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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE N.C. (July. 13, 2010) Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Antonik, 29, of Crystal Lake, Ill., died July 11 while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, based at Camp Pendleton Calif.

Antonik joined the Marine Corps on May 23, 2001 and was trained as a reconnaissance man. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant on Feb. 1, 2009 joining MARSOC on Sept. 24, 2009. His decorations include a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, three Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, a Combat Action Ribbon, four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, and two Navy Unit Commendations.

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