

Brother SEAWOLVES:

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As I sit here and write I realise that I'm typing out the first HAL-3 newsletter. For years I've searched locator columns in hopes of seeing a reunion or whatever for HAL-3. Well, I never found anything or maybe I never looked in the right places. But one thing was for sure my quest was going nowhere. So a few months ago I worked up the incentive to try to find people myself and started by placing an add in the VVA locator. The fact that this letter is being written at all indicates that I (we) have had a small measure of success.

I will also be placing locator ads in the Legion and VFW newsletters and I have placed a note in the Gamewarden newsletter. However the most success I've had came from the letters I have received because along with the letter comes the name of someone else. Here's where I need help. If you know the names and address of other live HAL-3 vets send them to me. Even if you only know the name and approximate location send it in. Who knows, maybe that name will spark someone else's memory. I have enclosed a list of all the addresses I know and names of other guys whose whereabouts remain unknown. Recognize anyone?

What I would like to do is gather enough names and maybe organise a reunion. Secondly we have a lot of information to share. Since I started this I have discovered what happened to HAL-3 after I departed to the World in June of 71; I've corresponded with some good people and have a few more names to look up on the Wall.

From what I've been able to determine HAL-3 disbanded in April of 1972. At a change in command ceremony in February of 1972:

flight hours-seawolves	112,572
seafords	18,333
missions	78,457
enemy killed by air confirmed	4,001
probable	4,695
enemy sampans destroyed	6,418
damaged	2,519
enemy structures destroyed	4,010
damaged	5,479
med. evac	1,530
passengers	57,079
cargo	1,007,552 pounds

AWARDS

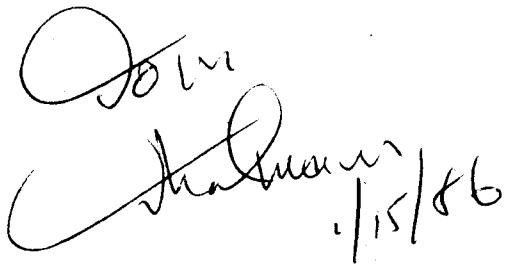
navy cross

George Proffit	(Bay Area) Calif.	1970-71
Tim Olson	San Diego Calif.	1970-71
Gary Weaver		1969
Rick Bauskie		1969
? Ainsworth		1969
? Sadler		1969
? Robinson		1969
Bruce Boissey		1969
Mark Kurman		1969
Lt(jg) Haggerton		1969
Lt(jg) Bailes		1969
Ens. Munson		1969
Lt Barnes		1969

I apologize for any name I may of misspelled or otherwise. If you have any changes or new info. let me know.

Well there you have it. Its not alot but it is a positive start which is, to my amazement, better than I thought. So far this has been a one man effort but I want to thank two guys who have given me some encouragement and an occasional kick in the ass-- Pete O'Shea and Howard Jacobs. If anyone cares to donate a few stamps I would appreciate it.

Tom Thalmann


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silver stars	51
legion of merit	2
distinguished flying crosses	219
navy and marine corps medals	5
bronze stars	101
air medals	15,264
navy commendations	439
navy achievement	220
purple hearts	156
vietnamese crosses of gallantry	142

This brings to mind something else, if any of you have any HAL-3 history or experiences you would be willing to share send it to me and I'll try to put something together.

PEOPLE TO LOCATE

??? Murry	Washington state or Oregon	1970-71
Ron Altman	Wisconsin or Minnesota	1970-71
?? Boris		1970-71
Ernie Clark	Santa Maria Calif.	1970-71
John Cook		1970-71
Pat Cypher	southern Illinois	1970-71
Jim Ertal	Colorado	1970-71
Mike Glover	San Jose Calif.	1970-71
"Rusty" Hawkins	Arizona	1970-71
??? Hunsinger		1970-71
"Lash" Larve		1970-71
Rick(?) Samples		1970-71
?? Shoburg		1970-71
B. Steinman		1970-71
"Rainwater"		1970-71
Bill Solway		1970-71
Frank Villareal		1970-71