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**COMMAND SGT. MAJ. EDWARD C. BARNHILL**  
**Died May 14, 2004**  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Command Sgt. Maj. Edward C. Barnhill, 50, battalion command sergeant major of the 431<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit based in North Little Rock, Ark., died of an apparent heart attack May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq after he was found unconscious in a hallway at the Coalition Provincial Authority headquarters building there.

A subordinate element of the 358<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade, the 431<sup>st</sup> CA Bn. was mobilized in February 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the battalion command sergeant major, Barnhill served as the unit's senior enlisted advisor.

The 431<sup>st</sup> is in Iraq supporting the 358<sup>th</sup> CA Bde. in Baghdad.



Barnhill, a resident of Shreveport, La., enlisted in the Army Reserve in January 1972. While assigned to various Reserve units over the course of his career, he served in a number of military occupational specialties, including armored crewman, infantryman, logistical specialist, finance noncommissioned officer and drill sergeant. He served with Army Reserve units in Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana and Arkansas. Barnhill became the 431<sup>st</sup> CA Bn. command sergeant major in May 2002.

His civilian education includes a diploma from Huntingdon High School in Huntingdon, Tenn., and a Bachelor of Science degree in liberal studies from Regents College in Albany, N.Y.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Expert Marksmanship Badge for both pistol and grenade.

As a civilian, Barnhill worked as an engineering technician for the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Design in Shreveport, La.

Barnhill is survived by his wife, Paula, and his two sons, Marcus and Jason.

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