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Patriot of the Month

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## Matthew Walther

### United States Army

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Matthew Walther enlisted in the US Army in November 2001 in St. Louis, MO, as a Cavalry Scout. During Basic Training at Fort Knox, Matt served as Platoon Leader. As part of the Scout Platoon 1-9 Infantry Battalion HHC, he was assigned to Camp Hovey on the Korean Peninsula, roughly 15 miles from the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). While stationed in Korea, he completed two Manchu Mile road marches and earned the Manchu Belt Buckle.

Matt was assigned to K Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Ar Rimadi, Iraq, in August 2003 and served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Matt redeployed to Iraq in 2004.

Matt's last assignment was with the Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion as recruiter in the Philadelphia area where he served in this capacity for two years. Matt was honorably discharged on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 in Ft. Meade, MD.

Matt earned the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Matt wishes to honor two fallen heroes who were part of his unit – Staff Sergeant Freddie Miller and Private Second-Class Benjamin Freeman. These two men made the ultimate sacrifice and Matt remembers and honors them always.

After separating from the Army, Matt and his wife Jena moved to San Diego, CA where he helped to create, coach and support a bicycle racing team. While racing bicycles, Matt started a company that made custom carbon racing shoes. Currently, Matt is Regional Manager for LINE-X and oversees 54 locations across five states. Matt is the son of Randy Walther and stepson of Nan Boyd Walther.

Caroline Close Stuart Daughters are proud to honor and recognize Sgt. Matthew R. Walther as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.

