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THE VHPA DIRECTORY

The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) Directory is distributed to members of the VHPA. The VHPA Directory is published annually by the VHPA and mailed in October to the members that are dues current as of September. Fourth-class postage paid at Sacramento, CA.

VHPA membership is open to all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975). Annual Memberships are \$30.00 or Life Membership for \$450.00. A Life Membership can be purchased on an installment plan; contact the VHPA for details.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear VHPA Member:

We sincerely hope you enjoy the 1996 Directory - the 13th 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.

As is our tradition, the theme of the front and rear cover photos "dedicates" this Directory to those who flew helicopters in Southern I Corps.

In much the same way that each Reunion has its own social and financial style, so each Directory is beautiful in its own way. Starting with the 1990 edition, the Directory Committee was able to add new features and chapters each year and still stay within the budget. As the VHPA became more successful in terms of the material contributed by its members and its Committees, the Directory grew accordingly. The 1994 edition was clearly our "high water mark" in terms of content and features. The membership loved it! However, it certainly exceeded the traditional Directory budget. The 1995 edition was more traditional in terms of content and features; it was also exactly on the budget. Due to printer cost constraints and budget realities, the Directory needs to stay in the mid-300 page range. The realities are that each year the Directory needs to accommodate roughly 1,000 more helicopter pilots. Sadly, the "go-go days" are past and we need to be more pragmatic with each page. In this respect, the VHPA is a "victim of its own success." The 1996 Directory does not include chapters and material that we would really like to present - including rosters from our History Committee and songs from our old friends.

It is important for the membership to know that the various VHPA committees who have the stewardship for collecting data and historical records are ALIVE AND WELL. The Database Committee is still collecting Flight Class Rosters, information about the "hat color", number of students, plus starting and graduating dates. The Historical Committee is still collecting historic documents. The VHPA Pocket Patch Project can still use a color copy machine copy of your patches.

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 14th Reunion in Orlando in July!

Do you have your copy of the 1997 VHPA Calendar? It is impressive!!

Your Executive Council

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Photo and Graphics Credits

VHPA member Fred Thompson took the front cover photo in Dec, 1970 of UH-1C #170, "ACE OF SPADES," from the SHARK platoon, 174th AHC while the gunship was southbound from Quang Ngai, near the coast of the South China Sea, enroute to Duc Pho. This aircraft was shot down on 3 March 1971 near Aloui in Laos during LAMSON 719. The aircraft was said to have been put on a flatbed truck and transported to a museum near Hanoi.

VHPA member Fred Thompson took the rear cover photo in Nov, 1970 of YK-23, from HMM-364, the PURPLE FOXES, as the CH-46D Sea Knight lands at the Duc Pho refuel point.

VHCMA members Chuck Carlock and Les Hines teamed to provide the VHPA with the official U.S. Army aerial photos of Chu Lai and Ky Ha that appear on pages 244 and 340.

VHPA member Jay Riseden provided the computer generated versions of the unit pocket patches and helicopter icons 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 VII for more details about this project and how you can contribute to it.

SECTION I - Members and Potential Members

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 11,736 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 16 August 1996. These 11,736 pilots include 693 Life, 7,751 General, and 3,292 Potential VHPA members. The data for the 117 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
(Underline indicates new listing)
Address
Flight School for Army-trained pilot
Dates of Southeast Asian tour
Present occupation

John Q. Smith *
1234 Main Street ?
Anywhere, TX 99999
Class 9-9 (or) Service
68-69 192 AHC
Pilot

