



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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Mr. Eric F. Herzberg, Jr.  
8109 Shoal Creek Drive  
Laurel, MD 20724-2949

Dear Mr. Herzberg,

On behalf of the Department of the Navy, please accept my very deepest condolences on the death of your son, Lance Corporal Eric W. Herzberg, from injuries sustained in combat operations in Iraq.

Brave Americans like Eric have come forward for 230 years to protect freedom and liberty for our citizens and for people throughout the world. The Navy and Marine Corps are a family and the loss of your son is personal and painful to us. Eric's service to our country will always be remembered and honored.

You have the condolences of our Naval family during this time of great loss and grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

With deepest sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Winter", written in a cursive style.

Donald C. Winter