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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Spc. Teodoro Torres
Killed in action May 5, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Spc. Teodoro Torres was born on Jan. 11, 1977, in Monroe County, New York. He was a trained civil affairs specialist 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., Torres began his Army Reserve career Jan. 1, 1998, in Rochester, N.Y.

After Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bragg, N.C., Torres' first duty station was at the 401st CA Bn., Webster, N.Y. Before his six-year enlistment contract expired, Torres was reassigned to the Individual Ready Reserve.



In February 2005, Torres received orders to report for duty to Fort Jackson, S.C., in preparation for deployment overseas with the 490th CA Bn, Abilene, Texas.

On July 23, 2005, Torres married Yarissa Diaz-Baez in Cumberland County, N.C. He deployed to Iraq shortly thereafter and was killed in action at the age of 28 by known enemies of the United States of America.

Torres' military training includes Basic Combat Training and the Civil Affairs Specialist School. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

Torres' civilian education included attendance at Bishop Kearney High School, Rochester, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, Yarissa, parents Carmen and Teodoro Sr., and his sister, Melissa, all of Rochester, N.Y.

-By Sword, Deed and Word-