

(152) Rachyll

Sun, 16 August 2015 17:21:27

It's August 2015 and we are updating the website (to try and protect it from spam bots). I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for your tributes, memorials, and continued to support. To-date we have been able to offer five different scholarships to people pursuing higher education in the helping professions. 100% of those scholarships have come from your kindness! Thank you!

(151) Bill Klingenberg

Tue, 16 June 2015 08:37:39

Hi Jim,

You are always with me.

Thank you again for all you did for me, and for all of us.

Love, Bill

(150) Hillary McAllister

Thu, 7 May 2015 06:18:16

Eleven years ago today. I miss and love you.

W.girl

(149) Hillary McAllister

Wed, 7 May 2014 06:13:06

You've been gone 10 years! Always missed my beloved.

W.girl

(148) Hillary

Sat, 11 January 2014 19:05:37

Happy Birthday my love.

W.girl

(147) Rachyll

Sun, 26 May 2013 16:26:38

Thank you to everyone who continues to post here, remember my father, and to all of you who have so generously donated to the JDF to keep our scholarship program afloat!

RD

(146) Betty Kramer

Mon, 13 May 2013 07:26:14

Remember you today and always

Say hello to my dad Buddy Kramer.

Ya'll would have gotten along

Miss you both

Betty

(145) Tracy Green

Thu, 18 April 2013 18:07:00

What an amazing man and father he seems to have been. There is no greater testament to a man's life than to have the admiration and respect of his children. Thank you for all the support your family has provided for others through his military service, the writings of Rachyll, the love extended to others through his family, and the gift of the scholarship program set up in his name. May God continue to bless your family and bring you His peace everyday in your lives.

Tracy

(144) William J Klingenberg
Mon, 30 May 2011 16:59:30
Always, Doc, Always.

(143) Maureen Hunsaker
Tue, 26 April 2011 15:38:00

I stumbled upon this site while I was researching scholarships. Jim's picture was posted on that page. You can literally see the love in his eyes. I had to learn more about him. I am sad that such a wonderful man had to die too early in life. We need more men like him. I did not have a dad in my life and I am envious of Rachyll. However, I have a wonderful husband and he is a great father to our children. For that, I am truly grateful and can understand a little of how Mr. Dempsey must have been. Thank you for sharing a little bit about him with us.

(142) Hillary
Tue, 11 January 2011 15:31:40
Thinking of you on your birthday. Miss you everyday. W. girl

(141) Rachyll B. Dempsey
Sat, 27 November 2010 21:52:46

I am happy to say that the guestbook is working!! Thank you to everyone who continues to leave messages. Please contact me if you would like to receive brochures to pass along to anyone who may be interested. rdempsey@docdempsey.com

RD

(140) Greg Dunne
Wed, 9 June 2010 06:21:22

I stumbled across this site while searching for former friends and acquaintances, not really certain that this was the Jim Dempsey I was searching for. Once I read the comments from his friends and loved ones, I knew I found him, but much too late. I met Jim in 1974 when he was assigned recruiting duty at Valley Stream, New York. As I recall, Jim was an E-6 at the time and I was a 1 Lt. assigned as the 1st ID Unit of Choice Recruiting Officer. We became friends and I would visit him at the recruiting station almost daily either enroute to, or from, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. I knew absolutely nothing about recruiting, but Jim took me under his wing, made me a better officer and contributed significantly to my success. Jim had such a magnificent personality and was always a joy to be around, regardless of the circumstances. His optimism was infectious, his sense of humor contagious. Above all, he was professional, dedicated, loyal and very brave. May God bless Jim, his family and friends.

(139) BETTY KRAMER
Thu, 13 May 2010 14:06:45

HAS IT BEEN SIX YEARS SO MANY TIMES I REMEMBER YOU AND I POP IN AND SMILE.

YOU MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE ON SO MANY LIVES. REMEMBER THAT!!!

BK

(138) Hillary

Thu, 6 May 2010 19:27:48

Six years ago this was our last night together.

Miss you everyday. It does get a little easier as time passes. I would give anything for just one more sunset with you.

Love always, Hillary

(137) Rachyll

Tue, 23 March 2010 21:14:06

This site was recently hacked - just wanted to thank Hillary for letting me know. If anyone sees anything wrong with this site, or has suggestions, please let me know. Also, feel free to pass on the word that we are accepting donations and plan to start giving out scholarships next year if possible. Love to everyone who visits.

(136) Joann

Tue, 19 January 2010 16:32:59

I think of you often Jim and hope that you and the Chief are now enjoying each other and keeping everyone in line like you guys used to do!! I miss you both so much.

(135) Dave Dwyer

Mon, 18 January 2010 11:09:35

always fondly remembered around the 69th's campfires

(134) BETTY KRAMER

Mon, 18 January 2010 10:35:28

RACHYLL,

THANKS FOR THE WEBSITE AND FORUM TO HONOR YOUR DAD. I COULD NOT GET INTO THE JOE JACKSON WEBSITE FOR SOME TIME MAY BE MY COMPUTER.

ANYWAY, YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM ME AT A LATER TIME WITH SOME INFO ON YOUR DAD. BUT AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW HE WAS A GIANT AMONG MEN WITH A HEART TO MATCH.

WE WERE LUCKY AND BLESSED TO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY HIM.

