

Our Fallen Hero



Lt. Jerry R. Smith Greenville

The 26-year-old was doing what he loved with two fellow Navy pilots during a training mission when the plane they were in crashed off the coast of North Carolina August 5th, 2007.

Jerry Smith, a native of Greenville, graduated from Penobscot Valley High School in 1999 and played soccer and basketball while in school.

After that, he went to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., graduating in 2003 with a dual major in mechanical and nautical engineering before applying to the U.S. Navy flight school in Lakehurst, N.J. He earned his Wings of Gold on May 5, 2006.

LT Smith flew over 350 flight hours. He has received the National Defense Service Medal as well as being posthumously awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service on November 16, 2007.