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I was an aerial combat still photographer assigned to Det. 9, 601st Photo Flight at Udorn Royal Thai AFB and flew combat rescue missions with the 40th ARRS.

I was part of the crew of Jolly Green 71, which on 6 Oct 69 was involved in the rescue of eight U.S. Air Force and 46 indigenous personnel resulting in the largest successful rescue effort of the war in Southeast Asia. Helicopter crewmembers (see attached photo)



(left to right) Sgt. Jeffrey L. Whitted (aerial photographer), TSgt. John E Wilson (pararescueman), MSgt. Jack L Hartman (flight engineer), MSgt. Anthony R Gargano (pararescueman), Maj. Holly G Bell (pilot) and Capt. Gary F Sanderson (copilot). The story of the rescue of Knife 61 and 62 is at <http://www.rotorheadsrus.us/documents/330.html>.

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