

Fallen EOD Technicians Added to the Memorial - WWII and Present

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Eglin Air Force Base, Florida The names of seven military EOD Technicians who died in WWII have been added to the EOD Memorial in a ceremony at the Navy's EOD School. The names, located after an extensive search of DoD records, join 314 others already inscribed on the wall.

The seven WWII EOD memorialized include:

- Army Pfc. Laurence Paystrup, who was killed May 26, 1943, in Tunisia;
- Army Sgt. Ira Wiggins, who died May 27, 1943, while during military operations in Tunisia;
- Army Capt. Frederick Dillon, who was lost with his aircraft somewhere between Algiers and Tunisia on Oct. 10, 1943;
- Army 1st Lt. Steven Todorovich, who was aboard the same aircraft as Dillon;
- Marine Corps Cpl. Clellie Whited Jr., who was killed by enemy fire on March 3, 1945;
- Navy Lt. j.g. Alvin Vetter, who was killed on D-Day, June 6, 1944;
- Navy Lt. j.g. John Fezler, who died when the plane he was aboard headed for Papua New Guinea disappeared on Oct. 1, 1944.

Also added to the EOD Memorial was Justin Helton, an Army EOD Technician killed in Afghanistan on June 9, 2014.