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Letter from the Editor

One year ago today I was in Ho Chi Minh City on my second tour to Vietnam. It has been fifteen years since the last helicopter lifted off the Embassy and ended the long and painful adventure that brought all of us together. We come from every state, several foreign countries and we all experienced the same feelings. Every April 30 I remember vividly the sights I saw on the Evening News. We gave so much and got so little.

What we got was the best training ever given to a pilot--we were trained by combat pilots. We lived through a conflict where the pilots were actually considered part of the ground war. You can't get any closer without walking and we have memories, memories of friends that will live forever. That is what the VHPA is all about. That is why 66 pilots came to Phoenix in 1984 to form what has without doubt become the premier Veterans organization in the world.

It has been my extreme pleasure to serve you, the voting, dues paying members. It is hard to decide which job I have enjoyed the most, until I open the mail from HQ. The tremendous outflowing of human emotion for your fellow man is truly inspiring. There is a bond between us that cannot be broken and leads us to share our triumphs and tragedies as brothers. The "BROTHERHOOD OF THE WHIRLING BLADE" truly describes the VHPA.

What I've been trying to say is, the best thing to happen in my life is to serve you. (My wife of twenty years, Wendy, may be a tie). Life takes many strange turns and I wanted to express my appreciation for your trust.

Now to business. The policy on pictures needs to be clarified. As stated several times in previous Newsletters, it is our policy to return all pictures. However, sometimes this is not possible. The VHPA must therefore request that you not send pictures that are one-of-a-kind. Please send us a reprint. I prefer to have NO pictures than to lose your memories. Reprints are economical and you can rest easy. Also, please put your name and address on the back of the picture before mailing.

In the coming year I plan to add a WAR STORY column to the Newsletter!!! Is that sticking your neck out or what? O.K. send them in and buy some tall boots. (Just remember, someone you know may remember the true version).

See you in Nu Awlands.

Mike
BLUE GHOST 42

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INCOMING MAIL

TAPS

It is my sad duty to inform you of, or confirm the loss of, two of the finest Aviation Warrant Officers and Vietnam helicopter pilots ever to have served in the United States Army. CW4 Gaylord Bishop and CW4 Howard E. Morton were killed on December 1, 1989, at 0905 am, in the crash of their CASA 212 airplane at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Maryland. At the time of their deaths, both aviators were, as I still am, assisting with the testing and development of the Army's Grisly Hunter airborne infrared target detection and surveillance system.

I believe Gaylord was a Life Member of VHPA. I know he was an active and enthusiastic supporter of our organization so his record of service should be well documented with your office.

Howard served two tours in Vietnam. His first was as an enlisted member of the Special Forces during most of 1964. His Officer Record Brief also shows he spent another eight months in Vietnam (from March thru October 1971) assigned as a CH-47 Chinook Pilot with the 203rd Assault Support Aviation Company. The noteworthy thing to realize about Howard is that his re-enlistment in the Army for flight training and his second tour occurred after the death in Vietnam combat of his only and older brother. Howard did not have to return to Vietnam but only did so because of his love of his country and his love of flight, he now rests side by side with his brother in Wichita Falls, Texas.

As well known and beloved as both these men were, I know both deaths must have been reported previously to your organization. I hope I was at least able to provide some insight into the loss of our airplane and fill out some of Howard's service record.

If you have further questions concerning this matter, feel free to call

me at (205) 255-8174 until 25 April 90, or at (817) 288-9728 days, (817) 690-2242 nights, after 15 May 90. You might consider letting the members know that I plan to be at the convention this July if any of our brothers would like the addresses or telephone numbers of Gaylord's or Howard's survivors. I know Howard's parents would like to hear from anyone who know him, this has been very, very hard on both of them. I will also be available if anyone would like to talk about the accident or help me share in the memories of these two fine men.

Sincerely,
David Adams
CW4, US Army

Thanks for informing us of this loss. I'm sure those that know these two aviators appreciate your sharing this information.

