

'OUR NATION HAS FALLEN'

Pelosi blasted for 'REFUSING to let names of fallen US Marines be read out' on House floor

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NANCY Pelosi has been blasted after she was accused of refusing to let the names of the 13 fallen US service members be read out on the House floor.

A number of Republican lawmakers called the House Speaker out on Tuesday, saying she had "blocked" the tribute to the troops who died in a terrorist attack in Afghanistan last week.



Nancy Pelosi has been accused of refusing to let the names of the 13 fallen US service members be read out on the House floor Credit: AP



The troops lost their lives after ISIS released a suicide bomber into the grounds near Kabul airportCredit: USAFM / Polaris

Rep Carlos Gimenez tweeted on Tuesday: "How badly do Nancy Pelosi and the House Democrats want to cover up this Afghanistan debacle?"

"They just blocked Members of Congress from reading the names of the service members who sacrificed their lives in Afghanistan last week.

"Don't you think our military deserves better?"

The troops [lost their lives after ISIS released a suicide bomber](#) into the grounds near Kabul airport where the US was helping innocent Afghans escape the Taliban-ruled city.

Rep Brian Mast told [The Floridian](#): "We gaveled in, had a prayer, said the Pledge of Allegiance, took a moment of silence with pretty much all Republican veterans, then asked to be recognized to read names and bring up Afghanistan legislation.

"They did not acknowledge us, and just closed the House down."

And Rep Greg Steube tweeted: "House Democrats just refused to recognize Republican veterans on the House Floor to read the names of our fallen service members in Afghanistan.

"That's how far our nation has fallen."

PRESSURE MOUNTS

The 11 fallen Marines were identified as Rylee McCollum, Nicole Gee, Dylan Merola, Kareem Nikoui, Jared Schmitz, Humberto Sanchez, Hunter Lopez, Taylor Hoover, Daegan Page, Johanny Rosario Pichardo, and 20-year-old David Lee Espinoza. A fallen US Navy medic has been identified as [Max Soviak](#). Finally, a US Army soldier named Ryan Knauss was also killed.

The Sun has Pelosi's office for comment.

Pressure is growing on Joe Biden after [America's longest war came to an end](#) late on Monday.

Republicans are said to be [begging Donald Trump to help them impeach the president](#) as calls mount for his removal over the crisis in Afghanistan.

Freedom Caucus Chairman Andy Biggs, a Republican from Arizona, said on Tuesday: "We call upon, most somberly, the resignation of this president, Joe Biden."

Rep Clay Higgins said calling on Biden to resign was "the appropriate step prior to pursuing impeachable offenses, which ha[ve] occurred."

BIDEN 'SHOULD APOLOGIZE'

Trump has said Biden [should "apologize to the whole world" for the chaos](#) caused as the US was forced to scramble to evacuate by the August 31 deadline when the [Taliban](#) regained control of the country.

US Army Major General Chris Donahue, the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, was pictured on a night-vision camera boarding a transport plane just before midnight on Monday.

The XVIII Airborne Corps called him the last soldier to leave Kabul following the 20-year war that claimed more than 2,400 American lives.

The Taliban celebrated the withdrawal by [firing weapons and fireworks into the skies](#) and marched into Kabul's international airport on Tuesday.