



State Championship Ring Difficult to Even Find In This Red's War Chest Of Accomplishments

With more than 70 League, District, Regional, and State Championship trophies in its midst, Eaton's baseball trophy cases are admittedly filled with about as much hardware as the nearest Home Depot. And while the Reds take great honor in that, the achievements of its graduates after their time wearing the Eaton pinstripes are vastly more impressive. This may be no more evident than with 1994 graduate Captain Cade Anderson who is one of Eaton's most recent decorated veterans in the War on Terror.

In high school, Cade was a member of the 1994 Reds' team, which won Eaton's first State Championship, as well as numerous league, district and regional championships in the years preceding the big win. For most, that type of success is difficult to even dream of, let alone realize within even the course of a lifetime. For Cade, having the opportunity to be a part of Eaton Baseball was the start to a journey of success after success that would lead him across the country, and then across the world, in defense of America.

Cade's performance in defense of our country was not just what makes a mother and father proud, his former teammates proud, nor what makes even his entire hometown proud; Captain Donald Cade Anderson earned a dozen medals for his exceptional service and won the admiration of all of the aforementioned groups, and accomplished more than he had ever dreamt was possible as an Officer and Artilleryman in the US Army.

Cade's awards include:

- **Bronze Star Medal (Second Award)** – 2006 – For exceptionally meritorious service as the Battalion Effects Coordinator for Task Force 1-30 during Operation Iraqi Freedom III, Muqadiyah, Iraq, January 2005 - January 2006.
- **Bronze Star Medal** – 2003 – For exceptionally meritorious service as the Coalition Task Force 82 (82nd Airborne Division Tactical Assault Center) Assistant Operations Officer during Operation Enduring Freedom III, Bagram, Afghanistan, December 2002 - May 2003.
- **Army Commendation Medal (Third Award)** – 2006 – For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to Task Force 1-30 and the 3rd Infantry Division during numerous tactical deployments and garrison activities, March 2004 - May 2006.
- **Army Commendation Medal (Second Award)** – 2006 – For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to Task Force 1-30 and the 42nd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom III, Mudadiyah, Iraq, January 2005 - October 2005.
- **Army Commendation Medal** – 2003 – For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division during numerous tactical deployments and garrison activities, June 1999 - July 2003.
- **Army Achievement Medal** – 2000 – For outstanding performance as a Battalion Support Platoon Leader in support during an annual Battalion Artillery Readiness Test, August 2000.
- **Afghanistan Campaign Medal** – 2005 – For service while deployed to the Afghan theater of operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
- **Iraq Campaign Medal** – 2005 – For service while deployed to the Iraq theater of operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
- **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal** – 2003 – For service while deployed to a combat zone engaged in the fight against terrorism.
- **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal** – 2003 – For service as a member of the United States Army in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
- **National Defense Service Medal** – 2001 – For service as a member of the United States Army during a period of declared armed conflict.
- **Combat Action Badge** – 2006 – For coming under direct fire from an enemy force in combat.

Donning one of only 18 Reds' Baseball State Championship Rings in existence at the time (there are now more than 200 of them), Cade left Eaton in 1994 to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, where he joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and received a scholarship. He graduated in August 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science with 128 semester credits and 226 total flight hours. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Field Artillery and reported to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for six months to learn how to become an Artillery officer in the Army. He could have tried to join a Army reserve unit while working his way into the commercial aircraft industry as a six-figure a year pilot; he instead chose to fulfill his service obligation on Active Duty and use his mind (he was the high school class president with a 3.4 GPA) and abilities to serve his country for less pay.

His first duty station was in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where Cade was a company fire support officer for an airborne infantry company with the mission of immediate, no notice worldwide deployment. In that role, he planned, coordinated and integrated fire support assets to include: field artillery, mortars, naval gunfire, close air support, and attack helicopters.