TAKE CARE,

BETTY KRAMER

(133) Gonzo

Tue, 19 January 2010 05:52:19

o.k., what luck...i'd been unaware of this site, thank you for touching base with me. wow, it has been

a while but my mentor comes up in many, many of my conversations. tall tells he shared but la raza was too closed minded to listen. at one time i was satisfied to be a paramedic, then jimbo came along...so i went on the fly with halo and i re-uped with my beloved navy as a corpsman and i to got to feel what it was like to be 'doc'. all this inspired by jimbo, the studying, the service to others, others before self...he brought out the boy scout in me everyday. thank you senior for the constant inspiration. you are missed but your positive influence will live on in every lesson i teach. thank you so much for bringing to laredo what was in other places long before...you were an open book, you had an open mind and you opened your heart to all of us. we who were touched by you are better because of it. BENDICIONES amigo, BENDICIONES.
Gonzo...

(132) Rachyll

Sun, 17 January 2010 22:32:02

I am thrilled that this is being made available by our hard working team at Bennett Consulting. Thank you for all of your hard work! I send thanks too for anyone choosing to continue to keep this guestbook alive!

(131) Hillary

Sat, 29 August 2009 00:00:00

Miss you everyday Mr. D.

W. Girl

(130) Cathy Costa-Morris

Sat, 4 July 2009 00:00:00

Still think of you often and know you are smiling on me with my three raucous boys ... I'm so glad to be in touch with Rachyll too, hope to share my stories with her in person someday!

(129) Rachyll Dempsey

Sat, 4 July 2009 00:00:00

For all who still visit - I woke up inspired for a biography this morning and am hoping that everyone will send me stories about Dad. Specifically - how he effected you (or someone else) and what that person went on to accomplish, be, etc. Please visit www.docdempsey.com as I am starting the foundation. Love always...

(128) BETTY KRAMER

Fri, 8 May 2009 00:00:00

YOU STILL HOLD A PIECE OF MY HEART.

YOU ARE STILL REMEMBERED BY MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS.

MUCH LOVE,

(127) Hillary

Thu, 7 May 2009 00:00:00

Five years ago today. Always in my heart.

Hillary

(126) William J Klingenberg

Thu, 26 February 2009 00:00:00

Everyday, Doc, every day...

Thanks...

Bill

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(125) Hillary

Tue, 11 November 2008 00:00:00

Remembered with love on your birthday.

Hillary

(124) Hillary McAllister

Tue, 11 November 2008 00:00:00

Remembered with love on this Veteran's Day.

W. Girl

(123) Hillary

Sun, 19 October 2008 00:00:00

The falling leaves drift by the window

The autumn leaves of red and gold

I see your lips, the summer kisses

The sun-burned hands I used to hold

Since you went away the days grow long

And soon I'll hear old winters song

But I miss you most of all my darling

When autumn leaves start to fall.

(122) DaraDo Bo foana bana do nana

Wed, 10 September 2008 00:00:00

For numerous occasions I have thought & even dreamt of his voice and the smell of his stinky cigars, till this day I wish I could sniff again. My heart goes out to Rach. His beloved daughter. In memories I will forever keep his legacy in my heart as well as in my children's laughter, which will forever keep me smiling. I will dance in his sunlight amongst other memories I will share with my better half. I like to keep his mentality in my eyes and ears. As adult-hood approaches. He taught me about anatomy, math, including everything else I am proud to know. It was all because of him. Rach, I'd like to thank you for all of this, I know he is especially proud of you. :) besides we should all be dancing.

(121) Alex Drees

Fri, 18 July 2008 00:00:00

I only know of Mr. Dempsey through one of his daughters, Rachyll. If what I read on these pages and recollect from her talks about him is accurate, the world is a much greyer place without him. I am sorry to have not known him in person but due to you who shared him here, feel I know his spirit. Thank you for this opportunity. Alex

(120) Dean

Mon, 10 March 2008 00:00:00

I can't believe it's been four years. I remember the long talks Jim, Jerry, and myself used to have. Sometimes funny, Sometimes serious. Serious, that when I look back on them I realize he was trying to teach us without us feeling as though he was preaching. He was looking out for the both of

us . Jim, I listened. THANKS.

(119) BETTY KRAMER

Sun, 9 March 2008 00:00:00

DEMPSEY,

SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY YOU LEFT US. I MISS YOU TO THIS DAY. I KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING OVER ALL OF US. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MEMORIES.

(118) joe

Sat, 8 March 2008 00:00:00

4 YEARS AGO, MY BEST FRIEND LOST HIS BEST FRIEND. MY FAMILY HAS BEEN BLESSED HAVING KNOWN 'JIM, JIM DEMPSEY'.

(117) Mark

Fri, 7 March 2008 00:00:00

I sure miss the cigars, conversation and cribbage. I guess I have something to teach Patrick, Matt, Chris, Sean and Ryan in your memory.

Mark

(116) Donna

Fri, 7 March 2008 00:00:00

They say time eases the pain of loss, I don't believe it to be so true. You are missed just as much today as you were 4yrs. ago. There is not a day that goes by that you aren't thought of or spoken of by someone. What I wouldn't give for one more day of coffee and conversation. We love ya

(115) Hillary

Fri, 7 March 2008 00:00:00

Four years ago, was our last morning together. A hug, a kiss, a puff on your pipe and out the door you went. If only I could cross the bridge of time and be safe with you in your arms again.

Love as always,

(114) michelle b. pÃ©rez

Thu, 1 January 1970 10:58:33

....it's just been so very long now (which i still can't believe, as it feels like yesterday), but i figure that since you were never far from us before, and are never far from my mind now, you must still be watching over me...

even out there...

somewhere.

(but please don't worry too much about me and just take care of those who also love/miss you, too, and still live in the house that still has that little porch on rosario st... especially the sweet, grumpy old man with a silver mexican mustache, wearing red suspenders, who's missing a leg, answers to 'chief', and sits outside listening to a transistor radio with a dog named daisy, reading the 'laredo morning times' all day long, haha.)

and, if nothing else,

with all of these big things happening in my life right now, i'll just be happy if you could pretty-please send a little of that irish luck my way...!

