

37 ARRSq History, Apr-Jun 1970

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<u>SAVE</u>	<u>SURVIVORS NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>
548	G.L. Hartzel	T/Sgt-AF	15 Apr	1-3-028
549	L.E. Davis	S/Sgt-AF	15 Apr	1-3-028
550	T. Wofford	Maj-AF	15 Apr	1-3-028
551	J.D. Holmquist	1/Lt-AF	23 Apr	1-3-032
552	M.W. Nelson	Capt-AF	23 Apr	1-3-032
553	J. Meyers	Unk	28 Apr	1-3-035
554	W. Clark	1/Lt-USMC	28 Apr	1-3-035
555	J.C. Smith	S/Sgt-AF	28 Apr	1-3-035
556	D.R. Bodenheim	Capt-AF	2 May	1-3-037
557	G.R. Jackman	Capt-AF	2 May	1-3-037
558	D. Kellum	Lt/Col-AF	5 May	1-3-038
559	R.E. Moffitt	Maj-AF	5 May	1-3-038
560	G.M. Rubes	1/Lt-AF	25 May	1-3-042
561	J.T. Sornberger	1/Lt-AF	25 May	1-3-042
562	J.L. Kosinski	1/Lt-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
563	F.D. Delaughter	CPL-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
564	J.L. Benton	CPL-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
565	F.C. Pipich	CPL-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
566	R.L. Campbell	1/Lt-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
567	C.E. Peterson	E-4-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
568	D.K. Larson	1/Lt-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
569	C.W. Royse	HM-3-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045
570	A.R. Hendersen	L/CPL-USMC	1 Jun	1-3-045

TRAVIS
WOFFORD

LUTHER EUGENE DAVIS

SSGT - E5 - Air Force - Regular
23 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on Apr 11, 1947
From OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE
His tour of duty began on Aug 15, 1969
Casualty was on May 25, 1970
in KONTUM, SOUTH VIETNAM
Hostile, died of wounds
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Body was recovered
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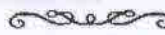
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LUTHER EUGENE DAVIS SSGT

Submitted by

Lance Davis

docdavis66@aol.com

Son

4693B Gipson St.

Ft. Campbell, KY42223USA

Died from wounds received while attempting the rescue of an US Army helicopter in Kontum Province SVN. Awarded medals include Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart. Stationed in DaNang at the time of His Death with the 39th AeroRescue Sqdn. Was on his 3rd tour in Vietnam at the time of his death. Has 2 surviving sons, Larry and Lance.

Thursday, December 24, 1998

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NEWSLETTER OF THE 41st AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY WING

Vol. III No. 6

June 1970

PACAF RP 64-1

THIRD GROUP RECORDS 3,000th SAVE

TAN SON NHUT—The 3,000th save in Southeast Asia was recorded recently by the Air Force's 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group.

Four aircrew members, three of whom were rescuemen shot down while attempting a recovery in the Republic of Vietnam, were picked up within minutes of each other. The fourth man was picked up in Thailand after bailing out of an F-105 Thunderchief.

THIRD RESCUE ATTEMPT

The three rescuemen were on a search and rescue mission in an area of heavy ground fighting. As the rescuers of the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron from Da Nang AB closed in on a downed Army helicopter for their third rescue attempt, their HH-3 Jolly Green helicopter took intense ground fire and crashed in flames.

One of the survivors of the crash extinguished the flames which had envelop-

ed two other crewmembers. The accompanying Jolly Green, flying in the area as rescue backup helicopter, lowered a pararescueman and hoisted the three survivors to safety.

ARMY TEAM DISPATCHED

Heavily entrenched enemy troops in the area precluded further helicopter rescue attempts, and an Army ground team was dispatched to the area to aid the Army helicopter crew.

