



CONSTITUENT SERVICE FORM

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FEDERAL AGENCY re: YOUR ISSUE

SSN / FEDERAL CASE # / RECEIPT # re: YOUR ISSUE

PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ISSUE / How You Need Help (may use separate sheet):

Provide all relevant information from the U.S.S Midway pertaining to the June 2, 1965 shoot down of LTJG David Marion Christian of VA-23 Black Knights.

See Attachment (A) for all details regarding my full request.

Please add me to Rep. Perry's E-Newsletter contact list.

I authorize Rep.Perry / his Staff to leave information on my voicemail with regard to my inquiry.

In accordance with Title 5, Section 552(a), of the United States Code (1974 Privacy Act), I hereby authorize US REP. SCOTT PERRY/ his Staff to request assistance on my behalf in connection with my above issue. I authorize discussion of my records with Rep. Perry/his Staff. I authorize Rep. Perry/his Staff to use this Privacy Release for any inquiries or subsequent appeals of the issue outlined above.

SIGNATURE
(Under the terms of the Privacy Act, all constituent service requests must include a signature)

DATE

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

1. General Information. The Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF 180) is used to request information from military records. Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available". Include as much of the requested information as you can. Incomplete information may delay response time. To determine where to mail this request see Page 2 of the SF 180 for record locations and facility addresses. Medical information may be withheld from a patient if determined that the information would be detrimental to the patient's physical or mental health or would likely cause the patient to harm himself or someone else. Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next-of-kin using eVetRecs at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

2. Personnel Records/Military Human Resource Records/Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and Medical Records/Service Treatment Records (STR). Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **LESS THAN 62 YEARS AGO** and medical records are in the legal custody of the military service department and are administered in accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, Coast Guard). STRs of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic. After the last day of active duty, STRs should be requested from the appropriate address on page 2 of the SF 180 (See item 3, Archival Records, if the military member was discharged, retired or died in service more than 62 years ago).

a. Release of information: Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's authorized legal recipient has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. The authorization signature of the service member or the member's authorized legal recipient is needed in Section III of the SF 180. Others requesting information from military personnel records and/or STRs must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or authorized legal recipient. If the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided (DoD 6025.18-R C8). If the former member is deceased, the surviving next-of-kin (NOK) may be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the general public (DoD 6025.18-R C6.2.1.2). The NOK may be any of the following: unmarried/surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Requesters **MUST provide proof of death such as the DD Form 1300, Casualty Report, a copy of a death certificate, newspaper article (obituary) or death notice, coroner's report of death, funeral director's signed statement of death, or verdict of coroner's jury.**

b. Fees for records: There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next-of-kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances, service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will receive an invoice with your records.

3. Archival Records. Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **62 OR MORE YEARS AGO** have been transferred to the legal custody of NARA and are referred to as "archival records".

a. Release of Information: Archival records are open to the public. The Privacy Act of 1974 does not apply to archival records, therefore, written authorization from the veteran or next-of-kin is not required. In order to protect the privacy of the veteran, his/her family, and third parties named in the records, the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6)) may still apply and may preclude the release of some information.

b. Fees for Archival Records: Access to archival records are granted by offering copies of the records for a fee (44 U.S.C. 2116 (c)). If a fee applies to the copies of documents in the requested record, you will receive an invoice. Copies will be sent after payment is made. For more information see <https://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/ompf-archival-requests.html>.

4. Where reply may be sent. The reply may be sent to the service member or any other address designated by the service member or other authorized requester. If the designated address is NOT registered to the addressee by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), provide BOTH the addressee's name AND "in care of" (c/o) the name of the person to whom the address is registered on the NAME line in Section III, item 3, on page 1 of the SF 180. The COMPLETE address must be provided, INCLUDING any apartment/suite/unit/lot/space/etc. number. NOTE: If requester desires to send his/her record to a third party, he/she must fill out a DD Form 2870 authorizing the releasing agency to release the record and the timeframe of the authorization. The form may be downloaded using most commercial web search tools by entering "DD Form 2870" as a search term.

