



Staff Sgt. Bryan Black 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Staff Sgt. Bryan C. Black, a Special Forces medical sergeant assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), died during enemy contact while deployed to Niger, West Africa, Oct. 4, 2017.

Black, a native of Puyallup, Washington, enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 2009. In 2012, he started his Special Forces training. In 2015, after completing the Special Forces Qualification and the Special Forces Medical courses, he was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). Black conducted a deployment to Afghanistan as a medical sergeant in support of the War on Terror.



Black's military education includes the Special Operations Combat Medic Course, Ranger Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Arabic Special Operations Language Training, Advanced Leader's Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course, Basic Leaders Course, and the Combat Lifesavers Course.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with C Device, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Niger Cross of Valor with Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge – Sharpshooter with Rifle.

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