

## Sapper Darren Smith and Herbie



### Sapper Darren James Smith

Sapper Smith's military career commenced as part of the Army Reserve enlisting 29 November 2001 and completing recruit training in January 2002, serving as part of 3rd Field Squadron, South Australia.

Sapper Smith went on to complete his Combat Engineer suite of courses in 2004 and become part of the Australian Regular Army where he was posted to 1st Combat Engineer Regiment (1CER), Darwin in October 2004. He has completed a number of driver courses up to heavy vehicle and Armoured Personnel Carrier.



While at 1 CER, he successfully completed his Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) Handler course in December 2006.

Sapper Smith was posted to 2 CER in January 2009. He is Junior Leader Course qualified having completed the course in November 2008.

His deployment as part of 1st Mentoring Task Force (MTF-1) was his first operational deployment. He deployed in March 2010. As part of his tour he has been awarded the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp International Campaign against Terrorism (ICAT), NATO Service Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Sapper Smith has also been awarded the Australian Defence Medal.

Sapper Smith leaves behind his wife Angela and a 2-1/2 yr old son Mason.

Sapper Smith's wife and son live in Brisbane.

Sapper Smith was 26-years-old, born in Adelaide, South Australia.

Sapper Smith's dog was Herbie, a 3-1/2 year old Collie Cross