

VIETNAM

1965-1966



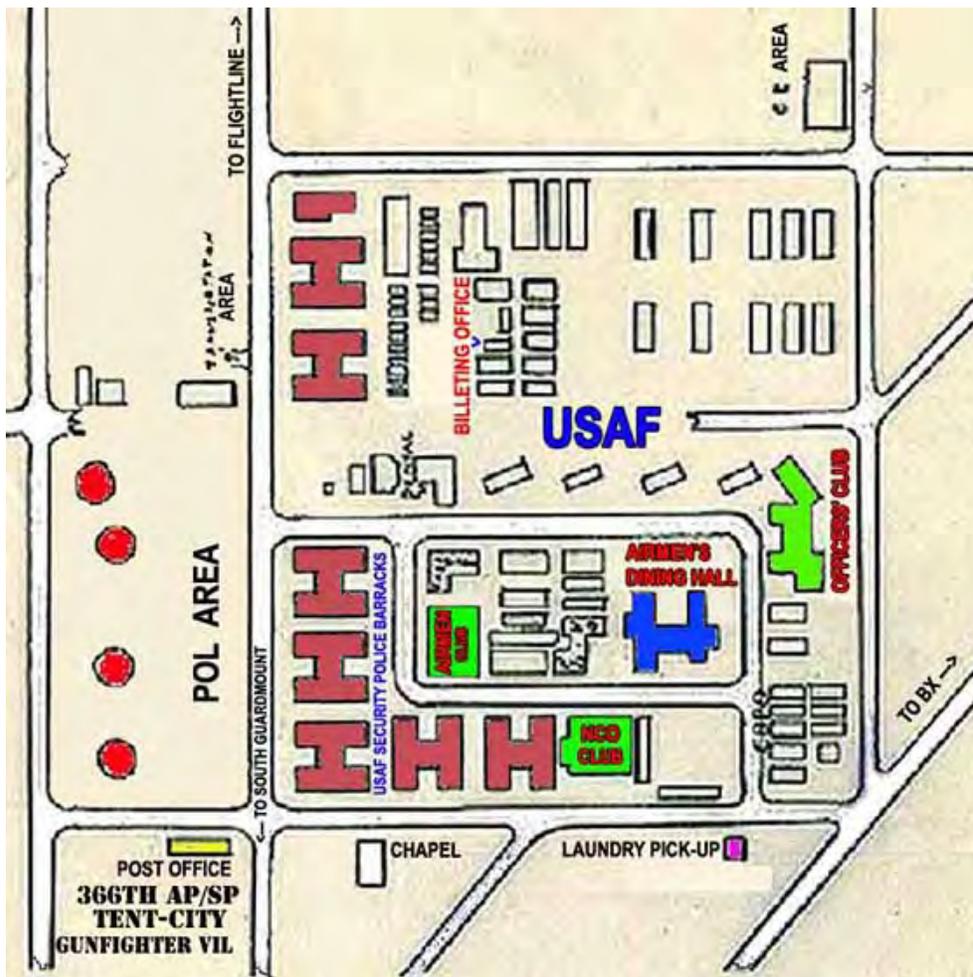
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23rd ABG/AP; 6252nd APS; 35th APS; 366th APS/SPS
APO for Đà Nẵng Air Base was APO San Francisco, 96337

Telling it like it was!



TENT CITY: Đà Nẵng AB, 366th APS/SPS Tent City, phasing out with Hut construction in the wings! 1965-1966. Flares adrift through the night.



1. (above) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: CSC. 4th of July, the only day we were allowed to fly the US Flag. 1965.

2. (right) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: USAF AP/SP Barracks and new Tent-City, 1965.





3. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: Photo view south from shower building area. Tent City began parallel to the west cantonment road on the east, flight line road on the west, POL service road on the north, and closing on the south to a triangle shape with a diagonal road. My tent was row-1, number-2 (far-right, near the brush). 1965.



4. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: AP Cantonment, Tent City, Access Control post (right). Airman Wallis takes photo of our mamasan. If your still out there I would like to hear from you. 1965.

5. (right) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:
Mamasan closeup. 1965.

