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**Mr. Mike Mastroni**  
**Chairman**  
**Connecticut Fallen Heroes Foundation-Sikorsky Fallen Heroes**  
**9 Bear Den Rd**  
**Trumbull, CT 06611**

**Dear Mr. Mastroni,**

**Thank you for the invitation to speak at the 7th Annual Connecticut Fallen Heroes Memorial Tribute! Unfortunately, my schedule will simply not allow me to attend, as I will be traveling in the US Central Command Area of Operations during your event.**

**In your letter you referred to yourself as an ordinary middle class American, but I assure you the commitment and dedication of you and your organization towards remembering the Fallen Heroes of your community is extraordinary and a testament to the human spirit which makes this country great. I wish you the best as you coordinate this event, and I look forward to one day being able to attend and thank you and the members of your foundation in person.**

**Again, thanks for thinking to invite me.**

**With warm regards,**

**David H. Petraeus**  
**General, United States Army**  
**Commanding**

*My apologies, but we'll  
be out in the "ADK"  
and unable to do this one.*

*But, thanks for what you and your team are doing.*