



# MSGT Justin R. Heiar

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**J**ustin Robert Heiar, age 39, of Temecula, CA, passed away April 20, 2025 at his home.

Justin was born June 7, 1985, in Clinton, IA, the son of William and Marilyn (Ostert) Heiar. He graduated from Northeast Community High School Goose Lake, IA in May 2004. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Master Sargeant and was scheduled to retire in May 2025 after 20 years of distinguished service.

Areas of service include being deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Iwo Jima from June-December 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He completed Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard training in Quantico, VA and was stationed at the American Embassies in Cyprus from 2007-2008, Nigeria from 2008-2009 and El Salvador from 2009-2010. During this period, he was promoted from Sargeant to Staff Sargeant, awarded a Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal and completed a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management. He was then assigned to Iwakuni, Japan, from 2010 to 2013 in charge of Quality Assurances and later Production Control. From October 2013 to 2020, he was assigned to MCAS Miramar in San Diego and promoted to Gunnery Sargeant in 2014. He was also deployed in 2018 for 4 months to Bahrain. From August 2020 to July 2023, he served at Fort Worth as the Senior Enlisted Advisory for the Marine Transport Squadron "Roadrunners" and was promoted to Master Sargeant in 2020. Master Sargeant Heiar returned to San Diego in July 2023 assigned as the Maintenance Control Chief.

Justin's life was dedicated to the Marine Corps and he received many awards and decorations. His decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with 3 bronze stars, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon with 2 bronze stars, and the Marine Security Guard Ribbon.



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He married Kamryn Miller in 2020 and enjoyed spending time with his wife, stepson Austin Morales, their 2 dogs, family and friends in the backyard. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking and made several pieces of beautiful furniture for their home.

Sadly, he is gone too soon. He will be dearly missed by his wife Kamryn and stepson Austin of Temecula, CA, parents Bill and Marilyn, brother Jason (Jamie Hosek-Heiar), aunts Carolyn (Dave) Livingston, Rosalie Thomas (James Toby), Pamela (Dennis) Naeve, Cheryl (Eric) Schneck, Gwen Ostert, and numerous cousins. Justin is preceded in death by his grandparents Gerald and June Heiar and Robert and Glatha Ostert, aunts and uncles Larry and Gloria Heiar and Jim and Marilou Roling, and uncles John Ostert and Richard Thomas.

Graveside Services with military honors being conducted by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard will be 11:00am, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Rock Island National Cemetery; the procession will depart Snell-Zornig Funeral Home at 10:15am. Visitation for family and friends will be Monday from 4:00-7:00pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home with a brief prayer to conclude the visitation at 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to: Stop Soldier Suicide - Dallas, TX, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, or Speak Out Against Suicide - Camanche, IA






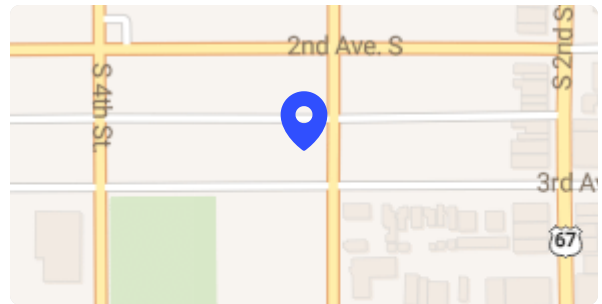
# Events

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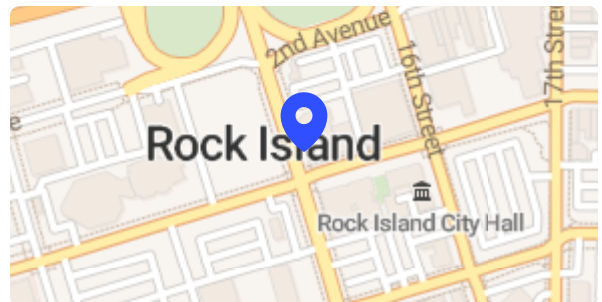
## Visitation

-  **Monday**, May 12, 2025
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**  
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732





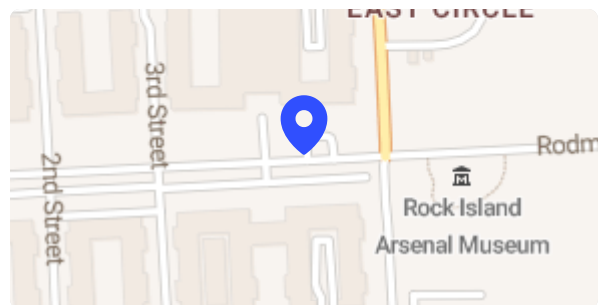
## Graveside and Military Honors

-  **Tuesday**, May 13, 2025
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Rock Island Arsenal, National Cemetery**  
Rock Island IL



## Cemetery Details

-  **Rock Island National Cemetery**  
Rodman Ave, Rock Island IL 61299
-  **(309) 784-0000**





# Tribute Wall

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**David Frederick** posted:

I knew Justin for many years and worked with him on and off as we typically do in the same MOS. I sadly heard about his passing too late, wish I could have seen him again before. Semper Fidelis brother, may you and your family find peace.

July 17 at 8:25 AM



**Michael Frederick** shared a photo to the **USMC** album.



May 8 at 11:45 AM



**Michael Frederick** May 8 at 11:52 AM

My condolences on your loved one's passing, thoughts and prayers to the family. Top, you will be missed. Rest in peace brother. Semper Fidelis.



**Mark & Colleen Meggers** posted:

Our sympathy to Bill and Marilyn & family. Justin deserves our gratitude for his many years of service. It is a hard career. May he rest in peace.

May 8 at 11:44 AM



**Dani Naughton** lit a candle in honor of Justin.



May 7 at 9:12 PM



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JS

**John Schwarz** posted:

Thank you, Bill, for the link to Justin's funeral details. Those of us who have served in our military know especially how dedicated Justin was to the Corps and his mates and the hard work he put in to attain the many achievements of his military career. And so close to reaching his 20 years of active duty and honorable retirement. Got to pray for his soul and for some kind of peace and understanding of his final act. God love his wife Kamryn and Austin, you, Bill, and Marilyn, and brother Jason, and all who loved and respected him. May Justin finally rest in peace.

May 7 at 11:13 AM

MB

**Michael Boyler** May 12 at 12:45 PM

Words cannot express my sadness and sorrow in your loss of Justin. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this very difficult time. May God give you the strength in this time of grief.

SD

**Shirley Arensdorf Dague** May 8 at 10:19 AM

Outstanding individual, thank you for your extensive service. God bless you 🙏

KG

**Karen Grimm** May 7 at 5:16 PM

Bill, Marilyn and Jason, know you are all in my thought's and prayers. I am so sorry to hear this news about Justin. 🙏🙏

JS

**Jackie Sparks** May 7 at 5:14 PM

Remember running Justin to baseball games, watching him wrestle. Always a determined, hard nosed young man who always gave ALL he had. Rest in Heaven Justin...you will be missed

MT

**Madonna J. Thines** May 7 at 5:02 PM

I know the Heiar family from Charlotte, Iowa. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Madonna Burke Thines

TH

**Tim Heiar** May 7 at 1:16 PM

Our thoughts and Prayers Kamryn and Austin and Bill, Marilyn and Jason and Jamie RIP Justin you will be Missed

TS

**The Russo'S** May 7 at 11:57 AM

We didn't know you but we share a Military background! We are good friends with your aunt Rosalie, may God be with your family at this time. Anthony & Sherry Russo R.I.P



# Media

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May 8 at 11:45 AM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Justin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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