

April 21, 2010

Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus

Sept. 23, 1977-July 29, 2006

“With solemn pride and thanks, this tree is dedicated to celebrate the life and memory of Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus. He defended our country’s liberties and ideals in Iraq. Phill was a true hero to his family, to his brother Marines, to all of us. He was a light in this world—his spirit lives on in the faces of the students this tree shades.”



- 9:30 ROTC color guard
- 9:40 Pledge
- 9:45 America the Beautiful
- 9:50 Preamble to the Constitution Reader’s theater
- 10:05 Dedication of the tree
- 10:15 Flag presentation By the ROTC
- 10:25 Remarks by invited guests
- 10:35 Marine Corps Hymn



***Thank you to all who
Participated in this
Dedication.***

Written by Mrs. Baucus’ 4th grade class

Poplar Elementary

TREE
DEDICATION FOR
CPL. PHILLIP
BAUCUS

*Wednesday
April 21, 2010
9:30 am*



Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus

Phillip E. Baucus was born in Helena Montana, on September 23, 1977. His parents, John F. and Nina Baucus, run a sheep ranch just north of Helena. He grew up on Sieben, the family ranch, playing with his brother John H., and his sister Laura. When Phillip could, he returned to visit his childhood home.



While growing up on the ranch, he helped out when needed. He herd-

ed sheep, mowed grass, and wrangled skunks. For school, he attended Hawthorne Elementary School, C.R. Anderson Middle School, and Capital High School. While attending C.R. Anderson, he joined the orchestra to play string bass. It was in this 6th grade class that he met Kathy Taylor, his future wife. Phillip also participated in Cross Country, until shin splints sidelined him. He graduated from Capital High School in 1995.

Phillip attended Arizona State University

in Tempe and Montana State University in Bozeman. While at the Universities, he focused on a degree in computer science, but he didn't have his heart in it. After the attacks on September 11, 2001, he wanted to do something for his country. He joined the Marine Corps on November 10, 2002. He was sent to MCRD, San Diego, where he completed basic training. He completed SOI at Camp Pendleton and was deployed to the fleet. Phillip was assigned to 3rd LAR Battalion 29 Palms, CA.



While on leave in Montana, Phillip ran into his future father-in-law, Art Taylor. He asked for Kathy's phone number, which he promptly lost. Phillip called Art back and got the number again and finally called Kathy. Once he returned to California they had dinner, talked, and realized they were meant to be together. He deployed to Iraq in August of 2004, and returned in April of 2005. Phill proposed and plans began. The couple were married at the family ranch in Montana on August 19, 2005. They returned to California to begin their married life.

Phillip re-deployed to Iraq in March of 2006. His unit was assigned to the Al Anbar Province. In July of 2006, the unit moved to Rawah, to man a roadside check point. On the 29th Cpl Baucus and his team member, Lcpl Butterfield, stopped a truck that contained an IED. The truck exploded, killing both Marines and caused a nearby shelter to collapse. Because the truck was stopped, it caused less damage, which saved the lives of many of Cpl Baucus' fellow Marines.

On September 23, 2007, Cpl Baucus' family was presented with his Bronze Star, with combat V. He earned this award because of his actions during his deployment, and for the events that occurred on the 29th of July 2006.

