

# More Killer Liberty

In FY98 and FY99, 43 Sailors and 14 Marines died while off-duty. They weren't in car wrecks on highways (132 Sailors and 93 Marines died that way during those two years). The people we're talking about were just having fun or pursuing hobbies. Here are who they were and how they died.

October 1997

HMCS, 38, was found in water by two fishermen. The reason for his drowning is not known. BAC 0.28

EM3, 21, struck by lightning.

November 1997

EN3, 27, poisoned by alcohol. BAC 0.43

December 1997

BM1, 33, fell out of boat and drowned. BAC 0.12

SA, 19, shot in the head by a 17-year-old friend while hunting.

AOAA, 23, was walking backward up a foot

bridge and fell 10 feet. His head struck the pavement. BAC 0.27

January 1998

AN, 19, shot in neck while handling gun. BAC 0.12

LCpl, 21, had been drinking and using prescribed pills (Darvocet). He was found the next morning unconscious in a chair by his roommate. BAC 0.08

February 1998

Navy Lt., 30, drowned while kayaking.

March 1998

YNCS, 42, hit submerged rock while jet-skiing, drowned.

AME2, 24, fell from balcony. BAC 0.21

April 1998

SgtMaj., 39, struck by lightning while running.

Marine Capt., 27, fell 80 feet off cliff.

AEAN, 25, caught in rip tide and drowned.

May 1998

ATAA, 24, passenger in an Isuzu Rodeo making "S" turns on beach. Vehicle flipped. Alcohol involved, but no BAC taken.

Cpl., 22, caught in rip tide and drowned. BAC 0.04

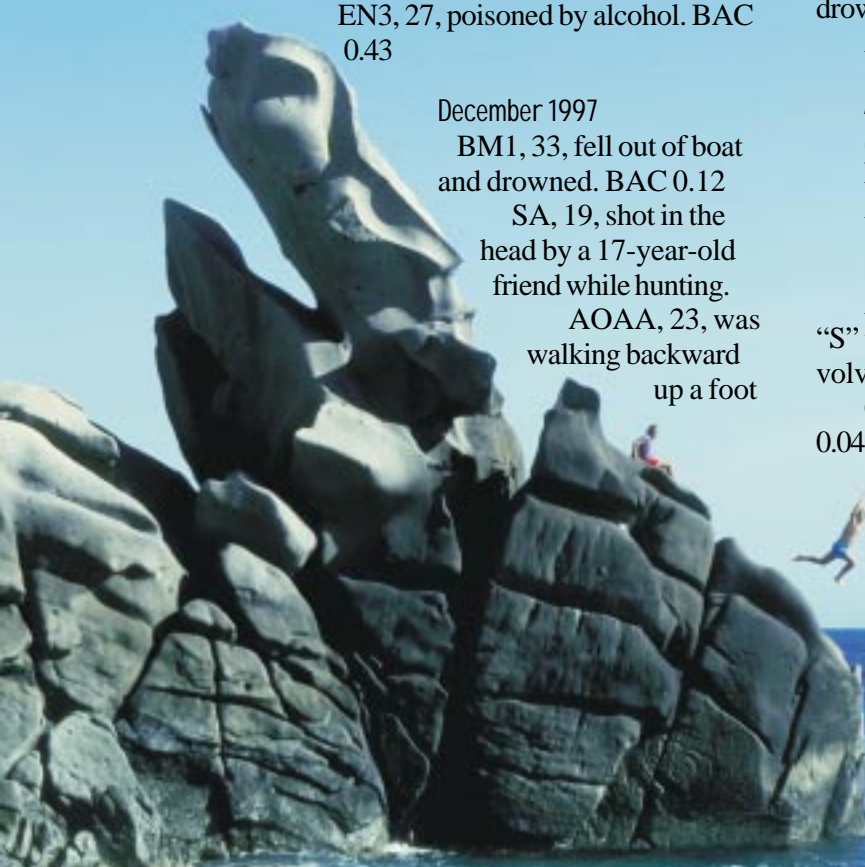
MM3, 23, struck by jet ski.

OSCS, 32, electrocuted when flagpole touched power line. Alcohol involved, but no BAC taken.

June 1998

LCpl, 20, swept down rapids and drowned. Alcohol involved, but no BAC taken.

MM3, 20, crushed while working on his car.



HM1, 32, drowned while trying to rescue his nieces.

July 1998

SA, 19, cut his neck on a bottle when he fell. BAC 0.40.

ET2, 31, crushed while working on his car.

LCpl, 21, drowned while swimming alone.

Alcohol involved, but no BAC taken.

August 1998

HMC, 33, hanged himself. Not a suicide; autoeroticism.

LCpl, 21, jumped from BEQ to light pole, missed and fell. BAC 0.04

Cdr., 49, dove in water and never came up.

Drowned.

RM3, 25, fell from painting tower during off-duty job.

MM2, 27, drowned when boat capsized.

September 1998

DT2, 30, hit by jet ski when he fell off inner tube.

STG1, 34, misjudged landing when parachuting.

RP3, 29, drowned while swimming alone.

ATAN, 21, poisoned by alcohol. BAC 0.12.

October 1998

AG1, 30, and four dependents poisoned by carbon monoxide from a faulty heater in his home. No alcohol involved.

November 1998

AW3, 29, fell from balcony. BAC 0.20.

December 1998

ET3, 21, accidentally poisoned by carbon monoxide while sitting in his car.

Cpl., 20, had head-on collision with another motorcycle while off-roading.

January 1999

GySgt., 38, found sitting on garage floor with car-motor

running. Accidental carbon-monoxide poisoning. BAC 0.02

ET3, 21, fell off pier into water after getting out of a taxi. Had been drinking, but no BAC available. Body never recovered.

February 1999

CTR2, 20, fell from five-story balcony. BAC 0.23.

MS3, 29, crushed while working on his car.

LCpl., 21, fell from rocks and swept out to sea.

March 1999

CTR1, 37, struck by lightning while boating.

Cpl., 25, vomiting into toilet, fell between toilet and counter, which squeezed his throat, asphyxiated. BAC 0.15

April 1999

Cpl., 23, collapsed after running.

May 1999

STGSA, 17, drowned. Jogger found his body on a beach.

RM1, 29, got caught in landslide while hiking.

Cpl., 21, fell from barracks. BAC 0.26

LCdr., 34, crashed when hang-glider engine stalled.

PFC, 19, drowned when boat capsized.

June 1999

UTCA, 19, ran out of air while scuba diving and drowned.

RMSA, 21, fell into water and drowned. BAC 0.144

SK1, 35, drowned when canoe capsized.

July 1999

Navy Capt., 47, fell overboard from sailboat. Body not recovered.

August 1999

BM1, 37, found on bottom of swimming pool. Alcohol involved, but no BAC taken.

DC3, 21, jumped from bridge into water on a dare. Drowned. No BAC taken.

September 1999

EM3, 19, collapsed from overexertion while jogging. 

