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Dear VHPA,

For the past few years I've noticed a few inaccuracies in the Directory. I always assumed someone else would make the corrections, but they haven't, so I'm finally writing in hopes that these small changes can be made.

Section IV - KIA/MIA

James C. Becker was not a passenger, he was the pilot on the fatal LRRP extraction. I scheduled him for the mission. The A/C crashed on its right side, Becker + the gunner (whose name I do not remember) were killed. (Probably Peter Schmidt based on the directory)

Herbert C. Crosby + George A. Howes were flying a UH-1C Firebird gunship. They would not like to be accused of flying a slick. I was with them when they departed Tân Phu (ap) + headed to Chu Lai. Our A/C low-levelled back, they went at altitude.

Paul J. James + Stephen L. Lane were not flying a CH-46A, they were in a UH-1H. Our company had no CH-46A A/C. Their A/C crashed during a combat assault in a mountain top LZ because of apparent tail rotor failure (unknown cause). A/C rolled down the hill + burned.

These guys would appreciate setting the record straight. Thanks!

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