

A Soldier's Dream

The days were long, hot, and dusty. The work at times was monotonous, tedious and often dangerous. To help pass the time the young soldier, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 52nd Combat Engineers from Albany Oregon, would talk about, plan, and sketch his personal goals and dreams.

He had dreams of reconditioning his first car, of building a cabin, of owning his own military vehicle, of pursuing his interest in rock climbing. Sadly, most of these dreams ended when the young soldier,

SPC Nathan William Nakis

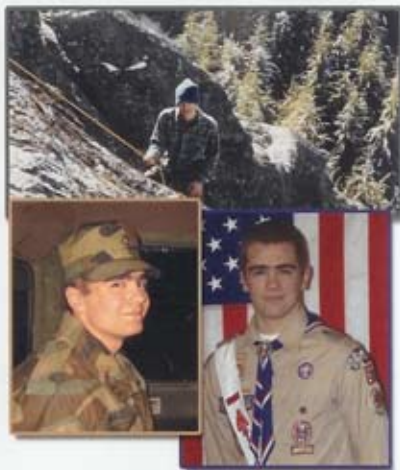
of Sedro-Woolley Washington, lost his life in a vehicle accident near Mosul Iraq in 2003.

He was 19 years old.



Today However,

one of Nathan's dreams lives on. An Eagle Scout, avid climber, and C.O.P.E. course instructor, Nathan had for several years dreamed of building an indoor climbing wall at his favorite Boy Scout camp. He even made sketches of climbing wall ideas and shared them with his fellow soldiers.



Nathan wanted to build The Wall at Camp Black Mountain, a beautiful Boy Scout camp on Silver Lake in Whatcom County, northwest Washington State. Nathan attended and worked at the camp for seven summers. Now, thanks to the unselfish efforts of many dedicated volunteers and professionals, Nathan's Climbing Wall is becoming a reality!

The Project,

dubbed "Nathan's Wall", is a partnership between Nathan's family and the Mount Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



The Boy Scouts have selected the building site and raised the necessary resources to construct the enclosure. The Nakis family is using a combination of Nathan's legacy money and donated funds to provide a state-of-the-art climbing facility.

This wall, being designed and built by Entre Prises of Bend, Oregon will utilize modern resin panels that simulate natural rock. The wall will be thirty feet tall and the facility will include gear storage and training space, as well as a memorial to Nathan and a place to acknowledge donors and volunteers.



The family plans to list all donors on a memorial plaque to be displayed at the entrance.

"HONOR THEM BY REMEMBERING...
FREEDOM IS THEIR GIFT TO US."



You can help the Nakis family make the dream come true. A fund has been established at the Mount Baker Council of Boy Scouts of America. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:

NATHAN'S WALL
C/O ELINOR NAKIS
P.O. BOX 26
SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WA 98284

Checks should be made payable to the Mount Baker Council of BSA, and marked for "Nathan's Wall".

Any gift, large or small, will be appreciated and acknowledged and will be a great help in keeping Nathan's dream alive!



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"The Nathan Nakis Memorial Climbing Wall"