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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear Reader:

The VHPA Historical Reference Directory is a gift of information from all those who labored and sacrificed in the Vietnam War to all those interested in knowing more about their activities. Volume 1 is the initial fulfillment of both a dream and a goal of those who helped start the VHPA and other similar associations during the last decade. Briefly, that goal was to collect and disseminate the history of helicopter related activities pertaining to the war in Southeast Asia from 1961 through 1975.

It has taken the VHPA a little over ten years to mature to the point where it could build the Historical Reference Directory without diverting resources from its core functions which are managing the association in a fiscally, socially, and politically prudent manner and providing six quality Newsletters per year, an annual Membership Directory, plus at least one outstanding Reunion per year. The resources (the majority are still volunteers motivated by a labor of love) required to maintain the quality and momentum of an association of nearly 10,000 helicopter pilots and a few thousand of their best friends must be respected. Indeed, only from a position based on the proven track record of the VHPA and with its financial support could another set of patient, dedicated, and determined individuals set out to build the Historical Reference Directory.

For the last five years about twenty individuals have been collecting, computerizing, validating, and analyzing piles of seemingly disjointed bits of trivia submitted by VHPAers and their friends. Due to page constraints, the annual VHPA Membership Directory can only show highlights and summaries of this effort. Now the Historical Reference Directory displays it all in detail.

The VHPA Executive Council

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