

**JACKSON, Leslie D. Jackson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-leslie-d-jackson/257314>)

Army Pfc. Leslie D. Jackson, age 18, of Richmond, VA; assigned to A Company, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX; killed May 20, 2004 when her military vehicle hit an improvised explosive device as she was returning to Camp Eagle in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Survivors include her parents.

**JACKSON, Mark Jackson**

(From <http://www.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-1st-class-mark-jackson/262939>)

Army Sgt. 1st Class Mark Jackson, age 40, of Glennie, MI; died October 2, 2002 during Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis, WA; killed in a terrorist bombing on Oct. 2, 2002, in the Philippines.

**JACKSON, Marlon P. Jackson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-marlon-p-jackson/256900>)

Army Spc. Marlon P. Jackson, age 25, of Jersey City, NJ; assigned to A Company, 94th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), 130th Engineer Brigade, Vilseck, Germany; died November 11, 2003 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device exploded on a road in Tampa, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JAKES, Michael J. Jakes, Jr.**

(From <http://www.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-electricians-mate-fireman-apprentice-michael-j-jakes-jr/262947>)

Navy Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Michael J. Jakes Jr., age 20, of Brooklyn NY; died December 4, 2001 during Operation Enduring Freedom while stationed on the carrier Kitty Hawk, based at Yokosuka Naval Fleet Activities, Japan, died of fatal head injuries after falling off a bunk, on Dec. 4, 2001 in the Arabian Sea.

**JALLAH, Dennis Jallah, Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/command-sgt-maj-dennis-jallah-jr/262989>)

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Jallah Jr., age 49, of Fayetteville, NC; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY; died March 28, 2004 of a non-combat-related cause at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, after being medically evacuated from Afghanistan, via Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, on February 16. He died while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**JAMAR, Scott Jamar**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-chief-warrant-officer-scott-jamar/256564>)

Army Chief Warrant Officer Scott Jamar, age 32, of Granbury, TX; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; killed April 2, 2003 in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash in central Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JAMES, Evan T. James**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-cpl-evan-t-james/256498>)

Marine Cpl. Evan T. James, age 20, of La Harpe, IL; assigned to Engineering Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, based in Peoria, IL; drowned March 24, 2003, in the Saddam Canal in southern Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. James was fording the canal with another group of Marines at 10:30 p.m. local time March 24 to set up a fire support position for a water purification unit on the other side of the waterway. It is unclear how he fell into the water. Ten weeks before his death, Evan James was a 20-year-old sophomore at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. His death was a shock to his friends at home, in part because James was such a strong swimmer and had been training for a triathlon before his reserve unit was called to active duty in January. "We're all having trouble understanding how he could drown," said Sue Schafer, owner of the health club where James worked while going to college. "It just seems unreal." James and three other Marines were securing a "water point" near the Euphrates River so engineers could connect a pump and filtration system to provide drinking water to U.S. forces, said Gunnery Sgt. James Howard of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Peoria, Ill. "He was a typical small town boy: hard-nosed and hard working," said Tim Lafferty, football coach at La Harpe High School. James played linebacker for four years and graduated in 2000. "He was more tough than talented," Lafferty said. "He got by more on grit than anything else." James enlisted in the reserves after high school graduation to help pay for college. He enrolled at Southern Illinois in the fall of 2001. He was majoring in kinesiology, the study of muscles and body movement, and hoped to be a fitness trainer, school officials said. When he left for overseas, the staff of the health club threw him a farewell party. He promised to be home by summer. His death has stunned co-workers. Said Schafer, the club owner: "I don't know where the 'awe' is, but this is where the 'shock' is."

**JAMES, Luke S. James**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-2nd-lt-luke-s-james/257044>)

Army 2nd Lt. Luke S. James, age 24, of Hooker, OK; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry, Fort Bragg, NC; killed January 27, 2004 in an improvised explosive device attack near Iskandariyah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is survived by his wife, Molly, who was in an ROTC support group. and son Bradley Heath, now 6 months old.

