

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/21/2015

Amendment to: SB 2323

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2015 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2323

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2323
2/5/2015
Job # 23273

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the book of veterans.

Minutes:

Attachments 1

Vice Chairman Poolman: Opened the hearing on SB 2323.

Senator Ron Sorvaag, District: Testified as sponsor and in support of the bill. The bill does need some re-wording. The bill last session was passed to put together a book of everyone that has served through statehood through peacetime, wartime and all. The work on that by the Adjutant General was supposed to be reported to our interim committee. It obviously turned out to be a lot more of a project than anticipated. The real issue got to be trying to identify who served, especially in peacetime. Where there has been a conflict there seems to be better records. The other concern is that if you put it in a book, it will be wrong the day you publish it because this stuff has changed and there are mistakes and all that. We never did any action as a committee. The final bid that the Adjutant General got for the book and research from North Dakota State University came in later after we had adjourned. We talked to a few groups and it has been a problem to figure out how to put something together. After visiting with General Dohrmann we wanted to keep this alive somehow. It probably needs some re-wording due to the rush of getting the bill in. There is \$50,000 in the Governor's budget that was appropriated last time that is carrying over. It is my understanding that the Veteran's Administration has pretty well got the records up to date through Vietnam of people that served in conflicts. The intent is really not to have it put in a book, but to put it online. We are trying to keep moving forward to recognition at least of those that served in conflicts. It is not as easy as it appears to gather that information and do it correctly.

(3:55) Al Dohrmann, Deputy Adjutant General: See Attachment #1 for testimony in support of the bill. The State Historical Society is very much interested in being involved in this adventure.

(9:20) Senator Flakoll: In looking at the screen shots, can they click on them and get more information or is all the information showing there?

Al Dohrmann: I believe that is all that is available.

Vice Chairman Poolman: Closed the hearing on SB 2323.

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2323
2/5/2015
Job # 23294

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

No Attachments

Chairman Dever: Opened SB 2323 for committee discussion.

Senator Davison: Is there a website where they would post the information in a database?

Senator Marcellais: It is in General Dohrmann's testimony.

Senator Davison: I thought there were a couple of good amendments there in order to come to a good solution on that.

Chairman Dever: I do not see them.

Senator Poolman: He just talked about them. All we would have to do to alleviate his concern, is on line 13, add "to the public" after available. That leaves it open for them to put that information out on their website or in some sort of electronic form so that it is available to the public.

Senator Poolman: Moved to amend. Line 13, strike "for use in and the publishing of the book of veterans" and add "to the public".

Senator Flakoll: I think it should say including an online format. They may do that but I would be more comfortable if they were required to do that.

Senator Davison: I do not disagree with you, but I understood the focus of the next biennium to use this \$50,000 and make it available to the public and then come back in two years and decide what the choices are to do that and what additional costs there would be to do that.

Senator Cook: Seconded the amendment.

Chairman Dever: We can adopt this amendment and further amend if that is the committee's wishes.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion carried.

Senator Cook: Would it be better to look on line 6, where it says book of veteran's in the title and do some word smithing there?

Chairman Dever: It may not be necessary due to the amendment.

Senator Cook: We are getting away from a book and I think we should take book out of it.

Senator Flakoll: It could just be history of veterans as an option.

Senator Davison: They are really creating a database of the veterans, so I don't know if that word is appropriate.

Senator Flakoll: I would like to remind what we looked at when we saw the South Dakota books. It made them a real person and in some cases we learned more about them. I would like something more that a family could submit information to be put in there so others can find out more about them as an individual.

Senator Nelson: That might satisfy the privacy issue too if family gives you permission to post.

Senator Davison: Again, I do not disagree, but I understood the testimony from General Dohrmann to be that they need to get the information done and they provided an example of what they needed to get the information done and in a database. My interpretation of what he said is that really needs to be the focus and make it available to the public. They were not exactly sure how they would do that but the key to the bill was to get that piece done. He talked about partnering with NDSU and the Historical Society to get that done. I think Senator Flakoll's ideas are excellent, and even he said that in the next biennium to come back and have a conversation of what we have. Now, it is to just focus on getting the work done and that it can be done for \$50,000.

