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SALEM BLAZE NYARI
U.S.M.C.

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Cpl. Salem Blaze Nyari, USMC, 20, of North Tonawanda, NY, passed away unexpectedly in Jacksonville, NC, on November 18, 2023.

His funeral service, with military honors, will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Munden Funeral Home in Havelock, NC. The family will receive friends one hour prior.

Salem was born on February 12, 2003, in Waterbury, CT to James and Jenipher Nyari. The youngest of three, he was raised in North Tonawanda, NY.

At a very early age, Salem discovered and took interest in history, music, movies, video games, and cosplay, as well as spending time outdoors. He would take it upon himself to delve deep into research on the topics that interested him to develop an extensive knowledge and understanding of those topics. He became the master of trivia, sharing his "Fun Facts" daily. Salem also had a love of animals, especially cats, dogs, and otters.

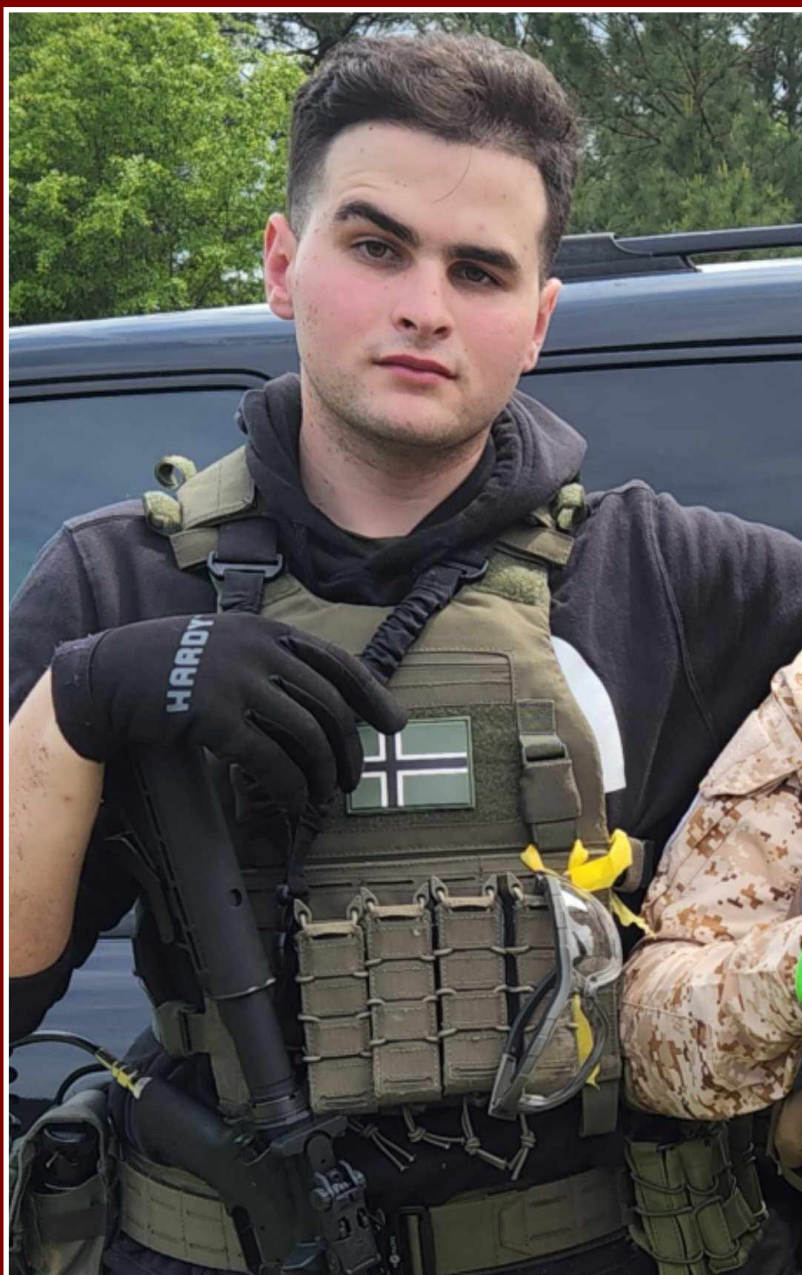
During his elementary years, he joined the Young Marines (a youth program for kids ages eight through high school, that is focused on leadership, citizenship, community service, self-discipline, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle). Salem was one of the youngest to join Western New York's unit. Saturdays were the highlight of his week because it meant getting to put his uniform on and practicing drill and color guard, as well as learning. Salem was very enthusiastic about participating in community service, both with and without the unit, for which he was presented with multiple President's Volunteer Service Awards. During the Christmas seasons, he looked forward to volunteering with the Conrad F. Kania Detachment of the Marine Corps League, collecting donations for Toys for Tots. He remained deeply involved in and dedicated to the program until his retirement.

Salem attended Western New York Maritime Charter, a Navy JROTC high school. He excelled in numerous leadership positions and extracurriculars including: Competition Drill, Color Guard, Honor Guard, Academic Team, Drum Corps, and Bowling. He was inducted into the National Honor Society due to his scholastic aptitude and achievement. Salem's favorite class was Maritime Careers, in which he developed a passion for woodworking, boat building, learned to sail and got a boating license. In his senior year, Salem was appointed as the Battalion's Executive Officer, a position that he took seriously and was very proud of. He received a countless number of awards and certificates during this time. Immediately following his seventeenth birthday, Salem enlisted in the USMC.

Salem served with tremendous pride and distinction in the Communication field at MCAS Cherry Point (NC). One of the things he enjoyed most about the service was being afforded the opportunity to travel frequently and gain new, unique experiences. One of the highlights of his career was traveling to Norway for cold weather training. Salem was an extremely hard-working, ambitious individual, and while happy in the Corps, he was already planning a second career after retirement from the USMC with the Secret Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or Customs and Border Protection.

Salem will remain forever unmatched and will be monumentally missed by all that had the pleasure of crossing paths with him.

Online condolences may be made at www.mundenfuneralhome.net
Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home, Havelock, NC



**"You came out of the womb doing an
'Eyes Right'
and the delivery room was your drill deck.."**

- MSgt Monroe Schroeder USMC, Ret.