

Huey 66-16779

By Dick Detra, VHCMA Member

This former 'C' Company, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Huey, is now part of the Pacific Coast Air Museum. They are located at 2330 Airport Blvd., Santa Rosa, California 95403, telephone PCAM-707-575-7900. It is the only Black Widow Huey known to exist at any air museum. Today, for the museum, it has been configured as a Medevac ship. Crewchief Loren Griffith keeps the Huey flyable; he can be reached at 707-571-7632 or email loreng@compuserve.com

In April 1969 through March of 1970, this Huey was assigned to the C/101st Black Widows, stationed at Phu Bai in the northern I Corps area of operations. When the unit returned to the states in February of 1972, a number of the remaining Hueys were assigned to National Guard units until being phased out of the U.S. Army inventory.

The 188th/C101st Black Widow Association with a membership of 375 holds annual reunions at all Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association reunions, along with an annual newsletter. There is also a video available of actual footage from the 1967-68 Vietnam era. Anyone interested should contact LTC Jack O. Johnson at 580-248-1147.

Listed here are two of our pilots who actually flew this Huey in combat during the Vietnam War.

WO William H. Crawford
(Black Widow 46)
3157 Simberlan Drive
San Jose, CA 95148
4087-238-2648

WO Eugene B. Krueger
(Black Widow 45)
33305 5th Place S.W.
Federal Way, Washington 98023
253-874-8803

The museum will be putting C/101st Black Widow markings on this bird. It's truly an honor to have an air museum use our markings for our unit aviation heritage. We will be adding nose art and platoon markings and unit logo.

Any of our guys out there can be proud to have served in the Black Widows during its 5 years tour of duty in Nam.

Craig Hagen

Greg Smith, a member of Operation Just Cause, is attempting to have the body of Sgt Craig Hagen and other members of his crew returned to the United States. On June 10, 1965, a UH-1B was destroyed in the LZ by mortar and automatic weapons fire while supporting ARVN troops at the battle of Dong Xoai. The other crewmembers were Captain Walter L. Hall, WO Donald R. Saegaert, and SSG Joseph J. Compa.

Mr. Smith would like to talk to members of the 118th AHC who might have information regarding this incident.

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