

American Soldier

I am An American Soldier.
I am a warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States of America and live the Army Values.
I will always place my mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.
I am disciplined, physically, and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.
I am an expert and I am a professional.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.
I am a guardian of Freedom and the American way of life.

I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.

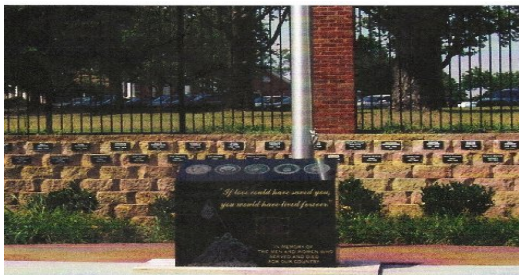
Brothers in Arms also lost that day



Sgt Alexander James Funcheon
March 2, 1986– April 29, 2007
Bel Aire, Kansas
Joined Army July 14 2004



SSG Jay Edward Martin
March 1 1978– April 29, 2007
Baltimore, Maryland
Joined Army November 7, 1997



Arkansas Fallen Heroes
Living Memorial
November 14, 2009 2:00 PM
Fayetteville Veterans Home
Fayetteville, AR 72701



SPC Brian Anthony Botello
May 28, 1987 April 29, 2009
3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment,
2nd Brigade Combat Team
2nd Infantry Division
KIA During Operations in
Baghdad, Iraq

If Love could have saved you,
You would have lived forever

Today we are honoring

Specialist Brian Anthony Botello

Son of Tony Botello & Karyn Brophy

Medals:

Bronze Star Army Good Conduct Medal

Purple Heart Overseas Service Ribbon

Operation Iraqi Freedom Service Ribbon

Combat Action Badge Army Service Ribbon

Spc. Brian Botello and two of his brothers in arms were taken from us and their families during military operations in Baghdad April 29th 2007, when a makeshift bomb went off.

Brain was raised in Iowa what some call the heartland of America. May 10th 2007 Brain was flown from Alta Iowa to Fayetteville, and laid to rest May 11th 2007 in the National Cemetery in Fayetteville so his family could be close to him.

This young man and his fellow soldiers served their country proudly. Their mission in Iraq was one of security and to win the trust of the Iraqi people.

Young men such as these fall in battle, giving their all, not knowing from one day to the next if they will see home or their loved ones again. Yet they still go about their daily duties and live in harms way every second of the day and night with out hesitation. They did it with pride and belief that their country and the service of others. It is our honor to remember theirs and their family's sacrifice.

These Brave Soldiers gave all that they had for us including their lives and we Thank them and honor their familys as well for their sacrifice.

We Love and appreciate all of you and you will never be forgotten.

The Honoring of a Fallen American Hero

Patriot Guard :

Takes Place in Flag Formation

Invocation : Pastor Mickey Merrick VAMC Chaplain

Pledge Of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 116 Fayetteville Arkansas

Welcome and Introduction Honors Given By Inalene Skelton

National Anthem by Amazing Grace singers

Speaker: Col David Phillips (retired Army)

Music :Amazing Grace Singers "Star Spangled Banner"

Speaker Brig. Gen. Bernie Skotch (Retied Air force)

Music: Amazing Grace Singers "Patriotic Medley"

Remembrance

By Family

During Taps Honor Guard removes plaque & Flag

And present to the family.

Music: Amazing Grace Singers "Lords Prayer"

Benediction:Pastor Mickey Merrick VAMC Chaplain

The next memorial ceremony will take place January 9th 2 PM

Thank You for your attendance and Honoring one of Arkansas Fallen Hero's