

daughter drives one. My wife traded in her 6-year-old Pontiac Vibe and bought a Chevy Cruze. Just a few short years ago, 1,000 workers in Lordstown were laid off. Today, nearly 5,000 workers build one of the fastest selling small cars in the country.

For people such as Glenn Johnson, who is the local President in the Lordstown assembly plant, the politically unpopular decision to save the auto industry was about saving the livelihood for hard-working families in Ohio and in the Midwest. Two years later, we are moving forward. GM profits are up. GM has been profitable for 10 consecutive quarters. None of the naysayers thought it could possibly happen. None of the naysayers were willing to invest in GM and to find private capital. It only happened because taxpayers stepped forward because the government was willing to understand and recognize that this mattered for our country.

GM has announced plans to make a \$200 million additional investment in Lordstown, where they have added a third shift to produce the Chevy Cruze. Chrysler has invested tens of millions of dollars in Toledo. Honda has invested tens of millions of dollars in a new model in Marysville. Ford has invested tens of millions of dollars in Cleveland. All three American auto companies and the major U.S. auto transplant Honda have all made major investments in Ohio since the auto rescue. The Cruze epitomizes how essential the auto industry is in Ohio.

The engine for the Cruze is made in Defiance, the transmission for the Cruze is made in Toledo, the brackets are made in Brunswick, the glass for the Wrangler is made in Crestline, the sound system for the Cruze is made in Springboro, the underneath steel for the Cruze comes from Middletown, the exposed steel comes from Cleveland, the seat frame comes from Lorain, the seats are made in Warren, and the aluminum for the Chevy Cruze Eco comes from Cleveland. The car is assembled by 5,000 workers in Lordstown, OH.

This success story goes far beyond one State. In my State alone, hundreds of thousands of jobs are associated with the auto industry. There are 120,000 Ohioans who are directly employed by automakers, dealers, and supply chain parts manufacturers. We know even with that success and even with the success of enforcing trade laws, which have turned into—as a result of enforcing trade rules, we have a new steel mill in Youngstown. More tires are made in Findlay and more aluminum is made in Heath and Sidney, OH. More steel is made in Lorain and Cleveland.

Because we have enforced trade rules, that doesn't mean we don't need to do more. The economy is still not what it should be. Our unemployment rate from 2 years ago went from over 10.5 percent to under 7.5 percent, but it is clearly still not enough because far too many workers in Ohio, Alaska and

America and all over are underemployed or unemployed.

We are moving in the right direction. Since January of 2010, after a full decade of manufacturing job loss from 2000 to 2010, where 5 million manufacturing jobs were lost, we have gained 500,000 manufacturing jobs in those 2 years.

Supporting America means valuing workers. It is patriotic to support America's middle class. When it comes to protecting American workers and supporting American manufacturers and boasting America's middle class, we still have much to do. We have made major progress in the last years. We have much to do. We have no choice but to move forward.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING 9/11

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise in memory of an unspeakable tragedy that shook our great Nation free of the belief that we are an untouchable force in the modern world, 11 years ago today.

Eleven years ago today an unspeakable tragedy shook our great Nation free of the belief that we are an untouchable force in the modern world.

Today, as we honor the nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in a field in Shanksville, PA, we must remember more than the pain and rage that followed the events of that Tuesday morning.

I cannot help but compare that day to the morning of December 7, 1941, when Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, killing more than 2,400 sailors, soldiers, and civilians, and plunging our Nation into World War II.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor moved me to put on the uniform and join thousands of my brothers in a fight that spanned across Europe and the Asia Pacific.

Like Pearl Harbor, the events of September 11 forced our Nation to send troops into Afghanistan, and later it was used to help justify the invasion of Iraq.

More than 6,000 of our brave men and women have died fighting in those countries, and, like World War II, the loss of life and American resources is staggering.

These attacks on America, the wars that followed, and the aftermath where we searched for hope and dealt with the pain of loss, altered our national consciousness and fortified us for the future that we continue to work hard to build.

To move forward, we must recognize that September 11 was a painful re-

minder that America must remain ever vigilant to the threats posed by foreign forces and those who abhor the freedom and equality that defines our great Nation.

