

**Specialist Lori A. Piestewa, USA (Tuba City, AZ, 24 years)**

507th Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas

Died: 23 Mar 03

Specialist Piestewa's convoy was ambushed on 23 Mar during the ground war. She was taken prisoner and later died of her wounds in an Iraqi hospital. She was the first woman to die in this conflict and the first known Native American woman to die in combat. SPC Piestewa was a Native American Hopi Indian from Tuba City, Arizona. Her Hopi name was Kocho-Hon-Mana, or White Bear Girl.

**Sergeant Melissa Valles, USA (Eagle Pass, TX, 26 years)**

B Company, 64th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Carson, CO

Died: 9 Jul 03, Balad, Iraq.

SSG Valles died of non-combat injuries after a gunshot wound to the abdomen. She graduated from Eagle Pass High School in 1999 where she played basketball. She was a petite, but tough, girl with two older brothers. Valles was the second woman to die in Iraq.

**Specialist Alyssa R. Peterson, USA (Flagstaff, AZ, 27 years)**

C Company, 311th Military Intelligence Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY

Died: 15 Sep 03, Telfar, Iraq

SPC Peterson died from a non-combat weapons discharge. She was a translator and interrogator, speaking Iraqi and Dutch.

**Private First Class Analaura Esparza-Gutierrez, USA (Houston, TX, 22 years)**

A Company, 4th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Died: 1 Oct 03, Tikrit, Iraq.

PFC Esparza-Gutierrez died when her convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device and rocket propelled grenades.

**Specialist Tamarra J. Ramos, USA (Haycock Township, PA, 24 years)**

3rd Armor Medical Company, Medical Troop Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO

Died: 1 Oct 03

SPC Ramos died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington D.C., as a result of non-combat related injuries.

**Seaman Jakia S. Cannon, USN (Baltimore, MD, 20 years)**

USS Enterprise

Died: 25 Oct 03, aboard the USS ENTERPRISE which was underway in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Seaman Cannon died of natural causes.

**PFC Rachel Kristen Heather Bosveld, USA (Waupun, WI, 20 years)**

527<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, V Corps, Giessen, Germany

Died: 26 Oct 03, Abu Ghraib, Iraq

PFC Bosveld was fatally injured during a mortar attack on the Abu Ghraib Police Station.