

**Binh Thuy Air Base**  
**632nd SPS**  
**Photos by Hector Ramos, Sgt**  
 Binh Thuy AB RVN  
 632nd SPS 1969

*Photo: Hector Ramos in bunker in front of C7 tower*

I was stationed at Binh Thuy AB in 1969 & worked on Devil Flt as a tower guard most of my tour there.

What I'd like to relate here and now is something that occurred years later in 1988 as a result of an inquiry in the form of a letter from a lady in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Mrs. Erlyce Pekas had been engaged to [A1C](#)

Millard W. Lehman, 632 SPS who had been KIA at Binh Thuy in 1966. In her letter & in subsequent conversations I had with her I was touched by her desire to provide a meaningful memorial to her fiancée and particularly his parents.

She was seeking any photographs of the memorial that was erected by his fellow Airmen near the NCO Club, but although I saw it and knew of it, I never photographed it. According to her letter the original plaque was presented to his parents when the Binh Thuy memorial was dismantled near the end of the war & presented to his folks in Tucson, Arizona.

It's been 13 years since and I've lost contact with Mrs. Pekas as well as my own service mates, but it has always bugged me that I was not able to provide her with what could have gone a long way in offering closure in her loss. Until now. When I discovered the VSPA it became clear to me from the contributions of [Sgt Duke Windsor's letter & pictures](#) of the memorial from him and others, that Airman Lehman's memory still lives in the hearts of his brothers. If I could contact (I've tried) Erlyce now, what better way to let her know that there is a place where she, friends and family can see for themselves the tributes to Air Force Security Police that the VSPA displays by those that served before, beside him and after.



I still have the letter & inserts that she sent me back in '88 and would like to donate them to the VSPA.

If we can get help in locating her [click on above letter & inserts] it may be possible to get her permission to print the letter & let her know that I never forgot about it.

Please provide an address where I can separately mail you copies of the letter & inserts if you feel this story will have valid interest.

Hector Ramos, Sgt  
Binh Thuy AFB RVN  
632 SPS 1969

### Photos Follow



**001 Hector Ramos.**

*Yeah, there are a lot of pictures of me... but let's face it  
... all the other guys are too ugly to take pictures of.*

**002 Ramos and....**





**003 k9 Luke & handler (name?)**



**004 Luke: "Arf Arf... "**  
*(I warned you they were ugly!)*



005 A1C Donald Ashby of Devil Flt



006 Al B Warr of Devil Flt



**007 Perimeter Rd & tower 15A**



**008 SAT Team on APC Al Warr, Kirkpatrick & ?**



008 Chester Bland at Main Gate.



009 On perimeter Rd (name?). *What's the SP doing in the ditch?*



010 Outside the hootch before work-Roberson, Davis & Gwynn of Devil Flt

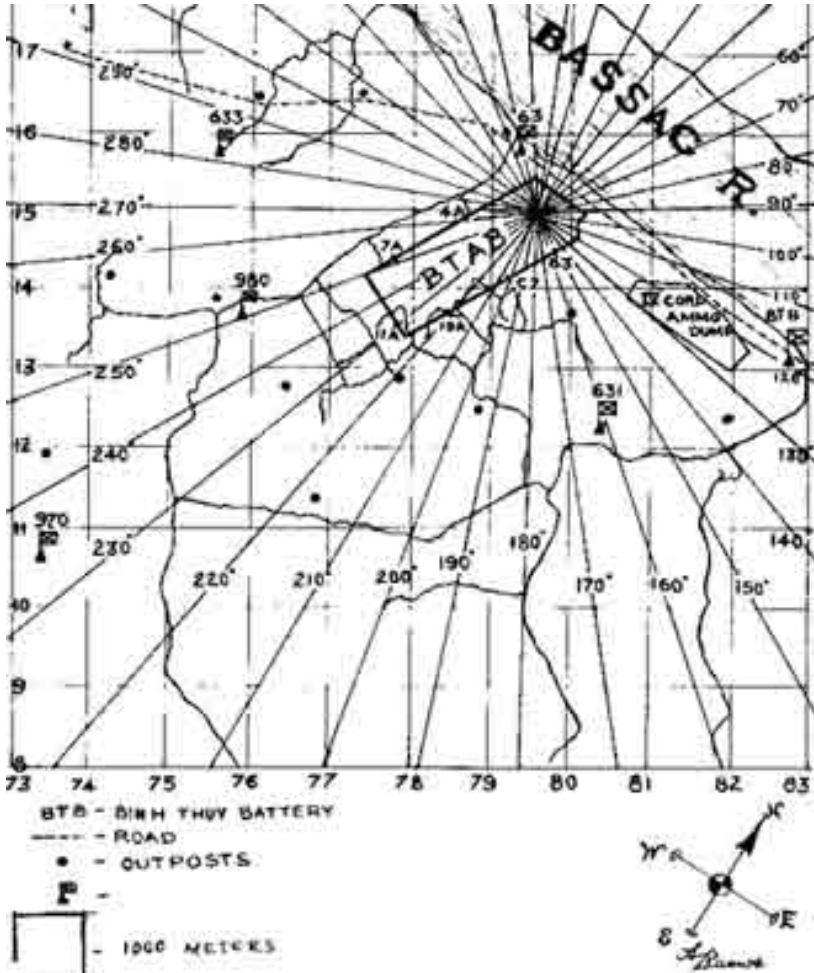
**011. Looking for a treat... "Sweet Pea" Devil Flt mascot, probably went by a few other names too.**

