

## Summary of Seneca Valley Area Students Who Died While Serving

Our research focused on conflicts that took place after the merger of Evans City and Zelenople High School and therefore does not include those who died while serving in WWI, WWII, or the Korean War.

### Vietnam War (1955-1975)

We found five students from municipalities within our district who died while serving in Vietnam. Three of those five students graduated or would have graduated BEFORE the merger of Evans City and Zelenople High School (1964-1965 School Year).

Name	Listed Hometown	Cause of Death/Location	School they Graduated From or Attended
<b>Ronald Eugene Gerwig</b>	Harmony, PA	Hostile-Killed-Artillery/Rocket South Vietnam	Evans City High School Class of 1962
<b>Robert Charles Leonberg</b>	Evans City, PA	Non-Hostile (Accidental explosion on ship while conducting combat operations) North Vietnam	Evans City High School Class of 1963
<b>Thomas Ralph Bierline</b>	Zelenople	Non-Hostile Drowned/Suffocated Pleiku, South Vietnam	SV Class of 1966
<b>Richard Harry Williams</b>	Zelenople	Hostile-Killed Aircraft Loss/Crash Not at Sea Tay Ninh, South Vietnam	SV Class of 1966
<b>Steven William Ziegler</b>	Zelenople	Hostile-Died While Missing Aircraft Loss/Crash Not at Sea Thua Thien, South Vietnam	Born in 1943 so would have graduated before the merger. Could not find in Zelie High School Yearbooks ('60,'61, or '62)

### Gulf War (1990-1991)

We did not find any students from municipalities within our district who died while serving in this war.

### War on Terror (2001-Present)

We identified two students who have graduated from Seneca Valley who died while serving in the War on Terror. Both students are listed below.

Name	Listed Hometown	Cause of Death/Location	SV Graduation Year
<b>Matthew W. Brown</b>	Zelenople, PA	Non-Combat	2006
<b>Ryan A. Gloyer</b>	Zelenople, PA	Hostile-Killed	2000

## Resources

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.com Special Reports. Reflection of Vietnam 25 Years Later.* <http://old.post-gazette.com/newslinks/wallnames1.asp>. This report gives a list of all Western PA KIA's from the Vietnam War organized by municipality.

*Butler County American Veterans Traveling Tribute.* <http://butlerradio.com/traveling-wall/#1502795502105-9abf4f9c-ed46>. This new site provides a list of "Butler County residents who lost their lives during the Vietnam War".

*In Memory of.....Former Classmates and Faculty of Seneca Valley Schools Facebook Page.* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/InmemoryofSV/>. This Facebook page is maintained by Bob Wenzelburger (SV Class of '66). With the help of all his followers he has a comprehensive list of SV alumni and faculty who have died, separated by their graduating class. In May of 2017, Bob was kind enough to ask all of his followers to submit the names of any SV grads they knew who were KIA. Bob also provided information directly through multiple phone conversations.

*Krista Moon and the Zelenople Historical Society.* A letter was sent to Krista along with a follow up phone conversation. No new names were discovered.

*Dean McMillen, Commander of the Evans City Legion Post.* Dean was partly responsible for the banners hanging in Evans City. He explained that some of the banners are for relatives of Evans City residents who may have never lived in the area. He was not aware of any other SV graduates killed while serving.

*The Fallen Military Times* [www.thefallen.militarytimes.com](http://www.thefallen.militarytimes.com). This website contains a database (found here <https://thefallen.militarytimes.com/?source=mil-nav>) which includes all of those "who fought and died in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn". We looked at every soldier listed with ties to Pennsylvania.

*Vetfriends* [www.vetfriends.com/memorial/mem\\_alphab.cfm?War\\_ID=5&page\\_id=1&states\\_id=40](http://www.vetfriends.com/memorial/mem_alphab.cfm?War_ID=5&page_id=1&states_id=40). This website has a search engine that can be filtered by conflict and the home state of a soldier who died while serving.

Zelenople War Memorial, Main Street.

Adams Park War Memorial, Adams Park.