#### **JEFFRIES, Joseph A. Jeffries**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-joseph-a-jeffries/262992>)

Army Pfc. Joseph A. Jeffries, age 21, of Beaverton, OR; assigned to the 329th Psychological Operations Company, Army Reserve, Portland, OR; killed May 29, 2004 when his vehicle hit a land mine in Kandahar, Afghanistan while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

#### **JEFFRIES, William A. Jeffries**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-william-a-jeffries/256591>)

Army Spc. William A. Jeffries, age 39, of Evansville, IN; assigned to D Company, 1st Battalion, 152nd Infantry Regiment, Indiana Army National Guard; evacuated from Kuwait to Rota, Spain, where he died March 31, 2003 as a result of a sudden illness while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Spc. William A. Jeffries graduated from Evansville (IN) Reitz High School in 1982, was married and spent a decade with the Air Force before joining the Indiana National Guard. His family said a military official told them he suffered a blood clot in his lung and acute pancreatitis. He died March 31 at a hospital in Spain after falling ill in Kuwait.

#### **JENKINS, Robert B. Jenkins**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-petty-officer-2nd-class-robert-b-jenkins/257264>)

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert B. Jenkins, age 35, of Stuart, FL; assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14, Jacksonville, FL; killed May 2, 2004 by hostile fire in Anbar province, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

#### **JENKINS, Troy David Jenkins**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-troy-david-jenkins/256650>)

Army Sgt. Troy David Jenkins, age 25, of Ridgecrest, CA; assigned to B Company, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment based in Fort Campbell, KY; died April 24, 2003 from wounds received, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom, as a result of an explosion April 19 while on a dismounted patrol with other soldiers in Iraq. He died from his injuries at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany. Troy Jenkins told his father he planned to get out of the military because he felt his luck was running out. Even so, he made a courageous, split-second decision April 19 that ended his life, but saved those of a 7-year-old girl and several soldiers in his 187th Infantry Regiment. Jenkins was critically wounded when an Iraqi child approached a group of soldiers with an unexploded cluster bomb. As the bomb went off, Jenkins threw himself over it. He was transported to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and died Thursday. "The boys in his outfit called me and said he deserves the (Medal of Honor)," said his father, Jack Jenkins of Turkey Creek, LA. He said one soldier from his son's outfit explained Troy's actions this way: "If you were standing in a store and there was a guy in there with a hand grenade, which way would you run? Troy ran forward, to save that little girl and to save his buddies." Jenkins grew up in Evergreen, AL, the youngest of three children of divorced parents, raised by their father. "He loved music. He loved to roam the woods. And he loved to go fishing," his father said. "He was the kind of kid, if he had a problem, he'd take his radio out to the woods and try to think it out. He never got in any trouble, and he never lied to me." When he graduated from high school in 1995, Jenkins had already joined the Marines. He later joined the Army. Jenkins, who served in Afghanistan, was planning to leave the service in July and wanted to join the California Highway Patrol. He didn't want to leave his wife and two children, ages 4 and 2, alone again. "I think he had a premonition," his father said. His wife, Amanda Jenkins, said the circumstances of his death were not surprising. "He didn't have a selfish bone in his body. He was always thinking of other people first."

#### **JENNINGS, Darius T. Jennings**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-darius-t-jennings/256842>)

Army Spc. Darius T. Jennings, age 22, of Cordova, SC; assigned to 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO; killed November 2, 2003 in an attack on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter near Fallujah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jennings is survived by his wife, Ari; his mother, Harriet Johnson; his stepfather, John Johnson, who helped raise him since childhood; and a sister, Latrese, 19.

#### **JERABEK, Ryan M. Jerabek**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-corps-pfc-ryan-m-erabek/257146>)

Marine Corps Pfc. Ryan M. Jerabek, age 18, of Oneida, WI; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA; killed April 6, 2004 by hostile fire in Anbar province, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JIMENEZ, Linda C. Jimenez**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-linda-c-jimenez/256899>)

Army Sgt. Linda C. Jimenez, age 39, of Brooklyn, NY; assigned to the 2nd Squadron Combat Support Aviation (Maintenance), 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA; died of non-combat related injuries November 8, 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. Jimenez fell October 31, 2003 and was injured while she was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was taken to the 28th Combat Support Hospital and later evacuated to Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany. She was later moved to Walter Reed.

**JIMENEZ, Oscar Jimenez**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-1st-lt-oscar-jimenez/257207>)

Marine 1st Lt. Oscar Jimenez, age 34, of San Diego; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, CA; killed April 11, 2004 by hostile fire in Anbar province, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is survived by a wife and three children.

