

Michigan Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan

Current As Of Veterans Day 2020

May They Rest In Peace



Spc. Shane Hasan Ahmed

Chesterfield, Michigan

31

Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

One of five soldiers killed during a six-hour firefight that began when insurgents attacked their unit with small-arms fire during an operation to clear out Taliban militants and weapons caches near the Pech River in the Watahpur district of Kunar province, Afghanistan, on November 14, 2010



Pfc. Thomas Craig Allers

Plainwell, Michigan

23

Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

One of four soldiers killed when enemy forces attacked their unit with a roadside bomb in the Nari district of Kunar province, Afghanistan, on May 23, 2011



Pfc. Brian John Backus

Saginaw Township, Michigan

21

Headquarters And Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on June 18,



Sgt. Lucas Tyler Beachnaw

23

Lowell, Michigan

2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team
Died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit using small arms fire in Darya Ya, Afghanistan, on January 13, 2010



Staff Sgt. Vincent James Bell

28

Detroit, Michigan

2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force
Died following a roadside bomb attack while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on November 30, 2011



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew D. Blaskowski

27

2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Levering, Michigan

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small-arms fire during combat operations in Asadabad, Afghanistan, on September 23, 2007



Sgt. Phillip A. Bocks

28

Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center
Troy, Michigan

Died while conducting combat operations in Aranus, Afghanistan, on November 9, 2007



Pfc. Shane William Cantu

August 28, 2012

20

Corunna, Michigan,

Company B, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Died of wounds suffered when he was hit by shrapnel in Charkh, Afghanistan.



Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Benjamin P. Castiglione

21

Howell, Michigan

2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force

Died September 3, 2009 while supporting combat operations in Qal Yeh Now, Afghanistan



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Anthony Cathcart
November 14, 2014
31
Bay City, Michigan
Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group
Died while on combat operations in Kunduz province, Afghanistan



Spc. Chazray Cleaantoin Clark
Ecorse, Michigan
24
B Troop, 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry
Division
Died of injuries suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in the
Zhari district of Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on September 18, 2011



Lance Cpl .Dominic John Ciaramitaro
19
South Lyon, Michigan
3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force
One of two Marines killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand province,
Afghanistan, on April 23, 2011



Staff Sgt. David Pirie Day
26
Gaylord, Michigan
2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment
Died of wounds received in a roadside bomb attack during combat operations in Badghis
province, Afghanistan, on April 24, 2011



Cpl. Daane Adam Deboer

June 25, 2010

24

Ludington, Michigan

1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force
Died following a roadside bomb attack in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on June 25,
2010



Sgt. Jeremy E. DePottey

26

Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th
Mountain Division
Ironwood, Michigan

Died of injuries suffered in a single vehicle accident in Asadabad, Afghanistan, on
September 11, 2006. The incident is under investigation.



Pfc. Jackie Lee Diener II

20

Boyne City, Michigan

B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th
Mountain Division

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire in
Mandozai, Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on November 21, 2011



Lance Cpl. Anthony Attilio Dilisio

20

Macomb, Michigan

1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force
Died while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on May 30,
2010



Sgt. Daniel Alexander Frazier

25

Saint Joseph, Michigan

Company E, 782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division

One of two soldiers killed when a suicide car-bomber attacked their unit outside Forward Operating Base Shajoy in Zabul province, Afghanistan, on November 19, 2009



Chief Petty Officer Jason Richard Freiwald

30

Naval Special Warfare Development Group
Armada, Michigan

Died on September 12, 2008, from injuries sustained during combat operations in Afghanistan on September 11, 2008



Sgt. Dillon Black Foxx

22

Traverse City, Michigan

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division

Died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb in Bala Murghab, Badghis province, Afghanistan, on February 5, 2010



1st Lt. Joel Christopher Gentz

25

Grass Lake, Michigan

58th Rescue Squadron, 563rd Rescue Group, 23rd Wing

One of four airmen killed when their HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopter was shot down near Forward Operating Base Jackson in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on June 9, 2010



Pfc. Jordan E. Goode
21

4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne
Division
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Died of wounds suffered when a homemade bomb exploded in Zormont, Afghanistan, on
August 11, 2007



Sgt. Kristopher J. Gould
25

Saginaw, Michigan

2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in
Ghazni province, Afghanistan, on February 27, 2011



Spc. Christopher T. Griffin
24

3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division
Kincheloe, Michigan

One of eight soldiers killed when enemy forces attacked their contingency outpost with
small arms, rocket-propelled grenade and indirect fires in Kamdesh, Afghanistan, on
October 3, 2009



Sgt. Justin Michael Hansen
July 24, 2012
26

Traverse City, Michigan

Marine Special Operations Team 8231, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine
Special Operations Regiment
Died while conducting combat operations in Badghis province, Afghanistan.



Pfc. Eric William Hario

19

Monroe, Michigan

Company A, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

Died at a combat support hospital of wounds received during a Ranger task force attack on an enemy command and control node and logistics base in a rugged, remote mountainous area in Paktika province, Afghanistan, on August 29, 2009



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Hilton

37

425th Infantry Regiment, Michigan Army National Guard

Livonia, Michigan

One of three soldiers killed when their convoy encountered roadside bombs, small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades near Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan, on June 26, 2008



Sgt. Michael Keith Ingram Jr.

