

IN MEMORIAM
SSgt Rory R. Gavic

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13 July 1984 – 14 November 2009



**75th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON
HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH
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SSgt Rory R. Gavic was born on July 13, 1984 in Waconia, Minnesota. He entered the United States Air Force on November 15, 2002. SSgt Gavic's assignments included Minneapolis ARS Minnesota, and Hill AFB Utah. As an active member of the Emergency Services Team, SSgt Gavic strived to pass on his extensive operational knowledge to fellow team members, pushing them to a state of advanced readiness. This love of tactical operations prompted SSgt Gavic to submit a cross-train package for the Tactical Air Control Party career field of the Air Force. Also during SSgt Gavic's time at Hill AFB he excelled as a Military Working Dog (MWD) handler. Deploying to Iraq and Pakistan with MWD Allan, he earned both the Army Commendation medal and the Air Force Combat Action medal. SSgt Gavic was a vital member of the Team Hill K-9 section and was always there when called upon, whether it was for a bomb threat off base or a narcotics sweep at the gate. SSgt Gavic was a top notch handler who led the pack.

DEPLOYMENTS:

Feb 07 – Sep 07, Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq

Jan 09 – Mar 09, Shabaz AB, Pakistan

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Army Commendation Medal

USAF Combat Action Medal

Army Combat Action Badge

Meritorious Unit Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award

AF Good Conduct Medal

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

AF Expeditionary Service Ribbon

AF Longevity Service

USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

AF Training Ribbon