

# The Battle of Bunker Hill 10

## Honoring Sgt Luther Wade Young

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*Biên Hòa AB View of Rocket Observation Post atop Bomb Dump Tower Able-10 (A long climb— but a great view.)*

No story would be completed without mention of Sgt Luther Wade Young alerting the base to incoming rockets prior to the ground attack. He had a tower post, Able-10 (metal crow's nest type) on the north side of the base, which was his regular post because no one else performed the incoming rocket-watch job as he did. Sgt Young was so good at spotting incoming rockets and alerting the base, he often actually sounded the airbase rocket-alarm siren as soon as launched-rockets left the jungle canopy! The alarm-sirens' wailing alerted the entire base before the first rocket would explode on base. Sgt Young also perfected his rocket-watch job to the point he was able to pretty much pinpoint the launch area, and report that for counter-battery.

Just another SP who served with valor and honor that made our job a success. When rockets and mortars are incoming, seconds count. I am positive Sgt Young saved lives,

considering barrack type hooches and huts were often totally destroyed by rockets, and several KIAs and wounded resulted.

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“42 years later, Luther Wade Young received the Bronze Star w/V. At the Security Police Statue, on the grounds of the Air Force Museum, Luther Young received his *just-honor*...an honor he did not campaign nor ask for. Sgt Luther Young, like most of us in VSPA, was a young one-term Airman; he became an unlikely-hero, and was honored so in Dayton, Ohio.

In 2008, then Col. Marin “Marty” Strones, remembered the young Sergeant Luther Young from those days and began a campaign to find him and see that he got the recognition he deserved...he contacted the 3rd SPS Commander, of that time, LTC Kent Miller, and also Major General Mary Kay Hertog, who at that time was Commander /Director of the Security Forces in Washington D.C.”