

**OAKS, Donald S. Oaks Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-donald-s-oaks-jr/256577>)

Army Spc. Donald S. Oaks Jr., age 20, of Erie, PA; assigned to the C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment (Multiple Launch Rocket System), Fort Sill, OK; killed April 3, 2003 in action in Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**OBERLEITNER, Branden F. Oberleitner**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-branden-f-oberleitner/256658>)

Army Pfc. Branden F. Oberleitner, age 20, of Worthington, OH; assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY; killed June 5, 2003 by a rifle-fired grenade in Fallujah, Iraq, as he returned from a dismounted patrol while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**O'DAY, Patrick T. O'Day**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-lance-cpl-patrick-t-oday/256540>)

Marine Lance Cpl. Patrick T. O'Day, age 20, of Sonoma, CA; assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA; killed March 25, 2003 in action while conducting convoy operations near the Euphrates River, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Marine Lance Cpl. Patrick T. O'Day married his high school sweetheart shortly before heading overseas and was looking forward to the birth of their first child, due in September. "They were a young couple with a lot of dreams and hopes," said his father, Tim O'Day. "I think he would've made a wonderful father. He always had a lot of patience, very understanding." O'Day, who lived in Santa Rosa, CA, died in combat March 25. He was drawn to the Corps because of its allure as the toughest of the military branches, said his wife, Shauna O'Day. During boot camp, he developed stress fractures in his legs. But rather than accept a medical discharge, he spent six months in a rehabilitation platoon, then returned to boot camp and completed his training as a tank gunner. "He was proud to be a Marine," his wife said. "He liked their reputation and he liked their discipline."

**ODUMS, Charles E. Odums II**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-charles-e-odums-ii/257297>)

Army Spc. Charles E. Odums II, age 22, of Sandusky, OH; assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed May 30, 2004 when his military convoy hit an improvised explosive in Baghdad while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**OJEDA, Ramon C. Ojeda**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-ramon-c-ojeda/257284>)

Army Spc. Ramon C. Ojeda, age 22, of Ramona, CA; assigned to the 84th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, HI; killed May 1, 2004 when his convoy was attacked in Amarah, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ojeda served in the same unit as his wife, Leslie. The couple has a 14-month-old son.

**OLAES, Tony B. Olaes**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-staff-sgt-tony-b-olaes/370935>)

Army Staff Sgt. Tony B. Olaes, age 30, of Walhalla, SC; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC; killed September 20, 2004 when his patrol vehicle was ambushed by small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades in Shkin, Afghanistan while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. Olaes is survived by his wife, Tammy, and his three children, Maverick, McKenzie and Alec.

**O'NEILL, Evan W. O'Neill**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-evan-w-oneill/262924>)

Army Pfc. Evan W. O'Neill, age 19, of Haverhill, MA; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum NY; killed as a result of enemy fire on September 29, 2003, in Afghanistan while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**ONWORDI, Justin B. Onwordi**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-spc-justin-b-onwordi/291439>)

Army Spc. Justin B. Onwordi, age 28, of Chandler, AZ; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed while on patrol August 2, 2004 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Onwordi started his tour of duty in Iraq in January. He got two weeks' leave on June 23 to visit his 25-year-old wife, Monique, who gave birth to a baby boy named Jonathan on July 7.

**ORENGO, Richard P. Orengo**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/puerto-rico-army-national-guard-spc-richard-p-orengo/256790>)

Puerto Rico Army National Guard Spc. Richard P. Orengo, age 32, of Toa Alta, Puerto Rico; assigned to the 755th Military Police Company, Arecibo, Puerto Rico; killed by enemy fire June 26, 2003 in Najif, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**ORLANDO, Kim S. Orlando**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-lt-col-kim-s-orlando/256881>)

Army Lt. Col. Kim S. Orlando, age 43, of Tennessee; commanding officer of the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), based in Fort Campbell, KY; killed while attempting to negotiate with armed men who were congregating on a road near a mosque after curfew on October 16, 2003 in Karbala, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is survived by his wife, Sherry, and his two sons, Gregory, 16, and Jason, 10.

**ORLOWSKI, Eric J. Orlowski**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-lance-cpl-eric-j-orlowski/256499>)

Marine Lance Cpl. Eric J. Orlowski, age 26, of Buffalo, NY; assigned to the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC; killed March 22, 2003 in a machine-gun accident in Iraq while serving During Operation Iraqi Freedom. Lance Cpl. Eric Orlowski was a proud Marine, but above all he was a proud father of his 3-year-old daughter, CamerynLee. "He was always there for his daughter, and he loved her more than anything," said Nicole Kross, the child's mother, herself an Air Force Reservist. Eric Orlowski, a reservist assigned to a Marine tank battalion, died on his first deployment. He was killed March 22 in an accidental discharge of a machine gun. Orlowski was separated from his wife, but their daughter kept them close. He sent Kross letters from overseas, the last saying he was headed for Iraq. "I don't think he was scared," Kross said. "The thing he feared most was leaving his daughter."

