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A Life Given In Service

Kevin Reinhard '05

On January 19, 2012, a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, killing the six Marines on board. Among them was Cpl. Kevin James Reinhard, St. Joe's Class of 2005, who was on his second tour of duty and only weeks away from returning home. He was 25 years old. In that moment, Kevin became the first graduate of St. Joseph High School to die while serving in a combat zone.



Kevin was the helicopter's crew chief. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2008, feeling an unrelenting call to serve his country.

In the days, weeks, and months that followed, the tributes, honors and outpouring of love and support from the community served as testimony to the kind of person Kevin was. His funeral was attended by hundreds, the procession by thousands including residents of Colonia, his hometown. Members of the St. Joe's faculty and student body were also in attendance. A scholarship, which will benefit St. Joseph High School students,

was started in his name, and a Colonia street was renamed "Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Way" in his honor.

Kevin touched the lives of so many and wore many hats, among them a loving son and brother, a caring friend, a fierce volleyball player, and an honorable Marine. Kevin still lives on in the lives he touched and the memories they have. He is a Falcon downed, but still soaring.

In Memoriam...

"I remember Kevin, who played front row middle, as one of those run-through-a-brick-wall kind of guys. He didn't settle for being just the average kid. He worked very hard. He was very fiery with a good personality. You heard him talking on the bus, just engaging everybody."

– Miguel Cabrita '91, Volleyball Coach



"I taught Kevin as a senior and he was a typical St. Joes guy: solid, dependable and all around good kid. May God continue to

bless his family and may God continue to bless America" – Deacon Rich McCarron, Teacher



"As Dean of Students at that time, I remember Kevin for his personality, his volleyball and his being one of the ones I didn't have to worry about to get into trouble. He spoke of the military and a desire to go into it." – John Anderson '70, now Principal



"I had spoken to Kevin about the Marine Corps on many occasions. It was clear from the beginning that Kevin was a Patriot. He was a tribute to all that is good in our nation." – Tom Scarano, Teacher

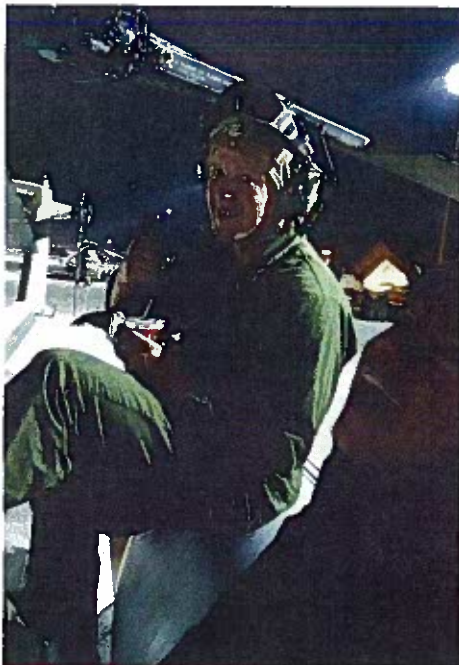
"Kevin was my counselee. He was a wonderful kid. He used to come in 2-3 times a week during the day and/or after school before volleyball games. He would always make me laugh. What a great kid! He is truly missed!" – Joan Gold, Guidance Counselor



"Back in 2004, I was very close to Kathleen, Kevin's sister. Kevin and I were always friendly but never had a close bond. One day I was out in front of their house in Colonia and I was having trouble with my car. Kathleen was inside working on something. Kevin comes outside and looks down at what I'm doing. He laughs and then asks what the problem was. After explaining it to him, he jumps down on the ground, looks under the car, checks my wires,



then says, "come on." We went to the store, got the parts, and then Kevin showed me how to fix it. This was indicative of Kevin's personality. If it was mechanical, Kev was the first to jump in and lend a hand." – Dan Roth, Friend



