



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

U.S. AIR FORCE



27 MAR 1997

1947 - 1997

HQ AFPC/DPWCM  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chief Warrant Officer John B. Konek, Retired  
18B-07323955  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Chief Warrant Officer Konek

The Joint Task Force-Full Accounting forwarded your 25 February 1997 letter to our office for reply to you.

We maintains information on unaccounted-for Air Force members. Attached are 45 Loss Information Sheets of Air Force members who were assigned to air rescue and recovery squadrons and who were declared missing in action in Southeast Asia. If you are also seeking information concerning casualties who were never in a missing status, you may write to the Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway Suite 1204, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302. That agency maintains information on all branches of the military service.

We are pleased to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely

MIKE: I DID WRITE  
THE ABOVE ADDRESS -  
SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING  
ASAP - USAF WASH. DC.

JUANITA FOSMIRE GAVE ME WRONG  
ADDRESS FOR CASUALTY  
Missing Persons Branch FILE NOT MIA STATUS  
Directorate of Personnel Accountability

Attachment:  
Loss Information Sheets

30,000 PAGES FOR 350 Sq, USAF  
ON WAY. LETTER OF 4-16-97 INDICATES  
I WILL RECEIVE IN NEXT 10 DAYS!

INDICATES PERSONNEL NOT LISTED IN 96 MEMBERSHIP DIRCY. - KIA DATA (ENLISTED PERSONNEL)

PLEASE PASS ABOVE INFO TO VHCMA ON THE FOUR ~~MEMBERS~~  
NCO's

Info removed by VNCA

NAME: Steven H. Adams  
RANK: Master Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 25 Sep 44  
HOME OF RECORD: Spencer IA  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 33 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

*MAD  
FILED  
WTH*

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Adams was a pararescueman on an HU-16 aircraft which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The last radio contact with the HU-16 was approximately 53 nautical miles in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Sergeant Adams was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Ralph H. Angstadt

RANK: Lieutenant Colonel

DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 03 Sep 32

HOME OF RECORD: Fleetwood PA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 33 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Lieutenant Colonel Angstadt was the pilot of an HU-16 aircraft which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The last radio contact from the crew members was approximately 33 nautical miles in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Lieutenant Colonel Angstadt was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: Allen J. Avery  
RANK: Technical Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 22 Feb 43  
HOME OF RECORD: Auburn MA  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Avery was a pararescueman on an HH-53 helicopter when he was killed in action while on a rescue mission. The helicopter was struck by hostile ground fire, crashed, and burned. Since Sergeant Avery's remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Holly G. Bell

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 05 Jan 37

HOME OF RECORD: Beaumont TX

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH  
66-14434

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Major Bell was the pilot of an HH-53B helicopter reported missing in action while on a search air rescue mission. His helicopter was struck by hostile aircraft fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance into a rescue area to pick up the crew of a downed F-105. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. Major Bell was continued in a missing status until 26 March 1970 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. His remains were returned by the Vietnamese on 15 December 1987.

†

VHHA KIA - DIREC WRONG! (PG. 212)  
[LISTED VH-2C]

NAME: Marvin E. Bell

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 30 Jun 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 Jun 43

HOME OF RECORD: Blytheville AR

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Aflld TH

68-8283

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Bell was the flight engineer of an HH-53C helicopter on an operational mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire, caught on fire, went out of control and crashed. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 4 July 1970 and Sergeant Bell's status was changed to killed in action at the time of the incident. The remains of the crew were repatriated on 21 December 1993. The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the "Group Remains" recommendation on 7 March 1995.

↑

NAME: Ralph W. Brower

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Nov 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 Nov 39

HOME OF RECORD: Stow OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Brower was the copilot of a HH-3H helicopter missing in action during a combat extration mission. While attempting to pick up personnel, their helicopter was struck by hostile ground fire and crashed. The injured member being rescued was thrown free of the wreckage and rescued by another aircraft. Evidence of Captain Brower's death was received on 13 November 1967.

Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: John H. Call III

RANK: First Lieutenant

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 09 Feb 47

HOME OF RECORD: Potomac MD

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Lieutenant Call was the copilot on an HH-53 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported killed in action. The helicopter was struck by ground fire, crashed and burned. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†



NAME: Peter H. Chapman II

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 Aug 40

HOME OF RECORD: Centerburg OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Chapman was the pilot of an HH-53 helicopter when he was killed in action. The helicopter was struck by ground fire, crashed and burned while on a rescue mission. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Lawrence Clark  
RANK: Chief Master Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 15 Jun 28  
HOME OF RECORD: Logansport IN  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Chief Clark was the radio operator on an HU-16 aircraft which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Chief Clark was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Eugene L. Clay —

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Nov 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 Feb 39

HOME OF RECORD: Arlington TX

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Clay was the flight engineer on an <sup>HH-3</sup>~~HH-34~~<sup>HH-43</sup> helicopter which was on a combat extraction mission when he was reported missing in action. While attempting to pick up personnel, the helicopter was struck by hostile fire and crashed. One member survived and was rescued. Evidence of death on the other crew members was received in the Department of the Air Force on 13 November 1967. Since Sergeant Clay's remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

HH-3E

NAME: Raymond J. Crow, Jr

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 27 Mar 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 04 May 51

HOME OF RECORD: Salt Lake City UT

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom Aflld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Crow was a pararescueman on an HH-53 helicopter which was on an escort mission when he was reported missing in action. When contact with the crew was lost, a search was initiated. The wreckage was located and there were no survivors. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 28 March 1972 that Sergeant Crow died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: Michael F. Dean

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 30 Jun 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 Sep 46

HOME OF RECORD: La Puente CA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Dean was a pararescueman on an HH-53C helicopter which was on an operational mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire, caught on fire, went out of control and crashed. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 4 July 1970 and Sergeant Dean's status was changed to killed in action at the time of the incident. The remains of the crew were repatriated on 21 December 1993. The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the "Group Remains" recommendation on 7 March 1995.

↑

NAME: Richard E. Dreher

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 27 Mar 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 Jan 42

HOME OF RECORD: Orrville OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhom Phanom AflD TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Dreher was the copilot of an HH-53 helicopter which was performing an escort mission when he was reported missing in action. When contact with the crew of the helicopter was lost, search was initiated. The wreckage was located and there were no survivors. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 28 March 1972 that Captain Dreher died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: John W. Goeglein

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 30 Jun 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 Jul 30

HOME OF RECORD: Kirkwood MO

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Major Goeglein was the copilot of an HH-53C helicopter which was on an operational mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire, caught on fire, went out of control and crashed. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 4 July 1970 and Major Goeglein's status was changed to killed in action at the time of the incident. The remains of the crew were repatriated on 21 December 1993. The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the "Group Remains" recommendation on 7 March 1995.

†

NAME: Donald J. Hall

RANK: Chief Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Feb 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 Mar 37

HOME OF RECORD: Stroud OK

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom AB TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Chief Hall was the flight mechanic on an HH-3 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. A downed member was hoisted aboard the helicopter and it was departing the area when it was struck by ground fire causing it to crash and explode. The helicopter pararescueman was thrown free, survived the crash and was rescued. Chief Hall was continued in a missing status until 29 May 1974 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†



NAME: Lucius L. Heiskell

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Feb 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 06 Feb 40

HOME OF RECORD: Memphis TN

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom AB TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Major Heiskell was the pilot of an O-1F aircraft which was on a visual reconnaissance mission with another O-1F when he was reported missing in action. His aircraft was struck by hostile fire forcing him to bail out. His parachute was followed to the ground and voice contact with him indicated that immediate rescue was not feasible due to enemy troops in the area. Beeper signals continued and later an HH-3 helicopter was dispatched to attempt rescue. Major Heiskell was hoisted aboard the helicopter and, as it was departing the area, it was hit by ground fire causing it to explode and crash. The helicopter pararescueman survived and was treated for burns. The status of Major Heiskell was unknown; therefore, he was continued in a missing status until 4 November 1974 when his status was administratively changed to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Robert L. Hilton

