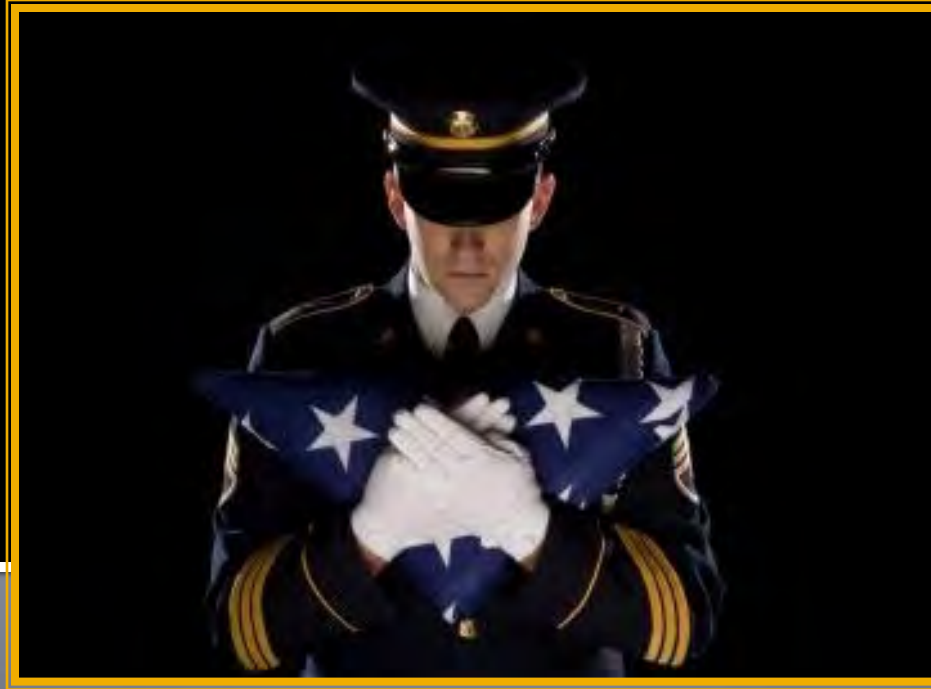


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"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

**- ABRAHAM LINCOLN, GETTYSBURGH ADDRESS
NOVEMBER 19, 1863**

ROLL CALL

Lieutenant Commander	Ronald	J.	Vauk
Staff Sergeant	Ivan		Alarcon
Private First Class	Jacob	H.	Allcott
Captain	Eric	L.	Allton
MSgt	Evander	E.	Andrews
Lance Corporal	Dustin	V.	Birch
Private First Class	John	G.	Borbonus
Sergeant	Emerson	N.	Brand
Specialist	James	L.	Bridges
Corporal	Richard	P.	Carl
Sergeant First Class	Virgil	R.	Case
Specialist	Ross	A.	Clevenger
Sergeant Major	Bradly	D.	Conner
Private First Class	Adam	J.	Davis
Corporal	Jessica	A.	Ellis
Corporal	Carrie	L.	French
Specialist	Kelly	B.	Grothe
Sergeant	Nicholas	A.	Gummersall
Petty Officer 2nd Class	Curtis	R.	Hall
Private First Class	Charles	B.	Hester
Sergeant	James	J.	Holtom
Mr.	Richard		Hooper
Intern	Brady	K.	Howell
Ltc. (Brev. Col.)	Moore	A.	Joseph
Specialist	Vincent	G.	Kamka
Sergeant	Jeremy	E.	King
Specialist	Damon	G.	LeGrand

ROLL CALL

Sergeant	Michael	T.	Lilly
Sergeant	Joshua	L.	Morely
Sergeant	Kelly	S.	Morris
Technical Sergeant	Walter	M.	Moss Jr.
Commander	Philip	A.	Murphy-Sweet
Sergeant	John	B.	Ogburn III
Private First Class	Jerrick	M.	Petty
Private First Class	Cleston		Raney
Private First Class	Christopher	J.	Reed
Specialist	James	D.	Riekana
Captain	Allan	B.	Rowe
Staff Sergeant	Coby	G.	Schwab
Captain	James	A.	Shull
Corporal	Derek	A.	Stanley
Corporal	Blake	C.	Stephens
Major	Wolfer	A.	Stewart
Maj	Gregory		Stone
Specialist	Brandon		Titus
Mr.	Rick	A.	Ulbright
Staff Sergeant	Darren		VanKomen
Private First Class	Raymond	M.	Werner
First Lieutenant	Luke	C.	Wullenwaber



SSGT Ivan Alarcon Jerome, Idaho

SSgt. Ivan Alarcon, 23, of Jerome, died Nov. 17, 2005, at Tal Afar, Iraq in a vehicle accident during combat operations. He was born Dec. 7, 1981, in Mountain Home, Idaho, the son of Salomon Alarcon and Alicia Vargas Alarcon. Ivan grew up in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1999. Ivan enlisted in the United States Army in 1999 and was currently assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, 473rd Quartermaster Battalion. Ivan was an excellent student and was gifted at art, especially drawing. Ivan is survived by his parents, Salomon and Alicia Alarcon of Jerome; four brothers and two sisters. He was a true hero and leader, and was recognized for his bravery and service by the award of the Bronze Star medal. Ivan will be remembered as a hero and a patriot who defended this beautiful country of ours. He will forever be remembered by his family and friends.



PFC Jacob Hamilton Allcott Caldwell, Idaho

PFC Jacob Hamilton Allcott died in the line of duty, while serving in the War in Iraq on April 22, 2006. He was killed along with three other soldiers by an Improvised Explosive Device along the road near Baghdad, Iraq, while serving with the 1st Squadron, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, assigned from Fort Hood, Texas. Jacob was born on July 26, 1984 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Bruce H. and Maureen Olsen Allcott. He was the youngest of six children and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He lived in Iona, Idaho for the first 5 years of his life and then moved with his family to Caldwell, Idaho. He attended schools in Caldwell, graduating from Caldwell High School in 2002. His fellow soldiers stated "He was a great guy, one heck of a guitar player and a dedicated soldier. . Following high school, Jacob attended Utah State University and Boise State University . He joined the Army on May 11, 2004. PFC Allcott's awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.



CPT Eric L. Allton Boise, Idaho

Capt. Eric L. Allton, 34, from Boise, Idaho died in Ramadi, Iraq on Sept. 26, 2004, when he was hit by a mortar round. "Eric was a dedicated husband, father and soldier," his wife, Christina, said. "He took care of his family and his country. Eric will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him." He leaves behind his wife, two sons from a previous marriage, his mother, father and two sisters. "He was a career soldier; the Army was his passion," said his father, Harry Allton of Houston. "He was a generous, open soul. He just wanted to serve. He was a fine Christian man." "We have lost another Idaho soldier who was defending freedom," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Allton entered the military in January 1994. He served five years in Germany, several months in Sarajevo and then Korea. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Hovey in Korea.



LCpl, Dustin V. Birch **St. Anthony, Idaho**

Dustin V. Birch, 22, of St. Anthony, Idaho; lance corporal, Marine Corps Reserve. Birch was among five Marines killed June 9, 2005 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle while they were conducting combat operations with the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) in Haqlaniya, Iraq, northwest of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve in Boise, Idaho. "He wrote once and said life here is peachy, only without the peaches," said his aunt, Paulette Kirkham. Growing up, Birch was a soccer player who played saxophone, ran track and became an Eagle Scout. He was a talented debater and was active on his high school newspaper. He also worked at the family business and helped his grandfather farm. He completed a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and completed a semester at LDS Business College in Salt Lake City before his reserve unit was called up. Teacher Mike Carlson Said of Dustin. "When Dustin engaged in something, he gave it his all, his best," he said. Birch is survived by his parents, Debbie and Paul Birch.



