



Biographical Sketch

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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR CHRIS J. SCHERKENBACH Killed in action on June 28, 2005 Operation Enduring Freedom

Chief Warrant Officer Four Chris J. Scherkenbach died June 28, 2005, in eastern Afghanistan when his MH-47E Helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1964 in Illinois. Scherkenbach originally enlisted in the Army as a communication specialist in April of 1987. His first duty station was Germany. He was accepted into the Warrant Officer entry program in 1990, and graduated from the Warrant Officer Program at Fort Rucker, Ala. in 1990. Also during 1991, he attended the Warrant Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing training.



After completing his CH-47D aircraft qualifications at Fort Rucker, Scherkenbach was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was then assigned to Camp Humphreys, Korea as a CH-47D Chinook pilot. After completing his tour in Korea, he returned to the 159th Aviation Regiment. His final assignment was Company B, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

Scherkenbach's military schools include the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Course, the Aviation Safety Officer Course, the Electronic Warfare Officer Course, the Special Operations Training Course and the Warrant Officer Advanced Course.

His awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Senior Army Aviator Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal for valor, the Combat Action Badge and the Master Army Aviator Badge.

Scherkenbach is survived by his wife Michelle, of Jacksonville, Fla.

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