

Messages To Our Soldiers

CPT Chris McDaniel,
We love you, we miss you. Thank you for everything.
Tay and Christopher

FOR EVERYONE,
We love you and thanks for your hard work maintaining our freedom. Sylvia Pinson

Marty Murphy
We miss you and pray you'll be home soon. Stay safe.
Janice and momma

John Edwards
We are missing you so much, Can't wait to see you soon. Amanda

Brian Lee
We love you and we miss you and we are looking forward to camp. Raven, Miles, Natalie

Andrew Moore
Today is a special day (19th of June) to say you are a wonderful dad and hope to see you soon. Love and miss you. Lesley

In Memory of Captain Bradley C Lewis

All of us this week have mourned the loss of Captain Brad Lewis. It has been a time that we have reflected on our fond memories he left with us and those he left behind. Patti, as always was there this week providing comfort to those around her. She stood tirelessly from 12 noon Tuesday to meet with family and friends until late into the night. Patti said she would not close the funeral home until everyone who wanted to come by had a chance to. She was there again waiting to meet with those on Wednesday prior to Brads service. Inside the remembrance program she had a picture of Brad in his dress blues with the American Flag flying in the background. Underneath his picture was printed I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 Officiating the service was Charles Thomason who stated this was the largest gathering in the history of Pafford Funeral Home and that was a testament to the friends and family that surrounded Brad, Patti and Mackenzie. The musical selection was Amazing Grace, Peace In The Valley, I Can Only Imagine, Farther Along and Go Rest High On That Mountain. Brad was laid to rest at Lexington Cemetery. Casketbearers were LTC Eddie Farmer, COL Nelson Steed, MAJ Anthony Anderson, SGM James White, MSG Jimmy Edwards and SFC Glen Brooks. Brad was 37 years old.

Patti has demonstrated unimaginable strength and courage these past few days. These I'm sure are just two characteristics Brad loved about her. Mackenzie demonstrated the same strength and courage for such a young child. Patti often asked, "have you heard from the guys" and "I know this is so hard for them too." It was amazing to see her be so selfless and to continue her thoughts and prayers for our soldiers in her time of need. She reiterated that she had three families: her family, Brad's family and her military family. We reassured her that she will always be a part of our military family. We would like to pay tribute to Brad in our next KARS issue. Patti has stated she would like to be a part of that issue and would like to hear from the soldiers of the 194th. Please contribute to the July issue with emails of thoughts and stories you would like to share about Captain Brad Lewis. Patti is planning on keeping the issue as a keepsake and will contribute pictures to be used as well. Please send emails for the July Newsletter to wantlm@charter.net or jlnorwood@charter.net May our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them.



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Kids Awaiting Returning Soldiers

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Family Readiness Newsletter

194th Engineer Website
www.194engineers.com

Diamond Jaxx Family Event July 29th

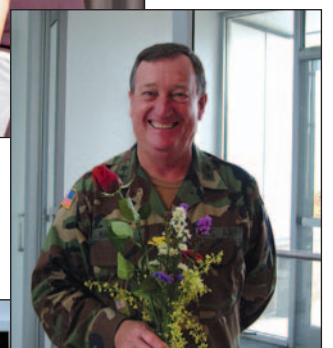
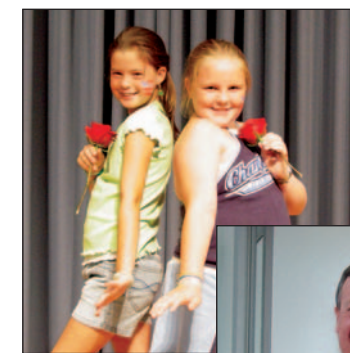


The West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx are planning a special event for military families. It will be a special day for all of us. The event is scheduled for July the 29th. The children will be allowed to run the bases and hopefully take the field of dreams with the Diamond Jaxx players. The team will wear special camouflage jerseys that night in honor of our soldiers and these jerseys will be auctioned off at the end of the night. The Diamond Jaxx would like pictures to display on the scoreboard during the game. If you do not want your children's or families pictures displayed please let Tracey know at 731-423-5557. Tickets will be available June 28th at the armory.

One Red Rose



No one knows how long
The legend has been observed
One Red Rose...
Handed from
Military wife to military wife
And from friend to friend
And always with love and deep appreciation
For a welcome, a thank you
Or merely a reminder
That we all strive for the same goal...
A peaceful world.



