

Appendix B

Josh's web site guest book entries

(Through October 10, 2001 – most recent entry shown first)

The events of Sept. 11 bring back a nightmare I have realized will be with me till the day I leave this earth. I hope someday peace, joy, and laughter will return to my family. I keep going just to see if it's possible for anyone to rise above this kind of horror and keep going. My prayers are with all the families of the victims, and with the military that will be going into harms way. God Bless!

Marsey <mgcornett@aol.com>

panama, fl USA - Thursday, September 20, 2001 at 22:06:30 (PDT)

What can you say to people who pay the ultimate price for our freedom? Thank You doesn't seem enough, but it's all I can say. Thank You to you all and your families, Thank You to all current and past military personnel for giving your time and sometimes your lives to keep us free. God Bless America!!

Kim <myheart1961@citlink.net>

C, NE USA - Friday, September 14, 2001 at 06:36:50 (PDT)

As I read through the comments and look at the photographs of the 19 brave men who were killed in the Khobar Towers attack, it brings so much more pain to this devastating day, Tuesday, 11 September 2001 when the United States of America was attacked. Who could have ever imagined an attack of this magnitude? I am in Clovis, NM, at the Air Force Base. My husband was deployed to Saudi Arabia two weeks ago. We have only been here for 4 months and I am rather anxious, sad, and nervous about all that has occurred. I see the current terrorist attacks on our own soil and then I read about the attacks in other places such as the Embassy in Africa, Khobar Towers, the USS Cole, and I cannot believe we were so vulnerable. Thank you to this memorial for Josh and all those who have proudly served the United States of America, here and abroad. God bless and may Peace be with us all.

Jennifer

Clovis, NM USA - Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 23:15:14 (PDT)

The lost of our 19 at Khobar Towers wasn't enough. Will today's devastating losses wake up America and the world to the fact that something is desperately wrong??? Again Bernie and George, thank you for this website.

Mike Flaherty <mikef@bbs.macnexus.org>

Hayward, CA USA - Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 21:36:15 (PDT)

As a nurse in the USAF, I served in Saudi Arabia in 1999. While I was there I visited the memorial to those who lost their lives at Khobar Towers. I couldn't help but cry every time I went through it. While there, I also received a plaque for officer of the month. The wood from the plaque is made of the wooden debris from Khobar

Towers and it is engraved on the back. When people see my plaque on the wall, I make sure they see the back of it, and we remember. There are several silent prayers said. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lt Kimberli Goodner <MalaliRN8@aol.com>

- Friday, August 24, 2001 at 19:23:38 (PDT)

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME USING JOSHUA'S GUEST BOOK, TO TALK ABOUT MY SISTER SHERRY. I MISS HER SO MUCH.... AND I KNOW YOU MISS JOSHUA JUST AS MUCH...THEY SAY TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS... BUT MINE FEELS AS RAW TODAY AS IT DID ON AUGUST 7, 1998, WHEN MY MOTHER CALLED ME AT 5:30AM AND TOLD ME, SHE WAS WATCHING CNN AND THAT THE EMBASSY IN KENYA HAD BEEN BOMBED. I JUST KEPT TELLING MY MOM TO STAY OFF THE PHONE, I KNEW MY SISTER. THE FIRST THING SHE WOULD DO WAS CALL HOME TO TELL EVERYONE SHE WAS OKAY...BUT AFTER 2 HOURS AND THE CALL DIDN'T COME THROUGH...WE WERE ALL HOPING BEYOND HOPE. AND THEN WHEN THE AIR FORCE DROVE UP AND MY MOTHER STARTED SCREAMING.... DON'T LET THEM IN....MY FATHER WAS ABLE TO KEEP IT TOGETHER UNTIL THEY SAID SHE WAS MISSING, WE ALL KNEW THEN THAT SHE WAS BURIED UNDER A TON OF CONCRETE MY MOTHER MADE A REQUEST TO GET HER HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE AIR FORCE CHAPLIN SAID IT WOULD BE ABOUT 3 DAYS, IT ENDED UP BEING SEVEN DAYS, BECAUSE THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD MORE PRESSING ISSUES, LIKE ATTENDING A WEDDING. LET'S JUST SAY I WILL NEVER FEEL THE SAME ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EVER AGAIN...THEY COULDN'T EVEN HONOR MY SISTER LAST REQUEST TO BE BROUGHT HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SHE ALWAYS SAID SHE WANTED TO BE BURIED AT HOME. THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO CREMATE ALL THE BODIES IN AFRICA. THANKS FOR LETTING ME SOUND OFF...

