



# LEADERS, LEGENDS, AND HEROES

## Notable Pershing Rifles Alumni

### Academic

*University presidents, senior academic officers, or other significant leadership positions; Distinguished professors as recognized by their universities, communities, and professional societies; authors, historians, and other notable academic-related accomplishments outside of university settings.*

- Dr. Thomas D. Boston – Company H-1 (West Virginia State College) – Associate Professor of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology; Chairman, Department of Economics, Atlanta University; President, National Economics Association. Purple Heart recipient.
- Dr. Mack C. Branham – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – President and Professor, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC; Honorary Doctor of Laws (Clemson University); Air Force chaplain (Colonel) during the height of the Cold War, including service in Vietnam.
- Dr. Edward M. Coffman – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – Renowned military historian and distinguished Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin. Author of a seminal work chronicling the U.S. Army from 1784 to 1898 and several acclaimed works on the American experience in World War I and its aftermath.
- Dr. William P. Dubose III – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Associate Professor of Entomology, Clemson University; as an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel prior to joining the Clemson faculty, served as Chief Medical Entomologist, United States Air Forces Europe.
- Geary F. Eppley – Company C-5 (later Squadron A-15 and Company C-8) (University of Maryland) – Dean of Men and Director of Athletics, University of Maryland 1937–47; Co-founder and first President of the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Dr. Claud D. Evans – Company C-7 – (Oklahoma State University) – Member of the Oklahoma State University Board of Regents for 16 years, including two terms as Chairman.
- Dr. Gerard W. Gawalt – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Historian and author of many books chronicling the American presidency; Curator of early presidential papers as well as of several major exhibits on the nation’s founding at the Library of Congress.
- Dr. Joseph F. Judkins, Jr. – Company C-15 (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) – Director of the Water Research Institute and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, Auburn University.
- Dr. Richard E. Sorensen – Company H-8 (Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute) – Dean of the Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech, and founding director of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center; previously, Dean of the Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University.
- Dr. Elvis Jacob Stahr, Jr. – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – President West Virginia University; President, Indiana University; President, National Audubon Society. See also, Government.
- Dr. (Rev.) Daniel J. Sullivan S.J. – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Professor of Biology Emeritus, Fordham University and internationally known agricultural entomologist. Founding member of Company D-8.

## **Arts and Entertainment**

*Recipients of recognized awards (Oscars/Emmys/Golden Globes/etc.); Widely known, regardless of awards.*

- James Earl Jones – Company H-1 (University of Michigan) – Award-winning motion picture, stage, and television actor best known as the voice of Darth Vader in the original *Star Wars* trilogy. Widely regarded as one of the greatest actors of his generation. Former Army Ranger.
- Robert Mapplethorpe – Company I-8 (Pratt Institute) – Critically acclaimed photographer who used lighting and shadow to elevate black-and-white photography to an internationally celebrated, though sometimes controversial, art form
- Dr. Brooke Magnanti – Company M-16 (Florida State University) – Best-selling author known for her acclaimed but controversial nonfiction works. Also, a published research scientist and forensic epidemiologist in the United Kingdom.

## **Industry, Science, Technology, and the Professions**

*Corporate officers or other significant commercial, financial, industrial, technology, and scientific leadership roles; significant scientific and technical innovations or contributions; recognized for or credited with notable achievements in their fields.*

- Bryant Aaron – Company K-8 (Seton Hall University) – Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, and US Country Head for Ethics, Risk, and Compliance, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
- Martisse Best – Company M-1 (John Carroll University) – Vice President for Technology Procurement, Pearson Education Management Corp. Previously Global Procurement Manager for Hardware, Software, and Infrastructure, GlaxoSmithKline PLC; Senior Director, Business Operations and Strategic Sourcing, IQVIA Connected Intelligence.
- Colonel Dean E. Calcagni USA, M.D. – Company C-12 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – Pioneer in developing battlefield applications of telemedicine while assigned to the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command; Founder and President, Medical Red Team LLC; Director of Strategic Planning for Biomedicine, The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; Medical Director for projects at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Defense Health Agency.
- Colonel John W. Dettmer USAF – Company E-1 (University of Cincinnati) – Pioneer in the development of space-based laser systems. Director of the Air Force Space Laser Program Office; original member of the Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program; principal researcher at the Air Force Plasma Physics Research Laboratory.
- Robert E. DiCenso – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Senior Vice President for Personnel and Administration, the Gillette Co., Boston, MA.
- Walter J. Doyle – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Founder and President of Industrial Data Technologies Corp. (Later acquired by Eaton Corporation).
- Frank Fariello – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Chairman and CEO of EDO Corporation.

