



# VETERANS

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## JOHN J. LEVULIS

Captain John J. Levulis served our country with pride and distinction as an infantry platoon leader with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in Afghanistan. He was also a beloved member of his community, a leader, and a role model for others.

Captain Levulis grew up in Eden, New York and was a 2008 graduate of Eden Central High School. He was a 2012 summa cum laude graduate of Niagara University where he studied criminal justice. He was also a ROTC cadet.

Upon graduation, Captain Levulis was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 and served as an Infantry Platoon Leader. He was the recipient of numerous awards and medals, including the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Campaign Medal, Airborne Wings and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Growing up, he dreamed of being a soldier and serving his country. As an illustration of his patriotism, his Eagle Scout project was the construction of a Veterans Memorial outside the Eden American Legion Post. He was proud to call Eden his hometown and after returning from Afghanistan in the summer of 2014, he brought four members of his platoon home with him to visit.

On May 1, 2015, Captain Levulis was traveling with three other Fort Drum soldiers in a military convoy en route to Fort Dix, New Jersey when their Humvee was struck by a civilian vehicle. Captain Levulis suffered serious injuries and died on May 7. He was 25 years old. Captain Levulis is survived by his wife, Julianne; his parents, Barbara and Gary; his brother, James and numerous other family members.

Captain Levulis was posthumously promoted to the rank of Captain.

Following his death, New York State designated a 14 mile stretch of route 75 in the Town of Eden the "Captain John J. Levulis Memorial Highway" in honor of his service to his community and his country.

Captain Levulis is an inspiration to all who had the good fortune to know him. He is remembered for his dedication, leadership and bravery.



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