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## THE VHPA DIRECTORY

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VHPA membership is open to all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975). Membership are \$30.00 or Life Membership for \$450.00. A Life Membership can be purchased on an installment plan; contact the VHPA for details. Yearly Newsletter subscription for non-members is \$16.00. Researcher's edition of the Directory is \$14.00. The VHPA is a non-profit war veterans organization filed under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service.

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear VHPA Member:

With great pleasure the Executive Council presents the tenth edition of the VHPA Directory. 1993 will join the ranks of OUTSTANDING YEARS for the VHPA and certainly this Directory is one of the success factors. Our total membership passed very near 7,100 on 13 August, this year's Directory cutoff date, and 62% are current with their dues, so over 4,400 pilots will receive a copy of this Directory.

Several noteworthy goals were achieved in 1993. The VHPA strengthened its relationship with several major helicopter related Societies (AAAA, AHS, HAI, NAS) and several Vietnam related Associations. The Newsletter moved to six annual issues. Two membership promotion / renewal bulk mailings were used for the first time in several years. Our Tenth Reunion in Phoenix had several "firsts": co-located with the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Associations (VHCMA), formally supporting Mini-Reunions and Seminars, taking good advantage of the sports theme, some major pool parties. Almost 1,200 pilots, family, and friends, attended the closing banquet and about 900 pilots visited at some time during the Reunion.

This edition's cover "dedicates" the 1993 Directory to all those of flew in Air Ambulance units and the History Sections extend the "dedication" to the US Navy HA(L)-3 Squadron. Although most helicopter pilots pulled their own "Dustoff" missions at one time or another during their tours, certain units were committed to medevac mission exclusively. Even though these crews suffered higher than average losses compared to other helicopter units, the pilots who flew these missions felt great satisfaction in their efforts and deep heartfelt appreciation from those they were able to pull from peril. The HA(L)-3 Squadron was a "close cousin" to many Army helicopter units. The HA(L) pilots have been some of oldest and strongest VHPA supporters. The History Sections also include some new information about Songs and After Action Reports.

The Directory Committee thanks all those who returned last year's reader questionnaire and hopes this edition reflects the changes requested. The most obvious improvements are the three new indices (combat unit, location and branch of service) that complement the flight class index added last year.

Finally, the Executive Council sustained the Directory Committee's recommendation to make available Reference Edition #1 and a VHPA Calendar this year as announced on the mailing address sheet. We do hope each member will take advantage of these new items.

In closing, please remember that the VHPA is only as good as we make it!! Your comments, suggestions, additions, corrections, address changes, information on other Vietnam Era pilots (living or dead), unit histories, copies of Vietnam Era orders and flight class rosters, articles for the Newsletter; they are always welcome. Hope to see you at AAAA, AHS, or HAI and, of course, at our 11th Reunion in Philadelphia in July!!

Your Executive Council

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# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 1993

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### Photo Credits

The front and rear covers contain copies of VHPA Member Tom Murphy's pocket patch and pin collection from various Air Ambulance units. While Tom is interested in patches from all Vietnam Era aviation units, he is especially interested in the Med units that he does not have (e.g. the 68th, 159th, 236th, 237th, and 498th). Please contact Tom should you have one of these patches. Tom put the 45th patch on the front in honor of his flight school roommate, Steve Losorwith, who flew for and was himself medevaced by the 45th. If anyone knows Steve, please ask him to contact Tom.

VHPA Member Marty Heuer provided the air photo of Lane Army Heliport on page 211 plus the "Then" and "Now" photos on page 212.

VHPA Member Phil Marshall provided the great DUSTOFF photo of the page 217 that heads that History Section. Via Bill Greenhalgh, VHPA Member Bruce Nelson, provided the photo of Bob Horst that appears on page 229.

The VHPA's good friend, Philip Chinnery, the British Aviation Author, provided the HA(L)-3 photos that appear on pages 162, 234, and 235.



## **SECTION I - Constitution**

**Approved July 1993**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This Association shall be known as the "Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association", hereafter referred to as the "VHPA". It is an organization for all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era, (1961 - 1975).

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

The VHPA is dedicated to the fulfillment of the following purposes:

- a. To enhance and accredit the cohesiveness, esprit de corps, and traditions of valor of rotary wing aircrews that flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era.
- b. To seek out, using whatever means available, individuals who piloted rotary wing aircraft in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and inform them of the existence of the VHPA and encourage all eligible individuals to become members.

### **ARTICLE III - OPERATION**

**Section I.** The VHPA will operate on a calendar year basis.

**Section II.** The VHPA shall operate as a not for profit organization.

**Section III.** An annual audit will be conducted by a recognized financial agency selected by the Executive Council.

### **ARTICLE IV - REUNIONS**

**Section I.** There shall be an annual Reunion of the VHPA.

**Section II.** The annual Reunion shall be conducted at a place and time as determined by the Executive Council.

**Section III.** The Executive Council shall announce the date and place selected for the annual reunion not later than one year prior to the annual reunion.

