



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MASTER SGT. TARA R BROWN

Master Sergeant Tara Brown graduated from Delton High School in Delton, Florida, in June 1995. She enlisted in the Air Force through the Delayed Entry Program in August 1995 and reported to the Basic Military Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in February 1996. In 2011, MSgt. Brown earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Information Technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

Upon completion of basic training and her technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, she was assigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan, where she began working in the Information Management career field. MSgt. Brown had numerous overseas assignments which included several deployments.

In November 2006, she was assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI). While assigned to AFOSI, Master Sergeant Brown deployed to Detachment 243, Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to Expeditionary Detachment 2413, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. In January 2011, she deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as a communications squadron advisor for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Air Training Command- Afghanistan. In that role, she served as an international trainer on the basic fundamentals of desktop computers and computer networking to Afghan Air Force Technicians.

On April 27, 2011 MSgt. Brown and three computer systems personnel were working on a project to build a national level communications network in the Air Command and Control Center on Kabul International Airport when a single gunman opened fire, killing MSgt. Brown, seven active duty Air Force officers, and one Air Force civilian contract employee.

MSgt. Brown was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and the NATO Article Five Medal.

