

ZIPPOS AND LIGHTERS WE CARRIED VIETNAM AND THAILAND

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Front

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[Biên Hòa](#)

Paredes, Leonard D.
65-66 BH, 34th TFW - 3rd APS,
1965-1966



[Biên Hòa](#)

c.1966 **Unknown.**
6251st SPS



[Biên Hòa](#)

Stuller, William A.
66-67 BH, 3rd APS, 3rd SPS
1966-1967
Life Member 358



[Biên Hòa](#)

Schneider, Robert W. Sr.
66-67 BH, 3rd TAC Srv Sq.
1966-1967



Bottom & Side

[Biên Hòa](#)

Pollock, Michael L.
68-69 BH, 3rd SPS
1968-1969



Saw the request for lighters and scrounged around and found this one that I had received prior to leaving Biên Hòa Nov. 69. It's kind of scratched up but all it needs is lighter fluid and it's ready to go. Mike Pollock

[Biên Hòa](#)

R. Leiter
69-69 BH, 822nd CSPS
1969



[Biên Hòa](#)

Weber, William C.
1970- BH, 3rd SPS; 6251st SPS
1971 1970-1971
Life Member 146



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[Binh Thuy](#)

Ralston, Anthony W.
 BT, 632nd SPS
 67-68 1967-1968
 Life Member 31

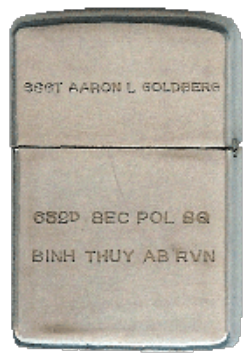
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[Binh Thuy](#)

Goldberg, Aaron Lew (Scotti)
 BT, 632nd SPS
 68-69 1968-1969
 Life Member 150



At Binh Thuy we got a nice new fridge and stocked it with soda for the night flight and kept it chained closed. The soda cost \$2.40 a case, and we were selling it for \$.15. My Boss, MSgt Tomlinson also a member here of VSPA told me with the profits to buy zippos for everyone a month before they DEROS. I couldn't come up with how many I purchased but it had the QC patch, persons name and year of service and squadron name. I think it held 6 cases and we would stock it when we got off duty so it was ready for the next night. It was just the honor system and it worked. WE had this old cooler and were getting ice from the mess hall. Most of the guys refered soda over coffee as long as you would stay on the post a while and BS.

[Binh Thuy](#)

Nelson Avery, LM 497
 BT, 632nd SPS;
 DN, 366th SPS
 69-70 1969-1970



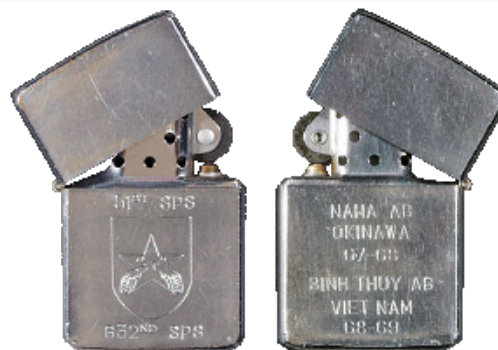
[Binh Thuy](#)

Levinson, Stanley D.
 BT, 632nd SPS, 6255th ABS
 69-70 1969-1970
 Life Member 308



[Binh Thuy](#)

