Cpl. George A. Lutz II  
Died on Dec. 29, 2005  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Cpl. George A. Lutz II was born on Dec. 12, 1980, in Suffolk, Va. He was a psychological operations specialist assigned to the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion of the 4th Psychological Operations Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

He died northwest of Fallujah, Iraq, when he was struck with small arms fire during a combat patrol Dec. 29, there.

A resident of Fayetteville, N.C., Lutz enlisted into the Army in Richmond, Va., in 2004 as a private.

Lutz completed his Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and then went on to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he graduated from the Psychological Operations Specialist Course at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Following his assignment at Fort Bragg, Lutz attended the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga., where he earned his Parachutist Badge in September 2004. Upon completion of the Basic Airborne Course, Lutz returned to the schoolhouse at Fort Bragg, where he graduated from the Tagalog Special Operations Forces Basic Military Language Course. He was promoted to private 1st class March 2005.

He arrived at his first and only duty station with the 9th POB later that year. In the wake of the destruction left by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in September 2005, Lutz served as a member of a public information team who provided U.S. Army support to the hurricane relief efforts. He deployed shortly thereafter in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in fall 2005.

Lutz’s military training included the Basic Combat Training Course, the Psychological Operations Specialist Course, the Basic Airborne Course and the Tagalog Special Operations Forces Basic Military Language Course.

His awards included the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Parachutists Badge and the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge. In addition to his posthumous promotion to the rank of corporal, Lutz’s posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Lutz’s civilian education included studying at Atlantic Shores Christian School, Chesapeake, Va., from 1995 to 1999 and Shenandoah University from 1999 to 2002.

Lutz is survived by his wife, Tiffany, his son, George III, and his daughter, Ava of Fayetteville, N.C. He is also survived by his parents, George Sr. and Patricia of Chesapeake, Va.

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