

# THE BRENDEN SALAZAR-NELSON OPERATIONS CENTER

*Dedicated to*

*Specialist Brenden N. Salazar-Nelson*

*March 24, 1992-July 22, 2012*

*"No greater devotion to sworn duty and the supreme sacrifice  
can a Soldier demonstrate to God and to man than to lay down  
his/her own life in the line of duty"*

*Author Unknown*

*Specialist Brenden Neal Salazar-Nelson was born on March 24, 1992 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Caserma Ederle, Italy. Specialist Salazar-Nelson was killed in action July 22, 2012, along with another fellow Soldier, when their unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device in Pul-E Alam, Afghanistan in the Logar Providence.*

*Specialist Salazar-Nelson awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Ribbon. Specialist Salazar-Nelson also earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Canadian Parachute Badge and the Italian Parachute Badge.*

