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Dear John,

Thanks, as always, for your letters and support of the VHPA. I think to score is at least John 2 or 3 and Mike 0; so I own you at least one letter. While I was in Atlanta recently for AAAA, I spent some time with Bob Davies, the Historical Committee Chairman, who has just received a large box from you via Charlie Rayl - WELL DONE.

I have been meaning to ask you for some time now - were you able to get a copy of the VHPA Calendar and Vol 1 of the Historical Reference Directory? I see that your VHPA dues are current so you should be receiving all the "normal" publications. I think you would enjoy the "optional ones" as well. Please let me know.

I want to thank you for helping with the USAF SAR histories. I started working with some summary histories last year and found several good pieces that we inserted into the VHPA databases for the Historical Reference Directory. Recently I have had two calls from grunts with tales of HH-43s that saved their bacon and neither of them are mentioned in the summary histories; so I'm looking forward to reading the detailed one you obtained.

The same can be said for the USAF unit arrivals and departures that we print in the Southeast Asian Helicopter Units section of the Directory. I had recently come across some of the same pieces of paper you sent me in your letter. I'll be putting it into my material soon and send you a draft version for review. I know the first question to you or anyone will be - where can we get detailed information for the USAF non-SAR helicopter units? The last Newsletter helped clear things up on one of these units (Det 10, 100th SRW), but I don't have much on the SOS units like the Pony Express or the Green Hornets or the Dust Devils.

You asked: "Would the VHPA membership be interested in Newsletter info such as first HH-43F's in SEA, first CH-3's, first rotary-wing introduced to Vietnam," YES, YES, YES a thousand times!

When you find the names of potential members (like the USCG members), I don't have any problem with you sending them to Jack for the Newsletter. Jack loves "news" being in the newspaper business; but Jack isn't too good at sharing with the other organizations within the VHPA. So if I can have a copy as well, I will make certain the membership database gets update. Don't get me wrong about Jack - I TOTALLY SUPPORT HIM and APPRECIATE ALL THAT HE DOES; he just isn't that familiar with the membership side of the VHPA.

I would also be interested in your input for the 1995 Directory which will be dedicated to tandem rotor helicopters (e.g. Army CH-21s and CH-47s, USMC CH-46s, and USAF HH-43s). I remember that you published something on the "Guns A GO GO". Is it ok if we quote liberally from that material for the 1995 Directory?

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