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STAFF SERGEANT FRANK J. GASPER

Killed in action on May 25, 2008

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Staff Sgt. Frank Joseph Gasper, 25, was killed in action on May 25, by an improvised explosive device while conducting resupply operations near Diwaniyah, Iraq.

Gasper, who was on his fourth deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was assigned to the Headquarters Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colo.

Gasper, a native of Merced, Calif., earned his General Education Diploma in 2000. He enlisted in the Army in October 2002 and became a Radio Operator/Maintainer.

Gasper's military education includes Basic and Advanced Individual Training, Basic Airborne School, Base Station Operators Course and Special Mission Radio Supervisors Course.

His awards and decorations include three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Gasper was posthumously promoted to Staff Sergeant May 28 and awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal.

Gasper is survived by his wife, Breanna, and his God-son, Devin, of Colorado Springs, Colo. He is also survived by his mother, Anita Richards, and his sister, Victoria Gasper of California.



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