

161st Assault Helicopter Company

Unit History

And

Alumni Roster

The Unit History and Alumni Roster is current as of June, 1998. Please review the history and your personnel entry for correctness and please forward any corrections and suggestions to me.

I want to emphasize that the Roster is intended for the private use of the 161st Alumni and not for solicitation or commercial purposes.

I hope you will find some value in this roster in staying in contact with your fellow alumni, who served in the 161st Assault Helicopter Company. Your assistance in keeping the roster current with any address changes would be appreciated.

John H. Hastings



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"History never looks like history when you are living through it.
It always looks confusing and messy, and it always feels uncomfortable."
— John W. Gardner

The history of the 161st Aviation Company, to the best of my knowledge, has never been fully documented since its tour of duty in Vietnam. Our normal tour of duty in Vietnam was one year and for me that period of time, a bond and trust was formed with many of those individuals in the 161st Aviation Company. In recent years I wanted to seek out those individuals. To see where they were in their lives and write down some of the things we did and saw, not just for us, but for future generations, who may want to learn about the Vietnam War from our perspective.

Several years ago, Harvey York of Rhome, Georgia had moderate success in organizing a 14th Aviation Battalion Association. However, I do not think a written history was ever prepared for the individual units. Due to health problems, Harvey has not been able to carry-on with his attempts with the 14th Battalion.

In the summer of 1998, a rare opportunity presented itself to me. Both the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association (VHCMA) and the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) would be having their respective reunions in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. I took it upon myself to organize a mini-reunion of the men who served in the 161st. One of my tasks for the reunion was to prepare a 161st unit history. Most of the history that is presented in this first draft comes from several sources. First, a short history of the 161st from the 14th Battalion Tour Book published in late 1968. The second, from several individuals, especially Les Hines, and their own recollections of their own tour of duty. And the third, my own personal recollections. This is by no means the final history and may take years to mature into a reasonable history of the unit. Being more than 30 years in the past, this may prove to be a difficult task as individual recollections is somewhat sketchy.

The 161st Aviation Company was stationed in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. The years may indicate a four-year tour of duty, however, due to actual arrival and deactivation dates, the true tenure is slightly over two years. The company arrived in-country in December 1965 and was deactivated/reorganized in January of 1968.

The 161st Aviation Company was organized on August 25, 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia for deployment to the Republic of South Vietnam. At this point of the Vietnam War, the military buildup is escalating and as many as two helicopter companies a month are being sent to Vietnam. The 161st was composed of three flight platoons with an authorized strength of seven helicopters each, a helicopter maintenance platoon, the 406th Transportation Detachment, the 449th Signal Detachment, and the headquarters section.

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Two of the Huey platoons flew the UH-1D Huey and used the callsign of PELICAN. Many of these aircraft were brand-new Hueys right off the Bell Helicopter assembly line and had consecutive serial numbers.

The third Huey platoon flew the UH-1B Huey gunship and used the callsign of SCORPION. The 161st was the last Army unit to be organized with the UH-1B gunship. An observation at the time was that most of the UH-1B's were the "Hanger Queens" from various military units across the country. One aircraft had a previous duty station in Puerto Rico.

The 406th TC augmented the 161st service platoon, providing support in the area of rotor maintenance, engine repair, and airframe repair and general aircraft maintenance. The 406th TC used a callsign of ROADRUNNER.

The 449th Signal Detachment provided maintenance and repair of aircraft avionics systems.

By November of 1965, the company was up to full strength and ready to ship out to Vietnam. An advance 10-man party led by a Major Meeks, set sail on the *Private Joseph P. Merrell*, a World War II victory ship operated by the Merchant Marines. Other known members of that team were Melvin Breeden, an aircraft maintenance officer and an enlisted man by the name of Joe Eversole.

The remainder of the 161st set sail on the *Point Cruz* troop ship and arrived at the port Qui Nhon. The actual company area was actually 12 miles to the west of Qui Nhon on a scrub covered hill in the An Sou Valley. The area would be designated as Lane Army Airfield, and was built from the bottom up largely from the personnel stationed at Lane AAF. Living in tents, the 161st built their own quasi-permanent living quarters and Christmas dinner heralded the first "sit-down" meal for the company.

During its first month in-country, to help maintain morale, Major Michael Thomas, the Company Commanding Officer, wrote to his home town of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. Major Thomas had already nicknamed the area around Lane AAF as "Wyoming Valley, Vietnam," and had given local landmarks names which reminded him of home. The town citizens responded by adopting the 161st AHC as honorary citizens and set about sending letters and packages of "goodies" to their adopted citizens.

