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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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## **SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW CHARLES LEWELLEN** **5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)**

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Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matthew C. Lewellen was killed in action, Nov. 4, 2016, while supporting operations in Jordan. Prior to this deployment, Lewellen deployed three times, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and other contingency operations.

Lewellen was born, Jan. 15, 1989, in Kirksville, Missouri. He was a student at the University of Kansas before joining the Army.

Lewellen enlisted in the U.S. Army, Feb. 10, 2010, and attended Basic Combat Training and Basic Airborne Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by the Special Forces Qualification Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After graduating as a Special Forces engineer sergeant, he was assigned to 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served with both 3rd and 4th battalions.

Lewellen's military education includes the Special Forces Qualification Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course; the Special Forces Sniper Course; Basic Leader Course; Advanced Leader Course; and Basic Airborne Course.

Lewellen's awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), the NATO Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Overseas Service Ribbon, the Special Forces Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Lewellen was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

