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94		Black, Jimmy P.	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.	SGT - E4 - Air Force - Regular	KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(01) - BLACK, JIMMY P.. (VSPA CAS#-094): LOD 05/13/1975 (age 20). -Born: 08/24/1954. Sgt., E4 -Air Force -Regular. -CASUALTY NON-HOSTILE, SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13. -DETAILS: Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), in THAILAND. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 124]. [Source: https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=4141]. -BURIAL: Wilson Cemetery, Spanish Fort, Baldwin County, Alabama.		0268
95		Collums, Bobby Glen	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(02) - COLLUMS, BOBBY GLEN. (VSPA CAS#-095): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 22). -Born: 09/24/1952. Air Force - Sgt -E4. -CASUALTY: SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13: -DETAILS: Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion fiery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force in THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 125]. - VSPA Images: [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_collums_bobby-glenn_1_portrait_09-24-1952_lod_05-13-1975_mayaguez-op-rescue-(knife-13).jpg].		0617
96		Coyle, Gerald Arnold, (SSgt)	1975-1975	NKP, 56th SPS (Reports & Analysis Section).		KNIFE-13	LOD		(03) - COYLE, GERALD A.. (VSPA CAS#-096): LOD 05/13/1975 (age 31). -Born 05/14/1943. SSgt - E5 -Air Force. -CASUALTY SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 -DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion fiery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force in THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 126.] [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=10839]. -BURIAL Cumberland Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC. - VSPA Image [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_coyle_gerald-a_ssgt_05-14-1943_05-13-1975_(knife-13)_gravemarker.jpg].		0674
97		Dwyer, Thomas D.	1970-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(04) - DWYER, THOMAS D.. (VSPA CAS#-097): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 21). Born: 06/17/1953Sgt, - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion fiery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force) in THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 125]. [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=14391]-. (VSPA-Images [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_dwyer_thomas-d_nkp-56th-sps_mayaguez_13-may-1975_LOD.jpg]. -- Friend (1) Tommy. You, are not forgotten. (J B Just J B, He knows, who I'm. Brother Firefighters, MVFD. Middlebury, CT.). The Viet Nam Vets in the Memorial Day Parade rendered a present arms,	as we passed your house in your honor. Your brother Billy, comes up and marches, in the parade with us.There is a dogwood, tree and a plaque, in your honor in front, of the library and there is a memorial plaque, in the firehouse. JB, a Navy, Corpsman and your Brother Firefighter. Nov 9, 2006. (2) Duane Kellogg (Very close friend; Springfield, Mo. 65802). Thomas, I think of you everyday. As we served together in Minot, ND, and in Thailand, I still keep the memories close to my heart. As your -Bornday is near I just think of the good times we shared together on that day. Your best friend, Duane. 2006.	0863

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98		Ford, Bob Wayne, (Sgt)	1972-1975	NKP, 56th SPS (Reports & Analysis Section).		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(05) - FORD, BOB WAYNE, Sgt (AUG). (VSPA CAS#-098): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 21). -Born: 02/19/1954. E4 -Air Force -CASUALTY on 5/13/1975, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion fiery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 125]. -BURIAL (1) [Eden Cemetery, 1434 Springfield Road, Collingdale, Delaware County, PA. (AUG).] [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=16658] -. (2) VSPA Image , Gravemarker: [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_ford_bob-wayne_13-may-1975_1_headstone_LOD.jpg].		0977
99		Fritz, Gerald Wayne	1971-1975	NKP, 56th SPS. K-9.	K-9. (MWD Not on Final Flight Op Resc Mayaguez, KNIFE-13).	KNIFE-13	LOD K-9	05/13/1975	(06) - FRITZ, GERALD WAYNE. (VSPA CAS#-099): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 21). -Born 05/06/1954. - Air Force - Regular. Sgt - E4 -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH (KILLING 18-56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE, OP MAYAGUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 125]-. [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion	fiery Crash in dense jungle en route to joinUSMC assault rescue force.], Source https://thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=17299. -BURIAL National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia. lSource https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/228626444/gerald_w-fritz.].	1011