The townspeople also managed to obtain a bell for the company's chapel. Kenneth Messick, a Warrant Officer pilot, did a lot of work building a suitable structure for the bell. In 1967, when the unit moved to Chu Lai, the bell remained at Lane AAF since it was anticipated the unit would return to Lane. However, the 161st never did return and today, the whereabouts of the bell is unknown. Jason Kaatz has taken it upon himself to determine the disposition of the bell.

In January of 1966, the 161st was ready to begin performing the missions for which it had trained. The unit was assigned to the 52nd Aviation Battalion, located at Pleiku, to begin combat missions.

The 161st was assigned to give direct support to the Republic of Korea "Tiger" Capital Infantry Division. The company's area of operation was concentrated in the Phu Cat mountains just north of Lane AAF. From their first combat missions, the company was known for their attitude of "only the

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best will do.” Throughout their operation at Lane, the company compiled an extremely meritorious record and earned a well-deserved reputation of being dependable in any situation.

In return, the Capital Division provided security for Lane AAF. The Koreans were able to fight the war without some of the restrictions imposed on the American military. Any attacks on Lane by the Viet Cong would result in swift and harsh retaliation by the Koreans. As a result, the inhabitants of Lane, at least on the ground, would enjoy a relative safe existence.

There is an unconfirmed death on May 17, 1966 of a Captain Arthur P. Wright. According to the VHPA source, Captain Wright was killed by small-arms fire on his first mission with the 161st. This needs to be confirmed by someone in the company during that time.

During the first half of 1966, the 161st did its share of flying combat support for the “Tiger” Division and its aircraft took hits from enemy ground fire and some of its crew wounded, they had only one fatal casualty. That changed on June 27, 1966, as a UH-1D and its entire 4-man crew were lost, not to combat fire, but to a mid-air collision. The 161st aircraft had just taken off from Lane enroute to flare mission, when it collided with another Huey belonging to the 1/9th Cav of the 1st Cavalry Division. Captain Donald Ray Bryant, Captain Jerry Wayne McNabb were the pilots, the enlisted crew members Fredrick Marlton Binder and Jackie Lee Goforth.

In August 1966, the 161st was released from assignment to the 52nd Aviation Battalion and reassigned to the 14th Aviation Battalion, which had arrived at Lane AAF in April of that year. The 14th Battalion had previously been working around the Nha Trang area. In April of 1966, the 174th Aviation Company had arrived at Lane from stateside.

The 161st and the other companies of the 14th Aviation Battalion continued to operate out of Lane AAF until April of 1967. At this time the 14th Battalion, including the 161st, were repositioned for a 3-4 month period, to the Chu Lai Combat Base in support of a “Provisional Division”. Chu Lai is located on the coast in the I-Corp combat zone, approximately 75 mile south of Da Nang. The United States Marine Corps ground and helicopter units were being moved further north along the DMZ. In mid-April, the company was alive packing all its gear and equipment for its relocation. On April 14, most of the equipment was loaded onto a Navy LST, and most personnel were transported by Air Force C-130's. The aircraft and crews were flown from Lane AAF on the 20th of April to Chu Lai. Ky Ha was the initial destination for the 161st, and is located on a peninsula approximately 4 miles north of the main Chu Lai base. Most of the Marine helicopter units were based at Ky Ha, while Chu Lai had a jet runway used by the Marines flying the F-4 Phantom.

Ky Ha was only a temporary location for company. On May 19, construction was begun on a new heliport at the south end of Chu Lai and on June 13, the 161st moved into its new not-quite finished quarters. The new base was along the coast and was called “Pelican's Roost” proved to be not an ideal location for people or aircraft. It was mostly loose sand that seemed to get into everything. The taxiways and parking reventments were coated with an asphalt compound and the maintenance areas had steel planking, the blowing sand took it toll on aircraft grease seals and bearings. The typical Vietnam semi-permanent living hooches had tents for roofs until tin roofs were installed several months later.

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Task Force Oregon, as the Provisional Division was called, was the predecessor to the AMERICAL Division, which would be formally organized in late 1967. The Area of Operations (AO) for the AMERICAL Division extended generally to the Hoa An River to the north, to Duc Pho to the south, and into the mountains to the west. The 14th Aviation Battalion and later the 123rd Aviation Battalion would provide most of the helicopter support to the AMERICAL Division.

Most of the Huey companies would be assigned an infantry battalion or brigade that they generally supported. However, any aircraft could be reassigned to any mission as necessary.

The 161st had the mission of providing general support for the Americal, meaning they flew all kinds of missions. These would include not only combat support, but also logistical support (resupply), troop movements, command & control, courier missions, and even VIP missions.

