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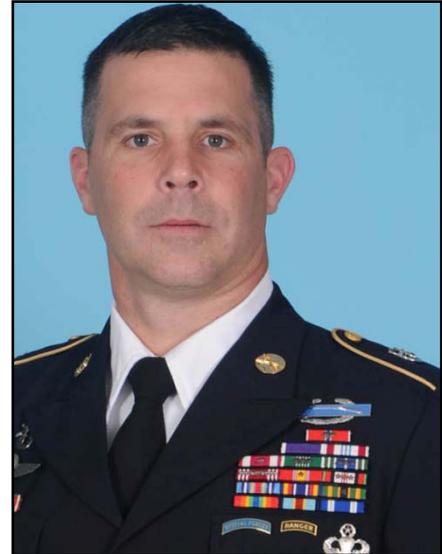
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SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM LUBBERS

Sergeant Major William L. Lubbers, 43, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Nov. 15, of injuries sustained when a train hit the parade float he was riding on in Midland, Texas.

He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lubbers enlisted in the Army on May 20, 1988 as an administrative specialist. After completion of his initial training, to include the U.S. Army Airborne School and Ranger School, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Lubbers served almost four years with the 75th Ranger Regiment before leaving to attend the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course in 1992. He graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course in August 1994. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 2nd Bn., 1st SFG (A) as a Special Forces communications sergeant. In 1998, Lubbers was assigned to 1st Bn., 1st SFG (A) in Okinawa, Japan as a Senior Special Forces communications sergeant.



In 2001, Lubbers was reassigned to 2nd Bn., 1st Special Warfare Training Group at Fort Bragg. From there he moved to 1st Bn., 3rd SFG (A), Fort Bragg, in 2003, where he served as an operations sergeant until 2005, when he was promoted to the position of first sergeant for Headquarters Support Company, 1st Bn., 3rd SFG (A).

From May 2008 through June 2009 Lubbers was assigned as the sergeant major for Special Operations Command Forward - Pakistan.

Sgt. Maj. Lubbers' combat deployments include four tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His military education includes U.S. Army Airborne School, U.S. Army Ranger School, the Special Forces Qualification Course, U.S. Army Jumpmaster School, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE), Master Free Fall Parachutist Course, Instructor Training Course (U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School), Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Development Course, and U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy.

Lubbers' civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in American History from Campbell University and a Master of Science in Management from Troy University in 2010.

Lubbers' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

Lubbers is survived by his wife Tiffanie, and children Zachary and Sydney.



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