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## Taryn Davis - TSNA Banquet Guest Speaker

By Rich Carvell  
Vice-President  
TSNA

Despite almost being waylaid by another group meeting in our Colorado Springs Reunion hotel, perhaps also wanting to hear her message, Taryn Davis, the executive director of the American Widows Project delivered a poignant -- but hopeful -- message to TSNA members and their guests as the keynote speaker at our 2017 banquet.

As she asked us to do ... she shared her personal story of despair, recovery, connection, and learning to "live life again" after the 2007 death of her husband, Michael, killed by a roadside bomb. At the age of 21, she was a military widow.

Davis said that up until that time in her life she had never even been to a funeral, much less planned one. But after getting the message that her husband was KIA, she said she became somewhat of a hermit ... withdrawn, hurt, angry.

But then, she said, she remembered the many people who had impacted Michael's life and she "took a step back." She decided that she would not give up on his dreams, and, she said, she accepted what she was ... a military widow.

But the big change in her life, she said, came when she did a Google search, using the word "Widow." The message she got from the search engine was "Did you mean 'window'?" No, that was NOT what she was looking for. And the realization that there were many more widows like her, looking for answers and help, lit a "fire in my belly," she said.

Although she nearly gave up at first, she met other military widows and eventually established the American Widows Project with its declared mission of "providing

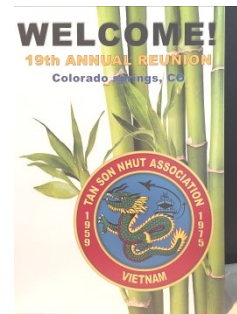
vital support to military widows with programs that unify, educate, empower, and assist in rebuilding their lives in the face of tragedy."

In his introduction of the keynote speaker, TSNA President Emeritus George Plunkett, told of his and wife Trish's first efforts to reach out to the AWP after seeing a television program that featured Davis. So, in a telephone call to Davis, the Plunketts offered their cabin near Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to the Project for some of its small group sessions. Plunkett told David that the cabin accommodated seven, but when Davis set up the first meeting, she had invited twice that number of military widows. Plunkett thought perhaps Davis had misunderstood the capacity of the facility. But, no, Davis explained, she was right on target.

She told Plunkett that the attendees would not need to share a bed because they would not sleep but would stay up all night, talking, and changing from "strangers to close buddies."

As Davis shared her story with TSNA, she pointed out that there are many, many other military widow stories on the AWP website <http://americanwidowproject.org/>.

The Association made a gift of \$500 to the American Widow Project and also presented Davis with its "Boots on the Ground" award for her work with military widows, and a Lifetime Honorary membership in TSNA.



## VETERANS DAY 2017 AT THE WALL

TSNA Wreath-Laying at the Wall 11 November

As in years past, TSNA is participating in the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC on Veterans Day, Saturday 11 November. Anyone who would like to participate is heartily invited to join us. If you can come, please email us at [jcbessette@aol.com](mailto:jcbessette@aol.com), or call us at 703-303-6723. Then, when we get more info on the ceremony, we'll contact you with specific location & times.

**TSNA 2017 Reunion – Colorado Springs**  
**A Mother and a Daughter**  
**By: Kathy Alvestad, New Member of TSNA**

When I read of the annual Tan Son Nhut Association reunion in VFW Magazine I thought it was worth looking into. My husband, SSgt John Alvestad, USAF (deceased) served there from Feb. 1972 to Feb. 1973. I'd been trying to locate another airman he knew and was hoping to find some help. I could not have anticipated my inquiry would end up bringing me to the TSNA Reunion in Colorado Springs.

John served 8 years as an aircraft crew chief. I was 10 years younger than he when we met, which was after his military years were behind him. I'd often tell John how proud I was that he'd served and would thank him for doing so. Such comments would be dismissed by him of course because John never thought of himself as anyone special – he simply (and proudly) did his duty for his country. Yet in that same breath John would then speak of his father who served in the First Special Service Force, also known as The Devil's Brigade. Sgt. Ben Alvestad was a hero to his son, John. Ben had been awarded many medals including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart with Three Oak Leaf Cluster. John was very proud of his father's military service and enjoyed discussing it much more than his own. I'm learning this is not uncommon among those who've served during war time in our nation's Armed Forces.