Ancestry.com

## Ronald Eugene Gerwig

### in the U.S., Vietnam War Military Casualties, 1956-1998

Name: Ronald Eugene Gerwig  
 Birth Date: 10 Dec 1944  
 Death Date: 18 Aug 1967  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 22  
 Race: Caucasian (White)  
 Home City: Harmony  
 Home State: Pennsylvania  
 Religion: Protestant- No Denominational Preference  
 Marital Status: Single (Spouse Not Listed) (Single)  
 SSN/Service #: 2237247  
 Citizen Status: U.S.  
 Death Date: 18 Aug 1967  
 Processed Date: Aug 1967  
 Casualty Country: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)  
 Casualty Type: Hostile - Killed  
 Casualty Reason: Artillery/Rocket  
 Casualty Air: Ground Casualty  
 Body Status: Body Recovered  
 Service Branch: United States Marine Corps  
 Component: Selective Service  
 Military Grade: Lance Corporal  
 Pay Grade: Private First Class (U.S. Army) or Airman First Class (U.S. Air Force) or Lance Corporal (U.S. Marine Corps) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: A,C,D,F,H,S,Or T; Second Column: A; Third And Fourth Columns: Blank (U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard)  
 Province: Military Region 1 - Quang Tri  
 Length of Service: 01  
 Service Occupation: Rifleman (USMC)  
 Data Source: Combat Area Casualties Current File

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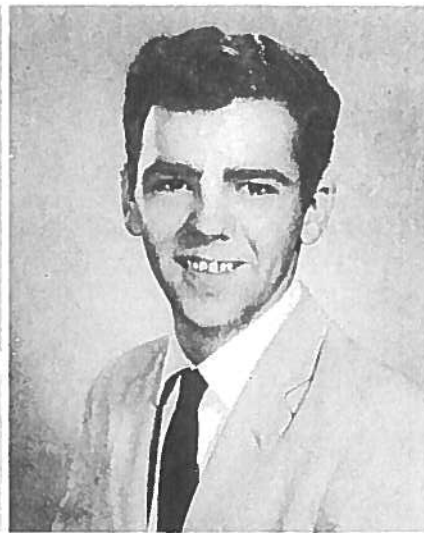
JAMES FIEL  
Future Plans:  
Undecided

ROBERT FOLTZ  
Future Plans:  
Beautician

A FLOWERY BAND TO BIND US TO THE EARTH,  
SPITE OF DESPONDENCE, OF THE INHUMAN DEARTH

DURWOOD FORT  
Future Plans:  
Construction Work

GEORGE GOLDBACH  
Future Plans:  
Projectionist



*Just of luck in the  
future and good luck  
in your library*

RONALD GERWIG  
Future Plans:  
Undecided

WILLIAM GRAHAM  
Future Plans:  
Undecided



## LCPL RONALD E. GERWIG



LCPL RONALD E. GERWIG (December 10, 1944 — August 18, 1967) United States Marine Corps 2nd Battalion 9th Marines—Hotel Company

Ronald Gerwig was born on December 10, 1944 and joined the Armed Forces after graduating from Evans City High School in 1962. His high school friends remember that he had never missed a single day of school in the full 12 years! Ron had worked in Zelenople before entering the service and loved working on and racing cars. After joining the Marines, Ron was sent to South Vietnam's Quang Tri Province. As a rifleman, Ron was in front line combat for several months. When he was scheduled to return home, he was moved back behind the front lines to prepare for his homeward trip when the Viet Cong decided to lob mortar fire over the front lines into the back areas. Ron was hit during one of the mortar attacks and on August 18, 1967, at the age of 23, he perished in the service of our country. We Honor and miss him along with his family and friends.

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# Third Area Man Killed in Vietnam

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Lance Cpl. Ronald E. Gerwig, was killed in action Jan. 18, 22, of RD 1, Harmony, is the 1964, while serving as a tail third area servicemen to lose his life in action in Vietnam. gunner on a helicopter.

The marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Gerwig of RD 1, Harmony, have been notified that he was killed in Quang-Tri last Friday.

His body will be returned to the United States and will be received by the R. C. Glenn Funeral Home, Zelenople. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Cpl. Gerwig died less than a week after the war claimed its first victim from Ellwood City, Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Listorti. One other area man has made the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam: Pfc. John Straley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Straley of RD 2, Wampum (Hoydale). He

will participate in the funeral of Cpl. Gerwig, according to Pelly Contrucci, who handled arrangements for Cpl. Listorti's funeral.

