

I HOPE THIS HELPS, ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO BE SURE
TO LET ME KNOW.

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SEAMOLF QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What dates were you in Vietnam? From 6-71 to 3-72
- 2 What Dets were you in? _____ dates _____
Where was the Det located then? _____
Were you at the main base? YES
- 3 Principal job, work, rating? AD-3 SEALORDS
- 4 Who was the Det OSC? _____
- 5 Squadron CO & XO? COL. STRAM ED MULLCANY??
- 6 What medals and awards did you earn while in Vietnam?
AIR MEDAL (27) - ALL OTHER VAUT AWARDS
- 7 Name, rank and serial number, location, date and circumstances and other pertinent information concerning any deaths or injuries of HAL-3 personnel? _____
- 8 Special or unusual Ops that you were involved in while in Vietnam
SPECIAL LARGE SCALE OPERATION OUT OF DET#8 IN RACH GIA.
IT INVOLVED THE AF-ARMY-HAL-3-AND ARVN'S - MY SEABORD
HAD TO PROVIDE ILLUMINATION FOR THE EARLY MORNING START OF
THE OPERATION. I WAS TOLD I WAS OUT FOR A CITATION BUT NEVER GOT.
- 9 With what units other than HAL-3 did you work? JUST SEAL OPS
- 10 What did you think of the ARVN's? LAZY AND THIEF'S (STOLE EVERY SMOKE
- 11 What did you feel about the war when you returned home? WAS IN LINE OF
- 12 What did you feel about the war in 1975 when Saigon fell? CONFUSION
- 13 What do you feel about the war today?
- 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? 045-93-78
- 17 Did you stay in the Navy after your tour in Vietnam? YES
For how many years? 1 YR
If you stayed in, did your HAL-3 experience help you or hurt you, why?
HELPED - TAUGHT ME LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY NOT
ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR FELLOW SHIPMATES.
- 18 How do you feel about HAL-3? ONE OF THE FINEST, WELL OILED, LEAN,
MEAN, FIGHTING MACHINE. PRIDE PLUS!!
- 19 Who were the most unforgettable characters in Nam, why?
"MR. T" (DET. 8) - ONE CRAZY PILOT WITH CLASS
THERE WERE OTHERS BUT NAMES ESCAPE ME.
- 20 Describe any physical and mental troubles you have had since Vietnam that could be related to your duty there. I HAVE URINARY AND PROSTATE PROBLEMS
WHICH ARE RATED ONLY 50% WITH U.S. SOME OPS COME IN
MY DREAMS AND FEARS I HAD WHILE BEING THERE. SURVIVOR GUILT
AND I WANTED TO GO TO DET. BEFORE LEAVING. WAS HEADED FOR
DET#8 BUT HAL-3 DECOMMISSIONED AND I WAS SENT HOME EARLY.

