



**United States Army LTC James J. Walton  
1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas  
Killed in action June 21, 2008 in Kandahar, Afghanistan**

Army LTC James J. Walton, 41, of Rockville, Maryland. Walton died in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to a Military Transition Team, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. The Military Transition Team's mission was to train Afghan soldiers. Gave his life on June 21, 2008. Graduated from St. John's College High School and the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1989. Walton's favorite hobby was skydiving, and he and his team were world record holders in 2003.

Walton met Sarah Moschler in 2003 and they were married on June 26, 2004 in Richmond, VA. During his more than 19 years of military service, Walton served in Germany, Honduras, Haiti, Korea, Costa Rica, Washington, DC, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Walton is survived by his wife, Sarah Moschler Walton of Arlington, VA; his parents, Donald and Mary Jane Walton of Rockville, MD; his sisters, Kathleen Walton of New York, NY, Kyle Marie Cottrell of Chesapeake, VA and Diane Jewell of Burlington, VT; and his brother, Donald C. Walton, III of Lexington, KY.