



Building Homes for Heroes

Army Sergeant Cesar Sanchez



Miami, Florida





Sergeant Cesar Sanchez



Hero Story

On August 30, 2009, while on a route clearance patrol in the southeastern section of Afghanistan, searching for IEDs or homemade bombs, Army Sergeant Cesar Sanchez and his unit encountered a blocked road and difficult terrain. Sergeant Sanchez was driving a Husky Mine Vehicle, a one-man armored vehicle designed to detect IEDs under the road. He was the first in line leading the convoy. Sanchez had to deviate toward the left side of the road, with the rest of the patrol following behind.

He traveled another mile when his vehicle triggered a bomb. The explosion caused his head to hit the top of the vehicle, splitting his helmet in pieces and leaving Sgt. Sanchez unconscious. His platoon was then ambushed, which caused a delay in Sanchez being taken to safety.

Sergeant Sanchez suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI), and has been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He also suffered paresthesias to both hands, lumbosacral spine strain with degenerative disc disease, and spondylolisthesis/spondylolysis. He has a 100% service-connected, disability rating.

Among the many commendations that Sanchez received are the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, the Purple Heart and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Sergeant Sanchez, wife Farrah, and their daughter Emily would like to reside in Miami, Florida.





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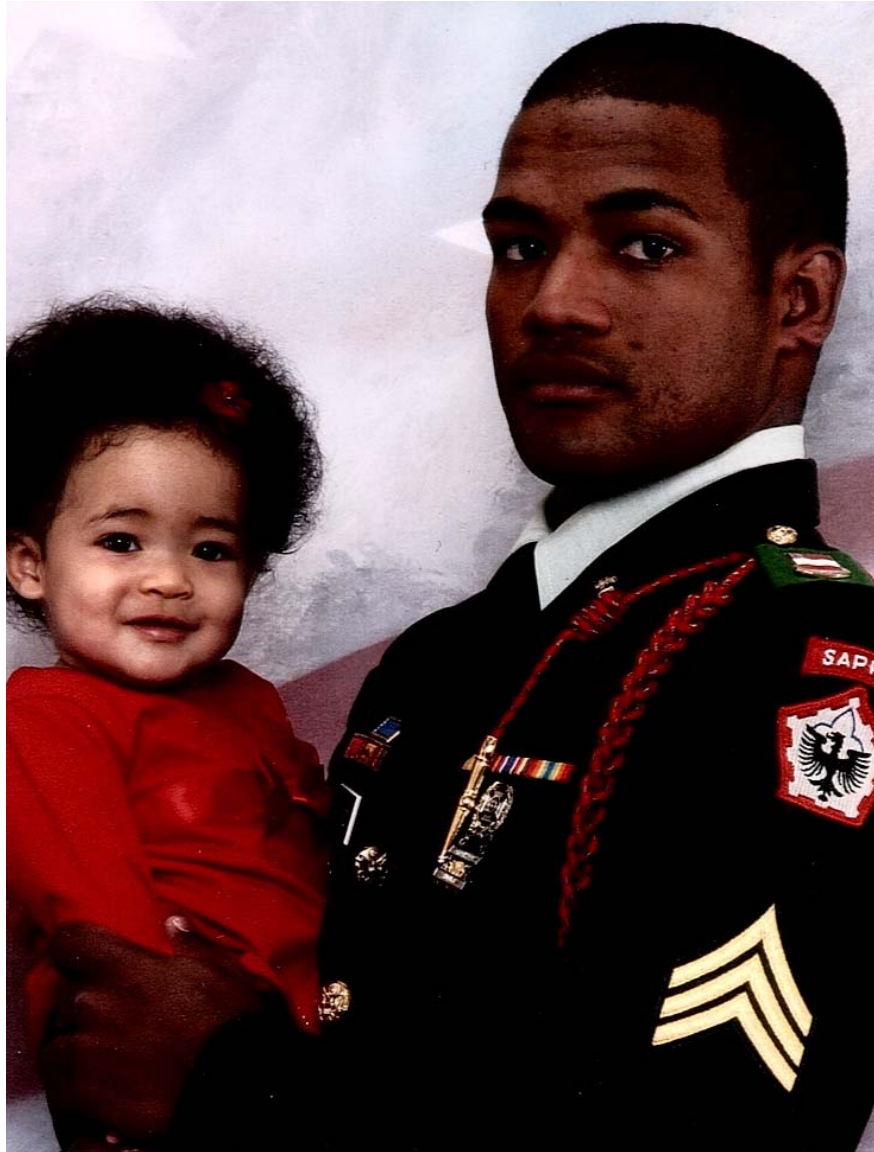
The Sanchez family





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Sergeant Cesar Sanchez and his daughter Emily

