



1st Lt. Hailey Hodsden

24, of Dripping Springs, Texas; a platoon leader with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment’s 4th Squadron, Hodsden was killed in a training accident when the Stryker armored vehicle she was travelling in merged onto Autobahn 93 and was hit by a civilian semi-truck; Hodsden graduated from West Point and was commissioned as an Armor officer; before the accident, she had served in the 2nd Cavalry Regiment for a little over a year; Hodsden was described as “an exceptional leader”, displaying courage and commitment every day, “a true example for others to emulate.”



Capt. Eleanor V. LeBeau Cooke

29, of Belleville, Illinois; LeBeau Cooke was one of two pilots of a V-22B Osprey aircraft that crashed during a routine training exercise on Melville Island in Australia; also killed in the crash were Cpl. Spencer R. Collart, 21, of Arlington, Virginia, and Maj. Tobin J. Lewis, 37, of Jefferson, Colorado; twenty (20) other Marines were injured in the crash; LeBeau Cooke joined the U.S. Marines in 2018 and was promoted to Captain in March 2023; A self-described “bad ass” after becoming a Marine pilot, LeBeau Cooke came from a military family; she is survived by her husband, who is also a Marine Osprey pilot.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Stephen R. Dwyer

38, of Clarksville, Tennessee; one of five (5) special operations aviation soldiers killed in an MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crash in the Mediterranean Sea while conducting aerial refueling training; also killed in the crash were Chief Warrant Officer 2 Shane M. Barnes, 34, of Sacramento, California, Staff Sgt. Tanner W. Grone, 26, of Gorham, New Hampshire, Sgt. Andrew P. Southard, 27, of Apache Junction, Arizona, and Sgt. Cade M. Wolfe, 24, of Mankato, Minnesota; Dwyer earned a Bronze Star among other medals during his years of service; he is survived by his wife and three (3) boys.



Maj. Jeffrey T. Hoernemann

32, of Andover, Minnesota; Died with seven (7) other crew members when their CV-22 Osprey crashed off the coast of Japan; Hoernemann was an Osprey instructor pilot and officer in charge of training for the 21st Special Operations Squadron at Yokota Air Base in Japan; also killed in the crash were Maj. Eric V. Spendlove, Maj. Luke A. Unrath, Capt. Terrell K. Brayman, Tech Sgt. Zachary E. Lavoy, Staff Sgt. Jake M. Turnage, Staff Sgt. Jake M. Galliher, and Senior Airman Brian K. Johnson; Hoernemann was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and other medals; he is survived by his wife.



Capt. Miguel Nava

28, of Traverse City, Michigan; A Marine helicopter pilot who died with four (4) other Marines from the Flying Tigers of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 when their CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crashed in the mountains in Pine Valley, California while on a routine training flight from Las Vegas, Nevada to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego during a historic storm; also killed in the crash were Capt. Benjamin Moulton, 27, of Emmett, Idaho, Capt. Jack Casey, 26, of Dover, New Hampshire, Lance Cpl. Donovan Davis, 21, of Olathe, Kansas, and Sgt. Alec Langen, 23, of Chandler, Arizona; All were decorated Marines; Capt. Nava is survived by his wife and 5-month old son.



Sgt. Kennedy Ladon Sanders

24, of Waycross, Georgia; one of three (3) Army Reserve soldiers killed in a drone strike at Tower 22, a small base in northeast Jordan along the Syrian border, by an Iranian-backed militia group; also killed in the attack were Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, 46, of Carrollton, Georgia and Sgt. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, 23, of Savannah, Georgia; all three (3) soldiers were assigned to the 718th Engineer Company, 926th Engineer Battalion from the 926th Engineer Brigade based at Fort Moore, Georgia; at least forty (40) other American service members were injured in the attack; Sanders enlisted in the Army in 2019 as a horizontal construction engineer; she was on her second overseas deployment.



Spec. Warfare Operator 1st Cl. Christopher Chambers

37, of Maryland and Massachusetts; A member of U.S. Navy SEAL Team 3, he drowned in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Somalia after jumping in to rescue fellow Special Warfare Operator 2nd Class Nathan “Gage” Ingram who slipped and fell from a ladder into the water while conducting a night-time seizure of an unflagged vessel illegally transporting advanced lethal aid (weapons) from Iran to resupply Houthi forces in Yemen. Ingram also drowned in the incident. An NCAA Division 1 student-athlete in swimming, Chambers enlisted in the Navy in 2012 and entered Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) later that year; he was assigned to West Coast SEAL units starting in 2014.