



**Honoring those serving our country
and every one of us.**



This year we came up with the idea to put the names of active service people who have ties to our Buffalo Prospects family on the back of each and every jersey.

We want to remember them every time we put on the jersey and we want them to know that there are many people thinking of them and praying for them.

Because they have our backs, we have them on our backs.

When our oldest son Jake went to West Point we gained a whole new appreciation for what it is like to be a military family and be part of a military family. We have the upmost respect for these defenders of freedom and role models.

Nicholas Sardina, United States Army

Ian Forsyth's older brother, Nicholas Sardina, served active duty In Baghdad, Iraq, for 15 months in 2005-06. He served with the United States Army as a Cavalry scout, "the eyes and ears of the army". He served proudly with the First Infantry Division - THE BIG RED ONE. The 1st Platoon was assigned one of the most important missions of the year by providing reconnaissance and security for the Brigade Combat Team Commander. The troop partnered with seven different Iraqi Security Forces to bring security to the Baghdad neighborhoods they patrolled. These forces were essential in providing security and re-establishing normalcy in Baghdad. Nicholas is presently with the Kansas National Guard at Fort Reily, Kansas.

Derek Fogarty, United States Marines

Payton Fogarty (2003) is new to your program this year and he has a big brother, Derek, that is a new US Marine. Derek Fogarty is 22 years old and has just graduated from The US Marine Corp at Parris Island, South Carolina, in 2010. He received additional training in at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Derek has chosen his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) as a **0311** which is his job code as a Rifleman. It is the primary infantry MOS for the **Marine** Corps. Derek will be start additional training here at the Niagara Falls Air Force base in May. He will then be sent to California for more extensive training and most likely see his first duties overseas in late 2010. We are extremely proud of Derek and when I asked him why he chose the Armed Forces he said, "Dad, who else would you rather have defend our country than your son?" It's not easy being the parents of this brave child, now a man, but I'll tell you we're proud of him and his decision to help protect our country's freedom.

Patrick McManaman United States Air Force

Brittany Nephew would like to honor her uncle: Patrick McManaman.

Edward Stefik, United States Air Force

Special person to Alexander Stinis' (2001) family is Master Sergeant Edward Stefik, United States Air Force, 107th Security Forces Squadron, Niagara Falls, NY. MSG Stefik began his military career with the United States Army. He enlisted in 1989 during the end of the Cold War. MSG Stefik attended basic training and advanced individual training at Ft. Leonard Wood, M.O., for the Combat Engineer's. After Desert Storm, he was assigned to the 98th Division, and attended Drill Sgt School. As a Drill Sgt he instructed Soldiers at Ft. Leonard Wood, and Ft. Knox. As a member of the Army Reserves, he was deployed to Iraq in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq he was stationed in Baghdad, and was assigned to the Coalition Military Assistance & Training Team / Multi National Security Training Command - Iraq. He also saw service in Kuwait. MSG Stefik was inducted into the U.S. Army's prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, for dedicated and professional leadership. He also received the Army Engineer de Flueury Medal for inspirational leadership to the US Army Corp of Engineers. He received his honorable discharge in 2005. During his Army career, both Reserve and Active, he was awarded many awards and decorations, including the Army Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge. After a brief break in service Master Sergeant Stefik reenlisted in the New York Air National Guard, where he is currently serving with the 107th Security Forces. He resides in Western NY, and is a NY State Trooper assigned to Troop "A".

Brian Duck, United States Army

Brian is a 2nd cousin of the Hannons. Brian (**San Antonio, TX**) joined the military last year. His current rank is PV2. He completed his Basic training last summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and then completed his AIT school this past November in Fort Gordon, Georgia. His MOS is "Signal Support Systems Specialist." The unit that he is currently with is the 162nd ASMC. He will be deploying on April 24, 2010. He will first go to Fort Lewis, Washington, for some additional training and then leave for the middle east sometime in May. His specific location of deployment is unknown at this time, but will be somewhere either in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Ben LaDuca, United States Army

Ben is a 21 year old soldier who played for the Buffalo Prospects for many years. He was part of our inaugural 1987 and 1988 birth year teams. Ben is a graduate of Williamsville South High School. Be has served overseas as well as being stationed out of Fort Drum near Watertown, NY.