



## *822nd Combat Security Police Squadron*

### **1968 - 1997**

## **ARTICLE 15**

© 2000, Clifton Lawrence (Larry) Sutherland

1. *Left.* RIP Clifton Lawrence (Larry) Sutherland, 29 Sep 2002.

As we all know, Larry Sutherland passed away on September 29, 2002. When Larry submitted the below photos and comments to me, I encouraged him not to post them. Mainly because he wanted to include the photo that earned him an Article-15. I felt protective of the Vietnam Veterans' reputation, in that too many are too willing to criticize us, especially when it is deserved. Nevertheless, I should have listened to Larry: it was his story to tell, and you know how proud he was of his 822nd buddies...

*Don: If I send a photo of all my Nam buddies with me at the Reunion in Goldsboro, NC (Seymour Johnson AFB) would you post it? They are all 822nd CSPA B flight Heavy Weapons. All were with me in Nam and Pleiku with the exception of Pat O'Malley and Bill McGraw who joined us after Nam and went over to close our camp at Phan Rang a year later. Fat, Bald and smiling we are doing the VSPA Guardmount Thing 31 years later! To think that Dec 1998 was the first time I surfed the net and found you. 13 months later I've found half my Pleiku buddies (21) including the Lieutenant! And got to see 15 of them at Seymour Johnson this year. Thanks VSPA!*

*Larry Sutherland*

*p.s. Sent my VSPA Dues yesterday... I hope I haven't been dropped from the rolls!*

