



Capt. Robert J. Yllescas

31 B Troop, 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, V Corps, 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army

Osceola, Nebraska

Wounded October 28<sup>th</sup> during an improvised explosive device attack on a unit outside Combat Outpost Keating, near the Pakistan border in Nurestan Province, Afghanistan. Died at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland on December 1, 2008



Staff Sgt. James Alford

30 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), U.S. Army Special Forces Command, U.S. Army Special Operations Command

Karnack, Texas

Earned a Bronze Star while serving in Afghanistan in 2002. Returned stateside and in December 2002 was demoted for going AWOL and losing his body armor. Deployed to Kuwait in January 2003 ahead of the invasion of Iraq. In April 2003 was demoted further, losing his Special Forces patch and ordered out of Iraq, after failing to report for duty four times and stealing another soldier's gas mask. While in Iraq, examined by a physician and a psychiatrist who said nothing was found wrong. In June 2003 was diagnosed with the human variant of mad-cow disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease at Brooke Army Medical Center. Once diagnosed, rank and pay were restored and he was cared for at home by his family. Died from pneumonia at his home in Karnack, Texas on December 1, 2008



Staff Sgt. Solomon T. Sam

31 523<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Company, 84<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, 8<sup>th</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Pacific

Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Killed when a suicide car bomber rammed a MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle and detonated explosives at a vehicle checkpoint in Mosul, Iraq on December 4, 2008



Staff Sgt. John J. Savage

26 103<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Company, 94<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Engineer School, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

Weatherford, Texas  
Formerly of Mineral Wells, Texas

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Overkonstabel Af 2. Grad (Pfc.) Dan Gyde

29 Stabs-og Logistikkompagniet, I. Panserbataljon, Jydske Dragonregiment, Hærens Operative Kommando (Defense Command of Denmark), Hæren (Royal Danish Army)

Randers, Kongeriget Danmark (Kingdom of Denmark)

Killed instantly by an improvised explosive device (IED) detonation while coming to the aid of personnel struck by a previous IED strike south of Gereshk, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on December 4, 2008, 2008



Konstabel (Pvt.) Jacob Grønnegaard Gade

22 Stabs-og Logistikkompagniet, I. Panserbataljon, Jydske Dragonregiment, Hærens Operative Kommando (Defense Command of Denmark), Hæren (Royal Danish Army)

Glamsbjerg, Kongeriget Danmark (Kingdom of Denmark)

Wounded December 4<sup>th</sup> during an improvised explosive device attack on a patrol vehicle south of Gereshk, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Died on board a medical helicopter above Helmand Province, Afghanistan on December 4, 2008