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**Staff Sergeant Kyu H. Chay**  
**Killed in action on October 28, 2006**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom**

Staff Sgt. Kyu H. Chay, 34, a cryptologic linguist assigned to the Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., died Oct. 28, 2006 when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated near his Humvee in the Oruzgan province in southern Afghanistan.

Chay was born on Jan. 31, 1972, in Daegu, South Korea. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from State University of New York in Albany, N.Y., and resided in New York before enlisting in the Army.

Chay entered the Army in January 2001 as a cryptologic linguist. His initial assignment was with the 313th Military Intelligence Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a team leader and squad leader.

In May 2006, Chay was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd SFG (A), where he served as a Special Operations Team-Alpha assistant team leader until his death. SOT-A teams deploy with Special Forces operational detachments "alpha" to provide signals intelligence and electronic warfare support.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Expert Weapons Qualification Badge.

His schools and training include Basic Arabic Course, Airborne School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Jumpmaster Course, Master Driver Course and Air Movement Operations Course.

Chay is survived by his wife Kathy, son Jason, and daughter Kelly.



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