



Announcement of Death – Colonel (Retired) Patrick A. Barnett, U.S. Army

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Colonel (Retired) Patrick A. Barnett, U.S. Army. Colonel Barnett passed away on 18 September 2015, in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was 48 years old.

Colonel Barnett hailed from Bridgeport, Nebraska. He enlisted in the Iowa National Guard as an aviation turbine engine mechanic in 1985, was commissioned through the University of Nebraska's R.O.T.C. program in 1989, and accepted a regular army commission as an Armor officer in 1990. He began law school in 1994 at the University of Colorado through the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Colonel Barnett served in various locations and assignments during his distinguished military career to include: Rifle Platoon Leader, Nebraska National Guard; Armor Platoon Leader, Assistant Plans Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader, 3d Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; Administrative Law Attorney, Chief of Operational Law, Task Force Judge Advocate (Bosnia); Trial Counsel, and Chief of Legal Assistance, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; Plans Officer, Personnel, Plans and Training Office, Rosslyn, Virginia; Chief, National Guard Affairs, Director, Domestic Operational Law, and Chief, Army National Guard Trial Defense Service, Charlottesville, VA.

Colonel Barnett's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq

Campaign Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal, the U.S. Army Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Barnett is survived by his wife, the former Ms. Kelly Clark of Richmond, VA, their two children, Collin and Bianca; his mother Myrna Kragel, stepfather Bob Buecker, sister, Sandra Barnett, and brothers, Curtis and Jeremy Barnett.

A viewing for COL Barnett will be held from 1700-1900 on 22 September 2015, at the Hill and Wood Funeral Home, 201 N. First Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

A funeral service for Colonel Barnett will be held at 1100 on 23 September 2015 at the St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, 401 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Burial services will follow at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Colonel Barnett to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Please keep the Barnett family in your thoughts and prayers.

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The Judge Advocate General