

Captain Sara M. Knutson Cullen, USA, (Eldersburg, MD, 27 years)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Hunter Army Airfield, GA

Died: 11 March 13, Kandahar, Afghanistan

CPT Knutson died when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter she was riding in crashed during a rainstorm. Sara was a 2003 graduate of Liberty High School and attended West Point to study law. Knutson's husband Chris was a former CW2 Black Hawk pilot who left active duty to be near her so they could start a family. They married in November and Knutson deployed in January.

Captain Victoria A. Pinckney, USAF (Palmdale, CA, 27 years)

93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA

Died: 3 May 2013, near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgyzstan,

Capt "Tory" Pinckney died in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft along with two of her fellow airmen. She was a graduate of the Air Force Academy, where she met her husband, Richard. They had a baby boy who was just seven months old at the time of her death.

Lieutenant Colonel Jaimie E. Leonard, USA (Warrick, NY, 39 years)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY

Died: 8 Jun 2013, Sharana, Afghanistan

LTC Leonard died from injuries suffered from small arms fire received at Zarghun Shahr, Afghanistan. She dreamed of serving in the military from a young age. In 1997, she graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and earned a graduated degree from Georgetown in 2007. Leonard was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by five siblings.

Specialist Ember M. Alt, USA (Beech Island, SC, 21 years)

10th Transportation Battalion, 7th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Eustis, VA

Died: 18 Jun 2013, Bagram, Afghanistan

SPC Alt died, along with three of her fellow soldiers, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked Bagram Airfield with indirect fire. Her father was working in Afghanistan as a contractor at the time of her death. He was able to escort his daughter's body home through Ramstein Air Base and then to Dover Air Force Base. Alt graduated from Kileen High School in 2009 where she led her 4x400 track relay team to the State Championship. She had a very artist, creative mind and loved to write poetry.

Specialist Hilda I. Clayton, USA (Augusta, GA, 22 years)

55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), 21st Signal Brigade, Fort George G. Meade, MD

Died: 2 Jul 2013, Jalalabad, Afghanistan

SPC Clayton died as a result of a non-combat related incident that occurred in Qaraghahi, Afghanistan.

Specialist Caryn E. Nouv, USA (Newport News, VA, 29 years)

10th Transportation Battalion, 7th Sustainment Brigade, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA

Died: 27 Jul 2013, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan

SPC Nouv died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked her vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

First Lieutenant Jennifer M. Moreno, USA NC (San Diego, CA, 25 years)

Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

Died: 6 Oct 2013, Zhari District, Afghanistan

1LT Moreno, along with 3 other soldiers, died when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.