

MSGT Patrick Allen Thiele

Born: Feb 7, 1974
on Staten Island, NY

Died:

Period of Service : Iraq
US Air Force career 20 yrs.

Sources: *Observer, Tidings,
Family*

Patrick enrolled in the Air Force on a delayed enlistment program on December 12,, 1991 for a regular Air Force enlistment on August 18, 1992 upon his graduation from Washington Island High School. He took basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX, Oct-Nov, 1992, and then attended Tech School at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX. His first assignment was KI Sawyer AFB, Upper Michigan, for the refueling squad for KC-135 tankers. When Sawyer was closed in Sept, 1993 he was transferred to Plattsburg AFB, NY until June, 1994, when that base was also closed, whereupon he was transferred to Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota where he was stationed until June 2003.

While at Grand Forks, he made numerous deployments of 2 to 3 months each to the Gulf as Crew Chief – K 135 Refuel Tankers. He was deployed five times to Turkey, six to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain twice, and Qatar twice in support of Northern Watch , Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Anvil and Enduring Freedom. During this time he was awarded recognition as 'Crew Chief of the Year for KC-135 and KC-10' refueling category for Air Mobility Command (AMC).

From July, 2003 to Nov 2005 he was assigned to Rhein Mein AFB, Frankfurt, Germany, when that base was closed. He was then reassigned to Spangdahlem AFB, Germany until Dec, 2009 when he was sent back to the US. His final assignment was Sheppard Air National Guard Base in Martinsburg, West Virginia, where the KC-135 and KC 10 tankers are repaired. He retired from US Air Force after 20 years and one month on October 1, 2012 with the pay grade of Master Sergeant (E-7).

He was nominated Badger Boy in 1991 for the Island High School. He also engaged in the Wisconsin Forensics contest in March, 1992. He is married to Jennifer McNerney. His parents are Allen and Nancy Thiele, and he has a sister Delia.

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