

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Mark Weber graduated from John H Guyer High School in 2007 and immediately headed off to basic training at the US Air Force Academy (USAFA). Mark graduated from USAFA in 2011 with a degree in economics and became a contracting officer in the Air Force. Mark was highly recognized, but felt a calling to more directly serve others. This decision reflects who Mark is as a person—someone that is willing to risk his life to save others.

When servicemen are injured and rendered immobile on the front lines, or sometimes simply get trapped, their lives depend on a swift and effective evacuation. Responsible for organizing and strategizing recovery operations, Combat Rescue Officers (CRO) provide the insights and skills essential for rescue missions to succeed. These highly capable and courageous airmen not only train, equip, and develop necessary survival skills in rescue personnel, but will often deploy into direct combat as a member of the rescue team themselves. While operating in a combat area is certainly dangerous, generally the most hazardous area they regularly operate and train for in is sea rescues.

Early in his career as a CRO, Mark was deployed to Iraq to support Operation Inherent Resolve. In the Anbar Province of Iraq, Mark's helicopter crashed and he was killed along with six other airmen on his team. On 15 March 2018, we lost a true warrior. Mark is now interned at Arlington National Cemetery.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION

That Others May Live is the motto of the Combat Rescue Airmen. There is not a more selfless and difficult career in the Department of Defense. Mark Weber is a Denton ISD product we can all be extremely proud of. He selflessly chose a career field that allows US pilots, navigators, and other airmen on the battlefield to take greater risks in the fight because they know airmen like Mark will use their two years of specialty training to fight their way onto the battle area and rescue them.

It is important that the students we raise in our district recognize that not only do people like Mark exist, they come from Denton. Furthermore, I believe that students that attend the Weber School and all of the other Denton ISD schools realize that if our graduates put their life on the line to protect us, we will honor them. Our students will be proud to attend the Weber School.

Mark's family is a local family and I am confident they will be active at the school for many years to come. They are a family that values service to their community and nation. I imagine that we will see his family greeting students as they arrive on their first day for many years and we will also see them at important school events.

This notebook is for you to review and have a greater understanding of Mark's selfless life lived. Finally, I ask that you please watch the short (less than 4 mins) video Mark's Combat Rescue Commander made about the impact of Mark's life on others.

VISION

My vision for the school is as someone enters the school, the wall will have a life size metal silhouette or image on metal of Mark with writing on the wall next to the image.

It could simply say:

These Things We Do, That Others May Live

Captain Mark Weber

USAF Combat Rescue Officer and Guyer High Graduate

Weber School Backers:

Kathryn Flores (Mission Moms)

Johnnie Yellock II (Wounded Warriors)

Mayor Bill Scherer

Honorable Andy Eads

Representative Tan Parker

Colonel Davis Lee (BHS)

Lt Col Mike Deal (RHS)

Lt Col Bob West (DHS)

TSgt Lee Dorman (DHS)

MSgt Derrek Draper (BHS)

Chief Chris Davis (GHS)

Barbara Fischer (GHS)

Dr. Shaun Perry (GHS)

Lt Col J. Blake Fentress (GHS)