Senator Davison: Moved a Do Pass As Amended.

Senator Cook: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Dever will carry the bill.

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Adopted by the Government and Veterans
Affairs Committee
February 5, 2015

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2/5/15

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2323

Page 1, line 13, replace "for use in and the publishing of the book of veterans" with "to the public"

Renumber accordingly

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2323**

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Line 13 after add "in and the publishing strike" for use "of the book of veterans."

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Poolman Seconded By Cook

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Dever	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Senator Marcellais	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vice Chairman Poolman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Senator Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Davison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Flakoll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2/5
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2323

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 15.0940.02001

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☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Davison Seconded By Cook

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Dever	✓		Senator Marcellais	✓	
Vice Chairman Poolman	✓		Senator Nelson	✓	
Senator Cook	✓				
Senator Davison	✓				
Senator Flakoll	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Dever

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2323: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends
DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2323 was placed
on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2015 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2323

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union, State Capitol

SB 2323
3/5/2015
24404

- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the book of veterans

Minutes:

Attachment 1

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing on SB 2323.

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann, Office of the Adjutant General, appeared in support.
Attachment 1 (:38-4:28)

Rep. Laning You are not going to include all veterans?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann That is correct. As a national guard we know we need to do a much better job of documenting service of everyone, but what we are dealing here again carries on a tradition of what we have done since World War I of documenting the war time service of all North Dakotans.

Rep. Steiner Do you have a cost for the web based system, or is that included in the \$50,000? Is that something you can provide through your existing operation or is NDSU providing that?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann I don't know. The first thing is we need to sit down with our partners which would be NDSU, the State Historical Society, and ND Veterans' Administration. For us it makes the most sense once the data is assembled to probably put it on a server that would be controlled by NDVA. Once the data is collected, it is just a matter of making sure whoever owns it in the end has enough server space to store that data.

Vice Chair Rohr Last session we were told that South Dakota had successfully accomplished something like this. Were you able to contact them or get any ideas from them on how they did it?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann We have. My understanding is it was a school project, and I don't know who was lead on it. Students researched KIAs and MIAs. They did produce a book.

Vice Chair Rohr You are saying we are going to have key people involved with this and partner with you to get it accomplished?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann Yes. We have met with the chairman of the NDSU history department, and he is interested in putting some graduate students to work on this. The State Historical Society has done some work on this. I know UND has done some work on the service of our veterans during the Gulf War. I know North Dakota Veterans' Administration is also continuing to work and improve the website that I have noted here.

Rep. Louser If this bill doesn't pass, state law still requires you to produce the book?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann Correct. \$50,000 probably wouldn't get us too far down the road.

Rep. Wallman Isn't there a federal database of everyone that served in the armed forces, and you could type in North Dakota and get a list?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann You would think so. For Title 10 service, active duty service, they reside in a computer somewhere in St. Louis. We have our own records here in North Dakota. To compile all this data, I am guessing it will be a combination of contacting the federal authorities in St. Louis to give what they can and working through counties to get the records of service of veterans in those counties.

Chairman Kasper What would you think about these changes--Line 2 and 6, replace "book" with "record" of veterans and on Line 13 after the period, we would say the adjutant general shall make the information available to the public in a manner it deems advisable? That would give you and your people all the latitude in the world on how to do this the way you think would be the most appropriate.

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann Yes. We were neutral on this and didn't really want the project last time, but we think it is a worthwhile endeavor so we are trying to help move it forward. That is why we need to work with the other agencies, because to get the work done and to put the finished product somewhere, it probably should be outside the ND national guard.

No opposition or neutral.

The hearing was closed.

Rep. Laning It makes sense to go with a website or some sort of electronic media. I move we adopt your amendment.

Rep. Wallman seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Rohr Last session when we had this discussion, you brought in a series of books. Are those online too?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann They are not online, but we are taking them from book form and putting them into a database.

Vice Chair Rohr Would this \$50,000 include that as well?

