

★ Remembrances On This Day ★

February 3

"All gave some. These gave all."

9 KIA • 5 Awards

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KIAs — February 3



Paul Karas

Major Paul Richard Karas died from hostile fire causing helicopter crash 3 February 1966 while serving as a pilot with 162nd AHC, 11th Avn Bn, 12th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 51 Days.



Casimir Niespodziany

First Lieutenant Casimir Niespodziany died from an other explosive device 3 February 1967 while serving with Det A-503 (5th MSFC), 5th Special Forces Group, RVN. He had been in country 235 Days.



Paul Short

First Lieutenant Paul Theodore Short died from multiple fragmentation wounds 3 February 1967 while serving with A Co, 1st Bn, 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 198 Days.



Morton Townes

First Lieutenant Morton Elmer Townes, Jr died from an other explosive device 3 February 1967 while serving with B Btry 1st Bn, 30th Artillery, 52nd Arty Group, I Field Force, RVN. For action on this date he was awarded the Silver Star. He had been in country 117 Days



Stephen Murden

First Lieutenant Stephen Brooks Murden died from artillery, rocket or mortar fire 3 February 1968 while serving with B Btry, 40th Artillery, 108th Arty Group, I Field Force, RVN. He had been in country 143 Days.



James Godwin

Second Lieutenant James M Godwin died from gun or small arms fire 3 February 1968 while serving with D Co, 2nd Bn, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 142 Days.



Jerry Haley

First Lieutenant Jerry Rankin Haley died from artillery, rocket or mortar fire 3 February 1968 while serving with A Co, 121st Sig Bn, 1st Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 261 Days.



Gerald Greendyke

First Lieutenant Gerald Bruce Greendyke died from an other explosive device 3 February 1968 while serving with A Btry, 6th Bn, 15th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, RVN For action this date he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. He had been in country 126 Days.



Larry Maddy

Frst Lieutenant Larry Robert Maddy died from gun or small arms fire 3 February 1969 while serving with D D Trp, 3rd Sqdn, 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 195 Days.

Valor Awards — February 3



Paul Riordan

★ MEDAL OF HONOR ★

Second Lieutenant Paul F. Riordan was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions on 3 February 1944 while serving with Company L, 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, Italy. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 1959.

William Higgins

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Chester Garrett

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

Captain Chester Garrett was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 3 February 1967 while serving with Detachment A-341, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, RVN. He is also the recipient of the Soldiers Medal and Silver Star. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024



John Lewis

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

First Lieutenant John J Lewis was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 3 February 1968 while serving with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, RVN. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024

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