



Biographical Sketch

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MAJOR MATTHEW W. WORRELL

Died May 14, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom

Major Matthew Wade Worrell died May 14, 2006, when his AH-6M Little Bird helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations in Yusifiyah, south of Baghdad, Iraq.

He was born April 4, 1972, and attended high school in Lewisville, Texas.

He graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree and received his commission in 1995 as a Second Lieutenant. In 1996 he attended the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing training.



After receiving an OH-58D Aviator Qualification in 1997, he was ordered to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as an Assistant S-3 in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. Later in his tour with the 7th, he served as a Platoon Leader attached to Task Force Eagle (SFOR 5) and deployed to Bosnia.

Returning from Bosnia in 1999, he attended the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., followed by the Combined Arms Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. After this schooling in 2001, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he served as the commander for A Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. He assessed for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 2003 and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR(A) where he served as a Flight Operations Officer and later as a Platoon Leader in B Company, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

His schools include the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape course, Airborne school, and Air Assault school.

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal for valor, three Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal. He is also authorized to wear the Senior Aviator Badge, the Airborne Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Combat Action Badge. Worrell was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Major Worrell is survived by his wife, Camille of Clarksville, Tenn., and two children, Jake and Luke.

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