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Sgt. Cheyenne C. Willey
Died on Dec. 23, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. Cheyenne C. Willey was born on July 4, 1969, in Red Wing, Minn. He was a trained civil affairs noncommissioned officer assigned to the 351st Civil Affairs Command, Mountain View, Calif.

He died from injuries sustained when an Improvised Explosive Device near Baghdad, Iraq, struck his vehicle. Willey deployed to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

A resident of Fremont, Calif., Willey began his Army career June 23, 1995.

After Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Ga., Willey's first duty station was at Fort Bragg, N.C. There, he served with Company Bravo, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment until January 1999.



During his time with the Regiment, he served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.

In June 2004, Willey reenlisted with the Army for a second term of enlistment, serving at the 351st CACOM. Shortly thereafter, he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was promoted to sergeant Oct. 1, 2005.

Willey's military training included the Infantryman Course, Civil Affairs School, the Combat Lifesaver Course and the Driver's Training Course.

His awards included the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star, Army Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, Army Service Ribbon, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Willey's civilian education included attendance at Ohlone College, Calif., from January 1999 to June 2000 and DeVry University, Calif., from January 2001 to August 2002.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Miller of Fremont, Calif.

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