

Round up of name, unit, cause and place of death of 25 US service personnel killed in Afghanistan or in support of operation there, April - May 2013, by Elayne Jude, Senior Research Associate, UK Defence Forum. Details on next page. We welcome comments from relatives and friends.

April 5, 2013 - Capt James Michael Steel, 77th Fighter Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base. Died in the crash of an F-16 near Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan on a routine air support mission.

April 6, 2013 - Specialist Wilbel Alexander Robles-Santa, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at Kandahar, Afghanistan.

April 9, 2013 - Staff Sgt Christopher M Ward, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at Zabul, Afghanistan.

April 9, 2013 - Specialist Deflin M Santos Jnr, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device at Zabul, Afghanistan.

April 15, 2013 - Chief Warrant Officer Matthew P Ruffner, 1st Attack reconnaissance Battalion, 104th Aviation Regiment, 28th Combat Aviation Brigade, 28th Infantry Division. Died in Pachir Wa Agim District, Afghanistan.

April 15, 2013 - Chief Warrant Officer Jarett M Yoder, 1st Attack reconnaissance Battalion, 104th Aviation Regiment, 28th Combat Aviation Brigade, 28th Infantry Division. Died in Pachir Wa Agim District, Afghanistan.

April 22, 2015 - Pfc Barrett L Austin, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade

Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Died in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries received when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

April 23, 2013 - Capt Aaron R Blanchard, 2nd Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. Died of wounds received from enemy indirect fire, in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan.

April 27, 2013 - Capt Reid K Nisjizuka, 427th Reconnaissance Squadron. Died in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

April 27, 2013 - Capt Brandon L Cyr, 906th Air Refuelling Squadron. Died in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

April 27, 2013 - Staff Sgt Daniel N Fannin, 552nd Operations Support Squadron. Died in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

April 27, 2013 - Staff Sgt Richard A Dickson, 306th Intelligence Squadron. Died in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

May 1st, 2013 - Staff Sgt Michael H Simpson, 4th Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). Died in Landstuhl, Germany, of wounds sustained when attacked with an improvised explosive device, in Arian, Afghanistan.

\*May 2nd, 2013 - Pfc Charles P McClure, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. Died of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident, in Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

\*May 2nd, 2013 - Specialist Trinidad Santiago, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. Died of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident, in Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

\*May 4, 2013 - Specialist Thomas P Murach, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. Died of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an improvised explosive device, in Maiwand, Afghanistan.

\*May 3rd, 2013 - Capt Mark T Voss, 93rd Air Refuelling Squadron. Died in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft, near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgystan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

\*May 3rd, 2013 - Capt Victoria A Pinckney, 93rd Air Refuelling Squadron. Died in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft, near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgystan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

\*May 3rd, 2013 - Tech Sgt Herman Mackey III , 93rd Air Refuelling Squadron. Died in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft, near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgystan. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

May 4th, 2013 - Staff Sgt Eric D Christian, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion. Died while conducting combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan.

May 4th, 2013 - Cpl David M Sonka, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion. Died while conducting combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan.

May 4th, 2013 - Specialist Brandon J Prescott, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. Died of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Maiwand Province, Afghanistan.

May 4th, 2013 - Specialist Kevin Cardoza, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat

Team, 1st Armored Division. Died of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Maiwand Province, Afghanistan.

May 4th, 2013 - Staff Sgt Francis Gene Phillips IV, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. Died of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Maiwand Province, Afghanistan.

May 4th, 2013 - 1st Lt Brandon J Landrum, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. Died of injuries sustained when his vehicle was attacked by an enemy improvised explosive device in Maiwand Province, Afghanistan.