The rescue of the F-105 pilot in Thailand was made by an HH-43 Pedro helicopter of the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron's Detachment 2, Takhli Royal Thai AFB. The pilot bailed out of his aircraft some 16 miles north of Takhli and parachuted to an open field. He was picked up minutes later by Capt. Lorenzo M. Crowell and his crew and taken to the 355th U.S.

Air Force Dispensary at Takhli for treatment.

3,000 SINCE 1965

Successful rescues in the two missions brought the total number of lives saved by units of the 3d ARRG to 3,000 since the 1965 activation of the rescue organization in Southeast Asia. Of the rescues, more than 2,000 have been recorded as combat saves, in which capture or loss of life due to hostile forces was imminent.

Third Group helicopters and HC-130 King mission command aircraft operate from bases in Vietnam and Thailand performing rescue missions in SEA.

Airmen of the 3d ARRGp have been awarded more than 11,000 medals, including the nation's highest — the Medal of Honor — in fulfilling the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service motto, "That Others May Live."

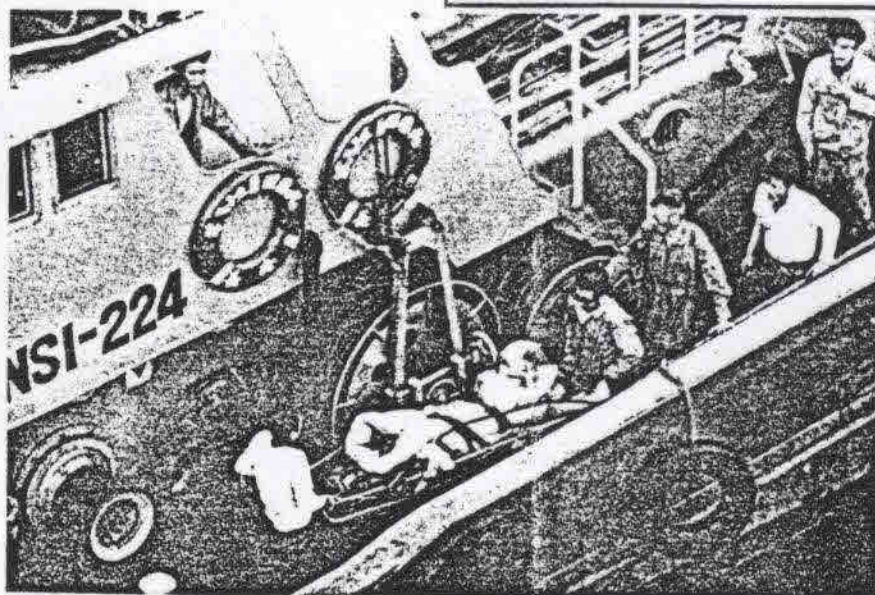
33rd MED-EVACS THREE PERSONS IN BUSY WEEK

Three medical evacuations were recorded recently by the 33rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. Each of the missions was completed in the HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter.

The afternoon of April 30, a chopper, commanded by Capt. Joseph R. Hall Jr., left the pad for Zamami-Shima, 12 miles west of Okinawa. A 12-year-old Ryukyuan boy suffering acute appendicitis was picked up and flown back to a civilian ambulance waiting at Naha AB. From the base he was taken to the Red Cross Hospital in Naha City.

Four days later Capt. Rodney G. Parks piloted the HH-3E on a mission to Kume-Jima. A 41-year-old Ryukyuan woman, nine months pregnant and suf-

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A 17-YEAR-OLD BOY is secured to a Stokes litter in preparation to being lifted aboard a Jolly Green Giant helicopter from the 33rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. The boy, who had injured his left leg, was airlifted to U.S. Army Hospital at Camp Kue for medical treatment.

