



VETERANS

★★★ HALL OF FAME ★★★

MICHAEL L. MAYNE

Corporal Michael L. Mayne, 21, of Burlington Flats, proudly served in the United States Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, a unit of the 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Corporal Mayne tragically lost his life, along with two other American soldiers and a translator on February 23, 2009, in Balad, Iraq when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Prior to his service to his country, Corporal Mayne had already left an indelible mark on his hometown that will last for generations to come.

On Memorial Day 2003, he unveiled a very special Eagle Scout project in Memorial Park in his hometown of Burlington Flats – flagpoles for each branch of the military. To this day, flags representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and the United States continue to wave. A memorial to Corporal Mayne has since been installed underneath the flags he so proudly conceived and built.

A 2006 graduate of Edmeston Central School, he was known for his sense of humor and friendly nature. He knew from a young age that he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and serve his nation in the military. He joined the Army shortly after his high school graduation. The Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES established a scholarship in his name for students in the natural resources and welding programs or who planned to enlist in the military.

Corporal Mayne's courageous military service earned him a number of honors including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal of Valor, Global War on Terror Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, and Iraq Service Ribbon.

Senator Seward presented Corporal Mayne's parents Cathy and Lee with the New York State Senate Liberty Medal posthumously in 2009.

Corporal Michael Mayne exhibited a steadfast commitment to our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice. His service in uniform and his contributions to his community will never be forgotten.



MICHAEL L. MAYNE IS BEING HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY AS A 2020 VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BY SENATOR JAMES L. SEWARD.

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