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Master Sgt. Jonathan Jay Dunbar U.S. Army Special Operations Command

Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar, assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, died March 30, 2018, from wounds received during combat operations near Manbij, Syria. He was deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Dunbar, 36, of Austin, Texas, enlisted in the U.S. Army as an infantryman in May 2005. He completed his initial entry training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

His first assignment was with C Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as a machine gunner, fire team leader, and squad leader. During his time with the 325th he deployed once to Afghanistan and once to Iraq in support of combat operations. In November of 2009, he transitioned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 38th Cavalry Regiment (Long Range Surveillance), Fort Hood, Texas, where he served for four years as a squad leader. During his time in Fort Hood, he deployed to Iraq in support of combat operations.



In 2013, Dunbar was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Special Operations Command, where he served as a team member and deployed three times in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dunbar's military education includes the Basic Airborne Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Basic Leader Course, Ranger School, Advanced Leaders Course, Pathfinder Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Advanced Land Navigation Course, Senior Leaders Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Course, the Military Free-Fall Jumpmaster Course, and the Special Forces Sniper Course.

Master Sergeant Dunbar's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), the Good Conduct Medal (5), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), the Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Service Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2), the NATO Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

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