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MILITARY TETHERED TANDEM BUNDLE (MTTB)

**NOVEMBER 14, 2001 – NEAR
KANDARHAR, AFGHANISTAN**

-- SSgt Michael Bain, a Combat Controller assigned to the 24th STS, Pope AFB, NC, participated in the first combat MTTB freefall operation. SSgt Bain jumped an MTTB weighing 520 pounds from a MC-130 at an altitude of 17,999' above mean sea level, at night, in zero illumination and safely delivered mission critical team equipment to the objective. SSgt Bain was assigned to a five-man Army Special Operations unit who's mission was to destroy Taliban forces as they traveled south toward Kandahar, along a major line of communication. Through the use of overwhelming close air support, SSgt Bain was able disrupt the enemy operation and destroy the majority of their supplies. Other details about the mission remain classified.