

Memorial Day 2022

Judgment Day's Broken Man

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Memorial Day . . . he trod the flight line
just before dawn. Sleep oft denied in his
theater of war, where now-and-then
horror was guaranteed.

Once tread he down war's path so bold,
dark dreams did taunt and scold his soul.
A broken man can fall no farther...
not so for me, thought he.

Explosive lights flashed, mere seconds delay,
'till thunder cracked the night and held morn
at bay, as shrapnel drummed the line.

Heaven's veil irised and snatched his
spirit before he fell to ground. Alas . . .
alas, fell the broken man on this his
judgment day.

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*Dedicated in memory of the USAF Air and
Security Police, suddenly Killed in Action
by Rockets and Mortars during the Vietnam
War, in Thailand and Vietnam. Don Poss*

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Steve Gattis: Absolutely right on the mark, especially the last stanza as it continues to apply to us as we say
goodbye to our brothers who survived the war only to fight the battle of Agent Orange. We have lost seven since
our 2022 reunion.

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Thank you for your tribute to our brothers and the recognition of our service in Vietnam and Thailand.