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- Major General Harry D. Gatanas USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – President and Chief Executive Officer, Metromedia Fiber Network Government Services Inc.; President of Government Operations, Abovenet Inc., Executive Vice President of Strategic Programs Group, Serco Services, Inc. See also, Military.
- Dr. Arthur Goldman – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Director, Argonne National Laboratory.
- Forest T. Harper, Jr. – Company J-8 (Morgan State University) – President and Chief Executive Officer, INROADS, Inc., the largest nonprofit organization in the world committed to leadership and career development through paid internships for students from diverse backgrounds; former Vice President, Pfizer, Inc., and President of the Pfizer African-American Leadership Network; board member, National Arthritis Foundation and National Council on the Aging.
- Myron Z. Holubiak – Company K-5 (University of Pittsburgh) – President and Chief Executive Officer, Citius Pharmaceuticals, Inc; former President, Roche Laboratories, AG.
- Dr. Tupper Hyde III – Company C-12 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – Chief Engineer, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.
- William Kawalek – Company M-1 (John Carroll University) – Senior Vice President for Technology Partnership and Business Development, Bank of America.
- Dr. Dennis L. Lambert – Company A-2 and National Headquarters – (University of Nebraska): Noted researcher on medical economics and policy. Senior Scientist, Center for Economic Evaluation in Medicine and Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Washington University in Saint Louis. Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives; Fellow Emeritus, Healthcare Financial Management Association. National Commander, 1969-70.
- Dr. Charles R. Martin – Company L-4 (North Carolina State University) – Chief Nuclear Officer, National Security Technologies, LLC; senior scientist, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Secretary, Nuclear Installation Safety Division Program Committee, American Nuclear Society; Fellow, Washington Academy of Science; Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow; Assistant Professor and Fellow, United States Air Force Academy.
- Frederick L. Rost II – Company L-1 (University of Toledo) – Senior Director for Space Systems, Sierra Nevada Corp. Space systems visionary who spearheaded development of key space-based defense, logistical support, and exploitation technologies for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Security Agency (NSA), Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and the U.S. Air Force.
- Roger R. Stork – Company A-2 and National Headquarters (University of Nebraska) – National Sales Director, Ralston Purina Co. National Commander, 1963-64.
- Lee Sullivan – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – President and Chief Executive Officer, North American Freudenberg Spunweb Co. and Freudenberg Nonwovens Co., a \$4 billion global leader in the development and production of lightweight fibers for industrial and home uses. Served on the Freudenberg Nonwovens Group Executive Committee that oversees approximately \$900 million in global sales. Chairman of INDA, the global trade association of the nonwoven fabrics industry; received the INDA Lifetime Achievement Award and inducted into the INDA Hall of Fame.

- James A. Titmas PE – Company D-1 (University of Akron) – Noted inventor and innovator credited with development of the gravity vessel pressure waste conversion system known as the Titmas Process, which converts waste biomass into renewable energy and other bio-derived products. Holder of 31 patents directly relating to the conversion of organic wastes to bio-fuels and bio chemicals, and the control of emissions from combustion. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GeneSyst International, which operates biomass conversion facilities in more than 20 countries.
- Richard C. Turrell, M.D. – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – Noted neurologist and pioneer in the development of electroencephalography (EEG) who also directly influenced the modern treatment of epilepsy.
- Greg Wenzel – Company Y-1 (Clarion University of Pennsylvania) – Executive Vice President and program lead, Army and Global Defense Battlespace Solutions, Booz Allen and Hamilton, Inc.
- Norman Zehr – Company C-9 (Colorado School of Mines) – Vice President, Ingersoll-Rand Co., and President, Ingersoll-Rand International.

## Government

*State Governors, US Senators, Members of Congress; Cabinet-level appointees (Secretary/undersecretary/deputy secretary, etc.); State or Federal agency head, deputy, or prominent member; Chair or member of State or Federal boards or commissions*

- Colonel Reginald E. Allen USA – Company N-4 (North Carolina A&T University) – Associate Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Environmental Protection Administration; Chief of Staff to the Undersecretary of the Army.
- Hon. Edward T. Breathitt, Jr. – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – 51st Governor of Kentucky.
- Hon. Bushrod W. Burns, Jr. – Company E-4 (later C-15) (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) – Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.
- Colonel Charles S. Ciccolella USA – Company G-4 (Auburn University) – Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training; Later, Executive Vice President for Economic Empowerment, Wounded Warrior Project and Chair, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. See also, Hall of Valor.
- Robert T. Cook – Company U-4 (Hampton University) – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller)
- Richard P. Donoghue – Company Q-8 (Hofstra University) – Acting Deputy Attorney General of the United States; U.S Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.
- Hon. Nelson Gibbs – Company G-8 (Clarkson College) – Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.
- Colonel William Hayward USA – (University of Nebraska) – Founding member of the Pershing Rifles; US Attorney for the Southern District of New York. See also, Hall of Valor.
- Colonel Larry J. Herke USA – Company N-2 (Minnesota State University) – Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Major General Donald L. Jacka USA – Company G-7 (Kansas State University) – Secretary of Agriculture, State of Kansas. See also, Military.

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- Harvey Johnson III – Company J-8 (Morgan State University) – Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resolution Management and Acting Executive Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sean Mahon – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- Major General Sidney McMath USMC – Company D-7 (University of Arkansas) – 34th Governor of Arkansas, who championed rural electrification, massive highway and school construction, and building the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; President, Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board. See also, Hall of Valor.
- Aris A. Pappas – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Senior Intelligence Service Officer and Chief of the Russian Division, Central Intelligence Agency, during the Cold War and beyond.
- General Colin L. Powell USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Secretary of State. See also, Military and Hall of Valor.
- Colonel Charles Burton Robbins USA – (University of Nebraska) - Member of Pershing’s original Company A, which became the Pershing Rifles; Assistant Secretary of War 1928–29. See also, Hall of Valor
- Robert Rodriguez – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs).
- Hon. George L. Sheldon – (University of Nebraska) - Commander of Pershing’s original Company A; founding member of the Varsity Rifles, which became the Pershing Rifles; 14th Governor of Nebraska.
- Hon. Elvis Jacob Stahr, Jr. – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – Secretary of the Army. See also, Academic.
- Colonel Howard J.T. Steers USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Consul General of the United States to Chisinau, Moldova; and Yekaterinburg, Russia. Deputy Chief for Political Affairs at the American Embassies in Berlin and Bucharest. Country Director for Poland and the Baltic States in the Office of the Undersecretary of State for Policy; oversaw the deployment of Polish troops to Iraq and integration of the Baltic States into NATO. Awarded the State Department Medal of Valor for actions during the overthrow of the Communist Ceasescu regime in Romania. Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher.