Hall, Steven J.
 BT, 632nd SPS, A-Flight
 1968-1969



I almost lost this lighter to a sneaky ARVN soldier. I was in a perimeter tower on the east side of Binh Thuy AB. I think it was Kilo 7Alpha. It was getting pretty dark and as usual the ARVN troops were being posted on the cement pillboxes along the perimeter road that were in front of our towers. One of the ARVN troops came up to the base of the tower and indicated that his lighter was out of fluid; he needed at light. I motioned for him to climb up. When he came up, he flicked his lighter, showing me it was out of fluid. "No sweat," I said and I gave him my lighter so he could light up. He pointed out to the fence line distracting me long enough to palm my lighter and exchanged it for his. He would have gotten away with it except I decided to have a cigarette myself and as I tried to light my Marlboro with his lighter, I got no flame, only sparks. He started to move toward the ladder just as I realized there was something fishy about this deal and it didn't have anything to do with Nouc Mam. Mine was easy to identify, even in the dark and the one I had in my hand wasn't mine. I grabbed him by the sleeve and growled, "Give me my lighter, you asshole." Even though he didn't speak English, he knew he'd been caught and handed it back to me. I probably should have thrown his into the canal behind the tower, but I was so pissed I just told him to get down... but I wasn't that nice about it.

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[Cam Ranh Bay AB](#)

Erdley, Howard T. (Tim)
 66-67 CRB, 12th SPS
 1966-1967



[Cam Ranh Bay AB](#)

Schrater
 67-68 CRB, 1967-1968



[Cam Ranh Bay AB](#)

Yelle, Keith P.
67-68 CRB, 12th SPS, Phantom Flight
1967-1968



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[Đà Nẵng](#)

Unknown.
64-65 23rd ABG/AP
Đà Nẵng, 1965

Front Back



[Đà Nẵng](#)

Unknown.
1965 NCO/AIRMEN'S
OPEN MESS
6252nd Air Police
Đà Nẵng, Vietnam
1965



[Đà Nẵng](#)

Poss, Don L.
65-66 DN, 23rd ABG/APS; 6252nd APS;
35th APS; 366th SPS K9
1965-1966



In 1966, LTC Phillips gave every member of the 6252nd Security Police Squadron one of these lighters. LTC Phillips regularly called us the "6252nd Combat Air Police Squadron." He may have known about plans for Combat Security Police training, or not, but of course that title was later granted those future squadrons. A few months later, the 35th APS replaced the 6252d APS (See below).

[Đà Nẵng](#)

Mandley, Al
1966 DN, 35th APS
19666



[Đà Nẵng](#)

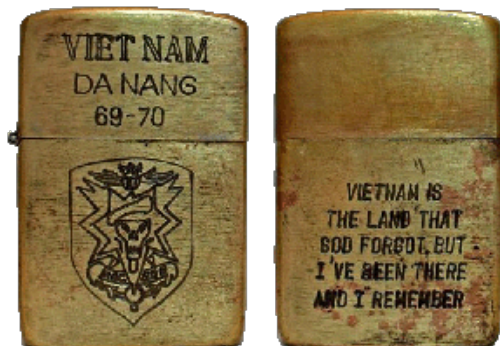
[Monkey Mountain](#)

Unknown.
Đà Nẵng
c.1968 Monkey Mountain Lounge
"The Wooly Boogers"
"Sorry'Bout That"
1968



[Đà Nẵng](#)

Unknown.
69-70 Đà Nẵng
1969-1970



Bottom & Side

[Đà Nẵng](#)

[Monkey Mountain](#)

MSgt Raymond L. Osbourne, Jr.
N.C.O. OPEN MESSES
366th SPS, Đà Nẵng AB;
366th TFW- ĐÀ NẴNG
71-72 **THE GUNFIGHTERS**
VIETNAM
1971-1972

submitted by L. Osbourne



[Đà Nẵng](#)

Martin O'Donnell
 71-72 15th APS, 366th CSG
 1971-1972



Don, Here are pics of my Zippo obtained at Đà Nẵng Air Base. I was an augmentee from the 15th APS, 366th Combat Support Group assigned to a "Peacemaker" around the end of "71", start of "72". Not a very good picture but it says "When I Die I'll go to Heaven because I've spent my time in Hell". Martin O'Donnell

[Đà Nẵng](#)

[Monkey Mountain](#)

SGT Kovatch J.F. (John)
 VIETNAM
 71-72 620th TCS,
 Mountain of Vigilance,
 MONKEY MOUNTAIN
 1966 to Nov 1967



[Đà Nẵng](#)

LaTour, Gary M.
 DN, 66th SPS,
 72-72 6498th SPS
 1972
 Life Member 195



Here's a couple pictures of my zippo - never have used it since Danang. Gary

[Dong HA](#)

Lewicki, Frank
 67-68 DET DH, 1/366th SPS;
 DN, 366th SPS,
 China Beach



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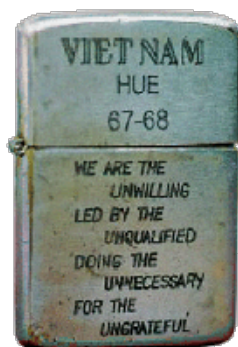
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Hue

Unknown.
 67-68 Hue, Vietnam.

