



Captain Frederick M. Maddock II
18 August 1959 - 27 April 1987

CPT Maddock was born in Detroit, Michigan on 18 August 1959. Known to most as Ken, CPT Maddock graduated in 1977 from Austin High School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. He applied his early leadership skills to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 16. He was a member of the National Honor Society and he lettered in track and swimming. On 6 July 1977, CPT Maddock began his quest as a member of the Long Gray Line and entered the United States Military Academy. He excelled in physical fitness, academics, cadet leadership; every activity he participated in. He was commissioned in May 1981 as an Armor Officer and attended the Armor Officers Basic Course. He graduated the course with the physical fitness award and the Distinguished Honor Graduate title. He then attended the Junior Officers Motor Course before being assigned as a tank platoon leader in A Company, 2nd Battalion, 72d Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea. While in Korea, CPT Maddock decided he wanted to be a helicopter pilot.

CPT Maddock again showed his ability to learn quickly as he mastered the skills of flying in the Officers Rotary Wing Aviation Course and the Aeroscout Course. He completed the course as an honor graduate and left Fort Rucker, Alabama in February 1984 to be assigned as an aeroscout platoon leader in b Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea. He attended the Aviation Officers Advanced Course after completing this second tour in Korea, and as could be expected, graduated at the top of his class as the Distinguished Honor Graduate.

Even though CPT Maddock had not been flying his entire career, he had the credentials to be accepted for an assignment with the elite Task Force 160 at Fort Campbell. He was assigned as a platoon commander in Alpha Company "Little Birds". Ken's task was to maintain a highly proficient, combat ready assault helicopter platoon. He met every challenge, rose to every

occasion and accomplished every task flawlessly. Ken excelled as a Night Stalker from the moment he drove through the main gate at Fort Campbell. He will best be remembered for his willingness to accept any responsibility, no matter how difficult.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC) and the Army Achievement Medal. He was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

CPT Maddock died when his OH-6 Little Bird helicopter crashed 25 miles off the coast of Huntington Beach, California on 27 April 1987. He had just completed special night flight training and was preparing to head back to Long Beach. Ken was unable to escape from the helicopter after it crashed; the rescue mission failed to recover the OH-6 or Ken's remains.

CPT Maddock is survived by his mother and stepfather, Dee and Eugene; his brother Harry; his sister, Julie; three stepbrothers and four stepsisters.