

# Honor 4 Defenders of Tan Son Nhut

SAIGON (UPI)—Airmen at Tan Son Nhut airbase Wednesday paid tribute to the men who defended it against the Viet Cong during the Tet offensive and to those who died in the fighting.

U.S. Air Force men held an early morning memorial service for the four Americans who

died in the Jan. 31 attack on the base.

A squad fired a volley of three rounds and U.S. Army helicopters flew overhead in memory of the fallen airmen.

A short time later, Gen. William W. Momyer, commander of the 7th Air Force in Southeast Asia, presented Silver Star medals for bravery to two Vietnamese officers and five

U.S. officers and men.

The Americans, all assigned to the 377th Security Police Squadron which guards the base, were Maj. Carl A. Bender, 38, of Belleville, Ill., Capt. Carl P. Denison, 28, of Schenectady, N.Y., Lt. Gerald Ingalsbee, 25, of Orem, Utah, T-Sgt. Billy M. Palmer, 30, of Wabash, Ind., and Sgt. Alan D. Tucker, 22, of Merrick, N.Y.

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**6 Pacific Stars & Stripes**  
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