100		Glenn, Jackie D. (TSGT)	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS (Reports & Analysis Section).		KNIFE-13	LOD		(07) - GLENN, JACKIE D.. (VSPA CAS#-100): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 36). -Born 5/10/1939. TSgt - E6 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 126]. -BURIAL [National Memorial Cemetery of The Pacific, (Section K, Site 193), Honolulu, HI]. [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=18794].		1124
101		Hamlin, Darrell Lee	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.			LOD		(08) - HAMLIN, DARRELL LEE. (VSPA CAS#-101): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 19). -Born 10/20/1955. Sgt - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 126]. [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=21019]. -BURIAL Long Island National Cemetery (14563A, Section "J"), 2040 Wellwood Ave., Farmingdale, NY.		1258

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102		Hankamer, Gregory L.	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.			LOD		(09) - HANKAMER, GREGORY L.. (VSPA CAS#-102): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 21). -Born 9/15/1953. Sgt - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 126]. --Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=21155]. -BURIAL Long Island National Cemetery (2122, Section '2T'), 2040 Wellwood Ave., Farmingdale, NY. -- [A Friend, worked with Greg (Konrad Kottke, kkottke@rap.midco.net You are missed. Greg, we were friends on and off duty, I miss your jokes and laughte. 2. "The Red, White and Blue: " At the sound of taps, lowered so slow and true. A lump in my throat, choking back sorrow only another warrior could note.		1265
103		Higgs, David Alan	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(10) - HIGGS, DAVID ALAN. (VSPA CAS#-103): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 20). -Born 5/5/1955. Sgt - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 126]-. [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=21155] -VSPA Image Portrait [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_higgs_david-alan_05-05-1955_LODop-mayaguez-rescue-1975)_05-13-1975_portrait.jpg]. -BURIAL Greenwood Memorial Terrace Memorials (Plot infoGarden of Honor), 211 Government Way, Spokane, Washington 99224 USA (GPS Coordinates47.65690, -117.47080).		1390
104		Ilaoa, Faleagafulu (Phil)	1974-1975	K-9.	K-9. (MWD Not on Final Flight Op Resc Mayaguez, KNIFE-13).	KNIFE-13	LOD K-9 Handler	05/13/1975	(11) - ILAOA, FALEAGAFULU, K-9 Handler. (VSPA CAS#-104): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 27). -Born 4/6/1948. SSgt - E5 Air Force-Regular. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH (KILLING 18-56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE,OP MAYAGUEZ RESCUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 127]; [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=25054]. -BURIAL Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo County, CA. [Source https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/819425/faleagafulu-ilaoa]. (K-9, Not on KNIFE-13).		1491
105		Lane, Michael David	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD		(12) - LANE, MICHAEL DAVID. (VSPA CAS#-105): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 25). -Born 1/4/1950. Sgt - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 [-DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force), In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 127]-. [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=29455]. BURIAL Fort Snelling National Cemetery		1737

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106		London, Dennis Wayne	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS. K-9.	K-9. (MWD Not on Final Flight Op Resc Mayaguez, KNIFE-13).	KNIFE-13	LOD K-9	05/13/1975	(13) - LONDON, DENNIS WAYNE. (VSPA CAS#-106): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 25). -Born 8/21/1949. Sgt - E4 -Air Force-Regular. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) in THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH (KILLING 18 56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE,OP MAYAGUEZ RESCUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line	128. Source https://thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=31034. -BURIAL Ivy Lawn Memorial Park (Plot Section H Lot 451 Grave 3), Ventura, Ventura County, CA. [VSPA Image https://www.vspa.com/images/t_london_dennis-wayne_sgt_21-aug-1949_13-may-1975_gravemarker.jpg].	1844
107		Mathias, Robert P.	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(14) - MATHIAS, ROBERT P.. (VSPA CAS#-107): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 21). Born 10/13/1953. Sgt - E4 -Air Force - CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13 CASUALTY in THAILAND, NON-HOSTILE. Body Recovered. Panel 01W - Line 127. [DETAILS Killed in CH-53C Sea Stallion firery Crash in dense jungle en route to join USMC assault rescue force]. Source: https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=32948). -BURIAL [National Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia]-. [SourceFind A Grave https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/228396807/robert_p-mathias]. - Jim Enockson (Friend, fellow SP). I can see it as if it was yesterday. After Mayaguez was over we went back out to the crash site (maybe a week or two later, CRS) and bought back