

SEAWOLF QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What dates were you in Vietnam? From 4/69 to 4/70
- 2 What Dets were you in? 3 dates (same)
Where was the Det located then? APP. FUN (CHO DUC ARE) July 67 - APR (HA TIEN)
Were you at the main base? only in passing
- 3 Principal job, work, rating? SCHEDULES, LOGS & RECORDS
- 4 Who was the Det OSC? CDR BRUCE BOBQUIST, LATER CDR DENNIS LEE
- 5 Squadron CO & XO? CO BECKWITH XO 7
- 6 What medals and awards did you earn while in Vietnam?
SINGLE ACTION AIR MEDAL, 21 STRIKE FLIGHT AIR MEDALS,
COMBAT ACTION RIBBON
- 7 Name, rank and serial number, location, date and circumstances and other pertinent information concerning any deaths or injuries of HAL-3 personnel? See attached
- 8 Special or unusual Ops that you were involved in while in Vietnam
NOTHING SPECIAL
- 9 With what units other than HAL-3 did you work? VAL-4, US Army,
SEVERAL PAC divisions
- 10 What did you think of the ARVN's? NOT MUCH
- 11 What did you feel about the war when you returned home? Uncertain - went from P.
- 12 What did you feel about the war in 1975 when Saigon fell? (was a futile effort)
- 13 What do you feel about the war today? definitely a mistake
- 14 Describe any close calls? night landing with KIRK WALSH (see 19)
- 15 Describe your fondest memories in Vietnam?
- 16 What is your birthdate? _____ Social security NO? _____
Former enlisted or officer number? _____
- 17 Did you stay in the Navy after your tour in Vietnam? got out - (are back in)
For how many years? _____
If you stayed in, did your HAL-3 experience help you or hurt you, why?
No doubt it made me a better pilot - hasn't helped since
returning to active duty however (i.e. career progression)
- 18 How do you feel about HAL-3? Best flying I ever did - enjoyed the
friendships - will never forget the experiences - thankful to
God I survived it all.
- 19 Who were the most unforgettable characters in Nam, why?
LT KIRK WALSH - friendly, solo but crazy - seemed we had
one night try to get into a dark LZ (almost crashed) drank too
much - chased around the camp getting endorsements for his "heroics"
- 20 Describe any physical and mental troubles you have had since Vietnam that could be related to your duty there.
Have been lucky - just can't forget
the fellows who were killed over there.

- 21 What did you enjoy the most about Vietnam? *The flying, friendships, R & R rapid progression to AITAC, FTL and "Chicken man"*
- 22 What was the most unpleasant aspect about Vietnam? *Apathy by the ARVN's -- Night scrambles, night launches off LST's, Vietnam's on dark rainy nights, flying co pilot with Eddie Walsh.*
- 24 What units impressed you in Vietnam? *ARMY LOH'S*
- 25 Do you have any records, photos, maps, wolfgams, forms, ect of Hal-3 that you would be willing to donate? *Copy? Or allow us to copy? Describe them HAVE MULTIPLE SLIDES (35mm) and 3 Reels of movie film spliced together - would be willing to donate. Sure it suppose after reviewing the file.*
- 26 The most secret item to which you were privy? *Don't Recall anything big*
- 27 Have you been to the Vietnam Veterans Wall? *Yes* If so, what were your impressions? *Very moving, solemn occasion, I cried a little*
- 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 ☐ NO ☒
- 30 How long were you in Hal-3? *1 YR*, The Navy? *Still in*
Total military service? *going for 20 now.*
- 31 The most unforgettable memory? *(see attached)*
- 32 What were the best and the worst things ever to happen to HAL-3?
Worst - see attached
best? - hoped we saved some lives on the boat along the way.
- 34 List the songs you remember from Vietnam? *?*
- 35 List the books you remember from Vietnam? *The Godfather MARIO PUZO*
TRAVIS MACEE SAMES,
- 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?
That we were there too (and took our fun in the barrel)
(like everybody else)
- 38 What did you lack the most while in Vietnam? *letters from home - (wife) me*
- 39 What did you have to much of while in Vietnam? *idle time*
- 40 What civic or charitable organizations were you involved in? *none there*
- 41 The food was? *good on the ship but C-RATS were terrible in the field*
- 42 Who were your best friends while in HAL-3? Do you know where they are now? If not, would you like to know? *Jerry Leach, Bill Calhoun, Dave Ackemoto, know only that Bill Calhoun is at War College now*
- 43 Funniest event while in HAL-3? *Bill Calhoun trying to shoot his foot off in a b.*
- 44 With all of today's knowledge, would you do it again? Yes ☐ No ☒
NOT IN ANOTHER WAR LIKE THAT ONE -
(w/ 1st co. which cheer out a hell)

7 KIA (DET 3)

Five team engaged in routine ^{day} patrol along Cambodian border (Pamot Beach area) - late April / early May 1969 took heavy fire unexpectedly from trees concealing Cambodian mercenaries.

Lead :- det OIC was copilot (can't remember his name) ^{a LOR} and FTL was LTJG Joe Hart (took multiple hits, numerous caution lights came on)

Wing a/c :- copilot was Hal Castle (LTJG) and LT/LTJG Dick Randon (AHAC took multiple hits, called they were going down and crashed. Lead a/c made a landing close to crashed wingman - shortly taking fire from nearby trees - fought back using small arms and MK-79 grenade launcher. They called for help and a Army "Shik" responded to their call. Shik came in, picked up some of the crew - took off - came back in a second time and got the rest. I understood he took multiple hits himself. Going out the L2 a round came through the door and hit Joe Hart in the back killing him. One crewman (in bad shape) rescued from crashed bird. Was badly burned, medevaced to the States - in a burn bed for (10 months?) - never regained consciousness and eventually died. As I was new, didn't know his name. Another crewman or bad bird did the rescue - because he got a Silver Star for his efforts (also no name - believe first name was "Willy") Other

crewman in back a/c died in the crash along with pilots

This whole episode was bad news - HMC 3 built
"May have" stayed across the border accidentally. Both a/c were
lost - many stories circulated about U.S. efforts to recover the
bodies - took a long time but heard later (after returning to the
States) that ^{some} remains had been returned - don't know if true or
not. Names one on the wall as I have seen.