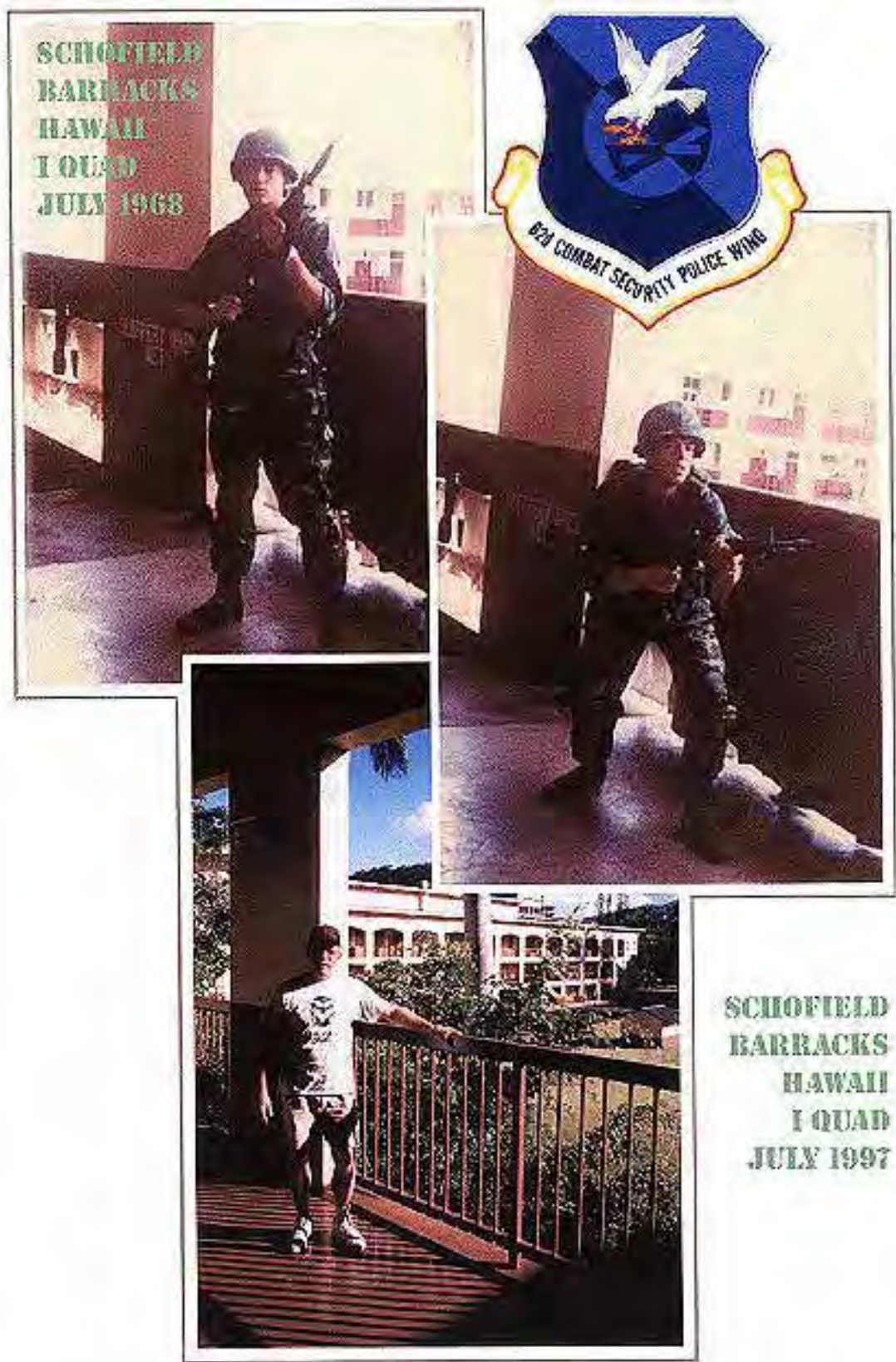
*Clifton "Larry" Sutherland*

*... Don't worry, Larry...  
you're still on our Rolls  
and in our hearts...*

**2. Schofield Barracks:  
822nd CSPA. Were we  
every so young? 1968.**



3. ... and I move full-circle back to Schofield Barracks.





4. Photo of the Main Gate sign, Pleiku Air Base.

5. Pleiku: The training paid off. *Still . . .* After a while, it got to be a real drag. Clifton Lawrence (Larry) Sutherland. 1968.

6. ... and boring enough for *silly-games*. This one cost me an Article-15. *YoungAndDumb* was one word, and seemed to go hand-in-hand.





**7. Somehow we all made it home, one way or another.**



**8. Some were *medevaced* . . . others, made the final flight to rest.**



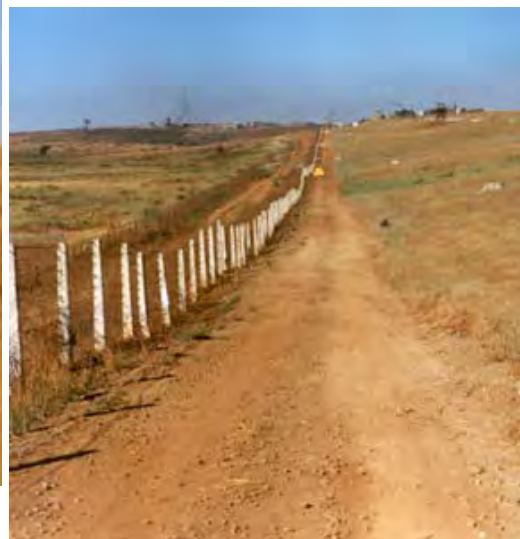
**9. A pair of Spads wing over South Vietnam, in search for targets of opportunity.**  
Painting, by Larry Sutherland (RIP 2002)



**10. Larry Sutherland: Father-Time moves on, as he must.**

**11. Below-Left. & 12. Below-right:**

**Pleiku Air Base, West Perimeter. Tower-Bunker closeup, from #12 horizon-right.**



**12. A1-Spad boneyard.**



**13. Below. & 14. Right-Closeup of M715 Jeep: Pleiku AB, aircraft boneyard.**

Note: M715 Jeep-truck stopped on road, left of tail numbers.





**15. Pleiku: C-47 on short-final landing approach.**



**16. Pleiku Air Base: 822nd CSPA Jeep. A1C Larry Sutherland with .50 CAL, August 1968.** Aircraft bone yard can be seen in the background: *Shot up, blown-up, cracked-up and otherwise used-up aircraft.*

**17. Pleiku: 822nd CSPA Jeep concealed at Runway's approach** as "Spooky", a C-47, is on short-final for landing. Duty included deterrence of sniper fire at aircraft during short-final approach. Larry Sutherland on the .50 CAL (he put his glasses on this time, heh-heh).





**18.** *Airmen are all Safeside troops. Photo was taken at Pleiku AB on the backside behind Peacock, over by the 71st MedEvac area.*

**L/R: A1C Sanders, Sgt. Hinson, Sgt. Wicks, A1C Sutherland, Sgt. Wormsley. 822nd CSPS, A1C Sanders' weapon is a 90mm Recoilless Rifle.** When firing anti-personnel rounds (steel darts) the affects of this weapon are devastating.