PFC John G. Borbonus Boise, Idaho

PFC John G. Borbonus, 19, of Boise, Idaho; assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska; died April 12 in Baghdad, when his patrol encountered an improvised explosive device. He died trying to save others as an explosives-laden truck raced toward him in Baghdad. He was hailed as a hero and was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor. Maggie and Hans Borbonus, the parents of John Borbonus, wiped away tears as they accepted his Bronze Star for "heroic or meritorious achievement" during battle. "I knew John since he was a little boy - he was a good person," Maria Lopez said. "I can't even imagine what it must be like for his parents," she said. "My son is 17, and he is going into the Navy when school is over. It's so difficult, because he really wants to serve his country and protect his family. But now, I am thinking, this could easily be my son." Borbonus, a 2005 Boise High School graduate, had been in Iraq for about a year. "Things have been rough here, but I should be able to make it out without too much difficulty," he wrote to his aunt, Heidi Borbonus.



SGT Emerson N. Brand Rigby, Idaho

Army Sgt. Emerson N. Brand, 21 of Rigby, Idaho Died March 15, 2007 in Baghdad Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He originally served in Iraq in 2003 and returned to America a year later to serve in the honor guard at Arlington Cemetery. But he requested a transfer to the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood in May. "He wanted to do his duty and he knew they were scheduled to redeploy to Iraq, so he requested it," said his mother, Debi. Brand, 29, of Rigby, Idaho. He was assigned to Fort Hood and was on his second deployment to Iraq. When not serving, Brand loved spending time with his friends and family, loved barbecues, baseball, the Cowboys, NASCAR and watching Friday Night Football. He also served in Kosovo. "He was always such a giving person," said Debra Welsh, Brand's fiancée. He also is survived by father, John. "He was a brave boy," said his grandmother, Mary Mendez. "He died fighting for this country," said Welsh. "He loved his job. He died doing what he loved to do."



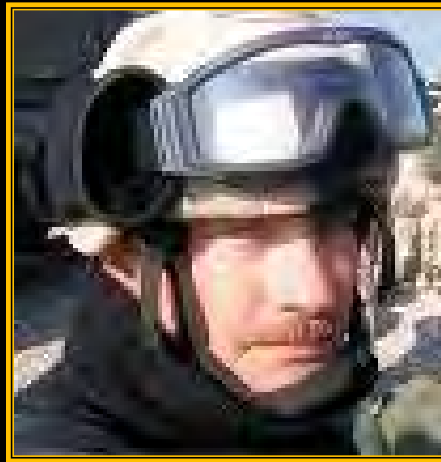
SPC James Lee Bridges Buhl, Idaho

Spc. James Lee Bridges, 22, 2nd BN, 1st Infantry Reg, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, from Buhl, Idaho was killed when his mounted patrol was attacked with small-arms fire in western Baghdad, Iraq, on November 4, 2006. James was a hero to his hometown of Buhl long before he enlisted in 2003 at the dawn of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Known as Doug to classmates, Bridges was involved in Future Farmers of America. He was a good welder with great mechanical aptitude, according to Shane Stockham, adviser to the Future Farmers of America. "With FFA, he brought so much enthusiasm when we went places," Stockham said. "If it was up in the mountains for a retreat, he was up early and stayed up late and made the events more fun for everyone." He was a 2003 high school graduate and was assigned to Fort Wainwright. "He was one of my favorite students to have gone through the school," said Stockham. "Doug was the kid that others went to when they had a bad day. He was an excellent student." "He was well-liked by other students," said Principal Mike Gemar. "James was a really pleasant kid." His father, Matthew Bridges, told of how other military parents have contacted his family following Doug's death. "His biggest gift was love," he said. "He excelled at love." He also is survived by his mother and stepmother, Lauri Watkins and Joan Hurlock.



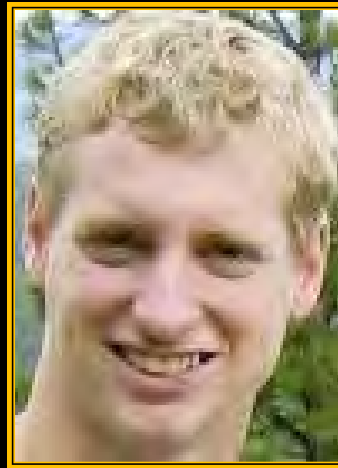
CPL Richard P. Carl King Hill, Idaho

Richard P. Carl, 26, of King Hill, Idaho, and a graduate of Glenns Ferry High School, was assigned to the 571st Air Medical Company, Fort Carson, Colo. He died on May 9, 2003 when his UH-60 air medical helicopter crashed in the Tigris River as it took off during the rescue of a wounded Iraqi child. "Corporal Carl is a tremendous example of our military's commitment to risk life and limb to help the innocent Iraqi civilians wounded in the war," said U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho. "He went to the Middle East to fight for our freedom with valor and courage in this time of national crisis and died in defense of his country." He leaves behind a wife, a 3-year-old daughter and a 19-month-old son. He was promoted posthumously from corporal to sergeant in a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colorado, May 16. He was remembered as good-hearted person who was always ready to help anyone in need.



SFC Virgil R. Case Mountain Home, Idaho

Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Virgil R. Case, 37, died June 1, 2005 in Kirkuk, Iraq due to non-combat injuries. Before he was deployed to Iraq he was full time, active Guardsman assigned to the Mountain Home armory. He was assigned to the 145th Support Battalion, 116th Brigade Combat Team. "He was a loving father and husband who lived for his family," the family said. "There are no words that can express how much he will be missed. He will never be forgotten." Case is survived by his wife, Claudia Case, and four children. Maj. Gen. Larry Lafrenz, Idaho adjutant general, said Case would be remembered for valiant and dedicated service. "Sergeant Case was a true professional who lost his life while defending the rights and freedoms that have been the hallmark of our country for over 229 years," Lafrenz said. "All Idaho National Guard soldiers and airmen grieve his loss and extend to his family our heartfelt prayers and condolences."



SGT Ross A. Clevenger Given Hot Springs, Idaho

Army Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger, 22 from Given Hot Springs, Idaho was assigned to the 321st Engineer Battalion, Boise, Idaho. He died Feb. 8, 2007 from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol in Karmah, Iraq. His father, Loren Clevenger said he last heard from his son on Super Bowl Sunday, when he left a cheerful message, laughing and saying "hi" to his dad. The family hoped to save that message. They remembered him for his positive spirit and love of the outdoors. After one family camping trip, Clevenger showed the others pictures he had taken, and they were surprised at the sights he had discovered. "They said, 'Wow, where were you?' He found stuff they didn't see," recalled Nancy George, Loren Clevenger's fiancé. Ross also enjoyed snowboarding, motorcycles, horseback riding and fishing. An Army reservist, he planned to go into nursing after his service was up. He liked to say some day he would buy a cabin, and his dad could come to live with him when he got old. In addition to his mother and father, Ross Clevenger is survived by a brother, Brandon Ross of Nampa, Idaho, and eight half-brothers and half-sisters.



SPC Zeferino Colunga Emmett, Idaho

Army Spc. Zeferino E. Colunga, 20, formerly of Emmett, died from an illness on Aug. 6, 2003, in Germany after being evacuated from an Iraqi hospital. Zeferino was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.. While he was in the Middle East, Zeferino called his family in Bellville, Texas, once a week and called his sister on her birthday in May and his mother on her birthday in June. So they grew worried when he failed to call his father on his birthday on Aug. 2. They soon learned he was gravely ill with acute leukemia. He was born and raised in Emmett, Idaho until he moved with his family to Bellville, TX. He graduated from Bellville High School in 2001 where he played tackle on the Bellville High School Football team, was a member of the Spanish Club, and a member of the National Honor Society. Nicknamed "Cowboy" because of a childhood habit of wearing a cowboy hat while riding a stick horse. My heart aches every day, every hour, every second of my life that I live without my only brother, my hero, my protector. I do not know how I have managed to go on this far. All I know is that, "I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH." your "AMERICAN HERO" Your kid sis Teresa Colunga. He is survived his parents, Zeferino and Juanita Colunga and sister, Teresa Colunga of Bellville, TX



SGM Bradley D. Conner Kellogg, Idaho

Sergeant Major Bradley D. Conner, 41, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died May 9, 2007, near Al-Hillah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improved explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis, Washington. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Mar. 2007. This was his fourth deployment to Iraq since 2003. Bradley was born in Tacoma, Washington, and went to junior high and high school in Kellogg. He attended the University of Idaho and North Idaho College before going into the military in 1987 where he took advantage, his mom says, of every class, of every opportunity for training the military had to offer. "He was a typical kid," Kay said. "He wanted to be everything. He was a very good athlete, and had he survived, he would have gone into teaching. "He loved teaching. "He loved students." In his letters and e-mails home, Kay said, he never complained or expressed any apprehension. Instead, she said, "He was always encouraging somebody else." Conner is survived by his wife, Cynthia; son Aaron, 16; daughter Katie, who will turn 15 in September; and daughter Rachel, 8, all of Fort Lewis; parents William and Kay Conner of Coeur d'Alene; brothers Brian and Bruce Conner, and sister Brenda Day.



