

# Our Fallen Hero



## **SPC. Christopher S. Merchant** **Bangor**

**Christopher Merchant graduated from Peoples Academy in 1991, later returned to work there as a custodian and dreamed of being a teacher someday.**

**But there was something else he had to do first. He did a stint in the Army and returned to civilian life. When the Vermont National Guard's Task Force Saber was deployed to Iraq, he signed up to serve again. Rev. John Hamilton of St. Norbert's Church in Hardwick said Merchant's selflessness was evident even during childhood, when he would step forward to take the blame for his siblings' mischief.**