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**III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan**

Nicholas A. Madrazo, a Washington native, was born November 14, 1982. He graduated from Bothell High School in 2001 and graduated from Seattle Pacific University in 2005 with a Business Degree. He was an accomplished soccer player in high school and was known as a tough competitor.

1<sup>st</sup> LT Madrazo was assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force based in Okinawa, Japan where he volunteered to go to Afghanistan as part of a Mobile Training Team (MTT). He arrived in Afghanistan in March, 2008 to help train Afghan troops and worked on development projects building roads, improving infrastructures and helping villagers learn to govern. LT Madrazo cared about the people he was helping and he found joy in giving candy to Afghan children. Later, after learning about the lack of dental care, he worried about the children getting cavities and started giving them pens, pencils and paper instead.

1<sup>st</sup> LT Madrazo was killed September 9, 2008 by a roadside bomb in Parwan Province. "Nic loved what he was doing," his uncle, Oliver Feedback, said. "He believed in what he was doing, and Nic gave the ultimate sacrifice for his family, friends and his country."

As a tribute, fellow Marines and others in his military family lined the streets of Bagram Air Base as Madrazo's body was taken to a transport plane for the long flight back to the States. Madrazo's commanding officer told his mother by phone that Marines stood shoulder to shoulder with Afghan troops, French soldiers and local Afghans who had come to know the Bothell man.

