



WISCONSIN'S VIETNAM MISSING IN ACTION (MIA)

I'm pleased to provide this information regarding the Missing In Action (MIA) military personnel from Wisconsin during the Vietnam War. With assistance from our friends in Maryland, we were able to find photos, Vietnam Wall locations, identify hometowns and the military information regarding the last known mission & location of each MIA. Lorie Ballweg of Unit 245 formatted this information into a dog tag so that Auxiliary members can share, honor and remember these military personnel. The purpose of creating these dog tags is to put a person's face, name, hometown and bring the POW/MIA ceremony closer to members. We also encourage members to use the dog tags to possibly locate family members so that MIA families can submit DNA to the MIA Recovery authorities. DNA assists in identifying the recovered remains of those missing.

We are also sharing the POW/MIA government website for tracking down military personnel from other wars and conflicts such as WWI, WWII and Korean wars. Starting with the website link to the POW/MIA, <https://www.dpaa.mil/> This website will assist members in finding military personnel with their name, branch of service, and which conflict/war. The website is comprehensive in all things POW/KIA/MIA, including where the service men or women were located when lost and in what capacity they were serving at the time (ie rank, division, equipment, etc.)

To use the Wisconsin Vietnam MIA dog tags, members can print the page(s) that they are interested in and then fold the 8-1/2x11 paper in half to make their own dog tag. Or members can post the information in newspapers, newsletters or on their social media to share in the search for family members of the MIA and honor these military troops on POW/MIA Recognition Day September 20th, Memorial Day or Veterans Day.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions or for additional information.

WILLIAM C PIERSON III

WALL NAME
WILLIAM C. PIERSON III

PANEL / LINE
27W/77

DATE OF BIRTH
12/23/1947

CASUALTY PROVINCE
Quang nam

DATE OF CASUALTY
4/13/1969

HOME OF RECORD
MADISON

COUNTY OF RECORD
DANE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On April 13, 1969, an AH-1G Cobra (tail number 67-15677, call sign Sword 73) with a crew of two took part in a visual reconnaissance mission over South Vietnam. During a gun run over a target in the vicinity of (GC) YC 694 703, the Cobra caught fire for unknown reasons and crashed. Soon after the incident, search and rescue teams located and recovered the remains of the Cobra's pilot; however, the copilot could not be found, and is still unaccounted for.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Cooper Pierson, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, was a member of Troop D of the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He was the copilot/gunner of the Cobra when it went down and was lost along with the aircraft. His remains have not been located or identified. The Army posthumously promoted W1 Pierson to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. Today, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Pierson is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

PETER ALDEN SCHMIDT

WALL NAME
PETER ALDEN SCHMIDT

PANEL / LINE
8W/115

DATE OF BIRTH
11/7/1949

CASUALTY PROVINCE
LZ

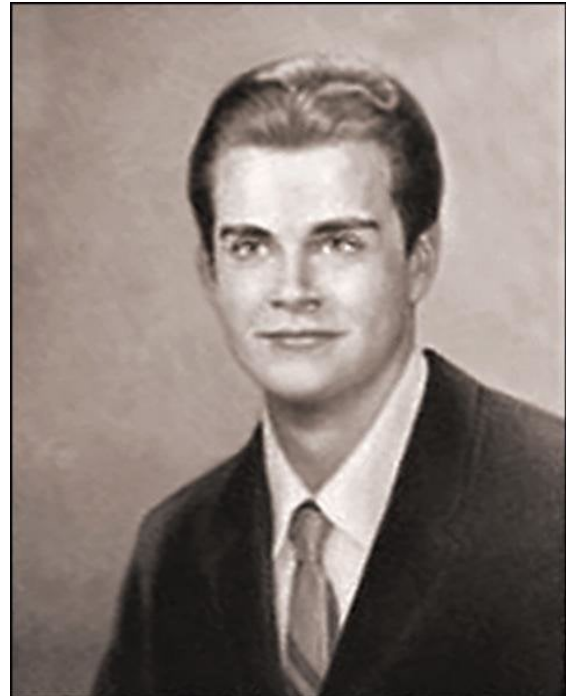
DATE OF CASUALTY
8/15/1970

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On August 15, 1970, a UH-1H Iroquois (tail number 69-15375) with a crew of four took off for a mission to extract a reconnaissance team in Laos. Because of the difficult terrain near the planned extraction zone, the five-member reconnaissance team climbed onto a rescue ladder lowered from the helicopter. As the aircraft rose, it was hit by enemy small arms fire and crashed. The five team members were knocked off the ladder as the crashing helicopter descended through the trees; their fate remains unknown. Of the four crew members aboard the Iroquois, the aircraft commander and crew chief survived, returned to the extraction zone, and were rescued. Because of the location and the presence of hostile forces in the area, no attempt could be made to return for the other two crew members.

