

<u>75TH RANGER REGIMENT</u> *BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH*

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STAFF SGT. ANTHONY D. DAVIS Killed in action on January 6, 2009 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

Staff Sgt. Anthony Dee Davis, 29, was a team leader assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield. He was born on Feb. 20, 1979, in Mainz, Germany.

He was killed during a direct fire engagement by a heavily armed enemy combatant in northern Iraq. The enemy combatant was subsequently killed when he engaged the assault force.

Davis was serving his sixth combat deployment. His previous deployments were to Afghanistan and Iraq.



After graduating from Seabreeze High School in his hometown of Daytona Beach, Fla., Davis enlisted in the Army in October 2000. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning Ga., as an infantryman. After graduating from the Basic Airborne Course there, he was assigned to the Ranger Indoctrination Program also at Fort Benning.

He graduated from the Ranger Indoctrination Program in June 2001 and was then assigned to Company C, 1st Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment in July 2001. He served there as a fire team leader and a team leader.

His military education includes the Basic Airborne Course, Ranger Indoctrination Program, Warrior Leader Course, Combat Life Savers Course and the U.S. Army Ranger Course where he earned his Ranger Tab in 2002.

Davis' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, Joint Commendation Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.



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Davis is survived by his mother Ellen Davis, of Fayetteville, N.C.; and his stepfather, Nelson Buckwald of Daytona Beach; his sister, Staff Sgt. Nakischa Davis of Fayetteville, N.C.; and, his niece, Ariana, also of Fayetteville.

As a Ranger, Staff Sgt. Anthony D. Davis 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! -