<3,
micheLLe*

(113) michelle b. pÃ©rez
Thu, 1 January 1970 10:58:33

...my parents, 'little' mikie, & i still recount your tall tales with much joy and love whenever appropriate (& even when inappropriate, hehe); i think we still have an old bottle of irish cream liqueur you brought over one christmas somewhere in the fridge at home (that i never had the nerve to touch in front of my parents, haha). and i know that daddy still, on occasion, hears a thick knock and 'anybody home?? morning, chief!' on cool, sunny sunday mornings.

i still smile when i remember your telling of 'hallucinating funny things in the desert' back in the middle east, and of all things to imagine, the one thing you fantasized most often, even being so far away, 'in 100+ heat was hearing the windchimes hanging on a little porch on rosario st that always has a breeze', probably drinking coffee and eating semita, no less! Hehe

(112) michelle b. pÃ©rez
Thu, 6 March 2008 00:00:00
oh, mr. dempsey...

so you've finally stopped making cameos in my dreams. but now your memory is with me as i sit here, accidentally having stumbled upon this page (!) at 2am, missing my family asleep in laredo, & wide-awake in new orleans.

sigh.

you'd be so proud of me-
i'm doing well here at tulane, am aiding the recovery effort through education & service (this place still has a long way to go; how I wish you were here to see it, too), am thoroughly enjoying this beloved strange/sinful/soulful city, & am even behaving myself! (well, usually, haha.)

i think of you everytime i walk down decatur street & pass by the posh/pungent cigar lounges, full of robust men in cushy leather chairs (some even with handlebar mustaches), laughing heartily with a glass of scotch in hand!

(111) Hillary
Thu, 14 February 2008 00:00:00
Always my beloved.

H.

(110) Hillary McAllister
Sun, 11 November 2007 00:00:00
Your Birthday today. Miss and love you always but feel that you are at my side.

I'm sure Jim is very proud of Dionne and her accomplishment.

Hillary

(109) dionne neher
Sun, 11 November 2007 00:00:00
It's been awhile. Well Jim, I finally did it. I walked across the stage and received my diploma in

early education ec-4. I thought of you as they called my name. You were always proud of your daughter for going to college. I hope your proud of me! We sure do miss you around here. I miss your crazy lyrics to songs. Every time I smell a cigar I follow the scent and think of you. You will always be my father and I miss you everyday. I wonder if your watching over all of us.

(108) Hillary McAllister

Sun, 11 November 2007 00:00:00

Remembered with love on this Veteran's Day.

Love always,

Hillary

(107) Rachyll

Sat, 1 September 2007 00:00:00

I now work as a psychologist in San Quentin prison and every day share a bit of my father with each inmate that I see. I share his compassion, his ability to see the good in everyone. I share his strength, and value of seizing the joy from each day. And occasionally I'll share his story - his ability to overcome all the trials that life presented.

I write today because of his daughter, Dara's, post - because when I heard that Dad had accepted three little girls as his daughters I was thrilled - he had too much love in him for just one child. For me, it's not enough to miss him - I must celebrate his legacy through my everyday actions and interactions. Dara - my sister - I hope you dance... :)

(106) Earl A Callan

Sat, 25 August 2007 00:00:00

Vietnam 1967. I was feverish with malaria. Doc said give me your rifle and walk in front of me. Shots rang out, my world exploded, my face was in the dirt, I couldn't breathe. I finally realized that on the first shot Doc had knocked me to the ground and was lying on top of me to protect me. I can see him now rushing to someone's aid with a ton of gear. We miss you Doc.

(105) Dara Michelle Neher

Mon, 13 August 2007 00:00:00

As the days go by my grief and sorrow would never change my thoughts and memories of Jim. A more of a father like than my biological father. I will NEVER forget him or his famous egg amlets.:) I will NEVER forget him ever.

(104) nick

Thu, 21 June 2007 00:00:00

amazing how one can see in just words from others how good a person was without meeting him.

(103) BETTY KRAMER

Sat, 19 May 2007 00:00:00

WHEN PEOPLE ARE WITH US WE PRAY FOR THEM. ONCE THEY LEAVE WE PRAY TO THEM. DEMPSEY PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR US STILL DOWN HERE. WE MISS YOU!

(102) Jerry Dempsey

Sat, 12 May 2007 00:00:00

Three years. Can you believe you still have all these people thinking about you? I guess the roll over kiss my A-- goodbye saying is not working here. You made me laugh at Marys funeral. Just happen to be a civil war reanactment going on. I guess I know what you're doing on the other side.

Miss the old nasty cigar!!

(101) Bruce Miller Earle
Wed, 9 May 2007 00:00:00

It was good to hear from Hillary on 7 May. Her question of can you imagine it has been three years since we lost Jim, brought a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes. I really miss my dear friend Dempsey. No one will ever know what an impact Jim had on me and my life. With no doubt Jim was one of the most special people that God ever put on this earth. I miss you my dear friend and always will. You taught me to always soldier on and keep my ear to the ground. Rest in peace my brother. I will never forget you.

B M E
O & O

(100) Hillary
Mon, 7 May 2007 00:00:00

Three years have gone by! I love you and miss you everyday.

W. Girl

(99) Rachyll
Tue, 20 March 2007 00:00:00

Hi all who are reading this guestbook - I'd just like to let you all know that it makes me incredibly happy everytime I look at it and see how many people still think about and love my Dad...

(98) Edward Walsh
Sun, 18 March 2007 00:00:00

Hi Jim, We miss you a bunch Thinking back at the time we spent together as comrad in arms. I know that as long as you were there we did not have to worry. God bless you Brother ., You will never be forgotten, One year in Viet Nam, Brothers In Arms and, Band of Brothers, Ed Walsh B CO 2nd Bn 5th Cav 1st Cav Div Viet Nam 1966-1967 (Happy St Patricks Day Jim)

(97) Jerry
Sun, 18 March 2007 00:00:00
Happy St Patricks day!!
Its not the same without you.