## **Military**

*General or Flag officers; other prominent assignments, positions, experiences, or achievements regardless of rank; Senior leaders of national military and veteran’s organizations.*

- Lieutenant Colonel William T. Anton USA – Company A-2 and National Headquarters – (University of Nebraska): Member, Board of Directors, Army Ranger Association and Army Special Forces Association; elected to the Ranger Hall of Fame; led the first tactical parachute jump onto the polar ice cap; influential advocate for veterans causes and advocate for state and Federal “stolen valor” laws that address and penalize false valor claims. National Commander, 1969.
- Captain Arthur H. Barber, USN – Company C-12 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – Commanding Officer, Naval Base Norfolk; Director and Chief Analyst, Navy Assessments Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Later, Chief Analyst, Systems Planning and Analysis Corporation.

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- Brigadier General Christine Beeler USA – Company B-12 (Boston University) – Commanding General, US Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command.
- Brigadier General Walter J. Bickston USA – Company A-8 (City University of New York) - Chief of Staff 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Chief of Staff XVIII Airborne Corps, Chief of Staff Sixth US Army, and Director J3, Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force (later United States Central command). See also, Hall of Valor,
- Major General Patrick W. Burden USA – Company H-4, (Alabama A&M University) – Deputy Commanding General for Acquisition and Systems Management, and Director for Combat Systems, US Army Futures Command; Deputy Commanding General, Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan.
- Major General Edward J. Chrystal USA – Company K-8 (Seton Hall University) – Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard; previously Commander, Land Component Command, Fort Dix, New Jersey and Deputy Adjutant General, State of New Jersey.
- Lieutenant General Bob Coffey USA – Company A-1 (Ohio State University), Deputy Commander, US Army Europe.
- Brigadier General Gary S. Connor USAF – Squadron N-12 (University of Lowell (later University of Massachusetts—Lowell)) – Deputy Program Manager, Ballistic Missile Defense, DOD Missile Defense Agency and Chair, Pershing Fund for Student Veterans, University of Massachusetts—Lowell.
- Major General Anthony H. Conrad, Jr. USA – Company D-6 (later D-17) (Louisiana State University). Commanding General, 5th Maneuver Area Command and 377th Theater Army Area Command.
- Major General Arthur T. Dean USA – Company J-8 (Morgan State University) - Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Headquarters Department of the Army; Chairman and CEO, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.
- Major General Douglas Dollar USA – Company C-7 (Oklahoma State University) - Commanding General, 95th and 80th Divisions; founder of the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame.
- Lieutenant General Samuel Ebbesen USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division; Commanding General, Second Army; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy.
- General Larry Ellis USA – Company J-8 (Morgan State University) – Commanding General, US Army Forces Command.
- Brigadier General William Fiorentino USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) - Project manager/program executive for Pershing Project Office, Joint Tactical Missile System, Ballistic Missile Defense, Army Space Study, Forward Area Air Defense Systems. Ordnance Hall of Fame.
- Major General James J. Gallivan USA – Company M-16 (Florida State University) – Commanding General, US Army Test and Evaluation Command; Deputy Commanding General, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division; Chief of Staff, US Army Futures Command; Chief of Staff, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division; Deputy Chief of Staff, National Security Council, Washington DC.
- Rear Admiral Mack C. Gaston USA – Company P-4 (later P-6) (Tuskegee University) – Commander, Defense Nuclear Agency Field Command and Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Also, senior staff officer, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington DC.
- Major General Harry D. Gatanas USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Chief of Staff, Eighth Personnel Command, Eighth Army, Seoul, Korea; Director for Contracting, Office of the Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; Commander, Defense Contract Management Command; Senior Acquisition Executive, National Security Agency; Commander, White Sands Missile Range. See also Industry, Science, Technology, and the Professions.

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- Commander Robert S. Gerosa USN – Company K-12 (Providence College) – 74<sup>th</sup> Captain of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides).
- Brigadier General Arnold N. Gordon-Bray USA – Company R-7 – (Central Missouri State University) Deputy Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command.
- Major General Kenneth Gray USA – Company H-1 (West Virginia State College) – First African American Judge Advocate General Officer; US Army Assistant The Judge Advocate General, 1993-1998.
- Brigadier General Edward F. Gudgel USA – Company A-1 (Ohio State University) – Pershing Rifles member, 1942-1945; Transferred to West Point in 1945, Commander, II Field Force Artillery, Vietnam; Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Combat Developments Activity.
- Major General Patrick Higgins USA – Company Q-8 (Hofstra University) – Commanding General, Joint Forces Special Operations Command – Africa; Deputy Director for Requirements J-8, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Major General George A. Horkan USA – Company E-4 (Mercer College) – 34th Quartermaster General of the Army.
- Major General Donald L. Jacka USA – Company G-7 (Kansas State University) – Commanding General, 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command; Commanding General V Corps (Rear); Deputy Director, J-4, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. See also, Government.
- Major General Galen Jackman USA – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Commanding General, Military District of Washington; US Army Chief of Legislative Liaison.
- First Lieutenant Richard O. Joyce USAAF – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Pilot and Aircraft Commander of a B-25 bomber that took part in Doolittle's surprise raid on Tokyo on 18 April 1942. Bailed out over China in the middle of the night when his aircraft ran out of fuel. Rescued by Chinese partisans. See also, Hall of Valor
- General Jack Keane USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – 29<sup>th</sup> Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Commanding General 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division; Commanding General XVIII Airborne Corps. Two Distinguished Service Medals, two Defense Distinguished Service Medals, Silver Star, Presidential Medal of Freedom. See also, Hall of Valor.
- Colonel Robert A. Kvederas USA – Company E-8 (New York University) – Chief of the Special Operations Division of The Army Staff; also credited, as a young lieutenant, with naming the security checkpoints between East and West Berlin during the Cold War, most notably, “Checkpoint Charlie.”
- Brigadier General Timothy Lake USA – Company N-4 (North Carolina A&T University) – Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo.
- General Curtis LeMay USAF – Company A-1 (Ohio State University) – Commander, XXI Bomber Group, World War II Pacific Theater; Commander-in-Chief, US Air Forces Europe; Commander-in-Chief Strategic Air Command; Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.
- Brigadier General Thomas Maffey USA – Company N-8 (St. Peter’s College) - Vice Director J7, Joint Force Development, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director of Training G-3/5/7, Hq Dept. of the Army; combat service in Grenada, Panama, Iraq, and Afghanistan.
- Brigadier General Charles McGee USAF – Company P-4 (Tuskegee University) – Original Tuskegee Airman; Total of 409 combat missions as a fighter pilot in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. See also, Hall of Valor.
- Lieutenant General Paul Mikolashek USA – Company D-1 (University of Akron) – Commanding General, Third Army; Army Inspector General.
- Major General James H. Mukoyama USA – Company C-3 (University of Illinois) – Commanding General, 70th Division. See also, Hall of Valor.

