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Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence E. Morrison
Died on Sept. 19, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence E. Morrison was born on March 28, 1960 in Middletown, Ohio. He was a trained health care specialist assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

He died from injuries sustained when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated near his Humvee there while on patrol in Taji, Iraq, on Sept. 19, 2005. Morrison deployed to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

A resident of Yakima, Wash., Morrison began his Army career May 16, 1979, as a private first class after graduation from high school in Lexington, Ky.

After completing Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training as a medical specialist at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Morrison's first duty station was at Fort Sill, Okla., where he served with the 47th Field Hospital until 1983. He was also promoted to specialist in this time period while serving with the 560th Med. Co., Korea.

In February 1984, Morrison, while serving with the 377th Medical Company, Yongsan, Korea, was promoted to sergeant and served as both an air ambulance attendant and a flight medic. He earned his aircraft crewman badge and was trained as a qualified ammunitions specialist as a secondary skill identifier.

After departing Korea, Morrison was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He served with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment as a medical supply non-commissioned officer, an emergency medical technician and an aid evacuation non-commissioned officer.

In 1988, Morrison completed Air Assault School before he transferred to the 25th Medical Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii, where he served as a platoon sergeant in a medical company for a light infantry battalion.

He was promoted to staff sergeant in 1989 and served as a battalion plans non-commissioned officer, and an ambulance platoon sergeant with the 325th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii.

At age 30, Morrison graduated from the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga., and served as a clinic non-commissioned officer in charge at the Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.

In February 1994, he was promoted to sergeant first class and served as the clinic noncommissioned officer in charge at the U.S. Army Health Clinic, Yakima Training Center.



In April of 2005, Morrison received orders to support Operation Iraqi Freedom with the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a medical sergeant for a civil affairs team.

Morrison's military training included the Field Sanitation Team Training Course, the Medical Specialist Course, the Medical NCO Course, the Combat Medic Proficiency Course, the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Course, Light Leader Course, Jungle Warfare, Basic NCO Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Advanced NCO Course, and both the Basic Airborne and Air Assault Schools.

His awards included the Soldier's Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3), the Army Achievement Medal (6), the Army Good Conduct Medal (5), the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral two, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbons (3), the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar, the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Aircraft Crewman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W Bar. He was awarded posthumously the Purple Heart (2), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

He is survived by his wife, Becky, and son, Lawrence, both of Yakima, Wash.; and father, Kenneth L. Morrison.

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