(96) Hillary
Thu, 11 January 2007 00:00:00

Dear Dempsey,
Missing you on your Birthday, missing you everyday. I feel you near me everday.

Love,

White Girl

(95) Hillary
Fri, 10 November 2006 00:00:00

Remembered with love on this Veteran's Day.

W.Girl

(94) Hillary

Tue, 26 September 2006 00:00:00

I miss you everyday and laugh when I remember some of the crazy things we did together. You made the little things in life fun. Wish I could share this time with you, you are never far from my thoughts.

W.Girl

(93) Bruce Miller Earle

Fri, 16 June 2006 00:00:00

There is not a day that goes by that I do not reflect upon my friend Jim. He was truly a great American. Knowing him for sure made me a better person. All of us that knew him were blessed to have his friendship.

B M E

(92) Antonio Cantu Jr.

Sat, 3 June 2006 00:00:00

Hector Herrera,

Sorry about your brother Humberto passing away. My sincerest sympathies for you and your family.

(91) Betty Kramer

Thu, 18 May 2006 00:00:00

You may be gone but not forgotten.

(90) Hillary McAllister

Sun, 7 May 2006 00:00:00

When I see a bird fly over to the sea
And the sun in the sky is shining warm and free
And when I feel the wind blow cool over me
I think of you, think of you.'

Remembered with love on the second anniversary of our parting.

Hillary

(89) Mike & Joann

Tue, 28 March 2006 00:00:00

Jim, Well kid here we are and there you are still. We have been thinking of you so much, Mike even dreamed you again last night. You are still family Jim and we still miss you. Darn, St. Pats has come and gone again and we wanted to share it with you again. We still love and keep in touch with Hil, she is always going to be a keeper! God Bless, we miss you so very much. Love always, Mike, Joann, Michelle and Michael

(88) Hillary McAllister

Mon, 27 February 2006 00:00:00

I feel your presence every day.

love always,

H.

(87) Russell B. Millar
Mon, 30 January 2006 00:00:00
Thank You!

(86) Pat Wagner
Sun, 22 January 2006 00:00:00
Hey Jim, I was thinking about you today. God Bless You and thanks for being such a good friend to Joann and Mike. Hillary, I hope you and 'the cat' are doing OK. You're missed!

(85) Hillary McAllister
Wed, 11 January 2006 00:00:00
Loving thoughts of you on your birthday. I miss you so much.

Hillary

(84) Alice Ann
Sat, 19 November 2005 00:00:00
I've met a truly good man with the reading of a Cat from Hue. I'm so glad Doc survived Viet Nam and has spread his love and kindness to so many others. You have my deepest sympathy for losing such a wonderful man. Thanks for sharing. Alice Ann

(83) Cindy Phillips
Fri, 28 October 2005 00:00:00
I read about James 'Doc' Dempsey in Jack Lawrence's 'The Cat from Hue' and was amazed by his courage in the face of the danger of losing his life. I was so happy to hear that he was not a victim of Vietnam and was able to have a loving family to share his humor with. My condolences to all who knew him.

(82) Charanjeet Singh Gill
Tue, 4 October 2005 00:00:00
I have only known Doc Dempsey through John Lawrence book 'The Cat From Hue'. As i read the final concluding pages of the book i wished Doc had survived the war and the records on KIA were mixed up...so i followed up on the books website and was glad to see that Doc survived the war and continued to have a wonderful effect on peoples lives. I wish him well in the after life...God Bless.

(81) Art Salinas
Sun, 7 August 2005 00:00:00
My deepest condolences to the Dempsey Family.

Jim helped to save many lives here in south Texas with his establishment of HALO FLIGHT Air Ambulance. And his legacy continues to this day. With the closing of rural hospitals Jim saw a need for an emergency service to cover the large south Texas area. So Jim started an air ambulance service in Falfuras Texas. When I came to know Jim I was flying sick children from all over Texas to our hospital in an airplane, a long and hard process. Jim offered his helicopter service and drew plans out on a napkin. Jim's Legacy was borne over 600 sick children are transported to Corpus Christi and countless other traffic accident victims are saved by HALO FLIGHT every year. Jim Dempsey still saves lives in Texas.
To the Family of Jim Dempsey thank you for sharing this wonderful hero with all of us.

Art Salinas
Airlife4u@Yahoo.com
Corpus Christi, Texas

(80) Hillary McAllister
Mon, 30 May 2005 00:00:00
You are in my heart always.

Hillary

(79) Betty Kramer
Tue, 10 May 2005 00:00:00
Has it been a year? Seems like yesterday. I look at your picture often and remember how much you impacted so many lives. I am happy to have the memories.

Hasta....

(78) Jerry Dempsey
Sun, 8 May 2005 00:00:00
I cant believe its been a year!!!!
Not one day goes by without one of us having a JIM moment. WE MISS YOU. I hope the contract is going well.

(77) Hillary
Fri, 6 May 2005 00:00:00
Remembered with love.

Hillary

(76) Dionne Neher
Fri, 25 March 2005 00:00:00
Jim's death took everyone by surprise. The minute he passed on I got the phone call from his coworker. My mother Pamela and Jim dated for about 7 years. Jim was practically married to my mother and he was my father in my heart. I lived with Jim in New York for almost a year. That's when I met Hillary for the first time. She had a cute dog with her. I had a hard time dealing with their (My mother and Jim's) breakup. They both met wonderful people and moved on. While my little sister and I couldn't stand seeing my mother and Jim seperated. It felt like a divorce. It's taken me this long to write something in his guestbook. I'm still trying to cope with his death. I can still smell his cigars and hear him singing the unicorn song. He always came up with silly songs to make trips go faster. Jim and I had great memories and I look forward to seeing him in Heaven. I will always see him as my father and I love him dearly.

