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Our Grant Committee has completed the first round of financial awards and we are pleased to be able to help three families with a total of five surviving children for a total of \$27,516.00 in assistance.



Christian Hale-Barbret, proud son of PFC Mark A. Barbret
Hometown: Mount Clemens, MI
Award: \$3,600.00

PFC Mark A. Barbret, 22, was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea and lost his life on Oct. 14, 2004 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy in Ramadi, Iraq. Also killed was Staff Sgt. Omer T. Hawkins II. PFC Barbret and Nicole Hale had a son, Christian who was 3 years old at the time of his father's death.



Damian Weger, proud son of SPC Michael S. Weger
Hometown: Pascagoula, MS
Award: \$9,000.00

SPC Michael S. Weger was assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. SPC Weger lost his life on Oct. 12, 2004 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle in Baghdad. Also killed were Capt. Dennis L. Pintor and Spc. Jaime Moreno. He joined the Army after the terrorist attacks on September 11th.



Rachelle Arroyave, proud wife of SSG Jimmy Arroyave
Hometown: Woodlands, CA
Award: \$14,916.00

SSG Arroyave, died in a non-combat related vehicle accident northeast of Ramadi, Iraq, on April 15, 2004 he served with Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and was 30 years of age. He leaves behind his wife Rachelle and three small children. Rachelle was expecting during her husband's deployment with Jimmy, Jr. who will never have the opportunity to meet his father.

We thank all who contribute to our efforts to help families of our U.S. Military. To the families of our brave, one of the most valuable and precious things that we have been guaranteed is the "gift" of freedom and we have your service member to thank for that. We also thank you for all your sacrifices at home; you are heroes to us all.