



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

Biographical Sketch

*U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
FORT BRAGG, NC 28310*

SGT. MARTIN ANTHONY LUGO

Died on August 19, 2010

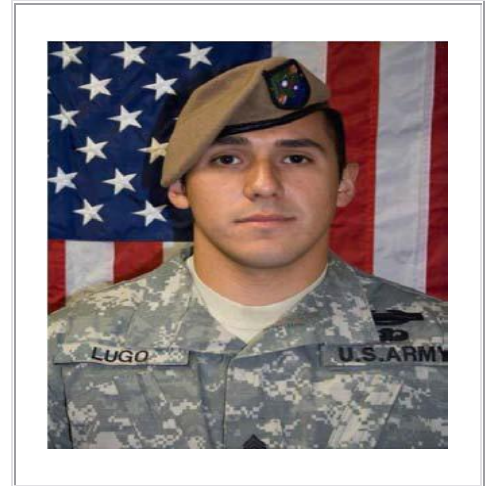
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Sgt. Martin Anthony Lugo, 24, was a squad leader assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was born on April 22, 1986, and was a native of Tucson, Ariz.

Sgt. Lugo was seriously wounded in a fire fight with the enemy during a combat operation in Logar Province, Afghanistan. He was treated immediately by unit medical personnel and quickly evacuated to the nearest treatment facility where he died of his wounds.

He was on his sixth deployment in support of the War on Terror. He had previously deployed three times to Afghanistan and twice to Iraq.

After graduating from high school in Tucson, Lugo enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 2004. He completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., as an infantryman. Then after graduating from the Basic Airborne Course, he was assigned to the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program at Fort Benning, Ga. Following graduation from the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, Lugo was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in April 2005, where he served as an ammunition handler, automatic rifleman, team leader and squad leader.



Sgt. Martin Anthony Lugo

His military education includes the Basic Airborne Course, the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, the U.S. Army Ranger Course, the Warrior Leader Course, and the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader Course.

Lugo's awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Parachutist Badge. He was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two combat stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with combat star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Purple Heart.

"Sgt. Lugo was a true warrior who died leading his Rangers in a fierce fire fight that killed a Taliban commander and 13 other Taliban fighters in Logar Province," said Col. Michael E. Kurilla, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment. "He is a hero to our Nation, the Army and his family."

"Sgt. Lugo was a phenomenal warrior who was universally respected by every member of this command," said Lt. Col. Mike Foster, the 1st Ranger Battalion commander. "He died while protecting our nation from her enemies and we will not forget his sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Lugo family."

He is survived by his father, Martin Lugo; his mother Maria Marin; and, his sisters Leslie Lugo Bencic and Alexa Lugo.

As a Ranger, Lugo selflessly lived his life for others and distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier light-infantry unit, continuously deployed in support of the War on Terror, and fought valiantly as he served his fellow Rangers and the Nation.