

To the family of Eric W. Herzberg,

I'm so sorry about your son. It's a terrible thing to lose a son. Thank you for his service defending this country. We watched "Taking Chance" in science, it was very inspiring & humbling. The story was very sad, but it shows how touching someone's story can be. Your son's story has been told to so many people. So many people will not forget him. I lost my sister a few years ago & I don't think there is anything harder than hearing that you will never see them again. I hope these letters & the knowledge that your son was a hero helps a little bit.

In the movie we watched there was a scene when they laid objects of his with him in the casket, I think I cried the hardest then. It hits you in odd moments, but you never forget them, & no one will forget this trip or your son. I can't wait to meet you, I don't know if I'll get to talk to you in person with the 100 other kids or so but in case I don't, again I'm so sorry & thank you for sharing his story, the movie and for talking to us in DC., I will never forget it.

-Cecilia Conrad 8th grade MSMS student 2018-2019