



A2C Throneburg, Robert A., AF14840178 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**

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. 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 the below photograph)



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)



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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
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

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