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Sustainment Soldiers pay tribute to one of their own

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Soldiers of the 5th Maintenance Company, 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, said their final farewells to



Staff Sgt. Anton Ramesh Phillips during a memorial ceremony at the Grafenwoehr Chapel Jan. 7.

“Staff Sgt. Phillips was a great leader and one of the best NCOs in the platoon,” said Spc. William Runyon from the 5th Maint. Co. “If you had a problem, he would help you immediately and work his tail off to get you an answer as fast as he could. He was a true friend, and I will miss

him. I will always keep Staff Sgt. Phillips in my heart and hope his kids know that their dad was a real hero.”

Phillips, 31, of Inglewood, Calif., has been assigned to the 5th Maint. Co. since Oct. 26, 2003, and deployed to Afghanistan with the company in August last year.

He died Dec. 31 at Forward Operating Base Methar Lam, Afghanistan while assigned to Forward Support Company G, 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, Task Force Wildhorse.

Phillips has two prior deployments, one to Afghanistan and one to Iraq.

His military schooling and education includes Track Vehicle Repair Mechanic, Hazardous Material, Warrior Leaders' Course, Combatives Level 1 and the Army Combat Lifesaver Course.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Vehicle Driver Badge, and the Mechanic's Badge.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

The circumstances surrounding his death are under investigation.