



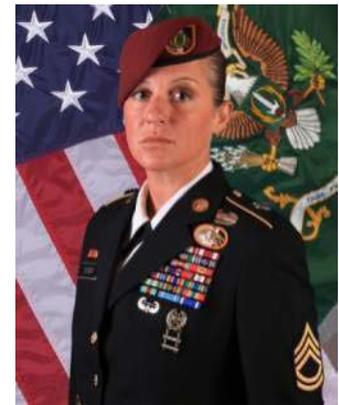
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SGT. 1ST CLASS TYFFANI LAURKEN NEWBY
MISOC SERVICE MEMBER

Sgt. 1st Class Tyffani Laurken Newby, 36, was born on Nov. 18, 1976 in St. Petersburg, Fla. and died Feb. 9, 2013 in Cameron, N.C.

She enlisted in the U.S. Army and entered active duty on July 13, 1995 as a combat documentation/production specialist. She attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at the Naval Photography School at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

After completing initial training, Newby reported to her first duty assignment at Kelly Barracks Army Base in Stuttgart, Germany and was assigned to the 165th Military Intelligence Battalion.



Over a period of nearly 20 years, Newby served in various units and leadership capacities. She served as a section leader in the 165th Military Intelligence Battalion at Kelly Barracks Army Base in Stuttgart, Germany and as a squad leader and a platoon sergeant in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In February 2002, Newby was assigned to the Miami Recruiting Battalion, 2nd Recruiting Brigade in Miami, Fla. where she spent 16 months as a U.S. Army recruiter before leaving active duty and transitioning into the U.S. Army Reserves.

In May 2005, after serving one combat deployment to Iraq as a U.S. Army reservist, Newby returned to active duty and was stationed at Camp Coiner, Korea assigned to the 1st Adjutant General Replacement Detachment. In August 2006, she reported to Fort George G. Meade, Md. and served as a squad leader for the 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera).

Newby completed the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, S.C. in January 2006 and was assigned to Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 4th Training Brigade as a drill sergeant and as a senior drill sergeant. While at Fort Jackson she also served as a master resiliency trainer facilitator, an instructor/writer and AIT platoon sergeant.

After three years as a Drill Sergeant, she returned to Fort Bragg as a visual information supervisor and served as a platoon sergeant with Delta Company, 3rd Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne), Military Information Support Operations Command (Airborne) (Provisional).



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During her Army career, Newby deployed in support of operations in Bosnia in 1997 and Yugoslavia in 1999. She deployed twice to combat operations during the Global War on Terror. She served a six-month deployment to Iraq in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and seven months in Afghanistan in 2007 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Her military education includes the Hygiene and Sanitation Course, Combat Life Savers Course, Combatives Level 1, Air Movement Operations Course, Warrior Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, Basic Airborne Course, Jumpmaster Course, US Army Air Assault School, US Army Recruiting and Retention School, Drill Sergeant School, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Master Resilience Training Course, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Course and the US Army Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Level C Course.

Newby's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster (Posthumously Awarded), the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal with a Silver Clasp with one loop, the National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Afghan Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with a Numeral 3 Device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with a Numeral 3 Device, the United Nations Medal, the NATO Medal, the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, the US Army Gold Recruiter Badge with two Sapphire Achievement Stars, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

Newby is survived by her husband, Jefferson, her children, Vyctoria, Ethan and Shelbi, and her mother Laurrett Black of St. Petersburg, Fla.