

Laurence Eugene Froehlich
Class of 1972
8th Squadron



Date of Birth: 26 December 1949

Home Town: Sodus, MI

1st Lieutenant Laurence E. Froehlich was killed on 13 May 1975 in Thailand while on a classified mission in support of the Mayaguez Incident. The CH-53 helicopter he was copiloting was lost from radar and no radio contact could be made. The incident occurred 36 miles southwest of Nakhon Phanom Airport. Another CH-53 helicopter in the area spotted the crash scene due to the fires burning and reported no chance of any survivors. During the search of the wreckage, all remains were recovered.

17 May 1975

Summary of Casualties due to NON HOSTILE INCIDENTS in Southeast Asia -
continued.

THAILAND (B1): On 13 May 1975, a CH-53 helicopter carrying 23 Air Force personnel was lost from radar and no radio contact could be made. The incident occurred 36 miles southwest of Nakhon Phanom Airport while the helicopter was on a classified mission. Another CH-53 helicopter in the area spotted the crash scene due to the fires burning and reported no chance of any survivors. During the search of the wreckage, all 23 remains were recovered from the crash.

1/Lt James G. KAYS, (pilot)

1 Lt. Laurence E. FROEHLICH, (copilot)

TSgt Jackie D. GLENN, (passenger)

SSgt Gerald A. COYLE, (passenger)

SSgt Faleagafulu ILAOA, (passenger)

SSgt George E. McMULLEN, III, (flight mechanic)

Sgt Jimmy P. BLACK, (passenger)

Sgt Bobby G. COLLUMS, (passenger)

Sgt Thomas D. DWYER, (passenger)

Sgt Bob W. FORD, (passenger)

Sgt Gerald W. FRITZ, (passenger)

Sgt Darrell L. HAMLIN, (passenger)

Sgt Gregory L. HANKAMER, (passenger)

Sgt David A. HIGGS, (passenger)

Sgt Michael D. LANE, (passenger)

Sgt William R. McKELVEY, (passenger)

Sgt Paul J. RABER, (crew chief)

Sgt Robert W. ROSS, (passenger)

A1C Dennis W. LONDON, (passenger)

A1C Robert P. MATHIAS (passenger)

A1C Tommy R. NEALIS, (passenger)

A1C Robert P. WELDON, (flight mechanic) Amn Edgar G Moran, II, (passenger)