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RE: 1965-1966 handlers at Da Nang AB, for K-9 MWD Shep A902

Robert, in response to your email regarding handlers for Shep A902 from 1965-1966, here follows a summary of answers.

I contacted Bill Cummings, VSPA K-9 consultant, and asked him to check the Official USAF Card for Shep A902 to confirm Shep's listed handlers with dates from 1965-1966, and for the three handlers needing clarification.

Bill Cummings replied with an email today and here are the results I've already added to the VSPA spreadsheet, that will place each of you on the rosters you are entitled to. Look it over and if there are corrections <u>email Don Poss</u> (me)—*no one else*— and I will review it further. I will not change anything in conflict with the K-9 Cards.

1. [VSPA.com ROSTER DATES LIST ONLY YEARS AND NOT FULL DATES. The following full-dates listed for the summaries are to help clarify, sequentially, the order of handlers for Shep A90, 1965-1966.

Guzman, Luis	27 May	DN, 6252nd APS. K-9;	K-9.	TopDog45
[No email on file. No info on file other than what is displayed to the right.	1965- 1 NOV 1965. (Guzman gave Shep to	CRB, 12th APS, K-9. [TDY*-K-9 TOPDOG45 Trainer].	Shep A902	
No Application. No DD-214. No Join Date. No Renew Date; eMail; Address, Phone, CSZ.	Handler Lee, then went to CRB to train OJT another K-9 handler, and back to Walker AFB.)			

* TDY from Walker AFB, NM.

<u>ee, Robert A.</u>	1 NOV	DN, 6252nd	К-9	TopDog45
ralee@comcast.net]	1965- 19	APS.(SSGT) K-	Shep A902;	
	May 1966	9-	Bucky 5A69	
	[Lee is not sure of the handler's name who took Shep in May 1966. "Could be		(CRB?) [I think Bucky was Gary Eberbach's dog, Bucky 5A69.] <i>Here's</i> why *	
		alee@comcast.net]1965- 19 May 1966[Lee is not sure of the handler's name who took Shep in May 1966.	alee@comcast.net]1965- 19 May 1966APS.(SSGT) K- 9-[Lee is not sure of the handler's name who took Shep in May 1966. "Could be	alee@comcast.net]1965- 19 May 1966APS.(SSGT) K- 9-Shep A902; Bucky 5A69 (CRB?)[Lee is not sure of the handler's name who took Shep in May 1966. "Could beII think Bucky was Gary Eberbach's dog, Bucky 5A69.] Here's why *

* **Eberbach DEROS'd July 1966** and came to Long Beach and visited for six months (I introduced him to his wife of 52 yrs. So, Bucky would certainly have been available, and Trainer Luis Guzman could have taken Bucky 5A69 to CRB for training (opinion).

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Miller, Leland R. (Lee)	1 9 May	DN, 23rd ABG/AP;	K-9.	TopDog45
[ibspoon45@yahoo.com]	1966	6252nd APS; 35th	Shep	
	May	APS; 366th SPS. K-9.	A902	
	1967*			

*Shep A902's K-9 Card indicates Leland R. Miller handled Shep a full year; May-1966 through May-1967.

I hope you agree with the above. Please let me know if there's a problem.

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