April 17, 2010

23

Monroe, Michigan

Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division

Died of wounds suffered when a roadside bomb detonated near his dismounted patrol in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on April 17, 2010



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Wayne Jackson

40

Company A, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Glennie, Michigan

Killed in an explosion at an open-air market outside the gate of Camp Enrile Malagutay, in Zamboanga, Philippines, on October 2, 2002



Spc. Joseph Dennis Johnson

June 16, 2010

24

Flint, Michigan

161st Engineer Support Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade
One of two soldiers killed when insurgents attacked their unit with a roadside bomb at
North Kunduz, Afghanistan, on June 16, 2010



Master Sgt. Gregory T. Kuhse

38

Kalamazoo, Michigan

3rd Manpower Requirements Squadron, USAF

Died Oct. 11 at Camp Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan, in the non-hostile crash of
a British Puma Mk2 helicopter in Operation Freedom's Sentinel



1st Lt. Todd William Lambka

August 1, 2012

25

Fraser, Michigan

Company D, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat
Team, 1st Infantry Division

One of two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb in the Bermel district of Paktika province,
Afghanistan.



Pfc. Joseph M. Lancour

21

2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team
Swartz Creek, Michigan

One of five soldiers killed when their patrol was attacked by direct fire from enemy forces
in Aranus, Afghanistan, on November 9, 2007.



Staff Sgt. Matthew John Leach

June 26, 2012

29

Ferndale, Michigan

Company B, 1st Battalion, 334th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 104th Training Division, Army Reserve

Died after he was found unresponsive in his living quarters at Kandahar Airfield in Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Joseph Michael Lilly

June 14, 2012

25

Flint, Michigan

18th Engineer Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with a roadside bomb in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar province, Afghanistan.



Senior Chief Petty Officer John Wayne Marcum

34

Naval Special Warfare Development Group

Flushing, Michigan

Died September 12, 2008, from injuries sustained during combat operations in Afghanistan on September 11, 2008



Sgt. Anthony Dennis Matteoni

October 1, 2010

22

Union City, Michigan

2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force
Died while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on October
1, 2010



Sgt. Kyle Brenton McClain

August 1, 2012

25

Rochester Hills, Michigan

1433rd Engineer Company, 507th Engineer Battalion, 177th Military Police
Brigade, Michigan Army National Guard

Died following an improvised explosive device attack in Salim Aka, Kandahar province,
Afghanistan.



Cpl. Paul James Miller

22

Traverse City, Michigan

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force
Died following a roadside bomb attack in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on July 19,
2010



Pfc. Joseph A. Miracle

22

2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade
Ortonville, Michigan

One of two soldiers killed due to enemy small-arms fire and indirect fire in the Watapor
Valley of Kunar Province, Afghanistan on July 5, 2007



Sgt. Andrew Cote Nicol

23

Eaton, Michigan

Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated while their unit was attacking a heavily defended bunker system in the Zhari district of Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on August 8, 2010



Chief Petty Officer Nicholas Heath Null

34

Detroit, Michigan

Naval Special Warfare Development Group

One of 22 Navy SEALs killed along with five soldiers and three airmen when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter was shot down while flying to assist a unit of the 75th Ranger Regiment that was pinned down by enemy fire in the Tangi Valley, Sayyidabad district, Wardak province, Afghanistan, on August 6, 2011.



Senior Airman Jason Plite

21

38th Rescue Squadron, 347th Rescue Wing

Lansing, Michigan

Killed along with five other Air Force rescue team members when their HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter crashed while on the way to help two injured Afghan children on March 23, 2003



Spc. Joseph Thomas Prentler

October 4, 2010

20

Fenwick, Michigan

G Troop, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his military vehicle using a roadside bomb in Mama Kariz in the Maywand district of Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on October 4, 2010



Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Joseph Price

July 29, 2012

27

Holland, Michigan

1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment

One of two Marines killed while conducting combat operations in Badghis province, Afghanistan.



Spc. Bradley David Rappuhn

August 8, 2010

24

Grand Ledge, Michigan

Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated while their unit was attacking a heavily defended bunker system in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on August 8, 2010



Seaman Benjamin David Rast
Niles, Michigan

23

Navy corpsman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine
Division, Marine Forces Reserve

Killed along with a Marine in a friendly fire incident, possibly by a missile fired from a
U.S. military drone, during a dismounted patrol northeast of Patrol Base Alcatraz in
Helmand province, Afghanistan, on April 6, 2011



Pfc. Shane Michael Reifert

23

Cottrellville, Michigan

Company B, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st
Airborne Division

Died at Combat Outpost Able Main of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit
with small-arms fire in the Pech River Valley of Kunar province, Afghanistan, on
November 6, 2010



Pfc. Antione V. Robinson

20

782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division
Detroit, Michigan

Died of injuries sustained when the vehicle he was repairing collapsed in Nawa,
Afghanistan, on March 19, 2008



Navy Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Heath M. Robinson
34

Detroit, Michigan

Assigned to an East Coast-based SEAL team

Died August 6, 2011 in Wardak province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when the CH-47 Chinook helicopter in which he was riding was shot down.