SPC Adam J. Davis Jerome, Idaho

Army SPC Adam J. Davis, 19, of Jerome, Idaho was killed July 23, 2007, by an improvised explosive device in Sarobi District, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team out of Vicenza, Italy. Adam's uncle, Randy Davis, says the teen had just been sent to Afghanistan from Italy and his family wasn't ready to think of him going into action. But he says Adam Davis wanted to join the military, following in his grandfather's footsteps. He a true American hero who we owe so much for his, and his family's, ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our freedoms. Adam is survived by his parents, an older brother and older sister, and extended family.



CPL Jessica A. Ellis Burley, Idaho

CPL Jessica A. Ellis, 24, of Bend, Ore., died May 11, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when her vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. She served as a Combat Medic and was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. Jessica was born in Burley, Idaho, lived in Boise for almost four years, and lived in Twin Falls for five years. She served as a firefighter prior to joining the military and is remembered at the Wildland Firefighter Memorial in Boise, Idaho. She was a student at Central Oregon Community College in Bend for two years before enlisting in the Army in September 2004. Ellis entered the Army in September 2004, and was stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky., beginning in May 2005. A health care specialist, Ellis was first deployed to Iraq in October 2005. She returned in September 2006 but was sent back to the region a year later, in October 2007. Ellis was in the midst of a 15-month deployment. Jan Rekow recalls, "She loved what she was doing. She was always a person who liked to help people, so I would imagine that would be a field that she would take to liking. That would be a way she could help people." Jessica is survived by her parents, Steve and Linda Ellis of Baker City, OR and a brother, Cameron Ellis and sister, Amanda Ellis.



CPL Carrie L. French Caldwell, Idaho

Spc. Carrie L. French, 19, of Caldwell, died June 5, 2005 in Kirkuk, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded and hit a convoy vehicle in which she was riding. French was assigned to the Army National Guard's 145th Support Battalion, Boise, Idaho. "Carrie was a fun-loving young woman with a warm heart and a desire to serve," the family said in a statement. "She was loved by everyone who knew her and she will be dearly missed." Her father said his daughter died doing what she loved, helping those in need. She was the first female soldier from Idaho killed in Iraq. He also said his daughter had an adventurous spirit and loved the outdoors. She had plans to travel Europe and study law after her tour of duty in Iraq. For her high school graduation gift she asked her father to take her skydiving. "She was willing to try anything, really," Rick French said. In addition to her father, French is survived by her mother, Paula Hylinski, and two sisters. French, who turned 19 on Feb. 28 in Iraq, was baptized as a Christian there to the staccato sound of small-arms fire.



SPC Kelly B. Grothe Hayden, Idaho

SPC Kelly B. Grothe, 21, assigned to Company B, 321st Engineer Battalion based in Hayden Lake, Idaho was killed May 3, 2007 when his armored personnel carrier struck a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq. His was trying to pull a Humvee hit by a bomb, which had injured five soldiers, to safety when they died. Like other families, Kelly's was heartbroken due to his loss. His parents honored his memory by posting the following tribute: Your mom and I just want to say thank you and we could never be more proud of your dedication and service to our Country. Your sacrifice and the sacrifice of the men and women who went before you will never be forgotten. We will always love you and you will be close in our hearts. We will be together again one day. Forever in our hearts, Mom and Dad. His mother later posted a mother's love note to Kelly which said, "It was a year ago that I was able to see and hold you and now all I have are wonderful memories of the extraordinary young man you became. I will always think of you as my "little boy" with that twinkle in your eyes. Your smile could melt my heart and your loving kindness could change the world. Incredible - just incredible is how I describe you! I know you are watching over us. You will always have a near and dear place in our hearts and lives. We should never forget the ultimate sacrifice that Kelly paid for our freedoms, and the pain and suffering that his family has undergone in behalf of our Nation. Kelly was a 2004 graduate of Central Valley High School in Spokane, WA. He is survived by his mother, Janette and Brian Grothe of Spokane Washington



SGT Nicholas A. Gummersall Chubbuck, Idaho

SGT Nicholas A. Gummersall, 23, of Chubbuck, ID, died Aug. 6, 2007 in Baqubah, Iraq, of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash. Lewis Jensen, one of Nicholas A. Gummersall's best friends, remembered the first time the team had to rely on Gummersall, a running back. He was a junior and the No. 1 senior running back broke his collarbone. When Gummersall got the nod to fill in, Jensen said he broke out with 327 yards in one game. "He was a leader," Jensen said. He graduated from Century High School in Pocatello in 2002. While at Century, he was a standout athlete taking part in baseball, wrestling and football. Family members say he was known as "Gummy Bear" while playing football for the Diamondbacks. Sergeant Gummersall was a ranger with the Second Battalion out of Fort Benning, Georgia and was stationed out of Fort Lewis, Washington. This was his fourth tour of duty. Family members say he'd been to Afghanistan before and this was his third time fighting in Iraq. "He's just always up for a good time. Everybody wanted to be friends with Nick because when you're with Nick you were having fun." Said one of his friends. Sergeant Gummersall leaves behind his parents, Carol and Clay Gummersall, two brothers and three sisters.



EOD 2nd C (Diver) Curtis R. Hall Burley, Idaho

Explosive Ordnance Disposal 2nd Class (Diver) Curtis R. Hall 23, of Burley, Idaho died April 06, 2007 from enemy action while conducting combat operations near Kirkuk, Iraq. He was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit 11, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. He called from Iraq on April 5 to wish his mother in southern Idaho a happy birthday. The following day, his mother and her adult daughter passed two military men driving the other direction, and turned around to see where they were going. "They turned down her street," Pam Hall's friend, Amber Lynch, said. "They pulled in her driveway. She was praying that they weren't going to her house." But they did go to her house to report that her son had died earlier that day. Curtis Hall grew to be 6-foot-7 and played high school basketball. At age 14, he and an older brother received the Boy Scout's Honor Medal for unusual heroism and skill in rescuing their father after he was knocked unconscious during a rafting trip on central Idaho's Salmon River. Curtis and Randy Hall, then 16, were featured in Boys' Life, the Boy Scouts of America's official magazine. A year later, Curtis Hall became an Eagle Scout. Curtis Hall's sister, Brenda Thibeault, 37, said her brother "was like a ray of sunshine." "He loved to tease and play, but knew where the line was," she said. "He always knew how just to have fun." "He was content. He was happy. He was where he wanted to be," said Thibeault. "And his mother got to tell him how proud she was." Curtis is also survived by his father, Clarence.



CWO Mathew C. Heffelfinger Kimberly, Idaho

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Mathew C. Heffelfinger, 29 of Kimberly, Idaho; assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; died Nov. 8, 2009 in Tikrit, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his OH-58D helicopter crashed. After completing school, Matt joined the Army to better his life for his family. He completed his basic training in Fort Benning, Ga. He then went to Fort Ustis, Va., to train to be a UH – 60 Helicopter Mechanic. In July 2005 he attended Warrant Officer course and flight school. Matt had always strived to be at his best and when it wasn't enough, he tried harder. He would lend a helping hand to anyone that would ask and always brought out the best in everyone. Matt is survived by his wife, Tanya, and two daughters, Madison and Meah; his parents, Barbara and Craig; sisters, Christine and Carrie and a brother Nathan. His military awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal – 2nd Award, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Army Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge.



