

# AF Units Donate Beds for Hospital

TAN SON NHUT AB, Vietnam (Special) — Air Force personnel here received the thanks of Mrs. Nguyen Van Thieu, wife of the President of the Republic of Vietnam, during recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Trung Vuong Hospital in Saigon.

The thanks were for the contributions made to the new maternity ward at the hospital. The 377th Combat Support Group Civic Action Office had collected 100 beds and mattresses which were donated to the new ward.

Representing the 377th CSG commander at the ceremony was Col. Ralph L. Kretzer, director of personnel. Civic action members in attendance were Capt. James Cooley and Gary Bell.

The hospital, which was constructed by the Association for the Protection of Vietnamese Military Family Dependents,

has been a special project of Mrs. Thieu.

"All of us at the association and patients at the Trung Vuong Hospital will always remember your noble gesture," she said.

The Tan Son Nhut AB Civic Action Office was responsible for initiating the collection of the beds. Cooley, chief of the office, praised several organizations on the base for their help.

He singled out the 377th Supply Sq., which located the beds; the 460th Fuel Maint. Sq., which cleaned and painted the beds; and the 377th Trans. Sq., which insured their timely delivery to the hospital.

Besides Mrs. Thieu, other dignitaries at the ceremony were Mrs. Tran Thien Khiem, wife of the prime minister of Vietnam, and Mrs. Nguyen Van Vy, president of the Association and wife of Vietnam's defense minister.