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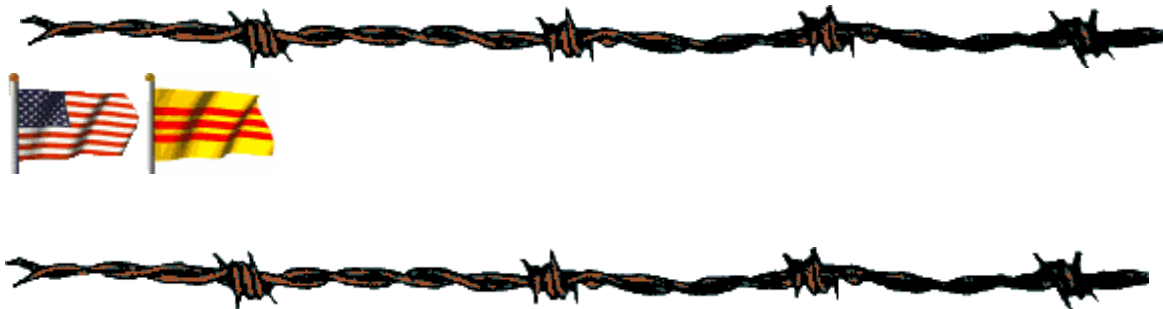
"Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another"



*"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you,
Jesus Christ and the **American G.I.**"
~One died for your soul, the other for your freedom~*



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In Memoriam

Dustin "Doc" Kelby Burnett, US Navy

It is with great sadness that I report that we lost one of our own ... Bullhead Patriots and Patriot Guard Riders conducted a deployment escort and ceremony for Dustin and his family on March 22nd. On Friday June 25th we escorted him from Laughlin Bullhead Airport to Desert Lawn Funeral Home.

Friday's escort included 52 motorcycles and a dozen or so cages and all along the route from the airport to Desert Hills there were people with flags, hands held over their hearts, saluting, cars stopped along the parkway and highway 95 as the procession passed. A lifelike helo made most of the journey overhead. Mike Canright presented a vest to Dustin's brother Devin and we gave military edition bibles to Debra (mom), Donald (dad) and Devin.

Tomorrow morning we will escort "Doc" from Desert Lawn to a Rosary and Mass in his honor and Wednesday there will be a celebration of his life at the AVI at 7:00PM. Thursday and Friday AZ and Southern California PGR will escort Doc to Riverside National Cemetery for military honors and interment.

Stand Down Doc, we love you and thank you for your gift of the ultimate sacrifice for your country and all of us.

Please keep the Nuchols family in your prayers.



***Following is the article from:
Mohave Daily News Online Edition:***

**MONDAY JUNE 30, 2008 Last modified:
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Ultimate sacrifice

Procession honors fallen Navy corpsman, a 2006 MHS grad

By ALICE POPOVICI/The Daily News

FORT MOJAVE - Dustin Burnett called his mom on June 14 to tell her he was OK.

There had been a prison break the day before in Kandahar, Afghanistan, killing four Marines. He knew she would be worried.

It was the last time they talked.

Debbie Nuchols heard a car in the driveway around 10:30 p.m. June 20 and hoped it was a mistake.

There was a knock, and she knew what had happened before she saw the U.S. Navy men in uniform standing in the doorway.

"You always know," she said.

Burnett, 19, died earlier that day in the Farah Province of Afghanistan, when the vehicle he was traveling in hit an explosive device on the road. A Navy hospital corpsman assigned to the First Marine Division Detachment in Twentynine Palms, Calif., he had been in Afghanistan less than three months.

Burnett graduated from Mohave High School in 2006. His friends knew him as "Tex," after a nickname given to him by his football coach. He was a patriot, a devout Catholic and a friend to all, Nuchols said.

"He wanted to fight for our freedoms, he wanted to defend our country in foreign land," she said.

"He was a champion of the right fight - he always knew the right thing to say to comfort someone."

When Burnett joined the Navy in October 2006, he was only 17. Nuchols had to sign her approval and she wondered if she should try to talk him out of it. But he was adamant, she said, he wanted to fight for our country.



MILITARY HONORS: The body of Navy hospital corpsman Dustin Kelby Burnett is carried by a Navy Honor Guard from the plane Friday morning at the Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport. JEFF MANGUM/The Daily News

Burnett's casket was flown in Friday from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to the Laughlin/ Bullhead International Airport, then escorted to Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Mohave Valley by a long procession of vehicles. Services and a memorial will follow this coming week (see sidebar, right).

