



**A TIME OF
REMEMBRANCE**

We Honor Washington's Fallen Heroes

Travis D. Pfister



Age: 27

Hometown: Richland, WA

Date of Death: 2/7/2007

Incident Location: Anbar province,
Iraq

Branch of Military: Marines

Rank: Sgt.

Unit: Marine Medium Helicopter
Squadron 364, Marine
Aircraft Group 39, 3rd
Marine

Unit's Base: Camp Pendleton, CA

"On the surface, he was a very happy-go-lucky guy. But he was very aware of how people were feeling around him," said his uncle, Blaine Hulse of Pasco. "He was one of the guys that kept tabs on everybody, made sure they were motivated and happy. He carried himself with confidence and pride, and without (bravado)." "Travis was a tough little nut," added his former Hanford High football coach, Greg Sevigny, in a phone interview. "He always had a smile on his face. And he was tenacious. He was a tough kid, but he always had a smile on his face." As a boy, he was a regular customer at a local military surplus store, remembered his dad, Richard Pfister. "He loved all that stuff. I saw (when he was) 7 that he'd be in the service for life," said his stepmother, Jackie Pfister. In an e-mail to his mom last week, Pfister wrote that he'd taken more than 20 people to the hospital for urgent medical care this month alone. "Things are going well, though just waiting to come home," he wrote. "I love you guys and will see you all soon." He is remembered by the people who knew Travis best, remembering him for being the life of the party, a man dancing to music and just having fun. They also remember a man serious about being a sergeant in the United States Marines and living the Semper Fi motto every single day.



Submitted by Lorrie Tallett (MOM)

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What can I tell you son that you don't already know? How much we miss you? How proud we are? How life here is so much less without your laugh and that mischievous grin that we all knew so well. How the families whose loved ones you and the crew of Morphine 12 has made whole because your dedication? How the emptiness in our lives is only second to the sacrifice you have shown our nation and the people you believe in. How every waking moment you are thought of by us, your wife or your friends everywhere. How the love that you showed us is still very clear in our hearts. WE LOVE YOU SON....but I guess you knew this too...MOM.