



JUNE 2021 NEWS

With the arrival of the spring and summer season and confidence that the COVID pandemic journey is increasingly manageable and less threatening; much time, energy and thoughtfulness is invested in a current list of 10 projects:

1. Ongoing readiness to open the Veterans Office: All labor, and construction materials have been donated by Veteran Jim and Elise Deisley.



The concrete walkway was put in by Steve Groff Concrete business at 50% of any other estimated cost and the remaining 50% was

donated by Jim and Elise and their family.



2. Restoration of the garage space to facilitate Veterans Café traffic and ongoing program purpose gains momentum this week.



A Team of yard care workers from Lancaster Bible College.

3. The construction of an Equipment Shed to provide housing for farm equipment, and tools is in progress. Parke Hess is shown here in his truck delivering 1 of 37 loads of dirt to prepare the ground for the 30 X 60 shed. Willow Valley Housing gave the dirt and Parke gave the time and truck to get it to the farm. Thank you sir!



4. The Completion and activation of the well for the barn marked by the pink flag in the picture.



5. Completion of 2nd floor of the barn as a fitness center that Veterans will have access to.

6. Construction/renovations in the lower level of the Foundation house and offices facility for office and storage needs.

7. Renovation / Maintenance Repair of window frames.

8. Large gathering space / pavilion construction project study and implementation plan.

9. In partnership with the intern program at Millersville University; Volunteer Linda Deal, is our lead person in initiating advance to create a walking trail



purposed to maximize the property for the well-being of Veterans and their families.

A process proposal from the University team is in hand.

10. The Installation of the Water and Electricity system to the pastures to guarantee care through all seasons is just completed.

Faithful and competent horse handlers keep close watch on our horse partners. Dennis and Danielle Oatman (Father/Veteran and Daughter) have completed handler orientation sessions and are significant Farm Operations team players.



Four great men that frequent this place – a team of influence and commitment to the veteran community – strategic to advancing our mission.

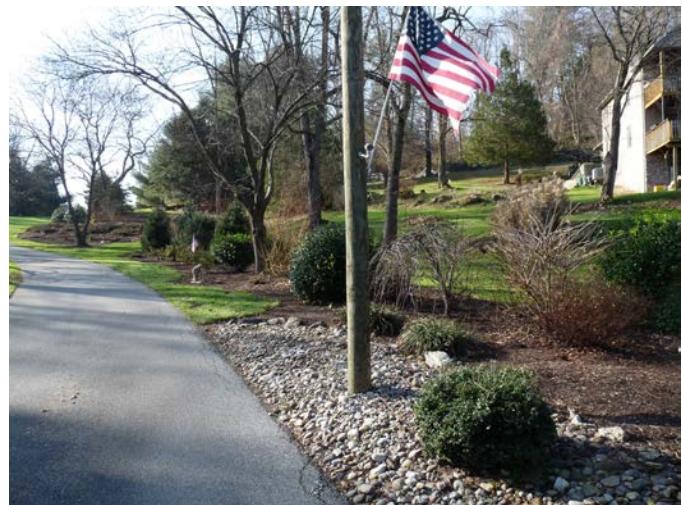


Dave Anderson, Dale Shaw, Jim Diesley, Senator Scott Martin.

Four new volunteers have indicated readiness to tour the farm and step in to do what they can do!

There are 56 mulchbeds in 3 areas:

the driveway,



the circle of house frontage



The Meadow



If you can help by volunteering to care for 1 of these mulchbeds please connect with us from the Building Bridges website link or 717-368-3019 – we will respond to you!

**We look forward to having a Week End open house
Sunday, July 18**

**A day for the community to discover where we are,
tour the property, meet our horses, enjoy others you
may meet along the way—
and get an updated information packet about our
programs and services.**

Thank you to Jeff Giagnocavo and Ben McClure fom Gardner's Mattresss & More for welcoming Ann Marie , Executive Director of Development from Building Bridges Foundation to participate in the Lancaster Connects podcast on May 26. You gentlemen make great hosts and make the county look good!

Cheers to you for proactively reaching out in support of what's going on in the community!

The podcast is posted for viewing on the Building Bridges Website and Facebook Page.

