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MAJOR STUART ADAM WOLFER Jewish Scouter (1971-2008)



America lost one of its greatest defenders and international Scouting lost one of its great benefactors on April 6 when Army Major STUART WOLFER of Emmett, Idaho was killed in a rocket attack while working out in a gym in the Green Zone /International Zone in Baghdad.

Wolfer, a specialist in operations would have turned 37 on April 23. Assigned to the 11th Battalion, 104th Division based in Boise, Wolfer was recalled to active duty last December. An observant Jew, he had served a previous tour of duty in the Army Reserve in Kuwait from August 2004 to October 2005.

He was the only son of ESTHER and LEONARD

WOLFER of Dix Hills, New York. After becoming a Bar Mitzvah, his family moved back to Florida to reside in Coral Springs.

Although Wolfer was not active in Scouting as a youth, he was an active member of AZA, the B'nai Brith Youth Organization. He also participated in Outward Bound and worked for the American Jewish Social Services in Texas. After graduating from Taravella High School with honors, Wolfer matriculated to Washington University in St. Louis. While there, he enrolled in the Army ROTC program and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at the time of his graduation in May, 1993. Wolfer later attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles at night, garnering a law degree. He

later became a territory manager for Thomson West Legal,(Thomson/Reuters) a legal and business information firm for legal professionals.

He met his wife LEE ANNE (nee Monthei) when both were assigned to the Army Reserves. They married in 2001 prior to Wolfer's graduation from law school.

While stationed in Kuwait and Iraq, Wolfer followed Jewish rituals, oftentimes acting as lay leader during services. He and others prayed with prayer books he had personally requested and he used his own set of tefillin (phylacteries) and tallit (prayer shawl) during morning worship services. He sought out Iraqi Jews during his tour of duty there and joined B'nai Baghdad, a Shabbat and holiday observant group of military personnel and

contractors working in support of the war effort there.

Wolfer's dynamic personality made it easy for him to make friends both at home and abroad. He was also a devotee of the game of cricket, which he played with his Iraqi and Multinational peers in the Green Zone. He is warmly remembered as an active member of the Green Zone Council of the Boy Scouts/Girl Guides, which held meetings in the Green Zone/International zone, Baghdad.

The Wolfers chose to purchase a farm in Emmett, Idaho eight years ago in order to raise a family. In addition to his widow, Wolfer leaves behind three girls – LILLIAN WADE, 6, MELISSA LACEY-MARIE, 4, and ISADORA RUTH, 2 – his parents, Esther & Leonard, who moved to Boca Raton, and sister BEVERLY WOLFER-NERENBERG AND FAMILY of New York City.

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