



1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka

August 2, 2012

First Lieutenant Todd W. Lambka, age 25.

Loving husband of Cassie. Dear son of Brian and the late Donna Lambka. Brother of Jordan (Kelsey) Lambka. Loving uncle of Brayden. Dear son-in-law of Lyle and Dawn Jacobs and brother-in-law of Whitney Jacobs. Dear nephew of Dennis (Gail) Lambka, Tom (Patty) Jordan, Nettie (Rudy) Mize and Patricia Jordan. Todd was also survived by many cousins, friends and extended family members.

Todd was preceded in death by his grandparents; Herb and Charlene Lambka, Ed and Edna Jordan and his aunt, Leslie Lambka.

Todd was a West Point Academy graduate in 2010. He loved spending time with his family and he also had a great sense of loyalty to his men. As an Infantry officer, Todd had a passion for leading his men. He was an avid reader and will be remembered by one of his many favorite phrases ...” let me not fail them” .

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the USO (uso.org) or to Fisher House (fisherhouse.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Visitation

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Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IA

“ I still have vivid memories of my interactions with Todd as if it were yesterday that we talked about his experiences at West Point. You're definitely missed and never forgotten.

Ismael E. Aleman
CPT, U.S. Army

Ismael Aleman - September 28, 2018 at 01:23 PM

IA

“ My condolences to the Lambka family. I know it's been some time, but I still can't believe he's gone. I had the pleasure of working with Todd for a few months before I left active duty. I met the young lieutenant when he came into our battalion. He was very excited to be in his new unit. We ended up doing a training exercise together where I had a chance to really get to know him. I immediately noticed that he had a good head on his shoulders, he had what it takes to be a great leader. I saw how he cared about his Soldiers and how he was able to see past the problem to find a solution. I remember how he almost convinced me to buy a Volkswagen Jetta. Out of the blue, when I see a Jetta it reminds me of the time when you tried to talk me into buying a Volkswagen. This was a great guy that impacted my life and still does. Todd I still can't believe you're gone, maybe I don't want to believe you're gone. I knew you would be a great Officer. Todd you'll be missed and never forgotten.

Ismael E. Aleman
Captain, U.S. Army

Ismael Aleman - February 04, 2014 at 10:36 AM

LC

“ *Lorrie Crago lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Lorrie Crago - September 13, 2012 at 07:35 AM

LC

Can't get you off my mind today...Never will you be far from my heart.

Lorrie Crago - September 13, 2012 at 07:36 AM

TM

“ *I would like to share my deepest condolences to the Lambka family in the loss of their son and brother Lt. Todd Lamba. As a fellow "Blacklion" and veteran of the 28th Infantry Regiment we will never forget his sacrifice and service to our country. All of us with the 28th Infantry Association extend our deepest sympathy.*

*Thomas G. McLellan (Vietnam)
Secretary and Board Member
28th Infantry Association
1st Infantry Division
tmac615@aol.com*

Thomas G. McLellan - August 19, 2012 at 08:22 PM

PR

“ I did not personally know 1st Lt. Todd Lambka. However, my son Adam Rieger, has been stationed with him in Kansas and Afghanistan. My son has nothing but greatness to say about Todd. I know that this death has impacted Adams life. I wish to thank his family and let them know that in Ohio there are prayers going out to them. God bless each of you! And God bless this hero. priegster1@yahoo.com

Paula Rieger - August 17, 2012 at 08:50 PM

DB

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of 1st Lt. Todd Lambka on your great loss. Todd's courage and devotion to duty are truly to be honored, and his sacrifice in defense of our country and freedoms must never be forgotten. Our own son, PV2 Joseph Blake, was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 17, 2006. We share your grief and sorrow at this time, and our prayers are with you.

Doug & Joann Blake - August 17, 2012 at 11:04 AM

KR

“ Kelly Roth lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Kelly Roth - August 16, 2012 at 09:57 AM

RC

“ *Your memorial was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen. So many people love and care for you - that was evident by the packed room that overflowed into the hallways and out the front door. So proud that I know you and so impressed by the way that you've touched the lives of the people that surrounded you. Rest in peace.* ”

Rachel Curto - August 15, 2012 at 08:20 PM

CA

“ *Chris Antovski lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka* ”



Chris Antovski - August 15, 2012 at 07:21 PM

T(

“ *Tina Homolka (Larabell) lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka* ”



Tina Homolka (Larabell) - August 15, 2012 at 03:05 PM

JJ

“ *Welcome home "Worthy Warrior." Rest in peace. Retired Sgt. James V. Sims, Jr., Air Force/Vietnam Era* ”

