

# Our Fallen Hero



## SGT. Joshua John Kirk Thomaston

**SGT Joshua John Kirk was born in Thomaston, ME on July 19th, 1979. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Carson, Colorado. In May 2009 Joshua deployed with his unit from Fort Carson as Team Leader 1st Platoon, B Troop to Combat Outpost Keating in Kamdesh District, Nuristan, Afghanistan.**

**On October 3rd, 2009 Joshua and seven of his comrades were killed during one of the most furious battles seen in the eight years of fighting in Afghanistan. It was the heaviest loss of life for US forces in a single battle since July 2008 and the largest single loss of life for Fort Carson since Vietnam.**

**Among Joshua's awards and decorations are a Bronze Star with Valor device, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device, Army Commendation Medal, and an Army Achievement Medal.**

**Joshua leaves behind his wife Megan and their young daughter, Kensington. His memory will live on in their hearts forever with love and honor.**