



Minnesota National Guard Soldier Biography



Warrant Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg

Warrant Officer Candidate Kort Miller Plantenberg was killed in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash while conducting a routine maintenance flight that originated from St. Cloud, Minnesota, on Dec. 5, 2019.

Plantenberg was born on Mar. 21, 1991, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He graduated from Albany Area High School in 2009. He enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard on Mar. 1, 2016, as an aircraft electrician.

In May, he returned from a nine-month deployment with the Minnesota National Guard's Company C, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion to Kuwait, where the unit provided aerial medical evacuation in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve.

Plantenberg was a member of the Minnesota National Guard biathlon team and competed in the Chief National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships in 2018. Plantenberg was recently hired as a technician mechanic at the Army Aviation Support Facility #2. He was preparing to start the state warrant officer program in March and then flight school. He was a resident of Avon, Minnesota.