



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

SPECIALIST ERIC BURRI RIGGER FACILITY DEDICATION CEREMONY



11 SEPTEMBER 2008 1100 HOURS JOINT BASE BALAD, IRAQ

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

OPENING REMARKS NATIONAL ANTHEM INVOCATION **CPT CAVER REMARKS DEDICATION UNVEILING** CW4 LANTZ REMARKS **CLOSING REMARKS**



SPECIALIST FRIC BURRI

SPECIALIST ERIC T. BURRI OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 623RD QUARTERMASTER COMPANY, 1ST CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND, FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA. HE WAS KILLED ON JUNE 7TH, 2005 WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DETONATED NEAR HIS HUMVEE IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ.

SPECIALIST BURRI JOINED THE ARMY AFTER GRADUATING FROM KELLOGGSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. HE JOINED THE ARMY TO TRAVEL, LEARN LANGUAGES, AND MEET DIFFERENT PEOPLE. HIS DRIVE WAS SPARKED BY A YEAR SPENT IN URUGUAY AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

SPECIALIST BURRI WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE WAS ALSO IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOANNE AND JOHN, AND AN OLDER BROTHER, ANDREW.

WHILE OVERSEAS, SPECIALIST BURRI LEANED ON HIS TRUST IN GOD. IN AN E-MAIL TO HIS FAMILY, HE WROTE: "I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU WILL KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS AND ALSO GOD WILL BE WATCHING MY BACK."

TODAY, WE HONOR HIS MEMORY IN THE DEDICATION OF THIS RIGGER FACILITY.