Love,
Dionne Neher

(75) Dara Michelle Neher
Fri, 25 March 2005 00:00:00
I was a huge part of Jim's life i grew up with him for 8 long and wonderful years. I feel pain everytime I speak of him, He was like a Father figure for me and my sister. I miss him and as for Rachel she is like a big sister to me I miss her too. God bless and may the sun shine brighten up your smile and your love I miss and love you Jim. And always will.

Sincerly Dara.

(74) Dara Michelle Neher

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Sincerly Dara.

(73) Charles Rockford

Sat, 26 February 2005 00:00:00

Jim was a great guy, who tried to do alot for the Jersey City Police department and 911. He will be greatly missed by the many who knew him here. They broke the mold.

(72) Hillary

Tue, 11 January 2005 00:00:00

Remembered with love on his birthday.

(71) Hillary

Thu, 11 November 2004 00:00:00

We remember Jim with love on this Veteran's Day. He was a soldier. He was a Hero.

(70) Amanda & Edward Smith

Tue, 10 August 2004 00:00:00

Our deepest sympathies to the family of James 'Doc' Dempsey. We are so sorry for your loss. It is with a heavy heart that I write this note. Thank you again Doc, for being there when my husband needed you so in Vietnam, and thank you for answering my request to see him again. We will always remember you as a wonderful, caring, loving man, who truly exemplified Loyalty and Courage. You will live on in the hearts of all us that you touched.

Hillary & Rachyll - 'May his Memory Be For a Blessing.'

Amanda & Ed

(69) Hillary

Fri, 18 June 2004 00:00:00

And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.'

Lover, Partner, Friend

Hillary

(68) John and Nan Jacobs

Sat, 12 June 2004 00:00:00

It was our pleasure to be able to 'meet' him even in this small way.

Truly he was a great man who will be missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

(67) Ana Silva

Mon, 7 June 2004 00:00:00

My deepest sympathies to his family and closest friends. I met Mr. Dempsey through our annual reenactment of Laredo's History and he was always very kind to me and the staff here at the Webb County Heritage Foundation. We will cherish his friendship forever.

(66) John D. Mann

Wed, 2 June 2004 00:00:00

More than a brother in arms, more than a brother mason, this man was and always will be, the best friend of my life.

(65) Ron McGovern

Wed, 2 June 2004 00:00:00

To the Dempsey Family,

I was very sorry to learn of Jim's death. In my mind Jim defined what it is to be a great man. He freely gave of himself to anyone who needed him and was loved and respected by all who knew him. What an example for the rest of us! The world is indeed a poorer place for his absence.

I had the good fortune to meet Jim through our mutual interests in the Civil War and our Irish heritage. Our living history association, the 69th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, 1st Regiment of the Irish Brigade, would come to learn that we who seek to portray the gentle Irish heroes of generations long past, had in Jim a gentle Irish hero of a recent generation in our ranks. We were honored that he joined us.

In my 'other life' as an Army Reservist, Jim became a mentor. I felt honored to be able to speak to a real hero about leadership. His counsel was precious to me. Jim very much embodied his regimental slogan 'Loyalty and Courage'.

Jim - you are loved and missed. Thanks for standing up for us in peace and war and blessing us with your presence. I know that now that you have passed into the next life, you will be greeted by your ancestors, comrades and friends who have missed you as much as we do now.

God Bless you my Friend

Ron McGovern

Major, U.S. Army Reserve

Captain, 69th Regiment, N.Y.S.V (Reenactors)

(64) Marjorie

Wed, 2 June 2004 00:00:00

I will never forget all the good times we shared in Riyadh and how I always teased you about those big cigars of yours. You were a joy to be with and a great friend who offered me elements of freedom in such a closed restrictive culture. They were good times leaving lasting wonderful memories. Thank you.

(63) Cathy Costa-Morris

Mon, 31 May 2004 00:00:00

I met Jim in 1998 in Saudi Arabia and will never forget his contagious smile and warm heart. Being a single female in Saudi didn't allow for much freedom, however Jim would ensure that myself and friend Margie (or whoever else I wanted to bring) always had a place to go to on the weekends where we were treated like queens! He listened to me like my Father and cared like he had known me for years. He spoke of his daughter Rachyll with such pride and love, I can only imagine what emptiness she is feeling now. My thoughts and prayers are with you. We were all blessed to have know this very special man you'll be missed, but I know you're smiling and watching over us with a fine cigar in hand thank you for being such a wonderful friend!

(62) JoanMarie Ingeneri

Mon, 31 May 2004 00:00:00

My thoughts and prayers are with the Dempsey family. Jimmy will be missed by all, may God Bless his family. The INGENERI Family

(61) Rothy Moseley

Tue, 25 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim was a good friend for many years. I will miss him very much, although he will always be in my heart. There are so many memories there isn't room for even a fraction of them here.

(60) Toni D. Dunne, ENP

Tue, 18 May 2004 00:00:00

I just learned of Jim's departure and am saddened in this loss for his family and friends in our 9-1-1 community.

Our paths crossed many times over the past 14 years, both on Texas soil as well as in New Jersey. He never seemed to meet a stranger, and always had a story to tell... often with a twinkle in his eye. He will be greatly missed.

(59) Tom Olsen

Tue, 18 May 2004 00:00:00

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Dempsey family. Jimmy is a hero in every sense of the word, not only for what he did in the service of his country, but for how he lived his life.