Specialist Four Peter Alden Schmidt entered the U.S. Army from Wisconsin and was a member of the 71st Aviation Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, 16th Aviation Group, 23rd Infantry Division (Americal). He was the door gunner aboard this Iroquois when it crashed. He was fatally injured in the crash and the survivors could not free him from the wreckage. His remains were not recovered. Today, Specialist Four Schmidt is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

ROBERT FREDERICK WILKE

WALL NAME
ROBERT FREDERICK WILKE

PANEL / LINE
34E/65

DATE OF BIRTH
9/14/1925

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
1/17/1968

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIRFORCE



Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Robert Frederick Wilke entered the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin and served as a member of the 602nd Special Operations Squadron, 56th Air Commando Wing. On January 17, 1968, he was the pilot of an A-1H Skyraider (tail number: 53-134518) that took off from Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, on a search and rescue mission for two downed fliers northeast of Don Hai Dinh, Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam. Upon entering the search area, Lt Col Wilke radioed his wingman to hold back due to a solid overcast, and stated that he alone would try to get below the clouds to locate the downed pilots. The final radio contact with Lt Col Wilke was after he had descended below the cloud layer. His aircraft was then shot down by ground fire from enemy forces in the valley below. The aircraft and his remains could not be recovered, and he remains unaccounted for. Subsequent to the incident, and while carried in the status of missing in action (MIA), the U.S. Air Force promoted Lt Col Wilke to the rank of Colonel (Col). Today, Colonel Wilke is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

ALBERT RAYMOND TRUDEAU

WALL NAME
ALBERT R TRUDEAU

PANEL / LINE
2W/52

DATE OF BIRTH
9/18/1949

CASUALTY PROVINCE
OFFSHORE, MIL RG II

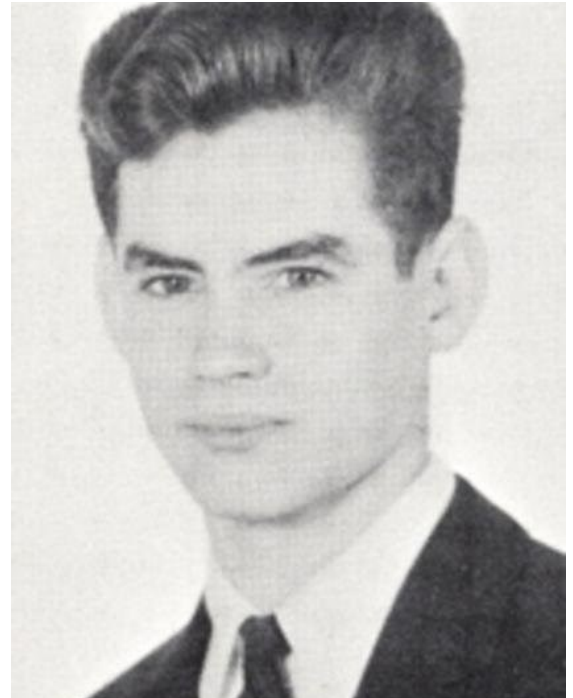
DATE OF CASUALTY
10/26/1971

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On October 26, 1971, a CH-47 Chinook (tail number 66-19143, call sign "Warrior 143") with five crew members and five passengers aboard left Tuy Hoa, South Vietnam, on a supply mission to Cam Rahn Bay, South Vietnam. The helicopter encountered inclement weather and lost radio communication before it crashed into the water off the coast of Nha Trang. Search and rescue missions recovered four bodies and retrieved debris that washed ashore on Hon Tre Island. The other six men aboard the helicopter remain missing.

Warrant Officer Albert Raymond Trudeau, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, served with the 68th Aviation Company, 52nd Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group. He was the pilot of the Chinook when it crashed, and his remains were not recovered. Warrant Officer Trudeau is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

DUWAYNE SOULIER

WALL NAME
DUWAYNE SOULIER

PANEL / LINE
19E/8

DATE OF BIRTH
12/31/1946

CASUALTY PROVINCE
OFFSHORE, MIL RG I

DATE OF CASUALTY
5/1/1967

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On May 1, 1967, a CH-46A Sea Knight (bureau number 150268) carrying seventeen on board that included crew members and passengers, was on a medical evacuation flight to the hospital ship, the USS Sanctuary (AH 17), when it crashed for unknown reasons and into the sea off the coast of South Vietnam. The aircraft wreckage quickly sank, but search and rescue efforts rescued nine survivors and also recovered the remains of two others killed in the crash. However, one crew member and five passengers were not recovered.

