

★ Remembrances On This Day ★

June 19

"All gave some. These gave all."

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DICs — June 19



Thomas Ledbetter

Captain Thomas Isaac Ledbetter IN 3-58 died while listed as missing in action on 19 June 1964 while serving with Detachment A-133, 5th Special Forces Group, RVN. He had been in country 63 days.



Robert Aguado

First Lieutenant Robert Charles Aguado IN 5-66 died from multiple fragmentation wounds while listed as missing in action on 19 June 1967 while serving with Company A, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 160 days.



Sheldon Schulman

First Lieutenant Sheldon Boris Schulman IN 5-66 died from hostile small arms fire while listed as missing in action on 19 June 1967 while serving with Company A, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 160 days.



John Link

First Lieutenant John Joseph Link IN 27-67 died from gun or small arms fire on 19 June 1968 while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 61 days.



Paul Oakes

First Lieutenant Paul Laverne Oakes, Jr. IN 36-67 died from multiple hostile fragmentation wounds on 19 June 1968 while serving with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 118 days.



James Daniel

Captain James Robert Daniel, IN 3-63 died from injuries suffered in the downing of an aircraft by hostile fire on 19 June 1969 while serving with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, RVN. He had been in country 42 days.



Richard Cole

First Lieutenant Richard Wilson Cole AR 22-67 died from wounds received by hostile indirect fire on 19 June 1969 while serving with HHT, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, RVN. He had been in country 299 days.



John Haynes

Captain John Wallace Haynes FA 5-69 died of injuries received in a non-hostile vehicle accident 19 June 1971 while serving with Advisory Team 66, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, RVN. He had been in country 147 days.

Valor Awards — June 19



Ronald Ray

★ MEDAL OF HONOR ★

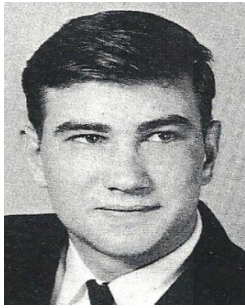
Captain Ronald Eric Ray IN 4-64 was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions while serving with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division on 19 June 1966. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 1970.



Willie Merkerson

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

First Lieutenant Willie Merkerson, Jr. EN 9-66 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 19 June 1967 while serving with Detachment A-223, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024.



Bernard Pierce

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

First Lieutenant Bernard Lawrence Pierce AR 30-67 was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 19 June 1969 while serving with Troop I, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, RVN. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2021.

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