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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 (19761-1975). Memberships are

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear VHPA Member:

We sincerely hope you will enjoy the 1995 Directory - the 12th edition produced by the VHPA. With the six Newsletter issues and our major Reunion in July, this Directory completes the line-up of "products" you receive for your VHPA dues.

The various VHPA committees that have the stewardship for the data presented in various Directory sections (e.g. Steve Boiling of the Database Committee for the Inventory of Flight Class Rosters) received a lot of input from the Membership as a result of the 1994 and 1993 Directories. Unfortunately the 1994 Directory contained old rosters for the Historical Committee's inventory of historic documents and the flight class roster just mentioned. This did not go unnoticed by the Membership! We received quite a few letters saying: "I sent (my unit history) or (a copy of my flight class roster) in and it did not appear in the Directory - what happened?" The 1995 Directory contains updated rosters for every area within the VHPA and it includes a new one - for Jay Riseden's VHPA Pocket Patch Project. So if material that is important to you is not included in this Directory, please follow up with the respective committee by submitting your valuable input.

As is our tradition, the theme of the front and rear cover photos "dedicates" the 1995 Directory to those who flew tandem rotor helicopters in Southeast Asia.

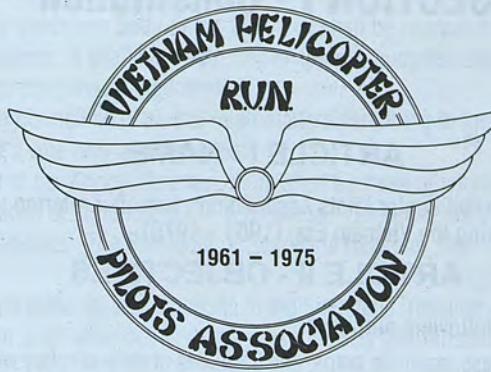
In closing, please remember that the VHPA is only as good as we make it!! We need your comments, suggestions, additions, corrections, address changes, information on other Vietnam Era pilots (living or dead), unit histories, copies of Vietnam Era orders, flight class rosters, color copies of pocket patches, articles for the Newsletter, and photos for the VHPA Calendar. Your input is needed and welcome.

Invite your buddies to our 13th Reunion in Santa Clara in July.

Your Executive Council

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Photo and Graphics Credits

VHCMC member Donivan Earhart took the photo on the front cover about 1971. Donivan set up a tri-pod mounted camera near the Phu Loi POL and took a number of high quality photos of hovering or landing helicopters. Donivan has been kind enough to allow the VHPA to use several of his photos in Calendars and other publications. Here we see a CH-47C from Donivan's unit, the 213th ASHC BLACKCATS.

VHPA members Marty Heuer provided the photo and Bernie McGinley the "song book" cover that appear in the Songs section.

Aviation author and VHPA friend Philip Chinnery provided the CH-21C photo that appears on the rear cover. An expanded version of this photo appeared in the 1995 VHPA Calendar and on Vol. 1 of the Historical Reference Directory.

VHPA member Walt Wise took the CH-46 photo that appears on the rear cover in 1970 at Marble Mountain while serving with HMM-364, the PURPLE FOXES.

VHPA member "Tuck" Kemper took the HH-43F photo that appears on the rear cover on May 1974 at Ubon, Thailand while serving with Det 3 40th ARRS.

VHPA member Jay Riseden provided the computer generated versions of the pocket patches presented through out this Directory as part of the VHPA Unit Patch Project. This project was initiated to collect and catalog computer versions of color copies of ALL helicopter unit patches used in Vietnam. See Section XI for more details about this project and how you can contribute to it.

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 11,104 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 18 August 1995. These 11,104 pilots include 648 Life, 7,384 General, and 3,172 Potential VHPA members. The data for the 92 pilots that passed away after joining the VHPA is listed in the Deceased roster. 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 ***** ←
(Underline indicates new listing) 1234 Main Street ? ←
Address → Anywhere, TX 99999 ←
Flight school for army trained pilot → Class 9-9 (or) Service ←
Dates of tour → 68-69 192 AHC ←
Present occupation → Pilot ←

* indicates Life Member
Bold type denotes someone
who has joined VHPA
and is current with their dues.
Question mark indicates address is
no longer good; mail is being returned.
Branch of service if not Army, pilot training.
Helicopter combat unit.

A	Abbott, Danny L.	Aby III, Charles W. *	Achelphol, Albert E.	Acosta, Alex	Adams, David A.
Aakre, Keith E.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 68-523/68-43 70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV 70-71 F/19 CAV 1 CAV Pilot	CLASS 69-39 70 116 AHC Mkt. Communications Mgr.	CLASS 72-35 73 H/10 CAV Acton, Randall Ray	CLASS 69-9 69-70 336 AHC 70-71 162 AHC Pilot-Law Enforcement/EMS
CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1 CAV Marketing Mgr., Honeywell	Abbott, Jack	Accola Jr., Ralph A.	Acheson, Gilbert W.	Acuna Sr., Edward *	Adams, David S.
Anestad, Terje	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 68-17 68-69 135 AHC Real Estate Broker	CLASS 67-11 67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF	CLASS 65-10 66-67 ACT/11 ACR	CLASS 69-17 69 176 AHC 23 INF 70 D/1/1 CAV Helicopter Pilot
NORWAY CLASS 70-37 71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV Pilot	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.	Accola, Ronald L.	Acker, Kenneth F.	Acuna Sr., Edward *	Adams, Gail B.
Aaron, Patrick H.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 70-3 70-71 199 LIB Line CAPT, PHI	CLASS 66-15 66-67 155 AHC FAA, Mgr. Traffic Mgmt	CLASS 57-7 65-66 15 TC 1 CAV Owner, Gulf Coast Heli.	CLASS 67-6 67-68 C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV Fleet Sales
CLASS 68-17 68-69 61 AHC Art Teacher, Carroll Co.	Abersold, Silas Jackson	Accurso, Linden J.	Ackerman, Eric	Adair, Ronnie L.	Adams, Gary
Aaron, Wayne	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 68-6 68-69 128 AHC 71-72 62 CAC Deputy Finance Acctg Off	CLASS 67-9 66-67 121 AVN 69 54 SIG BN Patrol Lieutenant	CLASS 67-15/67-17 67-68 162 AHC 71-72 334 AWC Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.	CLASS 67-5 67-68 117 AHC US Army Pilot
Abbott, James W.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Acero, Luis "Ace" E.	Ackerman, Mike	Adams, Anthony W.	Adams, Harry
67 A/9 AVN 9 INF 67 338 AVN DET Real Estate Agent	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 71-3 71-73 101 AVN 101 ABN Comair Pilot	70-71 US Army	CLASS 67-5 67-68 117 AHC US Army Pilot	Adams, Henry "Hank"
Abbey, Charles William.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Abplanalp, Peter	Acevedo, Luis "Ace" E.	Adams, Bobby R.	32004
CLASS 61-3 66-67 2/11 ACR 69-70 ACT/11 ACR Teacher	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	CLASS 67-5 68-69 195 AHC Owner, Oil Field & Indus.	CLASS 67-22	CLASS 67-22
Abbott, Charles G.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Achee, Robert W.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	68-69 176 AHC
CLASS 69-36 70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL State National Guard	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Achee, Sidney W.	68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Adams, Hugh W.
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