

Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith



Medal of Honor

Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with an armed enemy near Baghdad International Airport, Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 April 2003. ... As the fight developed, Sergeant First Class Smith braved hostile enemy fire to personally engage the enemy with hand grenades and antitank weapons and organized the evacuation of three wounded Soldiers from an armored personnel carrier struck by a rocket-propelled grenade and a 60-millimeter mortar round. ... During this action, he was mortally wounded. His courageous actions helped defeat the enemy attack ... while allowing the safe withdrawal of numerous wounded Soldiers.

