



Remembering Our Heritage



31 Jan 1968: Bien Hoa Air Base came under an intense ground assault during the Tet Offensive. The brunt of the attack centered on the east end of the installation near a single bunker called Bunker Hill 10. The intense battle lasted from 0330-1200 hours; when it was over, the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing lost two men and 14 wounded. As for the enemy, over 60 dead bodies were counted. The wing flew 52 combat sorties in defense of the base and supported four ground operations. The Air Force awarded one Air Force Cross and three Silver Stars to the following men who fought that day:

Capt Reginald V. Maisey, Jr., Air Force Cross (Posthumous); Capt Martin E. Strones, Silver Star; Staff Sergeant Larry H. Sawyer, Silver Star; and Staff Sergeant William Piazza, Silver Star.



MSGT Larry H. Sawyer, Silver Star



MSGT William "Pete" Piazza, Silver Star.