Tyler A. Juden

Good afternoon, I am Jim Buterbaugh, from Winfield, and representing the American Legion 3rd District which encompasses those Legion Post from Arkansas City and Winfield to Pittsburg in South East Kansas.

Tyler A. Juden was killed in action on September 12th, 2009 due to injuries received during active duty in Afghanistan. Tyler was born in Winfield, KS and educated in Arkansas City, graduating in 2004.

Tyler enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2004 and was assigned to Troup C, 4th Squadron 73rd Calvary Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan. His awards include:

Bronze Star Medal
Purple Heart
Army Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Achievement Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
The Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Parachutist Badge
Combat Infantry Badge

In a blog written by Sarah Juden, Tyler's Cousin, on September 9th, 2009, I quote, "I haven't been to many funerals in my short life, but I am sure that Tyler's Funeral is one I will never forget. The Patriotism shown by the small town of Arkansas City, would bring tears to any proud American eyes. Almost every sign in town honored Tyler or his family in some way."

On behalf of the American Legion 3rd District, the Winfield and Arkansas City American Legion Post, The Juden Family, and the several Arkansas City residence I have spoken to, I would implore you to ratify the naming of the Bridge East of Arkansas City on Highway 166 in Honor of Tyler, who sacrificed his life for his Community and Country.

Thank you!

Jim Buterbaugh

U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran Past Post #10 Commander

Past 3rd District Commander

Past National Historian, The American Legion