



95TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIGADE (AIRBORNE) ***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH***

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SGT. 1ST CLASS MATTHEW S. SLUSS-TILLER

Died on Feb. 3, 2010

Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew S. Sluss-Tiller was born on Feb. 14, 1974, in Ashland, Ky. He graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1993.

He died of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device in the Lower Dir District of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province, Feb. 3, while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He enlisted in the United States Army Reserves as a heavy construction mechanic in 1991 and served at the 261st Ordnance Company located at Cross Lanes, W.Va. In 1993, he enlisted in the U. S. Army as a signal specialist and served at Fort Bragg N.C., Kitzingen, Germany, and Kuwait.

He was assigned to the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., in April 2009 and has served as a civil affairs noncommissioned officer in Civil Military Operations Cell and most recently as team sergeant of Civil Affairs Team 622.

During his career, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo.

His military education includes the U.S. Army Airborne Course, U.S. Army Jumpmaster Course and Master Jumpmaster Course, Air Movement Operations Course, Military Transition Team Course, Civil Affairs Qualification Course, and the Advanced and Basic Noncommissioned Officer courses.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, five Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service medal, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist's Badge, Gold Recruiter's Badge, Drivers Badge as well as German Jump wings.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa, and daughter Hannah of Sanford, N.C., his mother and stepfather Jane and Forest Blankenship of Sanford, N.C., father and stepmother Edward and Von Tiller of Sevierville, Tenn., and stepsister Selena Dawn Pack.



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