Tom Olsen

Major, U.S. Army

(58) Michael Astuto

Tue, 18 May 2004 00:00:00

I am so sorry to here of the Dempsey loss. I only met Jim once, but that is all the time needed to know that he was a great man. I am truly sorry again.

(57) Servando Rodriguez, Laredo 911 Comm. Center

Mon, 17 May 2004 00:00:00

Thank you for being such a Great Leader, but most importantly for being such a Great Friend! It was an honor to have crossed paths during our life time and I hope to see you in the future. Your guidance and knowledge has inspired me to continue to excel on anything that Life will lead me to. Thank you for your understanding.

My condolence to Hilary , Rackell and the rest of the Dempsey family.

I will really miss you Mr. D.

(56) Dennis Warszona

Mon, 17 May 2004 00:00:00

My deepest condolences to the loss of one of the worlds greatest persons.

I served with him in Nam and I can surely say that Jim was a great person. Always helping everyone. He also was one of the bravest men I have ever known as he repeatedly placed himself in jeopardy to assist someone else.

The world has been lessened by his loss.

My prayers go out to his family and friends.

God speed, old friend.

(55) James Alonzo

Mon, 17 May 2004 00:00:00

Mr. James Dempsey was a true American hero and a great leader. My condolences go out to the Dempsey family. I am saddened by the loss; but I have good memories of the man that taught us to set high goals for ourselves. We are all the better for having known James Dempsey.

(54) Jim Rose

Mon, 17 May 2004 00:00:00

My condolences to the Dempsey family. I do remember him. That was a long time ago when I was just a little kid. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Jim Rose

(53) Edmund Scalzo

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

I was very sorry to hear about Jimmy. I knew him in his growing up years in North Babylon, N.Y. He was a wonderful boy, and we were all proud of him.

(52) Audrey Olsen

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

My condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Dempsey family. I remember Jimmy as a big brother to the neighborhood where we grew up. He was a wonderful man. We will all miss him.

(51) Laura Scalzo

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

To the family of Jim Dempsey... Although no words of sympathy can ease the loss you bear, may you find some comfort in the thought that others care... You will all remain in my thoughts and prayers..

(50) Walter (Buddy) Olsen

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

My condolences to the Dempsey family. Jimmy was a great guy.

(49) R. V. Tijerina

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim always had a positive outlook in life. I remember him coming in to the office, full of energy and a big grin, which one could barely see under that mustache. He was always ready to give a helping hand to friend or stranger. He will be missed.

(48) Arlene Olsen Cadel

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to Dempsey family and all who were close to Jim. Jimmy (as we knew him) was one of the older kids in the neighborhood where we grew up and always seemed to watch out for all of us. He always had a smile, a laugh and a kind word for everyone. When he was in Viet Nam, we all kept our fingers crossed and said prayers that he would be ok. Looks like James Dempsey the man was just as special as Jimmy Dempsey the kid.

His memory will always be alive in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him. He will never be forgotten.

(47) Donald Scalzo

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

i just got word that jim had passed words cannot express how this loss affects me i knew him all my life all though we have not seen each other for many years he was one of the reasons i joined the marine corp him and john wayne that is one time when he was back from nam after being wounded i asked him why he was going back and he said as long as my brothers need me i will go back how many people do you know or will ever know would actually live what they say . i ran out of room god bless you jim and your family ill miss you

(46) Gloria Scalzo

Sun, 16 May 2004 00:00:00

My deepest sympathy to Jim's family and friends. Heartfelt prayers and love go out to you all. I picture him always with a smile.

(45) Ken Yoder

Sat, 15 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim, thank you for being a friend and for being there when needed. I'll miss you my friend, but I'm sure we will meet again.

(44) Brandon Wade Wintters

Sat, 15 May 2004 00:00:00

Farewell old soldier and good friend. I will miss you greatly and I look forward to meeting you again in the next life.

(43) Mr. & Mrs. Frank C. Zito Sr.

Sat, 15 May 2004 00:00:00

sorry for your loss, i know jimmy will be missed.

(42) Dan DeLong

Sat, 15 May 2004 00:00:00

Jack's family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

Dan & Kathy

(41) Michael

Fri, 14 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim was truly a humble, but very great man.

Mike Horgan

(40) Gary Cornett

Fri, 14 May 2004 00:00:00

His story telling, his humor, his pipe smoking and his comradery will be missed around the campfires.

2nd Sgt., Co K, 6th Texas

(39) Dave Bryson

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Doc' never hesitated to repeatedly put his life on the line to help the wounded. He touched many lives. I am proud that I had the chance to serve with him and to call him 'Brother-in-Arms.' Loyalty & Courage! Dave Bryson, Loyal Prince Six-India, B Co, 2 Bn. 5th Cav Rgt, 1st Cav Div 1966-1967

(38) Ian L. Straus

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

On behalf of co. K, 6th Texas Infantry (reanactors),
We have lost a friend and brother in Jim Dempsey's passing.

(37) Steve E. Landin, Training District Chief Laredo Fi

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim 'JimBo':

You have inspired me to set my goals and have given me your opinion and guidance in achieving them. Discussions with you in my office always seemed to get me back on track towards my future. I will miss your thoughts and guidance for many years to come. I do know however that you are in a better place.

The City of Laredo has lost a Great Leader and the Heavens have recieved you.

(36) Mark McCollum

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim,

I can easily say you WILL be missed by your Law Enforcement/9-1-1 Emergency Communications Family. You were a powerful voice for all those that needed one and/or were too afraid to voice their concerns. You always wanted the best of things for your 9-1-1 Staff at the Laredo Police Department as well as the great and wonderful citizens of Laredo, Texas. I had the privilege of meeting you on a professional level, which evolved into a friendship as we lunched together at the Texas APCO Spring conference a mere month and half ago. I will remember you as a strong leader and only hope that one day I will be as strong as you. Take care my friend.....until we meet again! Hillary it was a pleasure to meet you and I am sorry for your loss. Jim always talked great things about his family, so as they wish I will rejoice in his memory and it was a pleasure meeting him.