When John and I married in 1985 I knew his time in Vietnam had exposed him to Agent Orange; he'd already begun to suffer health issues as a result. During the course of our 30+ years together I watched his health decline. Yet, it never stopped John from living a full and good life. He was kind, generous, intelligent, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and he could build or trouble-shoot just about anything. Never in a million years did I think Agent Orange would eventually take his life... but it did, on September 17, 2015.

Fast forward to September 14, 2017 as my eldest daughter Heidi and I walked into the Hospitality Suite for the TSNA Reunion. I'll admit the day before we flew to Colorado I was feeling apprehensive about attending and expressed those feelings to my daughter. Not only had John been stationed at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs years ago, but the reunion fell on the 2 year anniversary of his death. Coupled with anxious feelings about not really being a "military wife" (because we weren't married during John's enlistment), I worried there might not be a place for me. But Heidi quickly supplied the encouragement I needed and we agreed to jump in with both feet and just see where we ended up.

Our experience that first night was incredible beyond our expectations. We were genuinely overwhelmed by the kindness of everyone we encountered throughout the weekend. Many approached us asking, "Are you the mom and daughter?" Yes, that was us with big grins on our faces not quite certain what we should be doing, but finding ourselves welcomed by so many. Over the next few days we joined in several conversations, listening to other people's stories, and even sharing a few of our own. To us it felt like a family reunion with people we'd known our whole lives.

As the widow of an Agent Orange veteran I also learned that I was far from alone. Incredulous as it may seem it never occurred to me to seek out others whose life experiences might be similar to mine. During the evening banquet I learned there are in fact many widows who each have a story to tell. I listened intently to Taryn Davis as she shared her vision, passion, and purpose behind creating the American Widow Project after she suddenly found herself a military widow. From that tragic and untimely loss she was inspired to reach out to other military widows of all ages while encouraging them to share their stories with others. There are literally hundreds on the AWP website and after reading many of those stories myself I know that I will add my own sometime soon.

Each evening of the reunion Heidi and I would return to our room to jot down the names of people we met; we didn't want to forget them or the stories they shared. Remarkably, one of the gentlemen we spoke with was able to provide a very detailed accounting of what John's position involved, something we previously knew little about. Further, we found ourselves humbled time and again as others shared stories of their own experiences. We understood the value and importance of remembering, but it was also impressed upon us that time for laughter and fellowship brought both new friendships as well as healing too. We experienced all these things and so much more in Colorado Springs.

John may be gone now but he lives on through us, and I believe that during our weekend in Colorado with other veterans and their families he was looking over our shoulders with a smile on his face. Now more than ever, Heidi and I will keep seeking information as we strive to learn more about John's military life. By telling his story we'll also keep him alive; ever-present in our thoughts and hearts for generations to come. We are deeply grateful to the Tan Son Nhut Association for their generous help and encouragement in this effort.

From this mother and her daughter to the TSNA family: Thank you for receiving us, thank you for welcoming us, and thank you for inviting us in.

Kathy Alvestad

## A VISIT TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

By: Larry Fry  
Det. 8, 2nd ADVON  
Dec 61 - Mar 62

Thanks to the efforts of TSNA Member Russ Jansky, our two bus loads of reunion attendees had a delightful trip to the Air Force Academy on Friday September 15.

And thanks to the efforts of Joe Kricho, we travelled to the AFA in very nice custom buses.

When we arrived, we were met by the gentleman who is the Manager of the AFA Visitors Center. He graciously “escorted” (led each bus in his golf cart) to parking spaces that were much more convenient than the normal parking.

After a nice visit to the Visitors Center and Gift Shop, it was off to the Academy Cadet Chapel.

We were met inside the Chapel by Stephen “Pete” Peterson, Cadet Chapel Public Relations Director. (Please see my separate story about my conversation with “Pete.”)

He went through the history of the Chapel, and the reasons behind why a lot of what you see has special meaning.

He also covered in detail the upcoming multi-year renovation plans for the “Over-50 year old building.” (Glad we got there when we did!)