Robert LaPointe

From: John Cassidy [jcassidy@alaska.net]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2002 6:33 PM
To: WE Anderson; Wayne Fisk; Udo Fischer; Tom Connell; Tom Beranek; Tom Bedard; TJ Bruce; Terry & Ruby Caffery; Steve Ash; Scott Gearen; Scott Denton; Ryan & Sue Beckmann; Rod Alne; Robert LaPointe; Robert Fisher; Richard Burton; Rex Freriks; Ray A Cooper; Randy Galloway; Paul Miller; Paul Miller; Pat Lite; Pat & Bill Davidson; Norm Kohlstrand; Nathanael Morrison; Miller, George R; Mike Harlow; Mike & Carole Curtis; Michael McDonald; Michael E Haas; Matt Brown; Mark F. Mahoney; Mark & Judy Crawford; Lou & Linda Craig; LD Jeffries; Larry Huyett; Larry Bigelow; Larry Austin; Kevin Jones; Kerry & KO Kelley; Kenneth. Knutson; John Lange; John L Beaty; John D Branch; John Chase; John Blumentritt; John & Glenna Eldridge; Joel Lukens; Joel D Cryer; Joe Fernandez; Jeff Holcomb; James. Alderisio; James Q Derrick; James Cusic; James Carden; Jack Chandler; Hugh LaCasse; Herb Key; Harry Birtel; Greg Lowdermilk; George Gonzalez; Gene Armstrong; Gary Harold; Frederick Manning; Frank Dawdy; Ernie Evans; Eric Gregory; Ed Fryer; Douglas Kestranek; Doug McGill; Donald M Goodin; Don Goodlet; Don Beasley; Dennis Kraft; Dee W Nelson; David J Dibble; David C Dahl; Dave McCallan; Dave Cruz; Dave Berrio; Daryl Harrison; Danny Dalmo; Dana Beach; Dan Hodler; Dan Dailey; Dan Brotton; Dale J. Miller; Clarence R Boles; Chuck McGrath; Chuck Hassler; Charlie Jenkins; Charles Hoell; Bruce M Daly; Bruce Hickson; Brad Marx; Bob Loud; Bob Holler; Bob Castellani; Bill Eby; Bill Bobbick; Andrew Hail; Aaron Farrior; Anthony Keller
Subject: FW: Please send out to all PJ's

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert LaPointe [mailto:rlapointe@gci.net]
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2002 6:25 PM
To: Cassidy, John
Cc: davista2001@comcast.net
Subject: Please send out to all PJ's

This request was left on my website. Please distribute to the PJ AIG
THANKS

Name: Tom Davis
E-Mail: davista2001@comcast.net
Location: Tennessee
Comments: I am looking for anyone who my have served with my brother, SSgt Luther (Gene) E. Davis, who was shot down on April 15, 1970 and died from his wounds on May 25, 1970.

From: Rouhier Chuck Contr ASC/SYM, INTERNET:Chuck.Rouhier@wpafb.af.mil
Date: 7/30/99, 2:57 AM
Re: FW: Jolly 27 (Tail No 66-13280)

These folks are looking for the crews of Jolly Green 27 and 29 (read below).
If anyone knows where Travis Wofford or any of the crew from Jolly Green 29
is, please pass this on to them.

Jim Lake can be reached at:
Website: 170thAHC.org
Phone: (253) 272-2794.
Email: jelake@wa.net

Note: Please don't pass on the Jolly Green crews contact info to Jim Lake.
Let our folks decide if they wish to contact Jim. Thanks.

Also, the Comm Grp here is taking down the entire base network at 1100 EST
today. Some big security thing. We're suppose to be back up between
1400-1500. Don't hold your breath. Don't be surprised if you can't get
mail to me till some time next week.

Have a great weekend!