(Courtesy of Larry Sutherland)

### **Chapter 3, M-1 Helmet:**

Members of the USAF wear their M-1 helmets, camouflage covers and bands at Pleiku Air Base, December 1968.

- A1C Sanders wears M-1 helmet with "leaf" pattern cover, "greenside" out;
- Sgts. Hinson and Wormsley wear M-1 helmet with "leaf" pattern cover, "greenside" out and camouflage band;
- Sgt. Wicks and A1C Sutherland wear M-1 helmet with "leaf" pattern cover, "brownside" out and camouflage band.





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**20. Jeep with .50 Cal machine gun.**

L/R: A1C Clifton Lawrence (Larry) Sutherland, A1C James E. Benton, Sgt. Stenke, Jerome.

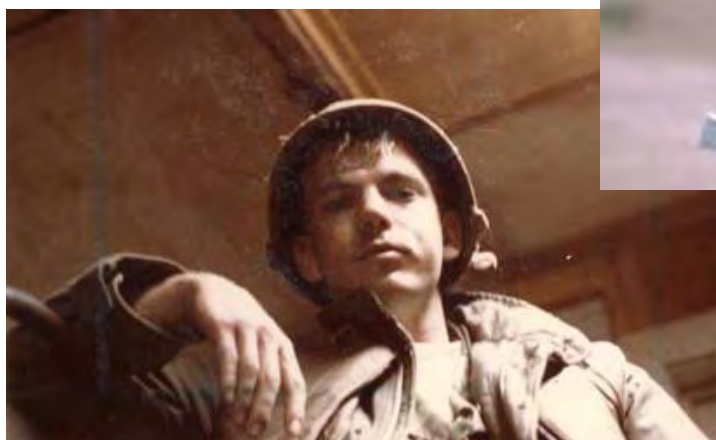




21. & 22. Pleiku AB Library: *I'll take Gone With The Wind...*

23. Right. Well Frankly **Lulu Bell** ...  
*I don't give a rat's...*

24. Below ... **maybe sneak another page** before Guardmount.



25. For those taking the Freedom Bird, a good book, like ... *The Graduate*, is great to have.





**26 Above. & 27. Below. Pleiku Air Base, Main Street.**



**28. Right. Pleiku AB Chowhall, SP Post.  
29. Below. Pleiku Air Base, Chowhall,  
Thanksgiving, 1968. Note SP Post along road.**





**32. Pleiku Air Base: Pan view** from North end of runway, SPS Bunkers and Towers.  
(Note Tower to the right. ) *See Close up below*

**33. Pleiku Air Base, perimeter Tower, closeup.**





**34 . Pleiku AB, distant ammo bunker revetment.**



**35. Pleiku AB Pan view of flight line, with SPS QRT vehicle. SPS ... raising dust!**



**36. Row-1. A-1 Sandy,** landing with empty bomb racks.

**37. Row-2. A-1 Sandy,** seconds from touchdown. Note *tail-dragger* wheel just foward of rear wings.

**38. Row-3. A-1 Sandy,** taxi to tie-down.



39. Row-1 Left: A-1 Sandy, airborne, wheels-up, and lookin' for trouble.

40. Row-1 Right: -- *Just a guess*: P-tube? Could be wrong, but in the early years that was a standard-itemd near tent cities.

41. Row-2 L/R: USA and SVN Flags over blue skies; A1E ground-check, and waiting for arming.

42. Row-3: A-1 Sandy, sitting down on Runway Numbers.





43. *Right.* Central Security Control (CSC).



44. *Above.* & 45. *Right.* V-100 APC. Larry Sutherland, a Vietnamese boy holding his weapon.







45. Pleiku Base Theatre: **Zulu**, playing ... *again*. 1968

46. *Right.*  
Base Chapel.



47. *Below.*  
Pleiku, view  
south from the  
bomb dump.