Cpl. Gerwig enlisted in the marine corps March 1, 1966, and served in the Mediterranean theater of operations for six months. He had been in Vietnam for two weeks prior to his death.

He was born at RD 1, Harmony, Dec. 10, 1944, a son of Charles A. and Mary Cooper Gerwig. He was graduated from Evans City High School, was a former employe of Halstead-Mitchell in Zelenople and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zelenople.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, John L. Gerwig of RD 1, Harmony.

Full military rites were held here yesterday morning for Cpl. Listorti, with nine marines from the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in New Castle participating.

A requiem high mass was conducted in the Purification BVM Church by Rev. Domenic DeBlasio, pastor. Burial followed in the Locust Grove cemetery.

Marine First Sgt. Ernest P. Causey directed the military rituals, which included a salute by a firing squad and "taps" by a marine bugler. The flag that draped the casket was presented by Sgt. Causey to Cpl. Listorti's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Listorti of 217 Eighth St.

## Hearing on Will of Mrs. F. E. Moore Begins, Continued Until Later Date

A hearing into an appeal to have an alleged codicil admitted for probate with the will of the late Mrs. F. E. Moore started this morning and will be continued at a later date in Lawrence County Court.

The alleged codicil, not probated with the will by the register and recorder, would leave more of the large estate of Mrs. Moore to her relatives. The refusal of the register and recorder to probate the alleged codicil was protested by Mrs. Florence Hoover and her son, Max Leon Hoover, and that protest was answered by the Ellwood City Hospitals and Lawrence Savings & Trust Co., which had opposed the admission of the codicil part of the will.

the calling of Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Pavuk of 138 Line Ave. to the witness stand. Mrs. Pavuk had testified earlier in the morning that she had worked for Mrs. Moore for 16 years and saw her sign a paper, which she said was the codicil.

She was called to the stand by Attorney Michael Barletta, representing the Hoovers. Attorney McFate and Wilbert C. McKim Jr. objected on the grounds that Mrs. Pavuk's name and address were not listed on a previous interrogatory as required by the court.

Barletta said that he didn't know about Mrs. Pavuk's connection with the case until last evening and he informed Kim, partner of Attorney [unclear] it this morning.

since 1941. Testified that the signature on the alleged codicil was that of Mrs. Moore.

Max Leon Hoover of 735 Pershing St., a Mathews employe who was a nephew of Mrs. Moore. He told of his close relationship with his aunt, whom he visited frequently. He told of Mrs. Moore paying for his expenses at Culver Military Academy and contributing to his education at Westminster College and for night classes at the University of Pittsburgh and Geneva College. He said that one of the major topics of conversation with his aunt was about the Mathews Conveyer plant and its stock, but they didn't discuss her disposition of the stock she owned. He also said Mrs. Moore gave him the money

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## Robert Charles Leonberg

in the U.S., Vietnam War Military Casualties, 1956-1998

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Name: Robert Charles Leonberg  
 Birth Date: 12 Aug 1944  
 Death Date: 29 Jul 1967  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 22  
 Race: Caucasian (White)  
 Home City: Evans City  
 Home State: Pennsylvania  
 Religion: Protestant- No Denominational Preference  
 Marital Status: Single (Spouse Not Listed) (Single)  
 SSN/Service #: 6979174  
 Citizen Status: U.S.  
 Death Date: 29 Jul 1967  
 Processed Date: Jul 1967  
 Casualty Country: North Vietnam  
 Casualty Type: Non-Hostile - Died of Other Causes  
 Casualty Reason: Other Causes  
 Casualty Air: Sea Casualty  
 Body Status: Body Recovered  
 Service Branch: Department of the Navy  
 Component: Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)  
 Pay Grade: Specialist Fifth Class (U.S. Army) or Sergeant (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps) or Staff Sergeant (U.S. Air Force) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: Any Entry; Second Column: Any Entry; Third Column: 2; Fourth Column: Blank (U.S. Navy, U.S. Coa  
 Province: NY  
 Length of Service: 03  
 Data Source: Combat Area Casualties Current File

