



Montgomery County, Maryland Fallen Hometown Heroes

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

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We solemnly remember and pay tribute to the County's fallen service members who have died in service to our country.

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Army SPC Thomas Joseph ("T.J.") Barbieri, 24, of Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was deployed to the mountains in Afghanistan near the Pakistan border to support national elections there in 2005 and later was sent to Iraq. Barbieri died when his patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire during combat operations in Yusufiyah, Iraq. He was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Gave his life on August 23, 2006. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery under fire. Attended Thomas S. Wootton High School in Rockville but transferred to Poolesville High School his senior year. He served as an emergency medical technician volunteer in Rockville. Posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal.



Marine Corps Cpl Kirk Jay Bosselmann, 21, of Dickerson, Maryland. Bosselmann was on his second tour of duty in Iraq serving as a sniper when he died from wounds sustained from enemy small arms fire in Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Gave his life on November 27, 2004. During his tours, he earned several military honors, including a Humanitarian Service Medal for aiding people in Iraq. Graduated from Poolesville High School in 2001. The 355 bridge over the Monocacy River north of Urbana was dedicated to Bosselmann in 2018.



Marine Corps LCpl Julian T. Brennan, 25, of Takoma Park, Maryland. Brennan was killed in action while supporting combat operations in Farah province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. Graduated in 2002 from Barrie High School in Silver Spring, Maryland. Gave his life on January 24, 2009. Graduated from the New York American Academy of Dramatic Arts in 2005. Awards include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and a Meritorious Mast. Posthumously awarded a Purple Heart.

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Army SFC Allan E. Brown, 46, of Takoma Park, Maryland. Brown died at Walter Reed National Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, from injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device in Bagram, Afghanistan. He was on his sixth deployment. Brown was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Gave his life on December 6, 2016. Awards include the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, two National Defense Service Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with four campaign stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral V and the Combat Action Badge. Posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor.



Army CPT Brian "Bubba" Bunting, 29, of Potomac, Maryland. Bunting died in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, assigned to the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Syracuse, New York. Gave his life on February 24, 2009. Graduated from Bullis High School and from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Bunting was honored with several awards throughout his career, including an Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and a Combat Action Badge. Posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal.



Army SPC Armer Nathan Burkart, 26, of Rockville, Maryland. He trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and deployed with that unit to Afghanistan from 2003 to 2004. He was reassigned to Fort Drum in August 2004 and deployed to Iraq. Burkart died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat patrol operations in Abu Ghraib, Iraq. He was assigned to Troop B, 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. Gave his life on May 11, 2006. Graduated from Col. Zadok Magruder High School in 1997. Attended Lehigh University for two years.

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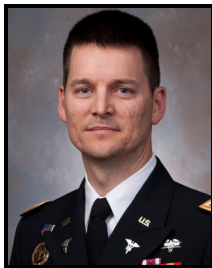
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Marine Corps LCpl Dennis J. Burrow, 23, of Rockville, Maryland. Burrow died in the Helmand Province in Afghanistan while supporting combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Gave his life on August 7, 2009. Graduated from Col. Zadok Magruder High School in 2004. Attended Massanutten Military Academy.



Navy ET1 Kevin Bushell, 26, of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Bushell died when his ship, the USS John S. McCain, was hit by the Alnic, an oil tanker in the Singapore Strait. He served as an Electronics Technician. Gave his life on August 21, 2017. Graduated from Gaithersburg High School in 2009. [View full profile](#)



Army LTC David E. Cabrera, 41, of Olney, Maryland. Cabrera died in Kabul Province, Afghanistan. He was a licensed clinical social worker and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Gave his life on October 29, 2011. Attended Sam Houston High School in Texas. Graduated from Texas A&M University.



Army SPC Jonathan David Cadavero, 24, of Takoma Park, Maryland. Cadavero died of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to HHC, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, NY. Gave his life on February 27, 2007. Graduated high school in New Jersey. Graduated cum laude from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

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Marine Corps Sgt Alessandro Carbonaro, 28, of Bethesda, Maryland. Carbonaro died at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, on May 1, 2006. He was assigned to A Company, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Gave his life on May 10, 2006. Graduated from Sandy Spring High School in 1997.



