

EVENTUALLY the Virtual Wall will have all of their names listed under their respective UNIT. At present, not all names and units have been listed. We are working on it.

Currently those lost from the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing are not listed by the wing, rather as the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron at URL <http://www.virtualwall.org/u-usaf/554thrs.htm> At this time only 4 names are listed. Eventually, ALL of the names below should appear under the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing, 554th Reconnaissance Squadron on each memorial page.

See Photo of The Wall at <http://www.footnote.com/image/48274922/>

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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.

The names of these men can be found on The Wall at Panel 26W around lines 42 to 45

TSGT James H. Belflower	http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BelflowerJH01a.htm
TSGT Albert N. Booker	http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BookerAN01a.htm
MAJ Thomas M. Brandom Jr.	http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BrandomTM01a.htm
A1C Michael J. Cotterill	http://www.virtualwall.org/dc/CotterillMJ01a.htm 554RS
SSGT Jerald C. Davis	http://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DavisJC03a.htm
A1C Ronald C. DeForrest	http://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DeForrestRC01a.htm 554RS
TSGT Warren C. DeLaney	http://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DelaneyWC01a.htm
SSGT Paul Faulk	http://www.virtualwall.org/df/FaulkPx01a.htm
TSGT Kenneth W. Fowler	http://www.virtualwall.org/df/FowlerKW01a.htm
LTC Emerson E. Heller	http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HellerEE01a.htm
CPT George R. Kidd	http://www.virtualwall.org/dk/KiddGR01a.htm
MAJ Paul R. Lunsford	http://www.virtualwall.org/dl/LunsfordPR01a.htm
1LT John A. Marsh	http://www.virtualwall.org/dm/MarshJA01a.htm
LTC William C. McCormick Jr.	http://www.virtualwall.org/dm/McCormickWC01a.htm 554RS
SGT Mitchel Messing	http://www.virtualwall.org/dm/MessingMx01a.htm 554RS
SSGT James D. Moore	http://www.virtualwall.org/dm/MooreJD02a.htm
SGT Mark M. Steeley	http://www.virtualwall.org/ds/SteeleyMM01a.htm
SGT William D. Stepp	http://www.virtualwall.org/ds/SteppWD01a.htm

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.

On The Wall at Panel 18W Line 47 for Houlditch, Jaco, and Jenkins. Rehling on Line 50

SGT Julius C. Houlditch Jr.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HoulditchJC01a.htm>

SGT Arnold N. Jaco

<http://www.virtualwall.org/dj/JacoAN01a.htm>

MAJ Joyful J. Jenkins

<http://www.virtualwall.org/dj/JenkinsJJ01a.htm>

SSGT Gunther H. Rehling

<http://www.virtualwall.org/dr/RehlingGH01a.htm>