

THAILAND
Nakhon Phanom RTAFB
56th Security Police Squadron
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I spent two tours with the 56th SPS (Air Commando) at a remote site called Nakhon Phanom on the Thai-Laos border. The base was highly secretive being the headquarters of *Task Force Alpha*, the underground command center directing *Arc Light* bombing of the Ho Chi Minh trail. Also, *Operation Igloo White*, which planted sensors on the Ho Chi Minh trail. The 46th Special Forces used NKP as a launching pad for MACV Sog teams crossing the borders. Also *Air America* used NKP as a base to supply the various hill tribes throughout the area. We were harassed by the NVA with rocket/mortar attacks and occasional probes on the base perimeter which left a number of dead and wounded. My point is that the people who were based in Thailand deserve the same respect as our brothers who served in Vietnam.

(Editors Note: Ken we really appreciate your writing and reminding us of our brothers other than in Nam.)

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