PFC Charles B. Hester Cataldo, Idaho

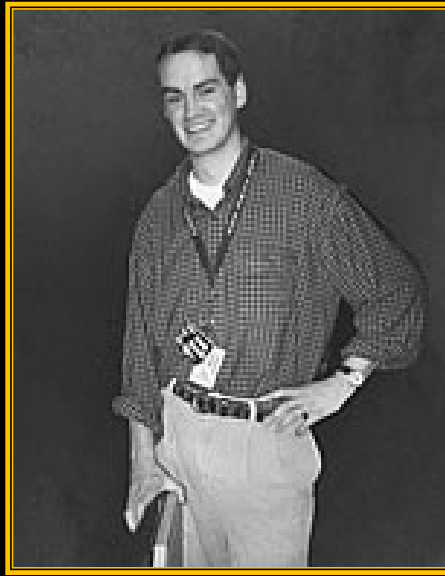
Army Pfc. Charles B. Hester, 23 of Cataldo, Idaho died May 26, 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds sustained when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.;

Charles was crying so hard in the delivery room when his daughter Elizabeth was born, he couldn't see to cut the umbilical cord. "She had her daddy wrapped around her little finger," Lt. Col. Chris Cieply said. "He wanted to come home and have more babies and wanted them all to be girls." He was an avid guitar player and once made the pilgrimage to Jimi Hendrix's grave, where he buried a guitar pick. "Charles loved the oldies," recalled his former squad leader, Staff Sgt. Chess Johnson. "I could never come up with a song that he couldn't come up with the lyrics, perfectly." And when the boys in the back of the Stryker mangled a tune, "he was never shy about correcting us. His voice would come over the squawk box and tell us how to sing the song." Army Chaplain Lt. Col. Chris Cieply said Charles and his wife met in the Job Corps., and then joined the Army in 2004. His wife, Roxanne recalled, "The last thing he told me was I was his world, he'd love me forever, and without me and [daughter] Elizabeth he would be nothing."



SGT James J. Holtom Rexburg, Idaho

James J. Holtom, 22, assigned to the 321st Engineer Battalion, Boise, Idaho; died Feb. 8, 2007 of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol in Karmah, Iraq. Son to David and Reyne Holtom of Rexburg, Idaho was killed in action in Iraq on Thursday. He was the oldest of eight children. Jim was a sophomore at Boise State University studying engineering. He joined the Army reserves in 2003 where he attained the rank of Sergeant at the age of 21. Jim was a happy, bright determined and confident young man. He was expecting to be married in the fall of 2007, and had purchased a beautiful little two bedroom house for his fiancée before he left. A friend said: I remember him saying before he was deployed, after I asked him if he was afraid to go..."Kind of... But I think God has a bigger reason for me going." What a guy. Giving his all, so that we can continue to live in peace... I will always respect and cherish him. I love him still, and miss him so much. Jim is survived by his Fiancée, Melissa Sewell of Nampa, his parents, David and Reyne of Rexburg, his brothers Ben, Lee, Jake, Calvin, John and his sisters Anna and Laura. Jim will **never** be forgotten. He truly is a hero, and we miss him more every day...



Brady K. Howell Rexburg, Idaho

Brady Kay Howell, 26, died while working at the Pentagon on the morning of September 11, 2001. Brady was born April 4, 1975 in Rexburg, Idaho. His childhood and adolescence were spent in Sugar City, Idaho, where he was actively involved in many activities at school, with friends, and with his family. He was a student-body president of Sugar-Salem High School and received his Eagle Scout award. On November 8, 1996, Brady married his friend and love, Elizabeth "Liz" Anderson of Honeyville, Utah, in the Bountiful, Utah L.D.S. Temple. Brady received a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in New York, while working for the Office of National Security Studies. He received undergraduate degrees in Political Science from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. Brady's intellect, character and integrity resulted in his selection to the Presidential Management Internship (PMI) program in Washington, DC upon graduation from Maxwell. Through the impressions that Brady made, he managed to secure a very competitive position with the Chief of Naval Operations.



SPC Vincent G. Kamka Idaho Falls, Idaho

Army SPC Vincent G. Kamka, 23, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; died Oct. 4 in Bayji, Iraq. Vincent grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho and graduated from Idaho Falls Skyline High School in 2003. His parents stated, "Vince believed in duty to God, country and family. He served this country with dedication obvious to all now. We honor all others who stand up next to him; this is the price of freedom. Two of his former teachers remember Kamka as a quiet person who seldom drew attention to himself. Dave Sanders, who teaches history at Skyline, remembered Kamka as "nice, really polite, kind of quiet." Robin Bush, his English teacher for two years, said Kamka's sense of patriotic duty was very strong. "We had a lot of discussions about going into the Army, his family being in the military. We had a poetry project, and he took a picture of the flagpole just as a jet happened to be going by. He told me that symbolized what he felt toward this country." Besides his parents, Vincent is survived by 11 siblings.



SGT Jeremy King Meridian, Idaho

SGT. Jeremy King, 23, of Meridian, was stationed in Iraq's capital with Troop C, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, out of Fort Hood, Texas. He was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and was killed by enemy small arms fire during a battle in Baghdad Iraq on August 24, 2006. He took a short leave in May 2006 to return to Meridian for the birth of his daughter Kaidyn, and a chance for lots of family photos and reconnecting with friends. Jeremy was also one of two best men in Billy Calkins' wedding during that leave. Calkins scheduled his marriage around King's leave so he could be in it. We grew up together. We did everything together. He was the only friend I didn't get in trouble with, said Calkins. King dropped out of high school, but entered the Job Corps and got his GED, his mother said. He joined the Army after that. He was tall, slender, clean-cut, handsome. A clown, was how she described her son. The wife of a fellow soldier, SSG Beeler, stated "My husband served with King on his first tour of Iraq with 4ID. My husband was devastated by this news. He spoke of King fondly and always said he was a "Good Soldier, a Good Kid". If anybody knows my husband that is really something. Our heart and prayers go out to his family. Jeremy, another one of our great heroes, is survived by his wife, Yulanda and daughter Kaidyn.



SGT Joshua J. Kirk Bonners Ferry, Idaho

Army SGT Joshua J. Kirk, 30, assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo died Oct. 3, 2009 in Kamdesh, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his contingency outpost with small arms, rocket-propelled grenade and indirect fires. He was the son of Bernadette Kirk Bonner and the late John Kirk. When he was 5 he moved to Idaho and returned to Maine in his late teens. In the spring of 2005, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served two tours in Afghanistan with the 4th Infantry Division based out of Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo. The first tour of duty was for 15 months and his second tour of duty started in May of 2009. "I would have followed that man straight to hell if he thought it was a good idea," one letter said of Joshua. He was predeceased by his father, John Kirk who died in 2007. Survivors include his mother, Bernadette Kirk Bonner of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; his wife of four years, Megan Gavin-Kirk and their daughter, Kensington Kirk of Colorado Springs; and five sisters, Johnna Shoner of Boca Raton, Fla., Jessica Tingley of Newport News, Va., Jennifer Kirk, Josiah Kirk and Liz Foulton all of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. by his wife, Yulanda and daughter Kaidyn.