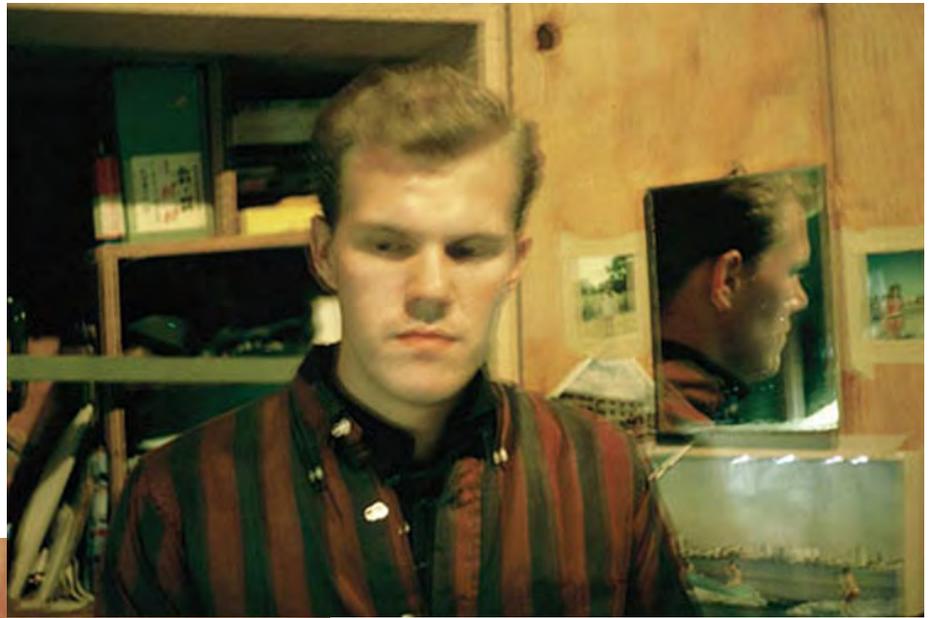


6. (below) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: James
McNall. Sign says "Air Police Personnel
Only."

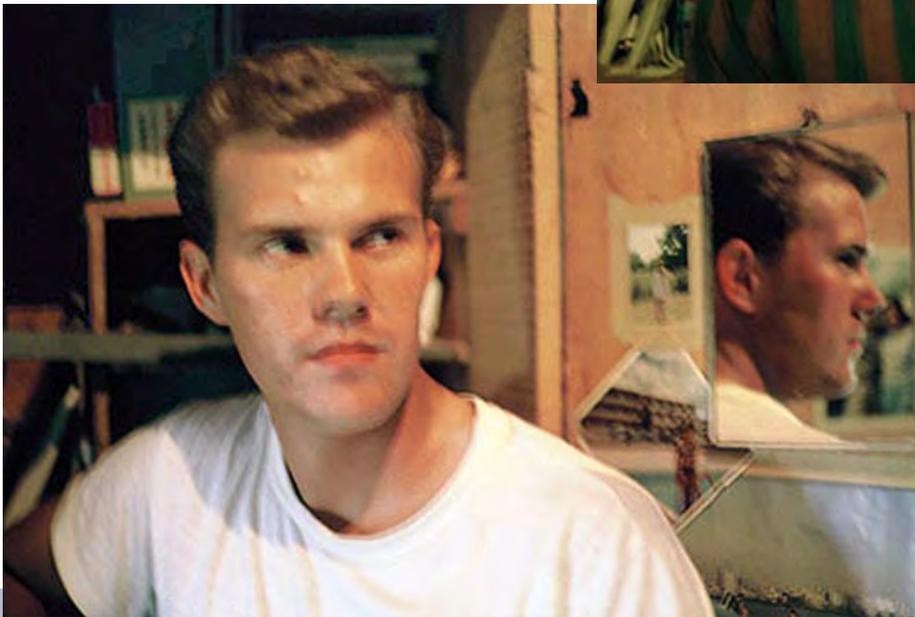
Photo view north. Jim McNall was one of
the airman I went on R&R with to Tokyo
Japan. 1965. If you're still out there I
would like to hear from you.



