

# VIETNAM

## 366th SPS

### Đà Nẵng - Original (PCS) 13 K-9 Handlers!

#### Đà Nẵng K-9 Sentry Dog Handlers!

*Telling it like it was!*

Original 13 MWD Handlers in Vietnam, and at Đà Nẵng Air Base  
Verbal orders of the Commander, 1 Oct 1965

## OPERATION TOPDOG45

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My name is [Al Watts](#), I was with the first sentry dog unit at Đà Nẵng in 1965. I came over with "TOPDOG45" in 1965. I built the first kennels at Đà Nẵng and *had to* give up my dog, which was named Blackie, to Don Poss [my lucky day!]. Later, TSgt Sorrells came in as Kennel Master. Đà Nẵng K-9 expanded to 48 dog handlers. LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. was my Commander also. He was a fine officer. I left in 1966, but still have fond memories of the K-9 section at Đà Nẵng. Glad to have read your article in DogMan. See you later. A1C [Al Watts](#), TSgt (ret)

### Sentry Dog Handlers assigned to 6252 APS SO A-25, Jan 1966

A1C [Watts](#), ALFORD W., Blackie (X129), **VSPA member**: Al forgot more than I ever knew about dogs. Brought dogs over to Đà Nẵng, and set up the outfit.

A2C BAKER, TOMMY J., **VSPA member**: Deceased in June 28, 2007 (Agent Orange).

A3C BOLTON, TERRY D.

A2C BROWN, KENNETH B.

A2C DETOTA, JOHN A.

A2C EBERBACH, GARY F., Bucky, **VSPA member**: Deceased in March 2017 (Agent Orange) Came to my house at DEROS. Introduced him to Rita in 1966. [Married for 50 years!]

A2C FELKER, JAMES W.

A1C HUNTER, WAYNE L.

A2C JEZ, HENRY F.

A2C LEE, ROBERT A., Shep, **VSPA member**.

A2C MILLER, HORCE L.

A2C NORWICH, PHILIP, Lucky OK32 - Deceased in Dec 1997 (Agent Orange), and from an extended illness and heart attack

A2C PARSONS, RICHARD JR., **VSPA member**: Photos to post of him soon.

A2C POSS, DONALD L., Blackie (X129) **VSPA member**: *Probably the nicest guy in K-9, and the one I gave Blackie to.*

*The above are the handlers that took over from the original TOPDOG45 Handlers that transported the Sentry Dogs over to Vietnam; some left, some remained and served a full tour.*

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