

CORPORAL SASCHA STRUBLE

UNITED STATES ARMY, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

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"...WE CANNOT DEDICATE, WE CANNOT CONSECRATE, WE CANNOT HALLOW THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN, LIVING AND DEAD, WHO STRUGGLED HERE, HAVE CONSECRATED IT, FAR ABOVE OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT. THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE, BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE."

- PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN



ON APRIL 6, 2005, A CH-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTER CRASHED WITH EIGHTEEN AMERICANS ON BOARD. ON THAT DAY AND IN THAT CRASH, THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS LOST AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG SOLDIER - CPL SASCHA STRUBLE. CPL STRUBLE WAS FOLLOWING IN HIS FAMILY'S TRADITION OF SERVICE TO THIS NATION BY SERVING WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR. ON THAT DAY, CPL STRUBLE GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND IN THE EFFORT TO BRING HOPE AND DEMOCRACY TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. CPL STRUBLE BOARDED ONE OF TWO CHINOOK HELICOPTERS AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE ORGUN-E, WHERE HE WAS THE BATTALION PARALEGAL SPECIALIST FOR THE RED DEVILS OF THE 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 508TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. AFTER LEAVING ORGUN-E, A SEVERE SANDSTORM LIMITED AIRCRAFT VISIBILITY. IN ORDER TO LAND, THE PILOTS ATTEMPTED TO MANEUVER TO A NEARBY BASE, BUT THE BAD WEATHER PROVED INSURMOUNTABLE RESULTING IN A CRASH OF THE AIRCRAFT. ALL EIGHTEEN AMERICANS ON BOARD PERISHED.

