

## **Military Working Dog Records Now Available to VSPA Members Program will support the Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas - 501 (c) (19) Tax Deductible Project**

(November 2006 – Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial Committee)

It is with great pleasure that Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial Committee would like to inform you that we are now in possession of over 30,000 Military Working Dog Records for all branches of our military, dating from 1956 to 1985.

It has been a very long and costly process for us, but we are about to release this information to all of the handlers of the VSPA and the VDHA. We have established a process for our handlers to obtain the copies of their dogs' records. Funds raised for this project will be used to enhance the memorial site and hopefully an education center on the grounds at Lackland AFB, Texas.

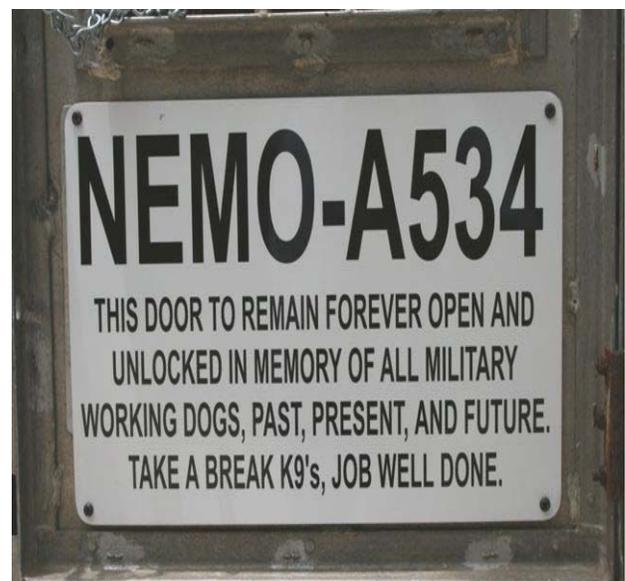
One of our proudest accomplishments is to announce that after nearly 40 years, we are able to provide the tattoo number and records of Sentry Dog Rebel 519X. Rebel is one of the three dogs that were killed in action during the 1966 attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam.

In addition, we also have approximately the same number of "Vet Cards" that indicate the Date of Birth, Date of Procurement, and Date of Death, and in most cases the cause of death of our Military Working Dogs.

As you might well imagine, we are very pleased with the efforts, over the last three years of this ongoing project, to obtain this information. This project is intended to support the Memorial that is being built at Lackland to honor all Military Working Dogs past, present and future!

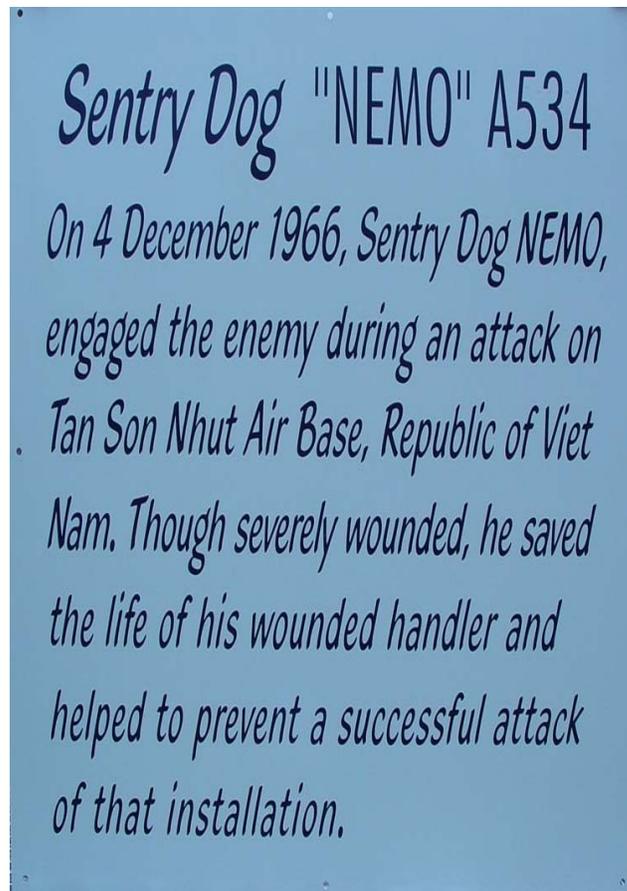
Hopefully, many of you are aware of the Memorial that we are building at Lackland, or as it commonly known, Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial project. We would like to announce that during the Veteran's Day weekend the committee, with help from our members, friends, and many active duty MWD handlers attending classes at the DoD Dog Center at Lackland, came together to erect the latest editions to the memorial. There is still a large amount of work planned for the site. Our plans include the procurement of a life sized replica of Nemo (to represent all of our Military Work Dogs) and a roof to cover the entire "kennel area", very similar to the roof that covered the kennel when Nemo resided at the center between 1967 and 1972.

The Committee has procured and reconditioned a shipping crate (circa 1965) and it has been decorated with the markings of Nemo's travel crate. First hand recollection and information has enabled us to recreate the markings. It has been placed within the confines of the kennel area at the 37<sup>th</sup> SFS at Lackland.



To further enhance the display, the following tribute signs have been placed at the memorial. The sign on the right is a replica of the sign that was placed on Nemo's kennel circa 1967. The "Danger Sentry Dog" sign, a replica of the sign that we all knew, is also a permanent part of the memorial display.

The "Attack on Tan Son Nhut" sign has been created to honor the memory of those who gave their lives or were wounded during the attack. Hopefully this will help tell the story of the attack and the events that took place at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam - December 4, 1966.



The recreated "Danger Sentry Dog" sign will soon be available for purchase to support the memorial. For additional information – send an email to [nemosheroes@yahoo.com](mailto:nemosheroes@yahoo.com) – **Title Line:** Request "Sign" information.

