



T.J. Carrillo

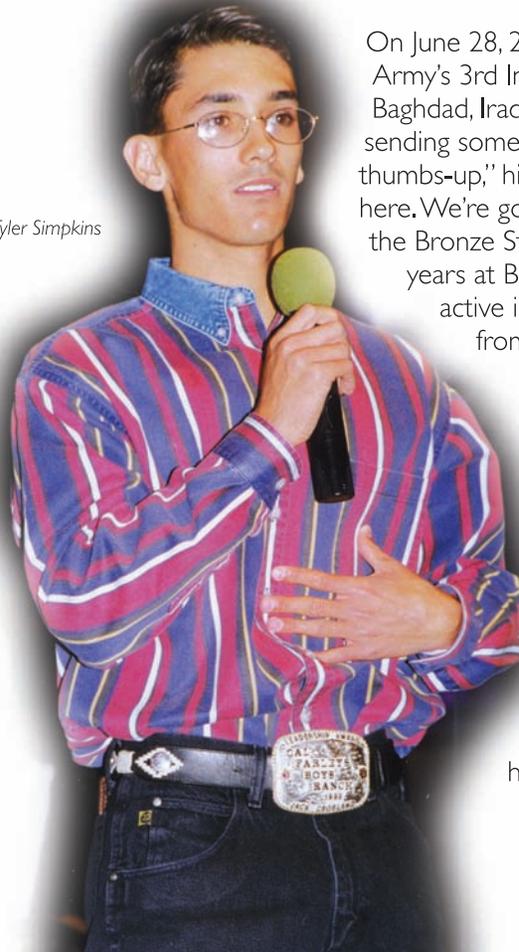
CAL FARLEY'S ALUMNI SETTLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Members of Cal Farley's staff and Board of Directors are inspired by the thousands of alumni who live productive and happy lives throughout the world. Our alumni serve their communities well in every conceivable profession. Former residents are also attending colleges and universities throughout the country. They are pursuing a broad range of academic programs, such as medicine, social work and education. Many of our young men and women are currently serving in various branches of the military. One young man attends West Point Preparatory School with the expectation of joining the West Point Military Academy freshman class this fall.

In Memoriam

The Cal Farley's extended family suffered the loss of two very special young men this year: Rafael "TJ" Carrillo Jr., a 2002 graduate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; and Francis "Tyler" Simpkins, a 1999 graduate.

Tyler Simpkins



On June 28, 2005, Spc. Carrillo, 21, an infantryman specializing in mortars in the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, was killed in action after his Humvee was mortared in Baghdad, Iraq. The Friday before he was killed, TJ called his mother and told her he was sending some pictures home. "It was a picture of him and a little Iraqi boy giving a thumbs-up," his mother said. "He said, 'Mama, he's just a huge example of why we're here. We're going to make life better for these children.'" TJ was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. TJ arrived at Boys Ranch in 1997. During his five years at Boys Ranch, TJ played football, participated on the wrestling team, and was active in the Chapel program. His house mother said, "We watched him grow from a troubled teen into a responsible adult."

Staff Sgt. Simpkins died from a terminal illness contracted during a 12-month tour of duty in Iraq. "He was a casualty of war," his house mother said. "In his short life he accomplished so much and touched so many lives." Tyler was buried with full military honors in the Boys Ranch Cemetery in May 2005. He earned many awards during his brief military career. Tyler loved bullfighting and after graduating from Boys Ranch High School, he pursued his dream of becoming a professional bullfighter, but soon realized he wanted a career that would better provide for his new wife and children. He joined the Army in June 2000. "He truly loved and appreciated Boys Ranch," his house mom said. "He was very vocal about what the Ranch did and the values he learned to live by."