

Sergeant Jeannette L. Winters, USMC (Gary, IN, 26 years)

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352), the "Raiders," Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, CA.

Died: 9 Jan 02, Pakistan

Sergeant Winters was the radio operator aboard a KC-130/R Hercules when the aircraft struck a mountain in Pakistan. She and her crew were on a mission related to the war on terrorism and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She was the first woman to die in this conflict. Winters had five siblings, one of whom also served in the Marine Corps. Officials in Gary, IN are working to open the SGT Winters Center for Homeless Female Veterans which will sleep 8.

Seaman Katrina R. Grady, USN (Greenville, MS, 29 years)

USS Port Royal deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

Died: 18 Apr 02, Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD

SN Grady died from a non-combat related illness after being medically evacuated from the USS PORT ROYAL, deployed in support of OEF.

Staff Sergeant Anissa A. Shero, USAF (Grafton, WV, 32)

16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL

Died: 12 Jun 02, Pakitka province of Afghanistan

SSgt Shero, a Loadmaster, died when the Air Force MC-130H Combat Talon II Aircraft in which she was riding crashed during take-off in the Pakitka province of Afghanistan.

First Lieutenant Tamara Lee Archuleta, USAF (Valdosta, GA & Belen, NM, 24 years)

41st Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, GA

Died: 23 Mar 03, Afghanistan

1LT Archuleta was on a mission to pick up two Afghan children with life threatening head injuries when her helicopter, a HH-60G Pave Hawk, crashed in a nighttime thunderstorm, killing the entire crew. She was a hard-working and dedicated officer. Archuleta graduated Summa Cum Laude from the ROTC program at the University of New Mexico. While deployed, she was writing to a local third grade class, telling them about the good work she and her crew were doing in Afghanistan.

Specialist Julie R. Hickey, USAR (Galloway, OH, 20 years)

412th Civil Affairs Battalion, US Army Reserve, Whitehall, OH

Died 4 Jul 04, Landstuhl, Germany

SPC Hickey was evacuated from Bagram, Afghanistan, on June 30 and died in Landstuhl, Germany, of complications from a non-combat related illness.

Specialist Chrystal G. Stout, SC ARNG (Travelers Rest, SC, 23 years)

228th Signal Brigade, SC Army National Guard, Spartanburg, SC

Died: 6 Apr 05, Ghazni, Afghanistan

Specialist Stout died when the CH-47 helicopter she was on with 17 others crashed in a sandstorm south of Kabul. She graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in 1999 and was enrolled in a distance learning program through Liberty University.

Sergeant Major Barbaralien Banks, USA (Harvey, LA, 41 years)

Division Artillery, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI

Died 6 Apr 05, Ghanzi, Afghanistan

SGM Banks died when the CH-47 helicopter she was on with 17 others crashed in a sandstorm south of Kabul. Banks was a food management supervisor. She was the oldest of 5 siblings and joined the army in 1988. Her sister also served in the Army and another sibling served in the Marine Corps. She was survived by two grown children and three grandchildren.