

Progress of the HISTORICAL COMMITTEE during the year 1991 can be described as positive. Keeping in mind the goals of the committee - developing a list of units with helicopters, and writing the histories of same, we have made tremendous strides. Concerning the list of units, if not already there, we are very close to completion (except, in some cases, for confirming dates the unit was in Vietnam). During the last year we have "found" several units not previously recognized and are working on them to find more information. There remain some small units that had helicopters (such as artillery units) but they will be found. In addition to the list of units, we are working to match certain important detachments (MAINTENANCE, AVIONICS, MEDICAL) to units they supported.

Many individuals are actively working with the HISTORICAL COMMITTEE and a roster of the committee members is attached. As we learn more, there is more we need to, or want to know. Other projects on which the HISTORICAL COMMITTEE is working include creating a list of ground operations during the Vietnam war in which aviation had a major role or made a contribution (and matching those aviation units with the operations), and building an accurate list of airfields used and gathering important information about them.

INCLUDED ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Roster of HISTORICAL COMMITTEE members
2. UNIT LAYOUT, or design. This layout is the "map" we are using to write the unit histories. It includes information important to knowing a unit, items of interest about the unit and information that is of historical value and importance. This layout is only a guide and changes are being made to modify it to include and/or delete information.
3. Example of unit LOGO drawings we plan to include with each unit history (hard copy). If practical, we may try to obtain color pictures of all unit patches.
4. Maps on which we will "locate" each unit - both a country map and local area map - as examples.
5. Airfield map. We hope to be able to include maps or drawings of each airfield on which a unit was based with company areas marked - aircraft parking, club, operations building, mess hall, living quarters, etc. (8 1/2" x 11" for hard copy).

6. Aircraft drawings which will be used to show unit markings -tail boom or door unit identifiers, etc. EXAMPLE -the 162nd AHC went through three different Battalions, each with a different tail boom marking. The platoons were distinguished by the color of the tail rotor shaft cover - these markings will be shown. We have drawings for almost every type aircraft and the number of pictures on a page, or number of pages, will be determined by how many CAB's the unit was in or how many different markings it carried.
7. The unit roster form being used to collect information on members from each unit. One such file exists for every identified unit.
8. A list of unit histories now in the possession of the HISTORICAL COMMITTEE. Thanks to Gary Roush, contact has been established with the Army Aviation Museum who would like copies of the histories we have and will make the ones they have available to us for copying.
9. A list of all orders (GO - GENERAL, SO - SPECIAL, UO -UNIT) of which we have copies. These are valuable in building unit rosters and it is my hope that we can accumulate copies of every order issued to us in Vietnam.

The abundance of illustrations are included to acquaint you with the proposals and plans of the HISTORICAL COMMITTEE when writing the unit histories. We hope to make the final product as complete as possible. Suggestions and/or criticisms are welcomed and encouraged from everyone. Although the proposals encompass a huge amount of information, which I'm sure (afraid) will never be satisfactorily gathered, the attached will give you an idea of those items in which we are especially interested and what the committee has been able to accomplish to date.

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