MARSEY CORNETT <MARSEYGC@AOL.COM>

PANAMA, FL USA - Monday, August 13, 2001 at 22:35:44 (PDT)

GINA AND I THINK ABOUT JOSH OFTEN I THINK WHEN HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL HE SPENT AS MUCH TIME AT MY HOUSE AS MY OWN KIDS DID .I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW HE COULD MAKE HIM SELF LOOK LIKE A MONKEY MY DAUGHTER CARRIE AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER JOSH.I AM VERY PROUD OF JOSH AND WILL ALWAYS BE I HAVE ALOT OF MEMORIES WITH JOSH THANK-YOU BRIAN THIBODEAU

BRIAN THIBODEAU <BINRENO@AOL.COM>

RENO, NV USA - Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at 21:40:31 (PDT)

My brother Justin Wood was one of the 19 men that died that day and together with sites like this and like <http://www.62596.com>, we can help keep the memory alive!

Thank you George, I hope to see you again someday. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, as well as all the other families that have been touched by this cowardly act!

Shawn, Kristy and Marissa Wood <shawnwood@62596.com>
Modesto, CA USA - Tuesday, July 03, 2001 at 23:43:05 (PDT)

George, Bernie: Look in the Chico Enterprise Record, www.chicoer.com, June 29 2001... There is a story that states that the US House recognizes Josh and the others. Josh is and will not be forgotten... Chuck

Chuck Dennis <chkdns52@aol.com>
Bakersfield, CA USA - Monday, July 02, 2001 at 06:10:06 (PDT)

First, I would like to say that this website means a lot to me and would like to thank his stepfather, George and his mother, Bernadine for doing so. It helps to give me closure even after five years and I want everyone to know how much of a friend, and special person he was to me and my family. Growing up with him (like a brother) was special and it was a great honor to know him. I have many stories about Josh - from how he wired my radio in my mustang in high school to numerous football and wrestling stories. They all mean something to me and taught me many lessons as "Never say never" and "Never give up". All these lessons I bring to the kids in the Corning Youth Football League. All his generosity, caring and honorability it what makes me appreciate his greatness and is the reason for naming my child (if it's a boy) after him - Garrett Joshua. I love him and miss him very much. Thank you for your time. Eric

Eric Thibodeau <ETKTM@aol.com>
Cottonwood, Ca USA - Friday, June 29, 2001 at 17:56:54 (PDT)

God bless the silent hero.

Robert Goggin <Rgoggs@aol.com>
Phila, Pa USA - Wednesday, June 27, 2001 at 12:33:11 (PDT)

I had just put my newborn son down for the night and the phone rang. I was thinking who can this be so late. It was my father. He told me he had some bad news. I stood there in shock. No it can't be Josh? The josh I want to work with and school. I cried for days. I remember Josh as being the funny guy at work. If anyone was sad, he'd make you happy. He was fun to work with in the grill. There's not a day that go by that I don't think about him.

Dawn Hatley / Linnet <Clinnet@dm-tech>
Corning, CA USA - Monday, June 25, 2001 at 15:07:17 (PDT)

I first want to say, "I am sorry for your loss!" I was with Woody the night of the explosion. I met Josh through my roommate Travis Wyatt. They had been in Tech School together and had become close friends. I have to say that in the two months of knowing him, he made a true impression on me and I will remember him for the rest of my life. It has been almost five years now and I apologize for not contacting you and your family sooner. This whole event is like a ghost that is haunting me. I

think I always tried to put it behind me by hiding from it and not realizing the true pain suffered from this tragedy. I will never know what you and your family went through and I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you every day. The things I remember about Woody were him always smiling and having a great attitude. As I mentioned before I met him through my roommate but he was always friendly and outgoing towards me. He did not make me feel uncomfortable in any way. I could see that he was a true caring person and I wish that this horrible event would have never taken place. I want you to know your son is a true HERO!

Shane A. Little <littlethane1@hotmail>

Frederick, MD USA - Saturday, June 23, 2001 at 08:18:26 (PDT)

THIS IS A WONDERFUL WEB SITE - I HAVE ENJOYED READING EVERYONE'S COMMENTS ABOUT JOSHUA - I FEEL YOUR LOSS - MY SISTER SHERRY DIED IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BOMBING IN AFRICA IN 1998 - THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE. SOMETIMES ITS HARD- WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME HOW SHE DIED - AND I TELL THEM - AND THEY SAY THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEIR WAS AN EMBASSY IN AFRICA THAT WAS BOMBED. I WONDER IF THEY REALLY NO HOW MUCH THAT'S HURTS...