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- Major General Eric Nelson USAF – Company E-8 (New York University) – Air Force Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, and Communications.
- Brigadier General Thomas E. O’Donovan – Company B-12 (Boston University) – Assistant Adjutant General, State of Vermont
- General Colin Powell USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff, United States Army. See also, Government and Hall of Valor.
- Lieutenant General Michael Rochelle USA – Company C-15 (later R-4) (Norfolk State University) – Commanding General, US Army Recruiting Command; Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Headquarters, Department of the Army.
- Brigadier General Guy Sands-Pingot USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Commanding Officer, 573<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Command.
- General Hugh Shelton USA – Company L-4 (North Carolina State University)– Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Lieutenant General Michael Spigelmire USA – Company G-15 (Loyola University Baltimore) – Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; Commanding General, VII Corps.
- Brigadier General Ernest Talbert USAF - Company E-8 (New York University) - Vice Commander, Delaware Air National Guard.
- Lieutenant General William E. Ward USA – Company J-8 (Morgan State University) – Commander-in-Chief, United States Africa Command.
- Lieutenant General Christopher P. Weggeman USAF – Company E-3 (Purdue University) – Deputy Commander, Air Combat Command.
- Brigadier General Robert Winzinger USA – Company S-8 (Niagara University) – Chief of Staff, 77<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command.

## **Hall of Valor**

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## Hall of Valor

(† See also Fallen Brothers)

### MEDAL OF HONOR



†Major Kenneth D. Bailey USMC – Company C-3 (University of Illinois): Medal of Honor for extraordinary courage and heroic conduct above and beyond the call of duty for actions as Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Raider Battalion that included leading 10 hours of close combat despite suffering a headwound and, ultimately, at the cost of his life while defending Henderson Airfield, Guadalcanal 12-13 Sep 1942; also, Silver Star for gallantry in action at Tulagi, August 1942.



†Captain Riley Leroy Pitts USA – Company F-7 (Wichita State University) – Medal of Honor for gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the cost of his life as Company Commander, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, while conducting an airmobile assault against a superior force near Ap Dong, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam, 31 October 1967.



### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS/NAVY CROSS/AIR FORCE CROSS

*(Includes Distinguished Service Medals for Valor awarded prior to inception of the Distinguished Service Cross)*

- First Lieutenant (later Lt. Colonel) Frederic J.G. Caristo USA – Company B-12 (Boston University) – Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism during a Prisoner of War (POW) rescue mission near Ba Tu, Cambodia, on 24 December 1966. Also, five Bronze Stars for valor for other combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

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- Captain (later Major) Julian D. Dusenbury USMC – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Navy Cross and Purple Heart for extraordinary heroism and intrepidity during the Battle of Okinawa on 7 May 1945; Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry on Peleliu Island on 15 and 16 September 1944. Both while commanding Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines.
- LT Clark W. Faulkner USN – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Navy Cross and Purple Heart for extraordinary heroism while commanding PT-40 and leading a PT flotilla off Guadalcanal that engaged three enemy destroyers at close range, sinking one, on the night of 11-12 January 1943 and engaging 19 enemy destroyers, sinking at least one, as commander of PT-124 on the night of 1-2 February 1943.
- Colonel William Hayward USA – (University of Nebraska) – Founding member of the Pershing Rifles. Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional combat leadership as Commanding Officer of the 369<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment—the fabled “Harlem Hellfighters”—which fought with distinction while detached to the French Army in some of the bloodiest battles of World War I. See also, Government.
- †Captain Christopher J. O'Sullivan USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart for exceptionally valorous actions repelling an attack on the 39<sup>th</sup> RVN Ranger Battalion near Ba Gia, Vietnam, on 19 April 1965; also, Silver Star and Purple Heart for conspicuous gallantry in another engagement. O’Sullivan Plaza, near his birthplace in Astoria Queens, New York City, is named in his honor.
- Colonel William H. Oury USA – (University of Nebraska) – Member of the original Pershing Rifles. Distinguished Service Medal for intrepid combat leadership and Silver Star for gallantry in action while commanding the 157<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 79<sup>th</sup> Division, in the pivotal Battle of Montfaucon during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in World War I.

