



# CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS FOUNDATION

## COLLEGE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

# STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

### STUDENT INFORMATION

**NAME:** Kristian Stanley  
**COLLEGE:** Middle Tennessee State University  
**MAJOR:** Professional Pilot  
**GRADUATION DATE:** 2024

### MILITARY PARENT INFORMATION

**NAME:** David Stanley  
**BRANCH OF SERVICE:** U.S. Army  
**RANK:** Chief Warrant Officer 3  
**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Accident

### KRISTIAN'S STORY

Kristian is the son of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Stanley, who passed away in 2007. Kristian is currently a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University. During his time at MTSU, he has been studying to become a professional pilot. When asked what inspired him to choose this career path, he explains that he wants to become a pilot just like his father.

Despite Kristian being only five years old when his father passed away, he talks about how people describe his dad and the memories he has of him. "I was 5 when dad died in a helicopter crash, so really what I know about him is what I hear about him and a few things I remember as a kid. I have heard he was an easy-going guy and was never in a rush, just like me. He was a baseball player in high school and college. I remember going hunting with him and sleeping in his lap the whole time. I remember him coming home from work one day and walking in the door and throwing a new pair of batting gloves at me. He loved me enough in those 5 years I had him to last for the rest of my life."

Children of Fallen Patriots has assisted Kristian with a laptop and living expenses while he pursues his bachelor's degree at Middle Tennessee State University. He will graduate debt free in May 2024.

There are approximately 25,000 children who have lost a parent in the line of duty over the past 35 years. The vision of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to ensure that every such child receives all necessary college funding.

