



***Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta***  
**05 August 1987 – 27 August 2020**

Staff Sergeant Vincent P. Marketta was born on 5 August 1987 and was a native of Brick, New Jersey. He was killed on 27 August 2020 while conducting aviation training on San Clemente Island, California, while assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

SSG Marketta volunteered for service in the U.S. Army when he enlisted in 2011. He graduated from Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as a 15T UH-60 Black Hawk Repairer. Upon completion of his initial training, he was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and completed Enlisted Combat Skills (Green Platoon) training in 2012. Upon graduation from Green Platoon, SSG Marketta spent 18 months as an aircraft repairer in Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion and in 2014, he was assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, for service as an MH-60 DAP Crew Chief. While in Charlie Company, SSG Marketta served as a Fully Mission Qualified Crew Chief, Flight Instructor, Section Sergeant, and Platoon Sergeant.

While assigned to the 160th SOAR (Abn), SSG Marketta deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and multiple times to Iraq in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. Over the course of his career, he flew over 1300 total flight hours in the MH-60L and MH-60M, including 600 hours under night-vision goggles, and 300 hours in combat.

SSG Marketta was a graduate of the Enlisted Combat Skills (Green Platoon), Combatives Level 1, MH-60 Maintainers Course, the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) School, MH-60 Non-Rated Crew Member Course, the Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Courses, and the MH-60 Flight Instructor Course.

SSG Marketta's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (w/V device), Air Medal (w/C device), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (w/C device and Numeral 2), Army Commendation Medal (w/OLC), Army Achievement Medal (w/OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (w/Numeral 2), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (w/1 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (w/2 Bronze Service Star), INHERENT RESOLVE Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Second award), Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, the Joint

Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and the Basic Aviation Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Danielle; his daughter, Gianna; his parents, Richard and Mary; and his brothers, Anthony, Nicholas, and Dominic. He is laid to rest at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site at Guerrero Range (Range 29) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is dedicated in honor of Vinnie and SGT Shelton as the Marketta/Shelton MOUT Site.