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## CAPT. JASON BENJAMIN JONES

**Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan** 

Capt. Jason Benjamin Jones, 29, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, died June 2, 2014 of wounds received from small-arms fire fight in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This was Jones' second deployment in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

He commissioned as 2nd lt. in the U.S. Army in August 2007. Upon completion of Basic Infantry Officer Course and Ranger School, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was then deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Air Operations Officer.

In 2011, Jones volunteered for the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course. Following his completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course in May 2013, he reported to the 1st Bn., 3rd SFG (A) as a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha commander.



Jones deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in April 2014.

His military education includes U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course, U.S. Army Combatives Course, Basic Infantry Officer Course, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Captains' Career Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, and Special Forces Operations Detachment Officer Qualification Course.

Jones' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

He is survived by his wife, parents and a sister.

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