



CPT (Ret) Paul Lee Kim (KIA)

CPT (Ret) Paul Kim will receive an Honorary induction into the Military Science Hall of Honor for his dedicated service to the nation, the UTA Military Science Department, and the Cadet Corps of the Maverick Battalion. Paul was born in Irving, Texas. He graduated from Aledo High School, enlisted in the US Army Reserves, and served from 2005 to 2011. Paul graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in History. He also earned a Master's Degree from Columbus State University. He commissioned Infantry in 2011. The schools he attended in service are Infantry Officers Basic Course, Airborne and Ranger Schools, Maneuver Captains Career Course, and Bradley Fighting Vehicle Course. In his years of service, he served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Administrative Battalion Staff Officer, Logistics Battalion Staff Officer, and Assistant Operations Brigade Staff Officer. He served with the 82nd Airborne in Iraq. CPT Kim was medically retired from active duty in 2017. He joined the UTA ROTC Cadre as the MSII Instructor from 2019 to 2022.

Mr. Kim's additional duties at UTA included Contracting Officer, Scholarship and Housing Officer, and Military History Instructor. He helped cadets through college, assisting them with personal issues, and in understanding their potential. He pushed them to be the person that they could not yet see. He went the extra mile by teaching Military History to cadets at Maverick

Battalion extension schools of UNT and TWU, without additional compensation for time and travel.

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24, 2022, Mr. Kim left the ROTC department, joined the International Legion of Territorial Defense in August amidst the start of Ukraine's counter-attack, and acquired full serviceman status. Mr. Kim donated 100% of the money he earned from service to Ukrainian families.

Paul Kim was a man of many talents. He was a man of God in the Catholic faith, loved puns, consumed food like a prized competitive eater, and to the Corps of the Cadets of the Maverick Battalion and the Cadre at UTA and UNT, he was a leader, a mentor, and a respected friend who is missed greatly. CPT Paul Kim was killed in Mykolaiv, Ukraine, on Oct. 5, 2022.