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What you are doing now?

I'm currently awaiting orders to attend the Marine Corps Basic Officer School in Quantico Virginia. Due to budget cuts, there is nearly a year wait to attend this school. With my year off I intend to travel to Japan and Israel, among other places.



Are you married?

I am not married.

Kids (names and ages)

No kids.

Favorite Troop One Memory

I have thousands. But my favorite memory is one of the last times we hiked Wheeler Peak as a Troop. It was my third or fourth time up there, and it was after that Kanik where we had to evacuate because the snow was

coming in too heavy. At that Kanik, Zak Hollis had lost his little orange shovel in the snow. After he died, the Philmont people found that shovel and returned it to our Troop, a bittersweet reminder of what we had lost. Wheeler Peak was the first hike we had after the shovel was returned. All of us that went on that hike carried the shovel with us, and it wasn't like we had Zak with us again, but it did feel as though he was there in some way. As though we carried his memory, and through that he wasn't quite gone. Not yet. As long as I live I'll remember what carrying that shovel up the mountain felt like. It's been a long time since I left Troop One, but I hope that shovel is still carried on a hike or two.

Words of Wisdom (to new/existing scouts, up and coming Eagles), how Eagle has helped you in life, etc.

Never do anything you would feel ashamed of telling someone else about. Listen to your head and your heart.

Some from a man I've always admired- "Be a man of principle. Fight for what you believe in. Keep your word. Live with integrity. Be brave. Believe in something bigger than yourself. Serve your country. Teach. Mentor. Give something back to society. Lead from the front. Conquer your fears. Be a good friend. Be humble and be self-confident. Appreciate your friends and family. Be a leader and not a follower. Be valorous on the field of battle. And take responsibility for your actions. Never forget those that were killed. And never let rest those that killed them." -Major Douglas Zimbiac, La Cueva High Class of 1991, KIA May 11, 2007 Baghdad, Iraq.