One typical mission each day was to provide an aircraft to the US Marine Engineers still stationed at Chu Lai, who were responsible for keeping Highway-1 open from Chu Lai to the Liberty Bridge on the Hoa An River. Each morning, we would pick up the engineers and fly a reconnaissance up Hwy-1 looking for bombed culverts and bridges. It was normally an uneventful mission that started out early in the morning and lasted only a few hours. If time permitted, the aircrew would be able to eat at the engineer's well-provisioned mess hall.

On July 20, a North Vietnamese trawler loaded with munitions tried to shoot it out with the U.S. Navy and enter the Riviere De Sa Ky river. As the naval action continued into the night, gunships and flares were provided by the 71st AHC. The 161st provided additional gunship support in finishing off the trawler.

On July 26, 1967, Major Donald S. Galla assumed command of the 161st AHC. I think Major Galla had previously been the 2nd Platoon Commander.

On August 30, the 161st was the recipient of approximately 40 rounds of Viet Cong mortar rounds. The only damage was to the refueling point, damaging a fuel bladder and several fuel hoses. I think there was some sort of homemade-lighted ground approach system that was destroyed, much to the ire of Lt. Walker of the Scorpions.

September 1967 was a costly month for the company. On September 12, 1967, many of the 161st aircraft participated in the battalion size troop movement. One particular incident had aircraft dropping troops onto a rocky LZ that was supposedly been cleared of mines by 'daisy-cutter' artillery fire. However, soon after the first wave, there were reports of American soldiers being injured by mines. Captain Thomas Hooker piloted a Pelican slick back into the LZ to evacuate some of the injured. There was even an aircraft from the 71st AHC aircraft that was disabled by a mine. One of its crewmen had been killed by the explosion and loaded along with some of the injured soldiers. Later that same day, continuing with the same battalion movement, several of the company's aircraft was damaged by small-arms fire coming out of the landing zone. Eight rounds that severely damaged its avionics system struck Pelican 839, and would be grounded for several weeks repairing this damage.

Later in the month on September 29, the 161st was again involved in another large-scale combat assault. Captain Hooker again returned to the LZ to evacuate wounded soldiers. While loading the

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injured, the aircraft (Pelican 836?) was raked with NVA .51 caliber machine gun fire. The co-pilot, William Chellis was wounded when a round penetrated the armored seat. Captain Hooker had minor wounds to his face when a round shattered one of the windshields. The crewchief, Robert Anderson, was not so fortunate. He was hit in the groin area, severing a major artery and as a result, he bled to death before he could be flown to a nearby aid station.

Michael Quaintance, a Pelican pilot who participated in these flights, related what he saw in the LZ. On his second or third mission into the LZ, he noticed the aircraft to his left and its rotor blades and transmission being torn out of the aircraft and the tailboom being twisted and crushed like an eggshell. This Pelican slick, it was later learned had been hit by an NVA mortar that was being fired into the LZ. Miraculously, the entire crew escaped serious injury. I think Robert Mix was the crewchief on this aircraft.

Also on that same day and mission, a UH-1B gunship from the 161st was shot down by .51 machine gun fire. The gunship, Scorpion 045, had recently been overhauled with the 40mm grenade launching system and great things were expected from this aircraft.

On November 29, 1967, the unit lost another aircraft, 65-09955, and its entire crew. The crew's mission was to be on standby for flare missions. This was a routine mission that rotated among the aircraft and its crew. The crew was called out for a mission, but soon lost radio contact after taking off from Pelican Roost. Several days later, the main cabin section was washed upon the beach, a short distance south of Chu Lai. Speculation was that the crew became disoriented by the moonlight reflecting off the water, became inverted and crashed into the sea. Eventually, the bodies of all four crewmembers were recovered. The pilots were Gerald Latini and Daniel Steele, crewchief Clearance Tiffany and gunner Stephen Freeman.

During the later months of 1967 and into 1968, the 161st provided some direct support to the U.S. Special Forces along the DMZ. Typically, two gunships and slick would spend a one to two rotation at the Lang Vei and Khe Sanh combat base. Our aircraft would insert and extract the Special Forces as they did reconnaissance along the DMZ and Laotian border. I think these missions were terminated in late January of 1968, due to something "big" about to happen.

It was rumored in late 1967, that the 161st would be deactivated or reorganized. Looking back, I think it had already been decided by mid 1967. As I recall, the 161st never got a new aircraft for replacements. Whenever, we did get a replacement, it would be an older aircraft from another unit. I suspect the 1st Aviation Brigade, did not want to send any of its new in-country aircraft to a unit that would soon be reorganized into the new AMERICAL Division.

