

High School Class: '96

Joined Army: Summer of '96

Date of Birth: September 11, 1977

Date of Death: November 5, 2009



SSG DeCrow was tragically killed in the events at Fort Hood, Texas on Thursday, November 5th 2009.

Upon completion of the Advanced Individual Training he was awarded to 1/82 Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas. In May 2000, SSG DeCrow became a member of the Signal Regiment at the completion of Advanced Individual Training here at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty (31S), Satellite Communications Systems Operator Maintainer. As a Signal Soldier, SSG DeCrow's assignments include Section Chief and Platoon Sergeant, 235th Signal Detachment; Tactical Satellite Instructor, 447th Signal Battalion and Senior Tactical Satellite Instructor 551 Signal Battalion. In August 2008, he departed Fort Gordon and was assigned as a SATCOM Operations NCO, 201st Signal Support Company, Yongsan, Korea. In September 2009, he was assigned to 16th Signal Company, 62nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion as a Senior Satellite Installer on a Restoral Team as he prepared to deploy to Iraq.

His training since IET included:

Defense Hazardous Material Disposal Course, Aviation Survival Course, Warrior Leaders Course, Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Total Army Instructor Training, System Approach to Training Course, and the Combat Lifesavers Course.

He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, fourth award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral two device, the Army Service Medal, the Drivers Badge and the Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

He is survived by his wife Marikay Sickman and Daughter Kylah Nicole.