
VOTE IN HONOR OF A VET

Specialist Cindy M. Beaudoin Connecticut National Guard & Army

Name Cindy M. Beaudoin
Hometown Plainville, CT
Currently Deceased
Rank Specialist
Unit CT National Guard Army



"On Sunday, January 13, 1991, just four days before the war began, her unit left for Saudi Arabia. The 142nd moved forward behind advancing combat units when the ground war began on February 24. Specialist Beaudoin penned a two-line stanza on her helmet that read: "Look at this place that we have found. No one knows where we are bound."

On January 17, 1991, Iraq's army had been routed, and President Bush declared a cease-fire. The war was not over yet for Specialist Beaudoin. The 142nd's journey had taken it north from Saudi Arabia into Iraq and then east to just across the border into Kuwait. There, at about 3:00 P.M. on February 28, an explosion rocked the 142nd's convoy. SPC Beaudoin shouted as she tumbled from her truck; "They're firing at us." Cindy Beaudoin's leg was gone; shrapnel had torn her abdomen. Three hours later she was in a medivac helicopter headed for the rear. It wasn't soon enough; Cindy died during the flight.

The idea behind the personalized flag is to reach out to families who have lost loved ones to war, to show them the sacrifice was not in vain and that they are remembered. The idea behind "Vote in Honor of a Vet is to ensure that we honor those rights that so many uniformed men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice in sustaining our right to vote.

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"Always Ready, Always There". ~ US National Guard Motto~