

Below are some of this year's honorees.

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**Lt. Rhiannon Ross**

30, of Wixom, Michigan, died October 23, 2020 during a routine training flight when the Navy T-6B Texan II trainer aircraft she was in crashed in Foley, Alabama. U.S. Coast Guard Ensign Morgan Garrett was also killed in the incident. Ross was an instructor pilot. The incident is under investigation.



**Ensign Morgan Garrett**

24, of Weddington, North Carolina, died October 23, 2020 during a routine training flight when the Navy T-6B Texan II trainer aircraft she was in crashed in Foley, Alabama. Lt. Rhiannon Ross was also killed in the crash. Garrett was a student aviator. The incident is under investigation.



**Gunnery Sgt. Diego D. Pongo**

34, of Simi Valley, California, died March 8, 2020 while clearing a tunnel complex full of Islamic State fighters in the Makhmur Mountains of southern Iraq. Capt. Moises A. Navas was also killed in the incident. Pongo was assigned to the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He joined the Marine Corps in 2004. In 2008, he completed the Scout Sniper basic course and was a sniper team leader. In 2011, he became a Marine Raider and was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and a Purple Heart, among other medals.



**Capt. Moises A. Navas**

34, of Germantown, Maryland, died March 8, 2020 while clearing a tunnel complex full of Islamic State fighters in the Makhmur Mountains of southern Iraq. Gunnery Sgt. Diego D. Pongo was also killed in the incident. Both Marines were assigned to the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Navas joined the Corps in 2004. He became a Marine Raider in 2016 where he spent the last four years as a team commander and company executive officer. Navas was awarded a Purple Heart, among other medals.



**Capt. (Dr.) Kelliann Leli**

30, of Parlin, New Jersey, died Nov. 27, 2020 in a non-combat related vehicle incident at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. The cause of the incident is under investigation. Leli was with the 60th Healthcare Operations Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California. While deployed, she was assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing. Leli graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and earned her commission in 2012 before completing her medical program. She was on her first deployment. She is survived by her husband, Capt. Jimmy Leli, also a pilot at Travis Air Force Base.



**Pfc. Bryan J. Baltierra**

18, of Corona, California, died July 30, 2020 when his 26-ton amphibious assault vehicle sank in deep water near San Clemente Island off the coast of southern California during a training exercise. Eight (8) other servicemen also lost their lives in the incident, including Pfc. Evan Bath, 19, LCpl. Chase D. Sweetwood, 19, LCpl. Guillermo S. Perez, 20, Pfc. Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, Cpl. Cesar A. Villanueva, 21, LCpl. Marco A. Barranco, 21, U.S. Navy Hospitalman Christopher Gnem, 22, and Cpl. Wesley Rodd, 23.



**Cpl. Eloiza Zavala**

20, of Sacramento, California, died March 10, 2020 in an accident involving a medium tactical vehicle replacement truck in the United Arab Emirates. Two others were injured in the incident. Zavala was serving with Combat Logistics Battalion 13 at exercise Native Fury as a motor vehicle operator, deploying from Camp Pendleton, California. The accident is under investigation. Zavala enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 2018. Her awards include a National Defense Service Medal and a Global War on Terror Service Medal.