5. Definitions and abbreviations. DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; SERVICE TREATMENT RECORD (STR) -- The chronology of medical, mental health, and dental care received by service members during the course of their military career (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL -- Temporary Disability Retired List.

6. Service completed before World War I. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then retained as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per request, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (MP), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.**

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDSRequests can be submitted online using eVetRecs at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY #	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH
Christian, David, Marion	571-56-3259	1/15/1941	Oakland California

5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)

	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")
a. ACTIVE				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. RESERVE	Navy Reserve	11/3/1962	KIA 6/2/1965	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	674340
c. NATIONAL GUARD				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6. PLEASE LIST LAST FOUR DUTY STATIONS, IF KNOWN:

1. NAS Pensacola FA
2. NAS Lemore CA - VA-23 Black Knights
3. CVA-41 U.S.S Midway (Yankee Station) Gulf of Tonkin
4. Loss Thanh Hoa North Vietnam

7. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? NO YES - **MUST** provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased: 6/2/1965**8. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE?** NO YES**SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED****1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:**

- DD Form 214 or equivalent:** Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran (Date of Separation):
This form contains information used to verify military service. **An UNDELETED DD Form 214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.** If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost. Please note - recent veterans may be able to request a DD Form 214 through milConnect by visiting: <https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>
An UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box: I want a **DELETED** copy.
- Official Military Personnel File (OMPF):** The OMPF may include duty stations and assignments, training and qualifications, awards and decorations received, disciplinary actions, administrative remarks, enlistment and/or discharge information (including DD Form 214, Report of Separation, or equivalent), and other personnel actions. Detailed information about the veteran's participation in battles and their military engagements is NOT contained in the record.
- Medical Records:** Includes health (outpatient), extended ambulatory, and dental records. If inpatient/hospitalization records are requested, please specify below.
 I request inpatient/hospitalization records from _____ (facility), last treated in _____ (year). (**NOTE: Fields are required**)
If available, you may receive copies of inpatient narrative summaries, operative reports, discharge summaries, etc. contained in the record.
- Dental Records:** Please check this box if **ONLY** dental records are needed from the medical record.
- Other (Please Specify):** See Attachment (A)

2. PURPOSE: (Providing information about the purpose of the request is **voluntary**; however, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.)

- Benefits (explain) Employment VA Loan Programs Medical Genealogy Correction Personal Other (explain)

Explain here: Ongoing investigation into his disappearance a -- seeking answers to his final fate.

Name

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE**1. REQUESTER NAME:** Lawrence T. Christian**2. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:** 2nd Cousin**3.** I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section 1, above. I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN (**MUST submit copy of Court Appointment**) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (**MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney**) I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT-OF-KIN (**MUST submit Proof of Death.** See item 2a on instruction sheet.) OTHER (Specify): conducting ongoing investigation**4. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:**

(Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

Lawrence T. Christian**5. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE: I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section 3 is true and correct and that I authorize the release of the requested information. (See items 2a or 3a on the accompanying instructions sheet. Without the Authorization Signature of the veteran, next-of-kin of deceased veteran, veteran's legal guardian, authorized government agent, or other authorized representative, only limited information can be released unless the request is archival. No signature is required if the request is for archival records.)**

Street Address

Apt. #

New Cumberland

PA

City

State

ZIP Code

Lawrence T. Christian8/15/2024

Fax Number

Signature Required - Do not print

Date

I PREFER ELECTRONIC PDF FILES

* This form is available at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans-military-service-records/standard-form-180.pdf> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site. *

Email Address

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2004 – 12/31/2013	1	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	1	13
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1	
	Reserve, IRR, Retired Reserve in non-pay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2	
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	2	13
COAST GUARD	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 4/1/1998 – 9/30/2006	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2013	3	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2013	3	14
	Active, Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve or TDRL	3	
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1895	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1999 – 12/31/2013	4	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	4	8
	Individual Ready Reserve	5	
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4	
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/16/1992 – 9/30/2002	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) 10/1/2002 – 12/31/2013	7	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) on or after 1/1/2014	7	9
	Current Soldier (Active, Reserve (including Individual Ready Reserve) or National Guard)	7	
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6	
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1995 – 12/31/2013	10	11
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	10	8
	Active, Reserve, or TDRL	10	
PHS	Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps officers only	12	