"Cpl. Kevin Reinhard is one of the reasons that I am a successful Marine today. I was fortunate enough to be joining around the same time period he was, and he guided and mentored me in the beginning steps of my career before I left for boot camp. He got me physically in shape and mentally by giving me the tough love that is used every day by Marines around the world. Thanks, Kevin." – Cpl. Matthew A. Mascolo, USMC



"I have so many rich memories of Kevin's days at St. Joe's and thereafter. One is academic: Kevin received the Religious Studies Award for each of his four years, which is a testimony both to his academic effort and to the daily living out of his Christian commitment here at St. Joe's. My other striking Kevin story is that, as a freshman, Kevin took to cooking at home with his dad, mom, and his awesome sister, Kathleen. I was the beneficiary of his culinary interests because he made a delicious birthday cake for me as a freshman and did the same every year since! This did not end with his joining the Marines. When Kevin was at boot camp, and in Afghanistan, his sister Kathleen baked me the cake under Kevin's direction. That yearly delicious cake took on very special meaning when it arrived this year, several months after we had lost Kevin



in Afghanistan. Like our awesome student, Kevin Reinhard, that cake truly was heaven-sent through his indomitable spirit living on in Kathleen and in all of us here at St. Joe's." – Brother Matt Scanlon, S.C., Teacher

"I met Kevin through mutual friends while we were classmates at St. Joe's from 2001-2005; and I'm very thankful that I did. I can remember the first time we really got to talking and he told me about his spot on the volleyball team. Naive at the time, I kind of looked at him and questioned, "Wait, we have a volleyball team? How does that work...we're not a co-ed school?" Kevin, confident as he always was, just gave me a bit of a smirk and said, "Yeah man, we're pretty good; you should come watch." And the rest really is pretty much history. I can recall the menagerie of cars Kevin had during our high school days and his innate desire to tinker with them "here and there", as well as the exact spot just beyond the parking lot behind the cafeteria where our group of friends would meet every morning before heading in for break-



fast. But even after high school, our friendship remained. From the value of living life fully to the necessity of never forgetting to laugh loudly for a while, Kevin Reinhard taught me a lot of things without me ever really knowing it. One lesson I learned from the way he lived his life that I will always remember is how important it really is to live

our lives selflessly in the pursuit of helping others. You don't meet many real, true friends along the winding road of life, but when you do, it's something that's really precious." – Jeremiah Sullivan '05, Friend and Classmate

"Kevin had a way of making his presence known when he entered a room. His laugh was unique and his smile contagious. He valued life and lived his to the fullest. He was a wonderful son, loving brother, and brave Marine. He always made us laugh. He would find the good in someone when others found it hard to do." – Kathleen R. Reinhard, Mother



"I know I will be able to find solace in the fact that my brother and I shared a bond that many siblings never achieve. Even when we fought, if one of us needed help, support, or encouragement, the other was always there and we were always able to make one another laugh. We did not share the same friends, but we never had an issue going out with one another and were always able to fit in with each other's social circles. I have not met many other siblings who share the unconditional love that Kevin and I have for each other. Kevin could light up your day. He had this fantastic way of giving a hug that involved picking my feet



up off the ground and spinning me around while squeezing me so hard the breath left my lungs in a squeak. He often forgot cards and presents for birthdays, and I always knew to get something that said "from the both of us;" but, when he did remember he went all out. He only believed in giving the best to people, so when he couldn't afford to buy the best he gave what he had – the best of himself, which was better than any tangible object." – Kathleen M. Reinhard, Sister

A memorial Facebook page, "In Memory of Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard" has been set up by his friends and family, so that people can offer their tributes to Kevin and share their memories of him. The page can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/176040819170360/>

Photos are courtesy of the Reinhard family.

Tribute Volleyball Game

On May 1, 2012, the St. Joe's Volleyball Team played a game against the Colonia High School squad in honor of Kevin Reinhard. Before the game, a gold star, which now hangs at the entrance of the school, was dedicated to Kevin; and his volleyball number was retired and presented to his family. Both the St. Joe's and Colonia (Kevin's hometown) players wore special commemorative t-shirts in his honor.

