



## Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jacob M. Sims 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jacob M. Sims, 36, an MH-47G pilot and company aviation safety officer, died Oct. 27, 2017, in Logar Province, Afghanistan, as a result of wounds sustained in a helicopter crash. He was assigned to 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

Sims, of Juneau, Alaska, and a native of Oklahoma, was born August 13, 1981. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, August 12, 1999. After completing Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, Sims was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a combat engineer.



After successful selection and completion of Warrant Officer Flight Training, Sims was assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot.

Sims served in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) and graduated Officer Green Platoon, April 2014. He was assigned to Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. He served as fully mission qualified MH-47G pilot-in-command and company aviation safety officer.

Sims was a veteran of Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo, numerous tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, and operations Enduring Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

His military education includes the Basic Training Course, Advanced Individual Training Course, Basic Airborne Course, Basic Leader's Course, Air Assault Course, Jump Master Course, Advanced Leader's Course, Warrant Officer Flight Training, UH-60 Qualification Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (High Risk) Course, CH-47D Qualification Course, Officer Green Platoon, Combatives Level 1 Training Course, MH-47G Qualification Course, Aviation Safety Officer Course, and the Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced Course.

Sims' awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Air Medal with Combat Device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2 OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation (2 OLC)

Army Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 Star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal (3), Air Assault Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Sapper Tab, Basic Aviator Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

Sims was posthumously promoted to CWO3.

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