

From the Hall Family:

Our son, SSG Eric D. Hall, was in the Army for seven years and doing his second tour of Korea. He was a Korean Linguist and Low Level Voice Intercept Team Leader. After the events of 9-11, he was sent to Fort Drum, New York, to the 10th Mountain Division, 110th Military Intelligence Battalion. On March 20, 2002, during a live fire training exercise, he was killed. Two 105-m. Howitzer shells hit the mess area where he and his troops were preparing for breakfast. Our Son received shrapnel wounds, which later that day took his life. He served in the highest MOS in the Army (98G) because of his academic excellence and commitment to serve our nation. He was a "Soldier's Soldier."

He was several times Soldier of the Month and Soldier of the Quarter. He received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal 2nd Award, and the Army Service Ribbon. He was selected to appear before the Sgt. Audie Murphy Board. He was an expert Marksman and received many other awards. He had unlimited potential and volunteered for the most demanding positions the Army had to offer. But he was more than that. He was a loving son, a caring brother, a devoted and loyal friend who was deeply loved and greatly missed.

He realized how important the military is to our freedom and his death is the price of freedom.