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ROBERT LEONBERG



CONNIE LEWIS



CHRYL LINTZ

## MEMORIES LASTING

GERALD LINTZ



Kathy Kobet, Timmie Ketterer



REGINA LUTTRELL



## EM2 ROBERT C LEONBERG



EM2 ROBERT C LEONBERG (August 12, 1944 — July 29, 1967) United States Navy, USS Forrestal-TF 77-7th Fleet

Robert Leonberg was born on August 12, 1944 and joined the Armed Forces after graduation from Evans City High School in 1963. In three years of service he attained the rank of EM2. Robert was serving on the USS Forrestal when operating in North Vietnam waters, the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal suffered the worst naval accident since WW II. Accounts of the disaster state that several aircraft were preparing to launch, fully loaded for combat, when one aircraft, a Navy F-4 Phantom, accidentally launched a rocket that flew across the flight deck hitting an A-4 Skyhawk jet awaiting to take off. The Skyhawk then dropped fuel and a 1,000 lb bomb on the flight deck. The fuel ignited and the bomb detonated creating a chain reaction of explosions and fires which traveled to other aircraft onboard and down into the ship. 134 sailors sadly lost their lives and hundreds were seriously injured fighting this devastating event. On July 29, 1967, at the age of 23, Robert perished while serving our country.

He will be remembered by his family and friends

## USS FORRESTAL FIRE

BY CLAY MARSTON CMARSTON@INTERLOG.COM

USS FORRESTAL FIRE - THE WORST ACCIDENT ABOARD A UNITED STATES NAVY SURFACE VESSEL SINCE WORLD WAR II

On 29 July 1967 the USS FORRESTAL was operating on Yankee Station off the coast of North Vietnam conducting combat operations.

This was the fifth such day of operations and at 10:52am the crew was starting the second launch cycle of the day, when suddenly a Zuni rocket accidentally fired from an F-4 PHANTOM into a parked and armed A-4 SKYHAWK.

The accidental launch and subsequent impact caused the belly fuel tank and a 1,000 pound bomb on the Skyhawk to fall off, the tank broke open spilling JP5 (jet fuel) onto the flight deck and ignited a fire.

Within a minute and a half the bomb was the first to cook-off and explode, this caused a massive chain reaction of explosions that engulfed half the airwings aircraft, and blew huge holes in the steel flight deck.

Fed by fuel and bombs from other aircraft that were armed and ready for the coming strike, the fire spread quickly, many pilots and support personnel were trapped and burned alive.

Fuel and bombs spilled into the holes in the flight deck igniting fires on decks further into the bowels of the ship.

Berthing spaces immediately below the flight deck became death traps for fifty men, while other crewmen were blown overboard by the explosion.

Nearby ships hastened to the FORRESTAL's aid.

The ORISKANY (CV 34), herself a victim of a tragic fire in October 1966, stood by to offer fire-fighting and medical aid to the larger carrier.

Nearby escort vessels sprayed water on the burning FORRESTAL and within an hour the fire on the flight deck was under control.

The crew heroically fought the fire and carried armed bombs to the side of the ship to throw them overboard for 13 hours.

Secondary fires below deck took another 12 hours to contain.

Once the fires were under control, the extent of the devastation was apparent.

Most tragic was the loss to the crew, 134 had lost their lives, while an additional 64 were injured, this was and still remains the single worst loss of life on a United States Navy vessel since the USS FRANKLIN (CV 13) was bombed in WW II.

The ship proceeded to Cubi Point in the Philippines for temporary repairs. In only eight days enough repairs were made that she could start the long trip back to her home port of Norfolk, Virginia for permanent repairs. On her way home she was capable of operating aircraft if needed.

FORRESTAL would spend seven months in the yards being repaired, she was re-built from the hanger up and forward to aircraft elevator number four, this accounts for about 1/5 the ships length and 5 decks.

On 8 April 1968 FORRESTAL was once again ready to take her place in the fleet, however she was never to return to Vietnam.

With over a dozen major detonations from 1,000 and 500 lb bombs and numerous missile, fuel tank, and aircraft explosions no ship has ever survived the pounding FORRESTAL underwent that day, before or since. She and her crew proved the toughness and dangers associated with the operation of super-carriers, this is one of her greatest legacies.

