

VIETNAM

366th Air/Security Police Squadron, K-9 MWD

Đà Nẵng Air Base

Original (PCS) 13 Operaton TOPDOG45 K-9 Sentry Dog Handlers

Original 13 Handlers at Đà Nẵng AB
Verbal orders of the commander, 1 Oct 65

"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 Operation "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. Later, TSgt Sorrells came in as Kennel Master. Đà Nẵng K-9 expanded to 48 dog handlers. LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. was my Squadron Commander, and 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,
[Al Watts](#), TSgt (ret)

Sentry Dog Handlers assigned to 6252 APS SO A-25, Jan 1966; 366th APS/SPS

The following are the handlers that took over fromr the originals TOPDOG45 Handlers, that brought dogs over to Vietnam, left. Some of those handlers remained and served a full tour.

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: Came to my house at DEROS. Introduced him to Rita in 1966 (Married for 50 years, RIP 4 Sep 2017, Agent Orange).

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 from an extended illness (AO) 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.

[Đà Nẵng Growl Pad](#) 1965, by Don Poss

[Đà Nẵng](#) 1969, by Monty Moore / Email your story to [Monty Moore!](#)

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