

# IN MEMORY OF

## P.O. JAMES D. MCNAUGHTON



James "Jimmy" D. McNaughton, 27, was the first New York City Police Officer to give his life for his country as a soldier in the line of duty while serving in Iraq on August 2, 2005. Born at West Point Military Hospital, on April 13th, 1978, his father, William, was stationed there as a cook.

Jimmy's military career began when his patriotism grew stronger when he joined the Army in the summer of 1996. He served 5 years in the military and was honorably discharged in the summer of 2001, but not before enlisting in the reserves. Jimmy was a Staff Sergeant with the Army Reserve's 306th Military Police Battalion. He joined the NYPD the very next day.

Jimmy was in the first Police Academy class to graduate after 9/11. He was assigned to Transit Bureau, District 2 in Lower Manhattan. He was activated shortly after for his first deployment from October 2002 through 2003 for a secret mission in Maryland. He reported for duty in the Army on October 4th, 2002. On August 2nd, 2005, Jimmy's Unit was assigned a dangerous mission,

which was between him and a couple other Sergeants. Jimmy volunteered over the other soldiers because they had children and he knew the severity of the mission. While on this mission, Jimmy was training an Iraqi officer up in a tower and was struck by a sniper.

Everyone who knew Jimmy knew he was an inspiration and a true hero, but what often goes overlooked is how great of a person and friend he was his great sense of humor as well. One of Jimmy's great passions was poker. He loved to play cards and it showed on his many trips to Atlantic City. Another one of Jimmy's great passions was his utmost pride for his country and his flag. Jimmy's first tattoo was the American Flag blowing in the wind.

"He would take the bullet for you. He would literally stand in front of you and take that bullet," said SGT Berford Rivera. Jimmy was living out a family tradition when he joined the police force. His father is a retired police officer and his mother, Michele, is a retired transit bureau officer.