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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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1st Sgt. Carlos N. Saenz
Killed in action May 5, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom

1st Sgt. Carlos N. Saenz was born on Jan. 29, 1960, in Mexico. He was a trained civil affairs noncommissioned officer assigned to the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, Abilene, Texas.

He died from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device near Al Hillah, Iraq, struck his vehicle during combat operations in Iraq.

A resident of Las Vegas, Nev., Saenz worked as a lieutenant in a local security company.

Saenz entered active duty through the Delayed Entry Program in 1978 and became an Army trained armored crewman with Company Bravo, 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Between 1984 and 1994, Saenz was assigned to such units as Company Bravo, 1st Battalion, 221st Armor, Las Vegas, Nev., the 72nd Military Police Company, Henderson, Nev., Company Bravo, 1864th Transportation Company, Henderson, Nev., and the Individual Ready Reserve. During these years, he served as military policeman in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He earned the rank of first sergeant in 2001.

In spring of 2005, he was ordered to active duty with the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion and was killed in action by known enemies of the United States of America.

Saenz's military training includes Basic Combat Training, Anti-armor Advanced Individual Training, Basic Airborne Course, Jungle Warfare and Survival Course, Canadian Parachute School, Battle School (Canada), Basic Amphibious Training, Anti-armor Leader's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Total Army Training System Group Instructor Training Course, Motor Transportation Operator Course and the Civil Affairs Specialist Course.

His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, two Army Reserve Components Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with both the "M" device and numeral two, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral three, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge and the Canadian Parachute Badge. His other awards include two Nevada National Army Meritorious Service Ribbons and the Nevada State Commendation Medal.

He is survived by his spouse, Nanette, and his son, Juan, both of Las Vegas, Nev. He is also survived by his father, Jose Tarin, of Mexico, his mother, Joaquina Chores, of Henderson, Nev., his sisters, Maria Palacios, Elva Espinosa, Frances Ramirez-Castro, and his brother, Daniel Scott, all of Las Vegas, Nev.

-By Sword, Deed and Word-

As of May 8, 2006