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- 21 What did you enjoy the most about Vietnam? FLYING
- 22 What was the most unpleasant aspect about Vietnam? THE SMELL - HEAT - RAIN AND THE TERRIBLE FOOD.
- 23 What units impressed you in Vietnam? SEALS - (HANDS DOWN)
- 24 Do you have any records, photos, maps, mementos, forms, act of Hal-3 that you would be willing to donate? YES Copy? YES Or allow us to copy? YES Describe them MOST ARE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING LET ME KNOW ALONG. I HAVE IT. WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS.
- 25 The most secret item to which you were privy?
- 26 Have you been to the Vietnam Veterans Hall? YES If so, what were your impressions? ONE OF THE MOST EMOTIONAL TIME OF MY LIFE. I FELT THAT PART OF ME WAS THERE. IT WAS LIKE FEELING THE HEART. I SACRIFICED PART OF MY LIFE, THEY GAVE MORE. I FELT I BELONGED THERE. IT'S A HOLY PIECE OF GROUND.
- 27 Did you see any atrocities during your tour? NO
- 28 Would you be interested in visiting Vietnam as a tourist with other Hal-3 vets? Yes Y No NO (FINANCES WOULD BE TUFF)
- 29 How long were you in Hal-3? 1966-1972, The Navy? YES, Total military service? 4 YEARS
- 30 The most unforgettable memory?
- 31 What were the best and the worst things ever to happen to Hal-3? BEST - FLYING LOGS
WORST - GOING HOME EARLY BEFORE GOING TO DET.
- 32 List the songs you remember from Vietnam? JUST ABOUT ANY 60 MUSICAL.
- 33 List the books you remember from Vietnam?
- 34 List the movies you remember from Vietnam? (while you were there) JOHN WAYNE AND "THE GREEN BERETS"
- 35 What would you want remembered about Vietnam and Hal-3 and/or your service there? JUST TO HAVE PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE WERE THERE AND NOT OUT ON SOME SHIP. WE ACTUALLY SAW ACTION. NO ONE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT HAL-3. NOT EVEN SAILORS TODAY KNOW.
- 36 What did you lack the most while in Vietnam? TO REALLY PROVE MYSELF. GO TO THE LIMIT AND SEE WHAT MY WORTH REALLY WAS.
- 37 What did you have to much of while in Vietnam? ANYTHING POWDERED.
- 38 What civic or charitable organizations were you involved in? V.F.W. - VVA - YONKASTOWN OH. V.N. VETS ASSOC.
- 39 The food was? TERRIBLE
- 40 Who were your best friends while in Hal-3? Do you know where they are now? If not, would you like to know? ED MCCARTHY - ED SAMPLES - ? PROFOL - CAN'T THINK OF PROFOL'S FIRST NAME. CAN'T FIND SAMPLES OR PROFOL. TALK TO MCCARTHY EVERY VETERANS DAY SINCE 1973.
- 41 Funniest event while in Hal-3? SHAVING PROFOL'S HEAD WHILE PASSED OUT. I HAD A PIC'S
- 42 With all of today's knowledge, would you do it again? Yes XXX No NO

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Q: (11)

I FELT GOOD ABOUT DOING MY DUTY FOR MY COUNTRY REGARDLESS HOW PEOPLE FELT. WE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WHAT WE WANTED, BUT WE DID WHAT WE COULD.

Q: (12) I FELT THAT ALL WE ACCOMPLISHED AND ANY OF THOSE WHO DIED WERE FOR NOTHING.

Q: (13) I STILL HAVE PRIDE IN SAYING I SERVED. THE PUBLIC IS MORE RECEPTIVE.

Q: (14) I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A CLOSE CALL OR NOT, BUT, WHILE ON ROUTINE FLIGHT WE HAD TO STOP AT BINH THUY FOR A FEW MORE PARCELS BEFORE GOING ON TO OTHER DETS, WHILE SHUTTING DOWN I HEARD A RAPPING SOUND COMING FROM THE TAIL BOOM. AFTER INSPECTING I FOUND THE BOLTS ON THE 90° GEAR BOX WERE COMING OUT AND HITTING THE DRIVE SHAFT WEARING EVERYTHING AWAY. IF WE WOULD HAVE CONTINUED INSTEAD OF STOPPING WE WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY GONE DOWN HARD. I FEEL I MAY NOT BE HEAR TODAY WRITING THIS.

Q: (15) - FLYING - WORKING ALOT WITH DET#8 (MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME) MISS AMERICA SHOW AT BINH THUY - BEING PART OF A CLOSE GROUP THAT CANNOT BE ENJOYED TODAY.

Q: (31) I HAVE SEVERAL. ALL SPECIAL OPS WITH SEALS AND MY CLOSE ENCOUNTER. ON ONE OP WE WERE TO LAND AND PICK UP SOME ARVN'S. THE SECOND LORD HOOKED FRONT SKIDS ON BANK AND FLIPPED OVER. NO ONE INJURED, BUT SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME.