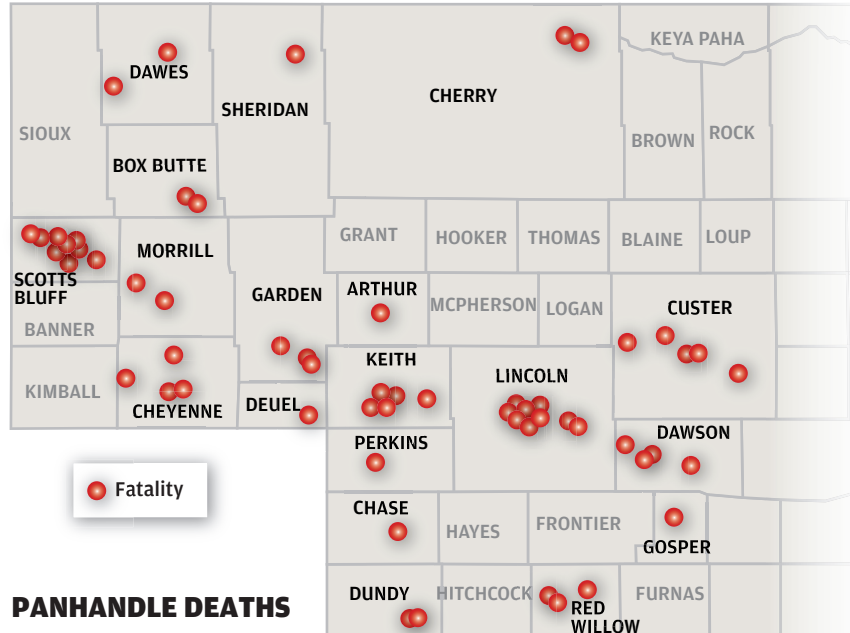


The Korean War's toll on western Nebraska

Veterans Day 2025 coincides with the 75th anniversary year of the Korean War, which began June 25, 1950, with the North Korean invasion of South Korea. An armistice ended active fighting on July 27, 1953, but no permanent peace agreement has ever been signed. Fifty-eight U.S. service members from western Nebraska were killed or remain officially missing in action.



WEST CENTRAL NEBRASKA DEATHS

Lincoln County

Spc. 1st Class Don E. Rowley, Army, North Platte, Aug. 2, 1950
Pvt. William L. Seery, Army, North Platte, Feb. 2, 1951
Spc. 1st Class Clarence E. Alspaugh, Army, North Platte, Feb. 6, 1951
Pfc. Rodney V. Keller, Army, North Platte, Feb. 13, 1951
Pfc. Richard T. "Thurman" Smotts, Army, North Platte, May 17, 1951
Pfc. Kenneth A. Effenbeck, Army, Maxwell, Sept. 19, 1951
Pfc. Marvin E. Branting, Army, North Platte, Sept. 25, 1951
Pfc. Ben J. Yates, Army, North Platte, Oct. 15, 1951
Pfc. Lloyd P. Anderson, Army, Maxwell, Nov. 23, 1951

Arthur County

Pfc. Carroll F. Laing, Army, Arthur, Jan. 29, 1951

Chase County

1st Lt. Raymond B. Houston, Air Force, Imperial, Sept. 12, 1952

Cherry County

Pvt. Dale D. Thompson, Army, Valentine, Dec. 2, 1950
Cpl. Donald R. Daniels, Marines, Valentine, June 9, 1951

Custer County

Sgt. Gerald L. Holland, Army, Ansley, Sept. 3, 1950
Pfc. Darrol C. Chesley, Army, Arnold, Sept. 26, 1950
Pfc. Delbert F. Prescott, Army, Broken Bow, Feb. 13, 1951
Sgt. Patrick J. Arthur, Army, Broken Bow, May 18, 1951
Pvt. Gayle L. Swope, Army, Merna, Oct. 5, 1951

Dawson County

Sgt. Jon G. Harrington, Army, Cozad, March 26, 1951
Pvt. William C. Linder Jr., Army, Lexington, April 16, 1951
Capt. Robert H. Laier, Air Force, Cozad, June 19, 1951
Pvt. Richard C. Stevens, Army, Gothenburg, Oct. 12, 1951

Dundy County

Pfc. Dale L. Fugate, Army, Benkelman, Feb. 4, 1951
Pfc. Donald A. Warning, Army, Benkelman, Feb. 6, 1951

Gosper County

Sgt. John G. Wray, Army, Elwood, June 4, 1951

Keith County

Pfc. Teddy J. Walker, Army, Ogallala, Oct. 13, 1950
Pvt. Ervin A. Miller, Army, Ogallala, Nov. 28, 1950
Pfc. Joe F. Bricker, Army, Paxton, March 16, 1951
1st Lt. Milton L. Wiseman, Air Force, Ogallala, June 10, 1951
Pfc. Lloyd F. Strauser, Army, Ogallala, Jan. 26, 1952

Perkins County

Pfc. Jerry H. Peterson, Army, Grant, Sept. 19, 1952

Red Willow County

Pvt. Joseph C. Carfield, Army, McCook, Aug. 16, 1950
Cpl. Marion F. Schaffert, Army, Indianola, Oct. 3, 1951
Pfc. Robert E. Roth, Army, McCook, May 30, 1953

Total west central Nebraska deaths: 34

Western Nebraska deaths: 58

Total Nebraska deaths: 318