



1ST COMBAT EVALUATION GROUP



Heraldry of the 1CEVG Memorial Patch

The blue sky represents the valor of all the men who served and their exceptional devotion to duty. They made the ultimate sacrifice, when faced with overwhelming odds, to stand their post and perform their duty.

The green represents the mountain tops in Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, and the surrounding jungle from which Combat SkySpot operations were conducted

Three white arrows in the sky represent three cells of B-52 Bombers paying homage to the men lost at the three sites. The white also invokes clouds and their appearance reminds us of those men whose memories we honor with each passing cloud.

The black RADAR site on the mountain top represents the secret nature of the missions.

The gold reminds us that we were all vulnerable and that keeping alive the memory of those who did not come back is a valuable and precious thing.

The black outline reminds us that we are in mourning for our lost brothers.

The red is for their blood spilled at each of the three locations.

At Lima Site 85 on Phou Pha Thi Mountain, Laos, the loss of one officer and eleven enlisted men March 11, 1968 was due to a major attack on the site by the North Vietnamese Army.

LTCOL CLARENCE FINLAY BLANTON *	TSGT MELVIN ARNOLD HOLLAND *
MSGT JAMES HENRY CALFEE *	TSGT HERBERT ARTHUR KIRK *
SSGT JAMES WOODROW DAVIS *	SGT DAVID STANLEY PRICE *
CMSGT RICHARD LOY ETCHBERGER	TSGT PATRICK LEE SHANNON
SSGT HENRY GERALD GISH *	TSGT DONALD KENNETH SPRINGSTEADAH *
TSGT WILLIS ROZELLE HALL *	SSGT DON FRANKLIN WORLEY *

Dong Ha, Vietnam, June 5, 1966. Six enlisted men were ambushed while surveying for a site location.

SSGT JOHN PETER GUERIN	TSGT ANTONE PATRICK MARKS
A1C RUFUS LA DELL JAMES	A1C JERRY DEAN OLDS
TSGT BRUCE ELWIN MANSFIELD	SSGT EPHRAIM VASQUEZ

Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam was attacked February 24, 1968. One enlisted man was lost when rocket fire hit the barracks where he awaited deployment to a site.

TSGT LOWELL VETTER SMITH

“1CEVG” is the Air Force organization to which all the men were assigned: 1st Combat Evaluation Group headquartered at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, operated and maintained ground directed bombing sites in Vietnam, Thailand and Laos.

“We Will Always Remember” is our commitment that they will be in our hearts and memories until we join them at the throne of God.

* remains not recovered