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Staff Sgt. Kevin Ray Adams, US Air Force, is a graduate of La Veta High School, 1991. Kevin has been in the Air Force for 12 years and has served in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and has earned several awards including marksmanship. He is currently an instructor, stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he lives with his wife, Dora, and daughter, Rhiannon. Kevin is the son of Donna Adams and the late Mark Adams of La Veta, both veterans of the US Navy during the Vietnam era. His brothers are: Mark Adams and Brian Adams, both of La Veta. Mary Nason, La Veta, is proud to call Kevin her grandson. Thank you, Staff Sgt. Adams, for serving us and our country. You are one of our Huerfano Hometown Heroes!



Spc. Richard T. Walter is currently serving his second deployment in Iraq. Spc. Walter joined the Army in 2005 at the age of 17. Assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Benning, GA. Where he has been since the completion of his training in 2005. Upon his return from this deployment, over half of his time served in the US Army will have been in Iraq. His wife Kari Walter, parents Rick and Shelley Walter and sister Arleigh all await his safe return. Thank you SPC Richard Walter--you are one of our Huerfano Hometown Heroes!

Sgt. David Steffan, a 1992 graduate of La Veta High School, joined the Colorado National Guard in 2002. After attending basic training and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers School at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, he was assigned to Detachment 1, 947th Combat Support Engineer Company, Trinidad. The unit completed missions in Germany, South Dakota, and Wyoming before being deployed to Iraq on Sept. 11, 2005. While in Iraq, Steffan served as Bravo Team Leader, 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, 947th Engineer Company, 54th Combat Engineers, attached to First Marine Expeditionary Force, Al Anbar province. The unit's mission entailed road construction and repair, support of Marine and Armored Cavalry outposts, site security and transportation. In addition to his duties as leader, Steffan operated a Meerkat mine detector, drove lead gun truck in convoys and operated various types of construction equipment. He earned the Army Commendation Metal operating an armored grader as part of Operation Steel Curtain, keeping Al Qaeda operatives from infiltrating from Syria. Recently, Steffan joined his unit in rebuilding the Fruita Reservoir #1, on the western slope, ensuring an adequate water supply for that small community. Thank you, Sgt. David Steffan, for serving us and our country. You are one of our Huerfano Hometown Heroes!



SPC Francesco Boccia, a Combat Medic with C Co 1-185th Armor Battalion California Army National Guard, is the 22 year old son of local resident, Debbie Boccia. Frank joined the National Guard 3 years ago and did his basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He did his medical training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and works as a civilian firefighter/EMT in Los Angeles County, California. Frank deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in August of 2008. Debbie says he plans on staying in the medical field, whether in the service or in the private sector. Valorie, Frank's sister, and Debbie have much to be proud of in this fine young man. Thank you, SPC Francesco Boccia, for serving those around you, us and our country! You are one of our heroes.

LCPL Travis P McConnell, USMC

Field artillery, Cannoneer, Quebec Battery 5-14, Aurora, CO
Basic training at MCRD, San Diego, CA
Combat training at Camp Pendleton, CA
Field artillery schooling at Fort Sill, Laughton, OK

Travis has been in the Corp for three years and is a graduate of LaVeta High School, 2003. Travis and his wife, Nickeya, have two children, Skyla and Sean. He is currently on the LaVeta fire department and a correctional officer at Huerfano County Correctional Facility. Travis is due to deploy to Afghanistan in 2010. Thank you, LCPL McConnell, for serving us and our country. You are one of our Huerfano Hometown Heroes!



SPC John V Bailey, United States Army, completed basic training July 2007 at Ft. Knox, KY and is currently stationed out of Ft. Hood, TX, deployed to Iraq. He is a 1st Cavalry Scout, with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. John has earned several awards including Cavalry gold spurs. John is a certified flight instructor and taught at Steel City Aviation before enlisting in the service. John's parents, Gary and Juanita, and sister, Kendra, live in La Veta. Thank you, John Bailey for serving us and our country. You are one of our Huerfano Hometown Heroes!

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LIMA-TANGO-DELTA

Lima-Tango-Delta, in the NATO phonetic alphabet, stands for the letters "LTD". For our texters out there, this is an acronym for Living The Dream. For our texters and Soldier Texters out there...who use this acronym for 'Living The Dream' every day. This common phrase in our soldiers communications old and new help bring and bond together veterans and serving soldiers, just different delivery methods. This is a new column dedicated to the words of our young men and women who are serving, and the words of wisdom from those who have served – straight from the people who we are defending our country and our liberty. We are looking for contributors, and we can't wait to share the words of our men and women who are serving our country. Please email us at: goodamericanpost@gmail.com, and put "LTD" in the subject-line. From The Good American Post - **THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.**