A "SHOULD BE" FOR NEW ORLEANS

To Mr. Jack Glennon and all the "Phoenix" gang, I say you not only had a reunion in Chicago, you **made** the reunion in Chicago. From day one you guys were absolutely inseparable, and the intensity of your group's get together was noted by everyone around you. From your constant occupation of a room to show several hundred, (perhaps thousand) slides, to the sitting together at all functions, to the sneaking of case after case of beer into the hotel so the party never had to end, the comradery and fellowship shown by the members of Phoenix after all the years gone by was truly a sight to behold. I want so badly for everyone in this organization to experience the feelings and emotions you guys did. I have, and it's wonderful! And it can happen to all of us, but not without some work.

As the Reunion Chairman for Chicago, I was contacted by several units that wanted to have a mini-reunion during the Chicago gathering. Of all those that expressed an interest, Phoenix was by far the most successful. And Jack Glennon's letter in the December, 1989 Newsletter explained why they were successful. One guy and two years of telephone calls and letter writing culminated in what was to date the largest gathering of any one unit or class since the inception of the VHPA. For class or unit gatherings to be successful it takes the time and effort of one or more individuals to "get the ball rolling" and keep it rolling. Everyone within a mini-reunion needs to know who else is planning on attending as an incentive for them to make the trip.

For me, one of the highlights of the Chicago reunion was the note Jack received afterward from one of the Phoenix attendees. He stated that he almost backed out because he was unsure of how he would feel getting together with long lost buddies that had meant so much to him, and the memories that would be coming forth again after being buried for so many years. But, he did not back out, and instead of attending a "wake" it turned out to be a "grand celebration with the happiest fellows and best of memories". He did not know it, but he put into words the embodiment of this organization. That is exactly what the VHPA is, "a grand celebration with the happiest fellows and the best of memories". The simple truth cannot be stated any better.

Everyone of us knows at least one other guy that should be a member of the VHPA and should be attending the reunions. More than likely we all know several "should be's". But why won't they join! Why won't they attend a reunion? Maybe as the gentlemen that wrote the letter to Jack stated, they are afraid of being overwhelmed with emotional memories that have been locked in gray matter for years, or are afraid of attending a morbid get together where nothing but the bad aspects of having been a helicopter pilot in Vietnam are discussed. Maybe they think we are nothing more than another political/radical Vietnam Veterans organization. The only way I know to dispel any of the above fears about the VHPA IS TO GET THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS THINKING THAT WAY TO A REUNION, to see for themselves that their fears are unfounded, just like Jack's Phoenix buddy did.

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As every one of you out there that has attended a reunion knows first hand, this organization has no other goal than to bring good buddies back together again for the continuation of great times we all experienced twenty plus years ago. And the operative word in the above statement is "attended". Once we can get guys that still question the "why" and "wherefore" of the VHPA to a reunion, the organization will sell itself.

All reunions are great, but some will ultimately be better than others. Having noted what is being planned for us in New Orleans, I feel it safe to say there may never be another reunion as spectacular as the one that is going to take place this summer on the lower Mississippi. If there is ever going to be a reunion that would dispel any questions about our ability to have a good time and enjoy getting reacquainted, New Orleans is it.

So, how do we get the "should be's" to attend. Do just what Jack Glennon did. There is still plenty of time to "muster the troops". If everyone of you reading this would sit down and call or write one, two, three, or however many "should be's" that you have current information on the tell them that they **WILL** attend the New Orleans reunion, your chances of having a good time will increase ten fold. And enlist them to call other "should be's" that they know. Those that balk threaten with a night IFR autorotation, a snatch mission, or a pink slip, whatever it takes to get a commitment. Call them back with a list of other guys that will be attending. Remember, in no other organization, with respect to reunion attendance, can it be stated honestly and truthfully that "the end justifies the means!" Once the doubters attend a reunion, they will not want to miss another one.

Instead of just one Jack Glennon, lets have several hundred. Lets make New Orleans the first of all future reunions to have every nook and cranny of the hotel filled with guys that are once again for the first time experiencing the joy, the excitement, the pride of having been a Vietnam Helicopter Pilot. It's up to you to get your friends to a reunion. The rest will take care of itself.

Greg Ross, Vice President



There is a rumor going around that actor, singer, song writer Kris Kristofferson is a former Army Helicopter Pilot. Is there anyone out there that can substantiate this and if so, shed a little light on Mr. Kristofferson's rank, flight class number, type of helicopters flown, approximate time of service, etc.

We know all helicopter pilots can act. It's nice to know that one can carry a tune. Besides me, that is!