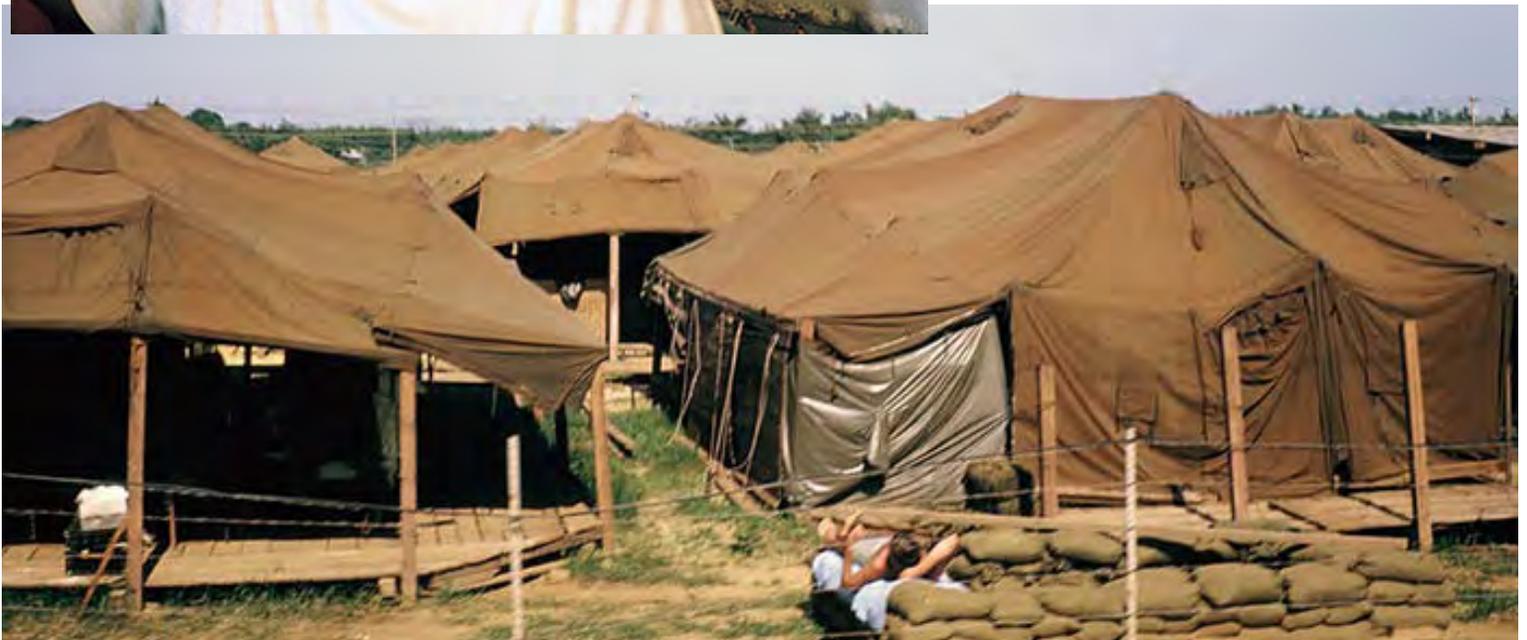
7. (right) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:
Airman Maxie Pierce, teammate. We
were going downtown Da Nana. 1965. If
you're still out there I would like to
hear from you.



8. (below) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:
Airman Maxie Pierce, teammate. 1965.



9. (pan) Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: A2C
Miller, trying to sleep outside;
Sweltering tents, too hot to sleep in
by 0800. Some guys stretched out on
top of bunkers or found shade
wherever. All agreed the heat
radiated down-ward for a tent's top
was oppressive and sucked the air
out of your lungs. 1965.



10. (right) **Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:** No shade outside and already way too hot to try and sleep in the tent. Maybe the chow hall or airman's club is cooler if their ceiling fans are working. 1965.



11. (below) **Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:** Daughtersan. 1965.



12. (left) **Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:** Mamasan's husband. ARVN officer. 1965.

13. (below) **Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:** Daughtersan. 1965.



14. (right) **Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:** The beginning of the Monsoon season changes everything. Mostly like being in a steaming sauna. The pranks change, like touching the tent ceiling right above someone sleeping (water drips through onto the victim: *heh-heh*). 1965.



15. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:

Mamasan was always friendly and a good worker, with a sharp eye out for *numb'a ten-thou* GIs around her daughtersans. 1965.



16. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:

City: Vietnamese ARVN housing, across the street from our tents. 1965.



17. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:

City: Vietnamese workers on base clearing debris. These ladies could do back-breaking labor all day in the sun or rain. 1965.





18. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:
Vietnam, land of cement-telephone poles and wooden sidewalks.
Vietnamese electricians working on the power lines. 1965.

19. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City:
Vietnamese lineman climbed the pole and forgot to tell anyone he was afraid of heights. His cohorts jeered at him until he finally came down. 1965.



20. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: ARVN [Uplifted Wings Memorial to Fallen Airmen](#) across from Tent City. 1965.



21. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: James McNall takes a break from the tent's heat. From my tent compound. We had watched construction of the ARVN Uplifted Wings Memorial for a few weeks, which was pretty fast considering the bureaucracy necessary to accomplish anything. 1965.





22. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: SVN dignitaries . 1965.



