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In September 1969 VSPA received the great news that **Captain Garth A. Wright**, member of VSPA, had been awarded the **Air Force Cross** for his individual heroism on the unforgettable morning of 26 January 1969. Formerly the OIC of Security Operations he departed in early April to his new job as Law Enforcement Officer, 71st SPS, Germany.

On 26 Jan 1969, Capt Wright commanded a Security Police block and sweep force under heavy fire by an NVA Sapper CO which had penetrated the fence-line. Capt Wright stopped one sapper with an M16 burst and another with his .38 after his rifle had malfunctioned. The influence of his command was considered instrumental to our success in defeating Charlie that day. Captain Wright himself, and his well-earned award, are milestones in Security Police professionalism, pride, and prestige.

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