In January 1968, the 161st received orders that it was officially being deactivated. About the same time, the 123rd Aviation Battalion was organized into the AMERICAL Division. The two slick platoons would be used to build the core of "A" Company, while the gunship platoon would be used to form the core of "B" Company. The aircraft and personnel remained at the beach complex for several more weeks, but soon relocated to the Ky Ha Heliport. The aircraft, now part of the 123rd AHB, remained at Ky Ha for the remainder of the war or until lost for one reason or another.

In Memory of our Bosses

Captain Arthur P. Wright - May 17, 1966

Captain Donald Ray Bryant - June 27, 1966

Captain Jerry Wayne McNabb - June 27, 1966

Corporal Fredrick Marlton Binder - June 27, 1966

Private Jackie Lee Goforth - June 27, 1966

SP/4 Robert Douglas Anderson - September 29, 1967

WO Gerald Leopold Latini - November 29, 1967

WO Daniel Scott Steele - November 29, 1967

SP/4 Clarence James Tiffany - November 29, 1967

SP/4 Steven Forrest Freeman - November 29, 1967

Captain Thomas Tucker Oliver - February 7, 1968

After reorganization into A/123rd AHB

Captain Michael James Kerl - February 6, 1971

2nd Tour of Duty with 178th ASHC

Died After Tour of Duty

Captain David E. Baeb - January, 1996

WO Claude Darrell Wright - October 26, 1993

161st Assault Helicopter Company Alumni Roster

Roger H. Adams

1969-70 VIP for Gen Ramsey
A/123 3rd Flt Plt

Sanatiago R. Aliniz
1968 SP4 406TC

Chris Allen
1967-68 SP4 CE 2nd Flt Plt

Samuel Allison
1967 Maj Exec Officer

Salvatore Amorello

1968-69 Gunner A/123 3rd Flt
Plt

David P. Anderson
1967-68 PFC Crewman Badge

Robert Douglas Anderson
1967 SP4 KIA 29Sep67 2nd Flt
Plt

Robert D. Arrington
1966 Capt

William Arron

161st

Marvin F. Ashwell, Jr
1966 SP4

Robert E. Atkinson

1969-70 WO Pilot A/123

Thomas Babbitt

WO Pilot 161st

Lewis A. Bader

1968 SP4 406TC

David E Baeb (Pat)
1965-66 Capt DAT Dec, 1996.
Pilot

Scott Baker

1967-69 WO Pilot 3rd Plt
B/123

Michael E Balzekhs
1968 SP4 406TC

Richard B. Banning (Paula)

1966 Capt Pilot

Bruce Barber

WO Pilot 161st

Arthur Barlow

161st

Garry Bass

1967 WO Pilot 161st

Bruce E. Belisle

SP4 CE A/123 3rd Flt Plt

Victor Beltran

1966-67 SP4 CE 3rd Flt Plt

Ysmael Benavides
1968 SP4 406TC

Terry Bennett

SP CE, later WO A/123

Walter M. Bergmann (Carol)

0366-0367 Capt Pilot

James Bernard

1967-68 SP4 Gunner 3rd Flt Plt

Bruce Bevens
1967-68 WO Pilot

Fredrick Marlton Binder
1966 CPL KIA 27June66

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Rodney D. Bither
[REDACTED]
1967 Capt Pilot 161st, 123AHB