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS and SELF-SERVICE WEBSITES (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form

1	Air Force Personnel Center AFPC/DP2SSM 550 C Street West JBSA-Randolph TX 78150-4721 Fax Number: 210-565-3124 Email: DP2SSM.MILRECS.INCOMING@US.AF.MIL	6	National Archives & Records Administration Research Services (RDT1R) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20408-0001	11	Department of Veterans Affairs ATTN: Release of Information Claims Intake Center P.O. Box 4444 Janesville, WI 53547-4444 Fax Number: 844-531-7818 https://www.va.gov
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center Total Force Service Center: 1-800-525-0102 https://mypers.af.mil/	7	US Army Human Resources Command's web page: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/1113 or 1-888-ARMYHRC (1-888-276-9472)	12	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852
3	Commander, Personnel Service Center (BOPS-C-MR) MS7200 US Coast Guard 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20593-7200 https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/ompf	8	Navy Medicine Records Activity (NMRA) BUMED Detachment St. Louis 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, Building 103 St. Louis, MO 63120 Fax number: 314-260-8128	13	AF STR Processing Center ATTN: Release of Information 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower Management Records & Performance (MMRP-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030 SMB.MANPOWER.MMRP-10@usmc.mil	9	AMEDD Army Record Processing Center 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217 Fax Number: 210-201-8310	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002 https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
5	Marine Corps Forces Reserve 2000 Opelousas Avenue New Orleans, LA 70114	10	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-313) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3130		

ATTACHMENT (A)

Friday, August 23, 2024

REGARDING: Information from the U.S.S Midway pertaining to the June 2, 1965 shoot down of LTJG David Marion Christian of VA-23 Black Knights.

Dear Congressman Perry,

I would like you to file an additional Congressional Inquiry on my behalf.

MY REQUEST: Contact the U.S. Navy and request all records and information regarding the June 2, 1965, shoot down and loss of LTJG David Marion Christian.

Requesting ALL information such as:

- Mission information (targets and losses)
- Aircraft strike package list (planes and personal involved)
- All radio communication recordings or transcripts
- Search and rescue mission data (planes and personal involved)
- Interviews with those directly involved with the mission
- Interviews with those directly involved with search and rescue
- Loss reports and logs
- All other pertinent information collected due to the loss of David Christian and the rescue plane that was lost during the rescue attempt.

All the above information was excluded from the May 2024 DPAA release of documents pertaining to my previous Congressional Inquiry that was submitted on January 19, 2024. The only information we received as the JCRC investigation information. There was little to no information provided from the U.S.S Midway. We expected vast amounts of information to be provided from the perspective of the Yankee Station. It makes no sense that we were not provided ANY information from the SOURCE location of his strike mission, search and rescue. It seems very questionable that no data or logs or interview with search and rescue pilots were provided to us. It's hard to believe or accept that no one was interviewed after such an event occurred.

Further, a Department of Navy Intelligence Report was given to our family showing the Navy and Airforce had reasons to believe David Christian survived (see attached).

FACTS & BACKGROUND: a 2024 congressional inquiry led to the DPAA release of over 400+ pages of declassified documents relating to the disappearance of my cousin LTJG David Marion Christian (a ground attack pilot shot down on June 2, 1965, in Thanh Hoa Vietnam).

David Christian's final accounting report was closed March 14, 1994, and concluded he died from a failed ejection attempt and no man-seat separation occurred. Also states that a HU-16 rescue aircraft arrived at the crash site, but no sighting of David Christian was made.

However, December 2023, I was put in contact with retired LCDR James Glendenning who was the Officer in Charge of the rescue plane (squadron: VAW-13, Modex VR703, BuNo 132540, call sign: Robinson). Mr. Glendenning gave me his written statement, and also gave his statement to the U.S.S Midway Museum research department. He stated that David Christian successfully parachuted down and was spotted by several pilots on the beach awaiting rescue.