## **Silver Star; Distinguished Flying Cross; Soldier’s Medal/Navy and Marine Corps Medal/Airmen’s Medal**

- Colonel David J. Andre USA – Company B-5 and Hq 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Pennsylvania State University) – Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Vietnam.
- Brigadier General Walter J. Bickston USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Two Silver Stars, Soldiers Medal, three Bronze Stars for Valor, and two Purple Hearts during multiple engagements in Vietnam.
- Lieutenant Commander Peter Carrothers USN – Company I-7 (Arkansas State University) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat and three Air Medals with combat V for multiple missions over North Vietnam in 1969.
- Captain (later Colonel) Charles S. Ciccolella USA – Company G-4 (Auburn University) – Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action as Company Commander, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. While exposed to intense enemy mortar fire, Captain Ciccolella organized counter-mortar and recoilless rifle fire that successfully repulsed an attack on Firebase Whip, Thua Thien Province, Vietnam, 29 September 1970. See also, Government.
- †First Lieutenant Frank Cesare Deusebio USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Silver Star for gallantry in action, Vietnam.

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- †Major Myron F. Diduryk USA – Company N-8 (St Peter’s College) – Two Silver Stars for gallantry in action, Bronze Star for valor, and Purple Heart for actions as Company Commander in the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Vietnam; KIA during 2nd Vietnam tour.
- First Lieutenant (later Colonel) Gerald F. Dillon USA – Company K-12 (Providence College) – Two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars for Valor and Purple Heart for conspicuous gallantry in action during multiple engagements in Vietnam while serving as a Company Commander with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.
- Captain (later Major) Frank B. Evans USAAC – Company C-11 (University of Idaho) – Distinguished Flying Cross for successfully piloting his B-17 bomber back to base despite both engines being heavily damaged by German fighter planes, thereby saving his own life and those of his crew. Later assigned as personal pilot to British Field Marshal Bernard C. Montgomery.
- First Lieutenant (later Lieutenant Colonel) Desmond W. Flanigan USA – Company N-8 (St. Peter’s College) – Silver Star for gallantry in action on 30 March 1964 while serving as an advisor to the Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, which was under attack. Lt. Flanigan led a counterattack that disrupted the enemy force and allowed the main body of the Ranger Battalion to withdraw.
- Colonel Mark D. Gatanas USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Silver Star for gallantry in action, four Bronze Stars for valor, and Purple Heart for multiple engagements while assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Also, Military Advisor to multiple U.S. Presidential representatives in the Middle East and advisor to the only viable Lebanese infantry Brigade. Publicly credited with keeping the Lebanese Government from collapse.
- Captain Robert F. Gaudet USA – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Silver Star for gallantry in action and Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat as Senior Advisor to the 3rd Battalion, 46th Infantry, 25th ARVN Division, Vietnam.
- First Lieutenant (later Major) John A. Graham III USA – Company L-1 (University of Toledo) – Distinguished Flying Cross for repeatedly exposing himself to hostile fire rescuing soldiers wounded in an ambush while serving as aircraft commander of a command and control helicopter and Aide-de-Camp to the Assistant Division Commander, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Near Cu Chi, Vietnam, September 1969.
- Colonel Solly M. Hasson USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Silver Star for gallantry in action, Intelligence Medal of Merit, and Legion of Merit, Vietnam.
- †First Lieutenant John Charles Hauschildt USAF – Company F-3 (University of Illinois-Chicago) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat, Vietnam.
- Colonel William Hayward USA – (University of Nebraska) – Founding member of the Pershing Rifles. Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional combat leadership as Commanding Officer of the 369<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment—the fabled “Harlem Hellfighters”—which fought with distinction while detached to the French Army in some of the bloodiest battles of World War I. See also, Government.
- †First Lieutenant James G. Hickerson USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Silver Star and Purple Heart for gallantry in action on 28 January 1951 as a Platoon Leader with the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Pusan Perimeter, Korea.
- First Lieutenant Richard O. Joyce USAAF – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary heroism and achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a B-25 bomber in the Doolittle surprise raid on Tokyo, 18 April 1942. See also, Military.
- First Lieutenant (later General) Jack Keane – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Silver Star for gallantry in action on 1 January 1968 while serving as a platoon leader with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam. See also, Military.

