KNIFE 13

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL， KNIFE 13

JIMMY BLACK

BOBBY COLLUM S

GERALD FRITZ

DAVID HIGGS

GERALD COYLE

THOMAS DWYER

DEDICATED TO THE EIGHTEEN USAF56TH SECURITY POLICE AND

FIVE AIRCREW OF THE 21ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON，

KILLED INLINE OF DUTY13MAY 1975， IN SERVICE TO THEIR

COUNTRY.

MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT， 1975

BOB FORD

JACKIE GLENN

DARRELL HAMLIN

12MAY 1975， THE SS MAYAGUEZ HAD BEEN BOARDED BY KHMER

ROUGE CAMBODIAN INSURGENTS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

PRESIDENT FORD ORDERED A MILITARY ASSAULT TO RETURN

CREW AND SHIP TO AMERICAN CONTOL.IT WAS DECIDED A

HELICOPTER BORNE FORCE WOULD BE MOUNTED TO ASSAULT

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KHOTAN G ISLAND， CAMBODIA， AND BOARD THE MAYAGUEZ

On15MAY 1975， THE EIGHTEEN USAF SECUITY POLICE ON THIS

GREGORY HANKAMER

FALEAGAFULAILAOA

MICHAEL LAN

MEMORIAL WERE ASSIGNED TO THE 56TH SECURITY POLICE

SQUADRON， NAKHON PHANOM RT AFB(NKP) THAILAND.WHEN

CALLED， 75 SECURITY POLICE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 7THAIR

FORCE GENERATED MISSION TO RESCUE THE CREW AND UNITED

STATES FLAGGED SS MAYAGUEZ.

THREE CH-53CSEA STALLION HELICOPTERS， CARRYING 75

ROBERT MATHIAS WILLIAM MCKELVEY

56TH SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON

EDGAR MORAN II

DENNIS LONDON

SECURITY POLICE， AIRLIFTED FROM NKP TO JOIN THE MARINE

ASSAULT FORCE FORMING AT U-TAP AO， RT AFB(UT) ， TO ASSAULT

KHOTAN GIS AND， CAMBODIA， AND RESCUE CREW AND SHIP.

WHILE ENROUTE FROM NKPRTAFBTOUTRTAFB， CH-53C

KNIFE 13FELLOUT OF FORMATION AND CRASHED IN HEAVY

JUNGLE， EXP LORDED AND BURNED.EXPLODING AMMO AND

996

FUEL PREVENTED RESCUE ATTEMPTS BY OTHERS P HELICOPTERS

ROBERT NEAL IS

ALL 23USAFAIRMENA BOARD KNIFE 13 WERE KILLED INLINE OF

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DUTY--18 SECURITY POLICE， 56TH SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON，

AND FIVE AIRCREW OF THE 21ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON.

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ENGINEERS ADVISED THE MAYAGUEZ CARGO CONTAINERS

WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF ACH-53C， AND

ROBERT ROSS

REPELLING WOULD BENE CESS SARY TO BOARD.AS MARINES

21ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON-AIRCREW

WERE TRAINED IN REPEL LNG， AND SECURITY POLICE WERE NOT，

THEY WERE ORDERED TO BOARD THE SHIP.USAF SECURITY

POLICE KNIFE CH-53SRETURNEDTOUTRTAFB FOR

REASSIGNMENT.

LINEAGE OF THE 56THSECURITYPOLCE SQUADRON WAS

HANDED DOWN TO THE 56TH SECURITY FORCES SQAUD RON，

LUKE AFB， ARIZONA.VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL， KNIFE 13

WAS CREATED BY DEFENDERS OF EVERY ERA TO COMMEM RATE

JAMES KAYS(P)

LAURENCE FROEHLICH(CP

WESTERN LZ

KHOTAN G ISLAND

CAMBODIA

AND HONOR THEIR LOSS IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION.AS LONG

AS THEIR NAMES ARE SPOKEN， THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED.

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MCMULLEN， GEORGE E， III(FE)

PAUL RABER(CC)

ROBERT WELDON(FE)