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SEALOLF QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What dates were you in Vietnam? From FEB 69 to FEB 70 ON A YRBM OF 4 ON
- 2 What Dets were you in? 3 Dates MAR 69 - MAY 69
Where was the Det located then? HA TIEN (MAR) MHC HOA (APRIL-MAY)
Were you at the main base? YES MAY 69 TO FEB 70
- 3 Principal job, work, rating? OR DET 3 - 2 MOS / TRAINING OFFICER 4 MOS / CTF IN S.
- 4 Who was the Det OSC? I WAS MR O'DON
- 5 Squadron CO & XO? CO TO CDR JAMES ENL 6 MOS
- 6 What medals and awards did you earn while in Vietnam?
SILVER STAR, DFC, AIR MEDAL W/6
- 7 Name, rank and serial number, location, date and circumstances and other pertinent information concerning any deaths or injuries of HAL-3 LTJG ED PAWLOWSKI, personnel? HAROLD MEUTE, GEORGE PAGE, FELDER P. HART & 3 OTHERS KIA.
- 8 Special or unusual Ops that you were involved in while in Vietnam DET 3. I H
SUPPORTED SEAL TEAM ONE @ HA TIEN IN MAR 69 ACTION REPORT
- 9 With what units other than HAL-3 did you work? SERVED ON CTF STAFF 6
MOS / FLEN W / 21ST AVN CO & MEDEVAC CO @ BINH THUY
- 10 What did you think of the ARVN's? THEY WERE AS GOOD AS THEY COULD BE.
- 11 What did you feel about the war when you returned home? GLAD I SURVIVED!
- 12 What did you feel about the war in 1975 when Saigon fell? SOMEBODY ROBBED ME!
- 13 What do you feel about the war today? WE LOST IT BEFORE WE STARTED.
- 14 Describe any close calls?
- 15 Describe your fondest memories in Vietnam?
- 16 What is your birthdate? _____ Social security NO? _____
Former enlisted or officer number? 619987/1310 USN
- 17 Did you stay in the Navy after your tour in Vietnam? YES
For how many years? 11 MORE (25 1/2 TOTAL)
If you stayed in, did your HAL-3 experience help you or hurt you, why?
HELPED. PROMOTED BASED ON COMBAT EXPERIENCE @ BETTER LEADER THAN I EVER WANTED BE
- 18 How do you feel about HAL-3? SAD, HAPPY, GUILTY, HURT INSIDE. STILL A LOT OF CONFLICT.
- 19 Who were the most unforgettable characters in Hal, why?
THE J.O.'S. THEY NEVER LET "SHIT" WEAR THEM DOWN!
THE DOOR GUNNERS. THEY WERE SCARED, BUT FLEW WITH US ANYWAY.
- 20 Describe any physical and mental troubles you have had since Vietnam that could be related to your duty there. SEVERE HEARING LOSS. MGO'S SURE ARE NOISY! HAVE 2 AIDS NOW. BETTER, BUT NOT GOOD.
(3) POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS - WHAT A NAME! LOTS OF TROUBLE GETTING/HOLDING A JOB. STILL HAVE "THE REDS" A LOT! A GREAT WIFE, COUNSELLING, AND TIME HAVE HELPED, BUT ITS NOT GONE.

- 21 What did you enjoy the most about Vietnam? COMPANIONSHIP & THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE
- 22 What was the most unpleasant aspect about Vietnam? CARRYING THE DEAD TO THE MORTUARY IN VINH LONG
- 24 What units impressed you in Vietnam? BLACK PONIES, 21ST AVIATION CO. (THE OUTLAWS)
- 25 Do you have any records, photos, maps, mementos, forms, ect of Hal-3 that you would be willing to donate? X Copy? Or allow us to copy? Describe them SATIN HAL-3 FLAG
- 26 The most secret item to which you were privy? NOTHING
- 27 Have you been to the Vietnam Veterans Hall? NO If so, what were your impressions?
- 28 Did you see any atrocities during your tour? NO
- 29 Would you be interested in visiting Vietnam as a tourist with other Hal-3 vets? Yes X NO
- 30 How long were you in Hal-3? 1 YR, The Navy? 25 1/2, Total military service? 26
- 31 The most unforgettable memory? THE SMELL OF BURNED HUMAN FLESH
- 32 What were the best and the worst things ever to happen to Hal-3?
- 34 List the songs you remember from Vietnam? ✓
- 35 List the books you remember from Vietnam? ✓
- 36 List the movies you remember from Vietnam? (while you were there) ✓
- 37 What would you want remembered about Vietnam and Hal-3 and/or your service there? HAVEN'T SORTED THAT OUT YET
- 38 What did you lack the most while in Vietnam? BALANCED DIET & CLEAN WATER
- 39 What did you have to much of while in Vietnam? WARM BEER, C-RATIONS
- 40 What civic or charitable organizations were you involved in? AFTER NAM? LIONS, KIWANIS, ROTARY, BOY SCOUTS, D.A.V., CHURCH
- 41 The food was? GREAT ON YRDM, OK IN BINH THUY MESS
- 42 Who were your best friends while in Hal-3? Do you know where they are now? If not, would you like to know?
- 43 Funniest event while in Hal-3? WAOLE DET NAKED IN RAIN STORM TRYING TO G.
- 44 With all of todays knowledge, would you do it again? Yes X No SOAP OFF BEER RAIN STOPPED, FIRST SHOWER, A WEEK!