**JOHNSON, Benjamin Johnson**

(From <http://www.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-electronics-technician-3rd-class-benjamin-johnson/262914>)

Navy Electronics Technician 3rd Class Benjamin Johnson, age 21, of Rochester, NY died November 18, 2001 during Operation Enduring Freedom while based at Norfolk Naval Station, VA; drowned aboard an Iraqi freighter that sank on November 18, 2001, in the Persian Gulf.

**JOHNSON, David Wayne Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-david-wayne-johnson/381196>)

Army Sgt. David W. Johnson, age 37, of Sandy, OR; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Oregon Army National Guard, Cottage Grove, OR; killed September 25, 2004 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Howard Johnson II**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-howard-johnson-ii/256501>)

Army Pfc. Howard Johnson II, age 21, of Mobile, Ala.; assigned to 507th Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, TX; killed March 23, 2003 in an ambush near Nasiriyah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Army Pfc. Howard Johnson II "was God's gift to us and the Lord has taken him away," said his father, the Rev. Howard Johnson, who pastors Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in Prichard, AL. Johnson, 62, said he and his wife, Gloria, have two daughters and had waited 17 years for a son. Mrs. Johnson, her face wet with tears, said, "We had no idea war would break out and we would lose our son." Called "Junior" around the house, Johnson worked at a grocery store during high school. He brought his friends' shoes home to shine them when they couldn't afford shoe polish. His father had hoped his son, who was in ROTC in high school, would attend a technical college after graduation. Johnson chose to enlist in the Army instead.

**JOHNSON, John P. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-john-p-johnson/256849>)

Army Spc. John P. Johnson, age 24, of Houston, TX; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany; died October 22, 2003 of non-combat-related injuries in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Justin W. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-justin-w-johnson/257179>)

Army Spc. Justin W. Johnson, age 22, of Rome, GA; assigned to 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed April 10, 2004 when his patrol vehicle hit an improvised explosive device in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Markus J. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-markus-j-johnson/263027>)

Army Pfc. Markus J. Johnson, age 20, of Springfield, MA; assigned to D Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Germany; killed June 1, 2004 when an Avenger air defense vehicle rolled over in Anbar province, Iraq while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Maurice J. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-maurice-j-johnson/256882>)

Army Spc. Maurice J. Johnson, age 21, of Levittown, PA; assigned to C Company, 501st Signal Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), based in Fort Campbell, KY; killed November 1, 2003 when his Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device in Mosul, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Michael Vann Johnson, Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-hospital-corpsman-3rd-class-michael-vann-johnson-jr/256539>)

Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael V. Johnson Jr., age 25, of Little Rock, AR; assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego, 3rd Marine Division Detachment, Fleet Marine Force, San Diego; killed March 25, 2003 while tending to wounded colleagues in Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "He was just a big kid," said his sister, Janisa Hooks. "Mikey was a fun person. He liked to draw and he loved basketball, a real people's person." He was raised in Little Rock, AR, and graduated from the University of Central Arkansas. He and his wife, Cherice, lived in San Diego, where he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division.

**JOHNSON, Nathaniel H. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-nathaniel-h-johnson/256987>)

Army Spc. Nathaniel H. Johnson, age 22, of Augusta, GA; assigned to Company D (Aviation), 82nd Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, NC; killed in action when his UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed January 8, 2004 near Fallujah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JOHNSON, Paul J. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-staff-sgt-paul-j-johnson/256883>)

Army Staff Sgt. Paul J. Johnson, age 29, of Calumet, MI; assigned to 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; killed October 20, 2003 while on mounted patrol when the vehicle in which he was riding hit an improvised explosive device and then came under small-arms fire by enemy forces in Fallujah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is survived by a wife and a son.

**JOHNSON, Philip A. Johnson, Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-chief-warrant-officer-philip-a-johnson-jr/256988>)

Army Chief Warrant Officer Philip A. Johnson Jr., age 31, of Alabama; assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Fort Carson, CO; killed January 8, 2004 while on board a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter that crashed during a Medevac mission in Fallujah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Johnson, 31, was born in Davenport, IA, and grew up in Chicago before his family moved to Mobile in 1985. Johnson's wife, Melissa Johnson, 28, is in the Air Force and lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

**JOHNSON, Rayshawn S. Johnson**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-rayshawn-s-johnson/256865>)

Army Pfc. Rayshawn S. Johnson, age 20, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; assigned to the 299th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), based in Fort Hood, Texas; killed November 3, 2003 when his vehicle hit a landmine while he was on patrol in Tikrit, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JONES, Darrell Jones**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-petty-officer-2nd-class-darrell-jones/262923>)