Parked cars lined the side of the Bullhead Parkway and Highway 95 as people waved flags and saluted the procession of vehicles on their way to the cemetery.

"It was an outpouring (of support) that I haven't seen in the city and valley since I've been here - about 10 years," said Bullhead City Mayor Jack Hakim. "I was so proud of the residents of our city and of the valley."

Hakim remembers giving Burnett a key to the city during his send-off party organized by the Bullhead Patriots.

"May Bullhead City remain in your heart as you proudly remain in ours," Hakim had said at the March 22 ceremony inside American Legion Post 87. He remembers Burnett standing there, proud to serve America and fight for freedom and democracy.

"Everybody deserves the rights and liberties we have in this country," Burnett had said during the ceremony. He asked everyone gathered at the Legion Post to pray for soldiers going to Afghanistan.

"Corpsman Burnett, in the truest sense of the word, was and will always remain a hero to all those who knew him," Hakim said Saturday.

It's so easy - going about our daily activities - to forget about all the men and women fighting overseas, Nuchols said, but they are the ones securing our way of life.

She wants to share her son's story with those who didn't get a chance to meet him. Most of all, she wants to make sure all his friends and former classmates know about the memorial planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the AVI Resort & Casino Convention Center.

It'll be a big celebration of his life with videos, photographs and music.

"I really want the kids to know," she said, "and I really want the kids to be there."

Services and events

in honor of Dustin Burnett

Tuesday, July 1

9:30 a.m. - Rosary service

10 a.m. - Mass

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

1691 North Oatman Road, Bullhead City

928-758-7117

Wednesday, July 2

7 p.m. - Celebration of Life Ceremony

AVI Resort & Casino Convention Center

10000 Aha Macav Parkway, Laughlin

800-430-0721

Friday, July 4

10 a.m. - Full Military Honors/

Funeral Honor Detail

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Boulevard

Riverside, Calif. 92518

951-653-8417

Donations

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Military Moms, a Bullhead City organization that sends care packages to men and women serving overseas. Please make checks payable to Cindy Frizelle, with the memo "Military Moms for Dustin Burnett."

Checks can be mailed to:

Debbie Nuchols

2008 E. Sundance Drive

Fort Mojave, AZ 86426



Chaplain's Corner:



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Dustin Kelby Burnett, US Navy

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God's Everlasting Love

Romans 8; 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

***" For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. "[c]***

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Please pray for:

- Our Servicemen and Women and our Brothers and Sisters in arms who are being treated / are recovering in***

military and VA hospitals.

- ***Chapter 975 & 785 members and families***

- ***Brien "Rich" Richards for the Lord's touch and care with health items and for his beautiful wife, daughter and granddaughter Diane, Brianne and little Kaeley that I had the pleasure to meet last week. Rich is a recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his combat service in Vietnam as an Airborne Ranger who walked point while serving with the 2nd of the 502nd 101st Airborne Division. Hoooooahhhh! All The Way Ranger!***



- ***Gunny "Ooooooraaaah!" Gene Crego for the Lord's care and assistance with some medical items***



- ***Major Bill "Monsoon" Mimiaga for the Lord's care and healing***



- ***Sgt Kenny Bower US Army***



• ***PFC Garrett Kelly US Army***



• ***SPEC Ryan Smith US Army***



• ***Airman 1st Class Joshua Wages***



• ***Chief Petty Officer Gil McGillivray***



• *Spec Anthony Martinez*



• *Airman 1st Class Ralph Lopez*



• *Spec Rehta Woelfer*



• *Airman Christopher Coyner*



• ***Airman Scott Weaver***



• ***USMC Tony and Nicole***



• ***PFC Keith Stein***

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• ***PVT Kerilyn Schwartzkopf***



• ***SPC Sidney Born***



• **Major Josef Hatch**



• **Spec Martin Carlill**

God Bless our "Troops in Harms Way....." and God bless Those brave men and women who gave all.....

Email prayer requests to chaplain@vva975.org and be sure to indicate if they are confidential or for public display in the "Chapter 975 Dispatch"



May Our Lord bless and keep you,

***Tom Hanlon
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Vietnam Veterans of America***

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