**48.** *Right.* SP on post stares into the night fog, glared by a low hanging flare.

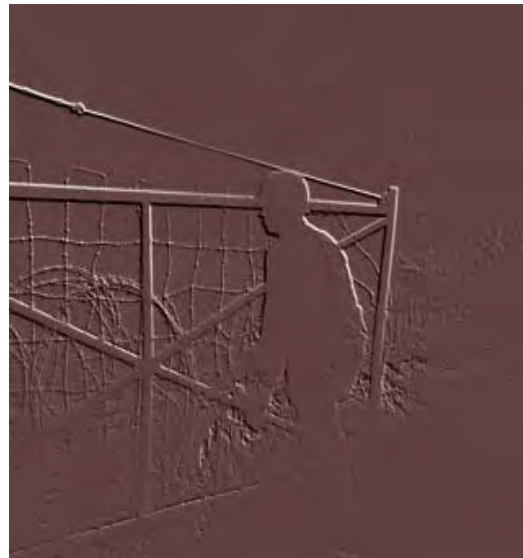
**49.** *Below.* A2C Larry Sutherland, with shoulder holster.



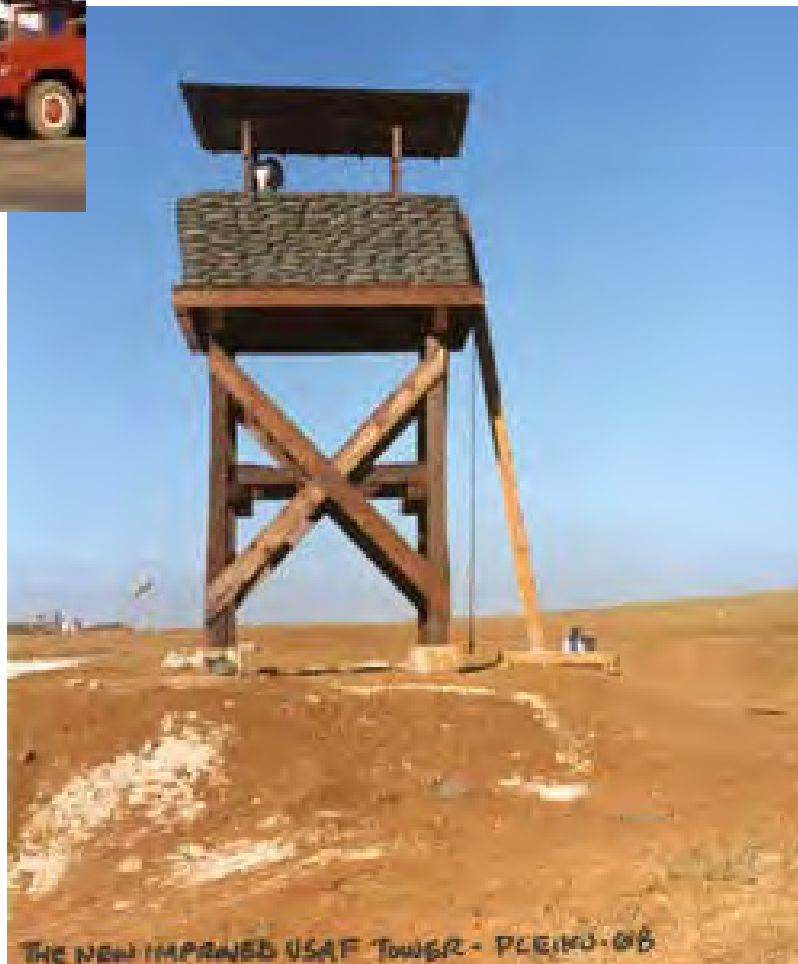
**50.** USA Old Glory flag, flies with South Vietnam flag.



51. Pleiku Control Tower.



52. SP waiting for the dawn.



53. New, improved USAF Tower.  
Pleiku Air Base.

THE NEW IMPROVED USAF Tower - PLEIKU-06



**54. SP Tower Bunker-10.**

**55. SPs Cleaning M16s.**





GARCIA, ? &amp; SLATER - PLEIKU



KLEIN, SLATER &amp; ? PLEIKU-68

56. Row-1 Left. Barracks ... after rocket attack...
57. Row-1 Right. Airman Klein on post.
58. Row-2 Left. Airmen Garcia & Slater on Posting Truck.
59. Row-2 Right. Airman Klein at bunker.
60. Row-3. What? This bottle? Why General Westmoreland his self gave me this bottle personally for saving his life just as a sapper was gonna throw a satchle in his tent . . . What'dya mean he left Vietnam last month?