SGT Michael T. Lilly

Boise, Idaho

Sgt. Michael T. Lilly, 23, of Boise, Idaho assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany; died April 7, 2008 in Sadr City, Iraq when enemy forces attacked using a rocket-propelled grenade. Michael had always wanted to serve our country as a soldier in the United States Army. Spurred by the attacks of Sept. 11 the year before, Michael enlisted during the summer of 2002 and attended Basic Training and Infantry Training at Fort Benning, Ga. Before his first deployment to Iraq, Michael and Miseda wed on July 9, 2004 at Whitney Baptist Church. He was deployed to Iraq for a second time in Aug. 2007. His parents stated, "We are very proud of Michael, and we will miss him forever. We all loved him very much. Michael knew he had an important job to do, and he did it. He knew what he was doing was important, and there was never any question in his mind that serving in the Army was what he needed to do. His whole life, he wanted to serve our country. He was a good son, a loving husband, a good friend and a patriotic person...that's why he joined the Army," said Lilly's mom. His father said, "Michael loved Idaho, loved the United States and loved the Army. Michael is survived by his wife, Miseda M. Lilly; mother, Vicky Egbert her husband Ken; father, John Lilly; brothers Jeff and Brennen and sister Kristin Lilly



Ltc Joseph A. Moore Boise, Idaho

Lt. Col. Joseph A. Moore, 54, of Boise, Idaho, died of natural causes May 20 in Djibouti, where he was deployed on a seven-month tour with the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the 124th Wing, Idaho Air National Guard, Gowen Field, Idaho. Art was a full time military chaplain, providing spiritual guidance to Idaho National Guard soldiers and airmen regardless of denomination. "Art was an outstanding human being," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, who worked with Moore over the last 19 years. "He was our 'go-to-guy' when a soldier (or airman) needed help." His family said, "Art loved the military, loved working with the people and loved traveling as part of his military duties. Being a minister to service members was dear to his heart, and he was available to help anybody at any time, He enjoyed life, and his family always came first. He loved his family, loved his career, loved Idaho, and anybody who knew Art also knew he also loved fishing. We loved Art and we will miss him." Moore is survived by his wife, parents and daughter in the Boise area



SGT Joshua L. Morley Boise, Idaho

SGT Joshua L. Morley, 22, was a sniper, with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Abn. Div. He died August 26, 2007 from injuries sustained when the enemy attacked his unit using small arms fire and hand grenades in Samarra, Iraq. Joshua enlisted in the Army in January 2004 in Boise, Idaho. He completed Infantry One Station Unit Training and the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga. in July 2004. He arrived to the 82nd in July 2004 and was assigned to the 3rd Bn., 505th PIR as a rifleman. "It was truly both an honor and a privilege to have served with Sergeant Joshua Morley," said Capt. Carlos Morales, Morley's company commander. "He was a fearless Paratrooper who epitomized the highest forms of bravery, dedication to duty, and selfless service on a daily basis. Sergeant Morley was a dedicated NCO that was totally committed to his duties as a Sniper Team Leader and always represented the ideals which make our nation great." "During the last 12 months, he risked his life while participating in hundreds of combat operations with his Sniper Team against insurgent forces within the city of Samarra. SGT Morley is survived by his wife, Kendra Morley; his daughter Alexis Morley, both of Albertson, N.C.; his mother, Sara Morley, of Cary, N.C.; and his father, Joseph Morley, of Carthage, N.C.



SGT Kelley S. Morris

Boise, Idaho

SGT. Kelly S. Morris, 24, died March 30, 2005 in Baghdad, Iraq from injuries from enemy small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3d Infantry Division from Ft. Stewart, Ga. He was born in Boise, and raised from the age of 7 by Bill and Lisa Lowery. He attended Boise High School and graduated from Mountain Cove High. He leaves behind his wife, Jeralind and a step-son, Jermiah. His platoon leader said "SGT Kelly S. Morris was one of my team leaders and was killed by a sniper who shot him through the vest above the plate with armor-piercing ammunition. SGT Morris died in the arms of his squad leader. "This is obviously a very difficult time for our family and for all who knew and loved Kelly," Lisa Lowery said in a prepared statement. "There was something definitely special about him. When you met Kelly you knew you were meeting somebody who was going to affect your life in a positive way. He would have liked everybody to celebrate his life and not mourn his death, and would want us to be very strong at this difficult hour. Kelly will always have a special place in our hearts."



Cmdr Phillip A. Murphy-Sweet Caldwell, Idaho

Commander Philip A. Murphy-Sweet, 42, of Caldwell, Idaho was killed as the result of injuries received by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the Rusafa District of Baghdad, Iraq. He was a U.S. Naval Supply Officer stationed at the Naval Inventory Control Point Mechanicsburg, PA. Phil was a nineteen year veteran with the US Navy starting his career as a Hospital Corpsman. Later, he graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in communications and also received his commission as a Naval Officer through ROTC. Phil was a Navy Veteran of the Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Phil was a great guy. He gave everything 110 percent," said Dr. Mark Michaud, a family friend. "He was a great Naval officer, a great father, and had so many plans for the future. I think Phil's sense of humor, and the way he looked at life, is what I'm going to remember and take away with this." Phil's compassion and caring drew people from all walks of life to him. Phil was a source of inspiration and strength to his family and a strong leader to those who knew and worked with him. In addition to his wife and children, Phil is survived by his father, Richard Murphy-Sweet; his mother Mary Beaver; two sisters, Anona Gonelli and Elizabeth Smith; and two brothers Arthur Murphy-Sweet and Michael Murphy-Sweet.



SPC Randy L. J. Neff Jr. Blackfoot, Idaho

Army Spc. Randy L.J. Neff, Jr. 22, of Blackfoot, Idaho; assigned to the 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.; died July 22, 2009 in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Neff joined the Army in June 2007. He deployed to Iraq in February of this year and relocated with his unit to Afghanistan in April, according to the military. Randy graduated in 2006 from Blackfoot High School in Blackfoot, Idaho. He was easy going and laid back in school with a sense of humor that put people in a good mood. He joined the Army on June 22, 2006 and it changed his life by helping him overcome hardships he faced growing up. Randy is a true American hero who gave his life in the defense of our freedoms. He was a dedicated, motivated, devoted husband, son, brother, soldier, and friend. He is survived by his loving wife, Madelyn B. Neff, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his mothers, Sandy Davis of Blackfoot, Idaho, Patricia Corrente of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and his brothers, LCP Michal Neff, USMC and Craig (Stacey) Davis of Salt Lake City, Utah; and sisters, AbrieAnn Neff, Jamie Douglas, Alexa Richards, Aubrie Corrente, and Brianea Corrente. He was preceded in death by his dads, Stephen Craig Davis, and John Corrente,



SGT John B. Ogburn III

Fruitland, Idaho

Sgt. John B. Ogburn III, 45, of Fruitland, Idaho died in Kirkuk, Iraq on May 22, 2005 when his HMMWV overturned after the driver avoided striking a civilian vehicle. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 116th Brigade Combat Team, Ontario, Oregon, stationed at Forward Operating Base Warrior at the Kirkuk Regional Airbase in northern Iraq. He worked as a grocery store manager and was a corrections officer at the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, Ore., just across the border from Fruitland . He was divorced, with no children, and his parents -- Jason and Goldie Ogburn -- died in December 2003 after being injured in a car accident. He had two sisters his fellow soldiers said. "He was the most genuine person I ever met," said one of his officers, who said Ogburn's deep, resonant voice didn't seem to match his 150-pound, 5-foot8-inch frame. Flags were flown at half-staff at public buildings in both Idaho and Oregon, and also at the Corrections Department he was employed by.



PFC Jerrick M. Petty Idaho Falls, Idaho

PFC. Jerrick M. Petty, from Idaho Falls, Idaho died in Mosul, Iraq on Dec. 10 2003 from wounds received by hostile fire while guarding a gas station. He was born in Las Vegas and grew up in Hawthorne, Nev. He was the middle child of five and the only boy of Jerald and Diane Petty. His platoon leader stated "He joined the Army during a time of war. It takes a special breed of man to do just that. He joined the Army to make a better life for his wife and children". His mother says he believed in what he was doing to help the Iraqis and our Nation. — again, a special breed." He joined the Army six months prior to his death in an effort to support his family. He was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He is survived by his wife, Tiffany; and his daughter, Azure Dawn and son, Jerrick McKen II who were 2 and 1 year old, respectively, at the time of his death. It was Petty's love for his wife and young daughter and son that stood out with fellow soldiers and his parents. "His children were the light of his life," his mother said. His fellow Soldiers memorialized him by stating that "he performed like a true soldier with years of experience. Jerrick will remain in our hearts, and always be remembered. He is a soldier, a hero, and will always our brother".



PFC Cleston C. Raney Rupert, Idaho

U.S. Army PFC Cleston C. Raney of Rupert was only 20 when, on March 31, 2004, he lost his life in Iraq. Private Raney was killed by a roadside bomb doing what he considered his duty: fighting for the freedoms we all hold dear. Private Raney was born in Twin Falls, ID, and attended school in Rupert and Burley. Driven by a strong sense of purpose, he joined the Army in November of 2002 and began his military career as a combat engineer in Fort Riley, KS, in April 2003. In September 2003 he was deployed to Iraq. He served honorably until his death.

