





**LT Col Grove Charles Johnson**  
**May 5, 1921 – Jul 26, 2007**  
**Boynton Beach, Florida**

Lt Col Grove C. Johnson, Commander  
377<sup>th</sup> Air Police Squadron  
Tan Son Nhut Air Base  
Saigon, Vietnam APO 96307  
August 1966 – August 1967

Fred Johnson, Bill Johnson and Jeff Johnson, who are the son's of Lt Col Johnson, has given Charles Penley alot of documentation that will be forthcoming in the next several reports.

Lt Col Grove C. Johnson was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions during the "Attack On Tan Son Nhut, Dec 4-5, 1966.

Below is the information pertaining to that particular attack:

Attack # 11  
Year 1966  
Month Dec  
Day 4-5  
Hour 0110  
Base Tan Son Nhut  
Type of Attack S&S (Standoff and Sapper)  
Rounds 33  
U.S. Losses Aircraft Destroyed 000  
U.S. Losses Aircraft Damaged 020  
U.S. KIA 003  
U.S. WIA 015  
VC KIA 028  
VC WIA and captured 004

377<sup>th</sup> Air Police Squadron's three KIA : (See Below)



Sgt Bevich was manning one of the Sentry Dog positions known as Kilo-7 with his assigned K-9, REX 674F.

The VC sappers penetrated Tan Son Nhut, Air Base.

Sgt Bevich raised the alarm and engaged the enemy. Sgt Bevich, was the first Sentry Dog handler, from the U. S. Air Force, to be killed in Vietnam.

Buried in the St Joseph's Cemetery, White Bear Section, Summit Hill, PA.

It was Bevich, who was the first to positively identify the enemy and alert Central Security Control (CSC) and he was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his actions that night.



**A2C John Matthew Cole**  
**Jun 18, 1946 - Dec 04, 1966**  
**Panel 13E, Line 011**

A2C Cole was manning one of the Security Police bunkers when the VC sappers penetrated Tan Son Nhut, Air Base.

Photo and article were taken from the Philadelphia Daily News of October 26, 1987. The special supplement entitled, 'SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY,' was published in conjunction with the dedication of the Philadelphia Viet Nam Memorial.

Teachers at Roxborough High School remember Cole as sweet-natured and quiet. He was selected to attend the General Motors training school in Moorestown, NJ, but instead chose to enlist in the Air Force two months after his graduation in June 1964. The airman second class, a security guard, was sent to Viet Nam in July 1965 and assigned to the 377th Air Police Squadron. Cole died at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, near Saigon, on February 4, 1966, at the age of 19. He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously. The flag that draped his coffin hangs in a triangular case made especially for it at Roxborough High School, which his mother said he had loved dearly. Cole was survived by his parents and three sisters.

Buried in Fayetteville, NC. A dormitory at Pope Air Force Base was named after him in 2002. (See additional documentation on next page)



**Riddle, Oliver**



A2C Oliver John Riddle  
Oct 23, 1943 - Dec 04, 1966  
Panel 13E, Line 012

Coraopolis, PA and buried in Holy Souls Cemetery, Military Section, Carnegia, PA.

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