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In Memoriam

Lt. Col. David E. Cabrera '92



Lt. Col. David E. Cabrera '92, a licensed clinical social worker and assistant professor of family medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, was killed in action in Afghanistan on Oct. 29.

Dr. Cabrera, who was born in Boynton Beach, Fla., earned his undergraduate degree in

psychology in 1992 from Texas A&M University and was a lifelong Aggie fan. He earned a Master of Science degree in social work from the University of Texas, Arlington, and completed his doctorate in social work at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

He joined the U.S. Army in January 1996 as a Medical Service Corps officer. He spent more than 15 years on active duty, with assignments in Wurzburg and Heidelberg, Germany; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and twice at Fort Lewis, Wash. In June 2006, he was deployed with the 3/2 Stryker Brigade to northern Iraq for five months. In February 2010, he joined the faculty of USU in Bethesda, Maryland—the nation's only federal health sciences university—as the director of social work. He held an appointment as assistant professor in the USU Department of Family Medicine, where he saw patients, taught third- and fourth-year military medical students, conducted research and avidly participated in university field training exercises and activities.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on Sept. 1, 2011, deployed to Afghanistan on Sept. 30 and was killed in action on Oct. 29 in Kabul as a result of a suicide bomb



A U.S. Army team transfers the remains of Lt. Col. David E. Cabrera '92 at Dover Air Force Base, Del., on Oct. 31.

attack on the NATO convoy with which he was riding.

In published obituaries, Dr. Cabrera's loved ones said his humor, easy-going nature and infectious smile made him popular with family, friends, colleagues, medical students, and patients alike. He was also an adventurer who traveled the world with his family and friends, climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and other mountain peaks. However, it was the ocean to which he was most drawn, and his love of the sea was evident to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, August Cabrera; sons Maxwell, Roanin and Corbin; daughter Gillian; his father, Robert, and stepmother, Anita; 13 brothers and sisters, including Bob Cabrera '99; and many other family, friends and loved ones.

Services for Dr. Cabrera were held at 11:11 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2011, at Spring Baptist Church in Spring, with additional memorial services in Fulton, Md., and Bethesda, Md.

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