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- First Lieutenant Michael R. Kenney USA – Company B-3 (Western Kentucky University) – Two Distinguished Flying Crosses for separate engagements as a UH-1 helicopter pilot assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and later, the 121st Aviation Co. Vietnam.
- Lieutenant Colonel Herman E. Kiefer III USAF – Company F-5 (Lehigh University) – Total of six Distinguished Flying Crosses and 43 Air Medals for heroism in aerial combat as pilot of an A-26 Invader and F-4 weapons systems officer during two combat tours over Vietnam.
- Captain George Wah Sun Lee USAAF – Company B-1 (University of Dayton) – Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Purple Heart for heroism in aerial combat as a P-40 fighter pilot in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II.
- Captain (later Lieutenant Colonel) Thomas Lewman USA – Company B-3 (Western Kentucky University) – Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry, three Bronze Stars for Valor, and two Purple Hearts in multiple engagements with the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and as A-Team Commander, 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam.
- Captain Lawrence Liss USA – Company Q-5 (Pennsylvania Military College) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat as co-pilot of an unarmed UH-1 helicopter that made repeated runs under fire to rescue a South Vietnamese infantry company that had been surrounded by North Vietnamese forces; 14 August 1967, near Cau Song Be, Vietnam.
- †Major David R. Mackey USA – Company B-3 (Western Kentucky University) – Two Silver Stars and seven Bronze Stars for valor in Vietnam.
- Lieutenant Colonel William R. Mahler USAF – Company C-15 (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat while attached to the U.S. Navy and assigned to USS Kitty Hawk in the Tonkin Gulf.
- †First Lieutenant Terry Lee Manz USA – Company D-2 (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) – Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for heroism in aerial combat, Vietnam.
- †Major Robert C. Maze USMC – Company G-10 (University of California at Los Angeles) – Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart for valor in aerial combat as Commanding Officer of Marine Fighting Squadron 511 (VMF-511) while leading a mission over the Pacific during the Battle of Okinawa, 27 May 1945.
- Brigadier General Charles McGee USAF – Company C-3 (University of Illinois) – Three Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism in aerial flight during multiple engagements in World War II and Korea. Congressional Gold Medal. Original Tuskegee Airman. See also, Military.
- Colonel Edward W. McGregor USA – Charter member of Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Two Silver Stars for multiple engagements during World War II. Captured by the enemy twice in North Africa and once in northern France but escaped in each instance.
- Major General Sidney McMath USMC – Company D-7 (University of Arkansas) – Silver Star for gallantry in action during World War II. See also, Government.
- †Captain Fred Howell McMurray, Jr USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Silver Star for gallantry in action, Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial combat, Air Medal, and Purple Heart for multiple actions in and around the A Shau Valley, Vietnam.
- Major General James H. Mukoyama USA – Company C-3 (University of Illinois) – Silver Star and Purple Heart for actions as an Infantry company commander in Vietnam. See also, Military.
- Colonel Albert W. Perez USAF – Company D-6 (later D-17) (Louisiana State University) – Two Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism in aerial combat and eight Air Medals for multiple engagements over Vietnam.

## Pershing Rifles Notable Alumni

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- Major (later General) Colin L. Powell – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Soldier’s Medal while assigned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry (Americal) Division in Vietnam for repeatedly returning to a burning helicopter to rescue others despite being injured himself. See also, Government and Military.
- †First Lieutenant Robert Thomas Rice, Jr. USA – Battery G-1 (Xavier University) – Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in action near Pleiku, Vietnam.
- Colonel Thomas L. Ridge USMC – Company F-3 (University of Illinois-Chicago) – Commander of the 3rd Battalion 1st Marine Division; Silver Star, Legion of Merit for Valor, and three Purple Hearts for actions leading his men to safety in the retreat from the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.
- Second Lieutenant (later Colonel) Charles Burton Robbins USA – (University of Nebraska) - Member of Pershing’s original Company A; founding member of the Varsity Rifles, which became the Pershing Rifles; Silver Star and Purple Heart for gallantry in action during the Philippine Insurrection; Adjutant of the 67<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigades during World War I.
- Colonel Norman R. Rosen USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Silver Star for gallantry in action during World War II.
- †First Lieutenant Gregory C. Schoper USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Silver Star and Purple Heart for gallantry in action near Tay Ninh, Vietnam.
- Captain (later Lieutenant Colonel) Robert W. Schultz USA – Company Q-8 (Hofstra University) – Silver Star for sustained gallantry in action from 20 March to 14 April 2003 in the vicinities of Tallil Air Base, Samawah, and Karbala, Iraq, while Commanding Troop D, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- Lieutenant Colonel William Simon III USAF – Company B-5 (Pennsylvania State University). Distinguished Flying Cross while serving as navigator of an RC-123 strategic reconnaissance aircraft.
- James W. Snively USA – Company F-3 (University of Illinois) – Silver Star for gallantry in action before being captured by German forces on 11 Oct 1944 while assigned to the 85<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Italy during World War II.
- Colonel Wayne E. Thurman USAAC and USAF – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross for more than 50 combat missions as a B-17 and P-38 pilot over the European Theater during World War II.
- †First Lieutenant David B Wainwright USA – Company F-1 (Oho University) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight as pilot of an Army medical evacuation helicopter.
- †Captain Robert D. Walden – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Soldier’s Medal for bravery in protecting his troops from the effects of an ammunition fire while serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Vietnam.
- Colonel (later Lieutenant General) Christopher P. Weggeman USAF – Company E-3 (Purdue University) – Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight as an F-16 squadron commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- First Lieutenant (later Colonel) Paul Wharton USA – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Two Silver Stars for conspicuous gallantry in action during separate engagements near Tam Ky and west of the A Shau Valley, Vietnam, plus Bronze Star for valor, all while with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division; later, civilian Program Manager for Afghan National Army Logistical Training, 2007-2012.
- First Lieutenant Richard M. Zell USMC - Company H-8 (Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute) - Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry during combat operations in Vietnam while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 11 April 1967.

## **Fallen Brothers**

*Killed in action: Deaths resulting directly or indirectly from hostile action.*

*Killed in the line of duty: Deaths resulting from other than hostile action, such as aircraft accidents, training accidents, etc.*

