

15Apr70 JG 27 Misc

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 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 but was unable to rescue personnel in the downed UH-1. Major Wofford later received the Cheney Award for 1970.

37 ARRSq History, Apr-Jun 1970

SAVE	SURVIVORS NAME	RANK	DATE	MISSION NUMBER
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

LUTHER EUGENE DAVIS
SSGT - ES - 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
HELICOPTER - NONCREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
BAPTIST
Panel 10W - - Line 96

Submitted by
Lance Davis
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Son
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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.

<http://thewall-usa.com>

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 may have served with my brother, SSgt Luther E. Davis, who was shot down on April 15, 1970 and died from his wounds on May 25, 1970.

Original Message

From: James Lake [mailto:jelake@wa.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 1999 8:30 PM

Subject: Jolly 27 (Tail No 66-13280)

I am a former member of the 170th AHC (Bikini's) in SEA in 1970. I, and several other of my comrades, 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 comrades 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

From: Michael McKendry <mwm@cwix.com>

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

Regards,
Mike McKendry