

My name is 1LT Frances Denmark and I served with Justin for about 7 months before he past. From the first day I met Justin, his enthusiasm to be an Infantry Officer and take a platoon of soldiers became very inspirational. He lead his life as a young, dedicated, and professional man. He was kind and courteous to everyone he met and always had a smile on his face. Day 1 in my office he called me Ma'am because I was a 1LT and he was 2LT. I told him "call me Frances", because we are both LT's and a team. From that day, it was our running joke of calling each other "Sir and Ma'am". We worked together both in Garrison and on Deployment. Before deployment, Justin worked his hardest in the S-3 shop, planning battalion activities and working with me on ensuring our deploying soldiers were medically ready to deploy.

One day we were talking about when he would take over a platoon because there were other 2LT's who needed a platoon that came to our battalion before him. My only thought and words were, "You will get a platoon soon because you are dedicated, motivated, and think outside the box." Within a month of our conversation and him deploying, he took over a platoon in one of the Companies. He worked so hard preparing his men to be the best they could be and was a true role model. Days before he past, I saw him in our dining facility when his platoon was visiting and all he could do was smile as he thankful to be with his friends and the people he called family on deployment.

I am writing this in hopes that a road/HWY can be named after Justin's legacy and the huge impact he had on his family, friends, and brother/sisters in Arms he served with. Although he is no longer with us, his story will always be with us and I will always remember his presence and the impact he had on my life.

Thank your time reading my story.

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