Rescue personnel involved:

- LTJG M.D. McMican (Pilot VAW-13)
- LTJG Gerald M. Romano (Radar/ECM VAW-13)
- ATN2 Thomas L. Plants (ECM VAW-13)
- ATR3 William H. Amspacher Jr. (ECM VAW-13)

All requested information is over 27 years old and should have been declassified by Executive Order (12812) unless special exceptions were preauthorized and noted.

NOTE: As with my first Congressional Inquiry, I will not/cannot pay for any costs incurred by this request and feel they should be part of his oath for service and sacrifice to defend the United States of America. This inquiry is part of the loss of life of a family member and is part of the governments promise to provide a full account of his investigation.

Sincerely,

Cell:

Email:

Visit: www.davidchristian.org

Enclosures I've provided with this request:

- Attachment A request and background information
- Completed constituent_service_form_2023_may.pdf
- Completed SF-180.pdf
- Written Statement by retired LCDR James Glendenning - Officer In Charge of the search and rescue mission plane
- DD1300 Form
- DD898 Form
- Statement of Personal History Form
- JCRC Final Accounting and Biographic Form
- Photos of David M. Christian
- 1967 Department of Navy Intelligence Report

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
 BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 MARCH 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0092-1-01 (ACCNO 6006)
 Name: CHRISTIAN, DAVID MARION

Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
 Date Status assigned: 20 Apr 1987

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	674340	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	15 Jan 1941	Weight	125 lb / 56.6 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	KANSAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
 UTM: 48QWG919815
 Lat/Long: 194343N / 1055238E
 Country: NORTH VIETNAM
 Military Region: 3
 Mission Province: THANH HOA
 (formerly):
 Mission District: QUANG XUONG
 Mission Date: 2 Jun 1965
 Mission Category: 3
 Local Analysis: None.

48QWG921815
 194343N / 1055245E

Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
 Folders Passed: Apr 85
 Vessey Case: NO
 Case type: DISCREPANCY
 Survivability: (2) Probably out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4E	Serial: 151144
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: LAW CASE	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
 \$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
 @ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 0092

19 December 1975

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM WG 873 801 TO WG 891 802
BASED ON RE-PLOT OF GEO COORDINATES.

5 July 1977

INCIDENT LOCATION CHANGED FROM WG891802 TO WG919815 AND LAST KNOWN
LOCATION (BURIAL SITE) OF WG921815 ENTERED BASED ON 11R 1-516-0586-69.

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

8 September 1993

A DOCUMENT PROVIDED BY THE MILITARY REGION 3 MUSEUM IN KIEN AN, HAIPHONG
POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0092. THE DOCUMENT IS TITLED, "AIRCRAFT
SHOTDOWN ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE FIRST (PERIOD OF) DESTRUCTIVE WAR" AND
COVERS THE YEARS 1965 TO 1968. LINE ENTRY 2 POSSIBLY CORRELATES BASED ON
DATE AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. (REF 3)

24 September 1993

ON 17 NOV 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "THANH HOA PEOPLE'S ARMY
STATISTICS OF SHOT DOWN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 5 AUGUST 1964 -
OCTOBER 1965." LINE ENTRY #13 CORRELATES TO REFNO 0092-1-01 BASED ON DATE
AND LOCATION OF LOSS, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND PILOT STATUS. (REF 4)

1 March 1994

ON 2 JULY 93, THE VIETNAMESE PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "COMBAT HISTORY
FROM 5 AUGUST 1964 TO 27 JANUARY 1973 FOR THE THANH HOA ARMED FORCES: 5
AUGUST 64 TO 30 NOV 68; DEC 68 TO FEB 72; APR 72 TO 27 JAN 73." LINE
ENTRY NUMBER 14 OF THIS DOCUMENT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0092, BASED
ON DATE OF INCIDENT AND LOSS LOCATION. (REF 5)

