

MASSACRE AT



Monica Cain waited anxiously for word from her husband, Sgt. Darren Cain, who was unhurt.



'FORT HOOD

The hazards of combat were supposed to be thousands of miles away. Then a troubled Army doctor brought all the horror home

Standing outside the processing center at Fort Hood, Spc. Francisco De La Serna heard a distinctive “pop, pop.” Having done a 12-month tour in Iraq, he knew in a split second it was the sound of gunfire. And within moments that afternoon of Nov. 5 he saw the source—an officer coming out of the processing center, where soldiers bound for Iraq and Afghanistan attend to final details of their deployment, with a gun in his hand, shooting anyone he could target with a chilling nonchalance. “He wasn’t running, he was walking,” says De La Serna, 23, a medic

from St. Marys, Kans. “He was very calm.”

The next thing De La Serna remembers was standing over Sgt. Kim Munley, 34, a civilian police officer on the post, as blood gushed out of her. Munley, who was soon hailed (see box, page 62) for risking her life by charging the assailant, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, 39, and helping bring him down with a hail of gunfire, had been wounded in the artery of her right thigh, which De La Serna bound up with a tourniquet that may have saved her life. But many others were not so lucky. In his seven-minute rampage, Hasan killed 13 people, all but one of them Army



Within moments of the shooting, the military post near Killeen, Texas, was locked down.



The wounded were immediately taken to area hospitals.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DAVID HOGRELL/ISTOCKPHOTO; THE FT. HOOD SHOOTING; JAMES HARRIS/ISTOCKPHOTO; COURTESY OF THE ARMY; SGT. JASON R. BARNETT/ISTOCKPHOTO; SGT. JASON R. BARNETT/ISTOCKPHOTO; SGT. JASON R. BARNETT/ISTOCKPHOTO

THE VICTIMS



A reservist who had served in the Navy and National Guard

Name Capt. John P. Gaffaney
Age 56 **Job** Psychiatric nurse
Hometown San Diego
The motorcycle enthusiast worked for San Diego County’s adult protective services department, and re-enlisted in 2006. “He’d always wanted a Harley, and he finally got one in the last year,” says his widow, Christine.



Home from Iraq and in her first trimester of pregnancy

Name Pvt. Francheska Velez
Age 21 **Job** Bomb specialist
Hometown Chicago
According to reports, the aspiring psychologist was filling out paperwork related to her maternity leave when she was shot. “She was never one to complain,” says high school pal Andrew Goodman. “She always wanted to make us laugh.”



A dad of three whose childhood dream was to join the Army

Name Pfc. Kham Xiong **Age** 23
Job Heavy Artillery **Hometown** St. Paul
Xiong came to the U.S. at age 3; his dad and grandfather fought Viet Cong guerrillas alongside U.S. troops in the Vietnam War. “We’re devastated because he hadn’t been deployed yet, and this tragedy happened,” said his father, Chor.

THE VICTIMS



A retired National Guardsman—and the only civilian casualty

Name Michael Cahill **Age** 62
Job Physician's assistant
Hometown Cameron, Texas
For most of his adult life, Cahill (who had worked at Fort Hood since 2003) tended to people with medical needs in the military as well as in rural environments. "He stood up for people who didn't have a voice," says his widow, Joleen.



A self-made man who immigrated to the U.S. as a teen

Name Major L. Eduardo Caraveo **Age** 52 **Job** Clinical psychologist **Hometown** Woodbridge, Va.
Caraveo left Mexico as a teen, earned a Ph.D. and taught college students as well as bilingual special-needs children. "He was somebody to look up to, somebody to admire," his son Eduardo told reporters.



Friends say this art and music lover was quiet and smart

Name Pfc. Michael Pearson **Age** 21 **Job** Defusing bombs **Hometown** Bolingbrook, Ill.
After quitting a job at a furniture company, Pearson joined the Army about a year ago. "He was really excited to start a whole new chapter," says high school friend Monique Mason. "He wanted to make something of his life."



Wanted to go to Iraq so she could treat soldiers in combat

Name Lt. Col. Juanita Warman **Age** 55 **Job** Nurse Practitioner **Hometown** Havre de Grace, Md.
Volunteering for active duty after 9/11, Warman served many tours of duty overseas, says daughter Melissa Czemerda. "We have learned that she lost her life protecting two others by throwing herself on top of them to shield them," Czemerda says.



He treated soldiers battling postwar psychological issues

Name Capt. Russell Seager **Age** 51 **Job** Registered Nurse **Hometown** Mount Pleasant, Wisc.
Seager, who held a Ph.D. in alternative medicine, joined the reserves in 2005; his goal, he said in an interview in August, was to promote, if possible, "a high level of wellness in our soldiers."



The Eagle Scout was planning to propose to his girlfriend

Name Pfc. Aaron Nemelka **Age** 19 **Job** Defusing bombs **Hometown** West Jordan, Utah
He enlisted in October 2008 instead of going on a Mormon church mission and chose the treacherous specialty of bomb defusing, he told family members, because he wanted to help save the lives of American service members.



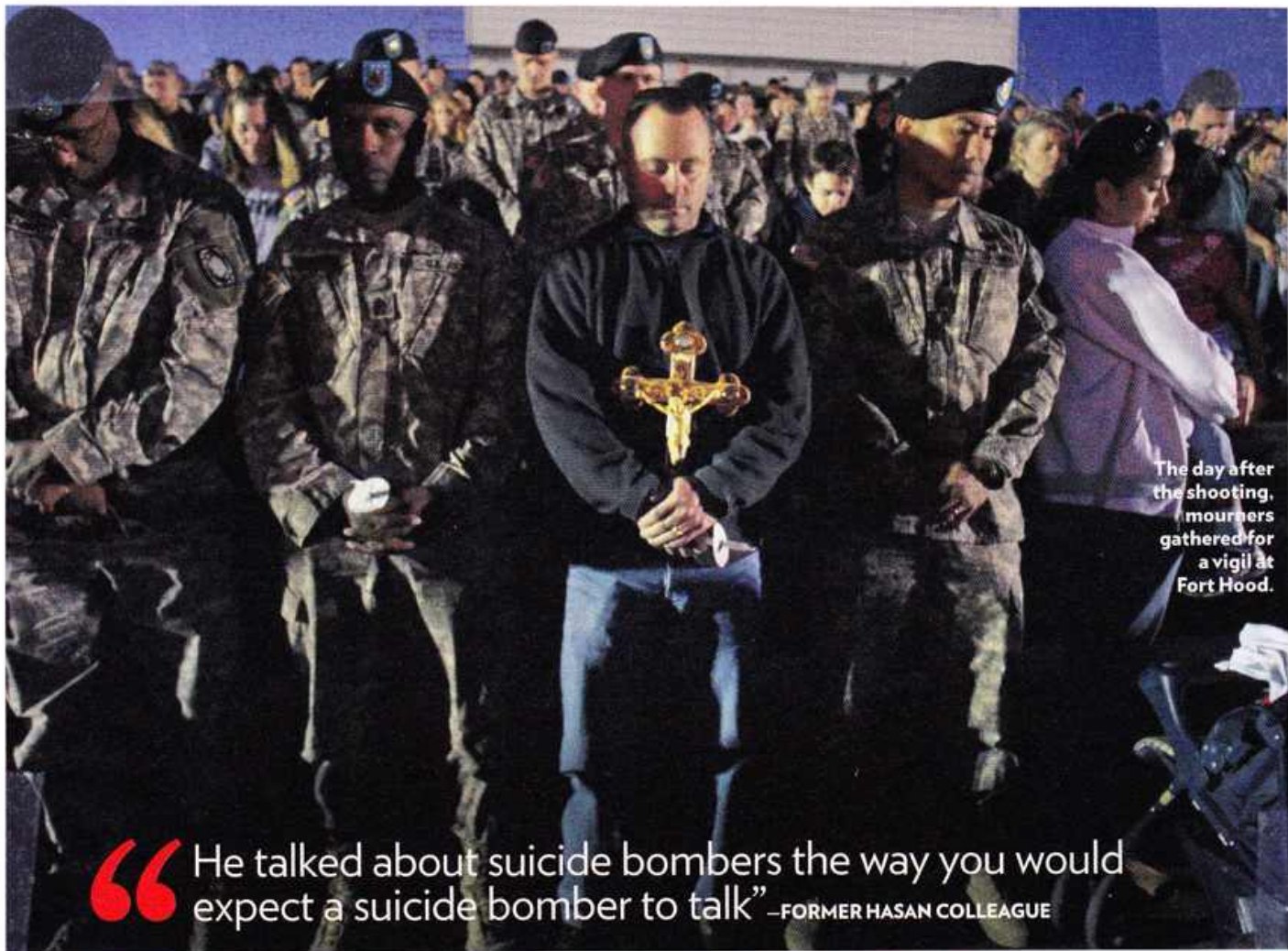
A newlywed who was married only two months ago

Name Spc. Jason Hunt **Age** 22 **Job** Infantry soldier **Hometown** Frederick, Okla.
Hunt joined the Army at 18, and during his first 15-month tour of duty in Iraq, he signed up for six more years of service. Hunt's sister Leila Willingham calls her brother "a passionate, kind person who wanted to help people."



He joined the Army so he could provide for his wife and kids

Name Spc. Frederick Greene **Age** 29 **Job** Specialist **Hometown** Mountain City, Tenn.
Greene enlisted about 18 months ago after marrying and becoming a stepdad to two girls. "[He was] seeking a pathway to build a career," says his stepgrandfather, Harold Nourse.



The day after the shooting, mourners gathered for a vigil at Fort Hood.

“He talked about suicide bombers the way you would expect a suicide bomber to talk” —FORMER HASAN COLLEAGUE

was about to be sent overseas, in his case to Afghanistan. Spc. Grant Moxon, 23, from Lodi, Wisc., who was scheduled to ship out to Afghanistan in December, was sitting at a desk in the readiness center when the shooting started. “He thought it was a drill,” says his father, Dave. Moxon took a bullet in the leg and is expected to recover. “Three of his friends are dead,” says his father, “and he never got to see them.” For some victims, being shot by a fellow soldier added unbearable pain to their wounds. As medic De La Serna rushed one gravely wounded trooper to the hospital, he recalls him angrily screaming, “Man, I was supposed to deploy in two weeks! I’m not supposed to get shot *before* I deploy!”

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THE HERO COP

Amid the chaotic scene at the military post, police sergeant Kim Munley kept her cool and helped end the deadly massacre

As Fort Hood police sergeant and SWAT team member Kim Munley, 34, recovers from gunshot wounds to her legs and arm, those who know the mom of two say they aren’t surprised to hear that she—along with partner Sgt. Mark Todd—helped take down Hasan. “People have said she’s fearless. She has fear, but what she also has is courage,” says Shaun Appler, who nicknamed “5’4” Munley “Mighty Mouse” after she pried a suspect off his back when they worked together on the Wrightsville Beach, N.C., police force. “Courage is what you do in spite of fear.” And though she’s being commended for her efforts, family

friend Marsha Taylor says it’s not in Munley’s character to see herself as a hero: “She probably feels like she did what she was supposed to do—it was her job.”



The diminutive Munley had the nickname “Mighty Mouse.”