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Mr. Eric Herzberg
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Dear Mr. Herzberg:

After just reading about the scholarship funds established in memory of your beloved son (forwarded in an email from Mrs. Patty Lewis), I felt compelled to write you. My son is still attached to the 3/2 and is facing his second deployment this fall. Both during and after the tour, Brian remained decidedly reticent about what transpired in Habbaniyah, particularly any reference to his Marine brothers killed or wounded. A notable exception, was your son Eric.

Although they were not in the same company, Brian told me that in SOI or some other post stateside, a surprise inspection was called one morning. Brian was unprepared and understandably panicked because he did not have the proper blouse for the muster. Observing this and without a moment's hesitation, Eric stripped off his, tossed it to Brian, and allowed him to proceed to the formation without incident.

Mr. Herzberg, Brian shared this small snapshot of Eric's personality with me shortly after your son died; I have been reviewing it in my mind's eye numerous times since then. However, I felt unable to share this sweet memory with you until today.

From the various testimonials posted on the website, it is clear that the loss of such a righteous, kind, and decent young man is incalculable. Hopefully, through these memorial scholarships, the legacy of Eric will continue ensuring the proper respect and honor he so richly merits for his dedication and sacrifice.

With utmost respect,



Denise. M. Mullins