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**Staff Sgt. Edwin H. DazaChacon**  
**Killed in Action on Feb. 13, 2006**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom**

Staff Sgt. Edwin H. DazaChacon, 38, a cryptologic linguist assigned to the Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., died Feb. 13, 2006 when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated near his Humvee north of Deh Rawod in central Afghanistan.

A native of Diamond Bar, Calif., DazaChacon enlisted in the Army in 1990 as an infantryman.

DazaChacon spoke Spanish and was a college graduate.

He served with the 508th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) in Vincenza, Italy and participated in deployments in Southwest Asia, Bosnia, Rwanda and the Sanai. He also served with 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

He left military service in 1997 and reenlisted in March 2005.

In April 2005, DazaChacon was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th SFG (A), where he served as a Special Operations Team-Alpha (SOT-A) Team Leader until his death. SOT-A Teams deploy with Special Forces Operational Detachments "Alpha" to provide signals intelligence and electronic warfare support.

His military education included Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training for Infantrymen, the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Airborne Course, and the Jumpmaster Course.

DazaChacon's awards and decorations included the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Multinational Force and Observers Medal, the NATO Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Tunisian Parachutist Badge. His posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal for valor, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

He is survived by his mother, Smila Franks of Brea, Calif., his father Edison DazaArana of Palmira Valle, Colombia, South America and his sisters, Monique Francesca DazaChacon of Brea, Calif., and Jessica DazaChacon of Laguna Niguel, Calif.



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