Greg Ross, Song Leader
"BlueGhost Riders in the Sky"
the Queen Mary,
Longbeach, '87

Chicago was a great reunion, many "should be's" attended. We all know that there are thousands more "should be's" and if we take your advice, Greg, New Orleans "will be" the ARK LIGHT of reunions.

ROAD SERVICE

Here are the before and after photos of the 114th AHC "Road Service" helicopter. The 114th was based at Vihou Long and the maintenance platoon had its own helicopter. The light colored border around the left windshield indicates an earlier repair, and the damage in the second photo occurred in 1971. The maintenance guys took a lot of heat after the crash, because it happened as a result of an engine failure. The perpetual shortage of aircraft required the use of "Road Service" for a routine mission that day. Of course, the maintenance pilots responded by saying that everything would have been fine if the slick pilots had not forgotten how to do an autorotation. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt in the crash.

Joel Willhite
114 AHC 1971

The height of insult is for a helicopter to return to base by truck!!!

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Photos from Joel Willhite.

ELECTION NOTICE

As the nomination committee chairman, I must have all the nominations for the office of Vice President and Junior Member-at-Large submitted to me not later than 1700 hours, July 6, 1990. This is necessary to insure that all candidates' names will be on the ballot for the elections during the business meeting on July 7, 1990.

Nominations may be mailed to me, to arrive not later than June 29, 1990, at [redacted] or presented to me in New Orleans between July 4-6, 1990.

There have been these nominations for each office as of this date, that are:

Vice President:	Member-at-Large:
Gary Slaughter	Phil Marshall
	Charles Rayl

There is a possibility that this election will cause a Member-at-Large vacancy and the executive council will present a plan to fill the vacated office.

NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES: *If you are elected to office on July 7, you will need to attend your first executive council meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., July 8, 1990. This meeting may last until noon or a little later. Make your travel plans accordingly.*

Best of luck to all candidates!
Ron Wright
Junior Member-at-Large

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

It has been a mere twenty nine years since the first CH-21's and OH-13's arrived in Saigon harbor to begin flying combat missions in Vietnam and only fifteen years since American helicopters last flew in the skies over much of Southeast Asia. Thousands of us flew above Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand and several pilots participated in operations north of the DMZ. We all have a hundred good stories to tell but memories are fading and the history may be lost forever if we don't act now.

The Vietnam Era Historical Committee is gathering information about helicopter units in Vietnam

and other Southeast Asia countries and we will need your assistance. In the near future we'll be asking for information about helicopter units in Vietnam and other Southeast Asia countries and we will need your assistance. In the near future we'll be asking for information about you and your unit during your Vietnam days.

If you feel you may enjoy working on the Historical Committee and have time to devote doing research and writing, you can contact me through VHPA headquarters, attn: Vietnam Era Historical Committee.

Bill Greenhalgh
Vietnam Era Historical Committee

GATORS FROM NAM

Enclosed is the miniature version of the nose decal used by the 119th AHC from 1967 on.

It is a platoon insignia and with either a yellow or blue background designated our slick platoons. The Crocodiles (our gun platoon) had their own insignia.

This is an original and was used on the flight helmet or wherever deemed appropriate. The nose decal was 18" in diameter and did a fine job of announcing our arrival. This insignia also found its way to pocket patches and stationery.

I did the original design but the real thanks go to my father, Burt Muldoon, and Steve Andrews, the head of the silk-screen department at Stewart-Warner Corp. who were instrumental in the final art work and the manufacture of the decals.

Thanks to those folks again and thanks to VHPA for the opportunity to relate these stories.

Sincerely,
Terry Muldoon
119 AHC 66-17

Thanks for sharing this interesting patch with us. The uniqueness of these designs seem boundless!!!

MIA'S RETURNED

This letter serves as an update of the events surrounding the four members of the 129th AHC who have been listed as MIA since December 2, 1969.

In January of 1990 the remains of four American servicemen were returned to the United States by the North Vietnamese government.

The families of these servicemen were informed that these remains were identified as those of the crew of the missing aircraft of the 129th.



