

# DEROS

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## 12 Jan 1971: 52 Cards and a Wakeup!

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**483rd SPS Cam Ranh Bay AB, 1970**

I'm sending an attachment of a calender I made and tacked up on my hooch wall at Cam Ranh Bay AB in 1970. My Deros date was January 12, 1971, so as you can see I have a big "12" circled in red ... also, during the flight over, one of the Stewardess gave me a deck of playing cards, seeing as there are 52 cards in the deck, and I had 52 weeks to serve, I figured would send one card home a week.

I started with the *Ace of Spades*, and planned on carrying the *Ace of Hearts* home to my wife—I never got that far—I was called home on emergency leave on September 15th, 1970 and never returned to Vietnam. It was actually a sad occasion because I never got the chance to say good-bye to any of my friends, and I regretted that for 30 years, until I found the VSPA web site. I finally found one of my hooch mates, Wayne Kasper, and closed that chapter of my life. Thanks, the cards have long since disappeared but the memories remain.



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