

AOH Veterans Report (January 2024)

National:

National looking to expand a program run by NY during November to honor veterans. It is similar to the information we had tried to get from our members to highlight veterans. AOH Veterans Committee would be looking for information like:

- Veterans Name
- Their Division and State
- Branch
- Rank
- Unit
- Years of service
- Any Deployments
- Awards and any other noteworthy things

Quarterly veterans committee calls.

State: I am now online with Brendan Cooney, State Board Veterans Chair, however I missed the December call. I was in the midst of medical appointments. I provided in November his example spreadsheet of a veteran's spreadsheet to track veterans' information.

Veterans: A veteran of the US Marine Corps, who once wrote about his experience as an Irishman in the USMC was killed in Ukraine on 9 December 2023.

Graham Dale was 45. He served in the USMC right after 9/11, January 2002-January 2008. He left the USMC as a Corporal. He received the Global War on Terrorism, National Defense Service, and Armed Forces Reserve Medals.

His 2009 book, "The Green Marine: An Irishman's War in Iraq." Graham signed up right after the attacks of 9/11. He recounted in the book, "I am not an American, but I couldn't remain impartial and say that this horrific act against my adopted home had nothing to do with me." This sentiment was one I am sure many other Irishman throughout the history of our nation could have also have felt or said.