



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
*Office of the President*

MEMORANDUM

December 19, 2016

TO: Texas Tech University Family

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President

Ten years after being killed in combat in Iraq, the body of Major Troy Gilbert, a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech and a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery today (Dec. 19). To honor his service and sacrifice, Texas Tech will ring the victory bells at noon CST as the ceremony begins.

Troy was killed in action on Nov. 27, 2006, during the rescue of a stranded flight crew near Baghdad. His widow, Ginger Gilbert Ravella, a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech, led a decade-long campaign to bring Troy home. In September, she learned his body had been located. On Oct. 3, U.S. soldiers escorted the flag-covered casket onto United States soil.

In appreciation of Troy's service and the sacrifice he and his family made for his country, we invite you to join us at noon in remembering this great man.