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A member of the honor guard pays his respects near the casket of Eric O'Hara at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver on Thursday afternoon. **For more photos from Eric O'Hara's funeral, see page 15.**

Goodbye, 'Irish'

O'Hara laid to rest after military ceremony in Denver

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DENVER

Flanked by an honor guard of his fellow soldiers, U.S. Army veteran Sgt. Eric O'Hara was laid to rest Thursday at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. While family and friends said their goodbyes

one last time, the men from O'Hara's unit said theirs with a 21-gun salute.

O'Hara, 24, died Feb. 28 in Steamboat Springs after falling six stories off the roof of the Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel in a snow removal accident. His death came only a month after his discharge from the Army.

O'Hara served in Iraq and Afghanistan with the Third Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division. O'Hara ascended to the rank of sergeant, and led more than 80 combat missions during his time overseas.

Hundreds of mourners attended O'Hara's memorial service Wednesday in Steamboat Springs. Thursday's

interment at Fort Logan was more intimate.

O'Hara's friends and family looked to one another for comfort in a tear-filled ceremony. His fiancée, Brittany Lamb, clutched her rosary and a small teddy bear and leaned on her parents for support.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	10 in.	Total snow†	425.5 in.
New snow — Summit	7 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	83 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	102 in.	Conditions	Powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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