SGT Kip A. Jacoby
02 September 1983 - 28 June 2005

SGT Kip A. Jacoby died June 28, 2005, in eastern Afghanistan when his MH-47D Chinook Helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations.

He was born September 2, 1983 in Florida. A native of Pompano, FL, SGT Jacoby graduated high school in 2002 and later enlisted in the Army in October 2002 as a heavy helicopter repairman. He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Jackson, SC and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, VA.

In May 2003, SGT Jacoby was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Training Company and upon completion of the Basic Mission Qualification Course was assigned as a helicopter repairman for 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. In February 2004, he was reassigned within the battalion to Company B as a CH-47D flight engineer.

SGT Jacoby's military schools include the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, the Basic Mission Qualification Course and the Heavy Helicopter Repairman Course.

His awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Aircraft Crew Member Badge and the Marksman Weapons Qualification Badge (rifle). He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Valor device, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Jacoby is survived by his parents.