Private Raney's death was part of the deadliest day of the war for the Army's 1st Infantry Division, stationed at Fort Riley, KS. Four fellow soldiers from the same division were also killed. His family remembered his love of life and family. Raney's family, also from Rupert, said that when Raney decided to join the military, they tried to get him to reconsider or at least postpone his enlistment. "But once we realized the strength of his convictions, the family put our own fears on the back burner to support his sense of purpose and overwhelming need to make a difference 100 percent," they said. "Ours is a time of mixed emotions. First and foremost, pride. Always pride for our boy's courage, honor and a belief in a level of duty we may never comprehend," the family said.



PFC Christopher J. Reed Craigmont, Idaho

PFC Christopher J. Reed, 20, of Craigmont, Idaho; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; was killed July 10, 2004 in a non-combat-related vehicle accident in Anbar province, Iraq. Chris Reed loved hunting and fishing with his brother, and wanted to use his military experience to get a job with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He died after the Humvee he was riding in rolled over, killing four people. He graduated high school in 2003 and almost immediately joined the Marine Corps. His departure was delayed because on graduation night the two brothers got into a wrestling match and Chris ended up hurting some ribs. Before his deployment, Reed spent most of his time visiting friends and family. "When it came to his family, he put them before everything else," said his good friend Beth Pratt, who remembered him as a lively presence. "Even when there was nothing to do Chris would turn a boring evening into an unforgettable memory." Reed is survived by his parents, Keith and Tammy Reed.



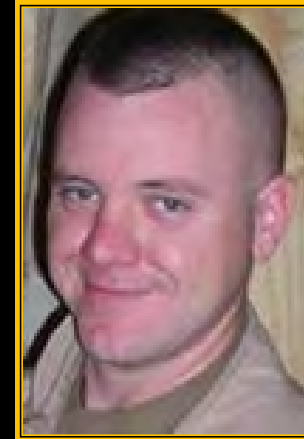
SPC James D. Riekana Post Falls, Idaho

SPC James D. Riekana, 22, of Redmond, WA, was killed Jan. 14, 2007 when a roadside bomb exploded near his Humvee in Baghdad Iraq. He was assigned to the 145th Brigade Support Battalion in Post Falls, Idaho. It was his second tour in Iraq. His engineering company previously served 16 months there in 2004 with the Idaho National Guard's 116th Brigade Combat Team. This time, Riekana who was fluent in Spanish, volunteered to redeploy with a group of guardsmen from Puerto Rico serving in Iraq, his mom said. He never hesitated when a longtime friend told him over the phone that she was in severe pain. He ran to Mary Wright's office, carried her down the stairs and drove her to a nearby hospital. There, he sat and held Wright's hand for most of the day, until she was admitted for emergency surgery. Wright, 19, credited SPC Riekana with bravery and perhaps even saving her life the day she went into surgery. SPC Riekana was born in Missoula and moved to Redmond with his family in 1993. He dedicated most weekends to scouting. After graduating from Redmond High School, SPC Riekana moved to Post Falls, Idaho, where he worked installing fences and joined the Guard. The second of five children, Riekana is survived by his mother and his father, John D. Riekana of Redmond, Washington.



MAJ Alan Rowe Gooding, Idaho

Major Alan Rowe is being called a perfect Marine, respected and dedicated to the Corps and still able to be a husband and father. Rowe was killed along with two other Marines, Sept. 3, 2004 in an explosion in Iraq's Anbar province. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. Born in Woodland, CA, on Oct. 3, 1968, to James A. Rowe and Marian Blake Rowe, he came with his family to Idaho when he was 1 year old. He attended school in Hansen until 1978 when he moved with his family to a farm north of Gooding. Alan was very active in Hansen and Gooding 4-H Clubs, as well as the Gooding High School Future Farmers of America. He enlisted in November 1985 while a senior in high school and graduated high school in May of 1986. "He was a quiet, humble person and extremely polite," his widow, Dawn, recalled from their early days of dating. He graduated from Gooding High School and attended the college of Southern Idaho and Boise State University, where he earned a degree in political science, Rowe served as an intern in the early 1990s to retiring state Sen. Laird Noh. "He was a class act and a great citizen," Noh said. He is survived by his wife, Dawn Rowe and two children, Blake, 5, and Caitlin, 3.



SSG Coby G. Schwab Hayden Lake, Idaho

Staff Sgt. Coby G. Schwab, 25, was assigned to Company B, 321st Engineer Battalion based in Hayden Lake, Idaho was killed May 3, 2007 when his armored personnel carrier struck a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq. He was trying to pull a Humvee hit by a bomb, which had injured five soldiers, to safety when they died. He made his home in Puyallup, WA. His mother, Jane Hanson and his stepfather, Don, a former airman, said he was inside the damaged vehicle and had just climbed out when the second bomb exploded, killing him. Coby was a high school honor student, was on his second tour of duty to Iraq. He served on active duty in 2004 with a Fort Lewis' Stryker brigade. He returned to live in the Fort Lewis area, and joined the Army Reserve unit as a combat engineer. He married a Fort Lewis soldier in 2006, but they divorced in April 2007. Coby is remembered for his quick devilish grin. While living in Puyallup Washington, Coby grew to love guns, biking and motor cycling. He got his first dog Aussie and what he wouldn't do for that dog. He was going to college and was short one semester of a degree in geology.



CPT James A. Shull

Kamiah, Idaho

Army CPT James A. Shull, 32, died in Baghdad Nov. 17, 2003 from a gunshot wound while serving with the First Armored Division. He graduated from Washington State University with a degree in criminal justice before enlisting in the Army in 1996. He served in Kuwait and Korea, and was most recently based at Fort Riley. At home in Kamiah, Idaho, he was a passionate and faithful WSU Cougar fan. His wife even sent a VCR to Iraq so that he could watch taped Cougar football games, along with home movies of his kids. "James was such a loving person," said his brother, Brad Shull. "He wanted to create good in this world and really cared about all people." Survivors include his wife, Alice, and three children, Ashley, Jacob and Alisa. At his memorial, Lt. Col. George Geczy of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team said of Captain Shull: "We gather today to pay tribute to the memory of a Soldier, son, husband, father and Christian who has died in the service of his country...James was able to operate in chaos, a leader that could keep his mind and body calm in the confusion of war and make decisions effectively...These are the special soldiers of combat...James was a special human being. His sacrifice was for freedom and he will not be forgotten."



CPL Blake C. Stephens Pocatello, Idaho

A roadside explosion in Iraq has taken the life of a Pocatello soldier. Twenty-five-year-old Corporal Blake C. Stephens, from Pocatello Idaho was killed May 8th, 2007 near Salman Pak, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated against his combat vehicle. He was assigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Benning, Georgia. He had been in Iraq just two months. His wife said her husband would have still gone to war even if he had known his fate. "He still would have done it," she said. "He always said it would be better to die doing something he loved. His death was honorable. He was a hero." But they only talked twice on the phone during Blake's two months in Iraq, the second time just two days before Blake's death. "We talked for half an hour," she said. "We both said how much we loved each other. He said he always dreamt about me and that he loved me, and that he'd call in a couple of days. "I'm so thankful for that last phone call." Blake is survived by his wife Erin. He is the son of Trent and Kathleen Stephens and has four older siblings. He was making a career in the military, first joining the national guard after graduating from Century High School in Pocatello. Blake's last known rank was Corporal but he had completed requirements to be elevated to the rank of Sergeant.



