Staff Sgt. Clinton T. Newman
Killed in Action on Feb. 13, 2006
Operation Enduring Freedom

Staff Sgt. Clinton T. Newman was born on July 5, 1979, in Midland, Texas. He was a trained civil affairs noncommissioned officer assigned to the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas.

He died north of Deh Rawod in central Afghanistan when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated near his Humvee Feb. 13.

A resident of San Antonio, Texas, Newman entered the U.S. Army as a private in the Delayed Entry Enlistment Program in July 1996, one year before graduating from Pleasanton High School in Texas.

After his assignment at Fort Benning, Ga., where he completed both basic training and advanced individual training as a Bradley fighting vehicle infantryman in the fall of 1997, Newman’s first duty assignment was with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Baumholder, Germany. In the summer of 1998, he earned his Combat Lifesaver Qualification.

Upon completion of his overseas service in the fall of 1999, Newman had been promoted to private first class and specialist before beginning his short term in the Individual Ready Reserve. However, in October 1999, he re-entered the Army becoming qualified as an infantryman. Newman was assigned as an operations sergeant to the 1st Armored Division, Bad Kruetznach, Germany, where he served for approximately 15 months and completed his Primary Leadership Development Course.

Newman returned to the IRR in April 2001, and two months later, re-entered the Army Reserve. He graduated from the Civil Affairs Specialist Reclassification Course and was assigned to an Army Reserve special operations unit, the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas. He deployed with the unit in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in June 2003 and was promoted to sergeant during this rotation. He returned from Afghanistan in February 2004.

In March 2005, Newman completed the Basic Airborne Course and then redeployed shortly thereafter to Afghanistan with the 492nd Civil Affairs Bn. in Phoenix, Ariz. He was promoted to staff sergeant in June 2005.

Newman’s military training included the Driver’s Training Course, Infantryman Course, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Infantryman Course, Basic Infantryman Course, Basic Airborne Course, Professional Leadership Development Course, the Civil Affairs Reclassification Course and the Combat Lifesaver Course.

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the Parachutist Badge. His posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” mobilization device and the numeral “2” device, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Newman was awarded Army Reserve Soldier of the Year 2000.

His civilian education included attendance at the University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, where he studied criminal justice.

He took great pleasure in running, camping, fishing and spending time with his fellow Soldiers.

Newman is survived by his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Bill Agnew of Pleasanton, Texas, and his father and stepmother, Fred and Deborah Newman of Big Spring, Texas.

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