

## President Bush's Birthday is July 6, 2006. The 'war president' will be sixty.

Twenty-five other Americans born July 6, 1946 served and died in the Vietnam War and will forever remain dead at 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 years of age.

Justin Marshall Lynch  
Guadalupe B L Garibay  
Lawrence Raymond Hagedorn  
Donald James Sheehy  
John Patrick Collopy  
Norman Ellsworth Fine, Jr  
Ronald Michael Obenour  
John Arleigh Nixon  
Samuel Reyna  
William Henry White  
Thomas Michael Casey, Jr  
George Joseph Fuerst  
Raymon Horace James, Jr

Hezekiah George  
Brian Francis Gibbons  
John Michael Henderson  
Vins Ronald Hooper  
Henry Robert Hocknell, Jr  
Robert Lee Stanek  
Terry Lee Baxter  
William Henry Boswell  
John Joseph Cimorelli, Jr  
William Joseph Oskilanec  
Lawrence Raspberry  
Nicholas Allen Berger

Four of these men were married. Five men have junior attached to their names because their parents had such great hope for their sons that they were named after their fathers. Likewise, George Bush was named after his father.

These soldiers parents will not celebrate with cake and ice cream, they will mourn and cry for their son who didn't or couldn't get a deferment from war or a slot in the National Guard.

Bush was sheltered from combat by 'attending college' and by being inserted into the Texas National Guard. Of the 58,178 Americans who died in the Vietnam War, 97 (0.17%) were Guardsmen. Simply put, if you were in the Guard, you were safe from the horror of combat.

Now Bush of all people is known as the 'war president' and sends young men to kill and die. His was pro Vietnam and Iraq wars, but neither he nor his children will go and fight. Appropriately enough Bush's college dropout personal aide, Blake Gottesman, carries on the tradition of 'fortunate son' by bypassing the standard Harvard Business School entrance requirements. Why doesn't he join a combat infantry unit instead of pursuing higher education?

Golda Meir said "...there is no difference between killing and making decisions that will send others to kill. It's exactly the same thing, or even worse."

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