PFC Shane M. Stinson

Boise, Idaho

Army Pfc. Shane M. Stinson, 23, formerly of Boise, was killed June 23, 2007 by improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq. One of his friends said, "Shane was an amazing person. shy yet loud. I had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with him throughout the years, and I can honestly say we lost an amazing selfless hero. Shane who wanted nothing more than to serve his country so that his friends and family could go on living just as they wanted. His patience and compassion for everyone is a gift that must go on with us who are left with his memory. Thank Shane for being a part of my life, and being a part of every person I care about. You will never be forgotten! Shane's sacrifice and the sacrifice of his family for our freedoms should never be forgotten. Shane is survived by his mother Evelyn Stinson, stepfather Joe Hackerd; father Roy Stinson; brother Rhyen A. Stinson



Maj Gregory Stone

Boise, Idaho

Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, from Boise, died on March 25, 2003 from wounds received by a March 22 grenade attack in a tent at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait near the Iraq-Kuwait border. Assigned to the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, Boise, Idaho. Stone was assigned to 124th Air Support Operations Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard. He was buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. He is one of two American officers killed at the start of the war when a member of the 101 Division attacked his fellow troops. "Greg liked spending times out here in the great outdoors. Yeah! Loved the outdoors," said his father, Richard Stone. He lives on a remote cliff top in a hidden corner of Idaho. After 20 years, Gregory Stone was hoping to retire soon and join him. Greg loved it here. He was hoping one day to buy one of the properties up here or close by. He said Maj. Stone was an excellent dad. "He thought a lot of his family, spent a lot of time with the boys, very active with them." Frank Stone added, "They were always number one priority to him but he really was concerned for them and wanted to get back and spend time with his two boys." Stone loved his two boys and he let them know it. His last letter to sons Alex, 11, and seven-year-old Joshua arrived two days after he was killed on March 25 in the attack..



SPC Brandon Titus Boise, Idaho

SPC Brandon Titus of Boise, Idaho died August 17, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his checkpoint. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York. "Spec. Titus was outgoing and one of the voices of our company," said Capt. Chuck Slagle III, B Company, 2-14 Infantry commander. "In his absence there is now silence." "He joined the Army for two reasons," said Staff Sgt. Paul Jordan. "The obligation he felt after 9-11 to earn his freedom, and the legacy of military service the men in his family have made." Titus was known to have a sense of loyalty to his brothers in the Army, Jordan said. "So many of us know Soldiers by their last name, rank or what platoon they are in," he said. "It's not often we get to know who they really are. I got to know SPC Titus and was proud to serve with such a fine Soldier. I also got to know Brandon Titus and will miss him. He will always hold a special place in our hearts." Brandon is survived by his father Thomas, his mother Debi, and his sister Libby.



Special Agent (SA) Rick A. Ulbright Boise, Idaho

Special Agent (SA) Rick A. Ulbright graduated from Borah High School, Boise, Idaho, in May 1973. He attended Boise State University from September 1974 until May 1977 and enlisted in the Air Force in August 1977. He began his Air Force career as a small helicopter maintenance technician at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. In June 1982, Ulbright was assigned to Detachment 3, Aerospace and Recovery Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. In 2004, SA Ulbright volunteered for a tour of duty with AFOSI's 24th Expeditionary Field Investigations Squadron (EFIS), Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. On 8 August 2004, Ulbright was wounded in a rocket attack while conducting polygraph examinations at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, and later died from his injuries. SA Ulbright was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award, and the Defense of Freedom medal. He was married to Karen Ulbright, had a 24-year-old daughter and was scheduled to return home the next month. His granddaughter, Alena, was born just six weeks before he was killed. Although Alena will never know her granddaddy, she will grow up in a world graced by the freedom Special Agent Ulbright helped to provide.



SSG Darren D. VanKomen

Lewiston, Idaho

Army Staff Sgt. Darren D. VanKomen, died on December 21, 2004, died in Mosul, Iraq, when a suicide bomber entered his dining facility and detonated an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington. VanKomen grew up in Lewiston, Idaho, and enlisted in the military in 1991, a few years after graduating from Culdesac High School in Idaho. He was stationed in West Virginia and Colorado before coming to Fort Lewis for a second time. Twice, he left the army, to explore life as a civilian. He was a 33-year-old sergeant and unit supply specialist who doted on his large family of six brothers and two sisters. He also doted on his wife, Stephaine, and 12-year-old stepdaughter, Chelsea, with gifts of perfume and video games. He was a very, very loving father and a devoted husband. A half-hour before Stephaine learned of his death, she opened the door to a package of Christmas presents he had sent home. A Stryker Brigade unit supply specialist, he had been planning to take his wife to Italy for their 10-year anniversary, but first, he had a tour of duty in Iraq. "He was right where he wanted to be," said another sister-in-law, Andrea VanKomen, of Puyallup. "He was really dedicated to serving his country."



LtCmdr Ronald J. Vauk

Nampa, Idaho

Ronald James Vauk, 37, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve, a resident of Mount Airy, Maryland, died September 11, 2001 at the hands of terrorists as he was performing his duty as Watch Commander in the Naval Command Center at the Pentagon. Ron was born January 25, 1964 in Nampa, Idaho; the youngest of the nine children of Dorothy and Hubert (Cubby) Vauk. He attended St. Paul's Catholic School and Nampa High School, graduating in 1982. He earned an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with a commission and a B.S. in Political Science. He was serving the second day of his annual reserve duty at the Pentagon when the terrorists' plane hit. Ron worked for several years as a project manager at Delex Systems and RSIS, Inc., before joining the submarine technology department of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory outside Columbia, Maryland. While there he earned a Master's degree in Business from the University of Maryland (1999), and rose quickly to become an assistant group supervisor and task leader for a number of diverse projects. The love of Ron's life is his devoted wife, Jennifer (née Mooney), whom he met while at the U.S. Naval Academy. They were married on August 29, 1987. Ron and Jennifer's pride and joy are their children: a son, Liam, born October 14, 1997, and a daughter, Meaghan, born November 7, 2001, two months after the attack.



PVT Raymond M. Werner

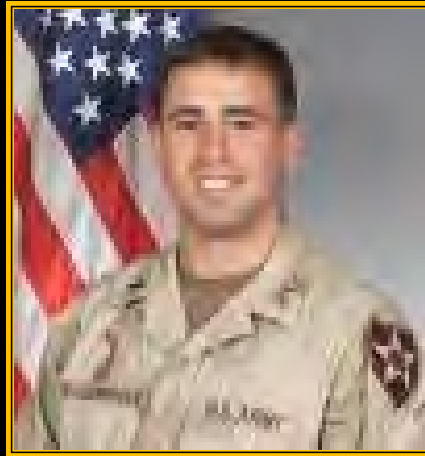
Boise, Idaho

Army Pvt. Raymond M. Werner, 21, of Boise, Idaho; assigned to the 321st Engineer Battalion, Boise; died Feb. 8 2007 of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol in Karmah, Iraq. "He was a wonderful young man, and he loved the Lord; he wanted to be a youth pastor," his mother said. He "was like my best friend," said Werner's 17-year-old brother, Roger Spencer. "He was just a really good person. He always had a good heart and he took care of me a lot growing up." Chris Standridge, Werner's stepfather and a former youth pastor of Eagle Heights Baptist Church, said Werner turned his life around when he was reborn a Christian. "As much as anybody says I impacted him, he impacted me just as much, because he brought me a lot of joy in my ministry," "To see him where he came from and to see the young man he developed into was really rewarding for me." He married Lacey Groves Werner two weeks before he left for Army Reserve training. His wife said, "Ray was a brave man with the kindest heart. He treated everyone with respect and every person who met him became a better person."



MAJ Stuart A. Wolfer Emmett, Idaho

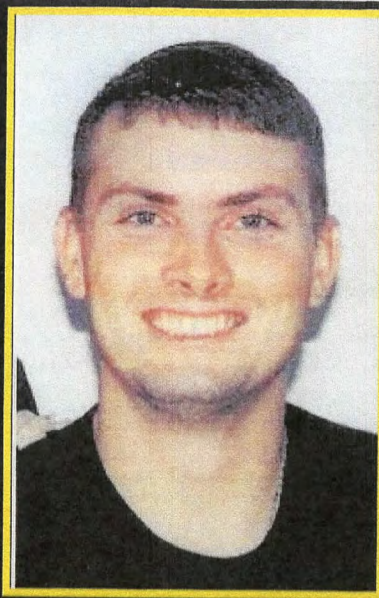
Army MAJ Stuart A. Wolfer, a 36-year-old father of three, was assigned to the 11th Battalion, 104th Division, died April 6, 2008, in Baghdad, Iraq when his unit came under mortar attack. He most recently resided in Emmett, Idaho, and worked for Thomson West Legal. Stuart attended Washington University in Missouri, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army in 1993. Lee Anne Wolfer, his wife of six years, released a statement calling him a “loving and amazing father,” to his three daughters. Stuart called his children beautiful because he said they looked like their mother. “When he’d drop his girls off at school, he’d say, ‘I love you, Beautifuls!’ He was truly, truly a special, unique, dynamic person,” said his wife. “Stuart was one of the most dynamic men I’ve ever met, and anyone he knew would say the same about him. He was straightforward, ethical, and he stuck to the law. He was special, and he was loved,” said his wife. He was deeply connected to his Jewish faith, his family said. He went to Israel twice, was involved in the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization in high school and was a pen pal to a Boca Raton Hebrew school. While in Iraq, he volunteered with a newly formed Boy Scouts organization, saying if the country is to develop leaders, it needs to start with youth. He also is survived by three children, Lillian, 5, Melissa, 3, and Isadora, 1.