James V. Sims, Jr. - August 15, 2012 at 01:25 PM

KB

“ *Kelley Buckley lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Kelley Buckley - August 15, 2012 at 11:53 AM

CG

“ *Chuck Gietzen lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Chuck Gietzen - August 15, 2012 at 08:06 AM

RD

“ *Ron DeGuire lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Ron DeGuire - August 15, 2012 at 06:33 AM

LP

“ *Larry And Vicki Kass Army Parents lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



larry and vicki kass army parents - August 15, 2012 at 05:20 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Wilkins lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Sandra Wilkins - August 15, 2012 at 05:06 AM

JW

“ *John And Kathy Wilczynski sent a virtual gift in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



john and kathy wilczynski - August 14, 2012 at 10:13 PM

JW

“ *John And Kathy Wilczynski lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



john and kathy wilczynski - August 14, 2012 at 10:10 PM

DO

“ *Dear Lambka Family,
Our deepest condolences, thoughts and many prayers to you.
Sincerely,
Dan & Rosanne O'Sullivan
Army Parents*

*"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done:
Be thou at peace."*

*P.S. Reinecke
The Alma Mater , USMA*

Dan & Rosanne O'Sullivan - August 14, 2012 at 08:55 PM

DE

“ *Denisedarnell sent a virtual gift in memory of
1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



denisedarnell - August 14, 2012 at 06:57 PM

CO

“ *Cheryl O'Connor lit a candle in memory of 1st
Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Cheryl O'Connor - August 14, 2012 at 05:45 PM

AZ

“ Dear Lambka family & loved ones-

You have my deepest condolences! My first husband was KIA in Iraq and while I do not know what you are going through, I can relate to your loss. Please know that you are not alone in your grief and that while our service members may be gone they will NEVER be forgotten!

Your's Truly,

Amy (Collins) Z.

Previous widow of Sgt. James S. Collins, Jr.

KIA 8/28/07

Kirkuk, Iraq

Amy (Collins) Z - August 14, 2012 at 05:15 PM

AB

Thank you for your comment , while I am not related to the Lambka family I too lost a family member in Afganistan and am deeply touched by any that give their lives in defense of our great country as well as their families reaching out to others .. Your sacrifice will not be forgotten ... A. Brown

adney brown - August 15, 2012 at 06:14 PM

CL

“ *Chuck Lerchen lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Chuck Lerchen - August 14, 2012 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ John Bray lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



John Bray - August 14, 2012 at 12:24 PM



“ Arlene Schneider sent a virtual gift in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Arlene Schneider - August 14, 2012 at 10:21 AM



I have never met 1st Lt Todd Lambka, but please accept my deepest condolences to your family. May God comfort you at this time as my heart goes out to your family and friends at this difficult time. Thank you for serving our country.

Arlene Schneider - August 14, 2012 at 10:24 AM

AS

“ Arlene Schneider lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Arlene Schneider - August 14, 2012 at 10:20 AM

A(

“ *Amber Cross (Crago) sent a virtual gift in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Amber Cross (Crago) - August 13, 2012 at 08:58 PM

A(

Thank you for your sacrifice, Todd. You will live on forever in our hearts and minds. Rest in peace.

Amber Cross (Crago) - August 13, 2012 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ *You will forever live in our hearts Todd. We love you. Thank you for giving your all!*



The Ball Family - August 13, 2012 at 08:44 PM

TF

“ *The Ball Family lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



The Ball Family - August 13, 2012 at 08:38 PM

S(

“ *Shari Sipes (ward) lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Shari Sipes (ward) - August 13, 2012 at 07:56 PM

DM

“ *Don Martindale lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Don Martindale - August 13, 2012 at 05:49 PM

MG

“ *In the words of our Governor Synder, (As a Michigander, and Auxiliary Legion and VFW member) I mourn his sacrifice and My thoughts are with his wife, Cassie; father, Brian; twin brother, Jordan and all of his family and friends .”*
May God rest his soul and may God give peace to all who mourn our much rewarded Michigan soldier.

