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Torrance Heroes to be Honored at the Dedication of the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial

Torrance, Calif., May 24, 2010 – Torrance residents and national heroes Private First Class (PFC) Larry K. Williams, Corporal (CPL) Gregory M. Stone and Captain (CPT) Matthew C. Ferrara will be honored at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 as part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation's (Foundation) "*Special Day of Honor*" in Columbus, Georgia.

On this "*Special Day of Honor*," the Foundation will dedicate the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial to pay tribute to the 1,640 "*Sky Soldiers*" who died in Vietnam and the 69 "*Sky Soldiers*" who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. The names of Torrance's own heroes, PFC Williams, CPL Stone and CPT Ferrara, will be included in this memorial, built near the location of the new National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center (1775 Legacy Way, Columbus, GA). Their names can already be found on Torrance's own Veterans Memorial Wall located at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue.

A brief combat history of the 173rd Airborne Brigade will be displayed on the 173rd Memorial along with the Unit Citations awarded in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The names of the 13 Medal of Honor recipients from the 173rd Airborne Brigade will be on a granite panel. The National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center is located near the main entrance to Fort Benning, Georgia where many former members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade received their Basic Training, Airborne Training, Ranger Training, Pathfinder Training or other Officer Commissions at the Officer Candidate School.

Similar to Torrance's own Veterans Memorial located at the, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial is to help us always remember fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.

For more information, please visit www.173dairbornememorial.org.

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