Our mission – to provide a safe space for personal growth through equine assisted activities for veterans and their families, as well as those suffering from trauma and loss, and those who are struggling with cognitive and emotional challenges—Keeps us focused and intentional in our operational commitments. **Even as we sustain this focus—**

Our program has benefitted from partnering with a youth Olympic Training boxing team and a network of caring coaches and parents; The team lost its meeting place in the city during COVID real estate closures. In negotiation with them Building Bridges Foundation opened space to this team. The top level of the barn serves them perfectly as a training / work out environment to continue to advance and prepare for national competitions.



The leaders of the team provided the skills, time and commitment to renovate the space and move in their equipment. They meet late afternoon/early evening several days a week and, they complete 30 minutes of Volunteer help at the farm each week.

The rest of the time the fitness center space and equipment is available to veterans and their families.

Dear Friends of Building Bridges Foundation,
 We here at Building Bridges Foundation Center of Caring for Veterans,
 are so very thankful to the extraordinary Lancaster County people.
 Your generosity speaks of your compassion, your values and priorities,
 and your understanding of "each for the other" in community building
 and restoration. God knows we need your partnership. Cheers to you!

Online contributions for Building Bridges Foundation (1)	\$32,070.18
+ Offline contributions (2)	\$45,000.00
= Total Donations Received (3)	\$77,070.18
+ Stretch pool award (\$731,877 total available) (4)	\$4,811.98
- Fees charged (5)	(\$3,845.80)
+ Fees covered by donors (6)	\$1,510.47
Total Impact Amount (7) \$79,546.83	\$79,546.83
*Net payment amount to Building Bridges Foundation	\$79,546.83
<i>Percentage of Stretch Pool Earned</i>	<i>0.6101657%</i>

- 1 - All donations Building Bridges Foundation received via ExtraGive online gifts Nov, 2020.
- 2 - "Offline contributions" if a donor utilized the "Offline Gifts Form" and sent it to the Community Foundation.
- 3 - Total gross donations (online, offline).
- 4 - Total stretch pool of \$788,635 available. Total donations to Building Bridges \$63,346.50 divided by the total amount of donations received via ExtraGive \$12,631,025 X total stretch pool available \$788,635 = 0.6101657%
- 5 - Fees are assessed on total donations received: \$79,546 x 4.99%. Fees cover credit card and platform processing costs. As always, the Community Foundation does NOT KEEP ANY FEES for hosting this event. As has been the case every year, the fees charged for this event were more than covered by donors and the stretch pool.
- 6 - Fees that donors opted to cover when making a contribution.
- 7 The Net Payment Amount was gladly received by Building Bridges Foundation in January 2021.

The November, 2020 Lancaster ExtraOrdinary Give stretch pool of **\$788,635** and prizes of **\$65,000** were provided by: Rodgers & Associates, The High Foundation, LNP/The Steinman Foundation, Murry Foundation, Glenmede, Armstrong World Industries Foundation, Glenmede, Armstrong World Industries, Armstrong Flooring, Atlee Hall, BB&T now Truist, Benchmark Construction, Giant Food Stores, The Hershey Company, Highmark, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, McNees, New Holland Agriculture/New Holland Construction, Peoples Bank, PNC, Rhoads Energy Corporation, Woodstream Corporation, an anonymous donor, and the Lancaster County Community Foundation, as well as numerous community supporters during the Extraordinary Give event.



EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY SERVICES
Specializing in helping military members and their families

the ongoing business of Building Bridges Foundation specific to:

How Building Bridges Foundation is viewed in the community, by its residents, clients, employees, future residents/clients, relevant groups, churches, donors, and the general public.

The relationships with and between community DNA and services, in purpose to develop a brand that will best leverage ongoing mission advance.

How to connect with our heritage of military service personnel in life sustaining ways.

How to best to establish Building Bridges in the marketplace in order to attract and serve a greater number of people that are positioned to be financial partners in strengthening the foundation for the future.

How to best market the programs, services and principles of Building Bridges into a relevant message and visual identity.

How to sustain our brand identity in the work, volunteer serving, and visual identity of farm operations – both internally and externally.

As we re-open our gates for advancing toward utilizing capacity of our property resources the Board of Directors continues to give attention to

For our Memorial Day tribute video posted to our Website I searched unsuccessfully for a listing of those who had given their last breath in the work of service deployment to fight for our national interests. Our facebook administrator was able to find this report. Ann Marie

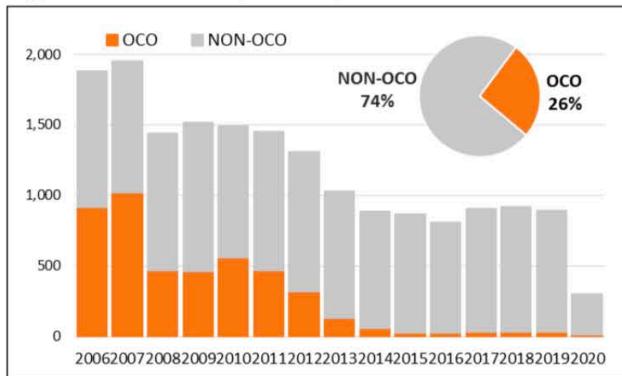
Updated July 1, 2020

Trends in Active-Duty Military Deaths Since 2006

Summary of Deaths

Between 2006 and 2020, a total of 17,645 active-duty personnel have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. (Throughout this In Focus, the designation “active duty” refers to all active duty troops, including mobilized Reserve and Guard components.) Of those that died, 26% were killed while serving in OCO operations—primarily within the territory of Iraq and Afghanistan. The remaining 74% died during operations classified in this In Focus as *Non-Overseas Contingency Operations*, or *Non-OCO*. Figure 1 summarizes all service deaths since 2006.

Figure 1. Active Duty Military Deaths Since 2006



Source: U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Defense Casualty Analysis System report provided to CRS, June 6, 2020.

Note: Dataset for 2020 is incomplete.

Scope and References

Section 101 of Title 10, United States Code, defines a *contingency operation* as any Secretary of Defense-designated military operation “in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force.” OCO operations related to *Afghanistan* refer to: Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel. OCO operations primarily related to *Iraq* include: Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and Inherent Resolve. Due to quality issues with pre-2006 data, earlier years have been excluded from this analysis.

Non-OCO Deaths

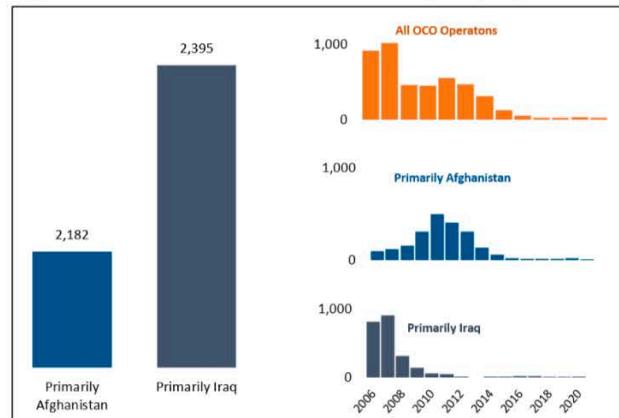
Approximately 13,068 servicemembers have died in circumstances unrelated to OCO operations since 2006. On average, this amounts to approximately 913 non-war-related deaths each year (excluding 2020). Personnel perished in more than 70 countries (and at sea), with the majority (93%) of deaths occurring in the United States. Other locations included Germany, Japan, Korea, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

Generally, servicemembers died as the result of accident, self-inflicted wounds, or illness. Approximately 16% (1,915) involved vehicles. Alcohol was a factor in 14% of all accidental deaths. The data do not indicate whether alcohol was also involved in deaths due to self-inflicted wounds, illness, or vehicles.

OCO Deaths

Approximately 4,577 military personnel have died in OCO operations in 25 countries (and locations at sea). Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) caused 45% of all U.S. deaths in operational war zones. The lethality of IEDs closely tracked surges of troop deployments to OCO operations, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Figure 2. Deaths in Overseas Contingency Operations

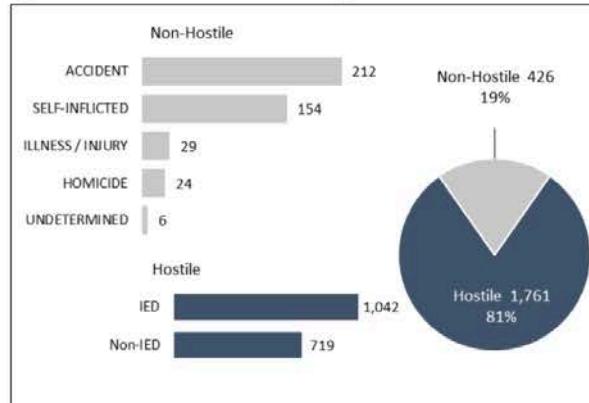


Source: DMDC Defense Casualty Analysis System report provided to CRS, June 9, 2020.

Note: *Primarily Iraq* comprises Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and Inherent Resolve; *Primarily Afghanistan* comprises Enduring Freedom and Freedom’s Sentinel. Includes casualties at all associated locations. Dataset for 2020 is incomplete.

Overall Deaths in Iraq

Since 2006, approximately 2,187 U.S. troops have died as part of OCO operations in Iraq, with 48% of these military deaths attributable to IEDs (and their variants). Of those who were not killed in IED related incidents, 37% died under nonhostile conditions, primarily from accidents (including loss of aircraft or ground vehicle) or as the result of self-inflicted injury.

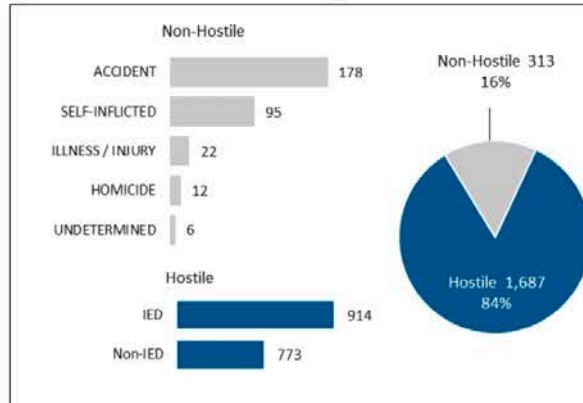
Figure 3. Overall Deaths in Iraq

Source: DMDC Defense Casualty Analysis System report provided to CRS, June 6, 2020.

Note: Dataset for 2020 is incomplete.

Overall Deaths in Afghanistan

Since 2006, approximately 2,000 U.S. troops have died in Afghanistan. Nearly half (46%) of all these military deaths are attributable to IEDs and their variants, which took their greatest toll between 2009 and 2012. Most U.S. personnel not killed by IEDs during this period died as the result of gunshot wounds, or after suffering other multiple physical trauma in action (529). From 2006 to June 6, 2020, a substantial number (166) have died in connection with the loss of an aircraft or ground vehicle. Most such incidents were classified as accidental (70%), and occurred under nonhostile conditions.

Figure 4. Overall Deaths in Afghanistan

Source: DMDC Defense Casualty Analysis System report provided to CRS, June 6, 2020.

Note: Dataset for 2020 is incomplete.

Source of Casualty Data

Data in this In Focus were provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). When a U.S. casualty occurs, each service is required to complete a form (DD 1300 Report of Casualty) that includes circumstances related to death. This information is subsequently entered into the service's Casualty and Mortuary Affairs database (Defense Casualty Information Processing System, or DCIPS) which, in turn, is made accessible to DMDC. Casualty data are refreshed daily, and past records are subject to change. For details on casualty matters, policies, and procedures, see Department of Defense Instruction 1300.18.

Table 1. U.S. Active-Duty Military Deaths (in all Countries), 2006-2020

Casualty Category	Non-OCO	OCO	Sum of Category	Category (as % of Total)
Accident	5,120	485	5,605	31.8%
Self-inflicted	3,940	291	4,231	24.0%
Illness / Injury	2,971	121	3,092	17.5%
Killed in Action	7	2,722	2,729	15.5%
Died of Wounds	1	889	890	5.0%
Homicide	514	42	556	3.2%
Undetermined	286	17	303	1.7%
Pending	211	4	215	1.2%
Terrorist	18	2	20	0.1%
While Captured	0	4	4	0.0%
Total	13,068	4,577	17,645	100%

Source: DMDC Defense Casualty Analysis System report provided to CRS, June 6, 2020.

Notes: The self-inflicted subcategory includes an apparent-suicide designation; for comprehensive statistics on this subject, please consult the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO). Of the seven personnel killed in action during Non-OCO operations, four were killed in Niger, one in Iraq, one in Kenya, and one in Somalia. Includes 35 alcohol or substance abuse related casualties during OCO operations. Dataset for 2020 is incomplete.

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