Mrs. Michael S. Geci - August 13, 2012 at 05:26 PM



“ *Todd was the ultimate hero. He loved his country, his family and his friends. I have so many wonderful memories of him, as do many of us here in Graham County. We just didn't have him long enough. My condolences to the family, especially Brian and Jordan. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful man....*

Zel

Zelerie Rose - August 13, 2012 at 05:17 PM

KF

“ *Kirk M. Flagg lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Kirk M. Flagg - August 13, 2012 at 04:36 PM

MM

“ *Sir
You paid the ultimate price for our freedom.
You will forever live in our hearts.
God Bless
MM*

US Marine

MM - August 13, 2012 at 02:58 PM

HL

“ *Hana Lucaj lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt.
Todd W. Lambka*



Hana Lucaj - August 13, 2012 at 11:10 AM

kitty
coffman

“ *At this time please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We consider it a privilege to be able to say, "We knew Todd". What an amazing man, he grew up to be. Our happiest memories are of those spent with you amazing people. Because of the man Todd was, he will live forever, in everyones heart. I know that he and Donna are smiling down on all of us! God's Peace and Blessings to you. The Coffmans*

kitty coffman - August 13, 2012 at 10:42 AM

GA

“ *I wish the words THANK YOU were enough to say to the Lambka family.
I sincerely and genuinely appreciate the ultimate sacrifice that 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka made for all of us Americans.
None of these kids will ever be forgotten!*

Best Regards,

A Grateful American

Grateful American - August 13, 2012 at 09:54 AM

KH

“ *From Robbinsville, N.C. -
Keeping the entire Lambka family in my prayers. May you forever
rest in peace, Todd.
Kari B. Holloway & family*

Kari Beth Holloway - August 13, 2012 at 12:45 AM

BS

“ *Dear Lamka Family; Dear Cassie:
Todd was obviously a precious, dear young man who gave of
himself not only to his family and friends but also to his Country.
May God wrap His arms around all of you to bring you peace and
comfort at this tragic time. Todd was a special gift and he will be
missed more than words can say. There are not words to describe
my sympathies nor to express my broken heart for all of you! Just
know that there are people all over the globe, in places you can't
even imagine, holding up your families in prayer and will be forever
grateful to all of you and to Todd William Lamka, for his ultimate
sacrifice. God Bless You ALL!*

Beth Stipek

Beth A Stipek - August 12, 2012 at 10:37 PM

BS

“ *Beth A Stipek lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt.
Todd W. Lambka*



Beth A Stipek - August 12, 2012 at 10:31 PM

EJ

“ Thanks for your service and sacrifice, Lt. Lambka. I also thank your family for their sacrifice, too. My heart goes out to your friends and family at this most difficult time.

*My God bless them all. Rest in peace, Lt. todd W. Lambka.
Elizabeth Jeffery*

E#lizabeth Jeffery - August 12, 2012 at 08:40 PM

TF

“ **BRIAN AND FAMILY**
My deepest heartfelt feelings are with you at this time of sorrow.



Terry Fisher

terrance james fisher - August 12, 2012 at 12:41 PM

BM

“ *Rest at ease sir.
Your duty is complete..*

SGT MacConaghy, 10th Mountain Division

brian macconaghy - August 12, 2012 at 09:37 AM

BS

What a respectful, awesome statement SGT MacConeghy! We are so blessed to have our Military of every branch, whether over seas or at home, thank you to absolutely every single one of you and your families and friends for your sacrifices! Your HIGH CALLINGS make you stand out as God's Army standing For OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and what our forefathers intended OUR COUNTRY to be! There are not words to describe just how much of a privilege it is for all of us to be able to support all of our Military! It is our high honor! God's speed, comfort, protective arms and peace!

Beth A Stipek - August 17, 2012 at 07:09 PM

CW

“ *Christa Wall lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Christa Wall - August 11, 2012 at 09:40 PM

CW

So very proud of all that you accomplished Todd...your smile will be with me always.

Christa Wall - August 11, 2012 at 09:47 PM

TF

“ Safely Home

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder how I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And he came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remains,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

The Miller Family - August 11, 2012 at 05:01 PM

SN

“ Dear Mr. Lambka and family,
We had the pleasure of meeting your son and his wife while visiting our son, SSG Christopher Nuyen and his wife Lisa prior to their deployment. Christopher (who does not give praise lightly) spoke very highly of your son, calling him "one of the best PL's I have known". You have our deepest sympathies.
Steve and Marti Nuyen

Steve and Marti Nuyen - August 11, 2012 at 12:30 PM

MF

“ Dear Brian and Family,

With thanks and praise from a grateful nation, we pay homage to Todd for his service to our country. He answered the call to duty with pride and courage and did his part in helping to preserve the cause of freedom that we enjoy today. We honor his bravery, and the sacrifices he made for his family, friends and his fellow citizens.



The lives Todd touched were many, and he leaves behind a wonderful legacy of love to all those who were blessed to know him. He will be missed immensely and loved eternally and his memory will remain in our hearts forever.

