

Our Fallen Hero



Sgt. Joel A. House Lee

Like many young people, Joel learned best by doing and experiencing. The academics of school were a challenge best supported by the hands-on learning approaches of summer camp enrichment programs. He also spent many summers as an exchange student host brother and went to Guadalajara, Mexico as an exchange student. It was his personal friendship with young people from Europe, Latin America, and Asia that inspired him to do his part to make the world a safer place for young people and their families to live. Joel joined the Army shortly after graduation from high school because he wanted to do his part to protect his family and friends against the brutal terrorist attacks on U.S. and European soil. Joel, one of five generations of soldiers in his family who served their country in the military, believed that freedom isn't free.