



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COMPANY A, 5TH BATTALION, 159TH AVIATION REGIMENT
APO NEW YORK 09025-0254



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Gentleman,

I started flight school in class # 66-5 WA. We were the first large class. From a norm of fifty, we started with ninety-nine. My flight platoon (WA) was the first production class to train in the TH 55A. The officer class, 66-6 flew opposite us, but we went to the flight line @ 06:00, too that made us first in 55's. Class 66-5 termed the TH 55 the "Hottel Messerschmitt." Upon return from RVN, I taught P.H. @ Fort W. Altus, Texas. I taught in TH 55, OH 23 & OH 13. I was stationed there from Jul '67 thru Jan '69, when I was released from active duty. I flew commercial helicopters from '69 to '77, when I re-entered active duty. I was assigned to Troop A #117 Cavalry @ Fort Hood Texas.

I received my CH 47 transition in Jan of '80 - 1982 assigned to the 2ND Aviation Co (Linkkeepers) in Korea (The 213TH Aviation Co (Black Pats are co-located)). I joined the 132ND Aviation Co (Hercules) @ Hunter AFB Savannah, Ga in '82. I was assigned to the 180TH Aviation Co (Big Windy) in April of 1986. The 180TH was re-designated Shown in the letterhead above, but we've kept the "Big Windy" call sign.

I am currently serving as a CW3. I tracked maintenance in '78 & have been a "banya rat" ever since. I have a total of 6200+ military & civilian flight hours. I am qualified in TH 55, UH 1 ABCD H, OH 23 D, OH 13 EGH, CH 47 ABCD. I also have civil time in Bell 206 series, Alouette II & III & Hughes 500.

I have been planning to join VHPA since I first heard about it from Dave Dorsner in Savannah & finally decided to "get off the pot". I would dearly love to become a life member right from the get-go but unfortunately right now my purse is too thin. Hopefully soon.

I hold the Master Army Aviator badge, Parachutist badge, have 18 air medals ACN W/V & the usual "I been there" stuff.

Enclosed is a copy of my flight orders & a scrub from your October Directory that may be of assistance

Sincerely yours
John F. Clifford

Members

Atkinson, Berga, Darnell, D'Andrea, Ferlito,
Hamvai, Hill, Karo, Reynolds, Sisk, Spencer, Talley.

These class members are on your KIA List.
now you can add class numbers.

Adams, Bud, Clark, Joseph T., Goddard, Myron T.
Howe, Harry G. Jr, Lapon George F., Lauck, Elmer D.
McDonnell, Joel W. & Morse, Reginald G.

Chitwood retired as a TC Major (aviator) in 82 I,
Cole, John T was killed by NP's @ Ft Wolters
67/68 while trying to break into the PX. He fired on them
w/ a .45 & they blew him away. Word was he was more
than a little shut when he came back from RVN.

Flores, I heard he retired as a w-4 & lives in
Porto Rico.

Allrecht was a w-4 a couple of years ago in
SINOPS Turkey Check w/ AAAA?

Gray, Ben H retired a few years ago as a w-4
@ Polk.

Gutierrez retired as a w3 @ Daleville Al. & when I
last saw him he was an IP w/ the contractor (1980)
Jobe was a senior captain & had an Infantry Co
@ Hood in 79

Mamiro was a w4 when I saw him in Korea in

Miller was a W4 when I was @ The advanced course in Bucka & I heard he retired there a year later in 1981.

Murphy was a W4 with the fixed wing VIP section a 24 ID @ Savannah in '85 & may still be there.

Owen was passing thru Bucka in the spring of '80 & was then a W3

Glancy came out on the same RA list I did in 1980 rank on the list W4

Pyhus was a bottle cop & colonel @ DA a couple of years ago

Bickey was a W4 & that's all I know

Roland is also a Lt Col & may be a full Bull by now.

I heard from another Skirby that Tom (no relation) is retired

Squires was a Captain in '69

Hope this helps

