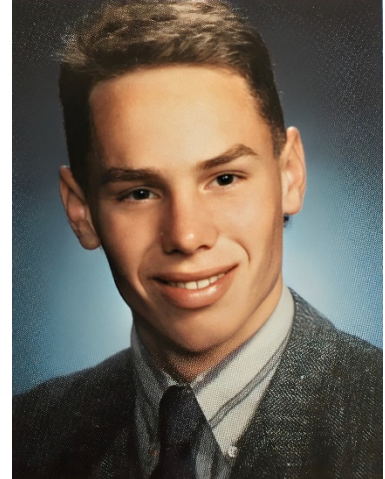


Brian R. Hoke
Class of 1992
Academics/Achievement

Brian Hoke was a well-rounded student in the arts, academics, sports, and student governance at Aberdeen Central before going on to serve his country. Brian was as equally engaged on the debate team as he was on the football team and student senate. He also lettered in tennis and basketball, and was named to the Keystone chapter of the National Honor Society. He was an accomplished violinist and three-year member of the All-State Orchestra. As a member of the Aberdeen Swim Team, he earned honors as the state backstroke champion. Brian's experiences at Aberdeen Central helped shape the life of this American Hero.



Hoke and his family moved to Minnesota before his senior year of high school. After graduation, he received a Congressional nomination to attend the US Naval Academy. After graduating in 1996, he was selected to attend the Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL (BUD/S) training. He successfully completed the notoriously arduous course and became an active Navy SEAL in 1997. Hoke served with distinction as a Lieutenant in Naval Special Warfare around the world. Hoke was later handpicked to serve as an instructor for Navy SEAL training at the revered BUD/S school in Coronado, CA.

In 2003 Hoke chose to continue serving his country by joining the CIA's elite Special Activities Division. During his outstanding and diverse career, he not only served in combat theaters such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and completed multiple overseas tours in other conflict zones, he also served in more traditional places in Europe, honing his skills as an intelligence officer. Hoke had



a legendary record of service leading combat missions, but gathering intelligence while operating in austere and dangerous environments was an aspect of being a CIA officer that he heartily embraced. He was at ease conducting meetings with covert assets as well as speaking with influential regional leaders to gather ground-truth intelligence.

In later years Hoke assumed a leadership role at CIA headquarters which allowed him to plan and facilitate the needs of the Special Activities Division officers in the field around the world.

By 2016, Hoke was again deployed to Afghanistan. In the early hours of October 22, 2016, he was killed conducting

operations for the United States Government. Hoke is buried in section 60 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Hoke was awarded several distinguished commendations for his work with the Navy SEALs and CIA, which remain classified. He was a true American patriot.