



Major Matthew W. Worrell
4 April 1972 - 14 May 2006

Major Matthew W. Worrell died 14 May 2006 when his AH-6M helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. He was born on 4 April 1972 and attended high school in Dallas, 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 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, he served as a Platoon Leader attached to SFOR 5 (Task Force Eagle) and deployed to Bosnia.

Returning from Bosnia in 1999, he attended the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, followed by the Combined Arms Services Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completing school, he was assigned in 2001 to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as the Commander for Alpha 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(Abn) at Fort Campbell where he served as a Flight Operations Officer and, later, as a Platoon Leader in Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR(Abn).

MAJ Worrell was a graduate of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) (High Risk) Course; Airborne School, and Air Assault School.

MAJ Worrell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (w/1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (w/Numeral 3), the Air Medal (w/"V" Device), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (w/1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (w/1 Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal (w/1 OLC).

MAJ Worrell is survived by his wife, Camille; their sons, Jake and Luke; mother Dora; and sister, Wendy. He is laid to rest in Dallas, Texas, at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Section 76, Site 1620. The 1st Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company office, building #7259a, is dedicated in his honor as Worrell Hall.