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**From:** SPINK, BARRY L GS-11 USAF AETC AFHRA/RS  
[mailto:barry.spink@us.af.mil] Sent: Wednesday, **April 8, 2015 2:24 PM**  
To: dposs@dposs.com  
**Subject: RE: Archival Request**

**Dear Mr. Poss,**

Thank you for your Patience. Please find attached an official transcript of the 23rd Air Base Group, 6252nd Tactical Fighter Wing and 35th Tactical Fighter Wing histories that cover most of the topics you outlined below.

Unfortunately, I found no mention of a C-130 landing partially off the runway at Da Nang, nor any incident where villagers were killed by Viet Cong (although I am sure that happened all the time, as that was a common VC tactic). The other [five] events you mentioned, were noted and will be found in the official transcripts, attached.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Don Poss [mailto:dposs@dposs.com] Sent: Tuesday, **August 05, 2014 11:05 AM**  
To: SPINK, BARRY L GS-11 USAF AETC AFHRA/RS Subject: RE: Archival Request

**Dear Mr. Spink:**

I was at Da Nang Airbase (23rd ABG/AP; 6252nd APS; and the 35th APS) from: 8 JUL 1965 - 21 JUN 1966 (DEROS). If it would be useful to you, I can attach my DD-214 and also a DD-149, requesting correction to my DD-214, and photos of the incidents I am requesting info for.

Sincerely,

Don Poss

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**From:** SPINK, BARRY L GS-11 USAF AETC AFHRA/RS  
[mailto:barry.spink@us.af.mil] Sent: Tuesday, **August 5, 2014 7:34 AM**  
To: dposs@dposs.com  
Subject: RE: Archival Request

**Dear Mr. Poss,**

Can you provide specific dates of your tour at Da Nang? For instance, April 1965 through April 1966?

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**From: Don Poss** [mailto:dposs@dposs.com] Sent: Tuesday, **August 05, 2014 9:30 AM**  
**To: SPINK, BARRY L GS-11 USAF AETC AFHRA/RS** Subject: RE: Archival Request

**Dear Mr. Spink,**

Thank you for your rapid reply. I am not positive of the date for the C-130 off runway landing. During my 1965-1966 tour at Da Nang Airbase, our Air Police Squadron's name changed three times (23rd Air Base Group/AP; 6252nd APS; and 35th APS). The overlap may have occurred close to the transition from the 6252nd Air Police Squadron to the 35th Air Police Squadron.

I understand the overwhelming demand upon your time, and thank you very much for your research on my requests. I think your work would be very interesting, challenging, and at times very rewarding to find that nugget of evidence so important to those requesting information.

Welcome Home, and thank YOU for your service and research that helps so many veterans,

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**From: SPINK, BARRY L GS-11 USAF AETC AFHRA/RS** [mailto:barry.spink@us.af.mil]  
Sent: Tuesday, **August 5, 2014 6:14 AM**  
To: dposs@dposs.com  
Subject: FW: Archival Request

**Dear Mr. Poss,**

Thank you for your request. There appears to be overlap on your specific incidents in the below, i.e., the C-130 landing. Our collection consists of official USAF unit histories and these are the sources I will go to in researching and responding to you. However, due to the overwhelming

number of VA requests that I am working, the delay in providing you with an official response may take up to 9 months. I regret the delay, but I must work each request on a 'first-come-first-served' basis (and I am the only one at the AFHRA that works VA requests). Thank you for your patience, and your request number is 37193.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Don Poss [mailto:dposs@dposs.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, **August 04, 2014** 8:22 PM **To:** AFHRA/NEWS Org Mailbox  
**Subject:** Archival Request

Sir, I am the webmaster and designer for two large veteran websites (USAF Air/Security Police Squadrons: <http://www.vspa.com>, and all military services: <http://www.war-stories.com>). For 20 years I have encouraged members and websites visitors to update their DD-214's and to check with the VA to see if they are entitled to benefits due to their service in the Air Force. I now find myself taking my own advice. I have filed a claim with the VA concerning my service at Da Nang Airbase, South Vietnam, from 1965-1966. Da Nang was ground-zero for Agent Orange (home for Operation Ranch Hand) and other chemicals, and I have submitted a request for an appointment with the Agent Orange Registry, which is pending. I served with the below USAF Air Police Squadrons as a K-9 Sentry Dog Handler, and am currently being treated for PTSD. Many of the men I personally served with have passed away since 1997, and the one-witness to four of my seven "stressors" is in the last stages of Parkinson's and does not remember his wife's name. I introduced them and they have been married now 47 years (as have my wife and I).

I apologize for not being familiar with your procedures, and now ask for Archival Request help obtaining any information (for the years of 1965 and 1966, and extending a year on either side if info is available) for the 6252nd Air Police Squadron, Da Nang Airbase, RVN, and for the 35th Air Police Squadron, Da Nang Airbase, RVN in 1966-1967.

**Info I need, regarding:**

Regarding the 6252nd Air Police Squadron, assigned at Da Nang Airbase, RVN (18 July 1965-8 April 1966): Monthly/Quarterly Reports, After-Action Reports, Casualty Reports, Incident Reports, Enemy Attacks against Da Nang AB, Loss/Damage of Aircraft, KIA and WIA for US and RVN, between 18 July 1965 - 8 April 1966:

1. July - September 1966: Incident at Vietnamese Village near Da Nang AB where villagers were killed by Viet Cong.

2. Late 1965 - Early 1966: C-130 landing partially off Runway as reported by K-9 (reported by Don Poss, K-9 post).
3. B-57 Crash on Take-off, Jan 12, 1966: Pilots killed by large bomb explosion. Any after-action or Air Police Reports.
4. Jan 25, 1966: Information regarding (1) US KIA, James Bruce Jones (Standoff Mortar attack (20 rounds)), and (6) WIA; and RVN losses of (5) KIA and (25) WIA.

**Info I need, regarding:**

35th Air Police Squadron, assigned at Da Nang Airbase, RVN (8 Apr 1966 - 10 Oct 1966): Monthly/Quarterly Reports, After-Action Reports, Casualty Reports, Incident Reports, Enemy Attacks against Da Nang AB, Loss/Damage of Aircraft, KIA and WIA numbers for US and RVN, between 8 Apr 1966 - 10 Oct 1966:

1. April - May 1966: C-130 landing partially off Runway as reported by K-9 (reported by Don Poss, K-9 post).
2. Bomb Dump report of Viet Cong attempt to penetrate K-9 post and receiving automatic rifle fire, on dates between April 25, 1966 and May 30, 1966 (most likely on 6 May 1966). After Action Report was filed by Don Poss AF19744720.

Any help, advice, or pointing me in the right direction, you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

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