



***Sgt Gregory L. Hankamer***  
***Air Force***

**Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, 56th SPS**  
**13 MAY 1975, Non-Hostile: Helicopter Crash**  
**Tribute by Luke and Kristen Hankamer**

I am Retired Master Sergeant Luther F. Hankamer, II, USAF. Greg Hankamer was my younger brother, and I was the last of our family to see him alive. While Greg was at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, I was at Udorn RTAFB. Greg and his wife (Dim) and new baby (Sandra) were scheduled to rotate back to the states in November of 1974, but he extended an extra six months. I saw him in early December when I was getting ready to rotate. I would like to thank the Vietnam Security Police Association for the web page and recognition of the men who died in the line of duty.

Greg is the third person on the left side of the Helicopter in the picture on the SS Mayaguez Rescue Operation page.

Thanks again,  
**Luther F. Hankamer II** (Greg's brother)  
MSgt, USAF Ret.



***Official Information***

**GREGORY L HANKAMER SGT -**  
**Air Force**  
**21 year old Male**  
**Born on Sep 15, 1953**  
**From SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA**  
**Casualty was on May 13, 1975**  
**NON-HOSTILE, Helicopter Crash**  
**SS Mayaguez Rescue Operation**  
**(Cambodia)**  
**56th Security Police Squadron,**  
**Nakhon Phanom, Thailand**  
**Body was recovered**  
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Greg Hankamer had paid me back the money I had lent to him to buy his wife's wedding ring, the week before he gave his life. I returned, what was left of his M-16 to the armory, after driving Thai Air Force and "Sea Rats" out to the site the following evening.

Bill McKelvey and I had an argument a couple nights before about me getting a line number for SSgt before him. "You'll make it on the "B" cycle, Mack!" Was one of the last words we spoke. I always understood that he did?

Thanks for Remembering, I always will!

Lonnie

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