

B/G COL MELTON
12WG/CC

Col Bill Thomas

PHU CAT AIR BASE
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Mar 66 Site of base selected.
- Apr 66 Korean Tiger Division arrived.
- 1 May 66 Civilian construction firm arrived.
- 20 Dec 66 Concrete pouring began on main runway.
- 29 May 67 First tactical combat sortie flown by an F-100 (37TFW).
- 16 Apr 69 First F-4D assigned.
- 1 Apr 70 37TFW redesignated the 12TFW
- 20 Oct 71 Last combat sortie flown from Phu Cat.

WING COMMANDERS AT PHU CAT

37TFW

15 May 67	Colonel Edwin A. Schneider
15 May 68	Colonel Leroy J. Manor
1 May 69	Colonel Harry B. Trimble

12TFW

13 Apr 70	Colonel Larry M. Killpack
4 Oct 70	Colonel Ralph S. Parr
19 Feb 71	Colonel Richard H. Schoeneman
4 Oct 71	Colonel Albert L. Melton

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12TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Jan - Jun 64

First USAF Wing converted to F-4 aircraft.

~~NOVEMBER 65~~ 29 Oct 65

12TFW F-4Cs arrived at Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN. *WRONG DATE*

1 Apr 70

12TFW moved to Phu Cat AB replacing 37TFW.

20 Oct 71

12TFW flew last combat mission in SEA. Target was in eastern Cambodia.

NOTE:

12TFW has flown 110,336 missions in SEA.

12TFW DECORATIONS

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
15 Oct 65 - 30 May 66
1 Jun 66 - 31 May 67
1 Jun 67 - 31 May 68

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
(With Combat V)
1 Jun 68 - 31 May 69
1 Jun 69 - 31 Mar 70

UNDER CONSIDERATION

Presidential Unit Citation
8 Feb - 8 Apr 71

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
(With Combat V)
1 Apr 70 - 21 Oct 71