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Memorial Plaque Dedication Ceremony for Texas Army National Guardsman Killed in Action

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (November 29, 2017) – The Texas Army National Guard will hold a memorial plaque dedication ceremony at the Fredericksburg Armory, Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. The memorial plaque honors Staff Sgt. Christopher Staats who was killed in action in 2009 while stationed in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Staats was a member of Echo Company, 536th Brigade Support Battalion, 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard.

Staats was raised in Fredericksburg and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1996. He joined the Texas Army National Guard while in high school and graduated from Texas A&M University in 2002. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal Second Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon Second Award, NATO Medal with M Device, Air Assault Badge and Combat Action Badge.

The memorial plaque was donated by retired members of the Texas Army National Guard’s Company B, 249th Support Battalion and by Southwest Granite.

The ceremony is open to members of the public.

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