It took less than a year after arriving at his unit for Cade to be promoted to first lieutenant, where he served as the Battalion Support Platoon Leader. In that role, Cade was responsible for the reconnaissance, selection, and occupation of logistic resupply points, and was directly accountable for 21 Soldiers and equipment valued in the millions of dollars. Cade then took a larger leadership role as Executive Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery (DIVARTY), responsible for planning, coordinating, and supervising the missions, training, and support tasks directed by the higher headquarters, while ensuring the total support of the staff including 122 soldiers and three subordinate battalions. Cade then moved from DIVARTY headquarters "back to the line" as a Battery Fire Direction Officer. He and his soldiers were responsible for calculating firing data for a six-gun 105mm howitzer battery while Cade gave "fire order commands" to the guns and ensured the safety of all computational procedures for the missions being conducted. These Artillery missions were often fired at "danger close" ranges (within 600 meters) to dismounted infantry.

Then came September 11th, 2001.

Cade moved again to become a Battalion Intelligence Officer, responsible for the timely, accurate and relevant tactical analysis of all enemy threats, focusing on the enemies' indirect fire (mortars and artillery) capabilities. While serving as the Battalion Intelligence Officer, Cade was again promoted to Captain, with just under four years of service. As a member of the Battalion staff, he helped his unit maintain a level of readiness that only a handful of units in the Army are required to achieve. His unit was ready at a moment's notice from being deployed anywhere in the world within 18 hours in support of the War on Terror.

It was now Summer of 2002 and Cade had reached a point in his career where he needed to decide to leave active duty service, or go to advanced schooling and on to another duty station. He chose to continue to serve, but instead of going back to advanced training at Ft. Sill, he actually volunteered to extend his tour at Ft. Bragg, becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Staff, for an opportunity to deploy to Afghanistan later that December. In advance of his deployment, Cade became the 82nd Airborne Division Training Resource Officer for a 14,000-member Airborne Division. He was responsible for managing all of the 82nd Airborne Division's 120 different types of training ammunition at a total value of approx. \$30 million, in addition to managing division level training area for the numerous units within the division.



Cade coordinated all training areas and ammunition requirements for two Joint Readiness Training Exercises (JRTX) that demonstrated to high-level public and government officials, including senators and congressmen, of the forced entry capabilities of the 82nd Airborne Division, capable of worldwide deployment within 18 hours of notification. Having earned the Army Achievement Medal for superior performance in training, it was now time for the show to begin, as Captain Anderson was deployed to Afghanistan to remove Al-Qaeda and its supporters.

From the time that Cade stepped foot into Afghanistan to the time that he left Iraq, little detail can be told of the operations that he helped coordinate and plan. What can be told is that Cade and his fellow Soldiers showed resolve in the face of direct enemy fire, earning the number of, and type of, medals (including 2 bronze stars) that are awarded to only those that continuously served with distinction in very difficult circumstances. When Cade arrived in Iraq, reconstruction had already begun. Schools and water treatment facilities were a priority. However, once the schools were opened, the children often lacked basic school supplies. Cade and his family back in Eaton worked to resolve this issue by gathering donated school supplies and toys from the generous people in the community. Once in Iraq, Cade split the supplies up and ensured they made it to the needy children of Iraq. His unit built or reconstructed 26 schools, started numerous water and sanitation projects, created 2,500 jobs for unskilled laborers and helped train hundreds of Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army soldiers, to take the fight for their country's future into their own hands. He also played a major role in providing security for Iraqi voters during the Iraqi constitutional referendum and national election, both of which were a resounding success, and yet another step to a secure, free and democratic Iraq.



Cade and his troops following a mission in Iraq



Providing security for first elections in Iraq's history

Cade comes from a family of heroes, as his sister Ami risked her life while still just a high schooler to help the victim of a car crash. Despite the danger of a fallen high-voltage power line dangling at the scene, Ami rushed to help the woman that was injured. In doing so, Ami was hit by the power line and has been wheelchair-bound and unable to speak since that time. Most parents wouldn't risk having their only other child in harm's way after something like that, but while attending to Ami hourly for a decade and a half, Barry and Barb Anderson never discouraged Cade from service to his country or being in harm's way.

While Cade's military engagements have led him to places such as Bagram, Afghanistan and Muqadiyah, Iraq, his most recent engagement has been made here at home, as he recently proposed to now-fiancée Wendy Servoss in Raleigh, North Carolina. Cade and Wendy will be married on January 30th, 2007 in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico and return home to Raleigh with plans of starting a family.

