

## **bobbysvalentines background story**

CPT Robert Bager served in the First Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Blackhawks Squadron, based in Buedingen, Germany. He served 1 tour of duty in Iraq from 2003-2004. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon for his service. He was an ROTC graduate of SUNY Brockport graduating in 2002 with a B.S. in History. He died September 21, 2005 from injuries sustained in a training-related accident in Germany. He was 25 yrs old.

He was legendary for his random acts of humor and compelling storytelling. He loved serving our nation in the military and was very much at ease in this vocation. A friend recently posted this:

“Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.” - Adlai E. Stevenson II

Although his life was short in span, it was deep in commitment to the Nation, and those around him. His absence is deeply felt by family and friends...

Sitting around the table one Sunday afternoon, our family talked about *some* way to remember Bob and so the idea for [bobbysvalentines.org](http://bobbysvalentines.org) began....It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit set up in his memory. Its mission is to honor and remember veterans on Valentine's Day.....Why February 14? It's Bob's birthday.....