

# a Proud Salute

## to America's Armed Forces



*There is no greater act of honor & courage than serving one's country in the armed forces. We proudly salute all those who are serving this country and thank them for defending the ideals of our nation.*

### 1st Lt. Benjamin Thompson



#### U.S. Army National Guard

First Lieutenant Benjamin Thompson is currently stationed in Kosovo with the Missouri National Guard.

He is the son of Victor and Mary Thompson and Teresa Montgomery of Piedmont, and the grandson of Enoch and Pauline Thompson and William and Maggie Thorsland, all of Piedmont. His wife, Jennifer Hackworth Thompson, is the daughter of Dwayne and Sandy Hackworth of rural Ellington.

Ben graduated from Clearwater High School and the University of Missouri. His mailing address is not available.

### Sgt. Shawn Smith



#### U.S. Army National Guard

Sgt. Shawn Smith, an E5, has been in the military for 14 years. He is currently enlisted with the Missouri National Guard and is getting ready to be deployed to Iraq. Smith is a member of the 1140th Combat Engineering Battalion at Farmington.

Smith is a graduate of Clearwater High School. He spent four years in the United States Marine Corps and eight years in the Army.

He is married to Kristeena Smith. They have two children — Kayla and Dakota.

A mailing address for Smith is not available.

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