MARSEY CORNETT <DelbertOlds@worldnet.att.net>

Panama City, FL USA - Friday, June 22, 2001 at 13:27:39 (PDT)

I didn't ever think it would happen. It's been five years and the FBI gave me something I didn't ever think I would see. Still not quite what I would like to have, but it is especially nice to see that our government has put in an extreme effort. Josh and Dawn were two of my best friends for some time. I think Josh was the only friend I had in the Air Force that fought with me like a brother. Dawn many times was like the sister that Josh and I always teased and irritated. To this day I still think about Josh, Dawn, and Joe Rimkus. We were like a small family, a family that I will never forget...can't forget, and will brag on for the rest of my life. Thanks to those who contributed to this web site.... and take a look at mine for a few more photos of Josh and a few others.

SRA John J. Yeichner <joe@yeichner.com>

Galion, OH USA - Thursday, June 21, 2001 at 20:43:09 (PDT)

My heart goes out to you. I will never forget what happened that day, my heartaches for your family. I want you to know that I pray for you and the other families and friends and hope that God will bless you all.

Sonja Warren <SonjaRWarren@aol.com>

Greenville, NC USA - Friday, June 15, 2001 at 19:45:17 (PDT)

First of all, God bless your family and I am sorry for your loss. I came across your web site and it touched my heart, as I am the fiancé of Senior Airman John Joseph

Yeichner who was a very close friend of Josh's. I have heard many things about Josh and the time he and Joe spent together in the Air Force. Although Joe was fortunate to escape the Khobar Towers bombing with his life, it still affects him today. Thank you for sharing this web site with everyone.

Stacey <metoxen@hrga.com>

Columbus, OH USA - Friday, June 15, 2001 at 06:22:21 (PDT)

I just wanted you to know that my heart and prayers go out to you and your family. My name is Cecilia Leitz; my son Zachary Sutton survived the bombing. I can't begin to know the pain you have felt and still feel over the loss of your son. You have created a wonderful web site to help us remember Joshua and all who have fallen and you should be proud of your vigilance. All my thoughts and prayers, Cecilia

Cecilia <Legnd311@aol.com>

RAF Alconbury UK, - Wednesday, June 14, 2001 at 20:22:38 (PST)

Thank you TSgt Jeffrey L. Thompson Patrick AFB 1990-1997

Jeff Thompson <jeff.thompson@virgin.net>

RAF Alconbury UK, - Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at 13:51:20 (PST)

I am currently serving in the AF Reserve, but at the time of the Khobar Towers bombing I was active duty at Incirlik AB, Turkey. This tragedy had a great impact on me and my fellow airmen, even though we did not know Josh personally. I found myself in Saudi Arabia 5 months later and there wasn't a day during my time there that I didn't think about the importance and fragility of my presence in the wake of Josh's sacrifice. I can tell you for certain that many of us owe a debt of gratitude to Josh and the others for lives saved since then. Your tragedy resulted in a level of security awareness that I am positive has thwarted other cowardly attempts by terrorists. We will never be completely safe, but as with many heroes throughout history, Josh's death has saved the lives of others. For that, you should be very proud.

Dayne Pritchard <dspritchard@mindspring.com>

Wesley Chapel, FL USA - Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at 21:14:05 (PST)

Just wanted you all to know that my husband & I are thinking of you at this time. The bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen has an all too familiar air.

Diane Morgera <dmorgera@dellmail.com>

NH USA - Friday, October 13, 2000 at 14:55:50 (PDT)

My cousin Jr. Cartrette was one of the 19 airmen killed in the bombing. I'm sorry this happened. My family is very sad.

Chris Heath <jack47150@aol.com>

New Albany, USA - Monday, August 28, 2000 at 13:19:50 (PDT)

Joshua and the other eighteen Airmen who lost their lives will forever live in the hearts of us who will not and cannot forget. God bless them all. Defnesor Fortis, SSgt Thomas Versichelli USAF Security Forces, Phoenix Raven 221

Thomas Versichelli <corvus221@hotmail.com>
Dover, DE USA - Saturday, July 22, 2000 at 20:57:17 (PDT)

I think about that fateful night every single day. I was asleep, then I was on the floor. There was silence, then screaming. We were all bleeding from somewhere. It has been a difficult four years. We all went our separate ways, as the 4404th Civil Engineers was a composite squadron, we were assembled from many different places, so when we finally left Dhahran, most of us would never reunite again. That has been the worst part. I have only been able to talk to people who weren't there; they just don't understand. Having found your site, I feel much better. I was starting to think that the world had forgotten our suffering, and the sacrifices of the fallen. Your site has bolstered my hopes that this monumental waste of human life will not be forgotten. I for one, will never forget, because I can't. Thank You.

