EVENTUALLY the Virtual Wall will have all of their names listed under their respective UNIT. At present, not all names and units have been listed. We are working on it.

Currently those lost from the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing are not listed by the wing, rather as the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron at URL http://www.virtualwall.org/u-usaf/554ths.htm. At this time only 4 names are listed. Eventually, ALL of the names below should appear under the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing, 554th Reconnaissance Squadron on each memorial page.

See Photo of The Wall at http://www.footnote.com/image/48274922/

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553rd Reconnaissance Wing - Batcat
Memorial Dedication and Reunion
at the National Museum of the United States Air Force
August 21 to August 24, 2008
(Corrected spelling of name 2/21/10)

From all assigned to the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing, this Memorial Dedication is in remembrance of those who were lost on operational missions - you are not forgotten.

On 25 April 1969, an EC-121R, USAF serial number 67-21493, call sign "BATCAT 21," with aircrew number 39 from the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron, Korat RTAFB, flying combat tactical mission directed by 7th Air Force Frag Order number 115, mission number 6901, was lost with the following fatalities.

The names of these men can be found on The Wall at Panel 26W around lines 42 to 45

TSGT James H. Belflower http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BelflowerJH01a.htm
TSGT Albert N. Booker http://www.virtualwall.org/db/BookerAN01a.htm
A1C Michael J. Cotterill http://www.virtualwall.org/db/CotterillMJ01a.htm 554RS
SSGT Jerald C. Davis http://www.virtualwall.org/db/DavisJC03a.htm
A1C Ronald C. DeForrest http://www.virtualwall.org/db/DeForrestRC01a.htm 554RS
TSGT Warren C. DeLaneey http://www.virtualwall.org/db/DelaneyWC01a.htm
SSGT Paul Faulk http://www.virtualwall.org/db/FaulkPx01a.htm
TSGT Kenneth W. Fowler http://www.virtualwall.org/db/FowlerKW01a.htm
LTC Emerson E. Heller http://www.virtualwall.org/db/HellerEE01a.htm
CPT George R. Kidd http://www.virtualwall.org/db/KiddGR01a.htm
MAJ Paul R. Lunsford http://www.virtualwall.org/db/LunsfordPR01a.htm
1LT John A. Marsh http://www.virtualwall.org/db/MarshJA01a.htm
SGT Mitchel Messing http://www.virtualwall.org/db/MessingMx01a.htm 554RS
SSGT James D. Moore http://www.virtualwall.org/db/MooreJD02a.htm
SGT Mark M. Steeley http://www.virtualwall.org/db/SteeleyMM01a.htm
SGT William D. Stepp http://www.virtualwall.org/db/SteppWD01a.htm
On 6 September 1969, an EC-121R, USAF serial number 67-21495, call sign "Batcat 19," with aircrew number 40, from the 554th Reconnaissance Squadron, Korat RTAFB, flying combat tactical mission directed by 7th Air Force Frag Order number 69-248, mission number 1334, was lost with the following fatalities.

On The Wall at Panel 18W Line 47 for Houlditch, Jaco, and Jenkins. Rehling on Line 50

SGT Arnold N. Jaco  http://www.virtualwall.org/dj/JacoAN01a.htm
MAJ Joyful J. Jenkins  http://www.virtualwall.org/dj/JenkinsJJ01a.htm
SSGT Gunther H. Rehling  http://www.virtualwall.org/dr/RehlingGH01a.htm