



**A2C Throneburg, Robert A., AF14840178 wounded in action on 4 Dec 1966, is being presented the Purple Heart at U. S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Hospital by Col Grover K. Coe, Tan Son Nhut's Base Commander. (Dec 1966)**

**377<sup>th</sup> Air Police Squadron  
Saigon, Vietnam**

**Sentry Dog Handler, handled NEMO A534.**

**Throneburg injuries, shot in the left shoulder**

**NEMO A534 injuries, shot in the left side of his face and the bullet exited near his right eye.**

**NEMO A534 was the first sentry dog to be sent home to the states from Vietnam. He became a goodwill ambassador for the remainder of his life. He died Mar 15, 1973.**

**The Nemo's War Dog Heros Association was formed and took it upon themselves to find Nemo's old growl pad at Lackland AFB, TX.**

**(See the below photograph)**



**NEMO A534 old growl pad at Lackland AFB, Texas**

**Seeing the condition of the old pad, John Meehan, Jimmie Thornton, Terry Strickland, Kelly Bateman, Bill Cummings and Ernest Childers formed a committee. Nemo's War Dog Heroes Association.**

**The committee conducted meetings with Lackland officials and obtained permission to build the new Nemo growl pad. (See the below photograph)**



**NEMO A534 new growl pad at Lackland AFB, Texas**

**The new NEMO growl pad was dedicated November 15, 2005. If you look inside the fence you will notice the monument that belongs to NEMO.**

**(Additional information below)**



**L-R:**

**John Meehan**  
**Phan Rang, Vietnam**  
**35<sup>th</sup> SPS, 1968 – 1969**  
**Handled PRINCE 991F and BEAU 07M9**

**Jimmie Thornton**  
**Phan Rang, Vietnam**  
**35<sup>th</sup> SPS, 1968 – 1969**  
**Handled GUNNER 2B29**

**Terry Strickland**  
**Bien Hoa, Vietnam**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SPS 1967 – 1968**  
**Handled KING**

**Korat RTAB, Thailand**  
**388<sup>th</sup> SPS 1968 – 1969**  
**Handled Mr Misty X851**

**Kelly Bateman**  
**UBON RTAB, Thailand**  
**8<sup>th</sup> SPS 1970 – 1971**  
**Handled BARON 279M**

**Bill Cummings**  
**U-Tapao RTAB, Thailand**  
**635<sup>th</sup> SPS 1970 – 1971**  
**Handled BRUTUS X321**

**Ernest Childers**  
**UDORN RTAB, Thailand**  
**432<sup>nd</sup> SPS 1970 – 1971**  
**Handled DUKE X093**

**It is these men who physically built the new NEMO A534 growl pad.**