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

19 December 1975

ON 2 JUNE 1965 LTJG DAVID M. CHRISTIAN WAS THE PILOT OF AN A4E, (BUNO #15114), ON A MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AND STARTED TO BURN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WG 919 815. WITNESSES STATED THAT THEY THOUGHT THE PILOT EJECTED BUT THERE WAS NO MAN-SEAT SEPARATION. AN HU-16 FOUND THE WRECKAGE, BUT NO SIGN OF A SURVIVOR. PRAVA NEWSPAPER OF 11 OCTOBER 1965 HAD AN ARTICLE WITH PHONETIC SPELLINGS OF LTJG CHRISTIAN'S PERSONAL EFFECTS. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ON 10 APR 86 THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REPATRIATED THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF LTJG CHRISTIAN. ON 20 APR 87 THE ASGRO BOARD OF REVIEW APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS LTJG CHRISTIAN. (REF 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

19 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT , ONI 53-1A, 15 AUG 71. <2> , CDEMILPERCEN ALEX VA// DAPC-PDC-H//. <3> MSG, CDR JTF-FA/J2, DTG 310032Z AUG 93. <4> CDR JTF-FA/J2 170802Z SEP 93. <5> CDR, JTF-FA 171812Z FEB 94.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 April 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON DAVID MARION CHRISTIAN WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 17-20 APR 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

15 January 1976

(U) BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF WG 921 815 FOR REF NO 0092-1-01 AND 0093-1-01 TO 0093-1-04 ENTERED BASED RTT, HQ 6499 SPACTY SQ, IR 1-516-0586-69, DTG 27 JUNE 69.

Glendenning Account | DEC. 27, 2023

Written account from the Office In Charge during the search and rescue mission

James Glendenning was the Officer In Charge of VR703 at 6/2/1965 while on the support mission for LTJG David Marion Christian. Below is his written account.

I was the O-in-C of the Detachment aboard the Midway.

The following account is put together from memory, internet sources, and the book, Midway Magic. It is undoubtedly not accurate in every detail but is the best I can do. On June 2nd the Air Wing attacked a target just south of Thanh Hoa. I don't remember what the target was. Possibly a bridge, a munitions storage area, or some other military target. There were A-4s and A-1s from Midway involved, and one of our EA-1Fs was along to provide active ECM for the strike.

An A-4 from VA-23 was hit and the pilot successfully ejected. He came down close to the water and was seen by other pilots to be trying to get to the water. As usual in a combat operation there was chaos and conflicting reports. It appears that the pilot had reached the water, but was being pursued by North Vietnamese troops. Our EA-1F was piloted by LTJG M. D. McMican. His crew consisted of LTJG Gerry Romano as Radar operator/ECM coordinator, and the two enlisted ECM operators, ATN-3 Tom Plants and ATR-3 Bill Amspacher.

Someone called for close air support to keep the North Vietnamese away from the A-4 pilot. M. D. was in position to do that. Even though we were not officially supposed to engage in attacking the enemy with our 20mms it is plain that M. D. saw no reason not to jump in and help a fellow aviator in need. He made a strafing pass down the beach. He may, in fact, have made more than one pass. At some point, however, the North Vietnamese, who had some heavy machine guns, blasted away at the SPAD, damaging it enough to make it uncontrollable. An eyewitness, LCDR Ed Greathouse from VA-25, was about a half mile away and said he saw the airplane pull up, roll half over, and crash on the beach in a ball of flame.

Someone else, I don't know who, thought he saw one of the SPAD crewmembers attempt to bail out. The EA-1F was so low there was no chance for success. The ultimate result was the loss of the crew of the EA-1F, and the A-4 pilot, LTJG David Christian.

A further loss was that of LT John McKamey of VA-23. His plane was downed but he successfully ejected; only to be captured and spend the next seven years in the Hanoi Hilton. It is not clear if McKamey was shot down as he attempted to cover LTJG Christian or if his shoot down was related to the attack on the main target.

What was clear as the strike aircraft returned to Midway was that three did not make it back. Word spread around the ship like wildfire. This was something new. Midway's losses had not been on this order of magnitude before. The score was: Three airplanes down, six aircrew down; and five of the six probably dead. It was a major blow.

I flew the next mission because I felt it necessary to lead by flying after we had suffered such a loss. The losses of war were hard to digest, but the attacks had go on. We kept on the attack.

In addition, my job was to make sure that our squadron-mates' gear was inventoried, and official letters were sent to the next of kin. The first decision to be made was: Were they missing in action (MIA) or were they killed in action (KIA)?