(Ex)SSgt Jeremy C. Morgan <morgan8er@earthlink.net>
CA USA - Wednesday, July 19, 2000 at 11:11:53 (PDT)

The web site is very well done and it is obvious that a lot of work has been put into this web site. We want Joshua's family and the families of 18 other heroes to realize that we will continue to work hard and do our best to apprehend the perpetrators of this horrific crime.

Joint Terrorism Task Force <jttf.atlanta@fbi.gov>
USA - Thursday, July 06, 2000 at 07:14:23 (PDT)

Thank you so much for letting us know this was here. It seemed appropriate to see it for the first time today. Thanks again for all your efforts. Rich & Diane Morgera, 6/25/00

Diane Morgera <dmorgera@dellnet.com>
USA - Sunday, June 25, 2000 at 15:20:01 (PDT)

I did not know your son personally but am a member of the 33FW. I did have contact with some who gave their lives. As a father of 3 boys with one in the Air Force, I can only imagine the grief that you feel for the loss of your son. I have been to Saudi and stayed in Khobar Towers and jogged around the road where the bomb went off. I thank God for sparing my life during that time. I was not there when the bomb went off but was there the tour before. I only wish to let you know that every time I pass the memorial here in the 33 FW, I think of the loss that their families are feeling. May God comfort you in the years ahead. Steve

Stephen M. Hurlbert <hurlbert@bsc.net>
Shalimar, FL USA - Thursday, June 22, 2000 at 06:22:01 (PDT)

I have come to know the squadron he was assigned to and how they feel his loss even today. My family and I send our sincere condolences. We appreciate your taking the time to share a little more about Josh with us. Thank you.

Carol Hoalt <hoaltf@home.com>
Shalimar, FL USA - Tuesday, June 06, 2000 at 17:29:01 (PDT)

We are very saddened to see this. I remember this on television. I am so sorry for your loss. Your son was a hero. I feel your loss and pain and hope one day you will be at peace.

Marc and Patty Hillman <mhillman@mediaone.net>

Stockton, CA USA - Friday, May 26, 2000 at 19:28:42 (PDT)

When my husband and I saw Joshua's picture it was sad to see a face that my husband knew and had wrestled with in high school. And to know they enlisted at the same time and were at basic together, but sadly they did not get to know each other. He was a wonderful person and my heart goes out to you and your family for your lose. GOD BLESS YOU AND JOSHUA! And may his spirit live on.

SSGT Perry and Family <rperry@bsc.net>

Eglin afb, FL USA - Friday, May 19, 2000 at 19:11:57 (PDT)

I drive by the memorial at least once a day, and I can tell you that I have not forgotten. I remember as if it were yesterday. Thank you for making this site, so that others may see.

SSgt. Bryan L Jones <jonesbr@eglin.af.mil>

Niceville, FL USA - Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 16:15:06 (PDT)

What a great tribute to Josh and to the other fallen men. I miss you Josh.

Dorothy McGill <dorothyam@yahoo.com>

Auburn, California USA - Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 08:54:34 (PDT)

Everyday, hundreds drive by the Memorial, may that and this site continue to remind all Nomads of the ultimate sacrifice made by our brothers in blue.

Mike Reilly <reillyb@eglin.af.mil>

Ft Walton beach, Fl USA - Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 07:31:55 (PDT)

I think this sit was a very nice thing to do. I did not know Josh but I was a member of the 58th Fighter Squadron and once a gorilla always a gorilla. God Bless.

Renardo A. Terrell <renardot@yahoo.com>

Eglin AFB, Fl USA - Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 07:11:45 (PDT)

Nearly four years ago I wrote in the Corning Observer that "perhaps the only good to emerge, however, is that Josh Woody will be forever a role model for the Corning High student body and a hero to the community of Corning. This memorial is a wonderful reminder of Josh for those of us fortunate enough to have known him, and it introduces Josh to those who didn't have that opportunity. The memory of those Nineteen must never be forgotten! Bernie and George... thank you for sharing your memories with us.

