



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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CPL. ANDREW F. CHRIS

Killed in action on June 26, 2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high “esprit de corps” of my Ranger Regiment... - FIRST STANZA OF THE RANGER CREED

Cpl. Andrew F. Chris was born on Sept. 25, 1977, in Huntsville, Ala. He volunteered for Army service in San Diego, Calif., on Sept. 24, 2001.

Chris completed basic training and advanced individual training in the military operational specialty of Infantryman at Fort Benning, Ga. He continued his military training at Fort Benning, when he attended the Basic Airborne Course and then the Ranger Indoctrination Program. On May 22, 2002, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He earned the Ranger Tab after graduating from the U.S. Army Ranger Course in 2003 at Fort Benning.



Chris was a rifleman, grenadier and machine gunner with Company B, 3rd Bn. He was posthumously appointed to the rank of corporal and awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal.

His other awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment Shoulder Sleeve Insignia and the Ranger Tab. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge in Afghanistan.

In support of the nation's Global War on Terrorism, Chris deployed with his Ranger battalion and participated in combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is survived by his mother, Cheryl Ann Chris-Dawson of Baton Rouge, La., and his grandmother, Barbara Phillips of Huntsville, Ala. Two brothers, a stepbrother and a stepsister also survive him. His father, Thomas Anthony Chris, is deceased.

As a Ranger, Cpl. Andrew Chris distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light-infantry unit, traveled to all corners of the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and fought valiantly to *uphold the prestige, honor, and high “esprit de corps”* of the Ranger Regiment.

- RANGERS LEAD THE WAY! -