

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky Rockholm, Supervisor District 1
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: December 8, 2009

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Present a Commendation to Linda and Jeff Schweig on behalf of their son Tyler R. Gordy for his service in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom and for achieving the highest position in the cadet chain of command as the West Point First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets for the 2009-2010 academic year.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation to Linda and Jeff Schweig on behalf of their son Tyler R. Gordy for his service in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom and for achieving the highest position in the cadet chain of command as the West Point First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets for the 2009-2010 academic year.

BACKGROUND

Tyler R. Gordy is the grandson of Supervisor Rocky Rockholm. He graduated from Lincoln High School and joined the Army in 2002. He attended the U.S. Military Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey before entering West Point in 2006.

Tyler was deployed with his unit in 2003 for the invasion of Iraq and was injured in the line of duty while serving in Iraq. He received the Purple Heart for his injuries as well as, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his heroic actions and leadership while under enemy fire. Due to his outstanding record in underclass leadership positions during his first three years at the academy, his leadership while serving in Iraq and his outstanding performance during the 2009 Cadet Basic Training, he was selected by a team of West Point officers and cadets as the West Point First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets for the 2009-2010 academic year. This Commendation is awarded by, "Grandpa" and the Board of Supervisors in honor of Tyler R. Gordy's superior service.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation honoring Tyler R. Gordy
for his service in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom and
for achieving the highest position in the cadet chain of command as
the West Point First Captain of the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets
for the 2009-2010 academic year.**

Whereas, Tyler R. Gordy was born in Roseville, California and is the second child of seven children in his family. He is the son of Linda and Jeff Schweig of Newcastle; and

Whereas, Tyler graduated from Lincoln High School in 2002 and joined the Army. His older sister Sarah and younger brother Kyle also joined the Army; and

Whereas, Tyler attended the U.S. Military Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey before entering West Point in 2006. His younger brother Kyle also attended prep school in New Jersey and is a junior at West Point; and

Whereas, Tyler was deployed with his unit in 2003 for the invasion of Iraq where he was battle tested and began to forge his reputation as a top-notch infantry Soldier. His sister Sarah was also deployed to Iraq at the same time; and

Whereas, Tyler also attended sniper school while deployed and helped his unit to a second-place finish at the 2005 International Sniper Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

Whereas, Tyler R. Gordy was selected from a team of West Point officers and cadets as the First Captain based on his outstanding record in underclass leadership positions during his first three years at the academy, his demonstration of leadership while serving in Iraq and for achieving the 2009 Cadet Basic Training, "King of Beast"; and

Whereas, Tyler assumed his duties as First Captain on August 10, 2009 and is in command of roughly 4,400 Army cadets; and

Whereas, Tyler received the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained while deployed at Mosul with the "Strike" Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor device for his actions during deployment; and

Whereas, Tyler has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Professional Development Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon; and

Whereas, Tyler R. Gordy is described by fellow cadets and senior commanding officers as being, "a calm, collected and quiet NCO, completely professional in all he does and expected to become a great platoon leader with his exceptional reputation within the Corps of Cadets".

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Known That on this 8th day of December, 2009 the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in commending First Captain, Tyler R. Gordy for his many achievements and for his service to our country in the United States Army. This Commendation is awarded with special pride from "Grandpa", Supervisor Rocky Rockholm.

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