But most importantly, we have to understand the role America plays in the global community, and we must be respectful of our place and work hard to use what we have been blessed with to ensure that peace and good will reign, regardless of our differences.

I speak from experience when I say that no matter the justification and no matter the final outcome, no nation, no people, escape from war unscathed.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, eleven years ago today, on a crisp early autumn morning much like today's, I was at the Supreme Court for the semi-annual meeting of the Judicial Conference when I got word of the first attack of 9/11. I quietly informed Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who was presiding over our meeting. Soon afterward we heard a muffled "bump," followed by a report that a car bomb may have gone off across town at the State Department. Of course, we later learned that this had been the sound of another plane, as it slammed into the Pentagon.

I remember later that day, evacuating my staff from the Russell Senate Building. I remember crossing along the West Front of the Capitol as two fighter jets streaked up the Mall. I remember the unnatural stillness of a big city in shock, similar only to what I saw as a law student at Georgetown, when a pall descended over Washington after the news that President John F. Kennedy had been killed.

At this morning's meeting of the Judicial Conference in that same room where we met 11 years ago on this date, several participants offered reflections about this somber anniversary.

I noted that much of what holds our country together in times of crisis is the integrity of the three branches of our constitutional government. In recent times, for temporary political gain, there too often has been the temptation to tear down our foundational institutions, undermining the public's faith and confidence in our system. Over time, that cannot help but erode that foundation. I pointed out that this was why, the day after the attacks 11 years ago, each and every Senator made the effort to be in his or her seat in an unmistakable gesture of unity of purpose. We knew that we had to reopen this emblem and pillar of American democracy, and I was proud to be in my seat representing Vermont when the Senate convened for business that next morning.

Over this past decade, as Americans we have gathered each year on this date to remember the thousands of innocent lives that were taken so casually and so callously on that terrible morning. We also remember and honor the brave first responders and military servicemembers who have lost their lives protecting and serving our country. It has been more than a year since

President Obama announced that Osama bin Laden had finally been brought to justice. Although his death will never heal the pain of the families who grieve their losses, we all hope that it will bring a degree of closure and a measure of solace to them, and to all Americans.

In the aftermath of this tragedy, it became clear that changes to our intelligence and law enforcement agencies were needed to address the government's failure to connect the dots before the attacks. I have worked to ensure that Federal agencies have the tools they need to make our borders more secure, improve our intelligence gathering, track down terrorists and bring them to justice, in ways that are consistent with our laws and fundamental values. I firmly believe that we can keep our Nation safe without relinquishing our values.

The last 11 years have further exposed the perversity and bankruptcy at the core of al-Qaida's philosophy and the resilient strength at the core of America's foundational principles. We are a people whose power is in our diversity, our principles, and our liberty. No attack on our shores has ever taken those from us, and no attack ever will.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I remember, as many do, exactly where I was on this day 11 years ago. On that Tuesday morning the United States suffered a terrible attack that resulted in almost 3,000 immediate deaths. When we think of 9/11, we remember the shock, horror and feelings of helplessness. But as we reflect on that day, we also remember the outpouring of compassion and common purpose that united us then and in the days, weeks, and months that followed. We remember the courage shown by the firefighters, police, and other first responders, by the passengers of United Flight 93, and by so many others. That day left us with a resolve to regroup, rebuild and recover while renewing our country's reputation as a world leader and symbol of freedom.

Eleven years later, Americans have shown that our resolve cannot be broken. We remember and honor all those who have and continue to sacrifice to keep us safe, especially the more than 2 million members of our military who have served in the years since 9/11.

We should also remember the spirit of unity and determination that followed in the weeks and months after 9/11. We were not divided as Democrats and Republicans, we were Americans united in purpose. We would do well in these divisive campaigns to reflect on that unity as Americans and pledge to work together to advance the best interests of this great nation.

On this day of remembrance to our fallen heroes, I urge all Alaskans and Americans across the country to join together in service to our neighbors and communities.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, although 11 years have passed since September 11, 2001, our

hearts still ache for the families of the victims as we recall the horror and disbelief of that day. The attacks were a barbaric assault on our Nation's values, meant to crack the foundations of our civilization, strike fear in our hearts, and shake our resolve as a people. But the terrorists have failed in their twisted objectives, as we remain steadfast in our belief in the goodness of our Nation and her enduring ideals. We will never forget the tragedy of that day and the lives that were lost, just as we will never forget the sacrifices made by our troops to protect our freedoms. Today, we stand proudly as Americans first.

