

BRENDON WILLIAM SANDBURG

July 22, 1982 - August 16, 2007

Petty Officer 2nd Class Brendon W. Sandburg, 25, a Naval Hospital Corpsman assigned to Branch Medical Clinic, Yuma, Arizona, died from injuries sustained when the Search and Rescue helicopter that he was in crashed during a training exercise August 16, 2007. Three Marines were also killed and one was injured in the accident.

Brendon was born and raised in Stuart. He kicked his first soccer ball for Jensen Beach when he was five. That started many years of any sport that was offered in Jensen Beach. baseball, soccer, football, he was a team player. He graduated from John Carroll High School in 2000. He also loved anything to do with water. Boating, fishing, diving or skiing, he was the partner you wanted.

Brendon choose his friends and they became lifelong friends. He had the ability to make everyone feel they were his best friend. And they were if Brendon called you a friend, you had someone you could count on for anything. any time, any where; he would be there for you.

Wanting adventure and to help others, Brenden enlisted in the Navy while still at John Carroll. After graduation, he reported to recruit training in August of 2000 and completed Hospital Corpsman School, Great Lake, III, in November of 2000. He loved to say "I fix broken Marines"

Brenden was assigned to the Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton, CA and was subsequently assigned to 3rd Light Armored Recon Battalion (LAR) 1st Marine Division in Twenty-nine Palms, CA. While with the 3rd LAR he deployed to Okinawa, Japan in January 2002. After returning from Okinawa, Brenden deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from January to August 2003. Having earned several medals in Iraq, he had his choice of duty stations. Wanting new adventures, Brenden thought jumping out of helicopters sounded like fun.

In July 2004 he graduated Naval Aircrew Candidate School, Pensacola FL and reported to the Naval Branch Medical Clinic in Yuma, AZ. There he assumed duties as a Search and Rescue In-flight Medical Technician on board Marine Corps Air Station helicopters. Brenden deployed from October 2006 to March 2007 with the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment, Kuwait. In all, Brenden earned fourteen medals. The last one was presented to his parents & wife Johnna. after the Memorial Service at MCAS Yuma for Brendon and his 11 fallen Marines. His greatest legacy is his daughter, Aubrie Ann. She has his smile and his sense of adventure. He'd be so proud!

In recognition of his numerous military achievements, Petty Officer Sandburg was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Navy Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, three Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, and the Navy Expert Pistol and Expert Rifleman Medals.



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