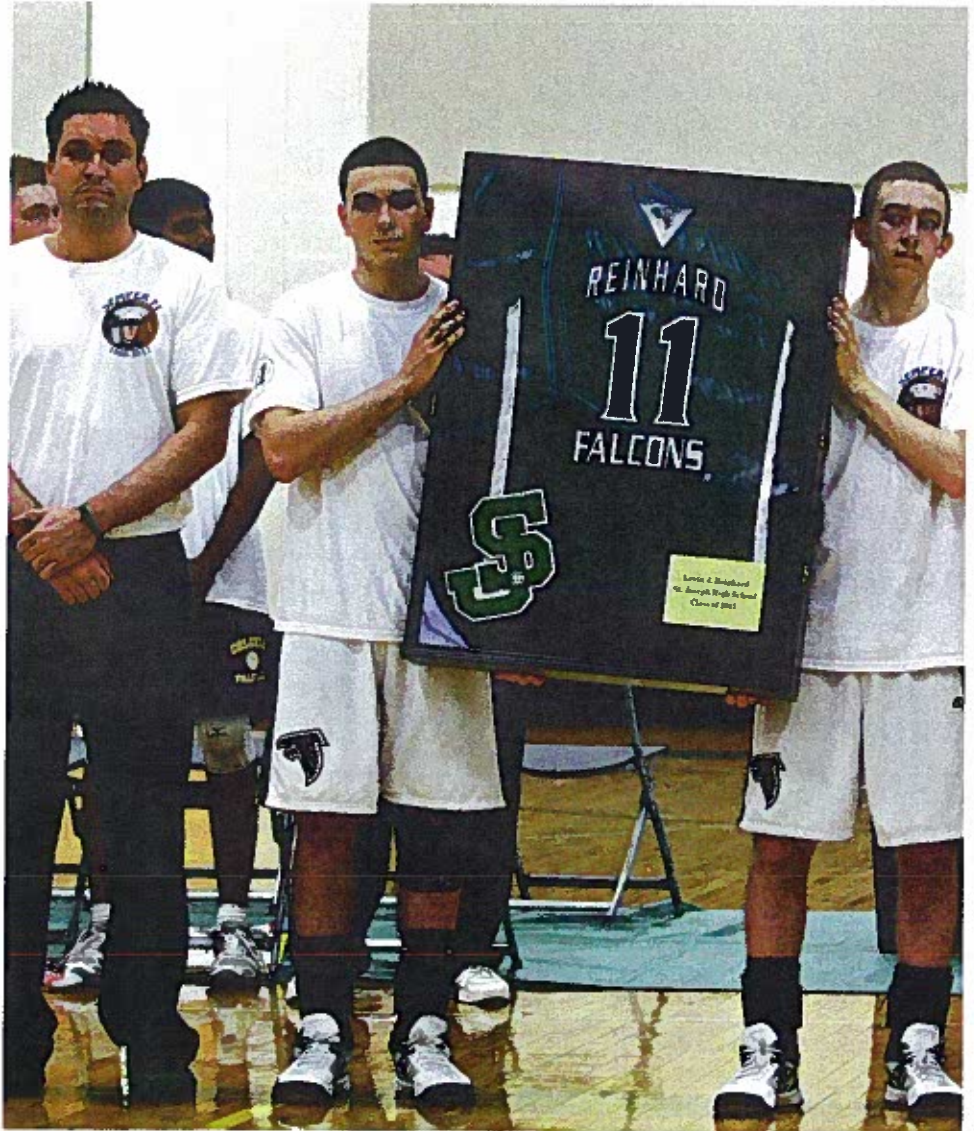


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Kevin Reinhard Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been set up by Kevin's family, which will benefit St. Joseph High School students. If you would like to make a gift to the fund, kindly forward it to:

Kevin Reinhard Scholarship Fund
c/o St. Joseph High School
Development Office
145 Plainfield Ave
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Thank you very much for your support.