The USS FORRESTAL would go on to serve the United States for another 26 years during the height of the Cold War and see it through to its demise. She and her crew were always ready to go into battle again, the call never came, she served in war for 4 1/2 days but served to ensure peace for over 13,860.

FORRESTAL had truly served her purpose as 'First in Defense'.

 Date: 17 Jan 2006

 Description: details of USS Forrestal fire

## Thomas Ralph Bierline

in the U.S., Vietnam War Military Casualties, 1956-1998

Name: Thomas Ralph Bierline  
Birth Date: 14 Feb 1948  
Death Date: 19 Nov 1970  
Gender: Male  
Age: 22  
Race: Caucasian (White)  
Home City: Zelienople  
Home State: Pennsylvania  
Religion: Lutheran (also Missouri Synod)  
Marital Status: Married (Spouse Listed) (Married)  
SSN/Service #: 168382423  
Citizen Status: U.S.  
Death Date: 19 Nov 1970  
Processed Date: Nov 1970  
Casualty Country: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)  
Casualty Type: Non-Hostile - Died of Other Causes  
Casualty Reason: Drowned/Suffocated  
Casualty Air: Ground Casualty  
Body Status: Body Recovered  
Service Branch: Department of the Army  
Component: Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)  
Military Grade: Sergeant  
Pay Grade: Specialist Fifth Class (U.S. Army) or Sergeant (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps) or Staff Sergeant (U.S. Air Force) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: Any Entry; Second Column: Any Entry; Third Column: 2; Fourth Column: Blank (U.S. Navy, U.S. Coa)  
Province: Military Region 2 - Pleiku  
Service Occupation: Light Weapons Infantry (ARMY)  
Data Source: Combat Area Casualties Current File

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Dorothy Beahm

Joe Benoit

William Billinger

Laura Beattie

Linda Beres

Michael Bittel

Barbara Beighey

Suzanne Bergmann

Beverly Boice

Thomas Bierline

Agnes Beining

Karen Bond



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SGT THOMAS D. BIERLINE



SGT THOMAS D. BIERLINE (February 14, 1948 — November 19, 1970) United States Army, 4th Infantry Division

Thomas Ralph Bierline was born on February 14, 1948 and joined the United States Army while in Zelienople, PA.

He began a tour of duty on October 15, 1970. On November 19, 1970, at the age of 22, Thomas perished in the service of our country in Pleiku, Vietnam.

Thomas is buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Zelienople, PA.

Richard Harry Williams  
in the U.S., Vietnam War Military Casualties, 1956-1998

Name: Richard Harry Williams  
Birth Date: 4 Nov 1947  
Death Date: 10 Jul 1969  
Gender: Male  
Age: 21  
Race: Caucasian (White)  
Home City: Zelienople  
Home State: Pennsylvania  
Religion: Episcopal (Anglican)  
Marital Status: Single (Spouse Not Listed) (Single)  
SSN/Service #: 190387843  
Citizen Status: U.S.  
Death Date: 10 Jul 1969  
Processed Date: Jul 1969  
Casualty Country: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)  
Casualty Type: Hostile - Killed  
Casualty Reason: Aircraft Loss/Crash Not at Sea  
Casualty Air: Helicopter Air Casualty - Other Aircrew  
Body Status: Body Recovered  
Service Branch: Department of the Army  
Component: Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)  
Military Grade: Private First Class  
Pay Grade: Private First Class (U.S. Army) or Airman First Class (U.S. Air Force) or Lance Corporal (U.S. Marine Corps) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: A,C,D,F,H,S,Or T; Second Column: A; Third And Fourth Columns: Blank (U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard)  
Province: Military Region 3 - Tay Ninh  
Length of Service: 02  
Service Occupation: Single-Rotor Turbine Observation/ Utility Helicopter Repairman (ARMY)  
Data Source: Combat Area Casualties Current File

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Connie White  
Bonnie Wimer

Bonita Williams  
Kenneth Winterhalter

Richard Williams  
Sallie Wise

James Wilson  
James Wood

## PFC RICHARD H. WILLIAMS



PFC RICHARD H. WILLIAMS (November 4, 1947 — July 10, 1969) United States Army, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry (Airmobile)

Richard H. Williams was born November 4, 1947. In two years of service he attained the rank of PFC. He began a tour of duty in Vietnam on December 16, 1968.