We then had some free time to get outside on this beautiful day and take some pictures of the chapel and surrounding areas, (and for some to retrieve our hats that blew off in the WIND!)

After another bus-loading routine, we headed off for the “Southeast Asia Pavilion”. There we got to see some remarkable artwork, plaques, statuettes, graphics, videos, etc of “our time” in Vietnam!

With precision Air Force timing, and the assistance again of Russ Jansky, we boarded the buses and headed for a “Great American Luncheon” at the Academy Golf Club.

Being able to sit at tables and talk with different folks from the reunion was a great part of this day as well.

And after what seemed like a bus tour of the whole Academy we departed for “home” - the Colorado Springs Marriott.

Thanks Russ—and Joe, and all your contacts that helped make this a special day.

Since this is the 10th year anniversary issue of my timing as Editor of Revetments, I thought I would go back and use the Chaplain’s column from the October, 2007 issue.

### Chaplain’s Corner

## ON A BAD DAY

Some days just seem too right from beginning to end. These are those days when loving life comes easily, when smiles seem to brighten the face of others, and a positive outlook seems to put a spring in my steps. God is in His Heaven and all’s right in my world.

But not all days are like that. This morning I misplaced and/or lost my key case containing house and car keys. I panicked. Then I retraced my morning walk inside and out looking for the lost. Not found. How could I be so careless, so stupid? Will someone else find the keys and rip me off? Fears build up and divert my attention away from a productive

day. Oh yes, I have a spare set of keys, but what about the lost?

Many articles and books have been written about how to cope with a bad day. Such remind us to find some object of beauty to offset our dark thoughts, to remember some person whose problems are really big, to get out to do some act of love and kindness to break the cycle, etc. These suggestions have their value, but I commend we read once again Psalm often numbered 77.

Here is a man writing centuries ago who has almost exactly my and our problem: "I am so troubled that I cannot speak....Will the Lord cast off forever? Will he be favorable no more? Is his mercy clean gone forever? Doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?"

And how does this troubled man find help? Listen to his answer: "And I said, This is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember thy wonder of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings....Thou art the God that doest wonders....Who is so great a God as our God?"

Here is a man lifted out of self pity and despair by creative remembrance. He seems to be saying, "Today may be a bad day, but God is still God and I will not forget it!"

Chaplain James M. Warrington

### TSNA COS Reunion, Saturday, September 16, 2017

By Jim Faulkner  
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Morning Trip to Peterson AFB Museum. Displayed was the WWII aircraft Republic P-47N Thunderbolt fighter-bomber high altitude escort fighter. This aircraft flew its first combat mission in April 1943. By the end of the war 15,600 aircraft were built.

Afternoon activities. Producer Pat Clark, Colorado Springs, presented a film entitled "A Return To The End". The video documented a cadre of former Marine Guards stationed at the US Embassy in Saigon and events surrounding the last several days of the evacuation of US personnel and Army of Vietnam (ARVN) families. The singular focus of the film were two young Marines who had been assigned to Tan Son Nhut AB Vietnam as security guards but were killed on the last day of evacuations. Both Marines were simultaneously killed on the ground by rocket attack the night of April 29, 1975 at Tan Son Nhut AB Vietnam. *They were the last casualties of the Vietnam War.* Their remains were left behind in the chaos of airlifting the last remnants of American personnel and ARVN personnel. Senator Kennedy was able to secure the repatriation of their remains a year after the fall of Saigon and they were buried in respective hometown cemeteries.

This group of Marines had formed an association singularly dedicated to memorializing the two casualties. Their mission was to return to Ho Chi Minh City on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fall of Saigon to erect a memorial of two Marines, Cpl Charles McMahon (21) of Woburn, Massachusetts and Lance Corporal Darwin Judge (19), of Marshalltown, Iowa. After some trial and tribulations these dedicated Marines were finally able to arrive at Ho Chi Minh City. They set about scouting out what they thought were likely places to leave a memorial plaque. After several days they found a location thought to be where the two Marines, McMahon and Judge, were killed and left the memorial there.

Kathy Manos Penn, Author of "The Ink Penn" spoke of her collection of witty and humorous columns from the Dunwoody Crier, and "Lord Banjo, the Royal Pooch" and provided an interesting dialogue of the life of her royal pooch Banjo.