Army PFC Justin R. Davis, 19, of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Davis died in Korengal Outpost, Afghanistan (near Kunar Province), when he was attacked by indirect fire while on patrol during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York. Gave his life on June 25, 2006. Graduated from Col. Zadok Magruder High School in 2005. [View full profile](#)



Army SPC Thomas Karl Doerflinger, 20, of Silver Spring, Maryland. Doerflinger died in Mosul, Iraq, when his unit received small arms fire while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington. Gave his life on November 11, 2004. Graduated from Springbrook High School in 2002 and received an International Baccalaureate degree.



Army SSG Robert Hernandez, 47, of Silver Spring, Maryland. Hernandez died from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Al Taqaddum, Iraq. He was assigned to the Army Reserve's 3rd Battalion, 318th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 80th Division (Institutional Training), Fort Meade, Maryland. Gave his life on March 28, 2006.

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Navy LT (SEAL) Brendan J. Looney, 29, of Silver Spring, Maryland. Looney died in the Zabul Province, Afghanistan, in a helicopter crash during combat operations. Looney was assigned to a West Coast-based SEAL Team. Gave his life on September 21, 2010. Graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School and United States Naval Academy in 2004. The Convocation Center at Dematha Catholic High School was dedicated to Looney in 2014. A sign leading into the city of Annapolis was also erected in his name on Rowe Boulevard. Looney received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor posthumously.



Marine Corps Sgt James R. McIlvaine, 26, of Olney, Maryland. McIlvaine died in Baharia, Iraq, while supporting combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, California. Gave his life on April 30, 2009. Graduated from Sherwood High School and from Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia.



Marine Corps Capt. Moises A. Navas, 34, of Germantown, Maryland. Navas suffered wounds received while supporting Iraqi Security Forces during a mission to eliminate an ISIS stronghold in a mountainous area of north central Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Gave his life on March 8, 2020. Graduated from Quince Orchard High School.



Army SPC Anthony A. Paci, 30, of Rockville, Maryland. Paci died in Gereshk, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered during a vehicle rollover. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. Gave his life on March 4, 2010. Attended Walt Whitman High School.

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Army CW2 Bruce E. Price, 37, of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Price died in Kajaki, Afghanistan, when individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire ambushed his unit. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Gave his life on May 15, 2004. Graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1985 and attended Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina.



Army SGT Barun Rai, 24, of Silver Spring, Maryland. Rai died in Logar Province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained during a vehicle rollover. He was assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany. Gave his life on August 3, 2011. Graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in 2005. Posthumously promoted to Sergeant.



Army SPC Rodrigo A. Munguia Rivas, 27, of Germantown, Maryland. Rivas died in Bagram, Afghanistan, of wounds from indirect fire after his unit came under attack. He was assigned to 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY. Gave his life on June 21, 2009. Graduated from Col. Zadok Magruder High School in 2000.



Marine Corps Col Michael R. Stahlman, 45, of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Stahlman died from injuries sustained in a nonhostile incident in Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. Gave his life on October 5, 2008. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985.

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Army SSG Adam S. Thomas, 31, of Takoma Park, Maryland. Thomas died while on patrol in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, from injuries caused by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, CO. Gave his life on October 5, 2016.



Army LTC James J. Walton, 41, of Rockville, Maryland. Walton died in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to a Military Transition Team, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. The Military Transition Team's mission was to train Afghan soldiers. Gave his life on June 21, 2008. Graduated from St. John's College High School and the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1989. Walton's favorite hobby was skydiving, and he and his team were world record holders in 2003. Walton met Sarah Moschler in 2003 and they were married on June 26, 2004 in Richmond, VA. During his more than 19 years of military service, Walton served in Germany, Honduras, Haiti, Korea, Costa Rica, Washington, DC, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Walton is survived by his wife, Sarah Moschler Walton of Arlington, VA; his parents, Donald and Mary Jane Walton of Rockville, MD; his sisters, Kathleen Walton of New York, NY, Kyle Marie Cottrell of Chesapeake, VA and Diane Jewell of Burlington, VT; and his brother, Donald C. Walton, III of Lexington, KY.

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