a piece of the site. A local farmer near the crash site had part of KNIFE-13's main rotor blade. We needed the pieces for the accident investigation team. The helicopter that crashed was from the 21st SOS (our sister squadron). They were the ones that put the Special Forces guys in behind enemy lines and went back at a	specified time to get them. My squadron, the 40th ARRS, was strictly Search & Rescue. When Mayaguez went off, both squadrons were called to go on the operation and were "lending" crewmembers to fill helicopters. Some of our pilots were flying 21st SOS birds and some of their Flight Engineers were on loan to the 40th ARRS for the Mayaguez mission. Everything happened so fast. It's like we were notified mid morning the day before and the next day we were in U-Tapao. It was only a short time before the crash-- the crash site was only eight or nine miles from NKP-- they had just got on the helicopter and were flying out of the area heading to U-Tapao when it happened. It couldn't have been more that ten or fifteen minutes from takeoff. We usually flew around 200 to 1500 feet anytime we went anywhere (except for combat). 2/10/2000. Jim	1956
108		Mc Kelvey, William R.	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(15) - MC KELVEY, WILLIAM R.. (VSPA CAS#-108): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 23). -Born 1/30/1952. Sgt - E4 -Air Force. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH (KILLING 18-56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE,OP MAYAGUEZ RESCUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 128; [Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=34127]; BURIAL Garland Community Cemetery Garland,	Sampson County, NC USA.]; [VSPA Images (1) Portrait [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_mckelvey_william-r_10-13-1953_LOD (op-mayaguez-rescue-1975)_05-13-1975_portrait.jpg]; -. c)(2) Gravemarker [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_mckelvey_william-r_y_10-13-1953_LOD (op-mayaguez-rescue-1975)_05-13-1975_gravemarker.jpg].	1983
109		Moran, Edgar C., II	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(16) - MORAN, EDGAR CRAIG, II.. (VSPA CAS#-109): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 19). -Born: 02/16/1956, D.C. -AMN - E2 Air Force-Regular. -CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OP RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND, NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH KILLING 18-56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE,OP MAYAGUEZ RESCUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 128]., (Source https:thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=36330]. -BURIAL Chartiers Cemetery, Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania [Source https:/www.findagrave.com/memorial/9357058/edgar_craig-moran] -VSPA ImagesNews Editiorial (1) Last Photo [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_moran_edgar-c_ii_02-16-1956_lod_05-13-1975_portrait-2-(last-photo).jpg]; c)(3) [Ode Poem to Edgar Moran, by "DWK."	[https://www.vspa.com/images/t_moran_edgar-c-ii_02-16-1956_lod_05-13-1975_4_poem-by_dwk-(vspa).jpg]; (4). Gravemarker: [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_moran_edgar-c-ii_02-16-1956_lod_05-13-1975_5_gravemarker.jpg]; (5). News Reports Knife-13 Crash: [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_moran_edgar-c-ii_02-16-1956_lod_05-13-1975_2a_news-crash-reported_knife-13.jpg]; (6). News Editorial: [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_moran_edgar-c-ii_02-16-1956_lod_05-13-1975_3_news-editorial-ballot-box-(re-op-mayaguez-rescue_knife-13-1975).jpg].	2149

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110		Nealis, Tommy R.	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(17) - NEALIS, TOMMY R.. (VSPA CAS#-110): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 22. -Born 04/23/1953. --Sgt - E4 -Air Force-Regular. - CASUALTY, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, HELICOPTER CRASH (KILLING 18-56th SPS; 5-21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 128, (Source https:/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=37446). BURIAL Machpelah Cemetery, Mount Sterling, Montgomery County, KY; [Source: ----	https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84949722/tommy_r-nealis].-VSPA Images (1) Portrait [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_nealis_tommy_r_04-23-1953_lod_(op-mayaguez-rescue-knife-13)_05-13-1975_sgt_(4x3in.vspa.com).jpg]. -(2) Gravemarker [https://www.vspa.com/images/t_nealis_tommy_r_04-23-1953_lod_(op-mayaguez-rescue-knife-13)_05-13-1975_sgt_gravemarker.jpg].	2213
112		Ross, Robert Wayne	1974-1975	NKP, 56th SPS.		KNIFE-13	LOD	05/13/1975	(18) - ROSS, ROBERT WAYNE. (VSPA CAS#-112): LOD 5/13/1975 (age 20). -Born 7/9/1954. Sgt - E4 -Air Force-Regular. -CASUALTY on 5/13/1975, (SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATION RESCUE, KNIFE-13) In THAILAND. NON-HOSTILE, Body Recovered. NON-HOSTILE [KNIFE-13 HELICOPTER CRASH (Killing 18-56th SPS; anf 5 21st SOS) JOINING USMC ASSAULT FORCE,OP MAYAGUEZ RESCUE]. Body Recovered. Panel 01W-Line 129]; Source https/thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=44555]. -- BURIAL Greenridge Cemetery.		2620