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KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL PROPOSED END-PANELS FOR SIDE-1 (Front), SIDE 2 (Back)

(OBLIQUE FRAME-OUTLINE-DRAWINGS ARE BY THE STONE CUTTER).

by Don Poss

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 overflowed 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.

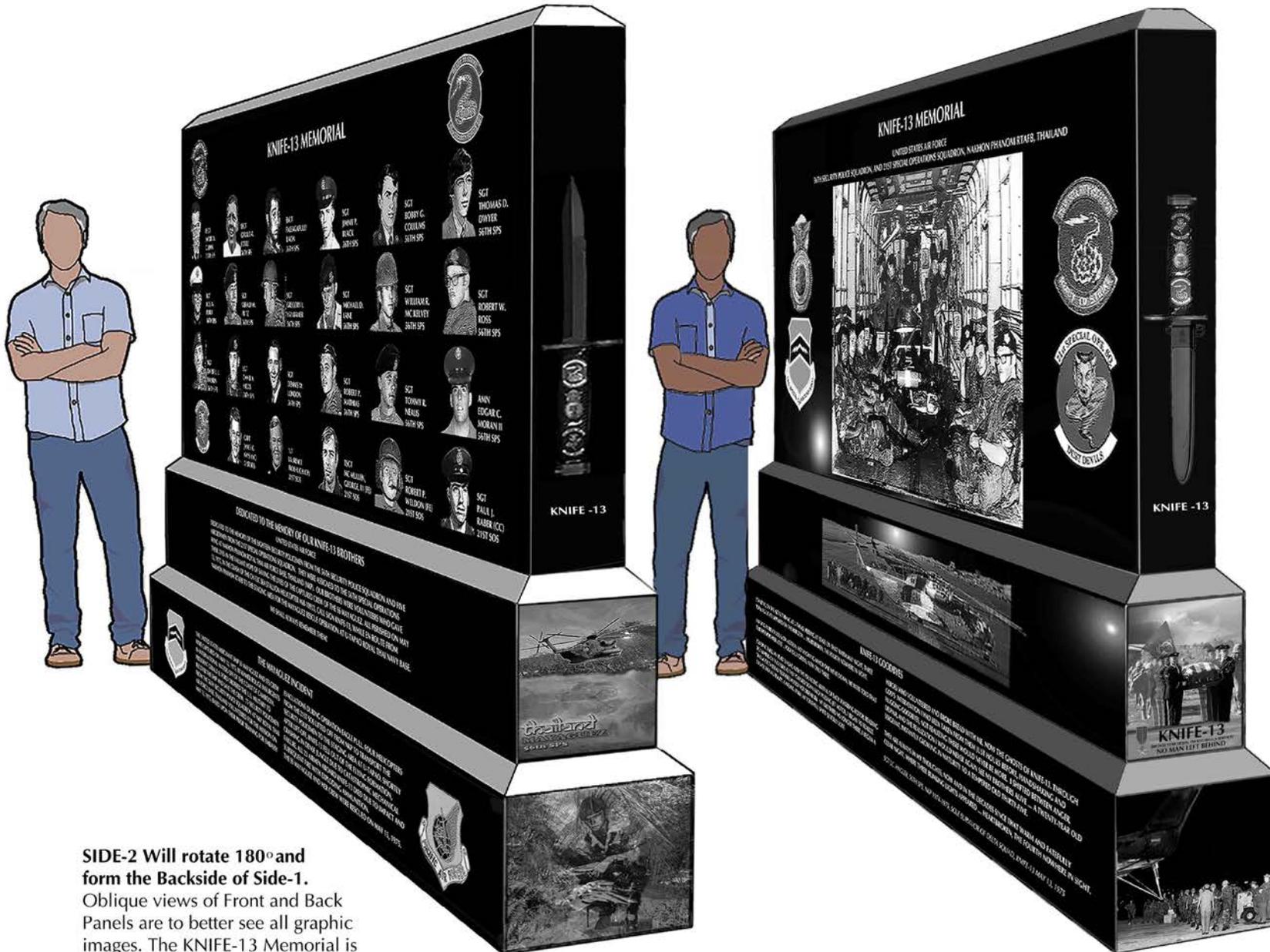
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Symbolic-Graphic-Composite represents transition of Knife-13’s twenty-three Fallen Airman from the crash site in dense jungle, to homeland USA. No Man Left Behind. The background shows a landed CH-53’s, in later combat on Koh Tang Island, Cambodia, 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.

KNIFE-13 MEMORIAL
PROPOSED SIDE-1 (Front), SIDE 2 (Back) and Side-end Panels
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SIDE-2 Will rotate 180° and form the Backside of Side-1.
Oblique views of Front and Back Panels are to better see all graphic images. The KNIFE-13 Memorial is the width of Side-1.

SIDE-1: END-PANEL (FRONT)

SIDE-2: END-PANEL (BACK)