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Private First Class Bryan J. Baltierra

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Bryan J. Baltierra, 18, of Corona, California, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on July 29, 2019. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on Nov. 11, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Jan. 29, 2020, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Armed Forces Service Medal.

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Service details for 15th MEU Marines, Sailor killed in AAV mishap

Lance Corporal Marco A. Barranco

Lance Cpl. Marco A. Barranco, 21, of Montebello, California, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Feb. 25, 2019. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on June 19, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Aug. 21, 2019, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

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Private First Class Evan A. Bath

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Evan A. Bath, 19, of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, on July 29, 2019. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on Nov. 13, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Jan. 29, 2020, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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U.S. Navy Hospitalman Christopher Gnem

U.S. Navy Hospitalman Christopher Gnem, 22, of Stockton, California, reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, on May 3, 2017. Upon graduation, he reported to the Navy Medicine Training Support Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on July 1, 2017, where he was trained as a hospital corpsman. On Nov. 3, 2017, he reported to Naval Medicine Operational Training Center in Pensacola, Florida, on Oct. 5, 2019, he reported to Field Medical Training Battalion West in Camp Pendleton, California, where he was trained as a Fleet Marine Force hospital corpsman. On Dec. 16, 2019, he reported to 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned as a hospital corpsman to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Navy hospital corpsmen perform duties in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury and assist health care professionals in providing medical care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel of the operational forces, shore activities and other authorized beneficiaries. Hospital corpsmen function as clinical or specialty technicians, administrative personnel and health care providers at treatment facilities. In addition, hospital corpsman serve as battlefield corpsmen with the Marine Corps and Fleet Marine Forces, rendering emergency medical treatment, to include initial treatment in a combat environment.

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Private First Class Jack Ryan Ostrovsky

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, of Bend, Oregon, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on June 3, 2019. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on Sept. 18, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Nov. 14, 2019, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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Corporal Wesley A. Rodd

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Wesley A. Rodd, 23, of Harris, Texas, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Jan. 3, 2017. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on April 12, 2017, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On July 7, 2017 he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Guard Training, Chesapeake, Virginia. On Sept. 7, 2017, he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment Bangor, Silverdale, Washington. On April 2, 2020, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and a Letter of Appreciation.

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Lance Corporal Guillermo S. Perez

Lance Cpl. Guillermo S. Perez, 20, of New Braunfels, Texas, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on June 24, 2019. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on Oct. 2, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Dec. 7, 2019, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

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Lance Corporal Chase D. Sweetwood

Lance Cpl. Chase D. Sweetwood, 19, of Portland, Oregon, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Dec. 17, 2018. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on April 17, 2019, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On July 13, 2019 he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

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Corporal Cesar A. Villanueva

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Cesar A. Villanueva, 21, of Riverside, California, reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Sept. 5, 2017. Upon graduation, he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California, on Dec. 13, 2017, where he was trained as a 0311, rifleman. On Feb. 22, 2018, he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Guard Training, Chesapeake, Virginia. On May 17, 2018, he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment, Yorktown, Virginia. On March 21, 2020, he reported to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, aboard Camp Pendleton, California. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

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