Mike Flaherty <mikef@bbs.macnexus.org>

Sacramento, CA USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 21:03:24 (PDT)

Thank you for creating such a wonderful site and a place that brings all of us together again.

Yvonne Minor <calidreamer55@hotmail.com>

USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 19:31:03 (PDT)

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MY QUIET TIME WITH WOODY JUST DAYS BEFORE THE BOMBING. HIS FAMILY WAS ALL HE WOULD TALK ABOUT GETTING BACK TO. THIS PAGE IS A GOOD REMEMBRANCE. THANKS FOR THE PRIVILEGE

SSGT CHRISTIAN KAPLINGER <CKAPLINGER@AOL.COM>

EGLIN AFB, FL USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 13:51:06 (PDT)

A REALLY GREAT SITE. I HAD A CHANCE TO WORK WITH SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS. I HAD BEEN IN KHOBAR JUST A MONTH EARLIER WITH THE 59TH. GOD BLESS!!

TSgt BILL ANDERSEN <ANDERSEN@EGLIN.AF.MIL>

VALPARAISO, FL USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 13:06:56 (PDT)

Secretary to the 33d Logistics Group Commander at the time of this sad event. Am now the secretary for the 33d Fighter Wing Commander. Proud to see the website you have prepared for Joshua--very touching; brought tears to my eyes once again. My best to you. Thanks for the opportunity to say a few words.

Betty L. Halston <betty.halston@eglin.af.mil>

Eglin AFB, FL USA - Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 12:27:55 (PDT)

Not a day goes by we don't think of all you. But we know you are watching over all of us from above. It still feels like it happened yesterday. You will always be in our prayers. We are headed back to FL this September. We are going to Tyndall AFB. But we will be stopping at Eglin to see the Memorial and all of are friends that are still there. Thanks to Josh's website we got to see pictures of what the Memorial looks like for the first time. Josh was a good guy. Zach remembers him well. Zach still has all of his pictures up with all the guys together for the last time. And the one of Jr too. This is how we keep our memories alive since we are so fare away from everyone. These pictures will forever be up in our house. And as our son grows up he will learn and come to know by heart all of our memories and good times with the guys as if they where fairy tales out of children's story books. For which he will tell his children about you all some day too. You all are forever alive in are heart and souls. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you. Bless you all. And God please give us all strength to get through all of this. Take Care. Zachary Kelly and Elijah Sutton

Zachary S Sutton and Family <Prphrt@aol.com>

Elmendorf AFB , AK USA - Monday, May 15, 2000 at 14:04:51 (PDT)

I'm the curator at the Heritage Hall and am greatly impressed with your site. It's been almost a year since we held our memorial ceremony here and dedicated the Khobar Towers Exhibit on the third anniversary of the bombing. We still have

family members and former supervisors visit our display. It still has a huge emotional impact on visitors, many of whom were involved, directly or indirectly on that fateful day. Your site will help keep everyone aware of the price terrorism extracts on the unaware or unprepared. Keep up the good work. Sincerely Bill Chivalette Curator, EHH

WILLIAM I. CHIVALETTE <william.chivalette@maxwell.af.mil>
Montgomery, AL USA - Monday, May 15, 2000 at 09:29:36 (PDT)

Thank you very much for this wonderful site. Thank you for remembering 19 men who gave their lives for all of us. May God Bless You All. Sincerely, Denise Oehmann Mother of SRA Earl F. Cartrette, Jr. (Khobar Victim)

Denise Oehmann <eafbfl@aol.com>
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 - Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 13:43:05 (PDT)

I was very touched and moved by your web site. It is a very fitting tribute to such a fine young man. May we never forget the sacrifice that he and others have made on our behalf.

TSgt Brian C. Johnson <brian.johnson@maxwell.af.mil>
Montgomery, AL USA - Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 10:44:52 (PDT)

There is not one day that goes by that I don't think of you! I miss you and love you very much!

Jonica Woody <JWoodyMATS@aol.com>
Crofton, MD USA - Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 04:39:36 (PDT)

Fine & fitting tribute to a young man whose sacrifice in duty gives pride to those of us who cherish freedom. My blessings to Josh's family and to the families of the Khobar Towers bombing both living and deceased.

Jim Vitt <jimvitt@silverstateproducts.com>
Woodstock, GA USA - Friday, May 12, 2000 at 14:41:41 (PDT)