**OROZCO, Osbaldo Orozco**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-1st-lt-osbaldo-orozco/256640>)

Osbaldo Orozco, age 26, of Delano, CA; assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment based in Fort Hood, TX; killed when his vehicle rolled over while traveling through rough terrain. His unit was the quick reaction force and was responding to enemy fire. Long before he died, Osbaldo Orozco was a hero in his hometown of Earlimart, CA, a tiny farming community north of Fresno. It wasn't just that "Baldo" was a high school and college football star, or that he was the first in his family to graduate from college, or even that he had joined the Army as an officer. "He loved everybody, and everybody loved him," said his brother, Jorge. "He was always the first one to say, 'Hi.' As soon as he came down the street, everyone knew Baldo, and he knew everyone." Orozco, 26, attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo on a full football scholarship. As a sophomore, he earned the team's third highest record ever for tackles. In his junior year, he led the team in tackles. In his senior year, he was voted the football team's most inspirational player. "His parents came to every game. They'd work in the fields in the morning, then they'd drive 2 hours to the coast to watch him play. Five or six times, his town loaded up buses with kids and they all came out to watch him play. His parents' bosses in the fields would come out and watch him play. He was a hero in that town," recalled college friend and teammate, Juan Gonzalez, now a high school counselor in San Jose. Orozco graduated from college in 2001, received his Army commission and married his high school sweetheart. "He was someone who only comes along once in a long while," his brother said. "I don't have the words to say how important he was to us."

**ORR, Cody J. Orr**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-cody-j-orr/257016>)

Army Pfc. Cody J. Orr, age 21, of Ruskin, FL; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX; killed while conducting a surveillance sweep for improvised explosive devices January 17, 2004 when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck such a device and overturned north of Taji, Iraq while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Orr and his wife, Jackie, had three weeks together after their wedding before Orr was shipped overseas.

**ORTON, Billy J. Orton**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-staff-sgt-billy-j-orton/257224>)

Army Staff Sgt. Billy J. Orton, age 41, of Humnoke, AR; assigned to 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Army National Guard, Hazen, AR; killed April 24, 2004 when mortar rounds hit his camp in Taji, Iraq while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**O'STEEN, Mark S. O'Steen**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-chief-warrant-officer-3-mark-s-osteen/262950>)

Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark S. O'Steen, age 43, of Ozark, AL; died January 30, 2003 during Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY; killed in a MH-60 Black Hawk crash during training on Jan. 30, 2003, in Afghanistan.

**OTEY, Deshon E. Otey**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-lance-cpl-deshon-e-otey/263040>)

Marine Lance Cpl. Deshon E. Otey, age 24, of Hardin, KY; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA; killed June 21, 2004 by hostile fire in Anbar province, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**OTT, Kevin C. Ott**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-pfc-kevin-c-ott/256780>)

Army Pfc. Kevin C. Ott, age 27, of Columbus, OH; assigned to Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, OK; killed in action in Iraq sometime between June 25 and June 28, 2003 while he was serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ott's body along with that of another soldier were discovered June 28 near Baghdad, three days after they were reported missing some 25 miles away.

**OUELLETTE, Brian J. Ouellette**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/navy-boatswains-mate-1st-class-seal-brian-j-ouellette/262985>)

Navy Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SEAL) Brian J. Ouellette, age 37, of Needham, Mass.; assigned to Navy Special Warfare Group Two, Little Creek, Va.; killed May 29, 2004 while on mounted patrol near Jahak and Seleh, Afghanistan while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**OWENS, Bartt D. Owens**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/army-capt-bartt-d-owens/262877>)

Army Capt. Bartt D. Owens, age 31, of Middletown, Ohio; died February 22, 2002 during Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to E Co, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, based at Fort Campbell, KY; killed in an MH-47E crash during a training exercise, on Feb. 22, 2002 in the Philippines.

**OWENS, David Edward Owens Jr.**

(From <http://projects.militarytimes.com/valor/marine-lance-cpl-david-edward-owens-jr/256618>)

Marine Lance Cpl. David Edward Owens Jr., age 20, of Winchester, VA; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA; killed April 12, 2003 after receiving wounds in action in central Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.