**LEGEND
KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL PROPOSED END-PANELS FOR SIDE-1 (Front), SIDE 2 (Back)**(OBLIQUE FRAME-OUTLINE-DRAWINGS ARE BY THE STONE CUTTER).
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**SIDE-1 END-PANEL

TOP PANEL, KNIFE-13 Memorial**: Unsheaved M7 Bayonet, represents Security Police on first-leg *“…to serve with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force during the period stated [13 May 1975]… for which they were awarded the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous).”*

**CENTER PANEL:***Excerpt* from a Don Poss Mayaguez graphic design, created in 2011. It is factually correct showing “Knife-13” flying level, according to a Vietnamese witness to the crash who reported it overflew his village area with engine making a loud grinding-noise, climbed then made a sudden dive and exploded.

**LOWER PANEL:**Composite Photo (2023, by Don Poss) is a Security Policeman kneeling in concealment(Portrayed is A2C Michael D. Lane, 56th Security Police Squadron, NKP, Thailand, awarded Bronze Star Medal (M), LOD: May 13, 1975, Knife-13). Represents KNIFE-13 is Ready To Fight.
 **SIDE-2 END-PANEL:**

**TOP PANEL: KNIFE-13 Memorial**:
Sheaved M7 Bayonet, represents Mayaguez Rescue Operation’s combat role for the 56th Security Police Squadron, NKP, Thailand, is over.

**CENTER PANEL:**Symbolic-Graphic-Composite represents transition of Knife-13’s twenty-three Fallen Airman from the crash site in dense jungle, to homeland USA. No Man Left Behind. The background shows a landed CH-53’s, in later combat on Koh Tang Island, Cambodia, with marines scrambling for cover. Symbolically, they emerge and are escorting Knife-13’s fallen remains carried by a USAF Airmen Honor Guard. The actual composite is in color with a transition from black-and-white images. Only the forward two Airmen carrying newly returned remains, and the American flag, are in full color.

**LOWER PANEL:**Is a Composite Image graphic by Don Poss, with minor image-enhancements and changes to the upper tail section, allowing the AF Photo sufficient height-width to include the full chalk-line of 56th SPS waiting to board KNIFE-13. Tail # 68\_10933 is visible on tail. Volunteers, all eighteen Security Police, 56th SPS, and five Aircrewmen, 21st SOS, await boarding KNIFE-13, and all were later killed in Line of Duty.

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