

21st SOS USAF
NKP THAILAND

In Memory of:
Jim Kays, Larry Froehlich, George McMullen, Robert Weldon, Rich Vandegeer, Woody Rumbaugh and Dick Brims





21st SOS Pilots and Flight Mechanics

Taken before the "action"



One of our 10 CH-53s

Nakhon Phanom AB
Northeastern Thailand



View from Officer's Quarters



Officer's Open Mess



View from the air

Officer’s Quarters



Jim Kays





Dave Greer and Rob Rakitis

Mike Lackey







Ron Vickroy and ?? Dusty- 21st SOS Mascot

Our Mascot “Dusty”



John Lucas, Don Shoppelry, John Schramm, Joe Miano and others



I don’t know, what did we step in?



John Lucas John Schramm Dick Brims



21st SOS Officer's Hooch

Rob Rakitis



Denny Danielson ?? Don Shoppelry



Lt Col Hintz



John Lucas ? ?



Off to Utapao AB for the Saigon Evacuation





Ahoy! USS Midway




USS MIDWAY
41
DAVE LYKENS





Safe on Deck USS Midway


627


722
NAVY
925



Dave Lykens



Lt Col Denham and Denny Danielson

John Lucas







The deck was crowded with our non-blade fold 53s!!



We let the Navy fly a little too!



Is this one still flying?

USS Midway South China Sea





Crowded fore deck, Guess who's UH-1s?



Resupply at Sea - UNREP





Coming home after the Saigon Evacuation





Vietnamese UH-1s on the USS Midway, these are the lucky ones, a lot were pushed overboard, including a CH-47



Vietnamese UH-1s, nose to tail


Rich Vandegeer
Jim Kays
Joe Miano
Dick Brims
Dave Greer
Mark Kuno?



Lynn Riley

Jim Kays



Back to Utapao, now we have to move F-5s and A-37s the hard way!











OOPS!

F5 Low Rider





Mayaguez Operation

- No Pictures until we landed short of Utapao due to loss of fuel and a hydraulic failure.

KNIFE 31



Rich Howard Randy JD



Sgt Harston Maj Corson Col Goodall



Status Board back at Utapao



Post Mayageuz operation, landed short of Utapao due to lack of fuel

Didn’t take long for the crowd to gather





Knife 52 waiting for fuel



Don McDowell





Fuel is arriving, thanks to another one of our crews



Fuel has arrived



We really all took our turns pumping



Rob Rakitis making sure those Flight Engineers, TSgt Bill Dunbar and SSgt Don McDowell get the fuel in fast!



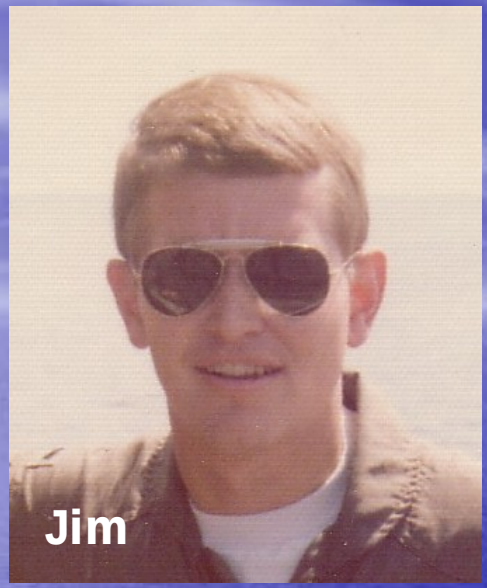
Rakitis taking a break



Returned to Utapao via HH-43

Remember our fallen comrades - Always











Larry

George

Robert

Woody

No pictures


NEVER FORGET!


RESCUE

The End



In honor of all those who served and are serving now in distant corners of the world to protect our freedom and the freedom of others. Their selflessness shall not be forgotten.