

Informal Memorial Tribute—Company Level

Welcome & Overview

CH (CPT) Gabriel Hess

Purpose: This is a service of remembrance for SPC xxxx xxxx, who died two weeks ago. His official Memorial Ceremony will be held on 22 February, in about a month. Today's event is an opportunity for you—who knew him best—to remember him, since some of you may not be able to attend the Memorial Ceremony.

Invocation

CH (CPT) xxxxx xxxxx

Company Commander's Remarks

CPT xxxxx xxxxx

Soldier Tribute (Squad Leader)

SGT xxxxx

Soldier Tribute

SPC xxxxx

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At this time, we would like to open the floor to anyone who wishes to share a remembrance of SPC xxxxx. We ask that you keep any remarks brief, not to exceed two minutes. Please respect one another's viewpoints and focus on your own experience. Following any remembrances, we will have a moment of silence.

Moment of Silence

Benediction

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{Notes: This was an intimate, informal service with just the Soldier's platoon. It served as an opportunity to diffuse emotions and a bridge for the formal Memorial Ceremony a month later. Soldiers were much more raw and real in this setting than the Ceremony.

I planned remarks but did not give them, instead giving more time to peers.