Chuck
Jolly FE '71-'74

-----Original Message-----

From: James Lake [mailto:jelake@wa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 1999 8:30 PM
To: rouhierc@deskbook.osd.mil
Subject: Jolly 27 (Tail No 66-13280)

Howdy,

I am a former member of the 170th AHC (Bikini's) in SEA in 1970. I, and
several other of my comrads, are conducting research into the event of
April 15, 1970 during the battle of Dak Seang. On that day the 170th
lost nine aircraft and many people killed wounded and captured. The
37th ARRS was also involved in that battle when 66-13280 piloted by CPT
Scott and MAJ Wofford were shot down. I was present and witnessed this
happen. I and all my comrads are deeply grateful for the sacrifices
made in our behalf. We have tried to contact MAJ Wofford, but have had
no luck.. We are hoping to include his perspective in our story of the
events of that day. Also, we are trying to find out the identity of the
crew of Jolly 29, the wingman. They too, should be included. Any help
that you and your organization can provide will be appreciated.

Jim Lake Bikini24

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From: Michael McKendry <mwm@cwix.com>
To: rlapointe@gci.net <rlapointe@gci.net>
Date: Sunday, August 01, 1999 1:53 PM
Subject: Lake's search for Travis Wofford

Hi Bob,

As a result of Jim Lake's request to find Travis Wofford (Jolly 27, lost - 15 Apr 70) I contacted Travis, and gave him Jim lake's phone, and email addresses. I also alerted him to existence of the Jolly Green web site, of which he was unaware.

He has no email ability at this time, however, he asked that I forward the address and phone number that appear below to Chuck Rouhier.

I think Chuck Rouhoer will hear from him, he has the Jolly web site info, and Chuck R's email address.

It did not occur to me at the time, but I realize now that Travis Wofford's experiences and recollection may be important to your book effort. Perhaps you'd wish to write him. Go easy. He got a letter about two years after he went down from one of the other crewmember's families implying that he (Maj. Wofford) was the reason Jolly 27 went down.

Travis Wofford
3016 Zenker Valley SW
Centralia, WA 98531

(360) 736-2190

You have ny extreme admiration for the task (The Book) you have undertaken, as well as for your Pararescue career.

Regards,
Mike McKendry

8/1/99

From: James Lake <jelake@wa.net>
To: rlapointe@gci.net <rlapointe@gci.net>
Date: Sunday, August 01, 1999 8:55 PM
Subject: Dak Seang 1970

Robert,

I am a former member of the 170th AHC, the Bikini's, in Vietnam in 1969 and 70. Myself and many of our comrades are in the midst of a book writing effort about the Bikinis and the Battle of Dak Seang in April of 1970. One of the 37th ARRS birds is a big part of that story, Jolly 27 crewed by Travis Scott, Travis Wofford, Gerald Hartzel and LE Davis. They were shot down attempting to rescue one of our birds. We really want to contact these guys so that we can get thier input on the events of April 15th 1970 in a hill just north of Dak Seang camp.

I was there, and I witnessed them get shot down. I know that it has been a long time, but the healing has got to start sometime. I hope you can help us. I know that if there is anything we can do to help you, you need just ask.

Jim Lake "Bikini24"

08/09/1999

1969 (cont)

5 Dec- Southeast Asia. The SAR task force flew 336 sorties in support
7 Dec 69 of this mission. Although the F-4C pilot was not recovered, the
F-4C navigator, First Lieutenant Woodrow J. Bergeron, Jr., was
rescued.

1970

1 Jan 70 The 39th ARR Wing was activated at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri.

15 Apr 70 Major Travis Wofford and Captain Travis W. Scott, Jr., both won
the Air Force Cross during a rescue operation near Dak Nay Puey,
Vietnam. Two H-3s were scrambled from Da Nang AB, Vietnam, to
rescue survivors of a downed UH-1. The first H-3 to go into the
rescue area made three attempts, but enemy ground fire downed
this aircraft, piloted by Captain Scott, who was killed upon
impact. The copilot, Major Wofford, dragged the other two crew-
men from the burning aircraft. With his bare hands he extin-
guished the flames still burning on their bodies. The second
H-3 evacuated the survivors of the first H-3 but was unable to
rescue personnel in the downed UH-1. Major Wofford later
received the Cheney Award for 1970.