(35) Becky Stewart

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

On behalf of the Texas APCO Chapter, we extend our condolences to all of Jim's family and friends. He will be greatly missed in our Public Safety Communications Family as well.

(34) Bill Klingenberg

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

I do not know where to begin....

I waited to long, I owe Jim Dempsey, more than I can ever explain and more than I could ever repay...

In addition to all the other things he did for all of us, I owe him my life, not for his usual skills as our medic, but for a moment in time, when he did for me, the the right thing, at exactly the right time.

December 21st, 1966 on an LZ about 4-5 kilometers north of the firebase, Oasis, the 17 members of first platoon landed. On line at, the far left, I found a spider-hole and an NVA with an AK47.

My weapon jammed, his didn't- for 75-80 rounds- while I lay tangled six feet away. After the day ended, and the NVA dead, I obsessed on that AK. After repeated attempts on my part to retrieve it

from the platoon CP, Jim grabbed me, threw me to the ground and strangled me. I finally tapped him on the arm and said, 'Thanks... I'm ok now'.... Are you sure?'... ' Me-'Yeah, I'm ok'. He let me up and we talked for some time...

In thirty-seven and a half years, not a week has passed, without thinking of Jim and the kindness he did for me that day. It brought me to my senses in many more ways than I can say. I will never be able to express the abiding sadness I feel at his passing. I will carry him in my heart forever.

Thank You Jim, for everything.

(33) Paul Schwiegeraht

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Medic! and Dempsey would be off like a shot, answering the call, Dempsey as much infantryman as medic, I showed him how to fire my 81mm mortar & he never forgot it, singing 'Danny Boy' for us so wonderful the brass in the rear heard it and flew him back for ST. Pats Day. Our call sign in Nam 'Loyal Prince' Jim truly was a loyal prince of America and our Dreamcatchers are working overtime as we're flooded w/memories, I was sure looking forward to the 2005 reunion at Ft. Hood & giving ya a big hug! Loyalty & Courage, B Co. 2/5th Cav, 1st Cav Div Vietnam 1966-67, Loyal Prince 4/6 India, Swig, Out!

(32) Patsy Greiner

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Mr. Jim surely was an honest and forthright person of ethical stature and infinite surprises. I am sure his absence here on earth will leave a huge hole in the lives of many - but memories he leaves with us will cause the hole to overflow. His desire to ensure everyone's life is safer resulted in many positive improvements to the 9-1-1 program. I only recently was blessed with seeing the many facets of his enormous life, but I have been aware of his professionalism for several years. My sympathies to all who knew him personally.

(31) Robert Carter

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim,

This world is poorer for your passing, but far richer for your life. You were in a class of your own.

The camp of the 69th NYSV will be quieter and hungrier without you. It was a privilege to be your comrade and friend.

As I said in my last letter to you, you are sorely missed.

Lux eterna.

(30) Patty DuBois

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

Goodbye Jim. Thank you for your service to this country and for bringing happiness to my dear friend Hillary. Perhaps we shall meet one day.

(29) Donna Gomez

Thu, 13 May 2004 00:00:00

My prayers and condolences go out to Jame's family.

(28) M Hinojosa

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

Although Mr. Dempsey was our manager for a very short time, he accomplished many things for us. He made our center more professional, and gave us a sense of pride in ourselves. I think all of us can agree that he was a great person and we will miss him very much. My condolences to his family and friends. He will truly be missed.

(27) Diana Castaneda

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

I Will always remember Mr.Dempsey as a kind,generous person who not only touch my life but my children as well. He was my instructor who always encouraged me to do and be the best in everthing. My condolences to his family. I will always remember him with his cigar and making people laugh with his jokes. Thank you Mr.Dempsey, I am whom I am today because of you.

(26) Sandra Harriger

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

Christina, Kyle and I loved Jim very much he always had good advice to give my children and I.

Gods Speed

Keep The Faith

(25) Gabriel Perez

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

The Gabriel Perez Family had the great honor of calling Jim Dempsey our friend. We will never forget him, he will always be remembered with love and a smile in our hearts. He was the brother I was lacking and the friend I was needing. Our trust and loyalty was so great that we both had each other's house keys. Most importantly, Jim and Hillary were my children's favorite baby sitters. Our condolences to the Dempsey and McAllister families.

'I will miss going to the movies with you, Amigo. Thanks for the memories.' Love...Gabe

(24) Christina Fracchia

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim,

Your memory will continue to place smiles on our faces, just like you did whenever your presence was near. May you continue to waltz thru your journey. May the Lord Bless and Strengthen the Dempsey family.

(23) Mark D.

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

Although I only knew Jim for a couple of years, we were kindred spirits in Civil War reenacting as well as military service. Twice he served 'under my command' for the wild and woolly shoot-'em-ups in the streets of Laredo and we straggled together up and down the hills of Tennessee when we reenacted the Battle of Murphreesboro last year. Only last month, we discussed what we were going to do when we got too old to march with the young (below 50 years old) troopers. He will be so sorely missed.

All my prayers,

Mark D. 'Pete' Gunn, Major, USAF (retired)

2nd Corporal, Company K, 6th Texas Volunteer Infantry, CSA

(22) Ron Haussecker

Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim, we worked on alot of EMS Legislation in Texas for the betterment of the Paramedics and EMS of the future in Texas and elsewhere and we accomplished alot. You always told it like it was. I'll

miss your smiling face, and you chewing on that cigar. So hear's a toast to you ol friend.
Ron Haussecker
Executive Director
Washington County EMS
SGT. USAF 474th Tactical Fighter Wing.

