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Don, hope this is ok with what U asked me to write up? Make any changes U feel needed, ok? Pete

On the morning of 31 January 1968, Security Policemen and Augmentees from the 3rd Security Police Squadron, Bien Hoa Air Base stepped up to defend their base from the VC/NVA attack. They did not have all the best equipment or training, but they did have SPIRIT and PRIDE in doing their job of protecting their base from any and all enemy troops that came to destroy and kill the Americans and Vietnamese stationed at Bien Hoa AB.

The 3rd SPS Defenders and Augmentees met the battle head on and showed the VC/NVA what the US Air Force Defenders where all about and that they would not roll over easy to the enemy. These men stood tall this day so that the world they knew would be proud of them. All were Hero's in some form or another and held together as a team that fought as one until the battle was over and the enemy was defeated.

Yes, we lost several good men that min, but the VC/NVA lost more and found out that when you attack any Airbase guarded by the Security Police and Augmentees you pay for it in a big way. This history and heritage lives on today as the US Air Force Security Forces continue to follow in the foot steps of the Air Policemen and Security Policemen that set the standard for them to follow with the bottom line still being followed today from what we as Air Police and Security Police Vietnam Vets stated long ago, "No Airbases in the Vietnam or Thailand were ever over ran by the enemy"!

In today's world the US Air Force Security Forces carry on these history and heritage lessons and even made some new ones in the many different places around the world. But they will always think of the Defenders of the Airbases in Vietnam that started it with their Pride and Dedication of duty before self!