We pray that you and your family will now find comfort in knowing that Todd is at peace with his Heavenly Father. We will also continue to keep you in our prayers during this difficult time.

Mark & Sarah Hutton and Family - August 11, 2012 at 10:44 AM

RC

“ I remember in junior high how Todd was one of the only guys who had the guts to take French class with all the girls. His french name that he picked for himself made everyone laugh-it was pronounced "UG". lol



Rachel Carlin - August 11, 2012 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ Morgan Fields lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Morgan Fields - August 11, 2012 at 06:58 AM

John Patrico

“ John Patrico lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



John Patrico - August 11, 2012 at 05:58 AM

EP

“ Edward Platte lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Edward Platte - August 10, 2012 at 09:55 PM



“ *DEAR LAMBKA FAMILY:
WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF TODDS PASSING. WHAT A FINE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN! PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WE WILL FOREVER HOLD TODD IN OUR HEARTS. THANK YOU TODD AND JORDAN FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY! TODD IS NOW AN ANGEL IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHERS KINGDOM. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.*

*JAMES & SHAWN PHILLIPS
ROBBINSVILLE, NC*

Shawn Phillips - August 10, 2012 at 08:39 PM

PW

“ *TODD I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU .WE USED TO LAUGH AND TALK WITH EACH OTHER AT THE RESTAURANT.YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY ANY ONE HERE IN ROBBINSVILLE,I REMEMBER YOU CAME TO OUR CHURCH AT MTN. CREEK AND SEEMED TO ENJOY IT SO MUCH. I WANT TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS IN MY HEART . I WAS PROUD OF YOU .YOU LEFT THIS WORLD SERVING OUR COUNTRY .SO REST IN PEACE ALWAYS.
PAT AND MATTHEW WILLIAMS.*

PAT WILLIAMS - August 10, 2012 at 08:15 PM

SF

“ *I remember when Todd was accepted into Westpoint we spoke a lot of how great of a school it is and how he would be doing his country a real honor. I remember being so proud of him and the man he had become. I am so sad that his life was cut short.*

Sarah Folsom-Maier - August 10, 2012 at 08:14 PM



“ *light a candle,
see it glow,
watch it dance,
when you feel low,
think of me,
think of light,
I'll always be here,
day or night,
a candle flickers,
out of sight,
but in your heart,
I still burn bright,
think not of sadness,
that I'm not near,
think of gladness,
and joyous cheer,
I have not left,
I am not gone,
I'm here to stay
my little one,
so when you light a candle
and you see it glow
and you watch it dance
in your heart you'll know
that I would never leave you
even when you feel so blue
I'm sitting up here with the Lord
and now watching over you*

dan lambrix - August 10, 2012 at 02:34 PM



“ Tom Cheryl Holbeck sent a virtual gift in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Tom Cheryl Holbeck - August 10, 2012 at 02:29 PM

JO

“ To Brian, Jordan and Family; thinking of you and most of all praying for you! I know that Todd is with his Heavenly Father. He was one of the most honorable men we have been blessed to meet and know in this life. May God be with you during these times. Todd Lambka will never be forgotten because of the person he was and the lives that he touched! He was truly a wonderful human being.
The James Orr Family (Robbinsville,NC)

James L Orr - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JF

“ Brian and family – thinking of him makes me think of the phrase/song "angels are singing in heaven tonight"....what a kind, kind gentleman he always was. Our sincere thoughts are with you in your time of heartache. Steph, John Fisher

John Fisher - August 10, 2012 at 10:52 AM

SF

“ To Todd's family...my heart goes out to you and I'm praying for all of you. Todd was an admirable friend with a huge heart, and now God has an awesome man in His company. His smile, spirit, character and contributions to this world will not be forgotten.



Stephanie Caler & family - August 10, 2012 at 07:19 AM



“ *Brian and Jordan,
Sending all my love and prayers to you, Kelsey
and Cassie. The love and friendship Todd,
Donna and both of you have shared with my
family will forever be appreciated and
cherished. May God's loving comfort surround
you all, as you pass through this time of heartache.*



Lorrie Crago - August 10, 2012 at 06:54 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Adams Shockley. Ashlyn Adams.
Alyssa Adams Connallon*



Tracy Adams Shockley - August 09, 2012 at 11:21 PM

FN

“ *Francine Williams (Robbinsville, NC) lit a
candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka*