The Commanding Officer of Midway, CAPT James O'Brien, called me to his cabin to discuss this decision. He was a veteran of Korea. It had been his experience that sending MIA notices to next of kin was a cruel thing to do when a crash appeared not to be survivable. Yes, miracles do happen and sometimes people survive against all odds. However, it had been his experience that many people had been told their loved ones were MIA, which caused them to hold onto hope for years and years when that time could have been better spent in the grieving process. It was his opinion, and I agreed, that it was better to use the phrase, presumed killed in action, bodies not recovered. That didn't hold out false hope to the survivors.

As I sat in my cubbyhole room aboard ship trying to compose letters to the families of my squadron mates; I felt deep sorrow, anger, and guilt. I hoped to express to their families how much M.D., Gerry, Bill, and Tom meant to our detachment. The words did not come easy. Maybe one of the hardest jobs I've ever done. Somehow, I got all the letters written and VA-25's best typist typed them up. They were on their way. However, I knew in my heart that nothing could alleviate the pain of such losses.

Another cruel thing was that we, the squadron mates, had to go on flying, go on doing our job, and without time to grieve; without time to come to terms with the enormity of it all. Each day we would fly north because that was where the enemy was. And our grief was stuffed in the back of our minds.

A twist on this story is that the crew for the primary airplane for this mission was pilot, LTJG Jim Parkes, and his RIO, LTJG Bill Welch. (I don't know the enlisted crewmen's names.) They had a problem with their electrical equipment so the standby airplane with M. D. and his crew was launched. Fate?

Some of my old mates from VAW-13 thought M. D. was a bit too gung-ho and maybe too reckless. I have to agree that M. D. was young and enthusiastic. However, when I ask myself if I would have done the same thing had I been in his shoes, I have to answer that I most likely would have. Let no man judge another unless he has walked in his shoes or flown in his cockpit.

Three days after the loss, the Midway stood down for four hours to hold a memorial service for our lost brothers. I stood out in front of VAW-13 Det. Midway as we paid our last respects. It was an impressive sendoff. At sea funerals have a gravitas that normal funerals don't seem to have. I'm not ashamed to admit that tears rolled down my cheeks. I will never forget that day or M.D. and his crew.

Many years later the remains of M.D., Gerry, Tom, and Bill were finally returned to their families for burial, putting an end to their families' questions and providing fitting heroes' burials.

- Jim Glendenning

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REPORT OF CASUALTY		1. REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE Corrected: 10 Apr 86		2. DATE PREPARED 19 July 1965	
3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Social Security Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization), (MOS/NJC) 674340/1315 1st Appt: ENS 19 Jul 63 CHRISTIAN, David Marion, 571-56-3259, LTJG, USNR DUSTA: ATKRON 23 onboard USS MIDWAY (CVA-41)					
4. CASUALTY STATUS a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE ASIATIC 0122					
c. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING IN ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> CAPTURED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____					
d. DATE 2 Jun 1965 e. PLACE North Vietnam (Specify)					
f. CAUSE & CIRCUMSTANCES KILLED IN ACTION - Died 2 June 1965 as result of a *					
5 a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 15 January 1941; Oakland, CA		b. RACE CAUC	c. SEX MALE	d. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Protestant	
6. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME 13 March 1963; Pensacola, FL Lane, Franklin, Kansas					
7 a. PAY GRADE O-2		b. BASIC PAY 384.30 over 2 yrs		c. INCENTIVE/ADDITIONAL PAY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	d. CHECK IF APPLICABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER
8. DUTY STATUS ACTIVE DUTY ATTACK SQUADRON TWO THREE onboard USS MIDWAY (CVA-41)					
9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)			DATE OF RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM		
Ethel E. Christian 13450 Highway 8, Space 68, Lakeside, CA 92040			Mother		
Jess E. Christian			Deceased Father		
10. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		11. REPORTING COMMAND AGENCY AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT USS MIDWAY (CVA-41)			
12. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ENL USNR-R 11/3/62 to 7/18/63; Service # 598 27 24					
13. REMARKS * 4f. (cont) military aircraft accident due to hostile action - PILOT Remains Returned to U.S. Jurisdiction on 10 April 1986.					
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FOOTNOTES: 1. Adult next of kin. 2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child as designated on record of emergency data. 3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances as designated on record of emergency data.					
14. DISTRIBUTION C-11ND		15. SIGNATURE ELEMENT Certified to be a true Certification of Casualty. J. J. Green Jr. Head, Casualty Assistance Branch By direction of the Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command			

RE DATA
(DECEASED AND MISSING PERSONNEL)

DEAD MISSING

DATE
30 Apr 86

STATUS

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

CHRISTIAN, David M.

