

CPT (USAR) Victor Jeremiah Hoffer III

April 26, 1977 - January 2, 2009



The Oregon National Guard community is saddened at the passing of CPT (USAR) Victor Jeremiah Hoffer III. He died at Salem Hospital after being involved in a motor vehicle accident, Friday, January 2, 2009, at age 31.

CPT (USAR) Hoffer was active serving in the community in many ways. He served as a 1LT in the Oregon Army National Guard, an EMT – Basic, loved working with his Paramedic father Victor, helping others in need, and as a first aid instructor with the American Red Cross. In addition, he was a 19 year member of the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. He was a Captain with the Civil Air Patrol and was a member of the Angel Falls Cadet Squadron in Mt. Angel.

CPT (USAR) Hoffer received many awards and honors during his military career including honors for his volunteerism at Fort Bliss, Texas and his work in Oregon. He was the Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year for Oregon in 1995.

Hoffer joined the Delayed Entry Program July 26, 2001, and was commissioned as a 2LT on June 20, 2002. He was a Reserve Member on Active Duty from June 21, 2002 to July 1, 2005. He joined the Oregon Army National Guard April 17, 2007 and was awaiting Federal recognition to become a CPT in the Oregon National Guard.

Hoffer's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Army Service Ribbon, and a Gold German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge for general duties of the Army.

He is survived by his wife Frances, parents Victor and Lynell Hoffer; brother Paul, Grandmother Margaret Hoffer; uncles and aunts; Scott and Cheri Hoffer and Ernie and Marcia Hoffer; aunt Leslie Hoffer and grandmother Nelda Stolle. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers Victor Hoffer and Glen Marshall and uncle John Hoffer.

A Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2008 at Silverton Friends Church, 229 Eureka Avenue in Silverton. Full military honors will be conducted at Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Angel immediately following the service. A public viewing will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, at Unger Funeral Chapel, 229 Mill Street, Silverton, Ore.