

Dear Herzberg family,

I'd like to start off by saying thank you. Thank you for raising such a strong soldier who was so dedicated to helping us keep our freedom and ensuring our safety. Your son, Eric, is truly the epitome of a hero. I never knew Eric, but I wish so greatly that I had. Without meeting or personally knowing Eric, he has still affected my life for the better. He has inspired me to try harder to better myself and serve others the way he did.

Eric W Herzberg is, by definition, a soldier. He did everything in his power to protect everyone around him and all those back home too. He fought for himself but he also fought for us. He fought for me. And that inspired me so much. He didn't even know me, and yet I feel like he fought for my freedom here.

Hero is not something that is often true. It can be a word thrown around and not used correctly, but in Eric's case? It completely is true. I believe Eric is truly a hero. Not only is he one, he is mine. Eric truly, in my eyes, is up on a pedestal. He is held up with such respect and dignity. I respect him and what he did for all of us. But mostly,

I thank you. You sacrificed so much for us
and your son. I know it is heard too much,
I am so sorry for your loss. He truly was
an amazing man, soldier, and hero. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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