Brigadier General Alan Dohrmann No, that is a follow up from some federal things we need to do. We actually have a federal technician who is a disabled young lady and spent years transcribing those books into a database.

Voice vote. Motion carries.

Rep. Steiner made a motion for a DO PASS AS AMENDED AND REREFER TO APPROPRIATIONS.

Rep. Laning seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. 14 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Rep. Amerman will carry the bill.

March 5, 2015



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2323

Page 1, line 2, replace "book" with "record"

Page 1, line 6, overstrike "**Book**" and insert immediately thereafter "**Record**"

Page 1, line 13, after "public" insert "in a manner that the adjutant general deems advisable"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 3-5-15
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2323

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Laning Seconded By Wallman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
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Rep. Mary C. Johnson			Rep. Kris Wallman		
Rep. Karen Karls					
Rep. Ben Koppelman					
Rep. Vernon Laning					
Rep. Scott Louser					
Rep. Jay Seibel					
Rep. Vicky Steiner					

*Voice
Vote
Motion
Carries*

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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*Line 2nd strike back
Put in record*
*Line 13 after public insert
in a manner that the
ad general seems
advisable*

Date: 3-5-15
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Rep. Ben Koppelman	X				
Rep. Vernon Laning	X				
Rep. Scott Louser	X				
Rep. Jay Seibel	X				
Rep. Vicky Steiner	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Amerman

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2323, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2323 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2015 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2323

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2323
3/16/2015
24931

- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the record of veterans

Minutes:

Attachment: 1 (submitted testimony)

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Opened the meeting

Representative Jim Kasper, District 46, and chair of the Government and Veterans Affairs committee spoke on the bill and explained the amendment.

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Did you ask them if they had carried forward authority on that \$50,000?

Kasper: he read the testimony (attachment 1).

Chairman Jeff Delzer

You changed the requirements considerably; going from statehood to "since the Vietnam Conflict"; why did your committee do that?

Kasper: that was a senate amendment; I don't know why they did it. It was not the Adjutant General's idea, to go way back to statehood; it was more about the Vietnam conflict and forward.

Chairman Jeff Delzer

This isn't even it just since the conflict; it doesn't even allow them to do Vietnam conflict the way I read it.

Kasper: it was the way it was written

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Did you ask them about the cost of this compared to; because \$20K was the cost of printing the book. If they are going to keep it strictly on electronic means, I'm not sure, but if you work the Adjutant General budget, you have work on some of this stuff?

Representative Thoreson

We had a discussion; and we will have them back for further detail work; they do have the authority to carry the money over. It is a separate section of the bill.

Representative Bellew

Doesn't the Department of Defense have these records?

Kasper: that did not come up in discussion; we were just discussing the concept of what they wanted to do, we did not ask where the records might be.

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Did you ask if they supported the Senate amendments?

Kasper: they came in supporting the bill as amended, so I'm assuming they did.

Representative Skarphol

There is a representative of the Adjutant Generals office here to offer a comment.

Al Dohrman Deputy Adjutant General for the North Dakota National Guard: Handout #1

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Changing it to "since the Vietnam conflict" and then the fact that I don't think you'd need \$50,000 to do what you are talking about if you would do it electronically.

Dohrman: refers to paragraph 3 in handout #1.

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Why haven't you collected this information; or do you have it and just haven't put it into the format you want?

Dohrman: we have all the information from the North Dakota National Guard; however, we don't have it for the Reserve or Active components who are state residents. The \$50,000; we have discussed it with the Historical Society and NDSU. We have received support from the Historical Society.

Chairman Jeff Delzer

Government Operations needs to look at this, further.

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2323
4/9/2015
Job #25981

- ☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



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A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the record of veterans

Minutes:

Chairman Jeff Delzer called the committee to order.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: This is a bill that says, the Adjutant General shall initiate and coordinate collecting the information on North Dakotans who served in the theater of the armed conflicts since Vietnam. Last time or the time before, we were asked about putting a book together. They really are wild about doing a book. They say all the information before that is gathered; that's why this is listed as since the armed conflict. There is a \$50,000 fiscal note, I think, but the money was appropriated last year. I don't think it was ever spent. I don't know whether that carries forward or not. I don't see any kind of carry-forward here. But even if it doesn't, there's all sorts of money in the Adjutant General's budget.

