

**FISHING TRADITION TO HONOR MEMORY OF FALLEN SOLDIER**  
*Annual "Trout Bust" to Raise Money for Lt. Daniel Riordan Scholarship Fund*

**For Immediate Release** – St. Louis, MO – In an effort to raise money to benefit the Lt. Daniel Riordan Scholarship Fund at Vianney High School, the Old Hippies Association (OHA) is donating the proceeds from their annual "Trout Bust" at Montauk State Park.

Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dan Riordan, an avid outdoorsman, was killed in June 2007 while serving in Iraq. As a boy scout Riordan enjoyed fishing, hiking, campfires and sleeping under the stars.

"While he (Dan) can't be here for this time honored tradition, we know he will be with us in spirit," said Jim Wallace, OHA president.

The "Trout Bust" will take place **October 9-11 at Ozark Mountain Ranch campground near Montauk State Park**. The cost of \$45 per person and includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, snacks and a fish fry on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, ask about family pricing. All proceeds from the "Trout Bust" will be dedicated to Riordan's memory.

For more information on the "Trout Bust" contact Jim Wallace, (314) 452-9904 or Chris Hellman, (636) 861-7173

**About Lt. Dan Riordan**

Born in Forth Worth, Texas Dan moved to St. Louis when he was 5 years-old. He attended Queen of All Saints Elementary School where he was very active in scouts. He graduated from St. John Vianney High School in 2001 before receiving his bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University. After his ROTC training, Dan was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army. He trained at both Fort Benning, GA and Fort Hood, TX before being deployed to Iraq in October of 2006. He is survived by his mother Jeanine Rainey, stepfather Bob Rainey, father Rick Riordan, stepmother Michelle Riordan, sister Suzanne, and brother Nick.

After Riordan graduated from the Army ROTC program at Southeast Missouri State University, in the wake of the 911 attacks, the 24 year-olds mother told him that, while she knew he would have to serve some time, there was no shame if he didn't want to make the military a career. Dan explained to her that he was more committed to serving now than ever. When he began preparing to go to Iraq Dan looked his mother in the eye and told her, "This is what I am called to do."