



Veteran of Iraq war reflects on service to his country

The following story is written in recognition of Veterans Day, which is on Tuesday, Nov. 11.



Orren Squires, an employee of the Academic Technology Department.

It was Feb. 21, 2008, and Orren Squires was coming home for the second time from Iraq on an airplane. Still in his Air Force uniform, he sat among traveling passengers and other uniformed soldiers. It had been six months since he had been with his family. Before the airplane departed, cheers erupted from the passengers on the plane as people showed their appreciation for the soldiers' hard work.

Orren, who works in the Academic Technology Department at BYU-Idaho, recalls, "It hadn't always been that way."

The veteran of the Iraq War remembers stories of his father serving in Vietnam and how people weren't as supportive of the military back then.

"Right now is a great time to be in the military," he said. "It's amazing how drastically people's attitude for the military have changed over the past thirty years."

He and his unit often received packages from elementary kids and other people they didn't know. The packages encouraged soldiers to go on through their hard day's labor.

Sept. 13, 2007, was the beginning of his second time in Iraq. For six months he would be in Kirkuk, Iraq, serving as part of the 506th Expeditionary Combat Engineer Squadron. He typically started each day at 4 a.m. shaking out his military boots looking for scorpions or other creatures that might have found their way inside. During the day Orren was often found at one of the twenty construction sites that he was in charge of. The services being built at these sites were runways, dining halls, training simulators, and other aircraft facilities. At 10 p.m. he finally took his boots off after a long day's work.



Squires pictured in his U.S. Air Force uniform.

People from the United States weren't the only ones who helped the soldiers proceed with their duties. Orren worked with 40 to 50 Iraqi contractors, who all wanted to see their country become like the United States. He witnessed the Iraqi build new services with the help of the military. They began their first solo flights and set up a police academy.

"The Iraqi people loved us. They would feed us and warn us when things were wrong," he said. "It was a great feeling to see we were appreciated. It made the trip worth it."

Helping the Iraqi people become free constantly reminded him of those who had fought to keep his own country free. His thoughts turn to his family when thinking of the fight for freedom. Orren comes from a patriotic family and is the thirteenth generation to be in the United States military.

"My family has been fighting for this country before it was a country," he said.

His service in the military began as a cadet in 1993, and today he continues to serve in the reserves. He is now a captain in the 419th Civil Engineer Squadron, which is part of the 419 Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

"My commitment to the Air Force ended in 2004," he said. "I'm a reservist now and have volunteered to go back to Iraq in a year and a half."

Facts about Veterans Day

- Originally called Armistice Day after World War I when armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."
– President Woodrow Wilson, Nov. 1919

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- Changed in June 1, 1954, to Veterans Day after World War II in order to honor American veterans of all wars.
- Having Veterans Day on Nov. 11 preserves the historic significance of the date and focuses attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day.
- Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Facts found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site.

Elder Maynes to speak at devotional



Elder Maynes

Elder Richard J. Maynes will speak at the campus devotional on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Hart Auditorium. He was sustained in 2001 as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He currently is serving as the executive director of the Family History Department.

Elder Maynes was CEO of a company specializing in factory automation. He received a bachelor of science degree from Brigham Young University in business management and an MBA from Thunderbird: The American Graduate School of International Management.

Beware of e-mail practice of phishing

Please be aware of a fraudulent e-mail practice known as phishing. These messages falsely claim to be from an established legitimate enterprise and typically request a reader's personal information. When obtained, this information is used to assist in identity theft.

BYU in Provo has recently been the target of these harmful e-mails. To avoid being a victim of fraudulent e-mails, employees are asked to review the following guidelines:

1. Don't give your password to anyone, even if they pretend to be support staff, unless you have initiated the conversation and know why they want it.
2. Never give your information in response to any message that comes through e-mail, no matter how nice it looks, or how official it sounds.
3. Initiate banking sessions yourself, either from a bookmark or by typing in the site name in the browser.
4. Don't follow authentic-looking links in any e-mail that claims to come from your bank.
5. Don't give out personal information to callers on the phone, no matter how authentic they sound, unless you have initiated the call.
6. Don't ever give out your credit card information over the phone if your office door is open or if you're in an unsecured environment.

