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SGT. 1ST CLASS SEAN K. MITCHELL **July 07, 2007** **Operation Enduring Freedom (Trans-Sahara)**

Sgt. 1st Class Sean K. Mitchell died Jul. 7, from an injury sustained during a sandstorm as while supporting operations for the Trans-Sahara Counter-Terrorism Partnership in Kidal, Mali.

Mitchell was the team leader for Special Operations Team Alpha 013, Military Intelligence Detachment, Headquarters Support Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Stuttgart, Germany.

Born April 25, 1972, Mitchell was raised in Monterey, Calif. He received an Associates of Arts in 2002 for both Russian and Serbo-Croatian from the Defense Language Institute (DLI), Monterey.

Mitchell entered the service in 1997 and received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He attended the DLI Basic Russian Course at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif. Mitchell completed his Advanced Individual Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, in 1999 and was assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Military Intelligence Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany. After returning to DLI and completing the Basic Serbo-Croatian Course, Mitchell volunteered for airborne duty in 2002 and follow-on assignment to the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Mitchell deployed to various locations in Africa and the Balkans and served multiple combat tours in Afghanistan.

His military education also includes the Warrior Leader Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Basic Airborne Course, and the Patrol Medic and Vehicle Reconnaissance Courses.

Mitchell's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal with 3 knots, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO medal with bronze star device and the Malian Cross of Valor.

Mitchell is survived by his wife Sonja and their son Cameron, both of Stuttgart. He is also survived by his mother, Joan Mitchell of Monterey and his father Steven Mitchell.



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