

Benjamin Franklin Danielson

Born: 31 March 1943 – 5 December 1969

(aged 26)

He was trained as an Air Force pilot at Craig Air Force Base in Selma, Alabama, and received his wings in May 1968. He also earned the Commander's Trophy for Outstanding graduate and was later awarded the Orville Wright Achievement Award from the Order of Daedalians.



Major Danielson was a member of the 558th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Can Ron Bay Airfield, South Vietnam. On December 5, 1969, he was the pilot of a McDonnell Douglas Phantom II Fighter (F-4C) on an interdiction mission 2 miles northwest of Ban Senphan, Khammouan Province, Laos. As his aircraft dove on its target, it was hit by hostile fire. He parachuted to the ground but was attacked by the enemy. His remains were recovered on November 12, 2003 and identified on August 6, 2004.

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