

Employees of Air America (U.S. citizens) killed in aircraft accidents/incidents (1960-1975)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type aircraft</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Circumstances</u>
N. N. Forte	8/13/61	C-46	Laos	Crashed into side of mountain during arms drop (Forte's co-pilot)
R. J. Sarno	8/13/61	C-46		
H. F. Heinrich	2/4/62			
H. S. Strouss	2/4/62			
James A. Rasmusson	2/18/62	B-26 Pilot	Hit Mountain outside of Tainan Taiwan (B-26 was a "Blackbird" on the "ONMARK" program)	
W. H. Beale, Jr.	4/6/62	BEAVER CRASH SHORT STRIP HEAVY PLANE HIT STRIPS ON T/O		
George R. Varney	4/6/62			
C. T. Dieffenbach	7/22/62			
D. C. Heritage	11/27/62	Co-Pilot	Plaine des Jarres	Shot down by Pathet Lao on final over "PDJ"
F. J. Riley	12/27/62	Pilot C123		
C. H. Mateer	1962?			
W. L. Wizbowski	1962?			
Gideon A. Newton	7/17/63			
Gerald I. Prudhomme	7/17/63	C-46		
George A. Verdon	7/17/63			

Aubrey A. Wooten	7/17/63			
J. C. Cheney	9/5/63			
E. H. DeBruin*	9/5/63	C-46	Central Laos	Shot down by Pathet Lao; De Bruin survived crash - taken prisoner
C. G. Herrick	9/5/63			
H. Liu	12/27/63	C-45 Pilot	Shot down over Laos	
Albert Sandoval	8/24/64	Helio	Pathet, Laos	Crashed shortly after take-off
Howland D. Baker	9/12/64	KICKER - FELL FROM 123	ON DROP TO LANG TIEN	
C. D. Jones	3/5/65			
Alexander Scandalis	7/5/65	C-45	Saigon	Went in inverted at end of runway at Saigon--three Vietnamese on board also--solid evidence of hand grenade planted in flight kit.
J. G. Mahony	9/27/65			
J. I. Oyer	9/27/65	C-45	Bao Trai	Shot down--Landing at Bao Trai--seven (7) guards killed by V.C. (throats cut) guarding wreckage during night--2-3 on board with pilot.
Frank Muscal	10/3/65 or 3/16/65			
R. H. Lieberth	10/12/65			
Franklin D. Smith	10/12/65			
William R. Pruner	1/14/66	C-47?	Vitnh, Vietnam	Carrying ammunition; hit by ground fire Shot down--left engine on fire land safe--Chinese co-pilot Charlie Cheng or Chang wounded left arm--V.C. killed both on ground--the co-pilot had over 50 stab wounds in his head. Vietnamese kicker led away with rope around his neck. Never seen again.
W. W. Ensminger	3/6/66			
John W. Wilmot, Jr.	5/19/66			

*Missing, presumed dead

F. Farthing	1/11/67				
Bruce C. Massey	3/23/67				
Lowell E. Pirkle	8/3/67	UH-34D	Flight Mechanic	Killed by gun fire (last flight he was to resign after this trip)	
Earle E. Bruce, Jr.	8/8/67		Flight Mechanic UH-34D	(was Cooneys Flt.Mechanic)	
John J. Cooney	8/8/67	UH-34D	Pilot	Hit mountain near L-54 Luang Prabang	
Roelf Bijl	11/17/67	DO-28	Central Vietnam	Shot down in Dornier 28 either N10F or N20F	
J. C. Campbell	6/18/68	Bell 204 or 205	Saigon	Killed on a Training flight out of Saigon	
Emmons B. Hodgkins, Jr.	11/25/68				
Jon C. Murray	11/25/68				
Lester M. Porter	11/25/68	UH-34D	Pilot	SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS	
W. J. Fraser	12/7/68	Bell 205	Pilot	Off loading aircraft and pulled out a bag of gernade when pin come out and blew up	
P. F. McCarthy	12/7/68	Bell 205	Flight Mechanic	(Was frazers Flight Mechanic)	
Howard W. Kelly	1/16/69				
Milton N. Matheson	1/16/69				
Robert N. Crone	2/12/69				
William J. Gibbs	5/13/69				
C. A. Booth	7/17/69				
N. A. Grammer	8/14/69	BELL 204B	PILOT	DOWN OVER THE "PDJ" UNKNOWN CAUSE MAYBE ROTOR HEAD COME APART	
G. R. Woods	8/14/69	Bell	Laos	Flight Mechanic	down over Plaines de Jars

Leonard I. Wierhdt	4/8/72	Porter	Vietnam	Hit a tree while flying cover for another company plane that had been shot down
Lloyd K. Randell	4/24/72			
James E. Rausch	6/12/72	Boyer UH-34	Laos	Shot between the eyes with small arms fire
Benjamin F. Coleman	7/25/72	C123		
John T. Grover	7/25/72			
Joel M. Gudahi	8/27/72			
William E. Reeves	8/27/72			
J. M. Bannerman	11/23/72			
C. J. McCarthy	12/23/72			
Howard H. Boyles, Jr.	2/9/73	Caribou	Enroute Savannakhet	Hit by missile
Jack W. Cavil (or Cavill)	2/9/73			Boyles co-pilot???
James H. Ackley	3/7/73	C-123	North Central Laos	shot Down over the Chinese highway in Central Laos--too dangerous to continue search--never found wreckage.
Clarence N. Driver	3/7/73			
T. D. Clark	4/7/73			
C. L. Osterman	4/7/73			
F. G. Thorsen	7/31/73			

Ralph S. Davis 8/19/69 Porter c. Long Tieng, Laos Shot by Meo (accidental) on take-off

H. Potter 2/25/70 or 3/1/70

J. C. Merkel 2/18/70

John W. Beardsley 3/9/70 or 2/25/70

Kevin N. Cochrane 4/10/70 Pilot C-130 HIT MOUNTAIN AFTER TAKE OFF FROM LS-20A IN BAD WEATHER *SAM TON?*

G. L. Delong 4/10/70 Kicker

B. K. Hester 4/10/70 FLIGHT ENGINEER

R. B. McKean 4/10/70

H. D. Rogers 4/10/70 C-pilot

M. E. Smart 4/10/70 Kicker

Kenneth A. Houp 3/17/71

Benjamin A. Franklin 3/21/71 HELIO PILOT LAOS REASON?

Harry E. *M*ulholland 4/29/71

H. W. Clark 6/2/71 C-123 Laos Shot down dropping near "Skyline"

George L. Ritter* 12/27/71 C-123 Enroute Udorn-Xieng Aircraft disappeared (ammunition drop)

Roy F. Townley* 12/27/71 " " Ritter's co-pilot *FATHER OF JAM TOWNLEY*

E. J. Wiessenback* 12/27/71 " " Ritter's kicker

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