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**LT. COL. ALBERT E. SMART**

Died May 28, 2005  
Operation Enduring Freedom

Lt. Col. Albert E. Smart, 42, was born June 3, 1963. He was a civil affairs officer assigned to the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, an Army Reserve special operations unit based in San Antonio, Texas.

On May 28, 2005, Smart died at an Air Force hospital in Doha, Qatar, from a non-combat related illness.

In May, 2005 Smart deployed to Afghanistan with the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas, in May 2005, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Smart graduated in 1981 from John Jay High School in San Antonio, Texas. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in May 1983 and was commissioned an infantry officer. He graduated in 1983 from the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. M., with an associate's degree, and Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio, Texas with a bachelor's degree in 2002.

Smart's assignments included positions as an information management officer and assistant commerce officer, 321<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade. He also held numerous assignments as the assistant defense movement coordinator, headquarters STARC, Austin, Texas; and battalion air operations officer, battalion personnel officer, company commander, executive officer and rifle platoon leader with the 141st Infantry Regiment, Corpus Christi, Texas.

His awards and decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, three Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, both the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Service Medals, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab. He also received the Texas Faithful Military Service Medal in 1988 and again in 1993.

Smart is survived by his wife, Natalie Smart and stepson Justin Young, both of San Antonio; his parents, Albert and Gernell Smart also of San Antonio.

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