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Re: Medal of Honor Recipient to Share Message of Patriotism in Upcoming Webinar

LUBBOCK, Texas – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Mutual Med will hold a conversation with Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant Major Matthew Williams on Tues., June 30 at 10 a.m.

Sergeant Major Williams received the Medal of Honor from President Donald Trump on Oct. 30, 2019 for his actions on April 6, 2008 as a member of Operational Detachment Alpha 3336, Special Operations Task Force 11, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan in the Battle of Shok Valley.

“With Independence Day around the corner, we are honored to have Sergeant Major Matthew Williams share his story of patriotism,” said Eddie McBride, Lubbock Chamber President and CEO. “There is so much uncertainty in the world right now and this is a great opportunity to hear from a true American hero as he reminds us how far we’ve come and that freedom is always worth fighting and sometimes dying for.”

Sergeant Major Matthew Williams, a 3rd Special Forces Group operations sergeant, graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor’s in criminal justice. In 2005, he enlisted into the Army under the 18X Special Forces enlistment program and upon completion of Infantry One Station Unit Training, he attended Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning, GA. He then went through the Special Forces assessment and selection process and in 2007 graduated as a weapons sergeant from the Special Forces Qualification Course then being assigned to Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Throughout his career, Williams deployed multiple times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Juniper Shield serving in numerous positions, including weapons sergeant, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); senior weapons sergeant, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); senior weapons sergeant, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); senior instructor/writer Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group; senior weapons sergeant, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); and operations sergeant, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A).

Master Leader Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape; Special Forces Qualification Course; the Defense Language Institute’s French Course; Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course; Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Exploitation Course; Basic instructor Training and Small Group Instructor Training.

To register for the webinar, visit LubbockChamber.com or [click here](#).



Williams' awards and decorations include the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Clasp and four Loops, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral "4," Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral "3," Valorous Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Special Forces Tab.

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