

U.S. HELICOPTER UNITS THAT FLEW FOR SOG

SOG helicopter support came mostly from outside aviation units, which rotated frequently, resulting in incomplete records. This partial roster, assembled from many fragmentary sources, gives recognition to fine pilots and crews who saved many SOG men's lives by risking their own.

SUPPORTING COMMAND AND CONTROL NORTH:

U.S. Army

2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division
17th Aviation Company, 101st Airborne Division
188th Assault Helicopter Company, 101st Airborne Division
4th Battalion, 77th Aerial Rocket Artillery, 101st Airborne Division
Co. C, 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion
Co. D, 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion

U.S. Marine Corps

Marine aviation units began flying SOG missions from Khe Sanh in summer 1966 until the arrival of the 101st Airborne Division in I Corps following Tet 1968, with occasional support through the summer of 1970. Early missions were flown by HMM-165 with VMO-2, VMO-3, and VMO-6.

SUPPORTING COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRAL:

U.S. Marine Corps

HMH-463 for Operation Tailwind, September 1970

U.S. Army

119th Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion
57th Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion
189th Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion
170th Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion
361st Aviation Company (Escort), The Pink Panthers

SUPPORTING COMMAND AND CONTROL SOUTH:

U.S. Air Force

20th Special Operations Squadron

U.S. Army

155th Assault Helicopter Company
195th Assault Helicopter Company

THAILAND-BASED HELICOPTER UNITS (SUPPORTING CCN, CCC, AND THE STRATA PROGRAM):

U.S. Air Force

D Flight, 20th Special Operations Squadron
21st Special Operations Squadron