22 Apr 70 Brigadier General Frank K. Everest, Jr., assumed command of ARRS.

30 Jun 70 Captain Leroy C. Schaneberg, 40th ARR Squadron, qualified for
the Air Force Cross as a result of operations on 30 June 1970.
Piloting an HH-53, Captain Schaneberg and his crew were attempt-
ing to rescue an OV-10 pilot who went down in Laos. Earlier
attempts by H-3 aircraft from the 37th ARR Squadron had been un-
successful. On Captain Schaneberg's second pass, he reported
heavy ground fire. The aircraft went out of control and crashed
about one-fourth mile from the OV-10 crash site. The OV-10
pilots were later picked up by an H-3, but there were no survi-
vors from the HH-53 crash.

15 Aug- First Transpacific Helicopter Flight. ARRS personnel proved the
24 Aug 70 possibility of ferrying two factory-issued HH-53s from Eglin AFB,
Florida, to Da Nang AB, Vietnam, with the aid of ARRS HC-130 re-
fueling. Intermediate stops were: Minot AFB, North Dakota; Fort
Nelson, British Columbia; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Shemya AFB,
Alaska; Misawa AB, Japan; Kadena AB, Okinawa; and Clark AB,
Republic of the Philippines. The mission commander was Major
James L. Butera.

1 Sep 70 ARRS helicopters at Luke AFB, Arizona, and Mountain Home AFB,
Idaho, began participation in the Military Assistance for Safety

Notes: Crashed in the jungle while flying in support of a LRRP mission due to suspected enemy ground fire. An Army slick also on the mission landed near the crash and transported the injured to the hospital at Cam Rahn Bay.

Tail No.: 65-07944 Model: UH-1P Date of Loss: 19 Mar 70 Unit: 20th SOS, Ban Me Thuot
Country of Loss: Darlac, SVN Call Sign: Green Hornet

Pilot: Clyde W. Enderle (12W-20)
Co-Pilot: Carlos A. Estrada (12W-21)
Gunner: James W. Greenwood (12W-21)

Notes: Shot down by enemy ground fire southeast of Ban Me Thuot, SVN. Second gunner was thrown clear and survived. Occurred during a training flight consisting of a two ship formation.

Tail No: 66-13280 Model: HH-3E Date of Loss: 15 Apr 70 Unit: 37th ARRS
Country of Loss: Kontum, SVN Call Sign: Jolly Green 27

Pilot: Travis H. Scott, Jr. (11W-9)
Flight Engineer: Gerald L. Hartzel (11W-27)

Notes: Caught fire, FE died of wounds after.

Additional Notes: Location Dak Nay, SVN

Description: MAJ Travis Wofford and CPT Travis W. Scott, Jr., both won the Air Force Cross during a rescue operation near Dak Nay Puey, Vietnam. Two H-3s were scrambled from Da Nang, Vietnam, to rescue survivors of a downed UH-1. The first H-3 to go into the rescue area made three attempts, but enemy ground fire downed this aircraft, piloted by CPT Scott, who was killed on impact. The copilot, MAJ Wofford, dragged the other two crewmen from the burning aircraft. With his bare hands he extinguished the flames still burning on their bodies. The second H-3 evacuated the survivors of the first H-3 but was unable to rescue personnel in the downed UH-1.

