★ Remembrances On This Day ★

February 4

"All gave some. These gave all."

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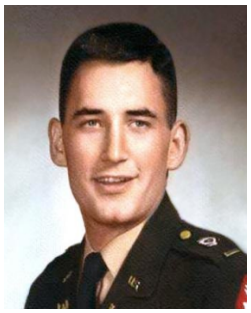

Billy J. Blacksten

First Lieutenant Billy Joe Blacksten died from artillery, rocket or mortar fire 4 February 1968 while serving with 44th PIO Det, HHC, 1st Infantry Division, RVN. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Star with V. He had been in country 339 Days.

Ronald W. Wood

Second Lieutenant Ronald William Wood died from gun or small arms fire 4 February 1969 while serving with A Co, 3rd Bn, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 82 Days.

Dingus Banks

First Lieutenant Dingus Banks, Jr died from gun or small arms fire 4 February 1968 while serving with 127th MP Co, 93rd MP Bn, 16th MP Group, 18th Military Police Brigade, RVN. He was also the recipient of the Bronze Star with V. He had been in country 63 Days.

Joseph J. Smith

First Lieutenant Joseph John Smith died from gun or small arms wounds 4 February 1968 (incident date 26 January) while serving with 3rd Plt, B Trp, 3rd Sqdn, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, RVN. He is the recipient of the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medal with V. He had been in country 27 Days.

Samuel H. Eberhart

Captain Samuel Houston Eberhart died from an other explosive device 4 February 1971 while serving with Adv Team 2, HQ, MACV Advisors, RVN. He is also the recipient of the Bronze Star with V. He had been in country 97 Days.

Valor Awards — February 4

James L. Giangrosso

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Joe A. Kendall

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Second Lieutenant Joe Angel Kendall IN 9-67 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 4 February 1966 while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, RVN. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024.

Gordon H. Mansfield

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