**012. Early guardmount for devil Flt during Tet.**



**015. Nan an NCO Club employee.  
(Me No V.C....**

*... me NVA!)*



016. (left) BTAB Battery Road and Outposts grid. Coordinate map of Binh Thuy AB used by tower guards



017. Yu, our young Mamasan



018. Ramos in hooch before work

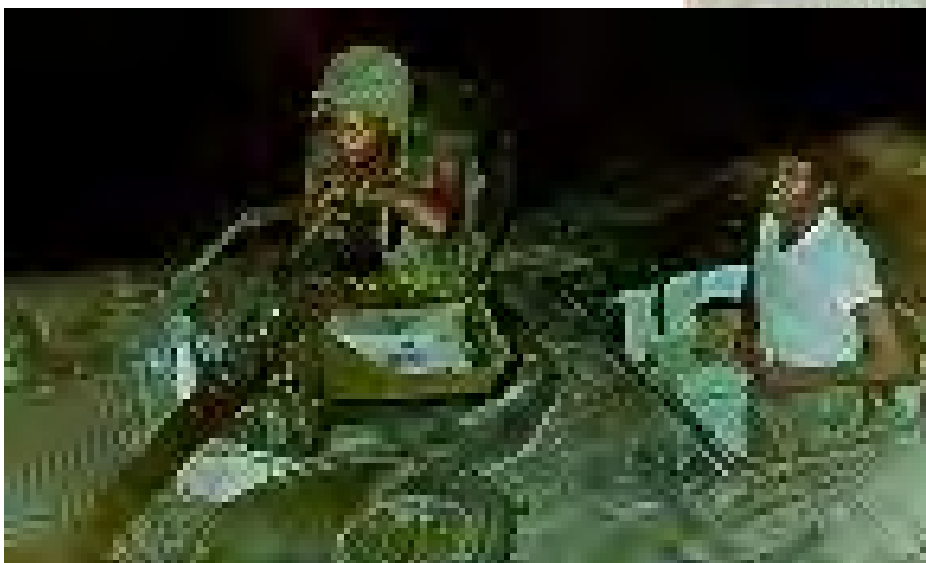


019. (right)Me, Hector Ramos, in APC.

020 (below, center)  
Sentry dog Luke on the job



021 Fox V, SSgt Dennis & A1C Ashby



All photos taken between Feb 1969 & Jan 1970.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Steelboots1@aol.com [mailto:Steelboots1@aol.com]  
**To:** hector.ramos@pseg.com  
**Subject:** Binh Thuy 68-69

Hello, Hector. My name is Gary Steele and I was at Binh Thuy working first with base police then with D-Flt . Saw your name on the VSPA site and thought I would drop a line to you. If you would like please drop a line and let me know how you are, the old fog in the head gets a little forgetful so I got to get it in gear,lol. Welcome Home!

**From:** Ramos, Hector [Hector.Ramos@pseg.com]  
**To:** 'Steelboots1@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Binh Thuy 68-69

Hi Garry,

Thanks for writing, your my first contact from VSPA and hopefully not the last. I was at Binh Thuy all of 1969 on Devil Flt also. I was usually in Tower-7 and made a name for myself by making early 10-66 calls on incoming. I too can't remember many names, but am very happy to have run into the VSPA site because like you I've longed to know what became of my brothers & wish to share some memories. I've attached a photo of me & Joe DiMaggio that was taken on a U.S.O. tour after the '69 world series, I still treasure this Polaroid shot (it's my screensaver) because it reminds me that there were Americans that supported us. I'll soon be sending in some more photos & a story or two so keep posted. Welcome Home Brothers.

Hector