Private First Class Duwayne Soulier, who entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin, served in the Headquarters Company, 7th Communication Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was a passenger on this helicopter when it crashed on May 1, 1967. He could not be recovered and remains unaccounted-for. Today, Private First Class Soulier is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

HAROLD JOHN MOE

WALL NAME
HAROLD J MOE

PANEL / LINE
27E/17

DATE OF BIRTH
7/11/1938

CASUALTY PROVINCE
QUANG TRI

DATE OF CASUALTY
9/26/1967

HOME OF RECORD
EAU CLAIRE

COUNTY OF RECORD
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On September 26, 1967, an F-4B Phantom II (bureau number 148422) with two crew members conducted a combat mission over North Vietnam. After releasing their ordnance over an enemy target, the Phantom was hit by anti-aircraft fire which started a fire in one of its engines. The crew was able to fly the aircraft over water, but by this point this entire fuselage was on fire and the pilot was losing control. The aircraft began an inverted roll and both crew members ejected. Search and rescue teams were able to rescue one of the crew members, and though the other crew member's rescue beeper signal was detected, he could not be located after the loss.

First Lieutenant Harold John Moe entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin and served in Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron, Marine Air Group 13, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was the radar intercept officer aboard the Phantom, and was the crew member who was not recovered after the crash. Following the incident, the Marine Corps promoted 1stLt Moe to the rank of Captain (Capt). Today, Capt Moe is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

DAVID LEVERETT LEET

WALL NAME
DAVID L LEET

PANEL / LINE
2W/136

DATE OF BIRTH
12/21/1946

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
4/13/1972

HOME OF RECORD
KENOSHA

COUNTY OF RECORD
KENOSHA COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On April 13, 1972, an EA-6A Intruder (bureau number 156979, call sign "RM 08") carrying two crew members took part in a two-plane electronic counter-measures mission over North Vietnam. While orbiting off the coast of North Vietnam, "RM 08" made a radio check-in, but was not heard from again. It failed to return from the mission, and searches for the missing aircraft and crew were unsuccessful.

Captain David Leverett Leet, who joined the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin, was a member of Marine Composite Squadron 1, Marine Air Group 15, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was the pilot of RM 08 when it went missing, and was lost with the aircraft. His remains have not been recovered. Today, Captain Leet is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

JAMES DAVID LA HAYE

WALL NAME
JAMES D LA HAYE

PANEL / LINE
1E/112

DATE OF BIRTH
7/21/1923

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
5/8/1965

HOME OF RECORD
GREEN BAY

COUNTY OF RECORD
BROWN COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
NAVY



Commander James David La Haye entered the U.S. Navy from Wisconsin and was a member of Fighter Squadron 111. On May 8, 1965, he was the pilot of a single-seat F-8D Crusader (bureau number 148637) that launched from the USS Midway (CVA 41) on a two-plane flak suppression mission over North Vietnam. During the mission, enemy ground fire struck CDR La Haye's aircraft, and he continued flying out over the Gulf of Tonkin where he crashed into the water in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q WF 825 824. The other pilot flying the mission saw no ejection from the aircraft prior to its crash. Search teams located the crash site but found no sign of CDR La Haye, and further attempts to locate him following the incident were unsuccessful. He remains unaccounted-for. Today, Commander La Haye is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

ROY ROBERT KUBLEY

WALL NAME
ROY R KUBLEY

PANEL / LINE
14E/100

DATE OF BIRTH
7/8/1939

CASUALTY PROVINCE
LZ

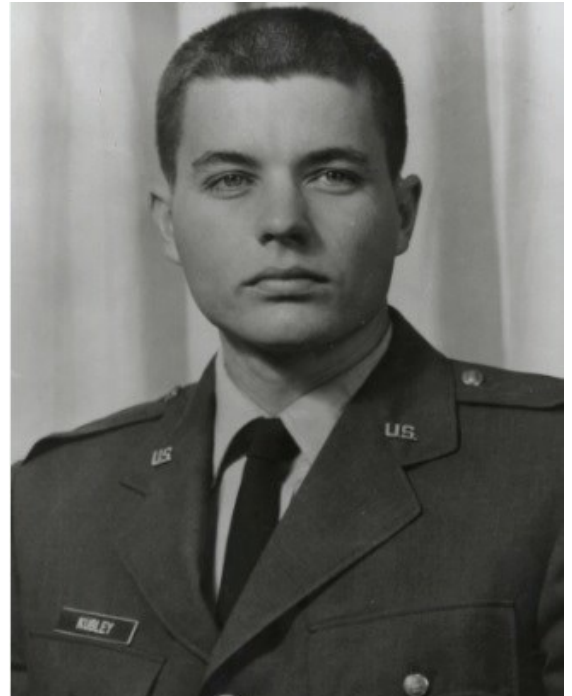
DATE OF CASUALTY
1/31/1967

HOME OF RECORD
GLIDDEN

COUNTY OF RECORD
ASHLAND COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIR FORCE