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Group burial of these four soldiers on April 20th, 1990 at 3:0 pm in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

A funeral service will be conducted for three of these servicemen. These men are:

CW-2 Martin D. Vanden Eykel II
CW-2 William C. Dunlap
Sp-5 William D. Sanderlin

The family of the forth crew member of this aircraft does not at this time wish to recognize or participate in these services. On behalf of the family of Marty Vanden Eykle, I want to thank all who responded with information or concerns to this family. They would invite any and all who know Marty to attend this funeral. The address of Marty's parents is:

Mr. & Mrs. Martin D. Vanden Eykel
[REDACTED]

ABC News (Prime Time Live) has interviewed the parents of Marty Vanden Eykle and will be filming the funeral service

at Arlington on April 20th. the program will be aired at a later date. This date is tentatively set for April 26, 1990.

Sincerely,
Jack D. Jordan
[REDACTED]
Mt. Vernon, TX 75457

Jack, due to publishing deadlines, this letter could not be included in the March Newsletter. The important thing is that these MIA's have been identified and returned to the U.S. I'm sure all that knew these aviators and crew find comfort in finally knowing.

A CREW CHIEF SEARCHES

I am a Vietnam veteran and former OH-6 crewmember.

I was with troop A, 7th squadron, 1st Air Cavalry Regiment with the 164th Combat Aviation Group.

While at Vinh Long in July, 1968 my aircraft crashed while on a combat mission and I received serious injuries.

The pilot of the aircraft was Capt. David Thompson of troop B. As I was evacuated to Dong Tan (8th surgical) I never learned of Capt. Thompson's nor our observer's condition. I would like very much to know if they survived.

I realize VHPA is for pilots only. I am only trying to find some information on Capt. Thompson.

It is very important to me to know if he is still alive.

Also, I would appreciate it if you could inform me of a Capt. Lonnie Burkhalter - I was his crew chief while we were at Di An RVN.

Any information you could provide would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Michael Burton
[REDACTED]

Michael, we have no record of either pilot. Maybe one of our members can be of some help.

GHOSTRIDER 46


I am looking for GhostRider 46 (Aug 70) for a friend of mine. My friend's name is Bob Hickman. He was a special forces Sgt. E5 at that time. He was in long range recon in the 101's airborne. He says that GhostRider 46 (Dec 69- Aug 70) saved his life several times and would like to thank him.

At the time (in VN), he didn't have a chance to get his name or anything. Bob can be reached at (417) 256-0010 (Airevac, Inc.) or address is Bob Hickman, c/o Air Evac, 1448 W. 8th Street, West Plains, MO 65775. Anything you all can do would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Max T. Bradley
[REDACTED]
West Plain, MO 65775

Help Max, Help Bob find Ghost rider 46.

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1990 Reunion Update

From Airport to Hotel Transportation:

1. Taxi fare \$18.00 1 to 3 persons.
2. Rhodes shuttle bus \$7.00 per person, departure every 15 min. from airport. This bus may stop briefly at other hotels on the way to the Sheraton.

From Hotel to Airport Transportation:

1. Same as above.
2. VHPA has arranged for Grey Line Coach/Tour Company to set up ticket sales at our registration area. There you may purchase tickets for \$6.00 per person to return to the airport on a large comfortable 47 seat bus, departing the hotel as they are full starting Sunday morning. Also you may purchase tour tickets at their booth.

Parking options for those driving:

1. Valet parking Sheraton \$9.00 per day covered garage.
2. Directly behind the Sheraton (2) blocks several open air parking lots starting at \$3.00 per day.
3. Garage parking throughout the area, starting at \$5.00 per day.

Reunion Refund Policy:

A full refund of any registration moneys will be given to anyone who cancels N.L.T. June 15th. No exceptions afterwards. Contact VHPA.

Baby sitting:

Contact hotel concierge directly; 48 hrs. in advance @ (504) 525-2500.

Swamp tour:

See December newsletter for more details, or contact reunion chairman. Complimentary beer and soft drinks will

be served on this fantastic adventure cruise Friday, July 6th. Come feed the alligators aboard a very nice coast guard approved tour boat that seats 45 persons each, with rest rooms and snacks available for purchase.

Mardi Gras Costume rental:

Mardi Gras Costumes will be the suggested attire for our banquet July 7th. A costume company will be set up in our registration area to assist you in your selection of either renting or purchasing a costume. Costume rentals start at \$10.00. Optional dress will be coat and tie for banquet.

