

**Wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966.**  
**377th Air Police Squadron, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, RVN**  
**Sentry Dog Handler, handled, NEMO A534.**

**Purple Hearts:**

**A2C Throneburg, Robert A. ~ A1C Shahan, Tommy N. ~ A2C Simmons, Russell ~  
A2C Davis, Lyle K. ~ A2C Janiak, Thaddeus M. ~ SSgt Habecker, Barry L.**

(Photos below)

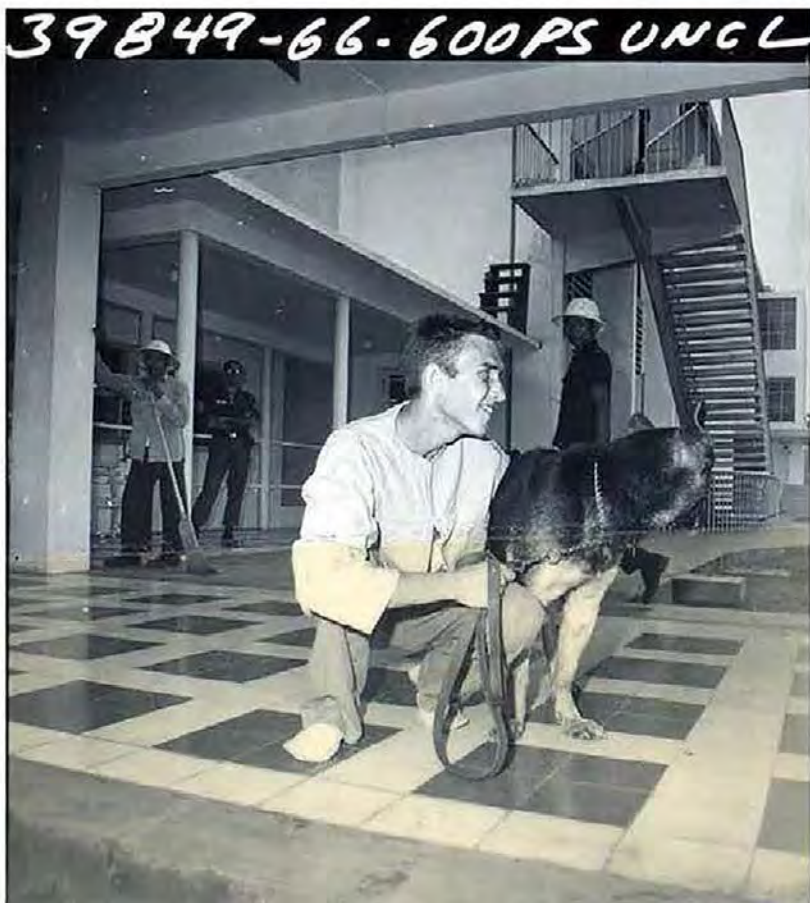
**A2C Throneburg, Robert A.**



**A2C Throneburg, Robert A.,  
AF14840178 wounded in  
action on 4 Dec 1966.  
377th Air Police Squadron  
Saigon, Vietnam  
Sentry Dog Handler, handled  
NEMO A534.**

**Throneburg injuries, shot in  
the left shoulder.**

**NEMO A534 injuries, shot in  
the left side of his face and  
the bullet exited near his right  
eye.**



**NEMO A534** was the first sentry dog to be sent home to the states from Vietnam. He became a goodwill ambassador for the remainder of his life.

**NEMO A534** died Mar 15, 1973.

**The following photographs** are Throneburg's recovery in the U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital, Saigo Vietnam. The hospital was straight out Tan Son Nhut's main gate, approximately ½ mile down on the right.



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### **377th Air Police Squadron, Sentry Dog Handler (Saigon, Vietnam)**

**A2C Throneburg, Robert A., AF14840178 wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966,** presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander (Dec 1966). Throneburg injuries, shot in the left shoulder

**Sentry Dog Handler, handled NEMO A534 injuries,** shot in the left side of his face and the bullet exited near his right eye. NEMO A534 was the first sentry dog to be sent home to the states from Vietnam. He became a goodwill ambassador for the remainder of his life. He died Mar 15, 1973.

**The Nemo's War Dog Heros Association was formed** and took it upon themselves to find Nemo's old growl pad at Lackland AFB, TX. (See the below photograph)



### **NEMO A534 old growl pad at Lackland AFB, Texas**

Seeing the condition of the old pad, John Meehan, Jimmie Thornton, Terry Strickland, Kelly Bateman, Bill Cummings and Ernest Childers formed a committee. Nemo's War Dog Heroes Association. The committee conducted meetings with Lackland officials and obtained permission to build the new Nemo Growl Pad.

*See below Photo*





**NEMO A534 new growl pad at Lackland AFB, Texas**

The new NEMO growl pad was dedicated November 15, 2005. If you look inside the fence you will notice the monument that belongs to NEMO. (Additional information below)

**It is these men who physically built the new NEMO A534 growl pad.**



**VIETNAM**

**L-R:**

**John Meehan**

Phan Rang, Vietnam  
35th SPS, 1968 – 1969  
Handled PRINCE 991F and BEAU 07M9

**Jimmie Thornton**

Phan Rang, Vietnam  
35th SPS, 1968 – 1969  
Handled GUNNER 2B29

**Terry Strickland**

Bien Hoa, Vietnam  
3rd SPS 1967 – 1968  
Handled KING

**Korat RTAB, Thailand**

*[Kelz, Michael J. (68-69 Mr. Misty X851 Korat), or  
Livingston, Jimmy W (68-69 Mr. Misty X851 Korat)  
388th SPS 1968 – 1969  
Handled Mr Misty X851]*