Among the nearly 3,000 innocent lives taken in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, were more than 90 residents of my State of Massachusetts. In alphabetical order are those residents and more than 110 victims with close personal ties to the Commonwealth:

Anna S. W. Allison of Stoneham, MA; Barbara Arestegui of Marston Mills, MA; Myra Joy Aronson of Charlestown, MA; Garnet Edward Bailey of Lynnfield, MA; Christine Johnna Barbutto of Brookline, MA; Mark Lawrence Bavis of West Newton, MA; Graham Andrew Berkeley of Wellesley, MA; David W. Bernard of Chelmsford, MA; Kelly Ann Booms of Brookline, MA; John Brett Cahill of Wellesley, MA; Christoffer Mikael Carstanjen of Turner Falls, MA; Neillie Anne Heffernan Casey of Wellesley, MA; Jeffrey William Coombs of Abington, MA; John Corcoran of Norwell, MA; Tara Kathleen Creamer of Worcester, MA; Patrick J. Curran of Winchester, MA; David DiMeglio of Wakefield, MA; Donald Americo DiTullio of Peabody, MA; Paige Farley-Hackel of Newton, MA; Alexander Milan Filipov of Concord, MA; Paul J. Friedman of Belmont, MA; Karleton Douglas Beye Fyfe of Brookline, MA; Peter Allan Gay of Tewksbury, MA; Linda Mae George of Westboro, MA; and Edmund Glazer of Wellesley, MA.

Lynn Catherine Goodchild of Attleboro, MA; Peter Morgan Goodrich of Sudbury, MA; Lisa Reinhard Fenn Gordenstein of Needham, MA; Douglas A. Gowell of Methuen, MA; Francis Grogan of Easton, MA; Maile Rachel Hale of Cambridge, MA; Christine Lee Hanson of Groton, MA; Peter Burton Hanson of Groton, MA; Sue Jue Kim Hanson of Groton, MA; Eric Smadikan Hartono of Boston, MA; Peter Paul Hashem of Tewksbury, MA; James E. Hayden of Westford, MA; Robert Jay Hayes of Amesbury, MA; Edward R. Hennessy, Jr. of Belmont, MA; Todd Russell Hill of Boston, MA; Cora Hidalgo Holland of Sudbury, MA; Herbert Wilson Homer of Milford, MA; John Nicholas Humber, Jr. of Newton, MA; Robert Adrian Jalbert of Swampscott, MA; John Charles Jenkins of Cambridge, MA; Charles Edward Jones of Bedford, MA; Robin L. Kaplan of Westboro, MA; Ralph Francis Kershaw of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA; Brian Kevin Kinney of Lowell, MA; and Judy Camilla Larocque of Framingham, MA.

Natalie Janis Lasden of Peabody, MA; Daniel M. Lewin of Brookline, MA; Sara Elizabeth Low of Boston, MA; Marianne MacFarlane of Revere, MA; Susan McAleney Mackay of Westford, MA; Karen Ann Martin of Danvers, MA; Joseph Mathai of Arlington, MA; Michael Gregory McGinty of Foxboro, MA; Deborah Medwig of Dedham, MA; Christopher Daniel Mello of Boston, MA; Carlos Alberto Montoya of Belmont, MA; Laura Lee DeFazio Morabito of Framingham, MA; Christopher Martel Morrison of Charleston,

MA; Mildred Rose Naiman of Andover, MA; Kathleen Ann Nicosia of Winthrop, MA; John Ogonowski of Dracut, MA; Betty Ann Ong of Andover, MA; Jane M. Orth of Haverhill, MA; Sonia Mercedes Morales Puopolo of Dover, MA; Patrick J. Quigley, IV of Wellesley Hills, MA; David E. Retik of Needham, MA; Frederick Charles Rimmelle, III of Marblehead, MA; Raymond J. Rocha of Malden, MA; Jean Destrehan Roger of Longmeadow, MA; and Philip Martin Rosenzweig of Acton, MA.

