

North Dakota's Fallen in the Global War on Terrorism

As of December 5, 2012

This document contains information on U.S. military service members with strong ties to North Dakota who have fallen in support of the Global War on Terrorism. These military service members listed below are honored on the North Dakota Memorial to the Fallen in the Global War on Terrorism at Fraine Barracks in Bismarck, North Dakota. All attempts have been made for accuracy. Please report any errors to the North Dakota National Guard Historian, Capt. Jeff Hoffer, at 701-333-2006 or via email at Jeffrey.a.hoffer@us.army.mil

1. Sgt. Michael E. Bitz, 31, of Ventura, Calif., formerly of Wishek, N.D.; assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Task Force Tarawa, 2nd Marine Division, U.S. Marine Corps, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; died March 23, 2003, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations at An Nasiriyah, Iraq; interred at Port Arthur Cemetery, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=3683>
2. Spc. Jon Paul Fettig, 30, of Dickinson, N.D.; assigned to the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge)(V Corps), N.D. Army National Guard, based at Bismarck, N.D.; died July 22, 2003 of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations near Ar Ramadi, Iraq;; interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dickinson, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=5548>
3. Pfc. Sheldon R. Hawk Eagle, 21; of Eagle Butte, S.D.; formerly of Grand Forks, N.D.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), U.S. Army, based at Fort Campbell, Ky.; died Nov. 15, 2003, of injuries sustained in the mid-air collision of two U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters at Mosul, Iraq; interred at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, S.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=5791>
4. Sgt. Thomas J. Sweet, II, 23; of Bismarck, N.D.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army; died Nov. 27, 2003, at Junction City, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries; interred at the N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=5825>
5. Staff Sgt. Kenneth W. Hendrickson, 41, of Bismarck, N.D.; assigned to the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge), 130th Engineer Brigade, Task Force All American, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Bismarck, N.D.; died Jan. 24, 2004, of wounds sustained in enemy action during convoy operations near Fallujah, Iraq; interred at the N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7035>
6. Sgt. Keith L. Smette, 25, of Fargo, N.D.; assigned to the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge), 130th Engineer Brigade, Task Force All American, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Bismarck, N.D.; died Jan. 24, 2004, of wounds sustained in enemy action during convoy operations near Fallujah, Iraq; interred at Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Makoti, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7035>

7. Spc. James J. Holmes, 28, of East Grand Forks, Minn.; assigned to C Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Hettinger, N.D.; died May 8, 2004, at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations on May 3, 2004, in Iraq; interred at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7355>
8. Spc. Philip D. Brown, 21, of Jamestown, N.D., assigned to B Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Jamestown, N.D.; died May 8, 2004, at Balad, Iraq of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations near Samarra, Iraq, the same day; interred at Calvary Cemetery, Jamestown, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7358>
9. Staff Sgt. Lance J. Koenig, 33, of Fargo, N.D., assigned to B Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Jamestown, N.D.; died Sept. 22, 2004, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations at Tikrit, Iraq; interred at Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7777>
10. Spc. Anthony W. H. Monroe, 20, of Bismarck, N.D.; assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Hood, Texas; died Oct. 11, 2004 of wounds sustained when two rockets impacted his camp at Baghdad, Iraq; interred at N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7833>
11. Spc. Cody L. Wentz, 21, of Williston, N.D.; assigned to A Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Williston, N.D.; died Nov. 4, 2004, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations near Balad, Iraq;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=7904>
12. Spc. Michael L. Hermanson, 21, of Fargo, N.D.; assigned to A Company, 164th Engineer Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Minot, N.D.; died May 23, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations at Al Abayachi, Iraq; interred at Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9581>
13. Sgt. Travis A. Van Zoest, 21, of Larimore, N.D.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Grand Forks, N.D.; died June 6, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Khogyani province, Afghanistan; interred at N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9618>
14. Cpl. Curtis R. Mehrer, 21, of Bismarck, N.D.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, N.D. Army National Guard, Based at Grand Forks, N.D.; died June 6, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Khogyani province, Afghanistan; interred at N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9618>

15. Cpl. Jeremiah S. Santos, 21, of Minot, N.D.; assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Hood, Texas; died June 15, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq; interred at Nuevo Memory Gardens, Romona, Calif.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9658>
16. Spc. Paul A. Beyer, 21, of Jamestown, N.D.; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), U.S. Army; died June 23, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations near Baghdad, Iraq; interred at Evergreen Cemetery, Sebeka, Minn.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9688>
17. Spc. Dennis J. Ferderer, Jr., 20, of New Salem, N.D., assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, Task Force Liberty, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Benning, Ga.; died Nov. 2, 2005, of wounds sustained in enemy action during convoy operations at Ad Duluiyah, Iraq; interred at the N.D. Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=9037>
18. Cpl. Nathan J. Goodiron, 25, of Mandaree, N.D., assigned to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Bismarck, N.D.; died Nov. 23, 2006, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Qarabagh, Afghanistan; interred at the Goodiron Family Cemetery, Mandaree, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=10225>
19. Cpl. Christopher K. Kleinwachter, 29, of Wahpeton, N.D.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Grand Forks, N.D.; died Nov. 30, 2006, of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident during convoy operations in Ghazni, Afghanistan; interred at Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=10239>
20. Maj. Alan R. Johnson, 44, formerly of Montpelier, N.D., of Yakima, Wash.; assigned to A Company, 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve (attached to the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division), based at Tonawanda, N.Y.; formerly assigned to B Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion, North Dakota National Guard, based at Jamestown, N.D.; died at Balad, Iraq Jan. 26, 2007, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations at Muqdadiya, Iraq, the same day; interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=10458>
21. Sgt. Jason A. Schumann, 23, of Hawley, Minn.; assigned to A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Polk, La.; died May 19, 2007, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq; interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=10908>

22. Staff Sgt. David C. Kuehl, 27, formerly of Wahpeton, N.D.; assigned to C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Lewis, Wash.; died May 22, 2007, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Taji, Iraq; interred at Calvary Cemetery, St. Cloud, Minn.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=10919>
23. Pfc. Jonathan C. Yanney, 20, of Litchfield, Minn., assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. Army; died Aug. 18, 2009, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Arghandab, Afghanistan; interred at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, North Little Rock, Ark.; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=12922>
24. Spc. Keenan A. Cooper, 19, of Wahpeton, N.D.; assigned to A Troop, 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army, based at Fort Bragg, N.C.; died July 5, 2010, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Yakuta, Afghanistan; interred at Fairview Cemetery, Wahpeton, N.D.;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=13691>
25. Sgt. 1st Class Darren M. Linde, 41, Devils Lake, N.D., formerly of Sidney, Mont.; assigned to the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), 164th Engineer Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Williston, N.D.; died Dec. 3, 2012, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Lashkar Gah City, Helmand province, Afghanistan;
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15715>
26. Spc. Tyler J. Orgaard, 20, of Bismarck, N.D.; assigned to the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), 164th Engineer Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, based at Williston, N.D.; died Dec. 3, 2012, of wounds sustained in enemy action during combat operations in Lashkar Gah City, Helmand province, Afghanistan; <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15715>