

Tan Son Nhut Air Base
South Vietnam
1962 !

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USAF, 2nd Air Division SEA, 33d TAC Grp., 6220 APS

I ran across the two above patches from the early days in Vietnam. I hope you can place them in the "crest and patches" section. Information just received from the Air Force Lineage / History Office at Maxwell AFB, reports that while the 33rd Tactical Group did take over at Tân Sơn Nhứt in June 1963 (while we were still there), the 6220th ABS apparently was a direct reporting unit to the 2nd Air Division. There is no documentation to indicate that the 6220th ever reported to the 33rd Tactical Group. So much for my clear memory after 37 years.

A copy of the 2nd Air Division patch is being attached in case you want to use it for the 6220th ABS Air Police in lieu of the 33rd Tactical Group patch.

Ten of us were at TSN AB, TDY, from December 1962 through June 1963. The Special Order (left photo) is a copy of orders sending 10 of us Air Police TDY from Japan to Tân Sơn Nhứt, Vietnam, in December 1962. Three of us stayed for an additional 90 days.

The order identify Tân Sơn Nhứt (APO 143) as the location and the unit as the 6220th Air Base Squadron to which we were assigned. The 33rd TAC Group, which was subordinate to the 2nd Air Division at the time, doesn't show up on the orders as I thought. The 2nd

HEADQUARTERS
6220TH SUPPORT WING (PACAF)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 323, San Francisco, California

SPECIAL ORDER
TA-1320

26 December 1962

1. The following airmen, 421ST AFSW (PACAF), this station, will proceed on or about 28 Dec 62 to Clark AB, P.I.; CIPAP; for further transportation to 6220th AB Sq, APO 143; on TDY for approximately 90 days for the purpose of performing a Training Mission (not a Training Maneuver, Field Exercise or Special Air Operations, paragraph 20433, AFA 177-103); upon completion thereof return to parent organization. Upon arrival at Clark AB, individuals will report to Room 4, Bldg 7510, for processing, briefing and onward transportation. Airmen are attached to 13AF for General Courts-Martial and concurrent Article 15, UCMJ, jurisdiction. Airmen will handcarry the following: (a) All necessary field equipment in accordance with SAFR 67-3. (b) Current copies of AF Form 7 and AF Form 246. (c) Weapons as required. Provided individuals are required to use "Tools of the Trade", shipment of such tools or equipment (100 lbs) authorized. Shipment of personal baggage (66 lbs) and excess baggage (100 lbs) authorized. TSOVA. TSOVA. Travel by organizational aircraft authorized. Travel by commercial air or rail authorized. MPC (Military Payment Certificates) will be converted prior to departure in accordance with SAFR 177-5. Immunization will be accomplished prior to departure in accordance with AFR 160-102. Individuals are cleared for access to classified material as indicated for period of TDY. TDY: 5733400 303-7467 8458 211121/212121/213121 595300 CIC: 4 4 374 4580 595300. If applicable, claims for payment against this order will be forwarded to the Accounting & Finance Officer within 10 days after completion of travel. AUTHORITY: AFM 35-11 & SAF message, 5FPPL 1131-24. WATER AF ATCO'S: THIS IS AN APPROVED EMERGENCY TDY. Airmen must arrive at CLARK point of TDY not later than 29 Dec 62.

<u>NAME, AFSC</u>	<u>AFSC</u>	<u>S/C</u>
A2C DENZIL W. CARPENTER, AF15643488	77150	INTERIM SEC
A2C HARVEY R. CLARK, AF19680643	77150	SECRET
A2C GEORGE B. HILL, APL4743105	77150	SECRET
A2C KENNETH H. LOUGHNEY, AF13711598	77150	SECRET
A2C ROBERT A. MOFF, AF15643506	77150	SECRET
A2C ERNEST RIVERA JR, AF19694969	77150	SECRET
A2C DEMPSEY TAYLOR III, AF16692374	77150	SECRET
A2C ROBERT G. ANISKO, AF13719509	77150	INTERIM SEC
A2C ROBERT M. CRUZ, AF12639568	77150	INTERIM SEC
A2C RICHARD KING, AF14743080	77150	INTERIM SEC

Air Division came under the 13th Air Force at that time. You can see the reference to the 13th AF on the orders. I'm still trying to do some research on the early days at Tân Sơn Nhứt, but it's skimpy.

Air Force Lineage / History Office at Maxwell AFB :

I will e-mail you a 3-page summarized version, and the 13 page document I received from the Air Force.

Tân Sơn Nhứt Air Police and SPSs:

6220th ABS / Activated 7 June 62 / Deactivated 8 July 63

2nd Air Division / Activated 10 Sep 62 / Deactivated 1 Apr 66

33rd Tactical Group / Activated 19 June 63 / Deactivated 8 Jul 65

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