The Raffle and Door Prize drawing were interesting as several called numbers could not be found or identified by the holders. Finally, we found some winning tickets. Joseph Ferrell won the Raffle and donated half his winnings back to the TSNA Scholarship Fund. **Thanks and Congratulations to our Winner Joseph Ferrell.** The Silent Auction pretty well took care of itself with everyone in attendance barging to the table picking up their winnings and paying for their bounty.

## A SPECIAL MEETING AT THE CADET CHAPEL AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

By: Larry E. Fry  
Editor, Revetments  
Director of Membership

The attendees at the 2017 TSNA Reunion in Colorado Springs were visiting the Cadet Chapel at the Air Force Academy when something special happened for me.

There was a gentleman standing there (Pete Peterson) who obviously was going to say something to our group as soon as we sat down. Somewhere along the short time we were getting seated, I somehow heard him say that he was a retired USAF Chaplain Services Specialist.

Well, since that was my AFSC job in the Air Force I immediately began to talk with him. I do believe he was as interested in my time in the Air Force, particularly at TSN as I was in hearing him a little later. And when I mentioned to him that my boss Chaplain and I were the first USAF Chaplain Service Staff in Vietnam, he was really interested.

We exchanged names of Chief of Chaplains during our timing, and other places we had worked, and then he went back to his office for something. That something turned out to be a USAF Cadet Chapel/USAF Chaplain Services Logo Challenge Coin, which he graciously presented to me, and which I will always treasure.

Some of the fellow TSN attendees who were seated by this time probably wondered why Larry was hogging this gentleman's time.

Well, now you know! 🙌😊🙌



(Photos on this page by Lois Fry)



**TSNA 2017 Awards**  
by  
Dale Bryan, TSNA Secretary

This year, there were four awards to very deserving members of our association during the banquet at the reunion. One was inducted into the Tan Son Nhut Supreme Military Order of the Dragon, while two were inducted into the Tan Son Nhut Military Order of the Dragon. The citations read by either Vice President Richard Carvell or myself are reproduced below.

Bryan:

Tonight, we are presenting four awards, in three of four possible categories, to some most deserving members of our Association. Three recipients are very well known to all of you in attendance.

We will bestow the Golden Knight, the Military Order of the Dragon, and the Supreme Military Order of the Dragon. We will not award an Anchor Award this year.

The first honor we bestow is the Golden Knight Award. This one is very interesting to me since I grew up in what is considered a surfing city in California. Never in those days did I view surfing and veteran service or support activities as being closely associated. Well, time has proven me wrong.

We are bestowing this Golden Knight Award to someone who has combined a pastime of surfing with assisting fellow veterans in Southern California that have need of various services or support. The program is similar to the horsemanship programs for veterans. The award goes to Lowell Grimaud who works through the California Surf Museum in San Diego.

Carvell:

Will all present holders of Order of Dragon please come forward to welcome the new inductees.

Are you enjoying this reunion? Do you realize how many hours of work some of our members donate to make it possible? If so, you can thank the next person we are inducting into the Tan Son Nhut Military Order of the Dragon.

Reunion planning is only one of many services this inductee has given to our association. Yesterday, a plaque to honor the late Bill Coup, a Dragon, was placed at the 460<sup>th</sup> Space Wing at Buckley AFB. Ground work by this new inductee made the ceremony possible. Perhaps his long service on the Memorial Committee provided some needed experience to contribute to the success of the plaque dedication.

Additionally, he has traveled more than once to Washington, DC at his own expense to help us place our wreath at The Wall on Veterans Day.

Joe Kricho, Director of Reunion Planning, please come forward to be inducted.

Our next Tan Son Nhut Military Order of the Dragon inductee is already a recipient of the Golden Knight Award, a fact that already reflects his willingness to give of himself to help others. He is also responsible for much that is making this and past reunions a success. Those who selflessly work in the background often go unnoticed. Tonight, that will change. Enjoying the ginger snaps? Well, he at the very least helped transport them to this reunion.