CPT Luke C. Wullenwaber

Jerome, Idaho

Army Captain Luke C. Wullenwaber, the Executive Officer (XO) of Company A, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, was killed in action on November 16, 2004, in Khaladiyah, Iraq, four weeks shy of his 25th birthday. Captain Wullenwaber had volunteered for a security mission to give an enlisted man the day off. Described by some men as the toughest guy they ever knew, Luke was intelligent, kind, of the highest integrity, and capable of great intensity. In 11th grade he played JV football ("Most Valuable Defensive Back") and joined the varsity for the play-offs and the state championship; He applied to and was accepted by the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where he graduated in 2002 with academic honors. He was also a Distinguished Military Graduate. During his junior and senior years at VMI he was included in The Nationals Dean's List, an honor reputedly attained by only one-half of 1% of American college students. In the spring of 2002, the Army gave Luke his choice of assignment upon graduation: he chose the DMZ in Korea, because it was then the "hottest" or most dangerous spot in the world. After serving more than a year in Korea, the Army redeployed Luke, with the Second Infantry Division, to the Sunni Triangle in Iraq, between Ramadi and Fallujah. He was awarded the Purple Heart; the Bronze Star; and the Meritorious Service Medal. Luke was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on December 7, 2004, with full military honors.



SGT Nathan R. Beyers **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

SGT Nathan R. Beyers, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho died July 7, 2011 in Bagdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when insurgents attacked his convoy using an explosive formed projectile. He was assigned to the 145th Brigade Support Battalion, 116th Cavalry Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Post Falls, Idaho. "Nathan was proud of his job and serving our country. He died doing something he loved and was such a brave person. We just had our first child and Nathan had a chance to visit us when he was home on leave in January. I told him I knew he was going to be a wonderful father. We are going to miss him, said his wife Vanessa."



SGT Daniel J. Brown

Jerome, Idaho

Sgt. Daniel J. Brown, 27, of Jerome, Idaho, died March 24 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. Dan will be missed by his family and friends. He loved the company of others and was a friend to everyone he knew, because he always put others before himself. This was especially true of his brother Matt. Dan felt a call to join the Army after the events of 9/11. He was a leader who took his role seriously and led by example. Dan was also very athletic and loved football and baseball. For his Jerome High School senior project, he began a mentoring program to help younger kids excel at baseball. He leaves behind his wife Jordan Brown and their 3-month old twin daughters Mattie and Marlee, his brother Matt, his parents Becky and Jerry Brown and his grandparents Lee and Barbara Urie.



Lance Cpl. Kenneth E. Cochran Wilder, Idaho

Age: 20

Sex: M

Hometown: Wilder, Idaho

Branch: Marines

January 15, 2012: Killed in Helmand province, Afghanistan, conducting combat operations.

Location: Helmand, Afghanistan



SGT Devin Daniels Council, Idaho

SGT Devin Daniels, 22 of Council, Idaho died August 24th, 2011 in Afghanistan, when his vehicle was attacked with a roadside bomb. He was assigned to the 546th Transportation Company, 82nd Sustainment Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He was a remarkable Soldier who was dedicated to serving his country and his fellow Soldiers. Those who knew him say he found his calling in the Army, and was dedicated to doing his job. His commander called him a hero who everyday, traveled the most dangerous roads in this world providing support to his unit. He knew the dangers and bravely performed his duty. His family stated, "Devin was our family's pride and joy. Growing up, he was a wonderful young man who was a good student, good athlete and who was never in trouble."



Spc. Robert E. Dyas

Nampa, Idaho

Spc. Robert E. Dyas, 21, died 21 Sep 2011, from wounds received during a small arms fire fight in the Kandahar Province. Melissa Nowland called Dyas, 21, a "true hero" who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. "He is a son, he is a friend and he is a brother," she said, "and he is going to be so missed, so missed." Dyas was a fire support specialist in the 34th Regiment, 1st Brigade, out of Fort Riley, Kansas. He liked to bird hunt with his stepfather and said considered hunting his lifetime training. Jerry said what Dyas learned hunting helped him in Afghanistan. Dyas had recently purchased a 1966 Pontiac LeMans, like the one his step father owns, on eBay. He told Jerry that the two could cruise together in their classic cars. "That car's going to be so special to us," Jerry said.



Spc. Thomas Paige Murach

Meridian, Idaho

Spc. Thomas Paige Murach, 22, of Meridian, Idaho, was killed May 4, 2013 in Afghanistan in an explosion from an improvised explosive device. Murach was with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss.

"Tom was a wonderful, outgoing man who lived his life to the fullest. He was very gregarious and kind, and was always quick with a laugh and a smile for friends and acquaintances alike. We couldn't imagine that anybody could meet him and not like him," Murach's family said in a statement. Murach's family said he loved being an Army infantryman and never complained about the difficulty of his duties.

Murach leaves behind his mother Mary, father Chet, brothers Nick, William and Mike along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.



PFC Robert J. Near

Nampa, Idaho

PFC Robert J. Near, 21 of Nampa, Idaho died January 7th, 2011 at Kandahar, Afghanistan, from combat related injuries. He was assigned to the 86th Signal Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He was born in Woodland CA, but was raised on a cherry farm in Granger, WA. After graduating Granger High School in 2007, he joined the Job Corps and moved to Nampa, Idaho where he learned computer technology skills. One of his teachers mentioned that, "He was still fired up on being a soldier and enjoying what he was doing and proud of what he was doing."



SPC Nicholas W. Newby Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

SPC Nicholas W Newby, 20, of Coeur d'Alene, died July 7th, 2011 of injuries suffered when insurgents attacked his convoy using an explosive formed projectile. He was assigned to the 145th Brigade Support Battalion, 116th Cavalry Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Post Falls, Idaho. "Nick would do anything for anybody who needed his help. He'd stick by his friends and never gave up on anybody. He had a great sense of humor, ever since he was a kid. For instance, once when he saw his pregnant mom drinking orange juice, he said, 'Mom, you're getting orange juice all over the baby!'" Nicholas leave behind family and friends in Coeur d'Alene and Connecticut.



Lance Cpl. Cody A. Roberts

Boise, Idaho

Age: 22

Sex: [M](#)

Hometown: Boise, [Idaho](#)

Branch: [Marines](#)

Unit: 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Incident

Aug 31st, 2010: Died while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Location: [Helmand, Afghanistan](#)



Sgt. Ryan D. Sharp **Idaho Falls, Idaho**

Sgt. Ryan D. Sharp, 28, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, died Dec. 3, at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of wounds suffered Nov. 21 at Kandahar province, when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.



SSG Octavio Herrera Caldwell, Idaho

SSG Octavio Herrera, 26, of Caldwell, was killed August 11th in an attack in Paktia Province, Afghanistan. Herrera was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

"First of all, we want the world to know that Octavio loved – and was deeply loved by – his family. His family has always been his priority, and it was clear to all of us that he took so much pleasure from being with us. That included play-wrestling with his nephews, nieces, his brothers and sister and even his father. He was the youngest but strongest son, and we thought of him as our 'big little brother.' He loved having fun! Octavio's smile lit up any room he was in, and we will never forget that smile."

"Octavio was seen as a leader and brother to so many who served with him. His friendship, loyalty, and kind spirit will be carried in the hearts of many. He was a caring husband and best friend to his wife. He greeted each of their days together with one of his famous smiles. His wife was truly blessed to find her soul mate, and he will forever be the love of her life."