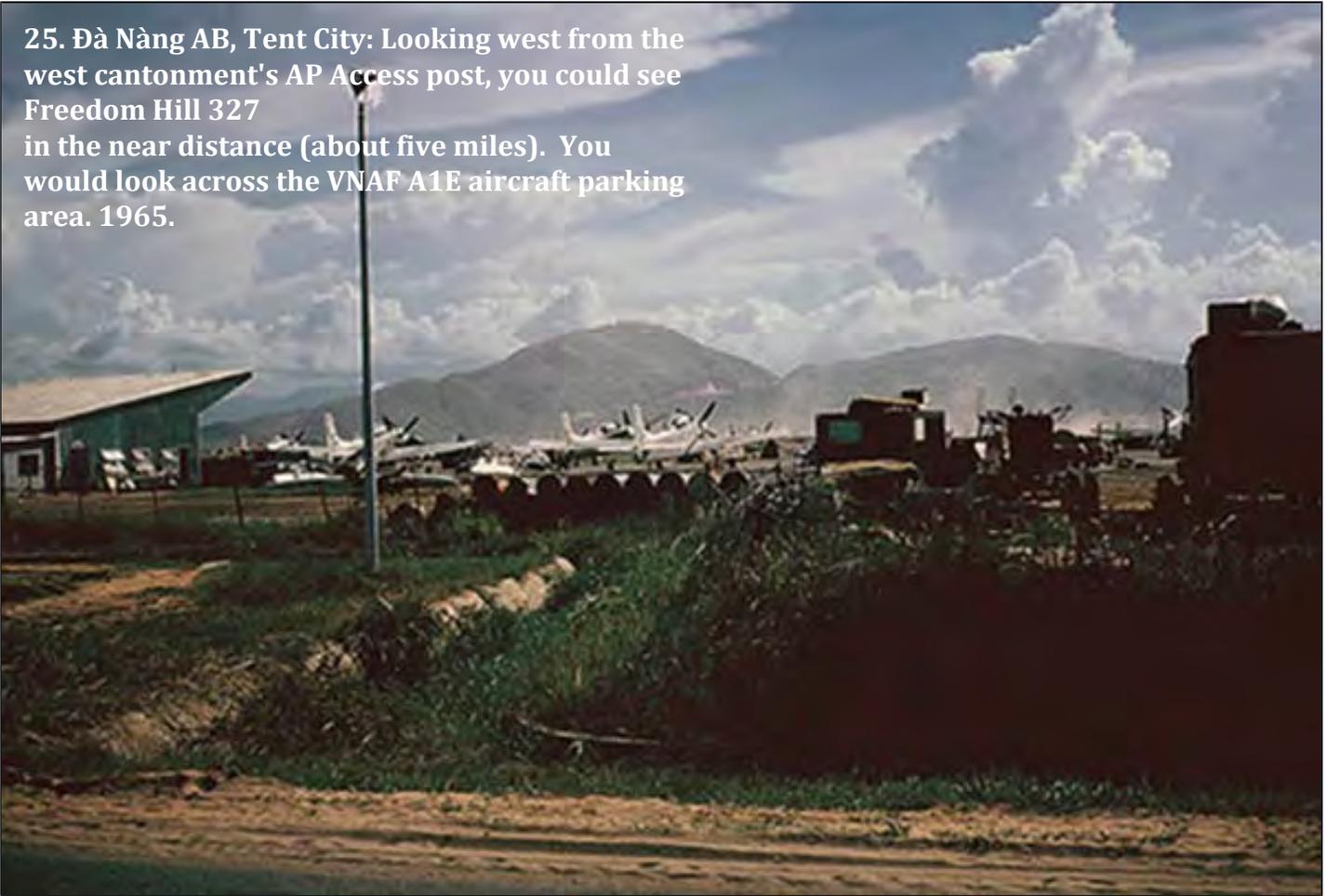
23. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: ARVN Uplifted Wings Memorial. 1965.

For a *major* dedication ceremony, attendance was poor. True, there were SVN flags, banners, spotlights sweeping a starry night sky, bonfires, and civilians standing around... someone got a medal, and a Vietnamese civilian gave a speech which no one applauded. When it was over, the crowd faded quietly into the night. The memorial, *Uplifted Wings*, was touted as *an eternal flame*... but sometime during that dedication night, *the flame went out*... and... was *never* re-lit.



24. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: Gary Eberbach waiting to see if we were going to the chow hall or the Airman's Club. 1965. After we had both DEROS'd, Gary came to visit me in California. I introduced him to his wife, Rita, of 47 years now -- only time I ever played Cupid :) to me! RIP: Gary Eberbach, March 2017; Agent Orange in VA Hospital.

