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U.S. Army: Soldier from Summerville killed in Afghanistan *Town of Summerville honors and remembers hometown hero*

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (Friday, July 13, 2018) - The Town of Summerville is praying for the family, friends, and fellow service members of U.S. Army Ranger Sgt. 1st Class Christopher A. Celiz of Summerville. The U.S. Army said Celiz was killed Thursday in Paktiya province, Afghanistan, during combat operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

"It is at times like these that we come together to extend our appreciation to those who put their lives on the line for our nation every day to protect us and to keep us safe," Colin Martin, Summerville Town Administrator, said. "The Town of Summerville sends its sincere condolences and prayers to those close to Celiz during this difficult time. We will always honor and respect his bravery and service."

The Town of Summerville recognizes Celiz's awards and decorations including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medals (4 OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation Medals (2), Afghanistan Campaign Medals with Campaign Star (3), Iraq Campaign Medals with Campaign Star (2), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Sapper Tab, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge Expert-Rifle.

The U.S. Army said Celiz is posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.

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