**Section IV.** In the event of a national or natural emergency, the Executive Council shall have the authority to cancel or postpone annual Reunions.

### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I.** Membership is open to all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era, (1961 - 1975).

**Section II.** Members shall be classified as Life, General, and Honorary. To be recognized as an active member in any of these classifications, the member must be in good standing and current in his dues.

**Section III.** Membership classifications are as follows:

- a. Life membership will be conferred upon an individual eligible for membership who pays a specified amount of dues as directed by the Executive Council and approved by the general membership.
- b. General membership will be conferred upon an individual eligible for membership who pays a specified amount of dues, annually, as directed by the Executive Council and approved by the general membership..
- c. Honorary membership is open to distinguished persons, such as aviation pioneers, guest speakers and aviation dignitaries. Honorary memberships must be voted upon by the Executive Council.

### **ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Section I.** The officers of the VHPA shall be as follows:

- a. President.
- b. Vice President (who shall be President-elect and shall succeed the President).
- c. Three Members at Large.
- d. The Immediate Past President.

**Section II.** The Executive Council shall consist of:

- a. President.
- b. Vice President.
- c. Three Members at Large.
- d. The Immediate Past President.
- e. Secretary/Treasurer.

**Section III.** Holding office or other positions of influence and trust shall be limited to eligible members as defined in this Constitution.



#### **Section IV. Responsibility and Authority of the Executive Council:**

- a. The Executive Council shall be the governing body of the VHPA. It shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the VHPA, including funds, programs and regulations. It shall have authority to approve budgets, authorize expenditures, seek and accept contributions and approve annual meeting sites and program arrangements.
- b. A majority opinion of the Executive Council shall prevail in all matters pertaining to the VHPA.
- c. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have a vote only as a tiebreaker.
- d. In addition to business conducted at the Annual Reunion, there shall be three quarterly conference calls made by the Executive Council between annual reunions for the purpose of conducting VHPA business. Said calls are to be conducted at a time that is convenient for the majority of the Executive Council members. The President or Secretary/Treasurer shall have the authority to initiate additional conference calls as deemed necessary.
- e. The Executive Council may delegate authority and functions to the Secretary/Treasurer or specific members of the VHPA.
- f. The Executive Council shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **Section V. Committees**

- a. The VHPA will have the following standing committees whose duties and responsibilities are outlined in the job descriptions and policy statements approved by the Executive Council.

1. Directory
2. Data Base
3. Historical
4. Membership
5. Newsletter
6. Public Relations
7. Reunion

- b. Vacancies for the chairmanship of all committees will be filled by appointment by the President.
- c. All appointments to chairmanship of committees are subject to ratification by the Executive Council.

### **ARTICLE VII - VOTING**

**Section I.** All active members with the exception of Honorary members are entitled to vote.

**Section II.** Attending members in good standing are eligible to vote and shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at annual meetings of the VHPA.

### **ARTICLE VIII - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by the following procedures:

- a. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the VHPA Headquarters or any VHPA Officer 90 days prior to the annual reunion.
- b. The Executive Council must approve the proposed amendment(s).
- c. The adoption of the amendment(s) at an annual meeting of the VHPA is by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at the business session.

### **ARTICLE IX - CHAPTERS**

Chapters may be initiated upon approval of the Executive Council. Chapters may have such officers, organization, and meetings as they may determine; not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the VHPA. Each chapter will be required to provide the Executive Council with the names of its officers and activities on an annual basis.

## **BYLAWS**

### **CHAPTER 1 - MEMBERS**

1. Honorary memberships shall be conferred by the Executive Council for life.

### **CHAPTER 2 - EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members of any classification, including elected and appointed officials, may be expelled for cause or conduct which the Executive Council deems contrary to the best interest of the VHPA.
2. General members shall be suspended for nonpayment of annual dues and shall be dropped from the active membership roster.



### **CHAPTER 3 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. A Vice President and a Junior Member at Large shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual reunion business meeting.
2. A Vice President shall be elected to a consecutive 3 year term on the Executive Council. The first year he will be the Vice President. The second year he will be the President. The third year he will be the Immediate Past President.
3. Members at Large shall be elected to a consecutive 3 year term on the Executive Council. The first year he will be the Junior Member at Large. The second year he will be the Midterm Member at Large. The third year he will be the Senior Member at Large.
4. Individuals newly elected to office shall be installed to that office at the close of the annual reunion.
5. Individuals already holding office shall advance to the next position of their term at the close of the annual reunion.
6. The election of officers shall be done by ballots. Should there be only one candidate for an office, than the ballot requirement shall be waived.