GRADE

LTJG/02

SERVICE NUMBER

674340

ORGANIZATION

VA-23 USS Midway CVA-41

FORMER SERVICE NUMBERS

SSN: 571-56-3259

5982724

DATE OF DEATH - ~~MISSING~~ STATUS

02 Jun 65

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH - OR LAST SEEN IF MISSING

DATE OF BIRTH

15 Jan 41

North Vietnam

UTM G.C. WG 921 815

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

RACE

Caucasian

CREED

Protestant

HEIGHT

66 3/4"

WEIGHT

125 lb.

COLOR EYES

Brown

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

Unk

BLOOD TYPE

O Pos

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None listed on medical records

TATTOOS AND SCARS

Scar: 1 1/2" rt patella

1" occipital

1" rt elbow

1/2" rt frontal

RECORD INCLOSURES

DENTAL DATA NONE OF RECORD INCLOSED (Itemize by Form Number and Date of Record)

CASUALTY DATA CASUALTY REPORT STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES MISSING PERSONS SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT (AF Form 484)
 OTHER (Specify)

DD Form 1300 dtd 03 Jun 65
NAVMED N (Certificate of Death) dtd 02 Jun 65

ADDITIONAL DATA

Service: U.S. Navy
DOI: 02 Jun 65
Ref No: 0092 1 01
Acc No: 6006
SF 88: (3) dtd 08 Sep 62 and 2 dtd 15 Mar 63
SF 89: (2) dtd 08 Sep 62 and 15 Mar 63
Anthropometric Data Form dated 7 April 1964

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DD FORM 898

REPLACES DDMS FORM 871, 24 JAN 61, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

TITLE OF INCIDENT: HOSTILE ACTION

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

Budget Bureau No. 22-R057.1
 Approval expires 30 June 1956.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the certification at the end of this questionnaire before entering the required data. Print or type all answers. All questions and statements must be completed. If the answer is "None," so state. Do not misstate or omit material fact since the statements made herein are subject to verification. If more space is needed, use the Remarks section, item 20, and attach additional sheets if necessary. The information entered hereon is for official use only and will be maintained in confidence.

