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SEAWOLF QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What dates were you in Vietnam? From Oct 69 to Oct 70
- 2 What Dets were you in? 6 dates DEC 69 to JUN 70  
Where was the Det located then? SONG BINH DOC  
Were you at the main base? YES - BINH THUY
- 3 Principal job, work, rating? MAINTENANCE CONTROL + DET ASST DINC
- 4 Who was the Det OSC? VIC BECK + JOHN PEPPLES
- 5 Squadron CO & XO? CO BECKWITH XO WHO CARES?
- 6 What medals and awards did you earn while in Vietnam?
- 7 Name, rank and serial number, location, date and circumstances and other pertinent information concerning any deaths or injuries of HAL-3 Bell-A7-hit power lines personnel? LT LOU BURNS - A/C ACCIDENT - 1969 - Flying For Petroleum Helo's.
- 8 Special or unusual Ops that you were involved in while in Vietnam
- 9 With what units other than HAL-3 did you work? SEALS, PBR's
- 10 What did you think of the ARVN's? OK
- 11 What did you feel about the war when you returned home?
- 12 What did you feel about the war in 1975 when Saigon fell? A WASTE
- 13 What do you feel about the war today? ANGER
- 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? 659458
- 17 Did you stay in the Navy after your tour in Vietnam? NO  
For how many years? 9 MONTHS  
If you stayed in, did your HAL-3 experience help you or hurt you, why?
- 18 How do you feel about HAL-3? GOOD CONCEPT. POOR EXECUTION + POOR LEADERSHIP. TOO MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT ENOUGH TO DO TO JUSTIFY THEIR ASSIGNMENT - TOO MANY O-5's + O-6's - 9 O-5's COULDN'T EVEN GET BILLET'S AS DEPARTMENT HEADS.
- 19 Who were the most unforgettable characters in Nam, why?  
POOR GUNNERS - SAVAGES!  
SEALS - SUPERMAN
- 20 Describe any physical and mental troubles you have had since Vietnam that could be related to your duty there.

- 21 What did you enjoy the most about Vietnam? FLYING - SCENARY
- 22 What was the most unpleasant aspect about Vietnam? NOTHING TO HELP THE CAREER.  
VA, H.C.
- 24 What units impressed you in Vietnam? SEALS, DUST OFF, HAL-3 & HAL-4, VA, HC SQUADRONS. WE WERE OVER A LOT OF SHITS.
- 25 Do you have any records, photos, maps, mementos, forms, set of Hal-3 that you would be willing to donate? Copy? Or allow us to copy? X Describe them PHOTOS - CONTACT FROM WICKWORTH FOR TAPE RECORDING OF A GUN RUN THROUGH THE HEAD SET - CORNEY, BUT EXCITING. I HAVE ONE OF SEVERAL CH
- 26 The most secret item to which you were privy?
- 27 Have you been to the Vietnam Veterans Hall? YES If so, what were your impressions? UNDESCRIBABLY EMOTIONAL & BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL.
- 28 Did you see any atrocities during your tour? HIGH RANKING LEADERSHIP
- 29 Would you be interested in visiting Vietnam as a tourist with other Hal-3 vets? Yes X No NO
- 30 How long were you in Hal-3? 1 YEAR, The Navy? 13 YEARS, Total military service? 13 YEARS
- 31 The most unforgettable memory? SHOOTING RATS
- 32 What were the best and the worst things ever to happen to HAL-3? ALL VOLUNTEER. BEST - EARLY OPS - ALLOWED TO BE AGGRESSIVE COMBAT UNIT. WORST - BECOMING A MERE MEDIUM FOR CLOUT JOHN WAYNE'S SLICK & NON-CUNSHIP TRAINED PILOTS SPILT THE WARROOM.
- 34 List the songs you remember from Vietnam? PROUD MARY
- 35 List the books you remember from Vietnam? DIARY OF A FLEA.
- 36 List the movies you remember from Vietnam? (while you were there) MASH
- 37 What would you want remembered about Vietnam and HAL-3 and/or your service there? WE WERE NAVY'S PIONEERS IN ATTACK HELO.
- 38 What did you lack the most while in Vietnam?
- 39 What did you have to much of while in Vietnam? INACTIVITY
- 40 What civic or charitable organizations were you involved in?
- 41 The food was? EXCELLENT - ESPECIALLY ARABIAN LST.
- 42 Who were your best friends while in HAL-3? Do you know where they are now? If not, would you like to know? LOU BURNS (DECEASED) LEO WILLET'S, SLOTT ALMAN
- 43 Funniest event while in HAL-3?
- 44 With all of today's knowledge, would you do it again? Yes X No NO