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NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP SOLDIER KILLED ROBERT DEMBOWSKI, JR.

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service, is of particular significance to Northampton Township this year as we mourn the loss of United States Army, Private First Class, **Robert "Bob" Dembowski, Jr.**, who lived in Ivyland, Northampton Township. Bob's family was notified of his death on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Bob, 20, was a company radio transmitter assigned to the 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"He was a highly dedicated paratrooper," Capt. Aaron King, the rear detachment commander for 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, said in a statement. "He was dedicated not only to his profession but also in serving this great nation."

Bob, who graduated from Council Rock High School North in June of 2005, joined the Army in January 2006 and reported to the 82nd Airborne in May 2006. In his short time in serving, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.



A SPECIAL FLAG DAY CEREMONY WAS HELD JUNE 14, 2007

Northampton Township held a special Flag Day Ceremony at the Municipal park on June 14th. More than 200 residents attended and heard remarks by Supervisor Chairman Pete Palestina and invited guest speakers. The keynote speaker was retired Marine Corps Major General Ronald K. Nelson who focused on the war in Iraq, terrorism, patriotism and what the flag truly means to the American people. State Representative Scott Petri talked about the flag as did County Commissioners Charlie Martin and James Cawley who were very complimentary in their remarks about the event put together by the Supervisors. The Marine Corps League Patriot Detachment #1230 Richboro provided the Color Guard and the National Anthem, as well as God Bless America and You're a Grand Old Flag was sung by Arielle Smith. Scout Tom Long led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Various Scouts from Northampton troops coordinated by Scoutmaster Aaron Sarafinas provided the flag disposal burning as well as telling the story behind the proper protocol for disposal of the flag as the Scouts cut the ceremonial flag.

