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## Mario A. Zorovic

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Mario A. Zorovic nobly joined the United States Army in 2006 immediately after high school. He served honorably as part of the 111th Engineering Group of the 1st Engineer Battalion, also known as "Big Red One" from 2005 - 2009, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A decorated combat veteran, Sgt. Zorovic was awarded a Combat Action Badge, the National Defense Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for Valor for his exceptionally courageous actions as a combat engineer during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt. Zorovic dismounted his vehicle and moved through intense enemy fire in order to take effective control of a recovery operation. His bravery and technical skills allowed the patrol to successfully recover mission-critical equipment and defeat the enemy. Sgt. Zorovic's heroism contributed immeasurably to the success of building a free and democratic nation for the citizens of Iraq and aligned with the finest traditions of military heroism.

In 2009, Sgt. Zorovic was honorably discharged from active duty and immediately joined the United States Army Reserve until 2016. During this time, he earned his Associate's degree in Criminal Justice.

In an effort to more closely serve his local community and follow in the footsteps of his father, a retired New York City Police Officer, Sgt. Zorovic became a member of the New York State Police on August 4, 2014. He has been described by his superiors and colleagues as an extremely talented trooper and a pleasure to work with, who can be relied upon to handle any situation. Aside from patrol, Trooper Zorovic performs several other specialized duties for the State Police, including serving as a Firearms Instructor and as a Field Training Officer.

Trooper Zorovic currently lives in Windsor with his wife, Correy, his son, Mario, and a daughter expected to join the family in August.