



The Takeoff- November 2020

I never met Zach and I didn't know Zach...**but I know of Zach**...of his joy for life, of his love of family, and of his dedication to **LIVING HIS BEST LIFE**. I have known of Zach since he was a baby through my good friend and Zach's father, John. As a child, John spoke of Zach as a happy kid who loved sports and his friends. As Zach matured, he took a detour from the traditional college experience, Zach had pursued to become a patriot serving his country. John shared Zach's adventures in the Navy from travel to friendship to excellent work as a Boatswain's Mate. John was always boastful and proud of his son's accomplishments. I shared with John that those are traits nurtured during quality parenting. Next for Zach came Embry Riddle and a career as a commercial airline pilot...Zach's knowledge, experiences and dedication made him a perfect candidate...and of course, he excelled in classes and training.

And then came that fateful day in April 2018 when I got the call from John, we cried together as he shared his grief of a life cut way too short, and of a loving son who had found his path and on his way to attain his goals. We also knew early on that Zach would leave a *legacy*...we didn't know what that meant, but we knew it would happen!

At Zach's memorial, I listened to accolades and stories from family and friends about Zach. Those events broadened my awareness of *The AMAZING ZACH*, more of a superhero than mere mortal whose powers are LOVE, JOY & LAUGHTER! And like all great superheroes, he used his powers to do the GREATEST GOOD. This is the Legacy of Zach! Two and a half years have passed and the legacy lives on in the great work of the foundation and the continued loving connections in Zach's name.

I am personally very GRATEFUL to Zach for showing me how to LIVE MY BEST LIFE!

Thanks!

Love, Reggie Caldwell