

Dear Eric Herzberg-

As I learned about your son the past three days, I would first like to apologize for your loss. I'm sure you've heard "I'm sorry" from too many people to count, and I also know that hearing that sometimes makes the hurt worse. That being said, I'd also like to thank your family for sharing such an amazing story about an even more inspirational hero. I know you get a lot of letters, and this one isn't really much different from the rest, but I really want to share with you how your son affected my life. I've never really had a hero. I mean, I've looked up to people who provide inspiration, but no one has ever really struck me "hero worthy." Honestly, your son is the first hero I've ever had. Maybe it was the fact that athletes and other famous people don't really seem like a hero. I know that your son gave a lot to serve, and I'm so honored to be

able to visit a place as
honorable as Arlington
National Cemetery. I am
thrilled to finally meet
a true hero.

Thank you,
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