

NAME: Holly G. Bell

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

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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

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.