

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.