**Kelly Bateman**

UBON RTAB, Thailand, 8th SPS 1970 – 1971  
Handled BARON 279M

**Bill Cummings**

U-Tapao RTAB, Thailand, 635th SPS 1970 – 1971  
Handled BRUTUS X321

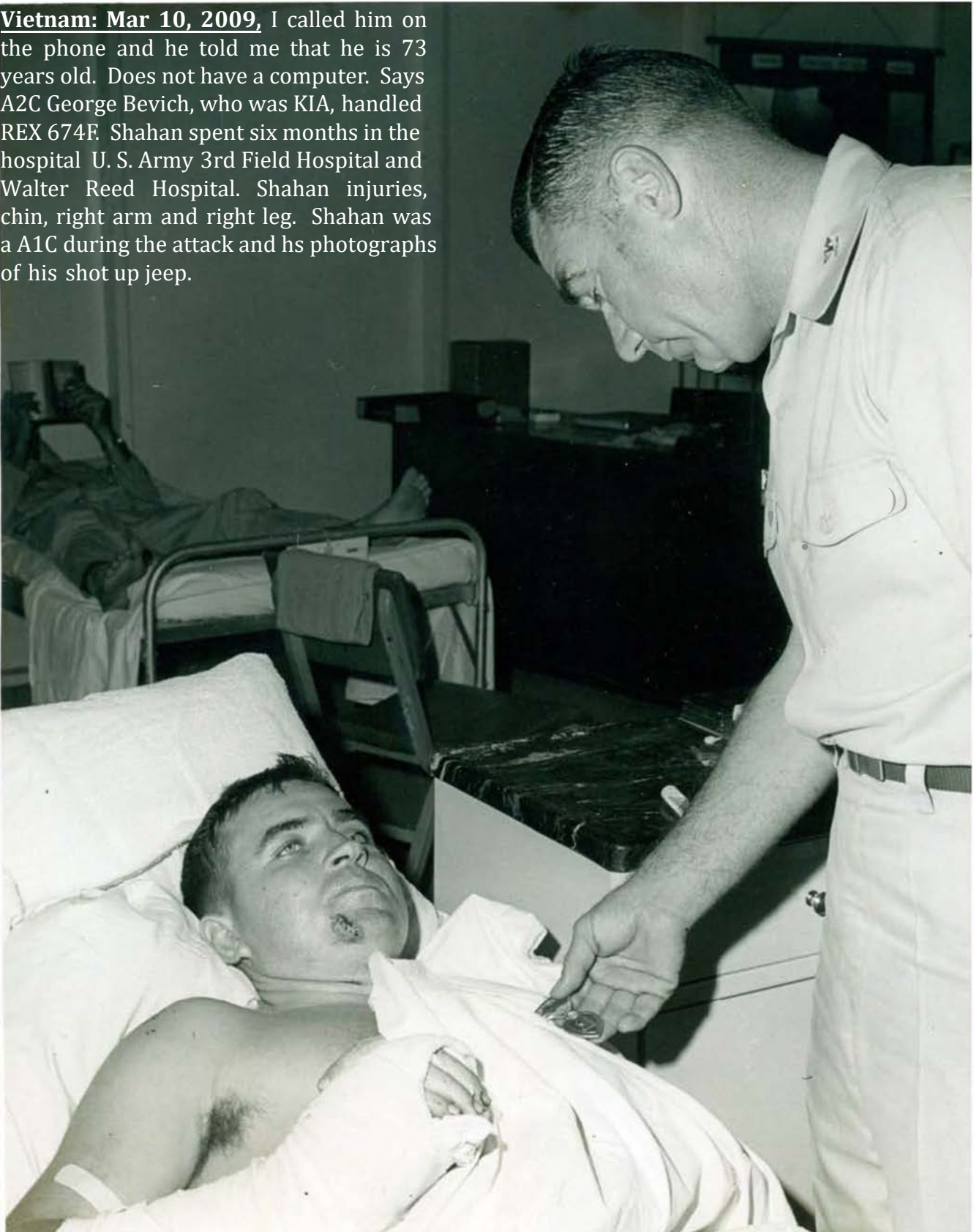
**Ernest Childers**

UDORN RTAB, Thailand, 432nd SPS 1970 – 1971  
Handled DUKE X093



**A1C Shahan, Tommy N.**, AF14545835, 377th Air Police Squadron, Sentry Dog Handler, Prince, wounded in action (injuries, Chin, right arm and rightleg.) on 4 Dec 1966, is presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by **Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander.** (Dec 1966).

Vietnam: Mar 10, 2009, I called him on the phone and he told me that he is 73 years old. Does not have a computer. Says A2C George Bevich, who was KIA, handled REX 674F. Shahan spent six months in the hospital U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital and Walter Reed Hospital. Shahan injuries, chin, right arm and right leg. Shahan was a A1C during the attack and his photographs of his shot up jeep.



**A2C Simmons, Russell**, AF19824064 wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U.S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966).





**Left: Wounded A2C Simmons, Russell, 377th Air Police Squadron, "C Flight Security."  
Right: Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander, Saigon, Vietnam. (Dec 1966)**



**A2C Davis, Lyle K.**, AF14861942 wounded in action (Chest wound, gunshot, on duty – condition fair) on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966)

**377th Air Police Squadron "C Flight Security" Saigon, Vietnam**





**A2C Davis, Lyle K.,** AF14861942 wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966)



**A2C Janiak, Thaddeus M.**, AF16792041 wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966) 377th Air Police Squadron, Saigon, Vietnam – 1966 – 1967

***RIP: Janiak, Thaddeus M., Deceased May 30, 1999, Demotte, IN***





**SSgt Habecker, Barry L.**, AF13546189, wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3rd Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966)

**377th Air Police Squadron, "C Flight Security", Saigon, Vietnam**

