

Statistics of war are real flesh and blood

There has been a lot of talk lately about successes in the Persian Gulf for the allied coalition. Those involved in the arguments constantly point to the statistics of war. The number of tanks destroyed is mentioned along with planes shot down and sorties flown.

But the real story of war is about the people from both sides who kill and are killed on the orders of leaders far removed from the actual combat. Twelve dead Marines may seem insignificant to the "big picture" of war, but all Americans, especially those supporting this war, should take a moment to think about the human beings who are sacrificed in their names.

While thinking about these soldiers, also remember that for every name printed here, the lives of relatives and friends of these soldiers are also being drastically affected.

Killed in Action:

- Marine Lance Cpl. Frank C. Allen, 23, Hawaii.
- Marine Cpl. Stephen E. Bentzlin, 23, Minn.
- Marine Cpl. Ismael Cotto, 27, New York City.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Eliseo Felix, 19, Avondale, Ariz.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Jenkins, 20, Calif.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Michael E. Linderman Jr., 19, Ore.
- Marine Lance Cpl. James H. Lumpkins, 23, Ohio.
- Marine Sgt. Garrett A. Mongrella, 25, N.J.
- Marine Pfc. Scott A. Schroeder, 20, Milwaukee.
- Marine Lance Cpl. David T. Snyder, 21, New York
- Marine Pfc. Dion J. Stephenson, 22, Bountiful, Utah.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel B. Walker, 20, Texas.

Missing in action:

- Marine Capt. Michael C. Berryman, 28, Yuma, Ariz.
- Air Force 1st Lt. Thomas Clifford Bland, Jr., 26.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. John P. Blessinger, 33.
- Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Paul G. Buege, 43.
- Air Force Sgt. Barry M. Clark, 26.
- Navy Lt. William T. Costen, 27, St. Louis.
- Air Force Capt. Arthur Galvan, 33.
- Air Force Capt. William D. Grimm, 28.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Harrison, 31.
- Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert K. Hodges, 28.
- Air Force Maj. Donnie R. Holland, 42, Bastrop, La.
- Air Force Sgt. Damon V. Kanuha, 28.
- Air Force Maj. Thomas F. Koritz, 37, Rochelle, Ill.
- Army Spc. David Lockett, 23.
- Air Force Master Sgt. James B. May II, 40, Fla.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. John L. Oelschlager, 28, Fla.
- Army Spc. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, Mich.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Mark J. Schmauss, 30.
- Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, 33, Fla.
- Air Force Capt. Richard D. Storr, 29.
- Navy Lt. Charles J. Turner, 29, Richfield, Minn.
- Air Force Capt. Dixon L. Walters Jr., 29, Fla.
- Air Force Maj. Paul J. Weaver, 34.
- Navy Lt. Robert Wetzel, 30, Virginia Beach, Va.



LETTERS

More lectures

I have been closely following the Middle East situation for months in the New York Times and other newspapers, in various weekly news magazines, and on both public radio and commercial television news shows.

Consequently, I was both surprised and delighted when I attended Professor Ron Wixman's Jan. 23 lecture on the Middle East and found it to be the most balanced and informative explanation of the historical background of the present conflict that I have yet heard.

I was therefore shocked to read Meredith Kaplan's letter (ODE, Feb. 4) attacking Wixman's credentials. Since she only attacked him personally and not the content of his lecture I can only assume that she either did not go to his presentation or that she could not find a single error of fact in it.

I know that the gulf war is a traumatic event for everyone regardless of where we stand on the issues. What we need are more events like Wixman's lecture that promote dialog and understanding rather than letters that both deepen our divisions and demean the writer.

Gil Osgood
Psychology Dept.
Systems software analyst

Let us play

Two groups of law students were effectively denied access to the University Intramural (IM) basketball program this semester. The program's sign-up day was set for Friday, Jan. 11. Law school registration, however, was not held until the following Monday, Jan. 14.

The problem arose because the law students attempted to apply to the program as soon as they returned for school. The date was Jan. 14.

Instead of admitting the students to the program at that time, the IM office declared them three days late and placed them on a waiting list. The waiting list is a quaint notion, but of no consequence, since few or no teams have ever

dropped from the field once filled.

A plea was made directly to the head of the IM program to make some exception for the law students, who the sign-up procedures themselves had not provided for.

The director of the IM's reply was that the sign-up date was not flexible and that perhaps the law school should consider forming its own league. This idea was concededly impractical and ludicrous, and not very well received.

The students involved were not only dismayed at the initial lack of concern for the law school, but also with the lack of interest in taking corrective or even accommodating steps.

No apology was extended regarding the premature deadline which afforded law students no, or at best marginal, opportunity to be involved in a program which they support with their fees.

Beyond that, there was a terse suggestion that next year the law students ought to be present on the date set for sign-ups, presumably in the middle of the law school's Christmas break again.

Possible remedial action is being researched by the students involved.

Royce Buckingham
Law student

Tell him off

Famine, racism, greed, war, killing, death, nuclear war, torture, lies, death squads/C.I.A., exploitation, acid rain, deforestation, oil spills, poverty, homelessness, etc.

It's time to turn off the news and stand up and tell George Bush what he can do with his "new world order."

Peter Walker
Student

Poisoned life

The U.S. invasion of Panama involved the murder of 2,000 people, left 20,000 homeless, and plunged hundreds of thou-

sands into poverty.

The poverty rate in Panama increased from one-third of the people before the invasion to one-half afterwards. This was a "side-effect" of the capture of Noriega, who had decided to go into business for himself instead of continuing to work for the C.I.A.

The United States's motives in Iraq are not even draped in the veil of any real quarrel. The conflict was manufactured by the C.I.A.-Bush administration to provide an occasion for the projection of the U.S. military into the Persian Gulf as a permanent occupying force.

We are told a lot of lies, one of which is that Hussein is evil because he used chemical weapons a few years ago. Yes, this is evil. The United States used immense quantities of chemical weapons in Vietnam, including napalm, phosphorous, and defoliants. Large areas were so poisoned that no life will return to them for centuries. This is nice?

Our clients in El Salvador, to whom Bush just sent several tens of millions of dollars, have been burning the flesh of their own people with phosphorous incendiary bombs for years. This is why we love them?

Ann Tattersall
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Cost of war

Who wrote the editorial "Twelve deaths serve as warning of future." (ODE, Feb. 1).

As in surgery you hope for the best and sometimes you get into the unexpected. You rant on about twelve marines. God bless them. Unfortunately this is the cost of freedom.

Khafji may be small but it is significant. A cancer like Hussein grows slowly until it is beyond fixing. We will lose more men and women in this war. That is the cost. Who's side are you on anyway. Might makes right my friend.

Vicki Trallis
Eugene

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