We all observed with heavy hearts that Chaplain Chaffee is not here this year to provide benedictions, prayers, and other chaplain functions and was also absent last year. Fortunately, we found a worthy person for the board to appoint as an Associate Chaplain. Of course, he said grace at the start of tonight's meal.

The above cites only part of his contributions to our association. Many of us are well aware of the additional contributions.

Andy Csordas, please come forward to be inducted into the Tan Son Nhut Military Order of the Dragon.

Bryan:

There is one award category remaining. It is Tan Son Nhut Supreme Military Order of the Dragon, and I ask all Supreme Order of Dragon members who are present to come forward to welcome the new inductee. We know that Chaplain Chaffee and Charles Penley are here in spirit and that Wayne Salisbury is looking down with approval from above.

There are not very many possibilities for induction, since there are not that many of us who are already a Dragon. The recipient is certainly not Rich or me since we are here performing this induction.

This inductee has represented our association for many years at the Veterans Day celebrations at The Wall in Washington, DC, and for many of those years made certain there would be a wreath for us to present.

Because of suggestions and actions of this inductee, this reunion is covered by liability insurance, a necessary requirement in what has become a litigious society.

On the subject of a litigious society, this inductee was also most instrumental in our securing legal representation for a bargain basement annual fee. The officers and directors of this association have access to legal advice from our attorney on retainer by virtue of a single phone call or email.

Most importantly, this inductee has kept our financial books in order and has kept us free of any IRS actions over the past years.

It has been my privilege to have worked very closely with this person for quite a number of years on association

business, so I am delighted to ask Carol Bessette to please come forward to be inducted into the Tan Son Nhut Supreme Military Order of the Dragon.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I first want to thank Joe for all his work on making a great Reunion in COS. I want to thank Rich for stepping up in a short notice.

Thanks to Dale for his help in this also.

Rita and I are so disappointed in missing this Reunion. I am also sad on not meeting Taryn.

So sorry I could not be at the reunion. My Doctors would not let me travel.

Woke up one day and had four teeth hurting and loose with a lump in mouth.. Jaw and chin swollen with a lot of pain. Got into VA Dentist right away. He gave me meds to get swelling down and pain pills to help me somewhat. Was due for Oral Surgery on 18th, but heart put that off.

I have to have all my teeth pulled, tumor in mouth from Agent Orange. Saw the Oral Surgeon today, all go for Monday the 25th at 7:00 in Ft Wayne. Great Surgeon, VA SENT ME OUTSIDE VA TO THIS SPECIALIST.

I have been falling and passing out. Fell about 3 weeks ago in backyard and laid there before coming around. Rita has found me in bathroom passed out, and in living room also. A little scary for us.

Going on tilt table in October so they can see when I go out at what point.

I also am on heart monitor, they found leak in a Valve. It is called Brady arrhythmia. First Monitor showed leak and heart running fast, then real slow? Will do surgery after they get this report from wearing this next monitor for 30 days. If cannot fix it, will put in Pacemaker. Looks like October for that.

Oral Surgeon took me off some meds for 3 months so I will heal faster.

I do not leave house only to see Doctors or Surgeons.

Been a struggle but I am keeping a positive outlook.

Missed seeing everyone, and all the TSNA gang. Just an update to all.

I will be repaired and back at them for Dayton.

Will keep you posted from here.

Your TSNA PRESIDENT  
Randall W Brown  
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### NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

One week after arriving at TSN I was put on Quarters Allowance and Separate Rations and told to find a place to live and eat due to the high influx of lower ranking personnel. Luckily members of the Squadron helped me find living quarters and I ate many meals at the NCO Club (Seems like most of the meals were Chili Mac and I cannot eat it even after these many years.) I was on duty during the April and December 1966 attacks on TSN. My R & R was a three day TDY to Clark Air Base to search the Supply Warehouse for needed parts. I had to find quarters off base at Clark and eat at the NCO Club. I remember pigging out on Hamburgers and French Fries although the waiter advised me not to do it. I paid for that mistake.

