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SGT ASHLEY ERIN RICE

Sgt. Ashley E. Rice was born in Worcester, Mass. She is the youngest of three children to Michelle and Ronald Rice of Auburn, Mass. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a bachelor of music performance degree. Rice entered the Army in October 2010. After completing Basic Combat Training she attended Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. becoming an all-source intelligence analyst in May 2011. Upon receiving her MOS, SGT Rice was assigned to Headquarters Company, 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., from May to November 2011. She was then assigned to Bravo Company, Headquarters Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., from November 2011 to July 2013.



Rice deployed to Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters from January to September 2012 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She worked as an all-source intelligence analyst on the Kandahar fusion team. Rice worked in a joint service environment and served with members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces as well as allied entities to include Australian Armed Forces, ISAF, and NATO.

In July 2001, Rice was assigned to Headquarters and Support Company, 3rd Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne).

Rice is a graduate of Basic Airborne Course, Foundry's Link Analysis Course, the Defense Intelligence Agency's Critical Thinking and Structured Analysis Course, United States Army Special Operations Command's Personnel Security Course, and Driver's Training.

Rice's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and Certificate of Achievement.