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Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee
Died May 5, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee was born on June 5, 1969, in Champaign, Ill. He was a civil affairs officer assigned to the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, Tenn.

He died from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle during combat operations near Al Hillah, Iraq, May 5. Three other members of his team were killed in the attack. They were attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.

A resident of Gurnee, Ill., Mahaffee was raised in Alexandria, Va. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, Va. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pa., in May of 1994, and was a self-employed lawyer in Illinois.



Mahaffee began his military career as an ROTC cadet with Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo., and earned his commission in 1991.

For the next seven years, Mahaffee was assigned to the 339th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 84th Division, Waukegan, Ill., where he served as a section officer. Mahaffee was voluntarily assigned to the Inactive Ready Reserve in 2000.

In February 2006, Mahaffee completed the Civil Affairs Course at Fort Bragg, N.C., and deployed with the 489th CA Bn. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mahaffee's military training includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, Basic Airborne Course and the Civil Affairs Course.

His awards include two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the "M" device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Parachutist Badge, the Recondo Badge and the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

He is survived by his spouse, Jennifer, and children, Adelia and Ethan, of Gurnee, Ill. He is also survived by his mother and adopted father, Hannelore and Skip of Kerrville, Texas, and his father Steve Martin as well as his sister, Tiffany, and brother-in-law, the Honorable Justice Don Willett, both of Austin, Texas.

-By Sword, Deed and Word-