

**AUSTIN ARCHERY CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THE FIRST ANNUAL "ZACHARY KOLDA" BENEFIT SHOOT. SEPT. 18 2005
IN HONOR OF ZACHARY KOLDA
OUR HERO, HUSBAND, SON, AND FRIEND.
WE MISS YOU AND THINK OF YOU OFTEN,**



Austin Archery club would like to invite everyone to come out and celebrate in Zack's honor and make this a most memorable event. This will be a 30 target 3D event with a \$20.00 participation fee. For those who didn't know Zack, he was employed by Archery Country prior to going to Iraq and is survived by his wife Arleen. Zack was a friend to many of us and the only friends he did not have are those he had yet to meet. He will never be forgotten and there is not a day goes by where he is not in our thoughts. He was one of the finest young men you could ever meet. Zack was 23 years young but way beyond his years in the way he dealt with people.

Zack was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion 23rd Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division in Houston. The "Lone Star" battalion — as members referred to it — who waved the Texas flag over camp and adopted the Armadillo as their mascot to make Iraq feel a little more like home. Zack was fatally injured Dec. 1 2004 in an explosion in Iraq's Anbar province when he was killed.

He lived life with gusto and was proud to serve his country as a U.S. Marine and believed in the mission to help more people in the world achieve self-determination. Zachary expressed appreciation for what he had, particularly his relationships.

"Laugh harder than you should, it feels good," he wrote in a letter postmarked Nov. 17.

"Remember, sometimes a sunset is enough to fix a lousy day. When everything stinks, go for a jog to remind yourself you can still run."

God Bless you Zachary

