



Specialist Travis R. Vaughn
01 September 1980 - 18 February 2007

Specialist Travis R. Vaughn died February 18, 2007, in southeastern Afghanistan when his MH-47E Chinook Helicopter crashed while conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was born September 1, 1980 in Waterloo, Iowa.

SPC Vaughn, a 1999 graduate of Cedar Falls High School, volunteered for Army service in October 2003 as a Chinook Helicopter repairer. After completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, Va., SPC Vaughn was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys, Korea. He arrived at the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in July 2005 and completed the Regiment's "Green Platoon" course, an initial selection and training requirement prior to assignment. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion as an MH-47E Maintenance Team Member and most recently with B Company as an MH-47E Crew Chief. SPC Vaughn had previously deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

SPC Vaughn's schools include the Chinook Helicopter Repairer Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course, Combatives Level 1, and the Special Operations Training Course.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Aviation Crewmember Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal.

Specialist Vaughn is survived by his wife, Heather; his son, Taylin; his father and stepmother, Bradley and Kandj; his mother, Christine and his brother, Jayson.