7. At home, do not give out credit card information over a cordless (not cellular) phone. The calls can easily be intercepted.
8. Make certain any wireless connection you have is a secured one, if you are going to use it for anything that requires a password. Even on an unsecured connection, sites that have "https" in their name (and lock the little lock on most browsers) can be used on an unsecured connection, but on an unsecured wireless connection, anything else is readable to anyone with a packet sniffer.
9. If you have a wireless router at home, turn on the security setting, if you don't have it already on.
10. Report any attempts to gain your information to the proper authorities, even if it makes you turn up in the police beat.
11. Don't give out Social Security numbers to anyone, unless you know why they need it. Think twice about it, even then.
12. Review your credit reports, at least once a year. The free credit report address is "annualcreditreport.com"
13. Consider getting a service from one of the three national credit bureaus that keeps a watch on your credit file.
14. Look into the "credit freeze" service that the state has pressured the credit bureaus to adopt. This will effectively limit the ability of others to steal your credit worthiness.
15. Be aggressive at preventing the release of your personal information.
16. Don't be too paranoid, but be watchful.

Free vehicle inspection offered Nov. 12

The Automotive Department is holding a free maintenance check Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Students, faculty, and employees are welcome to bring their vehicles to the west side of the Austin Building to have their vehicle inspected by automotive students. They will not be doing repairs at this time, but informing vehicle owners what needs attention.

Inspections include engine oil; transmission, brakes, and power steering fluids; drive belts and hoses; tires and suspension components; headlights, brake lights, and signal lights.

Decorate for Christmas Tree Lane

Campus departments, organizations, and wards are invited to decorate trees for the annual Christmas Tree Lane. Applications must be turned in to Kriss Jacobson by Nov. 14. Contact Kris at jacobsonkr@byui.edu for an application form or call 496-2599.

Christmas Tree Lane will be held in all the Spori Quad buildings from Nov. 21 to Dec. 6. Each group must furnish its own tree and will be reimbursed up to \$25 of the cost of the tree. Decorating must be completed by 5 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Snow Society raising funds for new Steinway piano

Imagine hearing students, faculty, and guests performing on a Hamburg Steinway concert grand piano in the Barrus Concert Hall. The Eliza R. Snow Society for the Performing and Visual Arts is currently raising funds for and contributing toward the purchase of a Steinway piano manufactured by master craftsmen in Hamburg, Germany.

Steinway pianos are recognized as the finest pianos by performing artists around the world. After one is placed in the university concert hall, this technical and musical masterpiece will provide magnificent instructional experiences and memorable performances for generations to come.

At the beginning of 2008, the Snow Society committed to raising \$50,000 over the next two years for this acquisition. Thanks to the generosity of Snow Society members and friends, they are well over halfway to meeting their goal.

The Snow Society welcomes contributions of any amount in support of this effort. Donations of \$100 or more both assist with the piano fundraiser and qualify for membership in the Snow Society.

The annual Snow Society membership drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 13. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception in the Spori Art Gallery, followed by a special performance of Extravagance at 7:30 p.m.

Snow Society members and those interested in joining or supporting the Snow Society and the Hamburg Steinway piano fundraiser may call the Annual Giving Office at ext. 3301 for more information.

Campus electronic resources: Academic Search Premier

Although we subscribe to more than 40 databases from EBSCO Publishing, Academic Search Premier (ASP) is the largest. In fact, it is the world's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text database, containing full text for nearly 4,500 journals, including more than 3,600 peer-reviewed titles.

In addition to the full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for all 8,000-plus journals in the collection. This scholarly collection offers information in nearly every area of academic study.

ASP was recently given a new interface. Some options have remained, including boxes to limit hits to Full Text only or to Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) journals, and the ability to set up alerts so that you receive an e-mail any time an article matching your search query is added to the ASP database.

One new feature is "SmartText" searching. If a student finds information on a generic Web site, they can insert portions of that text in the ASP "SmartText" box, and it will search for authoritative journal articles in ASP containing similar information. Similarly, faculty can insert suspicious text from a research paper into "SmartText" and determine if portions of a journal article were used without appropriate citation.

Search results can be narrowed according to source type, subject, etc. You can preview an article by hovering the mouse over the magnifying glass icon. A large number of search fields can be used to specify, for example, that retrieved articles must be longer than X pages, or must be in a particular language. ASP also has a "Visual Search" option for more visual learners/researchers.

For more help in utilizing this and other online resources, please contact a librarian in the David O. McKay Library.

Avian Influenza – take proper precautions

Though the Avian Influenza or the Bird Flu is not an immediate threat, people should continue to take precautions. According to the World Health Organization Web site, there have been 36 confirmed cases of humans having Bird Flu this year; in 28 of those confirmed cases, people have passed away. These cases were found primarily in Indonesia and other Asian countries.

