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1041st SPS(T) ADVANCE-TEAM, DEPLOYS
1041st SPS(T) SQUADRON DEPLOYS

Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in route to Phù Cát Air Base, South Vietnam

USNS SGT JACK J PENDELTON,
sailed from Pearl Harbor Hawaii, to Qui Nhon City Port, RVN,
transporting a 1041st SPS (T) advanced team and equipment
to setup a new squadron Base Camp near Phu Cat Air Base.
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(USNS Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton (T-ANK-9 (T-ANK-378) was a Lt. James E. Robinson-class cargo ship, constructed during World War II as a Victory ship.)

3.10 - 1041st SECURITY POLICE Squadron(T) DEPLOYS.

Excerpts: 82nd Combat Security Wing (TAC) Training Center Student Handbook, pg.3.

- **NOV 1966:** In November 1966, Phù Cát Air Base, in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, was still under construction.
- **15 DEC 1966:** 1041st SPS(T) begins an advance-team deployment from Hickam AFB, HI, to Phù Cát AB, RVN, with thirty-three (33) personnel, to establish an operating base for the unit.
- **10 JAN 1967:** The bulk of the 1041st SPS(T) departed Hickam AFB, HI, in route to Phù Cát, RVN. Their Douglas C-124 Globemaster II would land and take-off from Wake, Okinawa, and the Philippines, before winging to their destination of South Vietnam.



3.10_1: 1041st SPS(T) Airmen arrive at Shiplside as part of an Advanced Team deploying to area of Phù Cát Air Base, to setup a new 1041st SPS(T) Base Camp. (USAF Photo 066, DEC 1966)



3.10_2: US Army Transportation Terminal, Pier 40. 1041st Equipment lined up for ship loading: M113s, Jeeps, Trucks, Trailers, Weapons, Tents, and related materials...and the bus. (USAF Photo 062, DEC 1966)



3.10_3: 1041st SPS(T) Airmen arrive at Shipline as part of an Advanced Team deploying to area of Phù Cát Air Base, to setup a new 1041st SPS(T) Base Camp. (USAF Photo 064, DEC 1966)



3.10_4: 1041st SPS(T) Airmen arrive at Shipline as part of an Advanced Team deploying to area of Phù Cát Air Base, to setup a new 1041st SPS(T) Base Camp. (USAF Photo 065, DEC 1966)



3.10_5: 1966 December, Pearl Harbor, HI, USNS Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton (T-AKV-5 /T-AK-276; WWII Victory Cargo ship). [Vietnam War service – In the 1960s, as the war in Vietnam necessitated a speed-up in the supply line, she was employed in shuttling cargo from Subic Bay to South Vietnam. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USNS_Sgt._Jack_J._Pendleton_\(T-AKV-5\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USNS_Sgt._Jack_J._Pendleton_(T-AKV-5))]. (USAF Photo 066, DEC 1966)



3.10_6: 1966 December. 1041st Officers and Airmen on board. (USAF Photo 066, DEC 1966)

3.10_7: 1966 December. 1041st Officers and Airmen on board. (USAF Photo 068, DEC 1966)

1041st SPS advance team of 33 SP Officers, NCOs, and Airmen began boarding the USNS Sgt. J. Pendleton. Heavy Equipment dockside has begun loading by cranes and crew members. (USAF Photos, DEC 1966)



3.10_8: 1966 December. One of the USNS Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton's bunk rooms on board. Not exactly hospital-corners, but likely superior to what awaits the 1041st SPS(T) advance team at Phù Cát. (USAF Photo 069, DEC 1966)



3.10_9: 1966-1967. USN Ships unload cargo a port city of Qui Nhon, RVN. (USAF Photo 070, DEC 1966)



3.10_10: 1966-1967. Port city and harbor of Qui Nhon, RVN. (USAF Photo 071, DEC 1966)

- **13 JAN 1967: Upon arriving at the port city of Qui Nhon, South Vietnam, the 1041st SPS(T) proceeded by motor convoy to the area of Phù Cát Air Base, and their new Squadron Base Camp.**

"As for the USNS Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton, she suffered an inglorious ending."



USNS Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton (T-AKV-5 /T-AK-276); WWII Victory Cargo ship.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USNS_Sgt._Jack_J._Pendleton_\(T-AKV-5\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USNS_Sgt._Jack_J._Pendleton_(T-AKV-5)). (Official Photo)

Vietnam War service - In the 1960s, as the war in Vietnam necessitated a speed-up in the supply line, she was employed in shuttling cargo from Subic Bay to South Vietnam. While sailing from Vietnam and returning to the United States on September 23, 1973, the Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton ran aground on a reef at Triton Island. Attempts were made to salvage her, however, those attempts failed, the military cargo was removed, and she was abandoned. Demolition to the hull was carried out, and there she remained.