANKIEWICZ, MICHAEL D.

SSG
 SFC
 CW4
 SGT
 SSG
 SSG
 SPC
 CPT
 SFC
 SFC
 SSG
 SGT
 CPL

160TH SOAR
 7TH SFG
 160TH SOAR
 160TH SOAR
 20TH SFG
 1ST SFG
 4TH POG
 3RD SFG
 95TH CAB
 95TH CAB
 4TH POG
 75TH RGR
 75TH RGR

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

AHEARN, JAMES M.
 DAVIS, ANTHONY D.
 MCGHEE, RYAN C.
 THORNSBURY, DUANE A.

MAJ
 SSG
 CPL
 SFC

95TH CAB
 75TH RGR
 75TH RGR
 10TH SFG