The source for this information was ARRS History

Tail No.: Model: HH-3E Date of Loss: 25May 70 Unit: 37th ARRS,
Country of Loss: SVN Call Sign:

PJ: Luther E. Davis (10W-96)

Notes:

Tail No.: 68-8283 Model: HH-53C Date of Loss: 30 Jun 70 Unit: 40th ARRS
Country of Loss: Laos Call Sign: Jolly Green 54

Pilot: Leroy C. Schaneberg (09W-17)
Co-Pilot: John W. Goeglein (09W-104)
Flight Engineer: Marvin E. Bell (09W-102)
P.J.: Paul L. Jenkins (09W-105)
P.J.: Michael F. Dean (09W-103)

65-12782	HH-3E	5 Oct 68	37th ARRS	Laos	Jolly Green 10	Lernon Granier	Albert D. Wester	Gregory P. Lawrence	Earnest Casbeer
65-12785	HH-3E	21 Nov 70	40th ARRS	NVN	Banana 1	Herb Kalen	Herb Zender	Leroy Wright	14 man SF assault force
65-12786	CH-3E	16 Oct 68	37th ARRS	NVN	Jolly Green 24	Richard Griffiths	Harry Hagen	Mickey D. Berry	Robert Cassidy
66-13279	HH-3E	9 Nov 67	37th ARRS	Laos	Jolly Green 26	Gerald O. Young	Ralph W. Brower	Eugene L. Clay	Larry W. Maysey
66-13280	HH-3E	15 Apr 70	37th ARRS	SVN	Jolly Green 27	Travis H. Scott, Jr. KIA	Travis Wofford	Gerald L. Hartzel	L. E. Davis
66-13281	HH-3E	24 Oct 69	37th ARRS	Laos	Jolly Green 28	Charlie Langham	Charles W. Bond	James E. Smith	Donald G. Smith
66-13282	HH-3E	20 Oct 68	37th ARRS	NVN	Jolly Green 29	Gerald Moore	Lawrence Davis	Robert Anderson	Steven T. White
66-13283	HH-3E	27 Oct 67	37th ARRS	Laos	Jolly Green 30	R.R. Mulder	W.E. Walter	Williams	M.L. Walder
67-14710	HH-3E	9 Jun 68	37th ARRS	SVN	Jolly Green 23	Jack Rittichier	Richard C. Yeend, Jr	Elmer L. Holden	James D. Locker

While attempting to extract a Special Forces team in contact with the enemy, the acft received intensive ground fire which damaged aircraft, followed by a fire.

Son Tay Raider, Crashed into compound

helo experienced loss of transmission fluid from ground fire, helo landed in the sea, but sank in rough seas.

Acft was hit on takeoff by ground fire after MEDEVAC of USA personnel. Pilot awarded MOH for this mission.

Caught fire, FE died of wounds after.

Downed by ground fire during SAR for MISTY 11 (F-100F 1Lt Muller AD and Capt Clapper J) aircraft destroyed by friendly aircraft.

North Vietnam, at 0717H, the helo had made water landing to recover the crew of DOVER 01 (F-4D, 1Lt Donald D Amico & 1Lt Sammy F. Wilburn, 366th TFW Danang, both recovered) when the aircraft was hit by enemy fire from Tiger Island, lost rotor blade and caught fire; at 0833H the crew was picked up from rafts by JG31 and JG33. At 0940H, it was reported JG29 was floating belly up and at 1215H it sank.

aircraft was hovering to pick up ground party when it lost engine, aircraft was destroyed by bombing.

JOLLY GREEN 23 was flying a SAR mission for HELLBORNE 215, a USMC A-4E piloted by 1Lt Walter R. Schmidt Jr. (MIA), who was downed northwest of the Ashau Valley. Voice contact was established with the survivor, who reported he possibly had a broken leg. Several attempts at pickup were made by the lead helicopter, JG22, but they were unsuccessful due to the intense ground fire. After suppressive fire was put in, JG23 moved in to attempt the pickup, JG23 reported taking hits and then caught fire. The pilot attempted to land in a small clearing, but the helicopter exploded when it hit the ground and burned intensely. There were no indications anyone survived the crash. The pilot of JG23, LTJG Jack Rittichier, was a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter pilot, he is the only USCG man who is unaccounted for in SEA and was the first USCG casualty of the Vietnam war. He was part of a pilot exchange program between the USAF and Coast Guard.