I enlisted in Pittsburgh, PA. I retired on June 30, 1977 with the rank of MSgt. PAFSC 40491.  
[Thomas J. Wooddell 13th RTS, Mar 66—Mar 67](#)

## VISITING BUCKLEY AFB FOR A SPECIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

By: Andy Csordas  
June 70 - Dec 70  
Special COMSEC Support Detachment

During the TSNA reunion a group of former 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing members stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, other TSNA board members and Larry Coup, brother of the late TSNA member Bill Coup, presented a plaque honoring Bill at the 460th Space Wing Headquarters at Buckley Air Force Base.

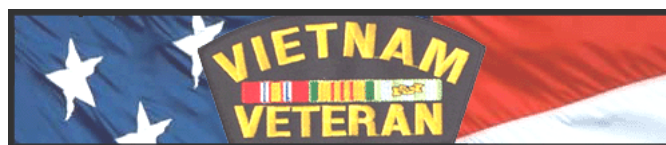
The group was privileged to receive a briefing from Colonel David Miller Jr, commander of the 460th Space Wing. Colonel Miller discussed the present missions and activities of the 460th one of which is monitoring all missile launches all around the world in real time as part of their role in early warning and space defense.

The 460th Space Wing historian presented more information about the unit over its history starting in WWII as a bomber group with B-24 bombers to the present. Their role at Tan Son Nhut was discussed by the group as well.

The group really enjoyed the visit and the hospitality the 460th headquarters personnel provided.



(Rich Carvell, TSNA VP, Larry Coup {Bill's Brother}, and Joe Kricho, TSNA Director of Reunion Planning)





## Looking Back at the Year 1966

The Vietnam War buildup continues. Troop strength is now at 385,300. With the war becoming more intense, 6,350 died in Vietnam in 1966. Were you there in 1966? What surprised you most when you arrived?

The Selective Service drafted 382,010 in 1966 men as the war buildup continued to grow. As a comparison, in 1943 the Selective Service drafted 3,323,970 men as WWII was being fought.

France pulled out of NATO resulting in American forces stationed in France to leave. Chemical structure of DNA discovered. Catholics in the US are meat on Friday (except Lent).

The Supreme Court rules in *Miranda v. Arizona* a suspect must be given counsel before being questioned by police. The U. S. Department of Transportation is created.

In economic news, MasterCard is introduced. Eggs were about 60 cents per dozen, milk around a dollar per gallon, and gasoline at 32 cents per gallon.

For enjoyment we had movies, TV's sports, and listened to the best music of all time. At the movies in 1966, we watched *Who is Afraid of Virginia Woof*, *Alfie*, *The Sand Pebbles*, *A Man for All Seasons*, *The Russians Are Coming*. On TV we were watching *The Andy Griffith Show*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Batman*, *The Lucy Show*, *Bonanza*, *The Jackie Gleason Show*, *Green Acres*, and a show named *Star Trek*.

Here are the top 10 songs of 1966 as listed by Billboard. How many of these classic sounds do you remember? Do they put a smile on your face as you recall a special memory?

The Ballad of the Green Berets by Sgt. Barry Sadler

Cherish by Association

(You're My) Soul and Inspiration

Reach Out I'll Be There by the Four Tops

96 Tears by ? and The Mytserians

Last Train to Clarksville by The Monkees

Monday, Monday by Mama's and The Papa's

You Can't Hurry Love by The Supremes

Poor Side of Town by Johnny Rivers

California Dreamin' by Mama's and The Papa's

In sports a playoff game was started between the NFL and AFL teams to be later named "Super Bowl". Green Bay (NFL) defeated Kansas City (AFL) in the first game. Top tickets were \$12 and there were 32,000 empty seats in the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Super Bowl sort of grew over the past fifty years.

Baltimore Orioles defeated Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series. Michigan State and Norte Dame were Co-Champions in college football (no playoffs). Texas-El Paso defeated Kentucky in College Basketball (surprised a lot of people).

[Harold Boone 7th Air Force](#)

[Sept 67 - Aug 68](#)

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I spent my first 8-9 months at the old Security Police Barracks Compound, in the building next to the Armory. I was then moved to the barracks next to the heliport.

My assignments were mostly flightline revetments, towers, and bunkers, including 051.

Terrence A. Nisi

377th Security Police Squadron

25 Dec 66 - 10 December 67

[\(Editor's Note—Terrence is a new TSNA Life Member\)](#)

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