

# USAF use during the Vietnam War

During the Vietnam War, Bien Hoa was a major United States Air Force base. The USAF forces stationed there were under the command of the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF). With its close proximity to the international airport at Saigon, Bien Hoa Air Base was the easiest tactical air base to be reached by visiting news reporters, and therefore it received the greatest amount of news and photographic coverage during the war.

Phu Cat was the location for TACAN station **Channel 73** and was referenced by that identifier in voice communications during air missions. Its military mail address was APO San Francisco, 96490.

It was at Bien Hoa Air Base that the United States Air Force entered the Vietnam War.

On 14 April 1961 Tactical Air Command activated the 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron (CCTS) at Hurlburt Field, Florida in the panhandle of Florida. The unit had a designated strength of 124 officers and 228 enlisted men. The 4400th CCTS consisted of World War II aircraft: 16 C-47 transports, eight B-26 bombers, and eight T-28 fighters. The declared mission of the unit would be to train indigenous air forces in counterinsurgency and conduct air operations.

The 4400th CCTS acquired the logistics code name "Jungle Jim," a moniker that rapidly became the nickname of the unit.

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## Bien Hoa Air Base

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**Bien Hoa Air Base** is a Vietnam People's Air Force (*Khong Quan Nhan Dan Viet Nam*) military airfield located in South-Central southern Vietnam about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from Saigon near the city of Bien Hoa within Dong Nai Province.

During the Vietnam Wars (1955–1975), the base was used by the Republic of Vietnam Air Force Force (VNAF). The United States used it as a major base from 1961 through 1973, stationing Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine units there.

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