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SEAWOLF QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What dates were you in Vietnam? From 8/70 to 8/71
- 2 What Dates were you in? 4 dates 10/70 - 3/71
Where was the Det located then? Ben Luc / Phu Loi
Were you at the main base? YES - Binh Thuy 4/71 - 8/71
- 3 Principal job, work, rating? DET 4 O-1-C / Squadron OPS off.
- 4 Who was the Det OSC? me (I RELIEVED TOM HARRIS)
- 5 Squadron CO & XO? CO TWITE / XO STAM ID ?
- 6 What medals and awards did you earn while in Vietnam?
BRONZE STAR / 12 Airmedals / 1 SINGLE ACTION ARMED MEDAL / PUC
VA CROSS OF GALLANTY (2) / VA COMMENDATION STIFF SERVICE HAWAII MEDAL
- 7 Name, rank and serial number, location, date and circumstances and other pertinent information concerning any deaths or injuries of HAL-3 personnel AL LARRY COVE; LTSG ANZELL; LTSG ANNE ANDER; ADS2 GORDON
- 8 Special or unusual Ops that you were involved in while in Vietnam
Commanded SEAL OPS for POW CAMP raids (3)
"Chasing the PIGEON" - Commanded Navy/NAVY/AF OPS
- 9 With what units other than HAL-3 did you work? VARIOUS Army Airborne units
- 10 What did you think of the ARVN's? LAZY
- 11 What did you feel about the war when you returned home? WE WERE THERE for a good cause
- 12 What did you feel about the war in 1975 when Saigon fell? SUCH A PITY!
- 13 What do you feel about the war today? Same - we had a mission.
- 14 Describe any close calls? NONE WORTH MENTIONING
- 15 Describe your fondest memories in Vietnam? SALT FRIENDSHIP - good volleyball
- 16 What is your birthdate? _____ Social security NO? _____
Former enlisted or (officer) number? 634673
- 17 Did you stay in the Navy after your tour in Vietnam? YES
For how many years? TOTAL 21 YEARS
If you stayed in, did your HAL-3 experience help you or hurt you, why?
DIDN'T HELP for PROMOTION PURPOSES (I DID NOT make CDR)
THE TOTAL EXPERIENCE PROBABLY DIDN'T do much for me.
MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES ARE THE ONES I LIKE.
- 18 How do you feel about HAL-3?
WASNT SURE TO HAVE BEEN IN -
- 19 Who were the most unforgettable characters in HAL, why?
LT TOM RIBALLA - The "Chicken man"
- 20 Describe any physical and mental troubles you have had since Vietnam that could be related to your duty there.
NONE

- 21 What did you enjoy the most about Vietnam? The flying, friends, the valley ball games, R & R to Hong Kong
- 22 What was the most unpleasant aspect about Vietnam? Living conditions, hot, unbearable weather conditions
- 24 What units impressed you in Vietnam? HAL-3 Det 4, 10/70-3/71
- 25 Do you have any records, photos, maps, wolfgrams, forms, ect of Hal-3 that you would be willing to donate? Copy? YES Or allow us to copy? Describe them
- I have already sent some stuff to you Don - via REPAIRS
- 26 The most secret item to which you were privy? SECRET?? The "giant Pigeon" clause
- 27 Have you been to the Vietnam Veterans Hall? YES If so, what were your impressions? 1. Impressive, but I have no feelings either way
- 28 Did you see any atrocities during your tour? None
- 29 Would you be interested in visiting Vietnam as a tourist with other Hal-3 vets? Yes NO X
- 30 How long were you in Hal-3? 1 YR, The Navy? 21 YRS
Total military service? 21 YRS
- 31 The most unforgettable memory? The funny to remember any one -
- 32 What were the best and the worst things ever to happen to HAL-3?
The best - I came home
- 34 List the songs you remember from Vietnam? Songs?
- 35 List the books you remember from Vietnam? Parables of War; My Brother, My Sam; Chickadee;
- 36 List the movies you remember from Vietnam? (while you were there) Don't Remember any movies -
- 37 What would you want remembered about Vietnam and HAL-3 and/or your service there? The giant and HAL-3 did in supporting the army, army; MEDIVACS, ETC.
- 38 What did you lack the most while in Vietnam? my family
- 39 What did you have to much of while in Vietnam? Boredom!
- 40 What civic or charitable organizations were you involved in? None
(I visited an orphanage once with them several times)
- 41 The food was? great (at An Loc)
- 42 Who were your best friends while in HAL-3? Do you know where they are now? If not, would you like to know? LTC Vidon, CDR GAIL Shant; ALL of HAL-3 Det 4, many more -
- 43 Funniest event while in HAL-3? The pigeon clause
- 44 With all of today's knowledge, would you do it again? Yes X No _____