1. (Print) FIRST NAME--MIDDLE NAME--MAIDEN NAME (If any)--LAST NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MISS David Marion Christian		2. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY					
3. ALIAS(ES), NICKNAME(S), OR CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage) None		4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS P. O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas					
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Day, month, year) 15 JAN 41		PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, and Country) Oakland, Alameda Costa Co., Calif.	PLACE CERTIFICATE RECORDED Sacramento, Calif.				
RACE CAU	HEIGHT 5' 7"	WEIGHT 122	COLOR OF EYES Brown				
COLOR OF HAIR Brown		SCARS, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS None					
6. DO YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ADDICTED TO THE USE OF HABIT FORMING DRUGS SUCH AS NARCOTICS OR BARBITURATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CHRONIC USER TO EXCESS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.							
7. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF NATURALIZED, CERTIFICATE NO.	IF DERIVED, PARENTS' CERTIFICATE NO(S).				
DATE, PLACE, AND COURT	ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY				
DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A U. S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						
8. MILITARY SERVICE							
ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES DRAWING FULL PAY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.	SERVICE AND COMPONENT	ORGANIZATION AND STATION	DATE CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE STARTED				
ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A U. S. RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.	SERVICE AND COMPONENT	ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION					
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
COUNTRY	SERVICE	COMPONENT	FROM (Date)				
TO (Date)	TYPE DISCHARGES OR SEPARATIONS--GRADE AND SERVICE NO.						
9. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)							
MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL		GRADUATE		DEGREE	
FROM--	TO--			YES	NO		
1/62	8/62	Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Ks.		x		BA	
9/61	1/62	University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ks.			x		
1/61	6/61	Azusa College, Azusa, Calif.			x		
9/58	6/60	San State College, San Diego, Calif.			x		
9/52	5/58	Lakeside High School, Lakeside, Calif.		x		HS	
10. FAMILY (List in order given, parents, spouse, guardians, stepparents, foster parents, parents-in-law, former spouse(s) (if divorced give date and place), children, brothers and sisters, even though deceased. Include any others you resided with or with whom a close relationship existed or exists. If the person is not a U. S. citizen by birth, give date and port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization certificate number and place of issuance.)							
RELATION AND NAME		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING		U. S. CITIZEN	
						YES NO	
FATHER Jess Milton Christian		10 OCT 09 Ringwood, Okla.		P.O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas		x	
MOTHER (Maiden name) Ethel Estella Kaywood		14 JUL 14 Ringwood, Okla.		P.O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas		x	
SPOUSE (Maiden name) None							
OTHER (Specify) Brother Phillip Lynn Christian		29 JUN 53 LaMesa, Calif.		P.O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas		x	
Sister Kathy Ann Christian		29 APR 48 Lane, Kansas		P.O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas		x	
Sister Carol Joy Christian		17 APR 34 Enid, Okla.		P.O. Box 121, Lane, Kansas		x	
Sister Arla Jeanne Christian		13 APR 37 Enid, Okla.		13050 Lakeshore Drive, Lakeside, Calif.		x	



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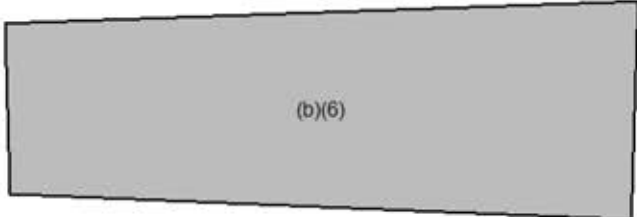
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WARNING NOTICE: SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

From: Commander Naval Intelligence Command
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: LTJG David M. CHRISTIAN, 674340/1315 USNR

1. In June 1965, based on Commander Task Group 77.6 and USS Midway operational reports, the Bureau of Naval Personnel listed LTJG Christian as killed in action. These operational reports also indicate that the flight leader observed seat ejection at three to five hundred feet. Subsequently, on 11 October 1965 PRAVDA published a report on two aviators, CDR James B. Stockdale and LTJG Christian which raised the possibility Christian may have survived.

2. The Naval Intelligence Command has recently obtained an additional report which indicates LTJG Christian did survive. The report was received from another intelligence agency. This agency reports the information was obtained through sensitive sources and that they cannot accurately evaluate the validity of this report.



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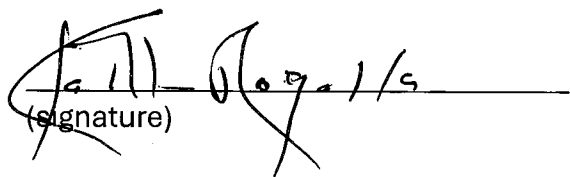
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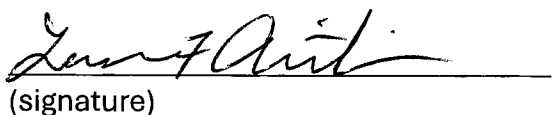
I, **Kathleen Ann Rogalla**, surviving sister of David Marion Christian (SS# 571-56-3259), hereby authorize **Lawrence T. Christian** to act as a representative on my behalf to request all records and information pertaining to David Christian's military service including those resulting from his June 2, 1965 shoot down, disappearance, capture and/or death -- from all agencies of the United States Government that may possess the records and information we seek. I declare, certify, verify or state that, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, the foregoing is true and correct.

Kathleen Ann Rogalla


(signature)

August 27, 2024
(date)

Lawrence T. Christian


(signature)

8-27-2024
(date)