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U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER J. MOON FIELD DEDICATION

The Midvale Park Neighborhood Association and the Tucson Unified School District, along with numerous dignitaries from the City of Tucson and Pima County and countless friends from throughout the community, will dedicate the multi-use field in Grijalva Park in honor of U.S. Army Specialist Christopher J. Moon on Monday, May 20 at 8:15 a.m. Specialist Moon was a Tucson native who died as a result of hostile action in Afghanistan in 2010. The multi-use field is located adjacent to Grijalva Elementary School, 1795 W Drexel Road, where Chris was a student from first through fifth grade. This dedication is a celebration of Christopher Moon's life and achievements.

Chris was an exceptional athlete and was named the 2006 Southern Arizona Baseball High School Player of the Year while attending Tucson High School. He earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Arizona in 2008 and was drafted by a Major League team. In his first semester of college he decided instead to enlist in the U.S. Army to serve his country. Chris's dedication to athletic excellence and ultimate sacrifice demonstrated devotion to service before self and serve as an example to everyone that heroes come from all corners of our community.

U.S. Army Specialist Christopher J. Moon Field lies within Grijalva Park. The completion of this final phase of the park is also an illustration of community perseverance, hard work, and teamwork. After nearly a decade of continuous effort, Grijalva Park is finally complete thanks to support from neighbors, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, Pima County, TUSD, and a grant from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe submitted by Vice Mayor Regina Romero's Ward 1 Council office. Please join us as we celebrate the life of a remarkable young man whose achievements deserve to be remembered for all time.

For more information about the event contact Ron Odell at 837-8123.



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