(21) Robert Mireles Jr.
Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00
Our sincerest condolences to the family of Jim Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey was like a brother in our family of Police Officers. His professionalism and caring demeanor will be greatly missed among our brother officers.

Again, our condolences to the family, from the Laredo Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 911.

(20) America
Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00
I had a great priviledge in having met Mr. Dempsey. There is too much that can be said about this charismatic and professional individual and we as a community are lucky to have made his acquaintance. Your legendary story will not be forgotten. Thanks for the friendship and intellectual perspective of life. To the Dempsey family my sincerest condolences. God Bless You!

(19) Kevin Mc Cready
Wed, 12 May 2004 00:00:00
Jim, may your journeys continue.
Go soirbhi Dia Dhuit, mo chara.

(18) pnina
Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00
I want to express my sincere condolences to Hillary and the family of Jim Dempsey. I am sorry for your loss. Perhaps God was feeling a bit dismayed last week by the state of current affairs and wanted to host an honored guest, sit back, toast, and laugh a little and marvel at it all...
If this is the case, it seems he couldn't have chosen a finer man.
SHalom from Israel...
Pnina

(17) David Dwyer
Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00
Jim and your family will forever be in our hearts and prayers, and his memory will live,as long as we camp on the old tenting ground. We drank from the same canteen.RIP my old Pard

(16) Raul Gonzalez, Jr.
Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00
Jimbo was a great inspiration, he was 'The class act'. Rode a couple of missions with him at Halo III always looked towards working with someone who knew how Blessed and Special his talents were. His giving ways earned respect and I'm sure his place in Heaven. My heartfelt condolences to the Dempsey family...which by my count numbered in the thousands because of Jimbo's willingness to give of himself.
May God Bless You All

Raul Gonzalez, Jr.

(15) GRACIE RODRIGUEZ

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

RACHYLL, I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOST.

I KNEW YOUR FATHER WHEN HE WAS IN SINTON. ANY ONE WHO KNEW DEMPSEY, KNEW HIM EXACTLY AS YOU DESCRIBED HIM IN THE OBITUARY. HE WAS TRULY A REMARKABLE PERSON.

MAY THE LORD CARRY YOU AND THE FAMILY THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

(14) Paul A. Tabor

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

(13) Edward Walsh

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim will never be forgotten, The Big Irish ked from N.Y.

'Gods Speed Jim'

From your Brothers,

B co 2nd Bn 5th Cav

1st Cav Div

(12) Kevin Ryan

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Jim will be missed but never forgotten. I can not recall a memory of him talking to us around the campfire where we weren't laughing.

(11) John R. Toups, Sr. PM

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Betty and i's deepest Condolences I was with him in the Halo flight and a brother in the lodge Laredo has lost another outstanding person.

(10) Rose Robateau

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Sorry for your loss, he was a great man who touched my heart and everyone's heart here.

Respectfully,

The Calltakers in Jersey City

(9) Kevin Treacy

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

My sympathies to the Dempsey family.

Jim, as an Irishman you'll appreciate the old saying; 'may you have reached heaven half an hour before the devil knew you were dead'

Rest in peace friend.

(8) Belinda Sanchez, Laredo Fire Department

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

May Jim's memories give you Strength, Peace and Comfort. We had the pleasure to come in contact as long as we did with such a wonderful, sweet, and lovely person. He would always makes us laugh and always had clever words to say.

(7) Lisa Sanford

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Let's all raise a glass to Jim Dempsey....a jokster, a storyteller, a hero, a lover, a friend, and most of all, a man with a heart the size of Texas. He lived life to the fullest and encouraged everyone else to do the same.

My condolences to his family and to anyone who never had the pleasure of knowing Jim. I'll love him always.

(6) Michael Zito

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

To all who knew Jim Dempsey he was a great man always putting you and your needs before his own selfless service one of the 7 army values that he practice always I was not privilage to know him my whole life i meet my uncle when i was about 10 and he had a big part of my life since and my army life. He was a great man, freind, brother, father and uncle he will be miss always but you can be sure his irish eyes will be shining down on all of us.

Pvt Michael A Zito

Airborne

(5) Ivan Perez

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

(4) Gabe Lozano

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

My prayers are with the Dempsey family. Jim was a joyous person who could always bring a smile to any face. I will always remember his willingness to help people eventhough he really did not have to. His acts were that of a divine source. He made his surroundings a better place and I have no doubt that he is doing the same now.

Gabe Lozano

Laredo, Texas

(3) Hilda Negrete

Tue, 11 May 2004 00:00:00

Mr. Dempsey was a true hero in everyones eyes. He celebrated each day like there was no tomorrow. I don't think he had one single regret. There will be a huge void within our department that no one will ever be able to fill. He will live in my heart forever. My deepest sympathies to his family for their loss as well as ours.

Hilda Negrete

Laredo Police Department

(2) Betty Kramer-Gerhart

Mon, 10 May 2004 00:00:00

To: Dempsey's Family and Friends in Laredo.

There is an old saying that goes:

'You are never really gone as long is there is someone around to remember you.' As many lives as Dempsey touched,mine included,he will live on in our hearts forever.

The angels met him not with harp and trumpets but with bagpipes and drums.

Dempsey gave his all for everyone he touched it is now up to those of us left behind to carry on.

My thoughts,prayers and condolences are with those closest to him.

(1) Nathan & Trina Bratton

Mon, 10 May 2004 00:00:00

You were a great friend and a generous and loving person. You will be sorely missed. God bless you and your family at this sorrowful time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.