

## C-130E Project Remembrance - Part Two

Update: On June 30, 2018, Project Remembrance member Marc McDonald assisted M/Sgt. Gene Johnson and his daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jerry Martinez, in visiting the crash site of C-130E #62-1838 near Bliss, Idaho. M/Sgt. Johnson flew as flight engineer on board the C-130 during the Vietnam War. On May 12, 1968, during the Battle of Kham Duc, M/Sgt. Johnson and his crew risked their lives to evacuate nearly 200 U.S. soldiers and Vietnamese civilians after another C-130 had been shot down. After taking fire from North Vietnamese soldiers near the airfield, the aircraft sustained damage to the fuselage and both wings but managed to land safely at Chu Lai. This action earned #62-1838 the nickname and nose art "Lucky Duc" from U.S. troops.

Relatives of the six USAF reservists killed in the May 13, 1995, crash of #62-1838 near Bliss, ID, have placed a flagpole, monument, and capsule containing crew photos at the site. For the original site visitation story, see the link below.

<http://www.aircraftwrecks.com/pages/idaho%20sites/c-130e.htm>

Aircraft photos courtesy of C-130Hercules.net









