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Dear Sirs:

I originally heard about your organization a couple of years ago but never got around to writing. In fact, I was even given an application form by a friend. I was reminded of your existence by your ad in the Jan. Flying Magazine and decided to write before it slipped my mind again. I am enclosing a check for my annual dues. I can't recall what information was asked for on the application form, so I'll give you a brief personal history. Hopefully it will contain the data you require.

I was a Warrant Officer, graduating from Rucker in April, 1969, Class 69-7. My first assignment to SEA was in Kontum, RVN during the period May 69 - May 70 with the 57th Aviation Company. My call-sign was Gladiator 21. Throughout this tour I flew slicks. My second tour was with Project 404 in Laos, based in Udorn, Thailand, for the period June 73 - June 74. During this tour I flew both UH-1 slicks and T-41 airplanes. My total combat flying time is 1800 hours.

I have lived and worked overseas since getting out of the Army in 1975. From late 75 to early 79 I worked in Iran as a Flight Instructor for Bell Helicopters. From 79 until present I have been with Abu Dhabi Aviation in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. I am presently Contract Manager and fly the Bell 212. I work a two month on/one month off schedule and divide my time between my home in Bangkok, Thailand and the U.S. Aside from flying, my main hobby is scuba diving, which I am able to do year-round in Thailand.

As I spend 8 months per year in the U.A.E., the address below is the best for correspondence to me.

Sincerely



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