

TET Offensive 1968

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12th SPS, Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN (3-1967 to 3-1968)

Binh Thuy AB (TDY, Feb 1968)

Wes Smale, a native of Elkhorn WI, enlisted in November of 1965. After basic training was assigned to the 4510th Air Police Sqdn, Luke AFB AZ. In March of 1967 he was transferred to **Cam Ranh Bay AB**, Vietnam. He spent most of tour assigned to the Myca Checkpoint, performing Security and Law Enforcement Duties. When **Binh Thuy AB** was being attacked by VC during February of 1968, he along with 25 other Security Police from Cam Ranh Bay AB and 25 others from Phag Rang, went TDY to stop the TET Offensive against that base.

After Vietnam, Wes was assigned to 40th CSS (SP) Aviano AFB Italy. Upon returning Stateside (in April of 1970) he cross-trained thereby ending his Security Police career with the Air Force.

During the remainder of Wes Smale's Air Force career was voluntarily in two Aerial Photography Career Fields (One tour as Master Instructor at Lowry AFB CO), a Basic Military Training Instructor at Lackland AFB TX, and was forced cross-trained into the munitions Career Field. During which time, he saw tours of duty at Tan Son Nhut AB RVN, Udorn and Ubon RTAFBs Thailand, and Germany.

Wes Smale received an Honorable Service-Connected Disability Retirement in August of 1982

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