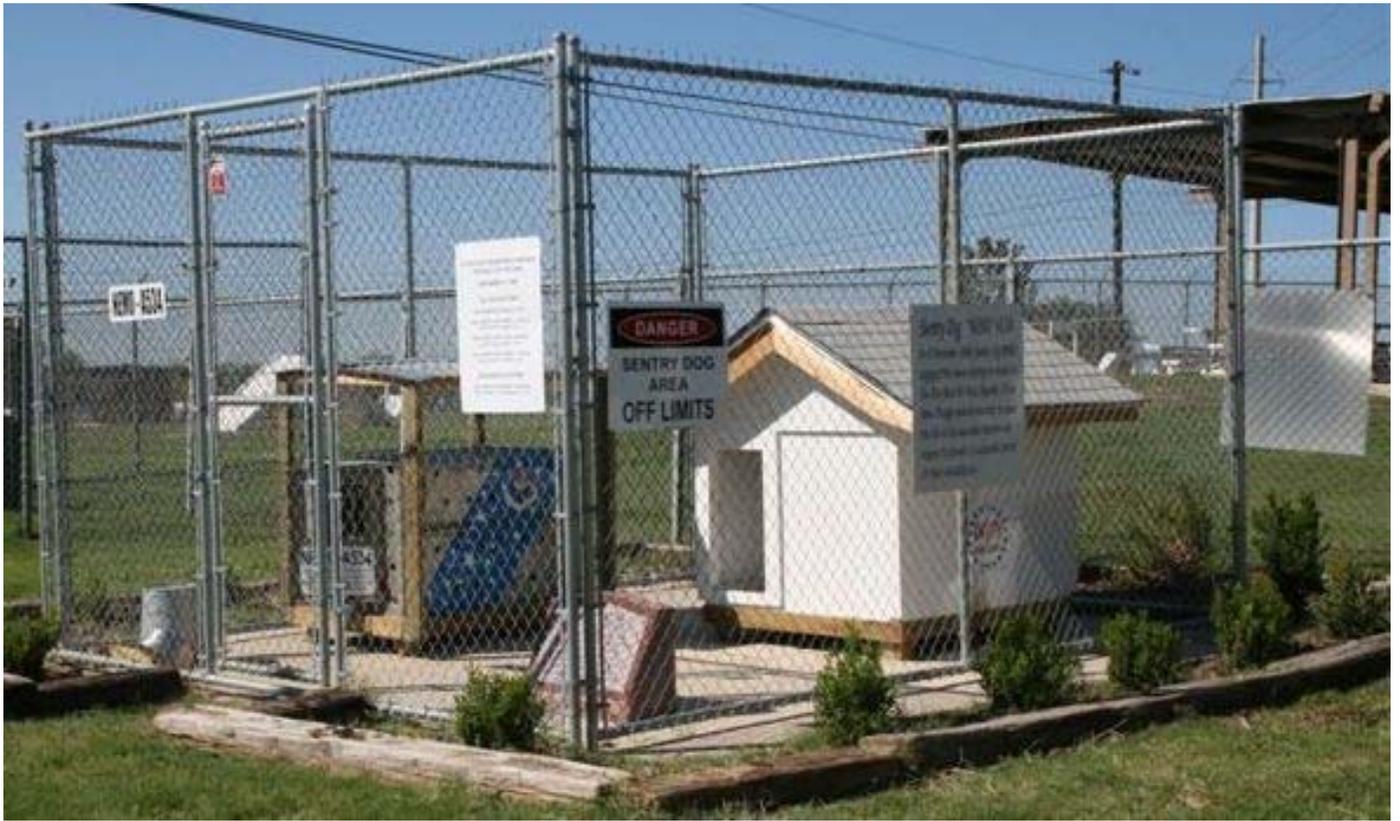


Below is the site as we found it at Lackland in October of 2003 during our tour of 37<sup>th</sup> SFS while attending the VSPA reunion in San Antonio, Texas.



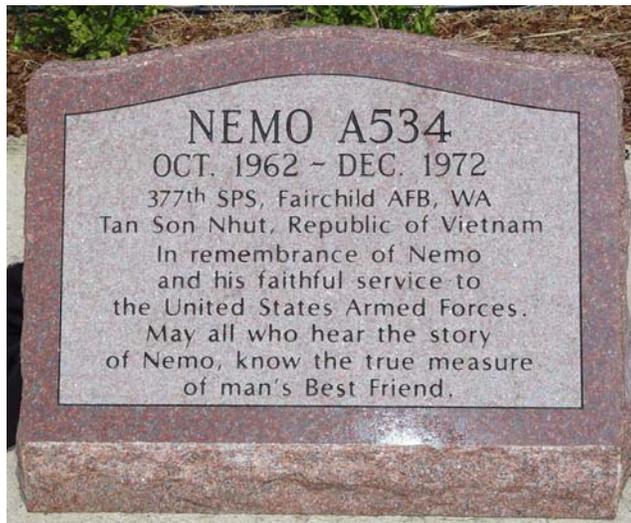
Some three years later, we are proud to present Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial as of November 11, 2006. Nemo's kennel house has been reproduced to the specifications and size as close as possible to the original kennel house. A water bowl and feed pan (circa 1965) are also part of the display.







The plaque inside the kennel area was donated by the Specialized Search Dog Class – Team II at Lackland during their graduation ceremony on September 23, 2005. The team was made up of MWD handlers from the U. S. Army, Marines, and Air Force Security Forces. This was a team effort uniting new and the old



We still have a long way to go to complete our plans for the site. The long range plans also include the procurement of a life size likeness of Nemo and a roof to cover the entire kennel area.

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