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## **SSG MARK ALAN STETS JR**

### **Died Feb. 3, 2010**

### **Operation Enduring Freedom**

Staff Sgt. Mark Alan Stets, Jr., 39, died Feb. 3, 2010 of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device today the Lower Dir District of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province. He deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in November 2009.

Staff Sgt. Stets was a senior psychological operations (PSYOP) sergeant assigned to Alpha Company, 8<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), 4<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. This was his second deployment in support of OEF. He also served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



He was a native of California and joined the U.S. Navy in 1989. He later joined the U.S. Army in 1995 as an artilleryman and then reclassified to become a PSYOP specialist in 2004.

His military education includes the Psychological Operations Qualification Course, Defense Language Institute, Warrior Leaders Course, Equal Opportunity Staff Officer Course, and U.S. Army Airborne School.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Medals, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Citation.

His badges include the Parachutist Badge, and the Driver Mechanic Badges for both wheeled and tracked vehicles.

Staff Sgt. Stets is survived by his wife Nina and daughters Jessica, December, and Rachael, of Fayetteville, N.C.

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