



4th of July, 1965

U.S. Flag flies at Đà Nẵng's
23rd ABG/Air Police Central Security Control...
*the only day of the year that we were allowed
to fly the American Flag.*

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ACCOUNT OF USMC, Enrique B. del Rosario :

We were out there until 0430 hours. When things finally quieted down we got relieved off of post.
[winkel]

ACCOUNT OF A2C Tom Winn:

The very day after Sgt Jensen's death, all AP vehicles with doors had the doors removed and seat belts installed from side-to-side across the doorway to prevent the occupants from falling out of the vehicle. The occupants could easily flip the latch of the seat belt and jump from the vehicle if he had to do so.

Also, there were approximately a dozen VC infiltrators who attacked the base that evening. None were known to have been killed or injured. One was captured the following morning by ARVN forces.

ACCOUNT OF USAF, Ron Yates (Captain) :

The next morning, the 7th Air Force Commander arrived with his aide, Capt. George Pupich, to inspect the damage. My face was pretty bruised from rocket concussions and George persuaded the General that I was too ugly to remain in-country. So, I was sent back to the Philippines to recuperate.

ACCOUNT OF USMC, Enrique B. del Rosario :

JULY 2, 1965: Doubled the guards and got set for a second attack.

Flares out all night and firefight at the end of the runway for a couple of hours. Nothing serious.
[mckee]

ACCOUNT OF 1st LT. Fred Reiling (LTC, Ret. USAF):

JULY 4, 1965:

The photo of the flag flying at Base Headquarters [above] was taken on the *Fourth of July 1965* ... three days after SSgt Jensen was killed in action -- the only day of the year that we were allowed to fly the American Flag, and hence it got a lot attention.

ACCOUNT OF USMC, Enrique B. del Rosario :

JULY 8, 1965:

Two Viet Cong in ARVN uniforms were caught selling cokes on our base, with acid in the cokes and broken glass fragments in the ice. [winkel]

ACCOUNT OF Jackie Kays :

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Note: In regards to Al Handy, I was not at Đà Nẵng AB when that incident occurred involving Handy (I arrived at Đà Nẵng AB a few months later) *but* , I was the NCOIC of AP Investigations at George AFB, CA in 1965 [where Airman Handy returned to from TDY].

Handy was a young airman on flight there at George AFB at that time. *I had several occasions to speak with him.* Handy did not work for me therefore I was not privy to his ER's, but I remember him as a qualified Air Policeman, who followed instructions well and performed his duties in a professional manner.

Knowing the young airman as I did, *I always questioned the OSI version of that incident*. In my opinion, under the traumatic condition of that incident, I thought Handy responded heroically! He was TDY to Đà Nẵng from George and had only been there a short time when the incident occurred.

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