



Longtime VHCMA member **Philip Williams** contributed the following set of images. His first tour of duty in 1970-71 was with C/227th, 1st Cav Div and a second tour with 7/17th Cav.

Today, Philip is a volunteer crew chief of a restored Huey at the Pacific Coast Air Museum (www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) in Santa Rosa, California. The Huey saw duty in 1968-70 with C/101st Airborne "Black Widows". The aircraft returned in 1971 with major damage, was repaired and assigned to the Fort Rucker Aviation School. She was later sent to South America for a year on "Special Operations." She came back to the California National Guard doing medevac duties and eventually to the museum in 1994.

VHCMA members **Dick Detra** and **Bob Moon** are also museum volunteers and former "Black Widow" crew members. It was almost "twilight zone-ish" how we met. It was at our local air show we have every year and they both just came walking by and admired her. Dick, who is the historian for the Black Widows, www.blackwidows.net ran the tail number and found she was in his unit.

When we discovered the ship once served with the "Black Widows", the decision was made to repaint her medevac colors and to the way Dick had his ship "Lucy" was painted. In 2005, the "Black Widows" had their reunion at the museum.

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