

Monument Ceremony & Dedication

Honoring

CAPT. BRIAN S. LETENDRE, USMC

13 MAY 78 – 3 MAY 06 Iraq



Mayor Timothy T. Stewart
On behalf of the City of New Britain
Invites you to the dedication of the

**"Captain Brian S. Letendre USMC
Memorial Park"**

Saturday, March 8, 2008
12:00 noon

Directions to
Captain Brian S. Letendre U.S.M.C. Park
New Britain, CT

From Route 84 East

Take Exit 39A, to Route 9 South, to Exit 30 Corbins Corner exit. At the light turn right. Travel 1.2 miles to the 4th traffic light. At the light take a left onto Barbour Rd. Travel .1 mile to Sunnyslope Dr. Turn right onto Sunnyslope Dr. Travel .1 mile to LETENDRE PARK on left.

From Route 84 West

Take Exit 39A, to Route 9 South, to Exit 30 Corbins Corner exit. At the light turn right. Travel 1.2 miles to the 4th traffic light. At the light take a left onto Barbour Rd. Travel .1 mile to Sunnyslope Dr. Turn right onto Sunnyslope Dr. Travel .1 mile to LETENDRE PARK on left.

From Route 91 South

Take Exit 32A, to Route 84 West, Travel on 84 West to Exit 39A, Route 9 South, to Exit 30 Corbins Corner exit. At the light, turn right. Travel 1.2 miles to the 4th traffic light. At the light take a left onto Barbour Rd. Travel .1 mile to Sunnyslope Dr. Turn right onto Sunnyslope Dr. Travel .1 mile to LETENDRE PARK on left.

From Route 91 North

Take Exit 22N, Route 9 North, Take Exit 30 Corbins Corner exit. At the light turn left. Travel 1.3 miles to the 5th traffic light. At the light take a left onto Barbour Rd. Travel .1 mile to Sunnyslope Dr. Turn right onto Sunnyslope Dr. Travel .1 mile to LETENDRE PARK on left.



Captain Brian S. Letendre
13 May 1978 – 3 May 2006

Marine Capt. Brian S. Letendre, 27, a Virginia native who lived in New Britain for 18 months, was killed in combat in Al Anbar province on May 3, 2006, on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He left his wife, Autumn and 3-year-old son, Dillion. He was the Marine Forces Reserve's Inspector/Instructor active duty staff for Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines in Plainville, CT and an active member of the Marine Corps League, Hardware City Detachment #781 in New Britain, CT.

Captain Brian S. Letendre was born on May 13, 1978 in Stanford, CA, but spent most of his childhood in Woodbridge, VA. Brian attended Rippon Elementary and Middle School and graduated from Potomac AS in 1996. Brian was an excellent student, the captain of the varsity soccer team, and participated in other extracurricular activities. He continued to play soccer on scholarship while attending Milligan College in Tennessee, where he also met his future wife, the former Autumn Crane from Indiana. During the summer of 1999, Brian attended the Platoon Leader Course at Quantico Marine Base, VA. After graduation from Milligan in May 2000 with a degree in Computer Science, Brian was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, USMC. He then attended the Basic School and Infantry Officer Course at Quantico in 2001; he and Autumn were married that spring in Indiana. Brian was then assigned to 1st Bn, 2nd Marine Regiment, and served tours in Okinawa, Japan, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq as an Infantry Platoon Commander participating in the liberation of Iraq during **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. The day before he crossed the border into Iraq, Autumn gave birth to their son, Dillon. Upon his return to the states, Brian was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's Inspector and Instructor active duty staff, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Plainville, CT and was promoted to the rank of captain on January 1, 2005. He then volunteered to join a newly formed elite unit to advise and instruct an Iraqi Bn in combat operations. As the Infantry Tactics Instructor, Brian trained with this team for 4 months before returning to Iraq in April 2005. He was recognized throughout his military career as an exceptional leader and was awarded multiple citations and medals including the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a Combat "V", the Army Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons.