



***Chief Warrant Officer Four Clifton P. Wolcott
20 January 1957 - 3 October 1993***

Chief Warrant Officer Four Clifton P. Wolcott was born on 20 January 1957 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. He graduated from Richburg High School in New York in 1975, where he played basketball and soccer. In 1976, he volunteered for service in the Army as a Military Policeman and served a tour in Germany. Upon graduation from flight school in 1980, he flew OH-58 Scout and AH-1 Cobras for the 229th Attack Helicopter Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

CW4 Wolcott joined Task Force 160 in 1984 as an MH-60 Black Hawk pilot. He later served as an Instructor Pilot in 1987, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1989, and served as a Standardization Instructor Pilot in 1992. He participated in U.S. actions in Panama, Saudi Arabia, and many other world missions. He was a well-liked, outgoing outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and snow skiing. When not on duty, he spent most of his time with his family and served as the coach of his son's soccer team.

CW4 Wolcott's actions were heroic as the Flight Lead Pilot of an assault into a highly contested urban objective in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 3 October 1993 in Operation GOTHIC SERPENT. After a brilliant assault of the objective, he held his position and fought to support the ground forces during their actions. His aircraft, #324, was subsequently downed by enemy fire and he and his copilot were killed. Because of his exceptional skill, the passengers' lives were saved.

CW4 Wolcott's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Army Soldiers Medal - Heroism, Air Medal (w/Numeral 2), Army Commendation Medal (w/2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (w/2 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/1 Bronze Service Star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (w/2 Bronze Service Stars), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Senior Aviator Badge, and Air Assault Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star (second award), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and three Air Medals (w/"V" Device) for his actions in combat during Operation GOTHIC SERPENT. CW4 Wolcott was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1995, thus recognizing his skill and enthusiasm as a pilot and his indomitable spirit as a patriot.

CW4 Wolcott is survived by his wife, Christine; their son, Robert; his mother, Maria; his brothers, William and Doug; and sister, Ursula. He is laid to rest in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at Green Hills Memorial Gardens. Building #7267 on GEN Brown Compound at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is dedicated in his honor as Wolcott Hall.