

MY COUNTRY TO DEFEND FACT SHEET

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ABOUT THE RINCON FAMILY

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| Heritage: | Jorge, Yolanda, Fabian and Diego Rincon were born in Colombia. Two additional children, George and Stephanie, were born in the United States of America. The surviving children are ages 22, 11, and 7, respectively. |
| Immigrant Status: | Jorge, his wife and two oldest sons immigrated to the United States on September 7, 1989. Jorge acquired four, five-year visas which have been renewed on occasion. Diego was granted posthumous citizenship by the INS just one day before his funeral service. His father, Jorge has applied and been approved for his own citizenship, expected to be received in 2004. |
| Residence: | The family resides in Conyers, GA. |
| Employment: | Jorge began a carpet cleaning business in 1990. The business was sold following Diego's death in Iraq. |
| Diego's Service: | Private First Class Diego Rincon underwent Basic Training and AIT at Ft. Benning. He went on to Ft. Stewart to serve in the 3 rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). He was a member of the 2 nd Battalion, 7 th Infantry Regiment. His platoon was attached to the 3-69 Armored Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. |
| Diego's Final Letter: | Diego's final letter home actually came in a ten-page detail of combat to his brother, Fabian. His final letter to his mother, |

however, received substantial media attention and was dated February 22, 2003. The letter arrived three days before his death with its seemingly prophetic undertones. The letter has been featured in *People Magazine*, *Esquire Magazine*, and on the "A&E Channel" in a program hosted by Robert Downey, Jr., called "Between the Lines." In addition, the letter is now part of a traveling play, produced by Rector-Roberts Productions. The play in its 14th year of existence, touring various military bases and named, "Letters from the Front."

Diego's Death in Battle:

PFC Diego Rincon died alongside three other soldiers at a checkpoint outside An Najaf, Iraq. Early news reports indicated a driver summoned the men to help him with a taxi cab experiencing mechanical problems. In fact, the vehicle was pulled over for a routine check of the vehicle and any contents. The driver detonated explosives triggered by the opening of the trunk as the soldiers inspected the vehicle. It was later determined that the suicide bomber was a member of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Inspired Legislation:

Georgia Senators Zell Miller and Scott Chambliss co-sponsored a bill inspired by PFC Diego Rincon's sacrifice. Now law, the legislation called for automatic citizenship to be granted to any armed forces member who dies in combat and while not a U.S. citizen. The Congressional Record in its entirety is included for review. The bill was introduced on April 9, 2002, one day before PFC Diego Rincon's funeral. Diego Rincon was granted posthumous citizenship by the INS days prior to the introduction of the legislation.

The Outlaw Platoon:

Members of PFC Diego Rincon's platoon were nicknamed the Outlaws for their diversified role during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Though their original assignment was with the 2-7, they were attached to the 3-69 Armored Battalion to provide infantry support during combat.

Several members of the former Outlaw Platoon will be re-deploying to Iraq in the latter part of 2004.