



## LISA LOCKHART IS RUNNING FOR ARMY SGT. DEVIN A. SNYDER

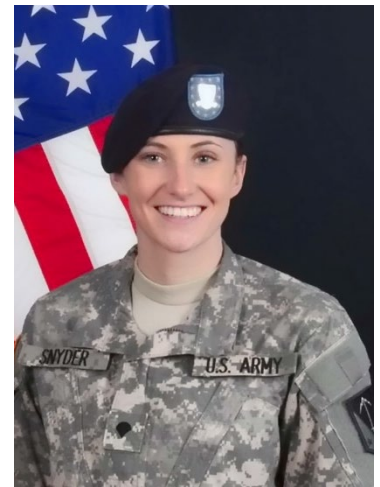
Army Sergeant Devin A. Snyder, 20, of Cohocton was killed in action, Saturday (June 4, 2011) in Afghanistan.

Devin was born Aug. 7, 1990 in Virginia Beach, Va., a daughter of Edward and Dineen (Kanaval) Snyder. Devin began her athletic career in 1994, at the age of 4 running in the ¼ mile kid's run in Cohocton. She was successful in the race, claiming the 1st place medal, while wearing hiking boots. She played her first organized soccer with the Flash Soccer Travel Team at the age of 8. She ran with the Wayland – Cohocton Varsity Track Team as an 8th grader at the age of 14. She broke the school's Steeplechase record in 2006, which still stands today. She attended the NYS High Track Meet in the 4X8 relay in 2007 and again 2008 where the team finished 4th. Devin was a 2008 graduate of Wayland – Cohocton Central School.

Devin entered the U.S. Army on Aug. 11, 2008 in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. She was part of Company D, 787th Military Police Battalion as a Private (E-2) and graduated on Jan. 15, 2009, receiving the certificate for exceptional achievement in obtaining a score of 297 on the Army Physical Fitness Test. She then was transferred and stationed in Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska in February 2009. Shortly after her arrival at Fort Richardson, she received the honor of Soldier of the Month and attended four promotion boards, winning two, with the ranks of PFC and Specialist, as well as obtaining a 300 point score numerous times, which were the highest point total in her 164th MP Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, in Fort Richardson. Devin was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2011.

Devin looked forward to having a family of her own someday, pursuing a degree as a deception analyst as well as becoming a tattoo model. She had many interests and hobbies, some of which were running, her passion for soccer and her deep care of animals, but most of all she loved and adored her family, her friends, her town, her classmates and her fellow soldiers. Devin lived by the "Serenity Prayer," "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...Courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

Devin is survived by her parents, Ed and Dineen Snyder; two brothers, Derek (Mariah) Snyder of Cohocton, and PFC Damien Snyder stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.; one sister, ABHAN (AW) Natasha Snyder of Hampton, Va.; and many loving family and friends.

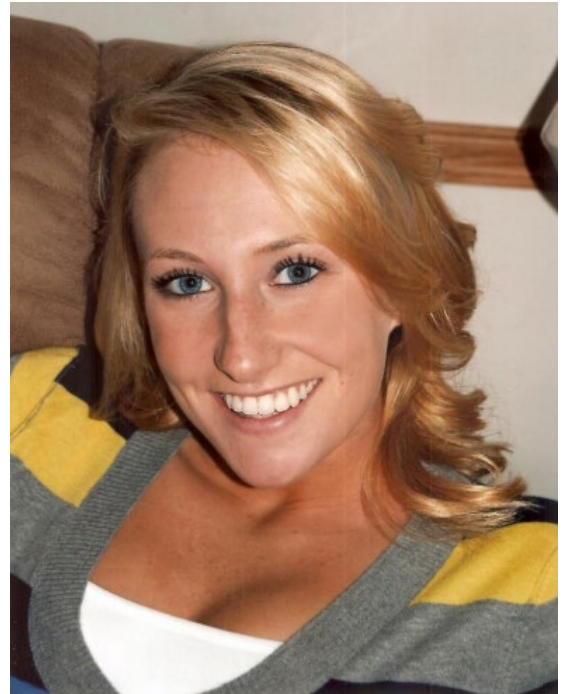




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Sergeant Devin Snyder, U.S. Army, was lost on June 4, 2011 by a roadside bomb in in Laghman province, Afghanistan when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device that also killed three of her fellow soldiers. She was the first female soldier from western New York to die in the war. She was assigned to the 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Sergeant Snyder's personal decorations include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal and the Combat Action Badge.



A non-profit organized, named for Sgt. Devin A. Snyder, has been established with the mission of focusing on assisting local veteran and law enforcement agencies by providing support to purchase needed equipment, assist with programs and training. They achieve their goals by hosting an annual "Sgt. Devin A. Snyder Ride to Remember and Road Rally" in June to raise funds for the mission.

In doing so, they are able to carry on Devin's legacy of service, share her story, and celebrate her life.

