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■ One of the Canadian soldiers killed in a roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan last December was a Merit apprentice. Zach McCormack was a second year electrical apprentice employed by Muth Electrical Management Inc., Edmonton, before he was deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 4th Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Zach was one of four Canadian soldiers killed in the same incident that took the life of journalist Michele Lang.

Zach joined the military as a reservist in 2006 and volunteered for overseas duty in 2008. He planned to return to Edmonton after his tour in Afghanistan and complete his apprenticeship at Muth. His workmates describe him as always enthusiastic, willing to help and full of drive to learn his trade. He was also an accomplished athlete and was nationally ranked as an amateur wrestler.

He and his fiancé had planned to marry on his return from overseas. Zach McCormack was 21 years of age when he was killed.

Muth Electrical Management Inc. has partnered with the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Scholarship Program and established the "Zachery McCormack Memorial Scholarship - Electrical Excellence". It is a scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded to electrical apprentices in perpetuity.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Zach's family, friends and work colleagues. ■