Louis A. Bladgett
[REDACTED]
1969 Gunner A/123

Thomas A. Bobbitt
[REDACTED]
1966-67 WO Pilot 161st

B. Bongberg
1967-68 PFC Avionics

Howard P. Born
[REDACTED]
1966-67 Pilot

Arthur Bottomlev
[REDACTED]
1969-70 WO Pilot A/123

Robert E. Bourne
1968 SP4 1968

Dennis H. Bowen
1968 SP5 406TC

Ronnie Braden
[REDACTED]
SFC Plt Sgt, 2nd Plt A/123

? Bragg
1966-67 MAJ 3rd Plt CO

John N. Brandenburg
[REDACTED]
1968-69 LTC Pilot, CO
123AHB

Melvin F. Breeden (Janet)
[REDACTED] VNCA
1065-1166 WO Maint Officer
406TC

Russell W. Breeze
1968 PFC 406TC

Michael I. Bridges
[REDACTED]
1968-69 SP4 CE 2nd & 3rd Flt
Plt

Jimmie L. Brown
[REDACTED]
1967-68 WO Pilot B/123

Norman E. Brown
[REDACTED]
1968 SP6 TI 406TC

Vladimir R. Broz
[REDACTED]
1965 WO Pilot

Donald Ray Bryant
1966 Capt KIA 27June66

Walter K. Bryant
1968 SP4 Mess Hall

F. Buecher
1967-68 WO Pilot 3rd flt Plt

Don Bullard, Jr
[REDACTED]
1969-70 WO Pilot A/123AHB
3rd Flt

Donald R. Bunch
[REDACTED]
1867-68 SP4 CE 2nd Flt Plt

Ralph Burchfield
[REDACTED]
SP5 CE A/123AHB

David W. Cagle
1968 PFC 406TC

Larry S. Sailor
1967-68 SSG Supply Sgt

Alexander P. Cameron
Florida/Alabama Area
Pilot A/123AHB

Jim P. Cameron
[REDACTED]
1970 WO Pilot A/123

William H. Cambell
[REDACTED]
1968-? SP5 CE A/123AHB

Joseph W. Caracasio
[REDACTED]

William B. Carbaugh
[REDACTED]
1967-68 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Plt

Langdon Carpenter
[REDACTED]
1967-68 WO1 Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Terrance Carr
1967-68 PFC 406TC

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Tyrus R. Carr
PO Box 1042
Prudenville, MI 48651-
1967-68 WO Pilot, Gunship 3rd
Flt Plt

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1970-71 WO Pilot 123AHB

Willard T. Carter
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1966 COL Pilot 161AHC

Charles F. Castagna
1967-68 SP4 Crewman Badge

Johnny D. Celeste
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1968 SP4 406TC

Richard A. Chamberland
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1968 SP4 406TC

Jap Champion
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161AHC

Ronald Chandler
1967-68 SP5 406TC Tech
Supply

Vernon Chapman
1931 Benson
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1970 123AHB Avn Safety CI

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1965-66 Col Pilot 2nd Plt, A-
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1967 WO Pilot 1st Flt Plt

Wayne M. Cheslock
1968 SP4 406TC

B. Chetkauskus
1967-68 SP4 Company HQ

Joe Chitwood
1967 WO Pilot

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1970-71 WO Pilot A/123AHB

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1967-68 SP4 406TC

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1968-69 WO Pilot A/123AHB

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1968 SP5

Thomas Common
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Duane Connell
1967-68 SP5 Maint/CE
406TC, 2nd Flt Plt

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1968 SP4 406TC

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1967-68 SP4 406TC

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1965-66 SP5 CE for Chavis
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1968-69 Capt 406TC CO
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1968-69 SP4 Maint 2nd Flt Plt

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1968-69 Gunner A/123AHB
3rd Plt

John Daly
1966-67 CE/Gunner Scorpions

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Michael C. De Pauw

1968 SSP4 406TC

Buddy B. Dedman

1966

Warren M. Denning
1968 SP4 HHC 123AHB

Brad Dennis (Bonny)

1066-1167 WO Pilot

Dennis M Dewine

1967-68 WO Pilot CG Koster

Richard Diamond

1970 WO Pilot A/123AHB

J. Dixon
1967 WO Pilot

Paul R. Duhon
1968 SP4 406TC

Barry S. Eadie
1968 SP5 406TC

Melvin Eddie

1966

John F. Ehli

1968-69 SP5 CE 3rd Flt Plt
A/123AHB

Mike Elias
1967-68 PFC Mess Hall

Joe Eversole

1965-66 DG Gunships

D. L. Farmer
1967-68 SFC Operation
NCOIC

James P Fazekas (Judith)

1166-1067 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Plt
(Guns)

Kenny Fields

Door Gunner A/123AHB

? Figgs

Charles Finlaw
1967-68 PFC 406TC

John Fleig

1968-69 WO Pilot A/123AHB

M. Fleming
1967-68 SP4 406TC

James P Flynn

1967-68 SP5 406TC

G. N. Ford
1967-68 SP4 Operations

Charles Foster
1967-68 SP5 406TC Team
Leader

Philip J. Found

1967-68 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Peter S. France

1967-68 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

John Fraser
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Steven Forrest Freeman
1967 PFC KIA 29Nov67 2nd
Flt Plt

Coston Fultz
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Donald S. Galla
1967 MAJ 161st Company CO

Gary F. Geisinger
1968 PFC 406TC

Gary Giambrone
1967-68 SP4 Company Clerk

Thomas Joel Glenn

1966 Pilot

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Jackie Lee Goforth
1966 Pvt KIA 27June66

