



SSgt. PHILLIP C. JENKINS

CLASS OF 2002

Phillip Chad Jenkins was born September 27, 1983 in Decatur, Indiana to David A. Jenkins and Rose M. (Hauter) Jenkins. Phillip attended Belmont High School and graduated in 2002. Phillip would marry Melissa Jenkins and have two daughters, Lindly and Piper.



Upon graduation, Phillip entered the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Advise and Assist Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In June 2010, the 25th Infantry Division was given the task of overseeing U.S. forces in Baghdad and Anbar Provinces during *Operation New Dawn*. In this role, Sgt. Jenkins' unit was assigned to train Iraqi security forces, provide security for State Department missions, and help Iraqi forces hunt down insurgent groups while simultaneously transferring facilities to Iraqi government control.



On September 7, 2010 Sgt. Jenkins was killed at a military base near the city of Tuz Khormato, just two weeks after the announcement of the end of combat operations in Iraq (*Operation Iraqi Freedom*). Sgt. Jenkins was shot by an Iraqi soldier while he and other members of his unit were about to leave for a mission with some of the Iraqi forces they had trained. A second member of his unit was also killed and nine others were injured when the Iraqi soldier opened fire.



Sgt. Jenkins had previously deployed as part of *Operation Enduring Freedom* to Afghanistan in support of operations against Al-Qaeda and Taliban forces. Sgt. Jenkins also served as an Army Recruiter in Indianapolis from August 2006 to October 2008.

Sgt. Jenkins was posthumously promoted to Staff Sergeant and his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Recruiter Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge.

"Phillip is remembered as one of those great all-around kids who was dedicated and motivated hard worker. He was known to share a laugh and a joke and all knew that he was doing exactly what he wanted to do"

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