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MASTER SGT. GEORGE A. FERNANDEZ

Killed in action on April 2, 2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Master Sgt. George A. Fernandez was born in El Paso, Texas on June 7, 1966. The son of a retired Army sergeant major, he enlisted in the Army as an infantryman on Jan. 23, 1992.

After completing both basic and advanced infantry training, Fernandez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was with the battalion for more than 10 years, serving in various elements of the battalion in ever-increasing positions of responsibility from Ranger team leader to platoon sergeant.

He was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command in November 2002.



Fernandez's military education includes the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Basic Airborne Course, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, the Advanced Airborne Course, and the Military Free Fall Parachutist Course. He received an Associate's degree from Texas Tech University in 2001.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with valor device, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He also earned the Ranger Tab, the Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Fernandez is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and one son, William Andrew.

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