On January 31, 1967, a UC-123 Provider (tail number 54-0611, call sign "Cowboy 11") carrying five crew members was one of three aircraft on a defoliation mission over Laos and was escorted by two fighters. As the group flew in a trail formation, "Cowboy 11" turned on its sprayer for seconds and then turned it off, and then began to wallow before it flipped over and crashed into the ground below. Other air crews on the flight reported there was little possibility of survivors. The fighter escorts remained in the area to survey the crash site but saw no signs of any of the five "Cowboy 11" crew members among the wreckage.

Captain Roy Robert Kubley entered the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin and served in the 12th Air Commando Squadron. He was the pilot of "Cowboy 11" when it crashed and was lost along with the aircraft. Attempts to locate or identify his remains were unsuccessful. Today, Captain Kubley is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

JAMES ALAN KETTERER

WALL NAME
JAMES A KETTERER

PANEL / LINE
34E/88

DATE OF BIRTH
7/8/1939

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
1/20/1968

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIR FORCE



On January 20, 1968, an F-4C Phantom II (tail number 64-0797) with two crew members took off as the lead aircraft on a two-plane nighttime armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. Over the target area, the two aircraft came under fire from enemy anti-aircraft artillery and pulled off from the target. The commander of this Phantom then advised the other aircraft to hold back while he went back to survey the target area again. While holding above the cloud layer, the other aircraft saw a bright orange glow from beneath the overcast in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q XE 573 537. Radio contact with the lead Phantom was lost at this time. Search and rescue efforts, complicated by darkness and bad weather, failed to locate the missing Phantom or its crew. Ground searches were not possible since the loss area was in enemy-controlled territory, and both crew members aboard the Phantom could not be located following the incident.

First Lieutenant James Alan Ketterer, who entered the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin, served in the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron and was the pilot of this Phantom at the time of its loss. He remains unaccounted for. Following the incident, the Air Force promoted 1st Lt Ketterer to the rank of Major (Maj). Today, Major Ketterer is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

RANDOLPH LEROY JOHNSON

WALL NAME
RANDOLPH L JOHNSON

PANEL / LINE
5W/124

DATE OF BIRTH
5/22/1949

CASUALTY PROVINCE
LZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
2/20/1971

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On February 20, 1971, a UH-1C Iroquois (tail number 66700) with a crew of four was providing gun cover for an emergency resupply mission in Laos. The aircraft was hit by hostile fire during the mission and crashed. Two people were witnessed exiting the aircraft after the crash and running toward nearby trees, but their identities could not be confirmed. Attempts to rescue the downed crew were unsuccessful due to heavy enemy presence in the area.

Specialist Five Randolph Leroy Johnson, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, was a member of the 48th Aviation Company, 223rd Aviation Battalion. He was the crew chief aboard the Iroquois when it went down, and was not seen or heard from again following the incident. His remains have not been recovered. Subsequent to the incident, the U.S. Army posthumously promoted Specialist Five Johnson to the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). Today, Sergeant First Class Johnson is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing on the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

ROY ARTHUR HUSS

WALL NAME
ROY A HUSS

PANEL / LINE
37E/58

DATE OF BIRTH
7/29/1943

CASUALTY PROVINCE
OFFSHORE, MIL RG IV

DATE OF CASUALTY
2/6/1968

HOME OF RECORD
EAU CLAIRE

COUNTY OF RECORD
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
NAVY



On February 5, 1968, a P-3B Orion (bureau number 153440) with a crew of twelve departed Utapao Air Base, Thailand, on a surveillance mission connected to "Operation Market Time," an eight year effort meant to prevent men and supplies from North Vietnam entering South Vietnam via coastal waterways. Early in the morning of February 6, the aircraft failed to file a scheduled position report, and search and rescue (SAR) effort was launched. A search team located and identified wreckage and debris forty miles off the coast of South Vietnam, but only two bodies were eventually recovered.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Roy Arthur Huss entered the U.S. Navy from Wisconsin and served with Patrol Squadron 26. He was a crew member aboard this P-3B when it crashed, and his remains were not recovered. Today, Lieutenant Junior Grade Huss is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

