In the Service of Their Country: US Losses in Combat, December 2013 - May 2014 is compiled by Elayne Jude, Senior Research Associate, U K Defence Forum States Forces' combat deaths during this period are recorded on the next page December 2013 - Lance Corporal Matthew R Rodriguez, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton. Died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Vasselian, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. Died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. 27 December 2013 - Captain David I Lyon, 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan. Died of wounds sustained when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device in Kabul, Afghanistan. 1 January 2014 - Sargeant Jacob M Hess, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. Died while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 4 January 2014 - Sargeant 1st Class William K Lacey, 201st Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Knox. Died of injuries sustained when his unit was attacked with rocket propelled grenades, in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. 10 January 2014 - Chief Warrant Officer Andrew L MacAdams, Detachment 53, Operational Airlift Support Command, Joint Force Headquarters, Wyoming Army National Guard. Died when an MC-12 reconnaissance aircraft crashed in the course of a night time mission, at Bagram Airfield, Parwan Province, in Afghanistan. 2014 - Sargeant Daniel T Lee, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg. Died of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked with small arms fire during combat operations, in Parwan Province, Afghanistan. Edward Balli, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, US Army Europe, Viseck. Died of wounds received when he was attacked by small arms fire, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. 10 February 2014 - Specialist Christopher A Landis, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg. Died of wounds received when his unit was attacked with a rocket propelled grenade, in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan. February 2014 - Specialist John Alexander Pelham, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg. Died of wounds received when his unit was attacked with small arms fire, in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan. C Skelt, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg. Died of wounds received when his unit was attacked with small arms fire, in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan. >15 February 2014 - Master Sargeant Aaron Carl Torian, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Regiment, US Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune. Died while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 28 February 2014 - Lance Corporal Caleb L Erickson, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune. Died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Specialist Kerry M G Danyluk, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum. Died of injuries sustained on 12 February when his unit was attacked with small arms fire in Pul-e-Alam, Logar Province, Afghanistan. April 2014 - Specialist Christian Jacob Chandler, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum. Died of injuries sustained on 12 February when his unit was attacked with small arms fire in Baraki Barak district, Logar

Province, Afghanistan.
<28 April 2014 - Sargeant Shawn M Farrell II, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum. Died of wounds sustained when his unit was attacked with small arms fire, in Nejrab district, Kapisa Province, Afghanistan.</p>
13 May 2014 - Command Sargeant Major Martin R Barreras, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Bliss. Died of wounds suffered on May 6 when his unit was attacked with small arms fire, in Herat province, Afghanistan.
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