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 14 Mar 66

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 Jan 36

HOME OF RECORD: Baltimore MD

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 33 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Hilton was the radio operator on an HU-16 rescue aircraft which was on a rescue mission when he was reported killed in action. The members were in the process of rescuing two F-4C crew members from their downed aircraft in the Gulf of Tonkin when their aircraft was struck by hostile fire and crashed. Since Sergeant Hilton's remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Elmer L. Holden

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Jun 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 Feb 44

HOME OF RECORD: Oklahoma City OK

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Holden was the flight engineer of an HH-3E helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While in the process of picking up a downed pilot, the helicopter was struck by hostile gunfire, fell to the ground in flames and disintegrated. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 11 June 1968 that Sergeant Holden died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Paul L. Jenkins

RANK: Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 30 Jun 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 May 30

HOME OF RECORD: McGhee AR

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Aflld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Jenkins was a pararescueman on an HH-3C helicopter which was performing an operational mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire, caught on fire, went out of control and crashed. Evidence of death on the crew members was received in the Department of the Air Force on 4 July 1970. The remains of the crew were repatriated on 21 December 1993. The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the "Group Remains" recommendation on 7 March 1995.

†

NAME: Richard A. Kibbey

RANK: Colonel

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Feb 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 02 Jun 34

HOME OF RECORD: Delmar NY

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom AB TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Colonel Kibbey was the copilot of an HH-3 helicopter which was on a rescue mission to pick up the pilot of a downed O-1F aircraft. The helicopter arrived at the crash site and the pilot was hoisted aboard. As the helicopter was pulling away from the area, it received intense ground fire causing it to explode and crash. The helicopter pararescueman survived the crash and was treated for minor burns. Colonel Kibbey was continued in a missing status until 4 April 1978 when an Air Force determination was made that death occurred at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Charles D. King

RANK: Chief Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 25 Dec 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 May 46

HOME OF RECORD: Muscatine IA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom Aflld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Chief King was a pararescueman on an HH-3E helicopter and was performing duty as rescue specialist to pick up a downed pilot when he was reported missing in action. He fixed the downed pilot in the hoist and, as it was being raised to the hovering helicopter, the hoist broke dropping the pilot back to the ground. Because of heavy hostile fire, the helicopter was forced to leave the area, abandoning the rescue and leaving both members on the ground. Chief King was continued in a missing status until 5 May 1978 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Leonard C. Leaser

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 Jan 35

HOME OF RECORD: Floral Park NY

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Alfd TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Leaser was the copilot of an HH-53B helicopter which was on a search air rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. His helicopter was struck by hostile fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance into a rescue area to pick up the crew of a downed F-105. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. Captain Leaser was continued in a missing status until 26 March 1970 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action.

Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: James D. Locker

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Jun 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 Feb 44

HOME OF RECORD: Sidney OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Locker was a pararescueman on an HH-3E helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While in the process of picking up a downed pilot, the helicopter was struck by hostile gunfire, fell to the ground in flames and disintegrated. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 11 June 1968 that Sergeant Locker died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†



NAME: John H. S. Long

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 Jan 40

HOME OF RECORD: Media PA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Long was the copilot on an HU-16 aircraft which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Captain Long was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: James Manor

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 27 Mar 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 Jan 50

HOME OF RECORD: Panama City FL

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhom Phanom Afld TH

81057- CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Manor was the flight engineer on an HH-53 helicopter which was performing an escort mission when he was reported missing in action. When contact with the crew of the helicopter was lost, search was initiated. The wreckage was located and there were no survivors. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 28 March 1972 that Sergeant Manor died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: Duane W. Martin

