Bargewell Memorial

It's an honor to memorialize Soldiers. It's an even greater honor to remember specific Soldiers; Soldiers who achieved the highest of Army excellence, who exemplified the code of conduct in character and life. Soldiers who lived the life of a professional, who reached for the stars, who walked in the boots of integrity, with dignity and respect, men who were extraordinary, men who were heroes in the eyes of others, man who earned their place in the annals of history because of their selfless service.

GEN. Bargewell is one of those great men of honor and nobility. Gen. Bargewell lived a life worthy of his calling and we are here today to show our respect and keep his memory alive. Nevertheless, we keep his memory alive, <u>not for his sake</u>, <u>but for ours</u>, and <u>future generations and leaders</u> of our country. They will look to his achievements, his standards, and his effectiveness; and **all** who stand before this memorial will hopefully ask -Can I become a man of men like this GEN. Eldon Bargewell? And then ask How? Hopefully they will pursue the answer.

Join me as we give thanks for the life of GEN. Eldon Bargewell, for the example he set before us, as well as the opportunity to continue his legacy of leadership with our lives.

<u>Gracious God, you gave us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You</u> <u>offer us hope in your Son and you give us courage to stand for what is right</u> <u>and stand against what is evil. You grant us courage, wisdom, and faith to</u> <u>know what is good in life and pursue it, so we rejoice and give thanks.</u>

Lord, help the world remember the life of Eldon Bargewell. A Father, a husband, a Soldier and a friend a child of God. Eldon lived a life worthy of your call and love. He stood for what is good in the world, and he fought the good fight. He lived a life of charity, and he loved his country and its people to the end. We simply ask that you **help us** to have faith, live with bravery, and to walk humbly with you as our Lord and our God, as Eldon did. We pray that this day honors his example. And that others may see his life and learn and choose to be **the Patriot** he was and will always be for future generations. We Pray in your Holy and wonderful name. And all God's people can say AMEN.