Richard Barry Ross of Newton, MA; Jessica Leigh Sachs of Billerica, MA; Rahma Salie of Boston, MA; Jesus Sanchez of Hudson, MA; Jane Louise Simpkin of Wayland, MA; Heather Lee Smith of Boston, MA; Dianne Bullis Snyder of Westport, MA; Brian David Sweeney of Barnstable, MA; Madeline Amy Sweeney of Acton, MA; Michael Theodoridis of Boston, MA; Amy E. Toyen of Newton, MA; James Anthony Trentini of Everett, MA; Mary Trentini of Everett, MA; Antonio De Jesus Montoya Valdez of East Boston, MA; Kenneth E. Waldie of Methuen, MA; William Michael Weems of Marblehead, MA; Candace Lee Williams of Dorchester, MA; and Christopher Rudolph Zarba, Jr. of Hopkinton, MA.

And, Mr. President, those victims with close personal ties to Massachusetts include:

Stephen Adams, Gertrude Alagero, Japhet Aryee, Mark Bingham, Jeffrey D. Bittner, Susan L. Blair, Carol Marie Bouchard, Michael R. Canty, William Caspar, Swarna Chalasani, Stephen Cherry, Geoffrey William Cloud, Jeffrey D. Collman, Kevin Patrick Connors, Fredrick John Cox, Jr., Thelma Cuccinello, Dorothy deAraujo, Gerard DeConto, Manuel DelValle, Jr., Gerard Dewan, Simon Dhanani, Alberto Dominguez, Jamie Lynn Fallon, John R. Fisher, and Richard Fitzsimons.

Carol Flyzik, Alan Friedlander, Thomas Edward Galvin, Douglas Gardner, Andrew Curry Green, Donald Freeman Greene, Philip T. Guza, Carl Hammond, Gerald Hardacre, Melissa Harrington-Hughes, John C. Hartz, Roberta Bernstein Heber, Norberto Hernandez, William Christopher Hunt, Erik Hans Isbrandtsen, Waleed J. Iskandar, Aaron J. Jacobs, Ariel L. Jacobs, Jason K. Jacobs, Gricelda E. Garo James, Amy Nicole Jarret, Joseph Jenkins Jr., Jennifer Lynn Kane, Robert M. Kaulfers, and Richard M. Keane.

Barbara A. Keating, David P. Kovalcin, Kathryn L. LaBorie, Robert George LeBlanc, Dong Lee, Joseph A. Lenihan, Jeffrey LeVeen, Sean Patrick Lynch, Louis Neil Mariani, Kenneth J. Marino, Margaret Mattic, Kevin M. McCarthy, Julian Valentine McCourt, Ruth Clifford McCourt, Thomas F. McGuinness Jr., Gavin McMahon, Stuart Todd Meltzer, Raymond Joseph Metz, III, Martin P. Michelstein, Craig J. Miller, Brian Joseph Murphy, Shawn M. Nassaney, Laurie Olsen Neira, Renee Tetreault Newell, and Jacqueline Norton.

Robert Norton, Leah E. Oliver, Seamus O'Neal, Marie Pappalardo, Robert Pattison, Thomas Nicolas Pecorelli, Todd D. Pelino, Berinthia Berenson Perkins, Jean Peterson, Dennis J. Pierce, Everett Proctor, III, Carrie Beth Progen, Jonathan Randall, Venesha Richards, Isaias Rivera, Waleska Martinez Rivera, Stephen L. Roach, Laura Rockefeller, Michael Craig Rothberg, James M. Roux, Matthew Carmen Sellito, Kathleen Shearer, Robert M. Shearer, Antoinette Sherman, and Timothy C. Stout.

Edward W. Straub, Kevin T. Szocik, Leonard E. Taylor, Eric Thorpe, Alicia Titus, Daniel Trant, Tyler Ugolyn, Michael Augustine Uliano, Meta Fuller Waller, Stephen Ward, John L. Wenckus, Peter M. West, and Maudlyn A. White.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CALIFORNIA CASUALTIES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 30 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since June 6, 2012. This brings to 381 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 18 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan.

