

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun,
And its going down,
We remember them;

In the blowing of the wind,
And in the chill of the winter,
We remember them;

In the opening of the buds,
And in the warmth of the summer,
We remember them;

In the rustling of the leaves,
And the beauty of the autumn,
We remember them;

In the beginning of the year,
And when it ends,
We remember them;

When we are weary,
And in need of strength,
We remember them;

When we are lost,
And sick at heart,
We remember them;

When we have joys,
We yearn to share,
We remember them;

So long as we live,
They too shall live,
For they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

From: "Gates of Prayer"
Reform Judaism Prayer Book



Explosive Ordnance Disposal 45th Annual Memorial Service 3 May 2014

Kauffman EOD Training Complex
Eglin Air Force Base, FL



The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge



The Wreath

Symbolizes the achievements and laurels gained in minimizing accident potentials through the ingenuity and devotion to duty of its members.

It is in memory of those EOD personnel who gave their lives while performing EOD duties.

The Bomb

Copied from the design of the World War II Bomb Disposal Badge, the bomb represents the historic and major objective of the EOD attack, the unexploded bomb. The three fins represent the major areas of nuclear, conventional and chemical/biological interest.

The Lightning Bolts

Symbolizes the potential destructive power of the bomb and the courage and professionalism of EOD personnel in their endeavors to reduce hazards as well as to render explosive ordnance harmless.

The Shield

Represents the EOD mission - prevent a detonation and protect personnel, the surrounding area, and property to the utmost.

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Call to Attention

Master of Ceremony:	SFC Joshua Peltz, USA
Arrival of Official Party	
Parade the Colors:	NAVSCOLEOD Joint Service Color Guard
National Anthem:	Maggie Glassman-Cleaver
Invocation:	Chaplain Wright, USAF
Opening Remarks:	CAPT William Noel, USN
Guest Speaker:	GEN Raymond Odierno, USA
Memorial Name Readers:	USA - SFC Joshua Peltz
	USMC - GySgt Jeremy Rash
	USN - EODCS Eric Neal
	USAF - TSgt Matthew Bingaman
Wreath Laying:	USA - MAJ David Duncan SGM Brian Curtis
	USMC - Capt Donald Pilcher MGySgt Steven Williams
	USN - LCDR Jonathan Puglia CMD CM Eric Brower
	USAF - Maj Mark Fogle CMSgt Neil Jones
21 Gun Salute:	Eglin Air Force Base Rifle Squad
Taps:	Eglin Air Force Base Honor Guard
Benediction:	Chaplain Wright, USAF
Retire the Colors:	NAVSCOLEOD Joint Service Color Guard



Guest Speaker
General
Raymond T. Odierno

General Raymond T. Odierno, assumed duty as the 38th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army on 7 September 2011. A native of Rockaway, New Jersey, General Odierno attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1976 with a commission in Field Artillery. During more than 37 years of service, he has commanded units at every echelon, from platoon to theater, with duty in Germany, Albania, Kuwait, Iraq, and the United States. After his first assignment with U.S. Army Europe, General Odierno was assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he commanded two batteries and served as a battalion operations officer.

General Odierno returned to U.S. Army Europe serving as a battalion executive officer and division artillery executive officer including deployment for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. He later commanded 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division, and the Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. From October 2001 to June 2004, General Odierno commanded the 4th Infantry Division, leading the division during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from April 2003 to March 2004. From December 2006 to February 2008, he served as the Commanding General, Multi-National Corps – Iraq (III Corps) as the operational commander of the surge of forces. Later, he served as the Commanding General, Multi-National Force - Iraq and subsequently United States Forces - Iraq, from September 2008 until September 2010. From October 2010 until August 2011, he was the Commander of United States Joint Forces Command.

General Odierno is married to his high school sweetheart, Linda. They have three children: son Tony and his wife Daniela; daughter Katie and her husband Nick Funk; and son Mike. He and Linda also have three grandsons. His oldest son, Army Captain (Retired) Tony Odierno, is a combat veteran.

General Odierno's awards and decorations include four Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Army Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, six Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. He has also received the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal and Orders of Military Merit from Brazil, Colombia, Romania, and Italy. He was also appointed as an Officer in the French National Order of the Legion of Honor.



In Memory Of
Sergeant
Miguel Ortiz
9 September 1986
13 November 2013

Sergeant Miguel Ortiz was born 9 September 1986 in San Diego, California. Miguel enlisted in the Marine Corps and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in California on 2 April 2006. Upon graduation from Recruit Training, Miguel attended the School of Infantry, Marine Combat Training Battalion, located at nearby Camp Pendleton, California. Miguel then reported to the Small Arms Repairer Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and was subsequently designated a Small Arms Technician.

After completing his formal training, Miguel returned to Camp Pendleton and reported to Third Battalion, First Marines and deployed to Iraq in April of 2007 returning in November 2007. In November of 2009, Miguel requested a lateral move into the Explosive Ordnance Disposal occupation field. In May 2010, Miguel attended Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida and graduated on 15 February 2011. After graduation from EOD School, Miguel reported to Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton. In September of 2012, Miguel volunteered to deploy as an individual augment with 1st EOD Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician to Afghanistan, returning in April of 2013.

