

# Our Fallen Hero



## CPT. Benjamin D. Keating Shapleigh

Keating was born in Sanford, Maine on May 31, 1979. He attended Shapleigh, Maine schools and was a 1997 graduate of Massabesic High School. He was a member of the Springvale First Baptist Church where he was a youth leader and taught Sunday School.

Keating was commissioned into the regular Army following graduation from the University of New Hampshire in 2004 with a B.A. degree in history and the classics. He graduated magna cum laude and also participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. He planned on serving four years of active duty and then entering law school. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 'V' Device, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge.