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## Staff Sgt. Dustin Wright 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne)

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Staff Sgt. Dustin Wright, a Special Forces engineer sergeant, assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), died during enemy contact while deployed to Niger, West Africa, Oct. 4, 2017.

Wright was a native of Lyons, Georgia. Wright enlisted in the U.S. Army in July 2012. After graduating Airborne School, he started his Special Forces training. In 2014, after completing the Special Forces Qualification course, he was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). In January 2016, Wright deployed as an operations sergeant to Special Operations Command Forward-North and West Africa in Stuttgart, Germany.



Wright's military education includes Basic Airborne School, Special Forces Qualification Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course, and the Advanced Leader's Course.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with C Device, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Niger Cross of Valor with Star, Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

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