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**LINT CENTER UNVEILS SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
FALLEN BRONZE STAR HERO**

*Lint Center for National Security Studies Announces Memorial Scholarship for U.S. Army Counterintelligence Special Agent, Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton Jr.*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, November 22, 2008 – The Lint Center, a non-profit charity, focused on supporting the educational pursuits of the next generation of America’s Counterintelligence (CI) and National Security Workers, today formally announced the creation of the Staff Sergeant Richard Eaton Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is dedicated in honor of Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton, a United States Army Counterintelligence Special Agent and Bronze Star recipient who died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on August 12, 2003.

The newly created fund will award \$1,000 to the winning applicant to assist with tuition and other educational costs. The deadline for scholarship consideration is January 31, 2009.

“I am grateful that the Lint Center is dedicating a memorial scholarship to honor my son’s contribution to our nation’s Counterintelligence capability and the sacrifice of his life for our country,” said Sharon Noble Eaton, Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton’s mother. “Rick loved his CI work in the Philippines, South Korea, Honduras, El Salvador, Panama, Iraq, and places I don’t know. He shared that passion with and trained CI soldiers in any way he could. This is his legacy to the CI world. He was also a great and loving son. I miss him every day.”

“I had the honor of serving with Rick both at home and abroad,” said James Lint, Chairman of the Lint Center for National Security Studies. “His exemplary achievements during his career are a testament to the character, conviction, and courage of those who continue to serve this nation – always out front. I owe Rick a debt of gratitude that only service members can understand and Counterintelligence specialists can appreciate; this country owes him the honor befitting his sacrifice. The Lint Center is committed to ensuring Rick’s deeds, personal example, and noble heroism are both honored and memorialized.”

As Staff Sgt. Rick Eaton’s former CI instructor and a Moderator of the Army Counterintelligence Discussion Group (ACIDG), Gary Scher explained, “Rick viewed the preservation of liberty and the American way of life as a basic undeniable tenet of his life’s

work as an Army Counterintelligence Special Agent.” Mr. Scher further stated, “Rick had a great reputation as an extremely knowledgeable agent. He left a comfortable job to volunteer for recall supporting our soldiers in Iraq. That is a man’s and a soldier’s choice.” In the end, as Mr. Scher explained “It is a very special honor to offer this scholarship in his name because Rick is what we strive to be. This scholarship is a small way to honor his sacrifice.”

**About the 2009 Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton Jr. Memorial Scholarship:**

The Staff Sgt Richard Eaton Jr. Memorial Scholarship fund provides \$1,000 to recipients pursuing scholastic study in fields related to Alliance Building, Counterintelligence, Cultural Understanding, and National Security studies. For more information on scholarship application requirements, please visit <http://www.lintcenter.org/2009/Eaton.htm> .

**About the Lint Center:**

The Lint Center for National Security Studies, Inc., founded in 2007, is a non-profit IRS 501 (c) (3) organization created to award merit-based scholarships for Counterintelligence and National Security Workers, their children and scholars, and to advance the study of National Security, cross-cultural studies, and global understanding. The Center, an IRS approved charity, is Veteran and minority operated and managed. For more information, please visit [www.LintCenter.org](http://www.LintCenter.org).

**About Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton Jr:**

Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton was awarded the Bronze Star for his service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to numerous other medals and citations, Staff Sgt Eaton received the Thomas G. Knowlton Award from the Military Intelligence Corps Association which recognizes those individuals who have significantly contributed to the promotion of Army Intelligence. For more information about Staff Sgt. Rick Eaton, please visit: <http://www.chinapost1.org/divisions/korea/Eaton.htm> or <http://www.militarycity.com/valor/256727.html>.

**About the Army Counterintelligence Discussion Group:**

The Army Counterintelligence Discussion Group mailing list (ACIDG-L) is open to all active, reserve, former, and retired Army Counterintelligence Special Agents. Requests will be approved after verification of a subscribers CI status. ACIDG-L is privately run by unpaid volunteers and is not affiliated with the US Army, Department of Defense or any subordinate activity. Rick Eaton and Jim Lint are co-founders of ACIDG-L. It is said that, “Rick Eaton is the moderator from the high ground for ACIDG.” For more information, please visit: <http://www.ACIDG.org>

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