### **CHAPTER 4 - EARLY SUCCESSION TO OFFICE**

1. Should the President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Presidency, then the Vice President (President Elect) shall succeed him as President for the remainder of the resigning or incapacitated president's term. At the completion of the resigning or incapacitated president's term, the president shall begin serving the term of the Presidency for which he was initially elected. The position of Vice President shall remain vacant until the annual reunion.
2. Should the Vice President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Vice Presidency, the position of Vice President shall remain vacant for the duration of the term of the resigning or incapacitated Vice President. A President and a Vice President shall be elected at the next annual reunion.
3. Should both the President and Vice President resign or become incapacitated, then the Senior Member at Large shall assume the duties of the Presidency (become Acting President) for the remainder of the term of the President who has just resigned or become incapacitated, but he shall not automatically succeed to the position of President after his term of Acting President has expired. A President and Vice President shall be elected at the next annual reunion with the new President's one year term beginning at the close of the annual reunion. The Immediate Past President shall serve one additional year on the Executive Council.
4. Should the Senior Member at Large resign, become incapacitated, or become the Acting President, then the following shall automatically take place.
  - a. The Midterm Member at Large shall immediately become the Acting Senior member at Large. He shall remain the Acting Senior Member at Large until he succeeds to the position of Senior Member at Large under the terms to which he was initially elected.
  - b. The Junior Member at Large shall immediately become the Acting Midterm Member at Large. He shall remain the Acting Midterm Member at Large until he succeeds to the position of Midterm Member at Large under the terms to which he was initially elected.
5. Should the Midterm Member at Large resign, become incapacitated, or become the Acting Senior Member at Large, the Junior Member at Large shall immediately become the Acting Midterm Member at Large. He shall remain the Acting Midterm Member at Large until he succeeds to the position of Midterm Member at Large under the terms to which he was initially elected.
6. Should the Junior Member at Large resign, become incapacitated, or become the Acting Midterm Member at Large, the President or Acting President shall offer the position of Acting Junior Member at Large to previous members of the Executive Council, subject to appointee's ratification by the Executive Council. A Junior and Midterm Member at Large shall be elected at the next annual reunion.
7. Should the Immediate Past President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Immediate Past President, the President or Acting President shall offer the position of Immediate Past President to any qualified previous Executive Council Member, to be ratified by the Executive Council.

### **CHAPTER 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at the business meetings of the VHPA annual reunion and all Executive Council meetings.
2. The President shall appoint or remove Committee Chairman subject to ratification by the Executive Council.
3. The duties of the officers shall be those which are customary for such office and such other functions as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the VHPA, the Executive Council, and written job descriptions.

### **CHAPTER 6 - SECRETARY/TREASURER**

1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed or removed by the Executive Council.
2. Once appointed, the Secretary/Treasurer shall serve in that capacity for an unspecified term.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible to sign all checks for debts incurred by the VHPA along with the President of the VHPA (in the President's absence, the Vice President).



## SECTION II - Members and Potential Members

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 9,565 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 13 August 1993. These 9,565 pilots include 566 Life, 6,463 General, and 2,536 Potential VHPA members. This roster has 1,168 more names than the 1992 Directory; an increase of almost 14%. The data for the 62 pilots that passed away after joining the VHPA is listed in the Deceased roster. As a result of the 1992 Directory Questionnaire, the Life Member roster does not appear in the 1993 Directory. Instead each Life Member is identified with a large\* following his name. All VHPA members that are "active" (either Life Members or General Members current with their VHPA membership dues) appear with their names in **bold print**. All VHPA General Members whose annual membership dues are not current and all pilots who have not yet joined the VHPA (Potential Members) appear with their names in normal print. The names of all pilots, Members or Potential Members, appearing in the Directory for the first time have their names underlined.

The VHPA needs everyone's assistance to keep this roster accurate and to reach the goal of having ALL LIVING VIETNAM ERA HELICOPTER PILOTS included in this roster. For example, if you see a friend in this roster who's address is marked with a question mark (VHPA's mail is being returned) and you have a current address, please send it to VHPA Headquarters. If you know the name and address of a Vietnam Era helicopter pilot not included in this roster, please send it to VHPA Headquarters.

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### LEGEND

Name	John Q. Smith *	* indicates Life Member
(Underline indicates new listing)	1234 Main Street ?	Bold type denotes someone who has joined VHPA and is current with their dues.
Address	Anywhere, TX 99999	Question mark indicates address is no longer good; mail is being returned.
Helicopter Flight School	Class 9-9 (USMC)	Flight branch of service if not Army.
Dates of tour	68-69 192 AHC	Helicopter combat unit.
Present Occupation	Pilot	

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**Aakre, Keith E.**

CLASS 69-25  
70-71 D/1/1 CAV  
Marketing Mgr., Honeywell

**Aanestad, Terje**

NORWAY  
CLASS 70-37  
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV  
Pilot

**Aaron, Patrick H.**

CLASS 68-17  
68-69 61 AHC  
Art Teacher, Carroll Co.