1967-1968



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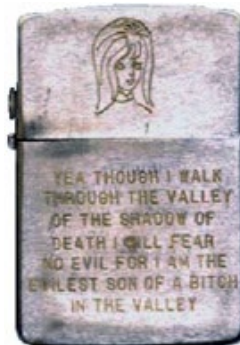
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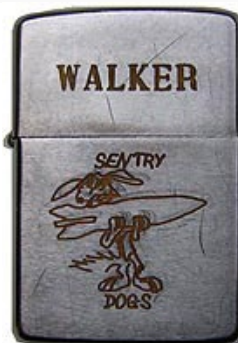
[Nha Trang](#)

Piazza, William (Pete)
 66-68; CRB, 12th APS; BH, 3rd SPS; PC, 12th
 1970- SPS
 1971 1966-1968; 1970-1971
 Life Member 141



[Nha Trang](#)

Walker, Steve
 67-68 NT, 14th SPS, K-9
 1967-1968



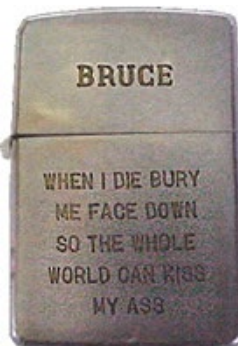
[Nha Trang](#)

Unknown.
 67-68 Nha Trang.
 1967-1968






[Nha Trang](#)



1968 **Thompson, George B.**
 NT, 14th SPS.
 1968-1969




My Zippo lighter purchased at the Nha Trang AB BX 1968.

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Phan Rang	66-66	Tillman, Michael A. Phan Rang, 6258 CSG/AP, 366th AP/SPS, 35th SPS 1966		

Phan Rang Tuy Hoa AB	68-69	John S. Gorto Phan Rang, Tuy Hoa Heavy Weapons 31st. SPS/35th SPS 1968-1969		
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Phan Rang	68-70	Parsons, Thomas E. Phan Rang AB: 35th SPS 1968-1970		
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Phan Rang	69-70	Unknown. Phan Rang 1969-1970	
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Phan Rang	1969	Unknown. Phan Rang AB, 823rd CSPS 1969
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[Phan Rang](#)

1969 (?) **Gainok, Robert.**
PR, 823rd CSPS;
PC, 823rd CSPS
1969



[Phan Rang](#)

71-72 **Donnelly, Thomas B.**
Augmentee / 15th APS, 366th Combat
Support Group, assigned to a
"Peacemaker"
1971-1972



Here is a pic of the back side of my Zippo obtained at Đà Nẵng Air Base. I was an augmentee from the 15th APS, 366th Combat Support Group assigned to a "Peacemaker" around the end of "71", start of "72". Not a very good picture but it says "when I die I'll go to heaven because I've spent my time in hell". I'll send the front side next.
Martin O'Donnell

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[Phu Bai](#)

64-65 **Unknown.**
Phu Bai, Vietnam
1964-1965



[Phu Bai](#)

68-69 **Unknown.**
Phu Bai, Vietnam
1968-1969



[Phu Bai](#)