RICHARD JAY HENTZ

WALL NAME
RICHARD J HENTZ

PANEL / LINE
4W/21

DATE OF BIRTH
11/7/1947

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
3/4/1971

HOME OF RECORD
OSHKOSH

COUNTY OF RECORD
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On March 4, 1971, a JU-21 LEFT JAB (tail number 18065, call sign "Vanguard 216") with a crew of five departed Phu Bai Air Base, South Vietnam, on a signal intelligence collection mission over Quang Tri Province. The aircraft's last radio communication was from a location near the Demilitarized Zone where an enemy artillery regiment was believed to be located and where witnesses saw an aerial explosion. Search and rescue efforts were carried out for two days, but were unsuccessful.

Specialist 5 Richard Jay Hentz, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, served with the 138th Aviation Company, 224th Aviation Battalion, 509th Radio Research Group. He was a crew member aboard the LEFT JAB when it disappeared, and his remains were not recovered. Today, Specialist 5 Hentz is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

WILLIAM DALE GORSUCH

WALL NAME
WILLIAM D GORSUCH

PANEL / LINE
17W/27

DATE OF BIRTH
3/20/1948

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
10/2/1969

HOME OF RECORD
CAMBRIA

COUNTY OF RECORD
COLUMBIA COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
NAVY



On October 2, 1969, a C-2A Greyhound (bureau number 152796) carrying five crew members and twenty passengers took off on a routine logistics support flight from Cubi Point Naval Station, Republic of the Philippines, to the USS Constellation (CVA 64) in the Gulf of Tonkin. En route, the aircraft was in radio and radar contact with the carrier when it suddenly disappeared from the radar. There were no distress calls or beepers heard. An extensive air and surface search was begun immediately and recovered some personal effects and aircraft debris, but no survivors. Eventually, a crash site was discovered off the coast of North Vietnam, however, no remains were recovered.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Third Class William Dale Gorsuch, who joined the U.S. Navy from Wisconsin, served aboard the Constellation. He was aboard the Greyhound when it crashed and his remains have not been recovered. Today, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Third Class Gorsuch is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

PAUL STUART GEE

WALL NAME
PAUL S GEE

PANEL / LINE
34E/58

DATE OF BIRTH
8/21/1943

CASUALTY PROVINCE
QUANG NAM

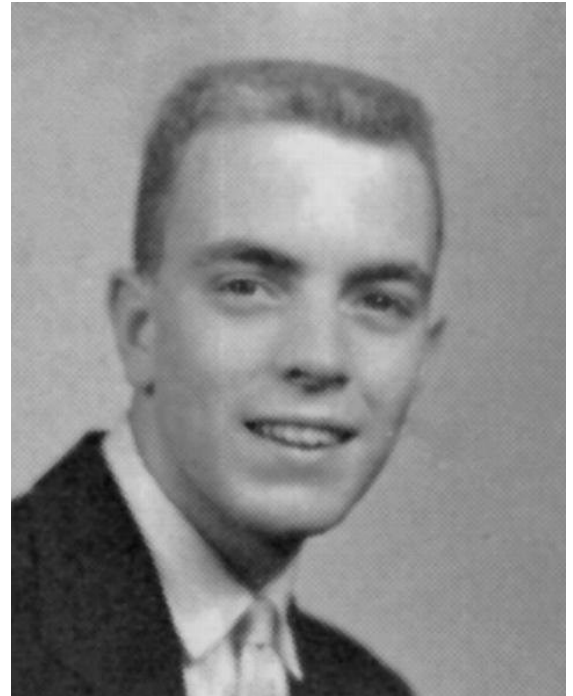
DATE OF CASUALTY
1/16/1968

HOME OF RECORD
MANITOWISH WATERS

COUNTY OF RECORD
VILAS COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On January 16, 1968, an EF-10B Skyknight (bureau number 125831, call sign "Pigment 662") carrying two crew members was returning to Da Nang Air Base from a combat support mission over North Vietnam. When the aircraft was fifteen miles northwest of the airfield, it disappeared for unknown reasons. The last communication from the crew indicated they were over the coast of South Vietnam and that Da Nang Air Field was within sight. They said they were switching from radar control to tower control, but made no further contact. An extensive search for the missing Skyknight was conducted, but no sign of the crew or the aircraft was ever found.

