



The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund
"Honoring the sacrifice of Massachusetts Soldiers"

*MSLFund contacts 1st child
recipient of the fund*

• November 2005 – MSLFund contacts the first child to receive benefits from our fund. One of the articles that was recently printed about the MSLFund mentioned our search for the son of a fallen Groton soldier who had moved out West. We knew that this boy would be the first child eligible for our help but we could not locate him. After this was mentioned in a newspaper article the fallen soldier's friend emailed the MSLFund with the child's address and phone number. One of our trustees, Andy Beall, got to make the call to begin the process to send some college funding to this soldier's son. "The phone call really blew me away," reports Andy Beall. "My heart was beating so fast as I dialed the phone. Then the soldier's son himself answered the phone. I couldn't believe I was actually talking to one of the children we were trying to help. Once his Mom got on the phone, we had a long conversation. She told me about the funeral and burial at Arlington National Cemetery. It was very powerful. At the end of the phone call the Mom sincerely thanked me. She said 'you have no idea how much this will help'. This family had made such a huge sacrifice for us, the people of Massachusetts – and she was thanking me. It seemed quit ironic." This soldier was 40 when he was killed in Baghdad by a mortar explosion. It was his 2nd tour of duty in Iraq and he will indeed be missed.