In Loving Memory of



Technical Sergeant
John W. Brown

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3 November 1977 - 6 August 2011

Technical Sergeant John W. Brown was a Para rescue man (PJ) assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, 724th Special Tactics Group, Air Force Special Operations Command, Pope Field, North Carolina. Sergeant Brown was born in Sacramento, California on 3 November 1977; he was 33 years old. Sergeant Brown graduated from Siloam Springs Senior High School, Arkansas, in 1996. After graduation, Sergeant Brown attended college at John Brown University, Arkansas, and later at Chipola Junior College, Florida. He enlisted in the Air Force and arrived at Lackland AFB, Texas, in March 2002. After graduating from Basic Military Training, he immediately entered the PJ training pipeline. Over the next 24 months, Sergeant Brown completed numerous Air Force and joint service training schools such as Army Airborne School, Air Force Survival School, Army Special Forces Combat Dive Course, Army Special Forces Military Freefall School, Paramedics school, and the Air Force PJ School. In September of 2004, he completed PJ training and was assigned to the 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia. Shortly after his arrival at the squadron, Sergeant Brown completed the first of eight deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. He was also one of the first responders in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In May of 2006, he was assigned to the 31 st Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, where he conducted numerous exercises and combat search and rescue alerts in the Pacific theater. While at Kadena, Sergeant Brown successfully assessed for the 24th Special Tactics Squadron and was assigned to the unit in April of 2009. He was on his second deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Sergeant Brown's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Combat Action Medal. He was a static-line jumpmaster, military free fall jumpmaster and dive supervisor.

On the night of 6 August 2011, Sergeant Brown was part of an elite special operations team executing a helicopter assault into the Tangi Valley, Wardak Province, Afghanistan. While approaching the target, their CH-47 helicopter was shot down, killing everyone on board.

John perished as a warrior, taking the fight to our nation's enemies. He is survived by his wife, Tabitha, father Dan Brown, mother Elizabeth Newlun, and two brothers Lucas and Dan Brown.

"Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:13

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Call of the Colors	Lewis D. Kaslow Military & Veterans Advisor to Congressman Steve Womack
United States Air Force Honor Guard LRAFB	
Welcome and Prayer	Tad Thompson
Proclamation from Governor Beebe	Representative Jon Woods
Address	Congressman Steve Womack
Message of Victory and Hope	Ray Fritz
It is Well with My Soul	Led by Sager Creek Community Church Praise and Worship Team
Slideshow	
Words from Friends	Jonna Nixon Devin Vohs Travis Hester
724th Special Tactics Unit	Capt. Mike Bain MSgt. Pat Harding TSgt. Jack Marchun SSgt. Tom Pearce
Presentation of USAF Combat Action Medal	Col. Wolfe Davidson
Words from Family	Danny Brown
Better is One Day	Congregational Song
TAPS by USAF Guard	
Retiring of the Colors	Lewis D. Kaslow

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win.
I am faithful to a Proud Heritage,
A Tradition of Honor,
And a Legacy of Valor.

I am an American Airman.
Guardian of Freedom and Justice,
My nation's Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger.
I defend my Country with my Life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, Leader, Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind,
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

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November 3, 1977-August 6, 2011



August 16, 2001
Harvard Avenue Baptist Church
Siloam Springs, Arkansas