Messages From/To Our Soldiers

Spunkin and Peanut:
There is no place else I would rather be on Father's Day than with you. I miss being with you and playing golf, but be sure to take Mom out and enjoy yourself. I look forward to seeing you very soon. Thanks to you, Father's Day is everyday for me.
I love you lotsees,
Kurt "Daddy" Winstead

Megan,
Daddy misses you so much. I look at the two pictures on my desk and I can't help but be proud.
LOVE SO MUCH DADDY.
Thank you so MUCH Ms Norwood.
Ronnie Jackson

To my daughters, Amanda, DeeAnna, Patty Kay ,
I consider it to be an honor to be you daddy,
I love you all and miss you,
MSG Danny B. Roberts

Lauren and Garrett,
Daddy misses you and will be home soon. I love you.
Major Andrew Moore

We love and miss you dad! We can't wait to see you.
Lauren and Garrett

Daddy,
I'm growing big and I can't wait until you get home.
Matt

Daddy,
I love you I miss you and I'm ready for you to come home and go golfing. McCall

Dad you are the greatest! Happy Fathers Day. Be safe I love you. Will

Sgt Nathan Hayes
Dear daddy I love and miss you. I'm glad schools over love Blake

Nick Reyes
Love and miss you very much, wish you were here our move is finally finished, motorcycles are fine. Yvonne

Chris Uliana
We love you, stay strong and keep the faith. We miss you. Joseph and Sis

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,

He called it ... Dad

~ ~ Author Unknown

Scott Kidd,
We miss you and love you very much. The girls are doing great. We can't wait until your home again. Nancy and Audrey

SPC Walter Stanley
Hi daddy, I'm getting so big. I think you'll be surprised when you get home at how big I've gotten. Shelly

CSM Ronald Jones
To my soldier, your lawn looks great. I'm getting everything ready for your visit. See you soon. I love you and miss you much. Your wife Lamyrl

CPT Chris McDaniel
I got the boy a good haircut today. We are having fun with him. Mark Hollomon

CPT Chris McDaniel
We miss you. I haven't had any occasion to make sweet potato casserole since you left. Christopher is giving great joy to us and especially Nina who is falling in love with him. I'm starting to work on Kathleen Grace' nursery set. I look forward to seeing you. Nana Kathy



Please Respond to the Following Survey

1. The Army National Guard (ARNG) Family Member Survey is now available online <http://www.arngfamilysurvey.com>.
2. This survey was developed as part of the ARNG's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Guard Soldiers, their family members and significant others. Please inform ARNG family members of this survey so we can employ their feedback to develop and refine our Soldier and family member support programs.
3. Point of contact is Mr. Steve Green at 703-607-0139 or via Email at Steve.Green@ngb.army.mil.

Helpful TRICARE Numbers to Remember

TRICARE Information 1-800-444-5445
Health Care Finder 1-800-333-5331
Health Care Info Line 1-800-333-5331
Pharmacy Info 1-888-DoD-MEDS or 1-888-DoD-MEDS
TRICARE For Life Info 1-866-773-0404
CLAIMS info call-1800-403-3950

-In an EMERGENCY dial 911 or go to the Nearest Medical Facility
-Be sure to report any emergency care received within 24 hours 1-800-444-5445
-To obtain authorization for non-emergent care call: 1-800-444-5445

CD Project of Our Troops

A CD is being compiled of pictures taken throughout the deployment. It has started with the day the soldiers left the armory in November and will end on the day they come home. Please submit pictures you would like me to use to wantlm@charter.net We will have enough CD's for all families to have as a keepsake when they return.

HOMEFIRES Books Available

"Homefires is the untold story of those left behind. The public sees small stories of military families, but it doesn't begin to reflect what we go through everyday. The love, fear, pride, worry and ever present loneliness. My goal in writing this book is to let other wives know they are not alone. To not think you are the only one having these thoughts, feelings or problems. From the general's wife to the private's wife we all worry about our husbands. We have kids who are adjusting to their parent being gone and we all get lonely. Cars break down and toilets overflow, whatever the problem, we deal with it. This is not a book complaining about our lot in life. This is a book that shows what our life is like during a deployment, and how extraordinary these women are. I hope I reach one person that feels better for having read Homefires." Author Sherry Hines

These books can now be purchased through our FRG at the armory for \$9.00. If you would like a copy of this book you can contact Terry Black or Dennis Moon at the armory or notify Linda Norwood at 424-9221. Sherry was our speaker at the June 11th luncheon and we would like to thank her for such an excellent job.

Freedom Bands

Freedom Bands are now for sale!
The proceeds will go to the KARS program. If you are interested in selling these please contact Kim Brantley at 234-3268 or email her at Racekab1@aol.com Kim has done a great job with these and individuals are still asking for more.



YOUTH CAMP UPDATE

Youth Camp attendance doubled this year from last year. This year's attendance was 75 campers. They enjoyed swimming, bowling, skating, and a Diamond Jaxx game which included a LOT of recognition on and off the field. Thank you to everyone who participated and as always, a special thank you to Terry Black and Dennis Moon for making so much available to our families.