

**TO: KNIFE-13 Planning Committee**

**FROM: Don Poss, LM-37, VSPA Comm. Director and Webmaster**

**RE: KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL MONUMENT'S DIMENSIONS**

**SIDE-2 DIMENSIONS** (originally agreed upon)

**Note:** Dimensions of the Knife-13 Memorial Monument at its Widest and Longest measurement is: 9'L x 16"W (Lower Panel). With the additional height of the Top and Center Panels, the Monument's height is 9'H.

Viewing Panel-1 (front) and 2 (back) you will note light-gray "bevels" atop each panel. Bevels were to aid donors to "see" a dimensional-view rather than a flat 2D view. The estimated height of the actual bevel is  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ ," as determined by the granite engraver, is a part of the total-height of each panel and will not take-away from images or text at all.

- **TOP PANEL: 8'L x 8"W x 48"H**

The **Top Panel** rests centered on the **Center Panel**, with a surrounding 2" perimeter-shelf platform, presenting an in-scale visual alignment and design balance with the lower panels.

**Top Panel Contains:**

1. The Last Photo of Knife-13 before take-off from NKP RTAFB to U-Tapao RNAB.
2. SP Shield, and patches for the 56<sup>th</sup> SPS, and 21<sup>st</sup> SOS.
3. Images representing the beginning of a string of flares lighting the NKP flightline.

- **CENTER PANEL: 8' 6"L x 12"W x 18"H**

The **Center Panel** centers on the **Lower Panel** and serves as the supporting Base for the **Top Panel**. The front and back Center Panels together are surrounded by a 2" side-perimeter shelf, with a 3" side-ends-perimeter shelf. Measurements provide visual alignment and balance with the above and lower panels.

**Center Panel Contains:**

1. NKP CH-53C Flightline, with 56<sup>th</sup> SPS helicopters boarding 75 SP volunteers to join Mayaguez assault and rescue force. In foreground, eighteen SPs are seen in chalk line await boarding Knife-13. Aircrewmembers are onboard. Last Photo is soon to be taken.
2. K9 handler and dog can be seen in the field securing the flightline.

- **LOWER PANEL: 9'L x 16"W x 18"H**

The Lower Panel, as placed on a level foundation, supports the Center and Top Panels for the seven and a half tons Knife-13 Memorial Monument.

**Lower Panel Contains:**

Sgt. J.C. Hagler's poem "Knife-13 Goodbye." SSgt. Hagler is the sole survivor of Delta Squad, Knife-13; May 13 1975.

**LEGEND:**

