

Cavalry Soldier Receives Purple Heart

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Sgt. David Lance of Troop B, 202 Cavalry in Beaufort was awarded the Purple Heart by Maj. Gen. Stanhope S. Spears, the Adjutant General of South Carolina for wounds sustained in combat while serving in Afghanistan at a ceremony held at the Beaufort Armory on August 5, 2007.

Lance voluntarily deployed with the 218th Infantry Brigade's Advance Team to Camp Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan, in December 2006. On May 22, 2007, Sgt. Lance and his convoy were en route to Forward Operating Base Kardez when they were attacked by an insurgent. The subsequent explosion seriously injured Sgt. Lance's right hand which required his return stateside for medical rehabilitation.

Thanking Troop B's Family Readiness Group for hosting the ceremony, Lance noted that the unit has been very helpful during his recovery. "The support my family and I have gotten from the them since I've been back has been great," he said.



Sgt. David Lance (left) is presented with a Purple Heart by Maj. Gen. Stan Spears (right) in Beaufort on August 5, 2007. Lance was wounded in action in Afghanistan on May 22, 2007.