RANK: First Lieutenant

DATE OF LOSS: 20 Sep 65

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 02 Jan 40

HOME OF RECORD: Denver CO

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Lieutenant Martin was the copilot of an HH-43 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. His helicopter was shot down by automatic weapons fire while attempting to rescue the pilot of a downed aircraft. Based upon information received 29 July 1966, Lieutenant Martin died while trying to escape and evade his captors. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Larry W. Maysey —

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Nov 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 May 46

HOME OF RECORD: Chester NJ

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

66-13279 CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Maysey was a pararescueman on an HH-3H helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While attempting to pick up personnel, his helicopter was struck by hostile ground fire and crashed. Evidence of Sergeant Maysey's death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 13 November 1967. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: David V. McLeod, Jr

RANK: Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 14 Jun 73

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 Sep 45

HOME OF RECORD: Jacksonville FL

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant McLeod was the flight engineer on an HH-53 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was initially reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire and crashed over water. Evidence of death was received on 15-16 June 1973 and his status was changed to killed in action at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: David E. Pannabecker

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 27 Mar 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 Jan 39

HOME OF RECORD: Womelsdorf PA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhom Phanom AflD TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Pannabecker was the pilot of an HH-53 helicopter which was performing an escort mission when he was reported missing in action. When contact with the crew of the helicopter was lost, search was initiated. The wreckage was located and there were no survivors. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 28 March 1972 that Captain Pannabecker died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: William R. Pearson

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 Apr 51

HOME OF RECORD: Warner NH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Pearson was the pararesueman on an HH-53 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported killed in action. The helicopter was struck by ground fire, crashed and burned. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: James E. Pleiman

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 14 Mar 66

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 Jan 44

HOME OF RECORD: Russia OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 33 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Pleiman was a paramedic on an HU-16 aircraft which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The rescue aircraft encountered hostile fire and crashed into the sea, killing one member and injuring four others. Based on additional information received, on 24 March 1966 Sergeant Pleiman's status was changed to killed in action. His remains were returned by the Vietnamese on 15 December 1988.

†



NAME: Roy D. Prater  
RANK: Technical Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 01 Jul 36  
HOME OF RECORD: Tiffin OH  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Prater was the flight engineer on an HH-53 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported killed in action. The helicopter was struck by ground fire, crashed and burned. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: William D. Pruett

RANK: Senior Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 Jul 30

HOME OF RECORD: Bluefield VA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Pruett was a crew member aboard an HH-53B helicopter which was on a search air rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile aircraft fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance to the rescue area to assist the crew of a downed F-105. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. Evidence was received on 26 March 1970 in the Department of the Air Force that the helicopter crew did not survive and their status was changed to killed in action at the time of the incident. Since Sergeant Pruett's remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Inzar W. Rackley, Jr  
RANK: Lieutenant Colonel  
DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 02 Jan 33  
HOME OF RECORD: Big Springs TX  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Lieutenant Colonel Rackley was the navigator on an HU-16 aircraft which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Lieutenant Colonel Rackley was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

↑

NAME: Leroy C. Schaneberg

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 30 Jun 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 Mar 40

HOME OF RECORD: Ashton IL

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Schaneberg was the pilot of an HH-53C helicopter which was on an operational mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire, caught on fire, went out of control and crashed. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 4 July 1970 and Captain Schaneberg's status was changed to killed in action. The remains of the crew were repatriated on 21 December 1993. The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the "Group Remains" recommendation on 7 March 1995.