Roger Gouquette
1967-68 SP5 406TC

Jack Gowing



1966

George A Grannell
WO

Wilber E. Greiwe
1966 Pvt

Wayne A. Gruber
1967-68 Gunner 2nd Flt Plt

Gilbert Gunnels
1967 PFC Gunner 2nd Flt Plt

Edward Hager



1968-69 Pilot A/123AHB

Tommy P. Hall



1967-68 CWO Pilot 406TC
Maint Officer

? Hammontree
1966-67 CE/Gunner Scorpion

Bobby Harper
1967-68 SP5 406TC

Edward P. Haser



1967 SP5 Maint

John H Hastings (Lois)



1967-68 SP4 CE 64-13839 2nd
Flight Plt

? Hembry
1966 MAJ Company CO

Bobby Henderson
1967-68 SP5

Joe Hendricks



1966 Pilot

Robert B. Hendricks



1968 SP4 CE 940 & 955 2nd
Flt Plt/406TC

Richard L. Hess (Linda)



0866-0867 SSG Maint Supv
406TC

Ted Hill
1967-68 SP6 Tech Insp 406TC

Clemmie Hill Jr
1968 Ssgt Mess Hall

B. Hilsen



Les Hines



1968-69 SP4 CE 2nd Flt Plt

Gordon L. Hitsman
1968 SP4 406TC

William E. Holland
1967-68 Capt Pilot 2nd Flt Plt
CO

James M. Holt
1967 PFC CE

Robert Thomas Hooker
(Barabra)



1967 Capt Pilot 2nd Flt Plt CO

Perry C. Hookins



Pilot

R. Hopkins
1967-68 PFC Avionics

Martson Hose



1967-68 Pilot

Martson B. Hose



1966-67 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Mark H. How



1967-68 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

James H. Howell



1966-67 Pilot

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James Lawrence Hoznor

1967-68 SP4 CE 940 2nd Flt Plt

Tom Hunter

1967-68 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Plt

Daniel E. Inmon
1968 SP4 HHC 123AHB

Eugene W. L. Jackson

1967-68 SSGT TI 406TC

Kenneth G. Jackson
1967-68 WO Pilot 449 Sig Det CO

Rea Jackson
1968 SP4 406TC

Samuel Jackson
1968 SP4 406TC

Ed Johnston

0866-1266 Maj Operations Officer

Aubrey Jones
1967 SP4 DG/CE 2nd Flt Plt

Lindon J. July
1968 SP4 406TC

Jason A. Kaatz

1965 SP4 Flt Plt

Samuel P. Kalagian

1965-66 LTC 14th BN CO 14th BN

David W. Keaffaber

1967-68 SP5 406TC

David W. Keating (Donna)

1067-1068 MAJ CO 406TC

Dennis Kedrowski

6610-6611 CE

Furman Keith
1967 SP4 Gunner 2nd Flt Plt

Michael James Kerl

1967-68 WO KIA 6Feb1971 2nd Flt Plt

Joseph Kidd
1967 SP4 Gunner 2nd Flt Plt

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Fayetteville, NC 28303-
Pilot

Paul H. Kinser
1968 SP4 406TC

T. Kipie
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Dennis C. Kitner (Pam)

1965-67

Dean E. Klein

1968 SSGT TI 406TC

Michael H. Knaapp

1966-67 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Plt

H. Knight
1967-68 PFC Avionics

John E. Kolstad
1968 Sgt HHC 123AHB

F. Konawicz
1967-68 SP4 Company HQ

Lester Koppe
1967-68 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Douglas Kulac
1967-68 PFC 406TC

James Lang
1967-68 SP5 Crewman Badge

Thomas E Lasser

1967-68 WO Pilot 1st Flt Plt

Gerald Leopold Latini
1967 WO KIA 29Nov67 2nd Flt Plt

Donald K. Lawrence
1968 SP4 406TC

M. Lawson
1967-68 PFC Avionics

? Leal
1967-68 PFC 406TC

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Gordon R. Lively



1967-68 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Plt

Robert W. Livermore

1968 SP4 HHC 123AHB

Albert Loflin

1967-68 SP5 406TC

Donald E Long (Marti)



1967-68 Capt Pilot Operations Officer

"Spanky" Lopez

1967 Gunner

Steven W. Lotspeich



1967-68 WO Pilot, Gunship 3rd Flt Plt

Donald G. Lowery

1968 SP4 406TC

Bill Lucas



1967-68 SP4 CE VIP/CG 2nd Flt Plt

Ed Malanowski



1967 Pilot

Danzel D. Marcantel

(Barbara)