First Lieutenant Paul Stuart Gee, who joined the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin, served with the Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1, Marine Air Group 11, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was the airborne electronic countermeasures officer aboard the Skyknight when it disappeared, and his remains were not recovered. After the incident, the Marine Corps promoted 1stLt Gee to the rank of Captain (Capt). Today, Captain Gee is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

DONALD LOUIS GALLAGHER

WALL NAME
DONALD L GALLAGHER

PANEL / LINE
37E/56

DATE OF BIRTH
3/2/1938

CASUALTY PROVINCE
OFFSHORE, MIL RG IV

DATE OF CASUALTY
2/6/1968

HOME OF RECORD
SHEBOYGAN

COUNTY OF RECORD
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
NAVY



On February 5, 1968, a P-3B Orion (bureau number 153440) with a crew of twelve departed Utapao Air Base, Thailand, on a surveillance mission connected to "Operation Market Time," an eight year effort meant to prevent men and supplies from North Vietnam entering South Vietnam via coastal waterways. Early in the morning of February 6, the aircraft failed to file a scheduled position report, and search and rescue (SAR) effort was launched. A search team located and identified wreckage and debris forty miles off the coast of South Vietnam, but only two bodies were eventually recovered.

Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Donald Louis Gallagher entered the U.S. Navy from Wisconsin and served with Patrol Squadron 26. He was a crew member aboard this P-3B when it crashed, and his remains were not recovered. Today, Chief Petty Officer Gallagher is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

PAUL REID FRAZIER

WALL NAME
PAUL R FRAZIER

PANEL / LINE
45W/32

DATE OF BIRTH
3/11/1949

CASUALTY PROVINCE
LONG AN

DATE OF CASUALTY
9/3/1968

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On September 3, 1968, a UH-1C Iroquois (tail number 66-613) with four crew members on board conducted a combat mission in Long An Province, South Vietnam. The helicopter was hit by small arms fire during the mission, causing it to crash and explode in the vicinity of grid coordinates XS 777 697. The gunner aboard the helicopter survived the crash, and rescue teams quickly evacuated him. Search teams also recovered and identified the remains of the pilot and copilot. The last member of the helicopter's crew was trapped inside the aircraft when it exploded, and extensive searches for his remains were unsuccessful.

Sergeant Paul Reid Frazier, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, was a member of the 191st Assault Helicopter Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, 12th Aviation Group. He was a crewman aboard this UH-1, and was lost with the aircraft. His remains were not recovered following the incident, and he is still unaccounted for. Today, Sergeant Frazier is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

EDWIN JAMES FICKLER

WALL NAME
EDWIN J FICKLER

PANEL / LINE
34W/23

DATE OF BIRTH
5/4/1943

CASUALTY PROVINCE
QUANG TIN

DATE OF CASUALTY
1/17/1969

HOME OF RECORD
KEWASKUM

COUNTY OF RECORD
WASHINGTON COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On January 17, 1969, an A-6A Intruder (bureau number 152586) with two crew members departed Da Nang Air Base for a direct air support/armed reconnaissance mission over the A Shau Valley. The crew made radio contact with their forward air controller (FAC) during the flight, and several minutes later the FAC saw several explosions near one of the Intruder's targets. After the explosions, the FAC attempted but was unable to reestablish contact with the Intruder, and search and rescue operations were initiated. Searches continued for several weeks but found no evidence of the missing aircraft or crew.

Captain Edwin James Fickler entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin and served in Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron 11, Marine Air Group 11, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was the pilot of the Intruder when it went missing and his remains were not recovered. Today, Captain Fickler is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

WILLIAM ANTHONY EVANS

WALL NAME
WILLIAM ANTHONY EVANS

PANEL / LINE
30W/12

DATE OF BIRTH
10/4/1948

CASUALTY PROVINCE
CAMBODIA

DATE OF CASUALTY
3/2/1969

HOME OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On March 2, 1969, eleven members of a U.S. Army reconnaissance team embarked on a combat mission in Cambodia. They departed the landing zone and approached their objective, but enemy forces ambushed them. One Soldier was wounded, and the team retreated to elevated ground in the vicinity of grid coordinates 48P XT 415 935, where they formed a defensive perimeter. As the enemy continued to close in, the team called in a friendly gunship to provide air support. As soon as the gunship departed, the enemy attacked again. An enemy rocket exploded directly over their position, wounding eight of the team members, two fatally. The team members then left the area, but were unable to evacuate the two dead Soldiers, whose bodies were still in their fighting positions when it was overrun by the enemy.