†

NAME: William C. Shinn

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 07 Jul 48

HOME OF RECORD: Woodland CA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Staff Sergeant Shinn was the flight engineer on an HH-53B helicopter which was performing a search and rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile aircraft fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance to the rescue area to assist the crew of a downed F-105 aircraft. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. Sergeant Shinn was continued in a missing status until evidence was received in the Department of the Air Force on 26 March 1970 that he died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: John R. Shoneck  
RANK: Senior Master Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 18 Oct 66  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 27 Jul 32  
HOME OF RECORD: Meridan CT  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Shoneck was a flight mechanic on an HU-16 helicopter which was performing a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The last radio contact from the helicopter was approximately 53 nautical miles in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. The crew members were declared missing at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion. Sergeant Shoneck was continued in a missing status until 18 July 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Ronald E. Storz  
RANK: Lieutenant Colonel  
DATE OF LOSS: 28 Apr 65  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 21 Oct 33  
HOME OF RECORD: South Ozone Park NY  
CURRENT STATUS: Died in Captivity  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 33 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

ADD  
FIXED

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Lieutenant Storz was the pilot of an O-1A aircraft which was on a mission to pick-up a VNAF observer when he was reported missing in action. Subsequent information was received that was sufficient to establish that he was being held captive. Colonel Storz' captive status was terminated on 27 November 1973 by an Air Force determination that he died in captivity on 23 April 1970. His remains were returned by the Vietnamese n 6 March 1974.

†

NAME: William C. Sutton

RANK: Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 05 May 35

HOME OF RECORD: Goldsboro NC

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Sutton was a pararescueman on an HH-53B helicopter which was on a search and rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile aircraft fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance to the rescue area to assist the crew of a downed F-105 aircraft. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. The status of Sergeant Sutton was subsequently changed by to killed in action on 26 March 1970 by an Air Force determination that he died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†



NAME: James R. Thomas  
RANK: Technical Sergeant  
DATE OF LOSS: 25 Nov 71  
COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam  
DATE OF BIRTH: 05 Jul 43  
HOME OF RECORD: Ft Walton Beach FL  
CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered  
UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Thomas was a pararescueman on an HH-53C helicopter returning from a mission when he was reported missing in action. His helicopter sustained battle damage from hostile fire when they picked up 14 survivors of a C-7 crash. His helicopter dropped off the crash victims at Can Tho, checked the battle damage, and left for their home station. Enroute, they encountered rain showers and crashed in a river. Two servicemen survived, three other bodies were recovered, but Sergeant Thomas was not found. He was continued in a missing status until 25 May 1973 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Raymond A. Wagner —

RANK: Airman First Class

DATE OF LOSS: 27 Mar 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Cambodia

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 Oct 51

HOME OF RECORD: Evansville IN

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhom Phanom Afld TH

68-10359

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Airman Wagner was a pararescue/recovery specialist on an HH-53 helicopter which was performing an escort mission when he was reported missing in action. When contact with the crew of the helicopter was lost, search was initiated. The wreckage was located and there were no survivors. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 28 March 1972 that Airman Wagner died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Albert D. Wester

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 05 Oct 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 04 Sep 33

HOME OF RECORD: Terrell TX

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Major Wester was the copilot of an HH-3E helicopter which was on an operational mission when he was killed in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire and crashed. Major Wester sustained fatal injuries from the fire and explosion. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Patrick H. Wood

RANK: Colonel

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Feb 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 Jan 31

HOME OF RECORD: Kansas City MO

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Nakhon Phanom AB TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Colonel Wood was the pilot of an HH-3 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. A downed aircrew member was hoisted aboard the helicopter and it was departing the area, when it was hit by ground fire causing it to crash and explode. The helicopter pararescueman was thrown free, survived the crash and was rescued. Colonel Wood was continued in a missing status until 28 May 1974 when his status was administratively changed by the Department of the Air Force to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Richard C. Yeend, Jr

RANK: Captain

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Jun 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 Oct 38

HOME OF RECORD: Mobile AL

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Captain Yeend was the copilot of an HH-3E helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While in the process of picking up a downed pilot, the helicopter was struck by hostile gunfire, fell to the ground in flames and disintegrated. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 11 June 1968 that Captain Yeend died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†

NAME: Gregory P. Lawrence

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 05 Oct 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: Laos

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 Mar 38

HOME OF RECORD: Phenix City AL

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Lawrence was the flight engineer on an HH-3E helicopter which was on an operational mission when he was reported killed in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile fire and crashed.

Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

†