

553rd Reconnaissance Wing - Batcat
Memorial Dedication and Reunion
at the National Museum of the United States Air Force
August 21 to August 24, 2008
(Corrected spelling of name 2/21/10)

From all assigned to the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing, this Memorial Dedication is in remembrance of those who were lost on operational missions - you are not forgotten.

On 25 April 1969, an EC-121R, USAF serial number 67-21493, call sign "BATCAT 21," with aircrew number 39 from the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron, Korat RTAFB, flying combat tactical mission directed by 7th Air Force Frag Order number 115, mission number 6901, was lost with the following fatalities.

James H. Belflower

Albert N. Booker

Thomas M. Brandom Jr.

Michael J. Cotterill

Jerald C. Davis

Ronald C. DeForrest

Warren C. DeLaney

Paul Faulk

Kenneth W. Fowler

Emerson E. Heller

George R. Kidd

Paul R. Lunsford

John A. Marsh

William C. McCormick Jr.

Mitchel Messing

James D. Moore

Mark M. Steeley

William D. Stepp

On 6 September 1969, an EC-121R, USAF serial number 67-21495, call sign "Batcat 19," with aircrew number 40, from the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron, Korat RTAFB, flying combat tactical mission directed by 7th Air Force Frag Order number 69-248, mission number 1334, was lost with the following fatalities.

Julius C. Houlditch Jr.

Arnold N. Jaco

Joyful J. Jenkins

Gunther H. Rehling