



***Staff Sergeant Kerry W. Frith***  
***27 September 1964 - 22 February 2002***

Staff Sergeant Kerry W. Frith was born at Leemore Naval Air Station in California. He died in an over-water helicopter crash on 22 February 2002 in a training mission in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

He enlisted in the Army in 1987 as a Medium Helicopter Repairmen (67U). He attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Staff Sergeant Frith's military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) and the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course (BNCOC).

SSG Frith's past assignments include a tour in Hawaii and a deployment to Saudi Arabia.

In 1991, Staff Sergeant Frith was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Training Company (SOATC) and upon completion of the Basic Mission Qualification Course (Green Platoon) was assigned as a Flight Engineer for Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). Staff Sergeant Frith had numerous deployments with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) to include Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia and Operation Gothic Serpent, Somalia. He was assigned to Echo Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Taegu, Republic of Korea in October, 2001. He deployed with his unit to multiple locations across the Pacific Command in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to his Army enlistment, SSG Frith completed an enlistment in the U.S. Navy, during which time he served aboard the battleship USS New Jersey off the coast of Lebanon in 1983.

Staff Sergeant Frith's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), U.S. Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (1 OLC) and the Master Air Crewmember Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal.

Staff Sergeant Frith is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and their children, Jacob and Ciara, his parents, and five siblings. SSG Frith is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Section 64, Site 6664.