CPT Scott P. Pace, 39, of Brawley, CA, died June 6, in Qarah Bagh, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his helicopter crashed. Captain Pace was assigned to 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Cpl Anthony R. Servin, 22, of Moreno Valley, CA, died June 8, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Corporal Servin was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Nathan T. Davis, 20, Yucaipa, CA, died June 9, in Tore Obbeh, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when his vehicle was attacked with an enemy improvised explosive device. Specialist Davis was assigned to 1st Battalion, Airborne, 501st Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Airborne, 25th Infantry Division, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK.

Cpl Taylor J. Baune, 21, of Andover, MN, died June 13, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Corporal Baune was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SSG Nicholas C. Fredsti, 30, of San Diego, CA, died June 15, in Spedar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Fredsti was assigned to 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

SGT Jose Rodriguez, 22, of Gustine, CA, died June 19, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from enemy small arms fire. Sergeant Rodriguez was assigned to 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

PFC Steven P. Stevens II, 23, of Tallahassee, FL, died June 22, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Private First Class Stevens was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Niall W. Cotisears, 23, of Arlington, VA, died June 23, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal

Cotisears was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SPC Alejandro J. Pardo, 21, of Porterville, CA, died July 8, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit in Maidan Shahr, Wardak Province, Afghanistan, with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Pardo was assigned to 978th Military Police Company, 93rd Military Police Battalion, Fort Bliss, TX.

Cpl Joshua R. Ashley, 23, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, died July 19, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Corporal Ashley was assigned to 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

PO2 Michael J. Brodsky, 33, of Tamarac, FL, died July 21, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, from injuries related to a dismounted improvised explosive device blast. Petty Officer Second Class Brodsky was assigned to Navy Region Southwest Security Detachment, San Diego, CA.

SGT Eric E. Williams, 27, of Murrieta, CA, died July 23, of injuries sustained when his forward operating base received indirect fire in Pul-E Alam, Afghanistan. Sergeant Williams was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

1LT Sean R. Jacobs, 23, of Redding, CA, died July 26, in Khakrez, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered an enemy improvised explosive device. First Lieutenant Jacobs was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

SPC Benjamin C. Pleitez, 25, of Turlock, CA, died July 27, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident in Mazar E Sharif, Afghanistan. Specialist Pleitez was assigned to 1072nd Transportation Company, 746th Combat Support Battalion, 224th Sustainment Brigade, Van Nuys, CA.

PFC Jose Oscar Belmontes, 28, of La Verne, CA, died July 28, in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from enemy small arms fire. Private First Class Belmontes was assigned to 630th Engineer Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Drum, NY.

GySgt Daniel J. Price, 27, of Holland, MI, died July 29, while conducting combat operations in Badghis province, Afghanistan. Gunnery Sergeant Price was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Curtis J. Duarte, 22, of Covina, CA, died August 1, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Duarte was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

PFC Jesus J. Lopez, 22, of San Bernardino, CA, died August 1, in Paktika Province, Afghanistan, of

wounds suffered when he encountered an enemy improvised explosive device. Private First Class Lopez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.

PO3 Clayton R. Beauchamp, of Weatherford, TX, died August 7, when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device while conducting a dismounted patrol in the Shaban District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Petty Officer Third Class Beauchamp was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, 1st Marine Division, Forward, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Forward, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Capt. Matthew P. Manoukian, 29, of Los Altos Hills, CA, died August 10, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Captain Manoukian was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

GySgt Ryan Jeschke, 31, of Herndon, VA, died August 10, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Gunnery Sergeant Jeschke was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSgt Sky R. Mote, 27, of El Dorado, CA, died August 10, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Mote was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSgt Scott E. Dickinson, 29, of San Diego, CA, died August 10, while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Dickinson was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Cpl Richard A. Rivera Jr., 20, of Ventura, CA, died August 10, while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Corporal Rivera Jr. was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

CW2 Suresh N. Krause, 29, of Cathedral City, CA, died August 16, in a helicopter crash northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Krause was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SGT Richard A. Essex, 23, of Kelseyville, CA, died August 16, in a helicopter crash northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Sergeant Essex was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

PO1 Sean P. Carson, 32, of Des Moines, WA, died August 16, in a helicopter crash northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Petty Officer First Class Carson was assigned to an explosive ordnance disposal mobile unit in San Diego, CA.