1967-68 SFC Plt Sgt, 2d 2nd Flt Plt

David Marker

1967-68 PFC 406TC

John H. Martens



1966 Pilot

Sclev L. Martihez

1967-68 PFC Supply Clerk

Thomas T. Mason

1968 PFC 406TC

Chris McAfee

1967-68 SP4 Company Clerk

Richard R. McBroom



1967 SP4 DG 2nd Flt Plt

Donald E. McCants

SP4 Crewman Badge

Bob McDermott



0367-0168 Scorpion CE

Edgar E. McGaha



1967-68 SP6 TI

Charles McLaughlin



1966-67 SP4 Gunner 1st Flt Plt

Jerry Wayne McNabb

1966 Capt KIA 27June66

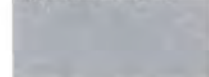
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1967-68 SP4 Company HQ

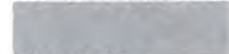
? Meeks

1965-66 MAJ Advance Party CO

Agustin Melchor



Kenneth W. Messick



1966-67 Pilot

Douglas W. Miller (Elena Anatoliy)



1967 Pilot

Ed Miller

Frank H. Miller



1065-1166 LTC Pilot 1st Flt CO

Kenneth Miller

1967 SP4 Gunner 2nd Flt Plt

Dan R Millians (Sharon)




1967-68 CW2 Pilot 3rd Flt Plt

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George Miscovitz
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Robert Mix
1967-68 SP4 CE 2nd Flt Plt


Thomas P. Mooney


1967-68 SP4 Mess Hall

George T. Morris
1968 PFC 406TC

Thomas Morris


Pilot


now VNCA
James W. Mouw

0167-1267 Capt Maint Officer
406TC

William Murphy



Pilot

Gerald Myers
1968 SP4 Mess Hall

John D. Newell


1967-68 WO Pilot 2nd Flt plt

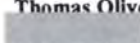
Cecil Jay Nix (Nancy)


0366-0468 SP5
Crewchief/Gunner Scorpion

Lorenza B. Nottage
1968 SP5 Mess Hall

Robert C Oakley
1967-68 1Sgt Company 1st Sgt

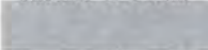
Roger Old
1966-67 Pilot Scorpions

Thomas Oliver

1967-68 Capt KIA 7Feb68 1st
Flt Plt CO

? Oullette
1967-68 PFC 406TC

Dale E. Overton
1968 PFC 406TC

Thomas C. Owens


1967-68 SP5 406TC

Jerry A Parker


1LT Pilot

Peter Parliatunga
1967-68 SP4 406TC Tech
Supply

Kagie G Parnell
1968 SP6 TI 406TC

Ross G. Peacock



Jeffrey Peacock M.


1967-68 WO Pilot 3rd Flt Flt

Phillip E. Pegg
1968 SP4 406TC

Ronald Pelkey



J. Pennington


Pilot

Michael Phillips


Pilot

? Piecheck
1967-68 SP4 CE/Gunner (?)
2nd Flt Plt


W. S. Pittman
1967-68 SP4 Operations

Truman Plummer
1967-68 SP4 406TC Tech
Supply


Rejean Poisson
1968 SP4 406TC

? Porter
1967-68 VIP ship, gunner

Douglas L. Porter


1968 SP4 406TC

Wallace Poteete


0367-1067 CW2 Pilot 2nd
Plt,B/123,A/123

Albert J. Preciado
1968 PFC 406TC

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James Price
1968 PFC 406TC

Larry Prickett
1967-68 PFC 406TC

Gilbert Priest
1967-68 SP5 406TC Team
Leader

Michael Ouaintance
1966-67 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Julio Ramos
1968 SP4

Charles Rapp
1967-68 SP4 406TC

Michael L Rash
1967-68 SP4 Crewman Badge

Floyd D Raupe (Sara)
1967-68 1LT Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Edward S. Rebholz (Nan)
0966-0367 Capt Pilot Service
Plt CO

Bobbie L. Reese
1968 PFC 406TC

J. Rhodes
1967-68 SP4 Avionics

R. C. Rice
1967-68 SP4 Operations

Leslie Ray Richey
1968 SP4 406TC

Warren I. Risner
6610-6710 DG, Mess Hall

Bruce A. Ruks
1967-68 Pilot

Don Rupert
1965-66 Company 1st Sgt

Ed B. Sapiandante
1968 SP5 Mess Hall

A. P. Sarnecki
Pilot

James J Scarfone (Patricia)
1967-68 CW2 Pilot 406TC

Frederick W. Schenker
1967 Maj 161AHC CO

Louis H. Schiermeyer
1969-70 SP4 CE/Gunner
A/123AHB

Kenneth R. Schiwitz
1968 SP5 HHC 123AHB

Thomas L. Schrader
1968 SP4 HHC 123AHB

Robert F. Schreiber
1968 PFC 406TC

Albert E. Scott
1968 PFC HHC 123AHB

W. C. Seidel
1967-68 SP4 Operations

Sheldon E. Sequeon
1966 Sgt

Steven Shafer
1967 SP4 Gunner

Dennis Sherry
1967-68 SP4 Mess Hall

Jim Shrader
1966 MAJ Company CO

Steven T. Simkins
1968 PFC HHC 123AHB

Samuel K Sites
SP6 406TC

Donald O. Smith (Jean)
1965-66 SSGT 3rd Flt Plt

**Lawrence F. Smith (Darlene
Smith)**
1967-68 SFC Maint Supv 161st
AHC

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James A. Sommerfield
1968 SP4 406TC