Unknown.
69-70 Phu Bai, Vietnam
1969-1970



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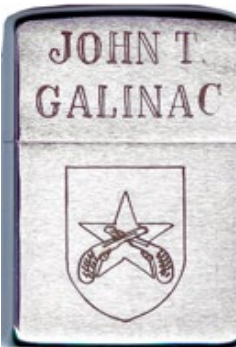
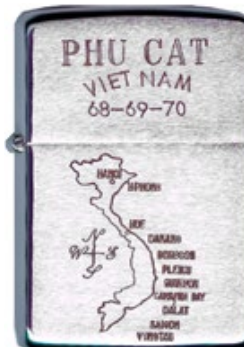
[Phu Cat](#)

Davis, Douglas E.
PC, 37th SPS,
68-69 **K9: Smoke 978X**
1968-1969
Life Member 464



[Phu Cat](#)

Galinac, John T.
Phu Cat, 37th SPS
68-70 1968-1970
Life Member 199



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[Pleiku](#)

Bradford.
67-68 Pleiku
1967-1968



Bottom



[Pleiku](#)

824th APRON, K-9
 PLEIKU, VIETNAM
 APR 1964 to Nov 1966;
 64-67 633rd SPRON, K-9
 PLEIKU, VIETNAM
 NOV 1966 to Nov 1967

submitted by Ron Carlton



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[Tan Son Nhut](#)

1967 **Unknown.**
 Tan Son Nhut,
 Airmen's Open Mess
 1967



[Tan Son Nhut](#)

68-69 **Smith, Edwin J. (Jack).**
 TSN, 377th SPS
 1968-1969



I got there Dec 3 1968, I got the lighter in Jan 1969. There was a little shop right out side of the Main Gate at Tan Son Nhut. I got the lighter in the BX and had the shop engrave it for me. I carried it for years then I stopped smoking 16 years ago and put it away. My old lighter was a *Storm King* and it still works to this day. I had not thought of it till I read the post on lighter photo's Thanks for bringing it back to my old mind. Jack

[Tan Son Nhut](#)

69-70 **Colombo, Russ**
 TSN, 377th SPS
 1969-1970



[Tan Son Nhut](#)

Bird, Gary L.
72-73 TSN, 377th SPS
1972-1973



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[Udorn RTAFB](#)

Childers Jr., Ernest H.
1970- Udorn, 432nd SPS K9,
1971 K9: Duke X093
1970-1971



Sorry it took me awhile but I had to do some digging. I had this made up on base at Udorn Thailand 1970 or 1971. I gave them a book on "Peanuts" and they did the Snoopy. I went to get the lighter and they wanted to keep my book....or course I said NO. Don't ask me why I didnt have them put 432nd SPS, Udorn Thailand 1970-1971 somewhere on the lighter. I have another lighter that I got at the NCO Club with a nice picture of Thailand and Udorn all over it... still looking and when I find it I'll send it along also. Ernie Childers

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[US Embassy](#)

Unknown.
c.1967 U.S. Embassy,
Saigon, Vietnam
1967



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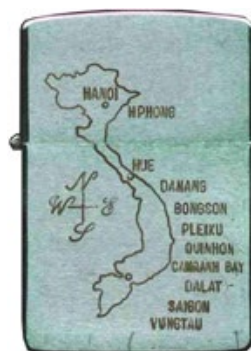
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Vietnam

1968 **Unknown.**
Vietnam Map.
c.1968



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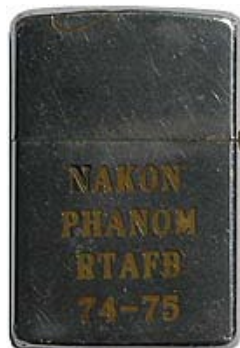
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[NKP RTAFB Thailand](#)

1974-
1975 **Jonathan Faulkner**
Nakhon Phanom RTAFB,
56th SPS
1974-1975



I bought this Zippo shortly after arriving at NKP. When I got back to the World, my Dad engraved it for me on his machine. It's not straight and there's a mark on the lid but he meant well. I used it for years until the weld on the lid broke. I sent it to Zippo for repairs and when I got it back, I retired it.

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Thailand RTAFB 1970 **Unknown.**
Thailand RTAFB.
1970-1971



Thailand, Hanchin

1970 **Unknown.**
Thai' Police.
c.1970



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