

WEDNESDAY
November 11, 2009



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Lieutenant Commander Che Jeremy Barnes

January 27, 1974 - October 29, 2009

Lieutenant Commander Che Jeremy Barnes, 35, was killed in the line of duty on Thursday, October 29, 2009 shortly after 7:10 PM. Che was the pilot in command of a Coast Guard C-130 that was on a search and rescue mission off the coast of San Diego. His airplane and six crew members were struck mid-air by a Marine Corps Super Cobra helicopter flying a night training mission.



Lt. Cmdr. Che Barnes

Che grew up on a small organic farm in Yolo County's Capay Valley, California. He graduated from Esparto High School in 1992 and entered the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Che graduated with honors in Mechanical Engineering and during

his 13 year military career, Che flew most aircraft in the Coast Guard, including three years flying the Coast Guard's

Falcon Jet from Puerto Rico, five years flying the Coast Guard's H-65 Dolphin Rescue helicopter from San Francisco and two years flying the Coast Guard's C-130 Hercules in Sacramento. Che touched the lives of many through his service with the Coast Guard and was decorated with many medals and honors including the Elmer F. Stone Award in early October 2009 for demonstrating exceptional performance in Coast Guard search and rescue in a fixed wing aircraft.

Che was fascinated with flight from an early age and as a boy avidly built and flew radio controlled airplanes and later worked his way through flight lessons to solo a single engine plane on his 16th birthday. When not flying for the Coast Guard, Che flew his Pitts Bi-Plane in aerobatic air shows. In addition to flying, Che also enjoyed playing his guitar, singing, photography, writing, reading and was pursuing an MBA. Che was also an advisor and partner to his family's farming company and retail store in the SF Ferry Building, Farm-FreshToYou.Com.

Che joined his late mother, Kathleen Barsotti in the after-life and is survived by his father, Martin Barnes, his twin brother Noah Barnes, his two younger brothers, Thaddeus and Freeman Barsotti and his girlfriend of three years, Carrie Reynolds. Che will be sorely missed by his country, family and friends. Full military honor services will be held on Friday, November 20th 1:00PM at San Francisco's Presidio National Cemetery. For information on these services or to contact Che's family please email: FamilyOfChe@gmail.com.