

To whom this may concern,

SGT Kevin Lannon and I joined the US Army as high school friends on the 'buddy' system in July 1980. We attended basic training and advanced instructional school together. As infantry medics we were assigned to the same battalion at Fort Lewis, WA. Towards the end of our 3 year enlistment, SGT Lannon decided to extend his tour and become a Ranger medic. He was KIA on the island of Grenada in October 1983, 3 months after his original enlistment had ended.

Kevin never shied away from doing what was right.

When his fellow warrior's were being deployed, he left his training post in North Carolina so that he could provide the medical care his unit would need.

His selflessness is found in only a few, and ultimately lead to his ultimate sacrifice.

Personally, I have benefited from my years of Kevin's friendship. After I finished my tour, I achieved my goal of graduating from The Ohio State University as a Doctor of Optometry in 1990. I continue in feeling Kevin's positive presence in my patient care and community involvement to this day.

Please strongly consider SGT Lannon's memorial highway as a small tribute to a great soldier and person.

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