"We should still be preparing because the alarm is still out there," Eric Harmston, BYU-Idaho safety officer said, "We don't know when or what the disease is going to be."

The Avian Influenza is a virus usually found in wild birds. If the virus infects a domestic bird or a human, it has been known to make the domestic bird or human very sick and will often kill them.

Currently, this virus isn't bound by seasons like the common flu seems to be. It also isn't currently known to spread human to human, however a mutation can occur to make this possible.

"If we are prepared we'll be okay," said Harmston. "The severity will be greatly reduced."

If mutation does occur, the Bird Flu can make a great impact on human lifestyles, including transportation, education, health care, and the food industry.

Different precautions that can be taken include having good hygiene and washing hands thoroughly with soap and water often. Also, remember to cook poultry completely.

For more information or updates on the Avian Influenza or other pandemics, go to BYU-Idaho's pandemic Web site: www.byui.edu/safety/pandemic_web_page.htm.

Birthdays

November 6-12

- 6 Eric Conrad, University Operations
Donald Hammar, English
Lareesa Park, Admissions
Paul Roberts, Sociology & Social Work
- 7 Richard Dye, Auto Technology
Shawn Fisher, Dance
Jeremy Lamoreaux, History/Geo/Political Science
Robert Worrell, English
- 8 Matthew Babcock, English
Randall Beard, Infrastructure
Gregory Cameron, Mathematics
Patrick Huish, Architecture/Construction
Philip Johnson, Custodial
Ron Weekes, Communication
- 9 Cheryl Calderwood, Admissions
Ron Lagerstrom, Mathematics
Linda Miller, Home & Family
David Wescott, Recreation Management
- 10 Tammie Bagley, University Operations
Amanda Coleman, Biology
Amanda Hansen, Academic Learning
Emily Hansen, Continuing Education
Jennifer Steiner, Exercise & Sports Science
- 11 Robert Coleman, Biology
Ben Johnson, Grounds
William Schiers, HVAC
- 12 Robert Colvin, Foreign Language
Doug Conway, Software Engineering
Judith Hood, Exercise & Sports Science
Jolynn Reed, Teacher Education
Leslie Twitchell, Library

Thank You

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who sent cards, flowers, and gifts, and most of all your prayers on our behalf. Our family truly has been strengthened by them. Paul loved BYU-Idaho and he loved his work. I am so grateful that we had the opportunity to be a part of something so great. I will treasure the wonderful memories we have of BYU-Idaho.

Leah Lusk & family

We would like to express our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the university and the Horticulture Department for the beautiful flowers and notes sent to us at the passing of Forrest's mother. Thank you for your kindness.

Forrest Barnes family

Thank you very much to all of you who have sent cards, flowers, gifts, or who called or e-mailed us after our daughter, Michelle, passed away. We felt a great outpouring of love and concern and were surrounded by warmth and well wishes. We would like to especially thank the Health Science Department for their

support and encouragement over the past month. We are deeply saddened by this change in our lives, but also are very grateful for our experiences and feel very blessed. Thank you again for your kind words and actions.

Sharlene & John Lewis & family

We would like to thank the university for the beautiful floral arrangement that we received for the birth of our son, Tristan.

Stephen & Andrea Moss

We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful flowers and notes of comfort and support at the passing of my mother-in-law. Mama Marva loved flowers and gardens.

Lary & Sharon Duque

My wife and I would like to thank the business college and university for the beautiful flowers that were sent to the hospital. The birth of our little girl (after three boys) has been a great joy for our family and the flowers were a wonderful reminder of the love and support from friends and faculty.

Jason Scott Earl

For Sale

1994 Nissan Quest GXE 7-passenger minivan. 3.0 L V6 engine, roof rack, sunroof, AC, cruise, 170,000 miles, good shape. Blue Book is \$2,570 to \$3,395. Asking \$2,200. Call ext. 1406 or 656-9976.

3-acre lot. New development with a large pond and amazing views of the Grand Teton. Power and phone have been installed and protective covenants allow for one large animal per acre. Call ext. 1427 for more information. \$50k for all 3 acres.

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1991 Chevy Astro van. 4.3 liter, V6, high miles, rough paint, good A/C and heater, good run-around vehicle. \$750 OBO. Call Jeff at 313-0076.

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