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AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLO-----More than 1,000 basic cadets participated this evening in a memorial retreat ceremony for the late 1st. Lt. Donald D. Watson.

Lieutenant Watson, the second Academy graduate to lose his life in combat, was killed while flying an F-100 Super Saber in Viet Nam.

The former cadet, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson of Tripoli, Wisc., was killed in action while on temporary duty from Cannon AFB, N. M.

Summer Cadet Commander John D. Maybee formed the 1,000-plus basics to pay final homage to the former cadet wing member.

Answering the Call to Colors, the cadets stood at attention while Capt. Richard T. Mathews, Class of 1960, read a memorial to Lieutenant Watson.

As a final tribute, taps were sounded.

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