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

A					
Aakre, Keith E.	Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas	Accola, Ronald L.	Ackerman, Eric	Adams, Anthony W.	Adams, Huah W.
CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1 CAV Marketing Mgr., Honeywell	CLASS 67-1 68-501 69-71 C/71 CAV Reg Service Director of Hotel	CLASS 70-3 70-71 199 LIB Line CAPT, PHI	CLASS 67-9 66-67 121 AVN 69 54 SIG BN Patrol Lieutenant	CLASS 67-5 67-68 117 AHC US Army/ Retired	CLASS 68-12 68-69 121 AHC 69 13 CAB Rail Transportation Engr
Aanestad, Terie	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.	Accurso, Linden J. *	Ackerman, Mike	Adams, Bobby R.	Adams Jr., James "Jim" H.
CLASS 70-37 71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV Pilot	71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN 72 117 AVN U.S. Army	CLASS 68-6 68-69 128 AHC 71-72 62 CAC Deputy Finance Accng Off	70-71 US Army	CLASS 64-5 66 1/9 CAV 1 CAV 67 D/227 AVN 1 CAV 69-70 175 AHC Retired	CLASS 68-503 68 D/2/1 CAV 68-69 B/4 AVN 4 INF 69-70 D/2/1 CAV Self Employed
Aaron, Patrick H.	Abersold, Silas Jackson	Acevedo, Luis "Ace" E.	Ackerson, Thomas L.	Adams, David *	Adams, James J. *
CLASS 68-17 68-69 61 AHC Art Teacher, Carroll Co.	CLASS 72-4 72-73 F/8 CAV Inst Pilot	CLASS 71-3 71-73 101 AVN 101 ABN Airline Pilot	CLASS 67 68-69 195 AHC Owner, Oil Field & Indus.	CLASS 70-5 70-71 D/1/1 CAV Magazine Publisher	CLASS 68 68-69 71 AHC Architect
Aaron, Wayne	Abington, Craig T.	Achee, Robert W.	Acklen Jr., Robert I. *	Adams, David A.	Adams, Kurtis P.
7/1 CAV	CLASS 70-12 70-71 B/7/17 CAV Instructor Pilot	CLASS 67-13/68-3 68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV 71-72 13 CAB Consultant, Program Mgmt.	CLASS 68-20/68-512 68-69 189 AHC 69 HHC/52 CAB 69 57 AHC 69-70 B/3/506 INF 101 ABN 70 C/3/506 INF 101 ABN 70-71 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN 71 B/7/17 CAV 71 235 SQDN VNAF Computer Analyst	CLASS 69-9 69-70 336 AHC 70-71 162 AHC Pilot-Law Enforcement/EMS	CLASS 68-524 69-70 173 AVN Business Administration
Abbett, James W.	Abner, Jack	Achee, Sidney W.	Acosta, Alex	Adams, David S.	Adams, Larry M.
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Abbey, Charles William	Abrahamson, Rick	Achelphol, Albert F.	Acton, Randall Ray	Adams, Gail B.	Adams, Larry W.
CLASS 61-3 66-67 2/11 ACR 69-70 ACT/11 ACR Teacher	72-73 F/4 CAV	CLASS 69-39 70 116 AHC Mkt. Communications Mgr.	CLASS 72-35 73 H/10 CAV	CLASS 67-6 67-68 C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV Fleet Sales	CLASS 71-25 71-72 D/229 AVN 1 CAV 72 60 AHC Helicopter Pilot
Abbott, Charles G.	Abrahms, Don	Acheson, Gilbert W.	Acuna Sr., Edward *	Adams, Gary	Adams, Lloyd K.
CLASS 69-36 70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL State National Guard	70-71 118 AHC	CLASS 67-11 67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF	CLASS 57-7 65-66 15 TC 1 CAV Owner, Gulf Coast Heli.	C/229 AHB 1 CAV	CLASS 55-H 67-68 205 ASHC Optician
Abbott, Danny L.	Aby III, Charles W. *	Acker, Kenneth F. *	Adair, Ronnie L.	Adams, Henry "Hank"	Adams, Martin J.
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/1/9 CAV 1 CAV Pilot	CLASS 66-15 66-67 155 AHC FAA, Mgr. Traffic Mgmt	CLASS 67-15/67-17 67-68 162 AHC 71-72 334 AWC Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.	CLASS 67-22 68-69 176 AHC	CLASS 72-9 72-73 MED DET
	Accola Jr., Ralph A.				
	CLASS 68-17 68-69 135 AHC Real Estate Broker				

