



1st Lieutenant Joel C. Gentz

July 9, 1984 - June 9, 2010

Joel Gentz (AAE '07) was killed in action on June 9, 2010 during a medical-evacuation rescue mission when insurgents shot down the Pave Hawk helicopter he was aboard in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. During the short month of his first deployment he accrued 50 hours combat time, flew 84 sorties, conducted 48 assists and saved 39 lives.

Service Awards

Purple Heart
Air Medal (4) with Valor
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Combat Action Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Award
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one device

"These things I do, that others may live"

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