## **World War II**

- Second Lieutenant Oscar H. Alexis USA – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Killed in action 25 June 1944, Montieri, Italy.
- Major Kenneth D. Bailey USMC – Company C-3 (University of Illinois) – Killed in action 26 September 1942, Guadalcanal.
- Lieutenant William S. Devereaux USN – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Killed in action March 1943, Russell Islands.
- First Lieutenant Archibald C. Dudley USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Killed in action 6 December 1944, near Pachten, Germany.
- Second Lieutenant John B. Folsom, Jr., USAAC -- Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Killed in action when his B-17 bomber was shot down near Berlin, Germany, 6 August 1945
- First Lieutenant Robert Gehle Jobe USAAC – Company F-1 (Ohio University) – Killed in action over Altenkirchen, Germany 22 February 1944.
- Second Lieutenant Wallace Hembrough USAAC – Company F-3 (University of Illinois-Chicago) – Killed in action on February 21, 1945, northwestern Germany.
- Second Lieutenant Howard T. Hirschel USA – Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Killed in action 24 December 1944 while embarked on a troopship sunk by a German U-Boat.
- Second Lieutenant Bernard Horowitz USA – Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Killed in action.
- First Lieutenant Howard C. Katz USA – Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Killed in action.
- First Lieutenant George S. Koushnareff USA – Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Died of wounds 16 November 1942, North Africa.
- Major Robert C. Maze USMC – Company G-10 (University of California at Los Angeles) – Killed in Action while Commanding Marine Fighting Squadron 511 (VMF-511) when his F4U Corsair was downed by anti-aircraft fire over the Pacific off Okinawa, 27 May 1945.
- First Lieutenant Lee O'Brien USA – Company D-5 (later A-8) (City College of New York) – Killed in action.
- First Lieutenant Hugh W. Wylie USA – Company A-1 (Ohio State University) – Killed in action, 17 Sep 1944, near Arnheim, Holland.

## **Korea**

- First Lieutenant James G. Hickerson USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Died on 29 January 1951 of wounds received on 28 January 1951, Pusan Perimeter, Korea.
- Second Lieutenant James J. Kiernan USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Killed in action 18 August 1952, North Korea.

## **Vietnam**

- First Lieutenant Robert H. Aldrich USMC – Company Q-5 (Pennsylvania Military College) – Killed in the line of duty 27 December 1971 when his helicopter crashed into the sea off the coast of Vietnam.
- Second Lieutenant Jesse Rutledge Baker USMC – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Killed in action 18 August 1967, near Da Nang.
- First Lieutenant William J. Brewer, Jr. USA – Company R-1 (Eastern Kentucky University) – Killed in action, 14 May 1970, while serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Tay Ninh Province.
- First Lieutenant William D. Bridge USA – Company D-1 (University of Dayton) – Killed in action 16 June 1970 while serving with H Troop, 17th Cavalry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade. Quang Ngai Province.
- Major Anthony J. Broullon USA – Company Q-8 (Hofstra University) – Killed in the line of duty 8 September 1969 while serving as Advisor to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division, Long An Province, Vietnam.
- First Lieutenant (later Captain) Lorenza Conner USAF – Company P-4 (Tuskegee University) – Killed in action over North Vietnam on 27 October 1967 when his F-4D Phantom II fighter was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the ejection seat failed to operate.
- Major Roy E. Congleton USA – Charter Member of Company L-4 (North Carolina State University) – Killed in action 21 December 1964.
- First Lieutenant Frank Cesare Deusebio USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Killed in action 18 March 1968.
- Major Myron F. Diduryk USA – Company N-8 (St. Peter's College) – Killed in action 24 April 1970
- Army First Lieutenant Gary Dennis Fernandez – Company Q-8 (Hofstra University) – Killed in action 7 January 1968, Binh Duong Province.
- First Lieutenant Raymond Joseph Flynn, Jr USA. -- Troop L-1 (University of Toledo) – Killed in action 17 December 1970 from wounds received 2 December 1970 while piloting a helicopter near Ba Xugen Province.
- Private First Class Galen Dean Grethen USA – Company G-2 (Iowa State University) – Killed in action 16 April 1966 while serving as a combat medic with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division near Phan Thiet.
- First Lieutenant John Charles Hauschildt USAF – Company F-3 (University of Illinois-Chicago) – Killed in action 5 October 1965, near Tuy Hoa.
- First Lieutenant John Robert Hagood USA -- Company A-2 and National Headquarters (University of Nebraska) – Killed in action 1 November 1969, Quang Binh.
- Captain Thomas T. Hewitt USA – Company E-7 (University of Kansas) – Killed in Action 2 July 1970, Thua Thien Province, while directing the defense of Hill 902 as Commander of Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.
- Captain Richard J. Hock USA – Company F-1 (Ohio University) – Killed in the line of duty 16 January 1972 as a result of a helicopter crash, Thua Thien Province.
- First Lieutenant Richard Douglas Hogarth USA – Company D-1 (University of Akron) – Killed in action 6 May 1966, Binh Dinh Province, while serving as a platoon leader in Company A, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division.
- First Lieutenant Vassar W. Hurt III USA – Company B-15 (later O-4) (Virginia State University) – Died of wounds 2 May 1970, Quang Tri.
- Captain John J. Kalen USA – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Killed in action, 16 September 1969, near Pleiku.

