

May 12, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Please excuse my absence on this important day, the 2nd Hearing regarding the Honor and Remember Flag.

I am Anthony 'Scott' Kinslow, Proud Father of U.S. Army Specialist Anthony David Kinslow, Killed in Iraq, June 13, 2005. At this time of the year, with Memorial Day approaching, closely followed by Anthony's Anniversary, then Father's Day, and Independence Day,... I feel heavily weighed upon to attend meetings like this. These gatherings sometimes are a double-edged sword, one that carries such high importance and value, yet may also feel like another funeral.

I am fortunate to possess a personalized Honor and Remember Flag, of which was donated anonymously, and presented to me by Tom Mitchell, our Ohio Chapter Director. I hope you remember Myself and other families that shared our flags with you at the 1st Hearing. I proudly display my flag on special Family days and Holidays. I open the box that my flag was presented to me in and let others Unfold it, Hold it,.. Love on it. It excites me to see the Honor and Remember Flag flying high along with our American Flag, though I do not see it often enough. I have come to realize that I felt something missing when I viewed the flag, something that seemed out of place until recently. I needed to realize that my flag is quite the banner with my Son's name on it, and that the 'Field of Red' on all Honor and Remember Flags is the space that represents the thousands, and thousands of names in every thread.

I beg you to consider with all your heart and soul, to Honor and Remember the families of Fallen Service Members.

Respectfully,

Anthony 'Scott' Kinslow

U.S. Army Specialist, Anthony David Kinslow
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