Sergeant Ortiz's personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and various other campaign medals and decorations.

Sergeant Ortiz is survived by his wife Azucena (Susie), his children Isabel, Andrew, and Miguel Jr., and his parents Aurelio and Alma.



In Memory Of
**Staff Sergeant
Eric W. Summers**

7 June 1981
13 November 2013

Staff Sergeant Eric Summers was born 7 June 1981 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Staff Sergeant Summers enlisted in the Marine Corps and completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in California on 11 July 2000. After completing Marine Combat Training at nearby Camp Pendleton, Eric reported to Marine Corps Communication Electronics School in 29 Palms, California where he completed his training to be a Radio Repairman. After graduation, Eric reported to 7th Communications Battalion in Okinawa, Japan in July of 2001 where he served as a Ground Radio Repairman until July of 2002. Eric then transferred to 2nd Maintenance Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While assigned to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Eric was meritoriously promoted to Corporal then Sergeant before deploying to Iraq in 2003 and then a second deployment in 2004.

In May of 2005, Eric reported to Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida for training. After graduating from EOD School on 14 February 2006, Eric reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina for duty as an EOD Technician. In November 2008, Eric reported to 2nd EOD Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While with 2nd EOD Company, Eric deployed to Afghanistan twice, once between 2009 and 2010, then again in 2011. After his assignment to 2nd EOD Company, Eric was transferred in February 2012 to Camp Pendleton, California and assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Air Wing where he served as a Team Leader. Eric was once again deployed to Afghanistan in September 2012.

Staff Sergeant Summers' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award with Valor Device, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the various other campaign medals and decorations.

SSgt Summers is survived by his wife Andrea and his daughter Alexia.

History of the EOD Memorial

The EOD Memorial has a long and proud history. In February 1969, the first EOD Memorial committee was formed with the intent to design and construct a memorial to honor those EOD Technicians who had sacrificed their lives in the performance of duty. The original Memorial was dedicated on 12 June 1970. The design, consisting of four white cenotaphs, one for each branch of service (with names inscribed on each) was to commemorate those who had fallen. When Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal was consolidated at Eglin AFB, the original Memorial was disassembled and redesigned. A brick from one of the original cenotaphs has been incorporated into the new Memorial by entombing it within the concrete wall.

The names of 298 fallen EOD Technicians appear on the Memorial. The men and women whose names are placed on the Memorial are all EOD school graduates who have died while performing EOD missions since World War II.

The addition of:

SSG Kenneth "Wade" Bennett
SSG Nicholas Reid
SFC Jeffery C. Baker
SSG Joshua J. Bowden
GySgt Gregory J. Mullins
SSgt Mathew R. Marsh
SSgt Eric W. Summers
Sgt Miguel Ortiz

will bring the total to 306 names of dedicated EOD Technicians who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.



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In Memory Of
**Staff Sergeant
Kenneth "Wade"
Bennett**

25 December 1985
10 November 2012

Staff Sergeant Kenneth "Wade" Bennett was born and raised in Glendora, CA. SSG Bennett grew up in the suburbs of Los Angeles County with a love for the outdoors and motorsports.

In 2004 SSG Bennett enlisted in the Army to be an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. After completing Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal in 2006 he was assigned to the 720th Ordnance Company (EOD) in Mannheim, Germany. While serving in the 720th EOD, SSG Bennett deployed to Afghanistan from 2007 to 2008. Upon returning from Afghanistan SSG Bennett was assigned to the 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD), Yakima Training Center, WA where he again deployed to Afghanistan in 2010-2011 as an EOD Team Leader. SSG Bennett stayed with the 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD) for his next deployment in support of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan in 2012.

SSG Bennett was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal. He has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic and Senior Badge.

SSG Bennett is survived by his wife, Mandi, his children Lila Grace and Wade Zeus, as well as his parents Nancy and Ken Bennett, and sister Rene.



In Memory Of
**Staff Sergeant
Mathew R. Marsh**

9 June 1985
13 November 2013

Staff Sergeant Mathew Marsh was born 9 June 1985 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. In July of 2003, Staff Sergeant Marsh enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in California. Upon completion of recruit training, Mathew reported to the School of Infantry, Marine Combat Training Battalion at nearby Camp Pendleton. Mathew then attended Basic Landing Support training in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina earning the military occupational specialty 0481 Landing Support Specialist. After graduation he was assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 13 and in August of 2005, Mathew deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In August of 2006, Mathew reported to Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin AFB, Florida and graduated in April 2007. In May of 2007, Mathew reported for duty as an EOD Technician with 3rd EOD Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB) in Okinawa, Japan. In August 2008, Mathew deployed once again to Iraq. In June 2009, Mathew transferred to 1st EOD Company, 7th ESB located at Camp Pendleton, California. While stationed with 1st EOD Company, Mathew deployed to Afghanistan in May of 2010 and then again in April of 2012. In October 2013, Mathew reported for duty with the Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton EOD Team.

SSgt Marsh's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and various other campaign medals and decorations.

