L-4 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE Pershing Rifles National Alumni Association



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Dear Alumnus,

Reflecting upon my undergraduate years as a Pershing Rifleman, I remember serving as an honor guard on several occasions. As a sentinel on the pedestal of the NC State Bell Tower, I marched from corner to corner. The drill was boring, but the duty provided my mind time to wonder. I know that the bell tower was erected as a tribute to the State graduates lost in The Great War. On Monday we will again stop to remember our war dead.

Below represents the price for freedom.

Revolutionary War (1775-1783), 4,435 American deaths Barbary Wars (1801-1805), 35 American deaths War of 1812 (1812-1815), 2,260 American deaths Indian Wars (1813-1838 & 1866-1890), 1,000 American deaths Mexican War (1846-1848), 13,283 American deaths Civil War (1861-1865), 498,332 American deaths Spanish-American War (1898), 2,446 American deaths Philippines (1899-1901), 4,200 American deaths Mexico (1914-1919), 21 American deaths World War I (1917-1918), 116,516 American deaths World War II (1941-1945), 405,399 American deaths Cold War (1947-1991), 0 American deaths Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), 31 American deaths Korean War (1950-1953), 36,574 American deaths Vietnam War (1965-1975), 58,220 American deaths Lebanon (1982-1984), 265 American deaths Grenada (1983), 19 American deaths Panama (1989-1990), 23 American deaths Gulf War (1990-1991), 382 American deaths Iraqi Kurdistan (1991), 5 American deaths Somalia (1992-1994), 43 American deaths Haiti (1994-1996), 4 American deaths Bosnia (1995-2004), 0 American deaths Global War on Terrorism (2001-present), 2,355 American deaths Kosovo (1999-present), 5 American deaths Afghanistan (2001-present), 2,215 American deaths Iraq (2003-2011), 4,491 American deaths Operation Inherent Resolve (2014-present), 3 American deaths

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