

John Arthur LeHecka

Born: 12 March 1942 – 10 January 1970

(aged 27)

1st Lieutenant, Cessna O-2 Skymaster pilot/Forward Air Controller, 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron, 504th Tactical Air Support Group, 7th Air Force, U.S. Air Force deployed to Da Nang, Vietnam. Clemson University graduate; two years of military service, served 166 days in combat. He was flying O-2A #68-6863 with Army SFC James H. Zumbrun on a Prairie Fire mission when they were hit by small arms fire while controlling an air strike and crashed. They were 20 miles west of Dak To near the point where the borders of South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos meet. They crashed in Laos and their bodies were recovered.

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