Heliprot Hospitality:

Saturday, July 7th at the downtown heliprot, where our helicopter static display will be; hotdogs will be served from 10:00 until 12:30. This is a \$2.00 cash event. New Orleans own DIXIE beer will be served complimentary from Dixie Brewing Company as well as Pepsi, complimentary of Pepsi Bottling Co.

Name Tags:

Remember it is a policy of VHPA that all adults attending any VHPA closed function will wear registration name tags. No admittance without. Failure to do so may result in hotel security asking for you VHPA ID card. Children do not register nor have to wear name tags.

Cash Bar:

This year credit cards may be used at hotel cash bar events. A \$30.00 minimum purchase amount will be required. Tickets may be used at any event through out the reunion.

Warning:

While in New Orleans remember; Cayenne Pepper is like Brill Cream, "A Little Dab Will Do YA".

Reunion Information or Assistance:

Please call or write if I or any member of the 1990 Reunion Committee may help in making your reunion plans complete. Please attend the New Orleans reunion; there may never be another "Arc Light" reunion like this one will be. The 1990 Mardi Gras was a great event; but it was only a practice party for Vietnam Helicopter Pilots invading LA New Orleans in July. Hope "You All" can attend. New Orleans; see you there!!!!

Gary Slaughter



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Upcoming Events...

July 6, 1990

4th Infantry Division pilots' reunion in New Orleans.

We will have numerous photos of Camp Enari, Pleiku and other II Corps locations where we served with the 4th Aviation Battalion, Company A and Company B of the 4th Infantry Division. We will even ask General Stone to discuss the Courtesy Patrol (insider's joke-you had to be there).

Our reunion will be in room 808 of the Sheraton Hotel from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, July 6th. Those of you in other units who knew 4th Division pilots are welcome to stop by.

If you have any questions call Bruce Loughridge at (505) 831-7311 or Alan Fry at VHPA headquarters in Cincinnati.

July 6, 1990

1st Annual Reunion of the 173rd Assault Helicopter Co.

Dear fellow Robinhoods/Cross Bows,

After running into a great number of Robinhoods in Chicago last year a few of us said, "Why not make an effort to reunite all Robinhoods?" So here we are!

At the New Orleans reunion of the VHPA, July 4-7 1990, the Robinhoods will reunite as a group for the first time!

We can not only enjoy our unique groups camaraderie with old war stories of the daring, but also document the complete history of the 173rd in Vietnam. I have my unit book from Vietnam when the Robinhoods were in DaNang and in it is a partial unit history done by a fellow friend in Vietnam and a current VHPA member, Chester R. Bennett. With this information and yours we can put together all the pieces to the history puzzle.

We will meet in the Sheraton Hotel July 6, 1990-2pm 'til 4pm, Suite #808, next to the pool deck. As I am reunion chairman for VHPA this year, I have asked George "Russ" Shuler, Robinhood "15", to host and make sure every beer is cold. As an extra precaution: wear boots that day.

I'm sure the bull will be deep!! Please try and attend this 1st annual reunion of the 173rd Assault Helicopter Company.

Sincerely,

Phillip Gary Slaughter
Robinhood "13"

[Redacted]
(5 [Redacted])

August 2-5, 1990

25th Infantry Division Association 41st Annual Reunion

Marriott-O'Hare, Chicago, Illinois

For information write:

Midwest Chapter,
c/o Mr. Bill Malony,
25th Inf. Div. Association,
P.O. Box 2427,
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



