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## SFC Matthew B. Thomas

SFC Matthew B. Thomas was born on 30 September 1981 to Charles & Marsha Thomas in Ashville, North Carolina. He joined the South Carolina Army National Guard on 10 October 2001. After completing Basic Combat Training and Advance Individual Training for Military Police, he served with the 132nd Military Police Company.

SFC Thomas deployed to Afghanistan in November 2011 with the 133rd Military Police Company, 1st Platoon as a Squad leader. This was his second deployment. The mission of the 133rd MP Co, who were nicknamed the "Palmetto Regulators", was to train members of the Afghan Uniformed Police Khost Province.

On 20 June 2012, SFC Thomas was killed, while on patrol, when coalition forces were attacked by an enemy force. SFC Thomas distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry while serving with the 133rd MP Company, 1st Platoon as a Squad leader.

SFC Thomas' awards include, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, South Carolina Achievement Medal, South Carolina Medal of Valor, South Carolina Meritorious Service Medal, South Carolina Active State Service Medal, South Carolina Palmetto Service Ribbon, South Carolina Mobilization Ribbon.

SFC Thomas is survived by his wife, Jana and son, Cayden.