Richard's scout ship, a Hughes (OH-6A) Helicopter was shot down while identifying a large hostile force in the Nui Ba Den area. On July 10, 1969 at the age of 22, Richard Harry Williams perished in the service of our country in South Vietnam, Tay Ninh. His courage and devotion to country will never be forgotten.



**Final Mission of PFC Richard H. Williams  
POSTED ON 5/19/15 - BY WKILLIAN@SMJUHSD.ORG**

On July 10, 1969, two scout ships (OH-6A's) from Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC), 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) "Flying Circus" were operating with an Air Force spotter plane in a hot area north of Nui Ba Den, about one to two miles south of the Cambodian border. The team engaged the NVA in order to determine the enemy's strength and exact location while the FAC prepared to call in an air strike. Both ships came under heavy fire from multiple .51 and .30 caliber machine guns, and PFC Richard H. Williams' ship was shot down. The helicopter crashed through some trees and immediately caught fire. PFC Williams, the gunner in the aircraft, did not escape from the machine. The pilot, James Howard, received burns to over half of his body. The scout team had uncovered the NVA's attempt to mount a massive assault on a new firebase that was being inserted into the area. Three sets of air strikes were called into the area before the anti-aircraft guns were finally silenced. (Information supplied by James Howard and Keith Zuhlke) [Taken from [flying-circus.com](http://flying-circus.com)]

**Hughes OH-6 Cayuse "Loach"**



## Steven William Ziegler

### in the U.S., Vietnam War Military Casualties, 1956-1998

Name: Steven William Ziegler  
 Birth Date: 17 May 1943  
 Death Date: 31 Jan 1968  
 Gender: Male  
 Age: 24  
 Race: Caucasian (White)  
 Home City: Zelienople  
 Home State: Pennsylvania  
 Religion: Methodist (also Evangelical United Brethren)  
 Marital Status: Single (Spouse Not Listed) (Single)  
 SSN/Service #: 13700819  
 Citizen Status: U.S.  
 Death Date: 31 Jan 1968  
 Processed Date: Feb 1968  
 Casualty Country: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)  
 Casualty Type: Hostile - Died While Missing  
 Casualty Reason: Aircraft Loss/Crash Not at Sea  
 Casualty Air: Helicopter Air Casualty - Non-Aircrew  
 Body Status: Body Recovered  
 Service Branch: Department of the Army  
 Component: Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)  
 Military Grade: Staff Sergeant  
 Pay Grade: Specialist Sixth Class (U.S. Army) or Staff Sergeant (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps) or Technical Sergeant (U.S. Air Force) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: Any Entry; Second Column: Any Entry; Third Column: 1; Fourth Column: Blank (U.S. Navy)  
 Province: Military Region 1 - Thua Thien  
 Length of Service : 06  
 Data Source: Combat Area Casualties Current File

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## SSGT STEVEN W. ZIEGLER



SSGT STEVEN W. ZIEGLER (May 17, 1943 — January 31, 1968) 101st Airborne  
Division

Steven Ziegler was born on May 17, 1943 and joined the Armed Forces while in Zelienople, PA.

In six years of service, he attained the rank of SSGT. Steven began a tour of duty in Vietnam on November 22, 1967.

On January 3, 1968 at the age of 25, Steven perished in the service of our country in South Vietnam.

Steve is missed by family and friends.

Matthew Warren Brown  
in the U.S. Casualties From Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts, 2001-2012

Name: Matthew Warren Brown  
Rank: Private  
Service: Army  
Pay Grade: E02  
Unit: BATTERY C, 3D BATTALION, 321ST FIELD ARTILLERY, FORT BRAGG, NC  
Incident Place: Afghanistan  
Death Date: 11 May 2008  
Death Place: Asadabad, Afghanistan  
Cause of Death: Nonhostile  
Age: 20  
Birth Year: abt 1988  
Gender: Male  
Race: White  
Home Town: Zelienople, Butler, Pennsylvania, USA  
Conflict: Operation Enduring Freedom

#### Source Information

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#### Description

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