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On 28 Jan 70, a North Vietnamese MiG-21 shot down an HH-53B Super Jolly Green Giant helicopter with the call sign Jolly Green 71 over North Vietnam during a search and rescue mission to retrieve a downed U.S. pilot. Sgt Gregory L. Anderson (<http://www.virtualwall.org/da/AndersonGL01a.htm>) and the crew of the helicopter did not survive the air-to-air missile attack. The other crewmembers were Maj. Holly G. Bell (pilot), Capt. Leonard C. Leeser (copilot), SMSgt. William D. Pruett (PJ), MSgt. William C. Sutton (PJ), and SSgt. William C. Shinn (FE). Greg and I were aerial combat still photographers and door gunners flying the rescue mission in separate helicopters when the attack occurred. Every day I wear a POW/MIA bracelet with his name on it. (Photo by Jeff Whitted)



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