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## Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin, a Special Forces weapons sergeant assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), died Jan. 1, 2018, from wounds he sustained while engaged in combat operations in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.

Golin was born in Riga, Latvia, Aug. 20, 1983. He moved to the United States in October 2004 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, Jan. 5, 2005.

After completing Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, Golin was assigned as an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, from June 2005 to August 2013.



Following his assignment in Alaska, Golin volunteered for Special Forces training and graduated from the Army's Special Forces Qualification Course in November 2014. He was then assigned to 10th SFG (A) as a Special Forces weapons sergeant.

Golin deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2006 to November 2007. He deployed to Afghanistan twice – from February 2009 to February 2010 and from December 2011 to October 2012 – in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He deployed to Afghanistan as a Green Beret in September 2017 with 2nd Battalion, 10th SFG (A) in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal (2 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

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