



CW5 Douglas A DeBoer

January 30, 1977 - June 30, 2020

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Douglas A. DeBoer

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CW5 Douglas A. DeBoer, died tragically at age 43 on June 30, 2020. He was born on January 30, 1977 and completed high school in Marlboro Massachusetts. He also graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with his BOS Aeronautics degree Cum Laude.

CW5 DeBoer entered the US Army in 1996. He was promoted to Sargent at Fort Rucker, Alabama in 1998 later being assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell where he ended his 24 year career as 101st Combat Aviation Brigade Standardization Pilot.

His Primary Specialty Titles were, 153AH Rotary Wing Aviator, 153MH UH-60 Pilot, 153DO H3 UH-60 Pilot, 153DF UH-60 Pilot and 153DH UH-60 Pilot and UH-60 Blackhawk Instructor Pilot.

CW5 DeBoer's Decorations, Medals and Badges included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Air Medal (2nd Award), the Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal and Combat Ribbons, Medals and his Badges during his War and Deployment tours.

CW5 DeBoer served in repeated Deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Korea. He received a Campaign Medal w/Two Campaign Stars, Army Service Ribbons, Overseas Service Ribbon (6th Award).

After his retirement with the US Army, Douglas DeBoer was employed by the FAA as an Aviation Safety Inspector until his untimely death.

CW5 DeBoer is survived by his Mother, Elaine Frego Weymouth of Clinton MA, his Father

and Stepmother Peter and Lee Ann Belcher of Denton Texas and his children. Michael DeBoer of Sebastian, Florida, Sadie and Emily DeBoer of Clinton MA and Jakob DeBoer of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama. His two sisters, Amanda Sumner of Midwest City Oklahoma and Dana DeBoer Orcutt and husband Nathan, five nieces and nephews, Haylee, Tyler, Dylan, Savannah and Ray.

He also leaves Dave Lewis and his at Autumn Winds friends dear to his heart and many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, co-workers and friends.

A Full Military Honors Funeral will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements are being made by Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville TN.

The date is to be announced.

Comments



“ I remember Doug well from flight school. He was in charge of our small UH-1 class as we learned combat tactics. He was a great leader then and from what I hear from everyone he was a great leader, aviator, and friend to all who crossed paths with him. He'll be missed! To the DeBoer family, my heart goes with you and you have my sincere condolences. He will live on in the hearts of everyone who know him.

CW4(R) Mike Pracht - July 10 at 09:00 PM



“ My heart is broken for Elaine and family

Holly - July 14 at 12:30 PM



“ Doug was a remarkable teacher, teammate, and person! He was patient in explaining and always pushed you to be better. An incredibly special guy who will be terribly missed.

Much love,
Tyler Lewison

Tyler Lewison - July 08 at 08:57 AM



“ There are good Army professionals and then there are one of a kind experts in their field. Doug was the latter, who amazed me with his depth of knowledge and sage advice. Most importantly, he was my friend and we laughed.

The Fiddler of Dooney:

When I play on my fiddle in Dooney, Folk dance like a wave of the sea; My cousin
is priest in Kilvarnet, My brother in Moharabuiee.

I passed my brother and cousin: They read in their books of prayer; I read in my
book of songs I bought at the Sligo fair.

When we come at the end of time, To Peter sitting in state,
He will smile on the three old spirits, But call me first through the gate;

For the good are always the merry, Save by an evil chance,
And the merry love the fiddle
And the merry love to dance:

And when the folk there spy me,
They will all come up to me,

With 'Here is the fiddler of Dooney!' And dance like a wave of the sea.

RIP my friend.

Ryan Boyle

Ryan Boyle - July 07 at 08:33 PM



“ Still in shock and disbelief! A great man gone way to soon! Doug you will be missed by all who knew and loved you. To the DeBoer family, you are all in our thoughts and silent prayers for healing and comfort. Doug, man it was the greatest honor to have served and flew with you Air Warrior. The world is a far lesser place without you in it. You made a difference, you made a positive impact on every one who ever knew you man. Raising a few real stout ones in your memory Sir. See you on the Green one day, and we will raise one together again. RIP.....Mike Brown

Michael Brown - July 07 at 07:45 PM



“ Hi Elaine, I am so sorry for your loss. I just can not imagine what you and your family are going through. I sent you a card to Doug's address. Cathy said you were staying there awhile. Sure hope you get it!!!! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, Love and prayers, Aunt Freddie

Freddie Balaban - July 07 at 02:16 PM



“ Prayers and condolences to the DeBoer family. He was a gifted aviator, leader, selfless servant, and patriot. He was loyal, respectful, and a friend. I will miss our conversations and love of flying together. May he be with God...forever soaring.

Matt Weinschel

Matt Weinschel - July 07 at 09:10 AM



“ See you on the Green, Doug. Prayers out to your family.

CW5(R) Sean Scott - July 06 at 10:17 PM



“ Hey Buddy, We will miss you! I am still in awe of everything you did for our country. I am honored to be your brother-in-law. I will do my best to make sure everything and everyone up here in “Commie” Massachusetts are taken care of.

Nate Orcutt - July 06 at 07:18 PM



“ R.I.P. to a great man, mentor and pilot.

CW4 Brad Renneke - July 06 at 04:22 PM



“ I have missed you. You were a big part of my life and Shelby's life. Seems like forever ago when you knocked on my door on Halloween introducing yourself as the new neighbor and you came back every day after that. A lifetime ago. We had several years together, happy times. Situations and distance finally separated us but you are loved and missed. Your family is family to me. You've touched the lives of so many. Godspeed, God rest. Until we meet again.

Stacy Lee - July 06 at 07:34 AM