



# Đà Nẵng Growl Pad



**USAF Sentry K-9  
Blackie (X129): six tours in  
SVN**



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The year 1965, under LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr., construction began for a decent dog kennels to house fifty-plus sentry dogs, of the 6252 Combat Air Police Squadron, 366th SPS. LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. had acquired an office-building for the Đà Nẵng Growl Pad's Command and Security Control offices. Some very irate marine officers sniffed around the compound scratching their chins and heads while eyeing the newly painted structure, which seemingly resembled one missing from their facility. "Someone absconded with an entire screened-structure? Those thieving ARVN bastards... and after all that you brave marines have done for their country!... That building? ... No, no... we've had that building forever... surely you don't think that one fine day a whole building just appeared? Wet paint? You know, if it moves, salute it, if it doesn't, paint it--gotta keep the troops busy."

**It's true that *paint covers a lot of sin*, and the marines--always on the short-end of the Navy's stick-- suffered an acute shortage of steaks, prime-ribs, and kegs of beer, which LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. happened to have in abundance, and willingly shared with our brave comrade perimeter-marines at more than one infamous morale-enhancing events.**

**A week later---according to the marines---** "What! Them thieving ARVN bastards must'a stole your fly-boy eight-foot square forty-foot long ship's metal container full'a liquid morale-enhancement from the Growl Pad. "Ah... You mean, that container...?"

Another day at Đà Nẵng Air Base, South Vietnam.



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