SSgt Marsh is survived by his mother Monica, his brother Kristofer, his fiancée Paula King, and his father Charles.



In Memory Of
**Gunnery Sergeant
Gregory J. Mullins**

18 June 1982
13 November 2013

Gunnery Sergeant Gregory J. Mullins was born 18 June 1982 in Morgan City, Louisiana. In March of 2002, Gregory enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in South Carolina. Following recruit training, Gregory reported to the School of Infantry, Marine Combat Training Battalion at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. After completion of training, Gregory went on to complete training in Pensacola Florida earning the occupational specialty of Air Traffic Controller. After nearly three years working at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina, Gregory transitioned into the Explosive Ordnance Disposal community. Gregory attended Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin AFB, Florida graduating on 28 September 2007.

After graduation from EOD School, Gregory reported to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center located at 29 Palms, California as an EOD Technician. In November 2010, Gregory transferred to 3rd EOD Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion in Okinawa, Japan where he served as an EOD Team Leader. While with 3rd EOD Company, Gregory deployed to Afghanistan in April 2011 and then again in April of 2012. In December 2012, Gregory reported for duty as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge for the EOD section for Marine Corps Air Station at Camp Pendleton, California.

Gunnery Sergeant Mullins' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award with Valor Device, Combat Action Ribbon, and various other campaign medals and decorations.

Gunnery Sergeant Mullins is survived by his wife Violeta, his children Camila, Ethan, Giovanna, and his parents Dena Polk and Christopher Holbert.



In Memory Of
**Staff Sergeant
Nicholas Reid**

2 April 1986
13 December 2012

Staff Sergeant Nicholas Reid was born in Brockport, NY on 2 April 1986 to Kenneth and Dorothy Reid. He graduated from Brockport High School in Brockport, NY in 2004. SSG Reid joined the United States Army in 2006 to be an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician.

SSG Reid graduated from Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal in February of 2008. Upon completion of EOD training he was assigned to the 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD) at Yakima Training Center in 2008. He deployed to Afghanistan with the 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD) in 2010 as an EOD Team Member. SSG Reid was certified as an EOD Team Leader in 2011. He deployed again in 2012 as an EOD Team Leader in support of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan. SSG Reid was killed in action while conducting combat operations on December 13, 2012.

SSG Reid was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal. He has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic and Senior Badge.

SSG Reid is survived by both his parents Kenneth and Dorothy Reid, and his sister Susan Reid.



In Memory Of
**Sergeant First Class
Jeffery C. Baker**

3 February 1984
14 May 2013

Sergeant First Class Jeffery C. Baker was born on 3 February 1984 in Fontana, CA. He graduated from Hollywood High School, Los Angeles, CA in 2001. Jeff enlisted in the Army in October 2004 as an 89D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. He graduated EOD School at Eglin Air Force Base, FL in December 2005 and was assigned to 38th Ordnance Company (EOD), Ft Stewart, GA. He deployed with the 38th EOD to Iraq for 15 months in November 2006. He was later assigned to the 756th Ordnance Company (EOD), Ft Stewart, GA, and the 720th Ordnance Company (EOD), Mannheim, Germany where he became a certified EOD Team Leader. He was assigned to his current unit, the 731st Ordnance Company (EOD) Ft Stewart, GA in June 2012, when he volunteered to fill a critical EOD Team Leader shortage in 766th Ordnance Company (EOD) and deploy to Afghanistan in October 2012. Sergeant First Class Jeffery Baker was killed in action while conducting combat operations on May 14, 2013.

Sergeant First Class Baker's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon. Sergeant First Class Baker has also been awarded the Combat Action Badge, and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic and Senior Badge.

Sergeant First Class Baker is survived by his wife, Vicki, and their daughter, Audrey.



In Memory Of
**Staff Sergeant
Joshua J. Bowden**

9 August 1985
31 August 2013

Staff Sergeant Josh Bowden was born on 9 August 1984 in Lithia Springs, GA. He graduated from Alexander High School in Douglasville, GA in 2003. Josh enlisted in the Army in July 2003 as a 18X, Special Forces Candidate. After Basic Training, Airborne, Air Assault school and months of training at Ft Bragg, NC he volunteered to become an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician.

He graduated EOD School at Eglin Air Force Base, FL in 2007 and was assigned to 716th Ordnance Company (EOD), Ft Richardson, AK. Josh deployed with the 716th EOD to Afghanistan in 2008. He was later assigned to the 55th Ordnance Company (EOD), Ft Belvoir, VA where he became a certified EOD Team Leader in 2009. He was assigned to his current unit, the 748th Ordnance Company (EOD) Ft Carson, CO in 2012, where he integrated his team with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed to Afghanistan in January 2013 in support of the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. SSG Bowden was killed in action while conducting combat operations on August 31, 2013.

Staff Sergeant Bowden's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with V device, the Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon. He has also been awarded the Army Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Basic and Senior Badge.

Staff Sergeant Bowden is survived by his wife, April Bowden, their son, Kaden, his parents Ray and Yolanda Bowden, sister Shanda, and brother Duggar.