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1. PASSING OF A SHIPMATE

All Hands mourn the loss of HM3 (FMF) Zarian Wood. Branch Health Clinic Fort Worth and Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi mourn the loss of one of their own. HM3 Wood enlisted in the Navy from Houston, Texas, on May 1, 2006. He subsequently reported to Naval Station Great Lakes for recruit and Naval Hospital Corps School training, graduating in November 2006.

He was assigned to 13th Dental Company, 1st Dental Battalion at MCAS Miramar, California, until January 2007. After completion of Field Medical Service School, he transferred to 11th Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, Iwakuni, Japan, in March 2007 to assist in the care of the Marine Corps aviation community. During this tour, he deployed in support of Marine forces in Ramadi, Iraq.

In April 2009, he was stationed at Branch Health Clinic, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas as a dental technician within the Dental Department. Volunteering for deployment, he supported 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division (Forward) in Afghanistan beginning in February 2010. He died at Bagram Air Field on 16 May 2010 of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast that occurred while on dismounted patrol with his Marines in Helmand Province. A memorial service was held aboard NAS JRB Fort Worth with the funeral service held in Houston. He is buried at Houston National Cemetery.

HM3 (FMF) Wood's courage, dedication, and commitment represented the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. His personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Navy Pistol Ribbon.

A grateful nation and his shipmates remember his sacrifice while defending our freedoms. An Associated Press release can be accessed at: <http://militarytimes.com/valor/>



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