

### FREEDOM HAS A PRICE

This memorial park is dedicated to the memory of all Americans who served here, and consecrated to the valorous men who gave their lives in the defense of freedom. For them, the price has been the supreme one which any nation can ask of its people. Especially do we wish to recognize one American, who will represent for us the thousands of Americans who will never return -- Sgt John Rucker -- who lost his life here at DaNang on 27 January 1973.

His death, on the eve of peace, was a tragic ending to a long and costly war. Costly in terms of those slain, the homeless, orphaned, and the widowed. for those of us who have survived, and for whom the price of freedom will not be measured in terms of supreme sacrifices, we offer a prayer of thanks to God, adding a profound hope that this peace will continue.

This memorial park has been created in order to serve as a symbol of freedom and peace amid the ravages of war. And especially, it will serve as a reminder to us that the price of freedom demands vigilance and a personal commitment to the ideals of freedom. We who served faithfully in defense of those ideals here at DaNang, and throughout Southeast Asia, can be justly proud, knowing that those who have died did not do so in vain.

CAPTAIN KENNETH F SMITH

6498TH AIR BASE WING  
DANANG AIRFIELD, RVN

William W. Hoover  
0930 Hours

Commander  
3 March 1973

### MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

INVOCATION	ENGLISH VIETNAMESE	Chaplain Swaffar Chaplain Nguyen
READING "Freedom Has A Price"		Captain Smith
PRESENTATION		Colonel Hoover
RESPONSE		Lt Col THU
21 VOLLY. SALUTE		Security Police
TAPS		Hans LeRoy Josephenson

### DEPART IN PEACE

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KHONG DOAN YEM CU DANANG  
PHI TRUONG DANANG, VNCH

TRAN THU	Khong-Doan truong 3 thang Ba, 1973
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### TRUY NIEM

CAU NGUYEN	Tieng Anh Tieng Viet	Tuyen Uy Swaffar Tuyen Uy Nguyen
DIEN VAN "Gia tri cua tu-do" cua		Dai Uy Smith
LOI PHAT BIEU		Dai Ta Hoover
DAP TU		Trung Ta Thu
21 PHAT SUNG CHAO		Quan Canh My
NHAC TRUY DIEU		

CHIA TAY TRONG HOA BINH  
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