Francine Williams (Robbinsville, NC) - August 09, 2012 at 09:48 PM

FW

Todd left an imprint on life that will be with us always. <3

Francine Williams - August 09, 2012 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ Cayce Webster sent a virtual gift in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Cayce Webster - August 09, 2012 at 09:25 PM

CW

“ Cayce Webster lit a candle in memory of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka



Cayce Webster - August 09, 2012 at 09:22 PM

RE

“ From Robbinsville, NC.. My heart goes completely out to all family & friends.. May God be with all of you always, Todd will forever be a Hero! Love Becca

Rebecca - August 09, 2012 at 08:26 PM

TC

“ Dear Family We in Robbinsville are so saddened by Todds death, I remember him always having that sweet smile on his face. Please know we are praying for you. We will be indebted to him for the service he gave to all of us and protecting us. We will see him one day and be able to tank him personally.



Teresa Crisp - August 09, 2012 at 06:04 PM

MP

“ *Cassie and Lambka Family, I am so sorry for your loss of Todd! Even tho I did not know him personally I can see just how much he was loved and adored by so many! What a wonderful man to read about. Your all in my prayers and may God comfort you at this very hard time in your lifes! Cassie you will always be a dear friend to me! I am always here for you as you have been for me!*

Maurie Pfaff - August 09, 2012 at 04:36 PM

LS

“ *Dear Dad Lambka and Family, We sat around thinking about Todd, and you, and the influence you both had on our family, and our son, Ian. Todd was a great role model and friend; and he will be missed by all. He was a great leader and believed in what he was doing. We wish you all our deepest sympathy and prayers. And as it says, "For God, For Country, for DeMolay" God Bless you all.*



- The Stark Family (Randy, Linda and Ian)

Linda Stark - August 09, 2012 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family and we pray that God's peace comforts you during this time. His smile was contagious and we will always remember his kind heart and the genuine compassion he had for all he met. God be with you.*

The Lagocki Family - August 09, 2012 at 03:14 PM

HB

“ *Dad Lambka, Cassie, Jordan and Kelsey my deepest sympathy goes out to your family during this rough time in your lifes. Todd was such a great friend and will be greatly missed by thousands of people!! Todd thank you for all the memories that you left all of your family and friends, we will hold onto those memories for the rest of our lifes!! Rest in Peace until we all meet again my friend!*
Love,
Heather Billhymer

Heather Billhymer - August 09, 2012 at 11:38 AM

L4

Dear Lambka Family, It is with sincere wishes that we extend our deepest sympathy to you for Todd's loss. He served our nation with Duty and Honor, and made the supreme sacrifice. We here at VFW Post 4659, Shelby, offer any assistance to your family at this your most sorrowful time. The Veterans here know what the loss of a loved one in time of war means to those left behind. May the LORD JESUS CHRIST comfort you Bless you. Most sincerely, Larry R. Pretzer , Chaplin, Old Settlers Post 4659

I Reached My Hand

*Come on old buddy, come lets go
Keep your head down, stay low, stay low.
Our courage renewed, the charge is led
O'er battlefield , the bullets fed.
A grenade falls near without it's pin
Cries of pain above battles din.
Shards of hot steel rips flesh from bone
We seek for some cover, I am alone.
Not to far my old buddy lies
He stares at me with death in his eyes.
Pain and horror stings my soul
His death the wage, a soldiers toll.
How much more can I take, how much more must I give
Oh dear God, let me live, let me live.
Many years will pass since the war's end
He will always be remembered, in his honor we commend.
A white cross now stands with your name etched in stone
With thousands of others, you're not alone.
I stand at your grave. tears fall to the sand
I reach out my hand old buddy, I reach out my hand...*

Larry Pretzer, Vietnam '69-'70

Larry Pretzer , Chaplin VFW Post 4659 - August 12, 2012 at 12:09 PM

DC

We do not know you but we'd like to thank you for your service to our country. May you rest in peace and your family be comforted.

Diana Craig - August 12, 2012 at 01:01 PM

EM

“So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.

When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.”

~ Chief Tecumseh, from Act of Valor (2012)

As a father with a New Cadet (USMA Class of 2016) my heart goes out to you and yours on the loss of your son and great patriot. I share this poem with you, as it brings a tear to my eye every time I read it, knowing that it embodies the sole of all our cadets.

Sincerely,

Ed Okorn

Father of NC Michael ~ USMA Class of 2016

Edward M. Okorn (West Bloomfield, MI) - August 13, 2012 at 04:33 PM

DM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1794 would like to extend our condolences to the family of Lt Lambka, we salute Lt Lambka.

Don Martindale - August 13, 2012 at 05:53 PM