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The idea for this project came to me as I was having trouble remembering all the names of people that I knew which had lost their lives from military service. There were just too many of them, and it got to the point of having to write them all down. A simple list didn't seem enough to honor their names, thus, the idea for My Memorial List was born.

Initially the intent of the list was to represent military members lost in service. This intent, however, quickly evolved. The meaning of the list is oriented to the loss and sacrifice of defending freedom; however, freedom is not only fought for by service members. As we have observed in the last few years, everyone who loves freedom fights for it in their own way. Therefore, there are no rules to the list other than it shall contain those people whose memory you want to hold and preserve. The list is yours. The people on the list are important to you, and that is the only thing that matters. In keeping with freedom, list anyone you have lost and remember them with honor. Every individual's list will be as unique as the stories they remember of those on it. Share the list and share their stories. In doing so, their memory will live on.

The artwork, including the symbolism, was conceptualized with the help of some of the staff here at CTOMS. The art was commissioned by CTOMS to Nick Hodgins. While CTOMS paid to produce this project - the artwork and text are Copyrighted and protected - the print pages are not branded, nor is the project monetized, and CTOMS has made the list free to everyone for non-monetized personal use.

I'd like to graciously thank Nick and my staff, who wish to remain anonymous, for their extraordinary work. I hope you agree that Nick has captured the essence of the messaging and symbolism we were aiming for with his incredible talent. The resulting art is of a quality worthy to frame the names of our sacred remembered.

Several versions of the list are available, including white or aged paper texture backgrounds. When printing your list, we recommend using a professional printer and high-quality paper. If you print it on linen or aged paper, the white background version will print best. The textured version prints best on white paper.

There are also two sizes of paper to choose from: 11"x17" and 8.5"x11". Of each size, there are two templates: one lists names only, the other lists names, dates, and locations of their deaths. If you wish to include rank, you can include those in the name field. In all, with the variations in size, texture, and format, there are 8 versions to choose from.

The field at the bottom is to insert a poem, verse, or statement that resonates with you. Initially we were going to put our own and debated between Shakespeare's Henry V's "St. Crispin's Day Speech" excerpt, Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen", or Clare Harner's "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep". Ultimately, we decided that this was as unique as the names and left the field for you to customize.

Your feedback is always appreciated, and we will pass along any intended for Nick. You can send feedback to information@ctomsinc.com.

It is my hope that you use this list to preserve and honor the names of those you remember. Whether you display it, frame it, or bind it into a book or folder, make it your own and share it. I hope My Memorial List will help to keep their memories alive.

Respectfully,

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