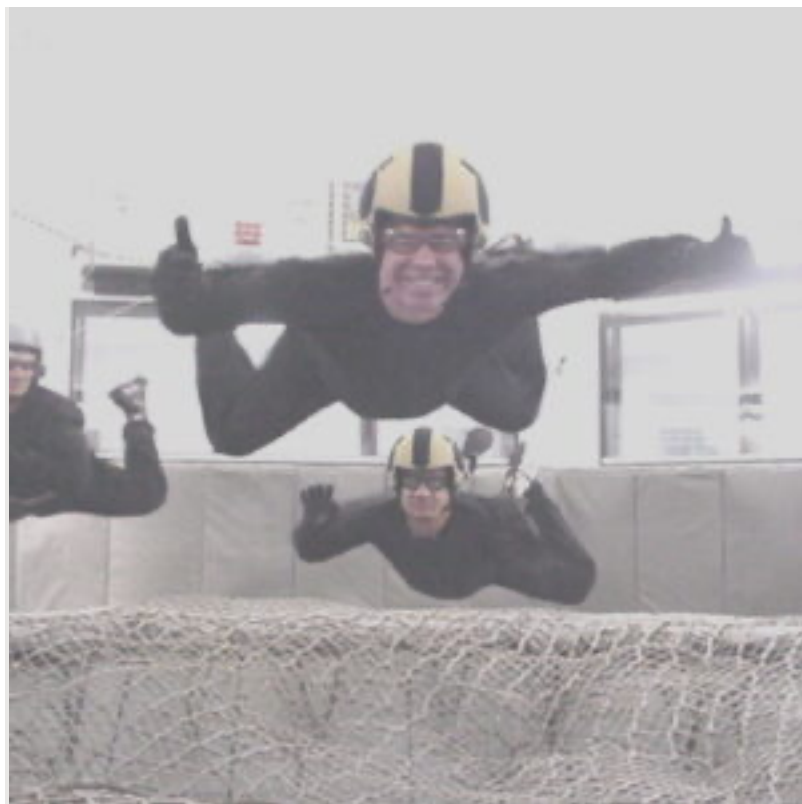


SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL HENRY PETITHORY M-09263 (LIFE)



SFC Dan (Da Man) Petithory was a soldier's soldier as well as the life of the party. As long as I knew him, he never asked another soldier to do something that he would not or could not do.

Da Rock Sends.....

"It is the man who makes the Beret; not the Beret the man."-Da Rock, 1979

SFC Daniel H. Petithory, 34, was a Communications Sergeant assigned to ODA 574, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He was killed in action during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dan was born in Massachusetts on June 30, 1969. He graduated from Hoosac Valley High School in Massachusetts in 1987. After enlisting as a Military Policeman in September 1987, he served a tour at Fort McClellan, Alabama. After completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course, Dan was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 1992. While there, Dan served as a Communications Sergeant on both ODA 572 and ODA 574.

During his tenure of military service, Dan participated in contingency operations in Kuwait, Haiti, Africa and throughout Southwest Asia.



His awards and decorations include Silver Star, two Army Commendation Medals, one Army Achievement Medal, the United Nations Medal, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Special Forces Tab, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

Known as "Dan Da Man" for his keen wit and boyish charm, he joined Chapter 38, SFA as a Life member in 2001.

He is survived by his parents, Louis and Barbara Petithory, a brother, Michael and a sister, Nicole.