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Honoring the Fallen

Memorial Day is this Monday — a time for reflection and gratitude to those who paid the greatest price so we could be free today. It is a solemn day when we take a moment to signify that we still remember those who have been lost, and that we acknowledge their sacrifice. Each time that Americans are called to fight for what is right, there are men and women there to answer the call. Some of them do not return home to their families and friends. These are the people we honor on this day.



Most recently, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have been called to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect our country from the threat of terror. Everyday, units are deployed to the Middle East, and some of these brave individuals do not return to their families and friends. Our community has also suffered losses, and there are many mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who are forever in the thoughts of Southeast Missourians, and I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of these dedicated military men and women from Southeast Missouri who gave their all.

Staff Sergeant Charles R. Sanders, Jr. of Charleston enlisted in the Army in 1995 as a helicopter mechanic. He died on April 6, 2005 in Ghazni, Afghanistan in a helicopter crash. His survivors include his wife and two children.

Sergeant Robert G. Davis of Jackson. Davis' family described him as an outgoing

person who loved being a soldier. He died in Kandahar, Afghanistan after an IED explosion on August 18, 2005. Davis joined the Army in September, 2001, and spent time serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Specialist Blake W. Hall of East Prairie was well known and loved throughout his community. He died near Baylough, Afghanistan after an IED explosion on August 21, 2005.

Corporal Jeremy Shank of Jackson enlisted in the Army on May 31, 2005, and was deployed to Iraq in 2006. He died from injuries sustained during fighting in Hawijah, Iraq on September 6, 2006. Shank was an avid hunter and a member of the National Turkey Federation. After his death, his father described Shank as “proud to be a soldier.”

Staff Sergeant Bradley Joe Skelton of Gordonville was on his second tour with the Missouri National Guard, one which he volunteered to come out of retirement for after a 23-year career when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on February 6, 2008. An outdoorsman and dedicated soldier, Skelton began his military career in 1984. More than 800 community members, family, and friends attended his funeral.

Sergeant Adam J. Kohlhaas of Perryville was serving as part of the 101st Airborne Division when he was killed on April 21, 2008 in Bayji, Iraq after an IED explosion. Some of his hobbies included hunting and playing guitar. He joined the Army on June 15, 2002, and was deployed overseas three times.

These are merely a few of the military men and women we have lost in recent years, and there are so many that have fought for America’s freedom during the history of this country. We cannot let the memories of those who fought for all the rights we often take for granted fade. This Monday, I will join the families and friends of these brave fighters to remember, heal, and come together in honor of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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