Representative Skarphol: I believe that carries forward. There was money in there for a book as well, that I think we removed.

Representative Brandenburg: The \$50,000 actually was taken out. It was removed by the Senate.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: But there is some carry-forward money in the Adjutant General's fund.

Rep. Brandenburg: There's a whole bunch of carry-forwards in a whole bunch of sections.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: That's kind of what I thought. I don't think there's going to be a shortage of money to do this.

Rep. Glassheim: I thought this was in the Adjutant General's budget, that we had slightly different language, but it was in there.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: We can look, but I don't think there's a whole lot of consternation about the bill. I think it's a question of whether it's funded or they have to take it out of other funding.

Rep. Brandenburg: The Senate did take out \$50,000, and removed the book of veterans funding. This is a \$250-million budget, so there probably is a place.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: Committee members, what are your wishes?

Rep. Hogan: I move a Do Pass.

Rep. Thoreson: Second.

Chairman Jeff Delzer: There is no appropriation in the bill; it's just the language to do it. If the money has been removed for this particular item, they could still do it if the language is there, if they can find the money, and I truly don't believe that's a problem. If they want to do it, they'd do it. Further discussion by the committee? Seeing none, the clerk will call the roll for a Do Pass on SB 2323.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN: YES: 23 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0

Motion for a DO PASS carries; 23-0-0

Rep. (Not Identified): Just so everybody's OK, Section 9 in the Adjutant General's bill has a carry-forward for the record of North Dakota veterans. So it's there.

Representative Amerman (GVA) is the carrier.

Chairman Jeff Delzer closed the hearing on SB 2323.

Date: 4/9/15Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2323House: Appropriations Committee☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By: HoganSeconded By: Thoreson

Representatives	Yes	No	Absent
Chairman Jeff Delzer	✓		
Vice Chairman Keith Kempenich	✓		
Representative Bellew	✓		
Representative Brandenburg	✓		
Representative Boehning	✓		
Representative Dosch	✓		
Representative Kreidt	✓		
Representative Martinson	✓		
Representative Monson	✓		
Representative Nelson	✓		
Representative Pollert	✓		
Representative Sanford	✓		
Representative Schmidt	✓		
Representative Silbernagel	✓		
Representative Skarphol	✓		
Representative Streyle	✓		
Representative Thoreson	✓		
Representative Vigasaa	✓		
Representative Boe	✓		
Representative Glassheim	✓		
Representative Guggisberg	✓		
Representative Hogan	✓		
Representative Holman	✓		
TOTALS	23	0	0

Floor Assignment: Amerman (GVA)

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: _____

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2323, as engrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (23 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2323, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2015 TESTIMONY

SB 2323

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North Dakota's Heroes

Afghanistan



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Devils Lake, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: National Guard

Company/Division: 818th Eng Co (Sapper), Williston, N.D.

Date of Loss: December 3, 2012 / Age: 41
Died Dec. 3 in southern Afghanistan of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.



Spc. Tyler J. Orgaard 2012

Bismarck, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: National Guard

Company/Division: 818th Eng Co (Sapper), Williston, N.D.

Date of Loss: December 3, 2012 / Age: 20
Died Dec. 3 in southern Afghanistan of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.



Spc. Keenan A. Cooper 2010

Wahpeton, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 4th Squadron, 73rd Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC

Date of Loss: July 5, 2010 / Age: 19
Died July 5, 2010 in Yakuta, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.



Spc. Chris Kleinwachter 2006

Wahpeton, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: National Guard

Company/Division: 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery, Grand Forks, N.D.

Date of Loss: November 30, 2006 / Age: 29
Died Nov. 30 of injuries sustained when his vehicle rolled over during combat operations in Ghazni, Afghanistan.



Cpl. Nathan J. Good Iron 2006

Mandaree, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: National Guard

Company/Division: 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery, Grand Forks, N.D.

