

MERCER MEMORIAL DAY 500 POSTHUMOUS HONOREES '07 ~



CARL JAMES FORRESTER U.S. ARMY, SGT. 82ND AIRBORNE DIV

Jim was very proud to be an American and to serve his country. He came from a family whose members had served their country in World War II and Korea. He entered the service in 1962, served in Turkey, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico and was then assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division Air Mobile-Republic of South Vietnam. He had planned to be a career soldier but never got that opportunity. He was killed in action in Vietnam on February 1, 1966. He and fellow soldiers were making a night drop from a helicopter. Jim was killed instantly from a head wound inflicted by enemy machine gun fire that severely riddled his body. He left behind a young wife and three small children. The first Mercer Countian to be killed in Vietnam Jimmy, at age 24, gave his all for his country.



MICHAEL ADAM MARZANO SGT. U.S. MARINE CORPS

Michael served in the Corps for four years and then joined the United States Marine Reserves. He volunteered for duty in Iraq serving with the 3rd Battalion-25th Marines Weapons Company working as a part of the Mobile Assault Platoon 7. In May of 2005 enemy insurgents fired from built-up positions within the local hospital attacking U.S. Marines in the city of Hadithah, Al-Anbar Province, Iraq. A suicide vehicle exploded by the hospital killing four Marines. Michael was one of them. The first Mercer Countian to give up his life during the Iraq War, he is remembered fondly by his commanding officer for his leadership and humor. He lived each moment to the fullest with a story, a laugh, and

with respect. He understood the hardships and casualties produced by previous wars. He also understood that in order for us to have Freedom someone had to pay. Michael paid the ultimate sacrifice because he knew and believed with all his heart that Freedom wasn't Free.



MICHAEL MISINAY CPL. U.S. ARMY

Michael trained at Camp Rucker AL, Fort McClellan AL and Camp Forrest TN. His unit staged at Camp Shanks NY before crossing over to England on the Queen Elizabeth in April of 1944. His unit was based at Tiverton, Devonshire, while in England. Corporal Misinay landed on Utah Beach at H-hour plus 50 on D-Day, June 6 1944. His unit was in combat from the minute they landed in France. On June 19, 1944 he was killed in action along with 11 other members of his company west of Montebourg, France. At 30 years of age Michael was the first Mercer Countian to be killed in action during World War II.

The relatives of these honorees may be contacted through the Mercer Memorial Day 500
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