

Sunday Flag Dedication

Dedicated to Captain Mark K. Weber

This evening we dedicate flag lowering to the memory and service of Captain Mark Weber, U.S. Air Force.

Captain Weber was born in Texas on July 31, 1988, graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2011, and served as a Combat Rescue Officer – better known as “PJs”.

Pararescue is the nation’s elite force to conduct personnel recovery to include both conventional and unconventional combat rescue operations. Their mission is to “rescue, recover, and return American or Allied forces in times of danger or extreme duress.”

On the night of March 15, 2018, Weber and his elite U.S. Air Force Special Operations Combat Rescue Team were on a mission in Northern Iraq in response to a “personnel recovery” incident. While returning to base, the HH-60 Pave Hawk Helicopter struck a cable, and crashed, killing all seven servicemembers aboard.

Captain Weber and his team were committed to do whatever was required to deny the enemy a victory and bring our warriors home to fight another day. His creed, and the creed of all PJs, is a testament to the sacrifice we as a Nation ask our brave men and women in arms – “These things I do, THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE.”

Rest in Peace, Captain Weber, and thank you...