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SALUTING WISCONSIN'S VETERANS

Thanking and recognizing the Wisconsin men & women who served our country



**NAME:** Rick Kemp

**DIVISION:** D Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

**T**he late Specialist Rick Kemp was an Army Ranger who was part of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, an elite light infantry unit. He was deployed almost continuously in the War on Terror, including twice to Iraq. He served as a rifleman, and due to the sensitive nature of his work, many of the details of his deployments and missions remain classified. He was highly decorated, receiving the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, Army Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal as well as others medals and badges.

He joined the Army in 2008, announcing to his family over college break that he would not be returning to school because he wanted to join the military. His father remembers: "His dream was to be a Ranger in special ops, and he became one."

Rick passed away in January 2011, in Fort Lewis, WA, after an earlier parachute accident. His family established the Rick Kemp Foundation. It provides local scholarships to students and veterans and supports Horses for Heroes, an equine therapy program for veterans who have returned from combat with post traumatic stress syndrome and other difficulties.

We are thankful to Rick Kemp for his brave service and ultimate sacrifice for our country, and we are proud to honor him as a member on our Wisconsin Honor Roll.

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