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STAFF SGT. MICHAEL G. OWEN
Killed in action on Oct. 15, 2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Staff Sgt. Michael G. Owen, 31, was a psychological operations specialist assigned to the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), an Army special operations unit based at Fort Bragg, N.C.

On Oct. 15, 2004, Owen was fatally wounded by an improvised explosive device while conducting vehicle-mounted loudspeaker operations with the 1st Marine Division in Karabilah, Iraq.

Owen, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., served as the team leader of a three-man tactical PSYOP team. His unit deployed in September 2004 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to OIF, Owen deployed to Haiti in March 2004 in support of a U.S.-led, U.N.-authorized Multinational Interim Force.

He joined the Army in November 1992 and completed the Psychological Operations Specialist Course at Fort Bragg, N.C in 2002. He had previously served as an automated logistical specialist before retraining as a PSYOP specialist at Fort Bragg.

Owen completed the French Special Operations Language Training Course in January 2004.

His previous assignments include: the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.; 82nd Engineer Battalion, Warner Barracks, Germany; and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

His awards include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

He is survived by his wife, Crystal, and his parents, Howard Owen and Kay Hutchinson of Arizona.



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