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- Sergeant Sanford J. Ledbetter USA – Company D-7 (University of Arkansas) – Killed in action 27 Aug 1969 when his tank was hit by enemy fire while assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Binh Thuan Province.
- First Lieutenant Phillip Lewis Lee USA – Company A-1 (Ohio State University) – Mortally wounded on 17 April 1971 while serving with Troop F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry, as it defended against an ambush in Binh Doung Province, Vietnam. Died of wounds on 17 June 1971.
- Major David R. Mackey USA – Company B-3 (Western Kentucky State University) – Killed in the line of duty while serving as S3 of the 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, when his UH-1 command and control helicopter was involved in a mid-air collision with an AH-1 gunship over Long An Province.
- First Lieutenant Terry Lee Manz USA – Company D-2 (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) – Killed in the line of duty 28 January 1967.
- Major Antonio M. Mavroudis USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Killed in action, 28 October 1967, Quang Tin Province.
- Captain Fred Howell McMurray, Jr. USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Missing in action, presumed killed in action, 13 November 1974, Thua Thien Province.
- First Lieutenant James A. Merrett USA – Company D-10 (Arizona State University) – Killed in action 12 December 1968, Hau Nghia Province.
- First Lieutenant Emery George Mikula USA – Company N-8 (St Peter's College) – Killed in action 13 October 1966 after completing a medical assistance mission in Binh Duong Province while serving as a Civil Affairs Officer with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade.
- Captain Michael R. Odum USA – Company M-6 (later M-16) (Florida State University) – Killed in action 11 September 1969, Phong Dinh Province.
- Captain Christopher J. O'Sullivan USA – Company D-8 (Fordham University) – Killed in action 30 May 1965, Quang Ngai Province.
- Major Allen Pasco USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Killed in action, 6 July 1968, Binh Thuan Province.
- First Lieutenant Michael Peterson USA -- Troop L-1 (University of Toledo) -- Killed in action 24 October 1970, Phuoc Tuy Province.
- Captain Riley Leroy Pitts USA – Company F-7 (Wichita State University) – Killed in action 31 October 1967 while commanding Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during an airmobile assault near Ap Dong, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam.
- First Lieutenant Robert Thomas Rice, Jr. USA – Battery G-1 (Xavier University) – Killed in action 8 August 1970, near Pleiku.
- First Lieutenant Gregory C. Schoper USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Killed in action 14 February 1970, Tay Ninh.
- Second Lieutenant Gary Arnold Scott USA – Company F-8 (Syracuse University) – Killed in action 29 March 1968, Hue.
- Captain Robert Wilbur Smith USAF – Squadron A-15 (later C-8) (University of Maryland) – Killed in action 17 April 1970 when his F-4 fighter jet crashed during a close air support mission over Binh Dinh Province.
- Captain Charles F. Thomas IV USA – Company B-3 (Western Kentucky State University) – Killed in action 8 April 1971 as a result of rocket and mortar fire while serving with the 3rd Battalion, 319th Field Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Binh Dinh Province.
- First Lieutenant Paul W. Wahler, Jr. USA – Company C-2 (University of Wisconsin) – Killed in the line of duty, 18 December 1967, Khanh Hoa Province.



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- Army First Lieutenant David B Wainwright – Company F-1 (Ohio University) – Killed in action 4 October 1967, near Tuy Hoa.
- Captain Robert D. Walden USA – Company C-4 (Clemson University) – Killed in the line of duty, 15 March 1970, while protecting his troops from the effects of an ammunition fire.
- First Lieutenant Sterling A. Wall USA – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Killed in the line of duty as the result of a helicopter crash, 24 August 1967, Pleiku Province.
- Captain John F. Young USA – Company A-8 (City College of New York) – Killed in action, 16 January 1968, An Giang Province.

## **Afghanistan**

- Sergeant Gregory Owens Jr. USA – Company Q-17 (Prairie View A&M University) – Killed in action, 20 July 2009, from the combined effects of an improvised explosive device and ground attack near Maydan Shahr.
- Second Lieutenant Justin Sisson USA – Company M-16 (Florida State University) – Killed in action, 3 June 2013, by a suicide bomber near Tsamkani.

## **Iraq**

- Second Lieutenant Jeffrey C. Graham USA – Company C-1 (University of Kentucky) – Killed in action, 19 February 2004, from the effects of a bomb blast as warned his platoon of an impending attack near Kalidiyah.
- Captain Matthew C. Mattingly USA – Battery G-1 (Xavier University) – Killed in action 13 September 2006, Mosul.
- Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh USA – Company E-8 (later T-8) (Johns Hopkins University) – Killed in action 7 April 2007 by an improvised explosive device near Zaganiyah.
- First Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones USA – Company E-12 (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) – Killed in action 2 May 2007 from the effects of a roadside bomb; Baghdad.
- First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan USA – Battery G-1 (Xavier University) – Killed in action 21 July 2010, from the effects of an improvised explosive device; Muqdaiyah.
- Captain Kafele H. Sims USA – Company G-8 (Howard University) – Killed in the line of duty 16 June 2009, Mosul.

## **Other**

- Ensign Robert J. Crossan USN – Company C-12 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) – Killed in the line of duty near Corpus Christi, Texas, during Navy pilot training, 28 December 1978.
- Lieutenant (jg) Robert Dale Fontenot USN – Company D-6 (later D-17) (Louisiana State University - later transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy). Killed in the line of duty near Corpus Christi, Texas, during Navy pilot training, 17 January 1955.
- Colonel Robert J. Kelly USA – Company A-12 (Northeastern University) – Killed in the line of duty as a result of a helicopter crash while serving as Assistant Chief of Staff G2, Hq V Corps; 23 February 1993, Weisbaden AB, Germany.
- Cadet Robert A. Nelson USAAC – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Killed in the line of duty during pilot training, 28 April 1941.

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- Ensign Brooks L. Potter USN – Company A-2 (University of Nebraska) – Killed in the line of duty in an aircraft accident near Seattle, WA, 24 May 1944.
- Second Lieutenant Kenneth F. Tempero USA – Company A-2 and National Headquarters (University of Nebraska) – Killed in the line of duty near Eglin AFB, FL, while undergoing Army Ranger training, 1961. National Commander, 1960-61.
- Captain Robert A. Yates USAF – Company E-8 (New York University) – Missing and presumed killed in the line of duty when his RB-57F reconnaissance aircraft disappeared over the Black Sea near Odessa, Soviet Union, on 14 December 1965, presumably from a Soviet surface-to-air missile strike.