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Sgt. 1st Class Reymund Rarogal Transfiguracion 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Sgt. 1st Class Reymund R. Transfiguracion, an engineer sergeant, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), died August 12, 2018, from wounds sustained as a result of an improvised explosive device attack in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, August 7, 2018.

Transfiguracion, 36, of Waikoloa, Hawaii, was born in Sarrat Ilocos Norte, Philippines, May 20, 1982. Transfiguracion enlisted as a motor transport operator in the Hawaii National Guard, July 25, 2001. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2005-2006.

He transferred to active duty, February 19, 2008, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2008-2009. Following his deployment, Transfiguracion was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and deployed to the Philippines for six months, from 2010-2011, in support of Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines.



Transfiguracion then attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His first assignment as a horizontal construction engineer was at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he was selected for Special Forces. After completion of Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he was assigned as an engineer sergeant with 3rd Bn., 1st SFG (A), Joint Base Lewis – McChord. In March 2018, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

His military education includes the Technical Transportation of Hazardous Materials Course, Indonesian Special Operations Language Course, Survival, Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) School, Special Forces Individual Training Course, U.S. Army Airborne School, Counter Improvised Explosive Device Course, Combat Life Savers Course, U.S. Army Air Assault School, Combatives Level 1, and the basic and advanced leader courses.

Transfiguracion's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart (OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal (OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), NATO Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Combat Action Badge, Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

He was posthumously promoted to Sgt. 1st Class and awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

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