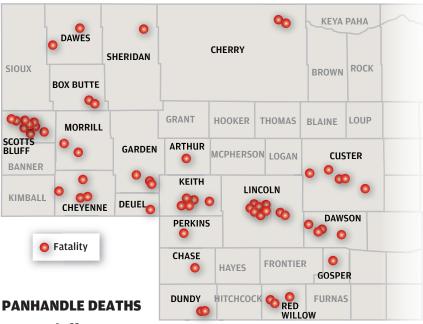
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The Korean War's toll on western Nebraska

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.



Scotts Bluff County

Master Sgt. Ray Wilson, Army, Gering, July 19, 1950 Pfc. Rueben Schraeder, Army, Scottsbluff, Sept. 25, 1950 Pfc. Henry I. Moriarty, Army, Scottsbluff, Nov. 28, 1950 Cpl. Douglas R. Marsh, Army, Scottsbluff, Feb. 5, 1951 Pfc. Salbador Guzman, Army, Mitchell, Sept. 3, 1951 Pfc. Chris Fotinos, Army, Minatare, Nov. 24, 1951 1st Lt. James M. Selzer, Army, Scottsbluff, June 17, 1952 Hospitalman Earnest N. Slagle, Navy, Morrill, Sept. 18, 1952 Cpl. Fermin P. Lozoya, Army, Scottsbluff, Oct. 15, 1952

Box Butte County

Pfc. Charles L. Johnson, Army, Alliance, Aug. 10, 1950 Cpl. Edgar L. Buchanan, Marines, Alliance, June 19, 1951

Cheyenne County

2nd Lt. Donald A. Schwartz, Air Force, Potter, July 7, 1950 Pvt. Wayne K. Click, Army, Sidney, July 24, 1950 Sgt. Nick A. Meick, Army, Sidney, March 31, 1951 Pvt. Robert S. Linton, Army, Dalton, Sept. 26, 1951

Deuel County

Master Sgt. Lester E. Kriha, Army, Big Springs, July 27, 1950

Dawes County

Pfc. George E. Gowin, Army, Chadron, Aug. 7, 1950 1st Lt. David P. Barnes, Air Force, Crawford, April 22, 1951

Garden County

Pvt. Walter L. Yetter, Army, Lewellen, Sept. 22, 1951 Pvt. William C. Blain, Army, Oshkosh, Oct. 13, 1951 Pfc. Darrell W. Zorn, Army, Oshkosh, Jan. 28, 1953

Morrill County

Pfc. Milton E. Nicks, Army, Bridgeport, Nov. 19, 1950 Pfc. George R. Wylie, Army, Bayard, July 17, 1951

Sheridan County

Pvt. Clinton H. McCray, Army, Gordon, June 14, 1952

Total Panhandle deaths: 24

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

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