From one of your many former teammates that are inspired by your heroic achievements:

***Congratulations on All of Your Success, Cade, and Thank You for Defending America;
Eaton Baseball Couldn't Be More Proud of One of Its Own.***

The following page contains a newspaper article about Cade from Feb. 2006

Eaton Soldier says War is Just

Mike Peters

February 13, 2006

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20060213/NEWS/102130077&SearchID=73262169768488>

He won't go into specifics when he talks about the wars now. About the months in Afghanistan, or the almost year in Iraq.

He doesn't want to worry his parents, of course, although there were bombs every day, snipers shot at them and there were rocket attacks.

But Capt. Cade Anderson of Eaton made it home, if only for a week, to catch up on times he and his family missed together.

"It's like that commercial where the guy takes his family to his parents' house and they celebrate all the holidays at once," said Cade's mother, Barb Anderson, laughing. "We celebrated his birthday this week, and tomorrow, we have Christmas."

Cade grew up in Eaton playing football and baseball. He wrestled and was president of the student body.

After graduation in 1994, he went to an aeronautical university in Arizona and graduated in 1998 with a degree in aeronautical science. He was in the ROTC in school and went into the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer.

Although he's been in two campaigns in two war-torn countries, Cade wants to talk about the good things the soldiers have done.

"I called home last spring from Iraq and told mom and dad we needed things for the kids and schools," Cade said.

Barry and Barb Anderson went to work in their community, having drives, raising funds and asking for donations. They got backpacks, notebooks, pencils, 350 soccer balls and even Beanie Babies for the kids. In all, they sent 1,700 pounds of supplies and toys for the children.

"You can't imagine how happy they were to get all those things from America," Cade said.

Meanwhile, Capt. Cade and his troops rebuilt 26 schools in their area. They repaired water projects. They even cleaned up the trash that littered the city of Muqdadiah, a city about the size of Greeley, a little more than 37 miles north of Baghdad.

Barry and Barb are proud of their son. You can see it in their eyes.

And in the eyes of their daughter -- Cade's sister -- Ami.

In 1991, when Ami got out of her car to help a crash victim, a fallen power line sent a bolt of electricity into her forehead. Thirty-two years old now, Ami is still with the family, in a wheelchair, and though she can't speak, her smile and laugh say a lot.

Cade won't be going back to Iraq and the 135-degree temperatures. He's stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., now and thinking of life beyond the military. His girlfriend, a wildlife biologist, is in charge of rabies control for the East Coast.

Cade is concerned when he hears reports that the military isn't wanted in Iraq. He talks of how friendly the people are, both adults and children, and how they invite the soldiers into their homes for tea.

He believes the military will gradually begin leaving within a year, although a small force will remain.

"We've done some good things there," Cade said. "The news hasn't focused on those things, the small successes."

He spoke to two classes in the week he was here -- in Windsor and at his cousin's class in Aurora. The kids, who sent cards and letters to him while he was in overseas-- seem to love him.

Just like the kids in Iraq. *DETAILS ABOUT HOW ELITE THE 82ND AIRBORNE IS FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE*



Note: While many of the recent heroics of the 82nd Airborne will not be declassified for many years, the 82nd Airborne is one of the most elite and famous divisions in military history. With the emblem of AA typifying their status as All-Americans, this division along with the 101st was the first to land in Europe on D-Day. By the time the All-American Division was pulled back to England, it had seen 33 days of bloody combat and suffered 5,245 paratroopers killed, wounded, or missing. The Division's post-battle report, stated "...33 days of action without relief, without replacements. Every mission accomplished. No ground gained was ever relinquished." Then during the final German offensive of the War in the Battle of the Bulge, this division was called to fend off the surprise attack, in which a member of the 82nd Airborne told a sergeant in a retreating tank destroyer to "...pull your vehicle behind me - I'm the 82nd Airborne, and this is as far as the bastards are going!" After helping to secure the Ruhr, the division ended the war at Ludwigslust by crossing the Elbe River and accepting the surrender of over 150,000 German troops. General Patton remarked: "...the 82nd's honor guard is undoubtedly the best."