Date of Loss: November 23, 2006 / Age: 25
Died Nov. 23 of injuries sustained when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small-arms fire and rocket propelled grenades in Qarabagh, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Travis A. Van Zoest 2006

Larimore, ND

Afghanistan - Fallen

Branch of Service: National Guard

Company/Division: 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery, Grand Forks, N.D.

Date of Loss: June 6, 2006 / Age: 21
Killed June 6 when his Humvee struck two anti-tank mines during combat operations in Khogyani, Afghanistan.



Spc. Curtis R. Mehrer 2006

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Iraq



Staff Sgt. David C. Kuehl

2007

Wahpeton, ND

Iraq - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash

Date of Loss: May 22, 2007 / Age: 27

Died May 22 in Taji, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit.



Spc. Paul A. Beyer

2006

Jamestown, ND

Iraq - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky

Date of Loss: June 23, 2006 / Age: 21

Died June 23 from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in the vicinity of Baghdad.



Cpl. Jeremiah S. Santos

2006

Devils Lake, ND

Iraq - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Date of Loss: June 15, 2006 / Age: 21

Died June 15, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations.

ND Department of Veterans Affairs

Conflict: Vietnam

The total casualty count for North Dakota's Vietnam War heroes is 198.

Visit the [Vietnam War Resources](#) website for more information about Vietnam.

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Master CPO Charles Herman Piper Jr 1972

Durbin, ND

Vietnam - Fallen

Branch of Service: Navy

Date of Loss: August 30, 1972 / Age: 34

In OFFSHORE, SOUTH VIETNAM

Non-Hostile, died of illness/injury, SEA CASUALTY
ILLNESS, DISEASE



Lt. Col. James Alan Fowler 1972

Bismarck, ND

Vietnam - MIA

Branch of Service: Air Force

Date of Disappearance: June 6, 1972 / Age: 41

In , NORTH VIETNAM

Hostile, died while missing, FIXED WING - PILOT
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND

Body was not recovered



1st Lt. Byron Kent Kulland 1972

New Town, ND

Vietnam - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: F Troop, 8th Cavalry, 196th
Infantry Brigade

Date of Loss: April 2, 1972 / Age: 24

In QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM

Hostile, died while missing, HELICOPTER - PILOT
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND



Master Sgt. Merlyn Leroy Paulson 1972

Fargo, ND

Vietnam - MIA

Branch of Service: Air Force

Date of Disappearance: March 29, 1972 / Age: 38

Hostile, died while missing, FIXED WING - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND

Body was recovered.

Remains were identified Oct 23, 1986.



Pfc. David Donald Berdahl 1972

Minot, ND

Vietnam - MIA

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 101st Airborne Division

Date of Disappearance: January 20, 1972 / Age: 19

In QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM

Hostile, died while missing, HELICOPTER - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND

Body was not recovered



Pvt. Douglas Jack Pierce 1971

Fargo, ND

Vietnam - Fallen

Branch of Service: Army

Company/Division: 1st AVN BDE

Date of Loss: November 26, 1971 / Age: 19

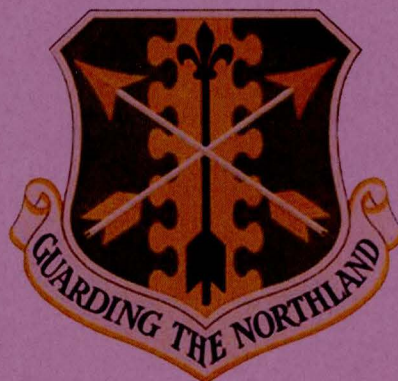
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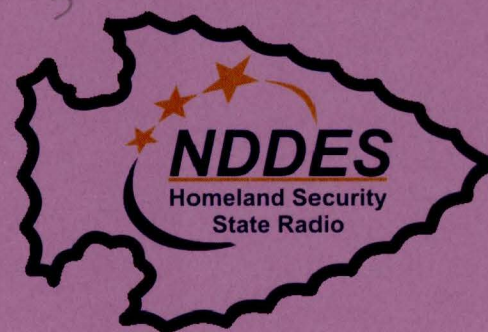
Army National Guard

"The Straight Arrows"



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