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## Maj. Brent Russell Taylor Joint Force Headquarters, Utah Army National Guard

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Maj. Brent R. Taylor, assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, Utah Army National Guard, died November 3, 2018, of wounds from small-arms fire while training the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces in Kabul Afghanistan.

Taylor, 39, entered military service June 17, 2003, and was commissioned July 5, 2006, as a Military Intelligence Corp officer.

He served in numerous staff positions, to include platoon leader, battalion plans officer, vulnerability assistance officer, explosive ordinance disposal officer, mobile training team chief, selective service officer, recruit sustainment program commander.

Taylor deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, December 2006 to May 2007 and July 2007 to October 2008. He deployed a third time to Iraq, January to July 2012, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2018, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel.



Taylor worked previously for the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Ground Intelligence Center, and the Department of Homeland Security. He was elected to the North Ogden City Council in 2009 and as mayor in 2013.

His military education includes the U.S. Army Military Police Captains' Career Course, Military Police Officer Transition Course, Counterintelligence Officer Course, Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course, and Counterintelligence Agent Course.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University in Political Science, a Master's degree in Public Administration from University of Utah, and was a PhD candidate at the University of Utah in International Relations.

Taylor's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Utah Achievement Ribbon, and Combat Action Badge.

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