Sergeant William Anthony Evans, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, served with the 5th Special Forces Group and was a member of this reconnaissance team. He died of wounds suffered when the rocket exploded over the team's position, and could not be evacuated at the time. His remains were not recovered. Today, Sergeant Evans is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

WALTER FRANK DRAEGER JR

WALL NAME
WALTER F DRAEGER JR

PANEL / LINE
1E/100

DATE OF BIRTH
9/28/1933

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
4/4/1965

HOME OF RECORD
DEERFIELD

COUNTY OF RECORD
DANE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIR FORCE



Captain Walter Frank Draeger, who joined the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin, was a member of Detachment 10, 1131st Special Activities Squadron. On April 4, 1965, he was piloting a single-seated A-1H Skyraider (tail number unavailable) on a mission over the Gulf of Tonkin when it was shot down by hostile ground fire. The aircraft exploded on impact, and Capt Draeger died in the crash. Attempts to locate or identify his remains have been unsuccessful. Today, Captain Draeger is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

DONALD WILLIAM DOWNING

WALL NAME
DONALD W DOWNING

PANEL / LINE
25E/113

DATE OF BIRTH
3/17/1934

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
9/5/1967

HOME OF RECORD
JANESVILLE

COUNTY OF RECORD
ROCK COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIR FORCE



On September 5, 1967, an F-4C Phantom II (tail number 63-7547, call sign "Sharkbait 42") carrying two crew members took off as wingman in a flight of two on a nighttime armed reconnaissance mission against enemy targets in Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam. During the mission, the aircraft was flying in the trailing position when its pilot informed the flight leader that he would follow in an attack run. This was the last radio contact with this aircraft; it occurred in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q YE 021 007. Shortly after turning toward the target, the flight leader observed a large fireball in the air, descending towards the ground. Attempts to contact "Sharkbait 42" by radio failed, and no parachutes were seen or rescue beepers detected. Search efforts failed to locate the aircraft or its two crew members.

Captain Donald William Downing entered the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin and was a member of the 557th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 12th Tactical Fighter Wing. He was the aircraft commander aboard this Phantom when it went down, and he was lost with the aircraft. His remains were not recovered. After the incident, the U.S. Air Force promoted Capt Downing to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol). Today, Lieutenant Colonel Downing is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

PAUL DAVID DERBY

WALL NAME
PAUL DAVID DERBY

PANEL / LINE
39W/77

DATE OF BIRTH
1/4/1943

CASUALTY PROVINCE
QUANG NGAI

DATE OF CASUALTY
11/17/1968

HOME OF RECORD
MENOMONIE

COUNTY OF RECORD
DUNN COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
MARINE CORPS



On November 17, 1968, an F-4B Phantom II (bureau number 149456) with two crew members took off as the leader of a section of aircraft on a bombing mission against enemy positions near Chu Lai, South Vietnam. After releasing its ordnance over the target, other aircraft in the flight saw the Phantom burst into flames for unknown reasons. The aircraft disintegrated over (GC) BS 320 620, and no ejections were seen prior to the crash. Eventually, the remains of one of the crew members were discovered near the crash site, but the other man aboard the Phantom remains unaccounted for.

Captain Paul David Derby entered the U.S. Marine Corps from Wisconsin and served in Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115, Marine Air Group 13, 1st Marine Air Wing. He was the pilot of the Phantom when it crashed and was the crew member who could not be located following the incident. Further attempts to recover his remains were unsuccessful. Today, Captain Derby is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

ROBERT IRA BUSH

WALL NAME
ROBERT I BUSH

PANEL / LINE
8E/25

DATE OF BIRTH
6/8/1938

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

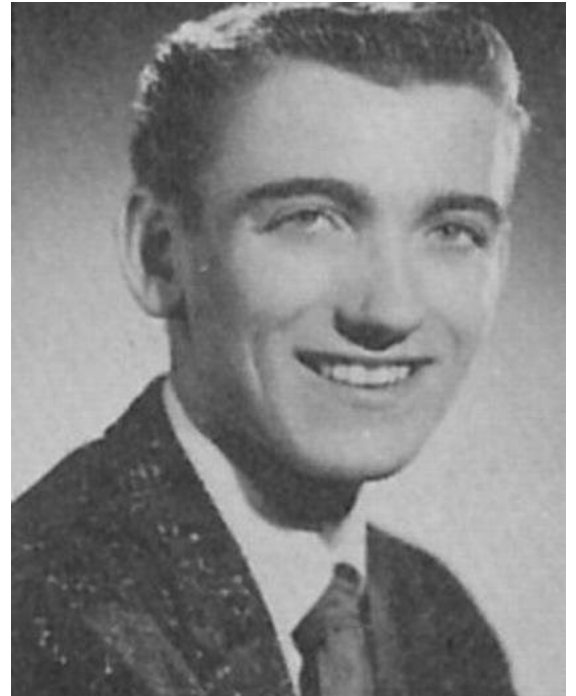
DATE OF CASUALTY
6/9/66

HOME OF RECORD
RACINE

COUNTY OF RECORD
RACINE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
AIR FORCE