Staff Sgt. Kristopher D. Rodgers
29

1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
Sturgis, Michigan

Killed when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Korengal, Afghanistan, on August 16, 2008



Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Allen Rodriguez
35

Weidman, Michigan

K-9 unit of the 527th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th MP
Brigade

Died of wounds suffered when his mounted patrol came under small arms fire in Ana Kalay, Afghanistan, on September 2, 2008



Cpl. Nicholas R. Roush
22

Company B, 1st Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations
Group

Middleville, Michigan

Died of wounds suffered when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle in Herat, Afghanistan, on August 16, 2009



Captain Drew Edward Russell
Scotts, Michigan

25

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd
Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division
One of two soldiers killed when enemy forces attacked their unit with a rocket-propelled
grenade in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on October 8, 2011



Staff Sergeant Mark Henry Schoonhoven
Plainwell, Michigan

38

32nd Transportation Company, 43rd Sustainment Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
Died on January 20, 2013, at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb in
Kabul, Afghanistan on December 15, 2012



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Scott Schwartz
Traverse City, Michigan

34

90th Civil Engineer Squadron, 90th Mission Support Group, 90th Missile Wing
One of three explosive ordnance disposal airmen killed when their vehicle was struck by
a roadside bomb in Shir Ghazay, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on January 5, 2012



Maj. Douglas Emory Sloan
40

Charlevoix, Michigan

Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th
Mountain Division

One of three soldiers killed when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Wygal
Valley, Afghanistan, on October 31, 2006



Spc. Deangelo Barnell Snow
September 17, 2010
22

Saginaw, Michigan

Company D, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st
Airborne Division

Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with a rocket-propelled
grenade in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, on September 17, 2010



Staff Sgt. Nicholas Adam Sprovtsoff
Davison, Michigan
28

1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment

One of two Marines killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand province,
Afghanistan, on September 28, 2011



Cpl. Jeffrey Robert Standfest

June 16, 2010

23

St. Clair, Michigan

3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force
Died of wounds sustained when a roadside bomb detonated during combat operations in
Helmand province, Afghanistan, on June 16, 2010



Spc. Brandon Keith Steffey

23

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

178th Military Police Detachment, 89th Military Police Brigade

Steffey died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with a roadside
bomb in Laghman province, Afghanistan, on October 25, 2009. Steffey was a military
dog handler and his dog Maci also was killed in the attack.



Lance Cpl. Steven Prince Stevens II

23

Detroit, MI

1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Killed in action during an operation in the Sangin Valley of Helmand province,
Afghanistan, on June 22, 2012



Army Staff Sgt. Brian E. Studer

28

Ramsey, Michigan

720th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 28th Transportation Battalion, 18th
Military Police Brigade

Died August 22, 2008 in Ghazni, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when the improvised
explosive device he was attempting to deactivate detonated.



Staff Sgt. Joshua Adam Throckmorton
28

Battle Creek, Michigan
527th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police
Brigade
One of three soldiers killed when enemy forces attacked their unit with a roadside bomb
in Paktia province, Afghanistan, on July 5, 2011



Petty Officer First Class Ross L. Toles III
37

Provincial Reconstruction Team Sharana
Davison, Michigan
One of two sailors killed by an enemy rocket attack in northern Paktika province,
Afghanistan, on June 18, 2008



Cpl. Jacob Henry Turbett
February 13, 2010
21

Canton, Michigan, USA
2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force
Died while supporting combat operations in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on
February 13, 2010



Navy Hospitalman Aaron D. Ullom
20

Midland, Michigan
3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force
Died in the Now Zad district of Afghanistan while conducting a dismounted patrol



Spc. Joseph Andrew VanDreumel
Grand Rapids, Michigan
32

Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade
One of two soldiers killed when they encountered a secondary explosion while
dismounted during a vehicle recovery operation in the Yahya Khel district of Paktika
province, Afghanistan, on August 14, 2011



Spc. Robert Lee Voakes Jr.
L'Anse, Michigan
21

164th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver
Enhancement Brigade
One of four soldiers killed when their mounted patrol was attacked with a roadside bomb
in Laghman province, Afghanistan, on June 4, 2011



Tech. Sgt. Howard A. Walters
33

20th Special Operations Squadron, 16th Special Operations Wing
Port Huron, Michigan
Killed in the accidental crash of a MH-53M Pave Low helicopter in Afghanistan on
November 23, 2003



Petty Officer 2nd Class David John Warsen
August 16, 2012
27

Kentwood, Michigan
SEAL Team Three, Naval Special Warfare Group One
Warsen was one of three sailors killed along with four soldiers when their UH-60 Black
Hawk helicopter crashed in the Chinartu area of the Shah Wali Kot district in
northeastern Kandahar province, Afghanistan.