

Private First Class Karina S. Lau, USA (Livingston, CA, 20 years)

16th Signal Battalion, Fort Hood, TX

Died: 2 Nov 03, Fallujah, Iraq

PFC Lau died when the CH-47 Chinook helicopter in which she was riding was hit by a surface-to-air missile and crashed.

Specialist Frances M. Vega, USA (Ft Buchanan, PR, 20 years)

151st Adjutant General Postal Detachment 3, Fort Hood, TX

Died: 2 Nov 03, Fallujah, Iraq

SPC Vega died when the CH-47 Chinook helicopter in which she was riding was hit by a surface-to-air missile and crashed.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sharon T. Swartworth, USA

(Alexandria, VA/Warwick, RI, 44 years)

HQDA, Office of the Judge Advocate General

Died: 7 Nov 03, Tikrit, Iraq

Warrant Officer of the JAG Corps, serving as the primary advisor to the Judge Advocate General of the Army, in all matters concerning Legal Administrators in the United States Army. CWO5 Swartworth was killed when the helicopter she was riding in was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

Sergeant Linda C. Jimenez, USA (Brooklyn, NY, 39 years)

2nd Squadron Combat Support Aviation (Maintenance), 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA

Died: 8 Nov 03

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

Staff Sergeant Kimberly Voelz, USA (Carlisle, PA, 26 years)

703rd Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Fort Knox, KY

Died: 14 Dec 03, Iskandariyah, Iraq

SSG Voelz, a bomb disposal specialist, was responding to an explosive ordnance disposal call when one of the devices detonated. She was the only woman in her unit of 17. Her husband, also a bomb disposal specialist, was at her side when she died in a hospital in Baghdad.

Captain Kimberly N. Hampton, USA (Easley, SC, 27 years)

1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC

Died: 2 Jan 04, Fallujah, Iraq

CPT Hampton was piloting a Kiowa, OH-58, Observation Helicopter when it was shot down by enemy ground fire and crashed. She died as a result of her injuries. She was the first female military pilot in history to be shot down and killed by enemy fire. CPT Hampton's alma mater, Presbyterian College, now awards a scholarship in her name. The high school NJROTC program in her hometown of Easley, SC named an annual award after her. The Pickens County public library and a section of S.C. Highway 88 are named after CPT Hampton.

Sergeant Keicia M. Hines, USA (Citrus Heights, CA, 27 years)

108th Military Police, Combat Support Co., Fort Bragg, NC

Died: 14 Jan 04, Mosul, Iraq

Sergeant Hines died when she was struck by a vehicle on Mosul Airfield in Mosul, Iraq. She was an only child and married a fellow soldier, Sean Hines, on Christmas Eve 2001. They stayed in contact through emails and phone calls during her deployment.