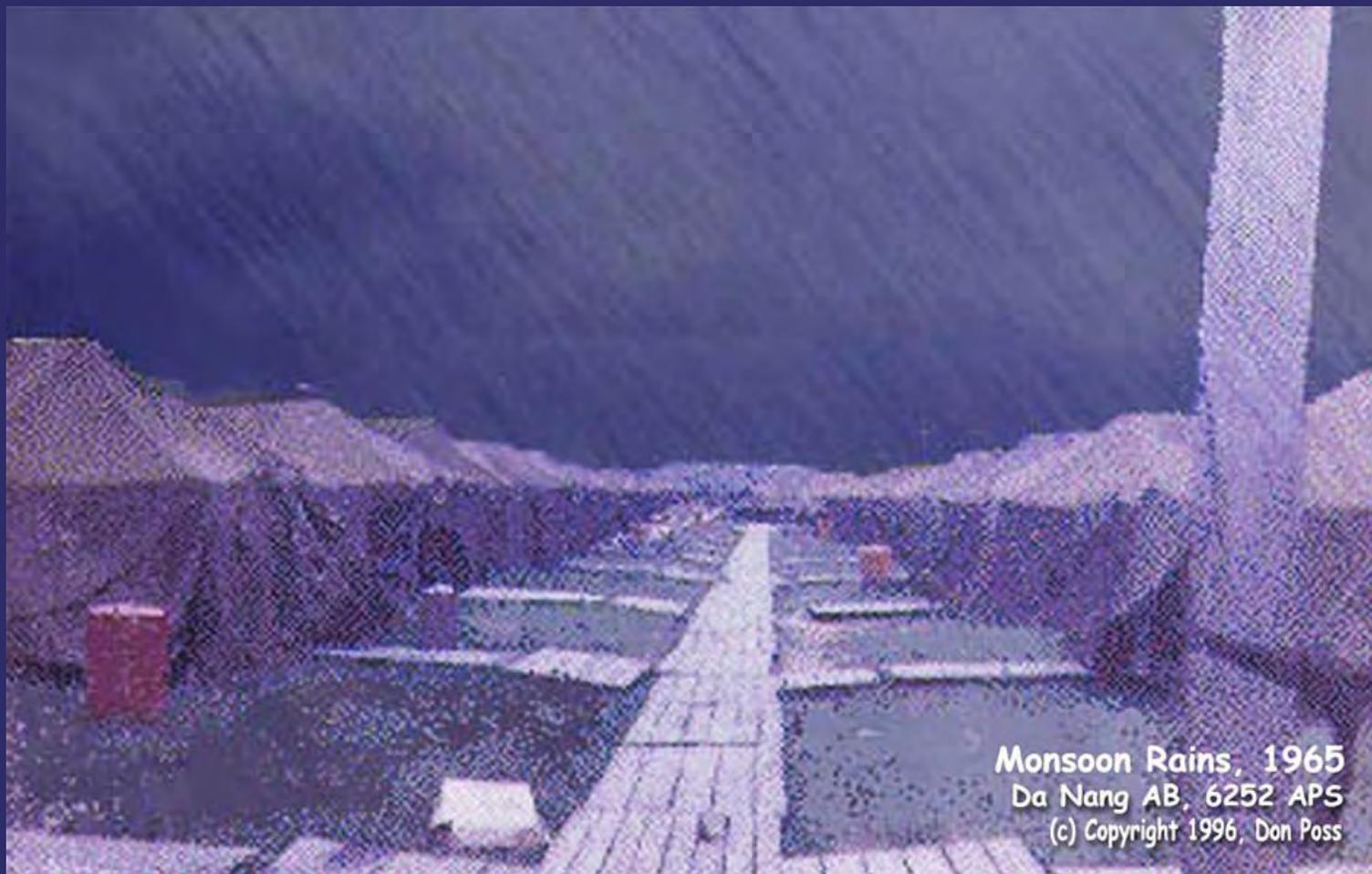
25. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: Looking west from the west cantonment's AP Access post, you could see Freedom Hill 327 in the near distance (about five miles). You would look across the VNAF A1E aircraft parking area. 1965.



26. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: Looking west from Tent City's cantonment area, you could see a growing aircraft bone yard pile of rubble, along with part of a C-130 destroyed and now cannibalized from the 1 July 1965 sapper attacked that Sgt Terance Jensen was KIA in. 1965.



27. Đà Nẵng AB, Tent City: An early graphic art from an old slide photo of mine, portraying the Monsoon Rains at Đà Nẵng AB. 1965.



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