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Post honors fallen Signaleer



Pictured above: Robin Coulter, spouse of CW2 Alexander "Scott" Coulter, accepts the Gold Order of Mercury Award from Joe Capps, Signal Center & Fort Gordon Deputy Commander. (Picture by CW3 Patrick M. Quenga)

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A Nov. 9 ceremony on the grounds in front of Saltzman Hall was an emotional one as a Soldier, father and friend was remembered and honored.

"He was simply the best," said Col. John Scheifler, who served with Chief Warrant Officer Alexander Scott Coulter, the first Signal Corps warrant officer to die in Iraq on Nov. 17, 2003.

His ultimate sacrifice was honored as a wing of Saltzman Hall was named for him. All warrant officers train in Saltzman Hall; Coulter trained there in 2001.

Coulter, a native of Bristol, Tenn., had served in the Army for 16 years when he was deployed to Iraq. He helped build communications networks in Iraq, providing for the seamless flow of communications in a 140,000 square kilometer area.

"We simply could not have done it without him," said Scheifler.

Coulter's technical expertise was second-to-none, said Scheifler, who called Coulter his "go-to" man.

In addition to being a technically excellent warrant officer who could fix almost any problem thrown at him, Coulter was a loving family man and an excellent friend.

While he was extremely competitive, he also had a laid-back side to him.

“He was a dedicated, disciplined professional, said Rick Schafer, a former warrant officer who now works for Cisco. “He had enduring patience and calmness for others.”

Schafer said that Coulter was the type of man people wanted to be like and Schafer said he’s a better man for having known Coulter.

“He was very dedicated. He always wanted to go that extra mile. Just by knowing him, I’ve achieved more than I ever thought,” he said.

His wife, Robin, their two daughters, Hannah and Cindy, and his stepdaughter, Sheena Kilgore, also attended the ceremony.

Her words echoed those of the men who preceded her in the ceremony.

“If a task was enormous, he’d acknowledge what a pain it was, and then he would tackle it,” she said.

Despite that passionate drive, he was the laid back person they saw, she said.

He loved to laugh, and he loved being around his Family and friends.

“I know Scott would be profoundly touched by the many who made this today a reality,” she said.



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