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Darrell Jones, age 22, of Wellston, OH; assigned to the guided missile destroyer Higgins, San Diego, CA; killed in a non-combat-related incident on October 8, 2003, in the United Arab Emirates while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**JONES, Devon D. Jones**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pvt-2-devon-d-jones/256548>)

Army Pvt. 2 Devon D. Jones, age 19, of San Diego; assigned to 41st Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Stewart, GA; killed April 4, 2003 in a vehicle accident in Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JONES, Gussie M. Jones**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-capt-gussie-m-jones/257070>)

Army Capt. Gussie M. Jones, age 41, of Raleigh, AR; assigned to the 31st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bliss, TX; died of a non-combat related cause on March 7, 2004 in Baghdad while she was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JONES, Raymond E. Jones, Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-staff-sgt-raymond-e-jones-jr/257176>)

Army Staff Sgt. Raymond E. Jones Jr., age 31, of Gainesville, FL; assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany; killed April 9, 2004 when a rocket-propelled grenade struck him while on patrol in Bayji, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jones' mother, Olga, lives in Costa Rica with two of his three brothers. Another brother lives in Orlando. Jones' wife lives in Germany and he has one daughter from a previous marriage, his father said.

**JONES, Rodney A. Jones**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-rodney-a-jones/386358>)

Army Spc. Rodney A. Jones, age 21, of Philadelphia; assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed September 30, 2004 when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device exploded near his dismounted patrol in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is survived by his mother, Renee Jones.

**JONES-HUFFMAN, Kylan A. Jones-Huffman**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-lt-kylan-a-jones-huffman/256717>)

Navy Lt. Kylan A. Jones-Huffman, age 31, of Aptos, CA; on temporary duty with the I Marine Expeditionary Force; killed August 21, 2003 in Hillah, Iraq, by an unidentified gunman while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JORDAN, Curt E. Jordan Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-curt-e-jordan-jr/256996>)

Army Sgt. Curt E. Jordan Jr., age 25, of Greenacres, WA; assigned to the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), 555th Combat Engineer Group, based in Fort Lewis, WA; died of non-combat injuries on December 28, 2003 near Bayji, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was married and had a 6-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son.

**JORDAN, Jason D. Jordan**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-sgt-jason-d-jordan/256770>)

Army Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, age 24, of Elba, AL; assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1-187 Infantry Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY; died when the vehicle he occupied was ambushed and hit by rocket-propelled grenades during a patrol on July 20, 2003 in Tallifar, Iraq while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**JORDAN, Phillip A. Jordan**

(From Marine Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan Died March 23, 2003 Serving During Operation Iraqi Freedom)

Marine Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan, age 42, of Enfield, CT; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Camp Lejeune, NC; killed March 23, 2003 in action near Nasiriyah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sgt. Phillip Jordan was so nice to so many people that his pals couldn't resist comparing him to the movie character, Forrest Gump. He was the kind of guy who really did help little old ladies across the street. "He was the nicest guy you could hope to meet. The nicest," said his wife, Amanda Jordan, from her home in Enfield, CT, near Hartford. "His entire life was his family and the Marines." The Jordans marked their ninth wedding anniversary last Wednesday. Amanda Jordan said she last spoke to her husband 10 days ago in a phone call from Kuwait. He said he called because he knew that the onset of war would keep him from calling on the actual date. The Jordans have a 6-year-old son, Tyler. "He's having a really tough time with this," she said. Jordan, 42, grew up near Houston and claimed Brazoria, TX, as his hometown. But he didn't have much of a childhood. His mother was killed by a drunken driver when he was a toddler. His father died of heart failure when he was 13. At 6-3 and a buff 230 pounds, Jordan was a standout high school football player. He remained avid about sports and was a good enough bowler that he talked about turning pro after leaving the Marines. Jordan joined the Marines when he was 27, after a battle with Hodgkin's disease. "He loved the Marines. He said that's what made him what he is," his wife said. "If he were here, he'd say he died doing what he was supposed to be doing."

**JOSTES, Forest J. Jostes**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-cpl-forest-j-jostes/257127>)

Army Cpl. Forest J. Jostes, age 22, of Albion, IL; assigned to 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed April 4, 2004 when his unit was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire in Baghdad while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.