



## ***Biographical Sketch***

### **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND**

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## **Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Rushforth Jr.**

### **Operation Enduring Freedom**



Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Rushforth Jr. is a native of Mass.

He joined the Army in 1990 as a 67V Observation-Scout Helicopter Crewchief. After graduation from Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Dix, N.J. and Advance Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Rucker Ala., SSgt. Rushforth was assigned to the United States Army National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

In 1993 he was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment and Charlie Company, 2nd Squadron, 1st Aviation Regiment in Katerbach, Germany. In 1996, SSgt. Rushforth reclassified to a 67U Medium Helicopter Repairer and was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Training Company (SOATC), Fort Campbell, Ky. After completing the Basic Mission Qualification Course (Green Platoon), SSgt. Rushforth was assigned to Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). While assigned to Delta Company SSgt. Rushforth served as a Section Chief, MH-47E Helicopter Technical Inspector (TI) and Flight Engineer. In 2001, he was assigned to Echo Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Taegu, Republic of Korea, as a Flight Engineer for a MH-47E Chinook Helicopter.

Rushforth is a graduate of the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course (67U) and holds a Bachelors Degree in Education.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), Aviation Crewmember Badge, Driver and Mechanic's Badges, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (OLC).

Rushforth is survived by his wife Athena Rushforth of Clarksville, Tenn. and his parents Bruce and Aurella Rushforth of Middleboro, Mass.

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