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New Orleans 7th Annual VHPA Reunion Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed. July 4th	2:00 pm-6:00 pm 6:00 pm-1:00 am	Early Bird Hospitality BBQ, fireworks, party	8th Floor Pool Deck (C/B) Pool Deck (C/B & C/BBQ)
Thurs. July 5th	9:00 am-5:00 pm 1:00 pm-2:00 pm 2:00 pm-4:30 pm 7:00 pm-1:00 am	Registration, Memorabilia Vendor FREE Coors hospitality Natchez Paddle Boat Cruise/Lunch Peter Pilots Beauty Contest/Dance	3rd Floor Pontchartrain Ballroom Natchez Boarding Area Behind Jax Brewery on Mississippi River (C/B) 5th Floor-Grand Ballroom (C/B)
Fri. July 6th	9:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration, Memorabilia Vendor	3rd Floor Pontchartrain Ballroom
		*NO EVENTS SCHEDULED THIS DAY! OPEN FOR SIGHT SEEING! SEE REGISTRATION PACKAGE FOR SUGGESTIONS.	
	8:00 pm	Real Helicopter Pilots Roll Call	Bourbon Street
Sat. July 7th	9:00 am-5:00 pm 8:00am-12:00 pm 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 6:00 pm-7:00 pm 7:00 pm-1:00 am	Registration, Memorabilia Vendor Helicopter Static Display FREE Dixie beer served Mens Business Meeting Ladies Gathering & Cajun Cooking Show/Cocktails Children Pool Party Cocktails Banquet, Mardi Gras Parade M/G Costume Ball/Dance	3rd Floor Pontchartrain Ballroom Depart Hotel via Bus to Downtown Heliport 5th Floor Grand Ballroom 2nd Floor Rhythms Room (C/B) 8th Floor Pool Deck 5th Floor Grand Ballroom Foyer (C/B) 5th Floor Grand Ballroom (C/B)
Sun. July 8th	Going Home 10:30 am	Check out time is 12:00 noon C/Champagne Jazz Brunch (a non VHPA sponsored event available for those staying over.)	2nd Floor Cafe Promenade

* C/B - Cash Bar
* C/ - Cash Event

NOTE: Memorabilia & Vendor area will be closed during business meeting, Saturday July 7th.



REUNION REGISTRATION VHPA
7th Annual Reunion of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 4th thru 7th, 1990

Name: _____ Member No: _____
Wife/Guest Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
No. of Children /Guests: _____ Arrival Date: _____
Is this your first reunion? _____ How many? _____

REGISTRATION FEES

No. of People	Total
Registration before 6/4/90	@ \$15.00 per person = \$ _____
Registration after 6/4/90	@ \$25.00 per person = \$ _____
Natchez Paddle Boat - Adult	@ \$20.00 per person = \$ _____
Natchez Paddle Boat - Child	@ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____
Banquet	@ \$35.00 per person = \$ _____
	GRAND TOTAL: = \$ _____

- ☐ Enclosed is my check to VHPA Reunion '90
☐ Please charge my MasterCard or VISA

Account No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Signature: _____

NAME TAG INFORMATION

NAME: _____
NAME OF WIFE/FRIEND: _____
FLIGHT SCHOOL CLASS (NO. & YEAR): _____
COMBAT UNITS & YEARS: _____
HOMETOWN OR PRESENT RESIDENCE: _____

MAIL TO: VHPA / 7 West Seventh St./Suite 1940/Cincinnati, Ohio 45202



SHERATON HOTEL REGISTRATION
7th Annual Reunion of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 4th thru 7th, 1990

Name: _____ No of Persons in Party: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

ROOM RATES:

One thru four occupants per room \$70.00 Plus Tax.

Rooms may be available at 12 Noon, check-in guaranteed at 3:00 PM.

These are Special Rates. Reservations Must be Received **No Later** than June 4th, 1990.

For guaranteed reservations the Sheraton must receive a deposit equal to one nights room charge.

For Credit Card Use:

Card Type: _____ MC _____ VISA _____ AMEX _____ DINERS
Credit Card Number: _____
Expires: _____ / _____ Signature: _____
If deposit is by check, amount enclosed is : \$ _____

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504/525-2500

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7 West Seventh Street, Suite 1940 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 721-VHPA



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

APPLICATION: ☐

ANNUAL DUES: \$20

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$300

ADDRESS CHANGE: ☐

SUBSCRIPTION ONLY: \$12*

(*Included in annual dues)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

OCCUPATION: _____

_____ Please charge my MasterCard/VISA

_____ Enclosed is a check/money order payable to VHPA

Account. No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

FLIGHT SCHOOL CLASS: _____ SERVICE BRANCH: _____

COMBAT FLIGHT HOURS: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

Information about EACH Vietnam Tour:

DATE		UNIT	LOCATION	CALL SIGN
From	To			

Information about YOU: Helicopters flown, medals/awards, talents, hobbies and anything else.

Note: This form may be used for Directory corrections.