Luther Spain
1967-68 SSG NCOIC 406TC

Robert L. Speight

1967-68 SP4 Gunner 2nd Flt
Plt

Joseph Spoto

1167-0368 PFC Gunner 2nd Flt
Plt

Bill Staffa

1967-68 LT Pilot 161AHC,
A/B/123AHB

Edward W Stanhope

1966-67 WO Pilot 161AHC

David Stanley

1966 Pilot

Ron Staszczuk
1967 WO Pilot

Daniel Scott Steele
1967 WO Pilot KIA 29Nov67
2nd Flt Plt

Frank J. Stefancic

1968-69 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt
R. E. Stepp
1967-68 SP4 Operations

John Stoddard

Pilot

William E. Stoner
1968 PFC HHC 123AHB

Kim H. Strickler
1968 PFC 406TC

Robert Stroot

Sgt/Maj

J. Sutton
1967-68 SFC 1st Sgt 406TC

? Swanson
1967-68 PFC 406TC

David C. Swanson

1967-67 SP5 CE 161AHC

R. Talarczyk
1967-68 SP5 Avionics NCOIC

Eugene P. Tanner
1966-67 Maj Company CO

George W. Taylor
1968 SSGT Plt Sgt 406TC

Rex L. Thain
1968 SP4 406TC

Michael Thomas

1965-66 Maj Company CO

Denver M. Thompson Jr.

1967-68 SP4 DG 2nd Flt Plt

Maxwell Thorton
1967-68 SFC Service Plt

Clarence James Tiffany
1967-68 PFC KIA 29Nov67
2nd Flt Plt

Craig S. Tillman
1968 SP4 406TC

M.J. Tinioie

1967-68 14th BN Sgt Maj

Ted Torrez
1968 SP4 HHC 123AHB

William E. Turner

Pilot

James M. Tuttle Jr (Susan)

1968 CE 2nd Flt Plt

Tom Veneziani

Kenneth E. Voss
1967-68 SSGT 406TC

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Dale D. Walburn

1968 SP4 406TC
Dale D. Walburn

1968 SP4 406TC

Cyrus Walker
1967 WO Pilot

G. Walker
1967-68 1LT Pilot 3rd Flt Plt
CO

Robert Walker

Pilot

Ronald Wallace

Pilot

Richard Ward
1967-68 PFC 406TC

James D Warren
1967-68 WO Pilot

Joseph M. Waters

1966-67 Pilot

James R West

1966-67 WO Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Ben Westmoreland (Carolyn)

1265-1266 CW2 Pilot Maint
Off & IP

Dennis W. White

1967-68 CE 3rd Flt Plt

Clarence Wilkinson
1967-68 PFC 406TC

Bobby D. Williams (Sharon)

0167-0168 WO Pilot, PC,
Supply Of Pelican 940

Larlin L. Williams
1968 PFC 406TC

Clark A. Wilson
1967-68 CE 2nd,3rd Plt

Edward F. Wilson (Elaine)

0167-0168 CW4 Pilot

James E. Wilson
1968 SP4 406TC

Richard A. Wilson

1966-67 Pilot

Ronald R. Winter

Bob Witham

1968 WO AC on VIP ship
A/123 AHB

David E. Witkowski

1967-68 WO Pilot 161AHC,
B/123AHB

Robert S. Wolf
1968 PFC 406TC

Billy Wood

Pilot

Arthur P. Wright
1966 Capt KIA 5/17/1966

Claude Darrell Wright
1967-68 WO Pilot DAT
10/26/93 2nd Flt Plt

Charles Yetter
1967-68 SP4 Crewman Badge

Harvey J. York

1966-67 Sp4 CE Flt Plt/Maint

James W Young Jr (Linda) *NDA-VHPA*

1067-0968 WO Pilot 406TC
Maint Officer

P. T. Yowell
1966 WO

E. Zacharias
1967-68 1LT Pilot 2nd Flt Plt

Edward Zieja Jr

1968 SP4 Avionics

D. Zimmerman
1967-68 SP4 406TC