



CSM (Ret) Jacob Eugene Haller

January 14, 1933 - April 7, 2024

In loving memory of Jacob Eugene Haller, a true hero who bravely served his country in the Army. Post Command Sergeant Major Haller's dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten. He displayed unwavering courage and commitment, serving with honor and integrity.

Jacob leaves behind a legacy of service and profound impact on those who knew him. May his memory live on as a shining example of patriotism and selflessness.

Jacob came from a loving and beautiful family. His parents, Adam, and Hester (Rooney) Haller had 15 children. Jake and his twin brother John were born on January 14, 1933 in Atwood Kansas. The family moved to Alliance, Nebraska and they all went to Catholic School, St. Agnes Academy where they all graduated.

Jacob Eugene Haller passed away Sunday, April 7, 2024, at his home in Richland, Missouri with his beloved wife by his side, having attained the age of 91 years.

The Missouri House of Representatives wrote a Resolution to Jacob from Jim Mitchell which stated:

The members of the Missouri House of Representatives always experience a

very special feeling of pride when pausing to recognize an individual who has faithfully service this country both at home and abroad with honor, loyalty, and valor.

Command Sergeant Major Jacob E. Haller has earned the love, respect, and admiration of countless citizens around the world as a proud American soldier who made many sacrifices for the cause of freedom and democracy.

Command Sergeant Major Jacob E. Haller began his long and highly successful career in the United States Army with the Combat and Construction Engineers during the Korean War, and after an honorable discharge at Fort Leonard Wood in 1956, he reentered the Army in 1959 at Colorado and served until 1966 in various unit and staff positions in Europe, Hawaii, and the United States.

Command Sergeant Major Jacob E. Haller was assigned as a squad leader with the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, at Pielke, Republic of Vietnam, and was then assigned as a Battalion Command Sergeant Major, was then reassigned to the Brigade Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Training Brigade (OSUT) and assumed the duties as Post Command Sergeant Major on July 26, 1984.

During his brilliant 30-year career, Command Sergeant Major Haller received numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Command Sergeant Major Haller is a graduate of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy at the Bad Toelz, Federal Republic of Germany; The Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, Fort McClellan, Alabama; and The Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss in Texas.

Command Sergeant Major could not have achieved such success without the constant love, support and encouragement of his devoted wife, Juniata

(Burton) Haller, of 65 years and their dog Lacy Kaye; their daughter, Deanna Kaye (Haller) Chase and her husband, Mitchell; 3 granddaughters, Meredith Bixlar and her husband James, the late Kelly Chase, and Laura Jones and her husband, Brian; 8 great-grandchildren, Mitchell, Isabelle, Cameron, Madelynn, James, Nathan, Katelyn, and Thomas; one brother, Pat Haller; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in St. Jude Catholic Church of Richland, Missouri with Father Michael Murphy officiating. Obituary reading was given by Brian Jones. Organist/Pianist, Karen Glawson played as the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace," "How Great Though Art," "Be Not Afraid," "On Eagles Wings," and "Blessed Assurance." Escorts were provided by The United States Army. Burial with full military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Contributions in memory of Jacob Haller can be made and left at Memorial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Thank you for your service, CSM (Ret) Jacob Eugene Haller. We are praying for your family and friends.

Martin-Georgia White - April 10, 2024 at 11:54 PM

PJ

“ My wife Patsy and I Paul Geddes are saddened seeing that our friend and neighbor Jake has passed away. We were neighbors for many years. We often visited over the fence or in our back yards almost every day. I played many years of golf with Jake and Lil Bob Groat almost every day. I cherish the times and memories we shared as friends and neighbors. We shared our birthdays together every year, his in January, Lil Bob's in September and mine in November. Those are memories that cannot be taken away. Juniata, Patsy and I feel and share your pain for we loved Jake too. He will be surely missed.

Paul F Geddes Jr - April 10, 2024 at 06:16 PM

PJ

“ Paul Geddes Jr lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller



Paul F Geddes Jr - April 10, 2024 at 06:02 PM

PJ

“ *Paul Geddes Jr lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Paul F Geddes Jr - April 10, 2024 at 05:57 PM

VA

“ *Val Adank lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Val Adank - April 10, 2024 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ *CSM(R)Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



CSM(R)Harold&Brigitte Burleson - April 10, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 10, 2024 at 11:09 AM

FC

“ *Fort Wood Lions Club lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club - April 10, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 10, 2024 at 09:30 AM

MR

“ I have often said, “ I stood on the Shoulders of Giants.” Two come to mind immediately. Both were not very tall and imposing in physical stature. But, both were giants in soldiering, character, leadership, caring, and mentoring. One was CSM (Ret.) Derek Barlow when he was my 1SG in B-2-E at Cp Edward’s in South Korea (1977-1978). I was a very young Sgt. Serving as the Operations NCO. Fast forward a decade later, and the other “Giant” was CSM (Ret.) Jacob Haller in 1986. He was the Fort Leonard Wood Command Sergeant Major and I worked for him as the 1986 Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY).

CSM Jake Haller passed away this week at the age of 91. He had a profoundly strong impact upon my career. He was a quiet professional leader that came across to me more so than another other Army leader I served with, as a fatherly like figure. His skill set as a leader were to be emulated by all. Calm, collective, steady in his actions. Very well organized and precise with his actions and deeds. He never directed me to do anything that was outside my directed duties. He would always ask. Of course me being a young Sergeant First Class with only 11 years of service and Jake closing in on a career of 30 plus years his demeanor had me wanting to excel.

CSM Haller joined the Army in 1955 and would tell me he started as a “mule skinner”. This just built-up the mystique of serving with someone that had so much more experience than I did. We both had very busy schedules and agendas. But, he always took the time to explain what I did not understand. I learned a tremendous amount of soldiering and leading from his leadership style, actions, and deeds. He empowered me in so many ways. Gave me missions to execute with very little supervision. His care and concern for Soldiers was always in the forethought of his approach to Soldiering. I would often see him crank out six or eight thank you, congratulation or appreciation notes. Why? Because he truly cared. By the time CSM Haller retired and we departed ways, I think I was better prepared to be a CSM than a Platoon Sergeant on my next

assignment.

Our social interaction was one of an underling learning all aspects of life as a leader in the Army. He was a class act. Attending social events with senior officers where CSM Haller and I would on occasion be the only enlisted personnel. We traveled TDY a few times to include AUSA events. Wearing bib overalls and a red shirt at a national convention sure brought us attention. One of his hobbies was collecting beer memorabilia. My Dad also had the same hobby. I brought him back a few rare beer cans and odd items from my Dad. Boy, CSM Haller's eyes light up! He was such a well rounded leader.

Our year together was one of the most memorable of my nearly 36 year active duty career. I stood on the shoulder of CSM Jake Haller. Leadership is passed from generation to generation and Jake did it as good as any. For this I am forever thankful for his impact upon my life.

God Bless the love of his life Juniata, daughter Deanna, and the rest of the family. Thank You for sharing him with all us Soldiers over the years.

Rest in Peace CSM Haller; until Valhalla.

With much love and respect,

*Michael M. Balch
Command Sergeant Major
United States Army Retired*

Michael M Balch, CSM, US Army Retired - April 09, 2024 at 10:04 PM

BM

“ *Bill Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Jacob Haller*



Bill Mitchell - April 09, 2024 at 07:06 PM