

THE KNIFE 13 MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

PREPARED BY THE VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

- **OCTOBER 7, 2022:** The Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (VSPA) proposed to raise funds, design, and deliver long-overdue memorial monuments to honor the 18 Security Policemen and five aircrew members (all assigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing, Nakhon Phanom, Thailand) who perished in the crash of United States Air Force Helicopter, Knife-13, on 13 May 1975 in Thailand. The loss of Knife-13 was the largest single loss of Security Policemen in the history of the Air Force. The memorial monuments will be located at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona (home of the 56th Fighter Wing and 56th Security Forces Squadron) and the Security Forces Museum at Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
- **OCTOBER 10, 2024:** The first of two memorials was dedicated at the Security Forces Museum, Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland on October 10, 2024. The 12,000-pound black granite memorial was revealed in a ceremony attended by three hundred Veterans and family members of those who perished in the crash of Knife-13. Members of the Vietnam Security Police Association, and several general officers attended in addition to active-duty Security Forces personnel. (Please see the attached photographs of the memorials).
- The VSPA is a 501(c)(19) tax exempt organization of military war veterans who served as United States Air Force Air Policemen, Security Policemen, and Augmentees in Vietnam and Thailand. All donations to the memorials are tax deductible for donors.
- The VSPA is seeking support from corporate America and other patriotic organizations. Fund-raising is underway using VSPA's extensive network of retired and active-duty Security Forces Defenders, including K-9 and others, plus the Special Operations community.
- The VSPA funded, designed, contracted, and managed the transportation and delivery of the approved monument for the Security Forces Museum. The second memorial is underway for the mutually agreed upon site at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.
- The VSPA continues to raise the necessary funds to create the Knife-13 Memorial at Luke AFB, Arizona, the home of the 56th Fighter Wing to recognize all who volunteered and perished when their helicopter, Knife-13, crashed while enroute to the staging area for the Mayaguez Rescue and Recovery Mission, also known as the Last Battle of the Vietnam War. The 56th Fighter Wing was previously known as the 56th Special Operations Wing and was stationed at Nakhon Phanom, RTAFB, Thailand.
- The budget for the Knife-13 Memorials was estimated at \$100,000. The first memorial has been paid for through donations. QR Codes are located on each of the photos of the memorials.

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