**Abbett, James W.**

CLASS 55-B  
67 A/9 AVN 9 INF  
67 338 AVN DET  
Real Estate Agent

**Abbey, Charles William**

CLASS 61-3  
66-67  
69-70 ACT/11 ACR  
Teacher

**Abbott, Charles G.**

CLASS 69-36  
70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL  
State National Guard

**Abbott, Jack**

**Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.**

71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN  
72 117 AVN  
U.S. Army

**Abersold, Silas Jackson**

CLASS 72-4  
72-73 F/8 CAV  
Inst Pilot

**Abner, Jack**

**Abplanalp, Peter**

CLASS 69-31  
70-71 129 AHC  
Civil Engr. CW4, WYARNG

**Abrahamson, Rick**

**Abrahms, Don**

**Accola Jr., Ralph A.**

CLASS 68-17  
68-69 135 AHC  
Real Estate Broker

**Accola, Ronald L.**

CLASS 70-3  
70-71 199 LIB  
Line CAPT, PHI

**Accurso, Linden J.**

CLASS 68-6  
68-69 128 AHC  
71-72 62 CAC  
Deputy Finance Acctng Off  
Acevedo, Luis E.

CLASS 71-3  
71-73 101 AVN 101 ABN  
Charter Pilot

**Achee, Sidney W.**

CLASS 50-D  
67-68 9 AVN 9 INF  
Consultant

**Achelphol, Albert E.**

CLASS 69-39  
70 116 AHC  
Mkt. Communications Mgr.

**Acheson, Gilbert W.**

CLASS 67-11  
67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF

**Acker, Kenneth F.**

CLASS 66-15  
66-67 155 AHC  
FAA, Mgr. Traffic Mgmt

**Ackerman, Mike**

70-71  
US Army

**Acklen Jr., Robert L. \***

CLASS 68-20/68-512  
68-69 189 AHC  
69 57 AHC  
70-71 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN  
Computer Analyst

**Acton, Randall Ray**

CLASS 65-10  
66-67 ACT/11 ACR

**Acuna Sr., Edward \***

CLASS 57-7  
65-66 15 TC 1 CAV  
Owner, Gulf Coast Heli.

**Adair, Ronnie L.**

CLASS 67-15/67-17  
67-68 162 AHC  
71-72 334 AWC  
Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.

**Adams, Anthony W.**

CLASS 67-5  
67-68 117 AHC  
US Army Pilot

**Adams, Bobby R.**

CLASS 64-5  
66 1/9 CAV 1 CAV  
67 D/2/1 AVN 1 CAV  
69-70 175 AHC  
Retired

**Adams, David \***

CLASS 70-5  
70-71 D/1/1 CAV  
Magazine Publisher

**Adams, David A.**

CLASS 69-9  
69-70 336 AHC  
70-71 162 AHC  
Pilot-Law Enforcement/EMS

**Adams, David S.**

CLASS 69-17  
69 176 AHC 23 INF  
70 D/1/1 CAV  
Helicopter Pilot

**Adams, Gail B.**

CLASS 67-6  
67-68 C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV  
Fleet Sales

**Adams, Henry "Hank"**

32082  
CLASS 67-21  
68-69 176 AHC

**Adams, Hugh W.**

CLASS 68-12  
68-69 121 AHC  
69 13 CAB  
Rail Transportation Engr

**Adams Jr., James "Jim" H.**

CLASS 68-503  
68 D/2/1 CAV  
68-69 B/4 AVN 4 INF  
69-70 D/2/1 CAV  
Self Employed

**Adams, James J. \***

CLASS 68  
68-69 71 AHC  
Architect

**Adams, Larry M.**

CLASS 68-12  
68-69 20 TC CO  
CW3 U.S. Army

**Adams, Larry W.**

CLASS 71-25  
71-72 D/229 AVN 1 CAV  
72 60 AHC  
Helicopter Pilot

**Adams, Lawrence J.**

CLASS 70-23  
70-71 243 ASHC  
70-71 132 ASHC  
Chiropractor

**Adams, Lloyd K.**

CLASS 55-H  
67-68 205 ASHC  
Optician

**Adams, Martin J.**

CLASS 72-9  
72-73 MED DET

**Adams, Peter "Pinky" B.**

CLASS 67-16  
67-68 B/7/1 CAV  
68-69 C/3/17 CAV  
VP. U.S. Trust Company

**Adams, Reginald**

**Adams, Robert**





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