

**Heart of Darkness,  
Flags of Glory**

B-57 Canberra crash, Da Nang Air Base, 12 Jan 1966  
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Innocence through darkness and decades in between.  
Forty-nine years today have passed; the war is  
more than just a dream.

I can see the bomber sliding ... hear it  
scraping on its nose till the bombs  
blew and changed everything, for so  
many.

Two men died that day, and when the  
500 pounders exploded, many thought  
they too were goners.

All who saw them die cannot forget,  
and on this date, I say a prayer for their families.

*In Memory of ...*

**Smith, Leon Boyd II**

CAPT - Air Force - Regular  
30 year old Married, Caucasian, Male  
Born on 01/02/36  
From Miami, Florida  
Length of service 6 years.  
His tour of duty began on  
*Casualty was on 01/12/1966*  
in Quang Nam Province (Đà Nẵng), South Vietnam  
Non-Hostile, Fixed Wing - Pilot  
Air Loss, Crash On Land  
Body was recovered  
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**Tollett, Elijah Goar Jr**

MAJ - Air Force - Reserve  
35 year old Married, Caucasian, Male  
Born on 08/30/30  
From Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Length of service 14 years.  
His tour of duty began on  
*Casualty was on 01/12/1966*  
in Quang Nam Province (Đà Nẵng), South Vietnam  
Non-Hostile, Fixed Wing - Crew  
Air Loss, Crash On Land  
Body was recovered  
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