Captain Robert Ira Bush, who joined the U.S. Air Force from Wisconsin, was a member of the 14th Air Commando Wing. On June 9, 1966, he piloted an A-1E Skyraider (tail number 52-133899, call sign "Sandy 41") as part of a four-aircraft search and rescue mission to pick up a downed pilot in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q XE 417 075. The rescue was successful, but as the flight left the target area, another aircraft in the flight collided with Capt Bush's Skyraider. Both aircraft crashed in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q XE 420 095. Captain Bush was witnessed to bail out of his plane before it went down; however, something was tangled in his parachute, which failed to fully deploy before he hit the ground. Hostile forces in the area prevented search efforts for Capt Bush, and he remains unaccounted for. Today, Captain Bush is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

RICHARD LEE BOWERS

WALL NAME
RICHARD L BOWERS

PANEL / LINE
28W/23

DATE OF BIRTH
7/20/1946

CASUALTY PROVINCE
BA XUGEN

DATE OF CASUALTY
3/24/1969

HOME OF RECORD
LAKE MILLS

COUNTY OF RECORD
JEFFERSON COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
ARMY



On March 24, 1969, two U.S. servicemen were captured when the Tam Soc Outpost, located in the vicinity of (GC) WR 908 569 in Ba Xuyen Province, South Vietnam, was overrun by the Viet Cong. One of the captured men was executed by his captors later that day in the vicinity of (GC) WR 870 610, and remains unaccounted for. The other serviceman captured that day died of illness while in enemy custody, and his remains were eventually returned to U.S. custody and identified.

First Lieutenant Richard Lee Bowers, who joined the U.S. Army from Wisconsin, was a member of Advisory Team 71, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He was an advisor at Tam Soc Outpost, and was the serviceman who was executed following his capture during the March 24, 1969 attack. His remains were reportedly disposed of in a nearby canal, and they have never been recovered. After the incident, the Army posthumously promoted 1LT Bowers to the rank of Major (MAJ). Today, Major Bowers is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

WILLIAM TAMM ARNOLD

WALL NAME
WILLIAM T ARNOLD

PANEL / LINE
12E/84

DATE OF BIRTH
6/25/1940

CASUALTY PROVINCE
NZ

DATE OF CASUALTY
11/18/1966

HOME OF RECORD
WEST ALLIS

COUNTY OF RECORD
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
NAVY



Lieutenant Junior Grade William Tamm Arnold entered the U.S. Navy from Wisconsin and was a member of the Attack Squadron 22, embarked aboard the USS Coral Sea (CVA 43). On November 18, 1966, he was the pilot of a single-seat A-4C Skyhawk (bureau number 148496, call sign "Beefeater 222") as a part of a five-plane strike mission over Laos. Following the flight's launch from the Coral Sea, the initial mission was canceled due to inclement weather and rerouted to conduct a coastal weather reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam in the vicinity of (GC) 48Q XE 590 575. During this reconnaissance, LTJG Arnold spotted an enemy target and radioed his flight leader that he was moving in to attack it. This was the last radio contact heard from LTJG Arnold. No evidence of a crash was observed, and subsequent attempts to locate "Beefeater 222" were unsuccessful. Subsequent to the incident, and while carried in the status of missing in action (MIA), the U.S. Navy promoted LTJG Arnold to the rank of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR). Subsequent to the incident, the U.S. Navy posthumously promoted LCDR Arnold to the rank of Commander (CDR). Today, Commander Arnold is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC

EUGENE HENRY DEBRUIN

WALL NAME

PANEL / LINE

DATE OF BIRTH

CASUALTY PROVINCE
LAOS

DATE OF CASUALTY
9/5/1963

HOME OF RECORD
WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF RECORD

STATE
WI

BRANCH OF SERVICE
CIVILIAN



On September 5, 1963, a C-46 Commando (tail number 0317) carrying seven on board was flying on a transportation mission to Laos, when the aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed near Ban Nassong, Laos. The flight included three civilian crew members, three Thai crew members, and one passenger. The three Thai crew members, one civilian crew member and the one civilian passenger, parachuted to safety but were immediately captured by the enemy. The other two civilian crew members were reportedly killed in the crash. One of the Thai crew members who was captured survived and was eventually released. The other six members of this flight were never accounted-for.

Eugene Henry DeBruin of Wisconsin was a civilian employee of Air America and was the kicker aboard this C-46 when it crashed. He was one of the crew members captured when the aircraft crashed on September 5, 1963. He was not seen again after the incident, and he remains unaccounted-for.