



Black fishermen of Key West caught jewfish, groupers, yellowtail snappers, and grunts that helped feed many poor families during the Depression. Such men are truly legends of their time, as is Albert Ernest Sawyer Sr. and other commercial fishermen who lost their lives fishing at Cedar Key, Florida, during bad weather in the early 1940s.

KEY WESTERS KILLED IN ACTION IN WORLD WAR I

WORLD WAR I

William Weech US Army

WORLD WAR II

Harry Knowles	US Army
Walter Mickens	US Navy
Joseph McGee	US Army
Gerald Roberts	US Army
Leon Roberts	US Army
Francisco Romaguera	US Army
Howard Sands	US Army
Franklin Saunders	US Army
Ralph E. Sawyer	US Army
Charles Thompson	US Army

KOREAN WAR

Henry Carey US Army

VIETNAM WAR

Leland W. Albury Jr.	US Army
William C. Barnes Jr.	US Army
Oliver Coleman Jr.	US Army

DESERT STORM

One key West son killed in action in that conflict

In most communities, veterans are honored for their valiant service to the country. Memorial services are held in remembrance of those veterans who lost their lives in World Wars I and II, Vietnam, and the Desert Storm conflict. These are the names of black Key West men lost to war. May they always be remembered for their bravery and sacrifice for others at home and abroad.