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VHPA membership is open to all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975). Annual Membership is \$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 1997 Directory - the 14th 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 "dedicate" the 1997 Directory to those who flew helicopters in IV Corps. The good news - because the Directory Committee started working on its "executive summary version" of the Helicopter History of IV Corps about nine months ago and because of repeated Newsletter articles asking for member input; we received a lot of input and members were able to review drafts for additional input. The bad news - we could have used more time and more member input! We want to thank those who helped this effort.

Looking back at the VHPA since the last Directory proves to be very satisfying.

Please consider the following:

○ The VHPA Newsletter has successfully demonstrated it can support a 28 page edition six times a year. Only two years ago there were those who doubted this could be done.

○ Several fine people have manned VHPA booths at public (e.g. the Sun & Fun Fly-in and Oshkosh) and industry (e.g. AAAA and HAI) events with great success in terms of new and renewing members and just making quality friends.

○ We have already heaped praises on the Florida LZ Chapter for their outstanding efforts concerning this summer's reunion; but they clearly established a new standard for VHPA Reunions! It was nice to see the Ft Worth Chapter guys taking notes for the 1998 Reunion!

○ The VHPA has at least three internet "offerings" that are contributing new members to the association and making some new friends.

○ The VHPA continues to see growth and success for individual unit associations and other fraternal associations such as the VHCMA and the Warrant Officer Reunion. Clearly when Max Hall landed his restored CH-21C near the Officers Club at Ft. Rucker this summer, he delighted many a Shawnee driver!

○ From a VHPA membership point of view, the beat goes on - just after this year's Directory cutoff date, we signed up our 9,000th member. We continue to enroll just over one new member every day. Our membership retention in terms of percentage of dues current members continues to decline and we ask your help to reverse this trend.

○ Several VHPA Committees have new leaders and/or new ideas for growth that really look encouraging. These, coupled with several "hard core" (really hard working or dedicated are better words) members in several focused areas, are a joy to behold!

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, KIA and Died After Tour information. The Historical Committee is still collecting historic documents. The VHPA Pocket Patch Project can still use a color machine copy of your patches. The Directory Committee is still working 1968 data for the next Historical Reference Directory.

In closing, please remember that the VHPA is only as good as you help 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 it is welcomed.

Invite your buddies to our 15th Reunion in Ft. Worth in July!

Your Executive Council

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This membership directory is published for the information of VHPA members only. Use of this roster for any type of solicitation is prohibited. This roster will not be distributed to non VHPA members.

Photo and Graphics Credits

VHPA member Jim Spiers provided the front cover photo of UH-1C, BIERE "33" EXPORT, (named in honor of that wonderful Vietnamese beer) from the MAVERICK platoon, 175th AHC flying somewhere over the Mekong Delta in 1968. Besides the doorgunner's M60s, MAVERICK 33 was armed with two 7.62 cal. mini-guns and two nineteen 2.75" rocket pods.

VHPA and SeaWolf members Dan Calvert and Conrad Jaburg plus Philip Chinnery, the British aviation author, helped the VHPA obtain the official Naval Photographic Center photo used on the rear cover. It shows HA(L)-3 Det 5 UH-1B 301 departing the USS Harnett Country (LST-82) in November, 1967.

VHPA members Dennis Clay, Jim Paul, Jim Spiers, Tony Robinson, Greg Roche, and Bill Wilson provided the rest of the photos that appear in this Directory.

VHPA member Jay Riseden provided the computer generated versions of the unit pocket patches and helicopter icons used in 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 12,207 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 1997. These 12,207 pilots include 740 Life, 8,107 General, and 3,360 Potential VHPA members. The data for the 145 pilots who 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 *	* indicates Life Member
(Underline indicates new listing or information)	1234 Main Street ?	Bold type denotes someone who has joined the VHPA and is current in his dues.
Address	Somewhere, TX 98765	Question mark indicates this address is no longer good; mail is being returned.
Flight School for Army trained pilots	CLASS 67-8 (or) Service	Branch of service if not Army pilot training.
Dates of Southeast Asian tour	68-69 192 AHC	Southeast Asian combat unit.
Present occupation	Retired	

A	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.	Accurso, Linden J. *	Ackerson, Thomas L.	Adams, Bobby R.	Adams Jr., James "Jim" H.
Aakre, Keith E.	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 Accting Off	CLASS 67 68-69 195 AHC Owner, Oil Field & Indus.	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
CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1/1 CAV Marketing Mgr., Honeywell	Abersold, Silas Jackson	Acevedo, Luis "Ace" F	Acklen Jr., Robert L. *	Adams, David *	Adams, James J. *
Anestad, Terie	CLASS 72-4 72-73 F/8 CAV Inst Pilot	CLASS 71-3 71-73 101 AVN Airline Pilot	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 70-5 70-71 D/1/1 CAV Magazine Publisher	CLASS 68 68-69 71 AHC Architect
NORWAY CLASS 70-37 71-72 A/228 AVN Pilot	Abington, Craig T.	Achee, Robert W.	Acosta, Alex	Adams, David A.	Adams, Kurtis P. *
Aaron, Patrick H.	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 72-35 73 H/10 CAV 73 JMC	CLASS 69-9 69-70 336 AHC 70-71 162 AHC Pilot-Law Enforcement/EMS	CLASS 68-524 69-70 173 AVN Business Administration
CLASS 68-17 68-69 61 AHC Art Teacher, Carroll Co.	Abner, Jack	Achee, Sidney W.	Acton, Randall Ray	Adams, David S.	Adams, Larry M.
Aaron, Wayne	70-71 B/101 AVN	CLASS 50-D 67-68 9 AVN 9 INF Consultant	CLASS 65-10 66-67 ACT/11 ACR	CLASS 69-17 69 176 AHC 23 INF 70 D/1/1 CAV Helicopter Pilot	CLASS 68-12 68-69 20 TC CO CW3 U.S. Army
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	Aholanalua, Peter	Achelphol, Albert E.	Acuna Sr., Edward *	Adams, Gail R.	Adams, Larry W.
Abbett, James W.	CLASS 69-31 70-71 129 AHC Civil Engr. CW4, WYARNG	CLASS 69-39 70 116 AHC Mkt. Communications Mgr.	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 71-25 71-72 D/229 AVN 1 CAV 72 60 AHC Helicopter Pilot
CLASS 55-B 67 A/9 AVN 9 INF 67 338 AVN DET Real Estate Agent	Abrahamson, Rick	CLASS 67-11 67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF	Adair, Ronnie L.	Adams, Gary	Adams, Lloyd K.
Abbey, Charles William	72-73 F/4 CAV	Acheson, Gilbert W.	CLASS 67-15/67-17 67-68 162 AHC 71-72 334 AWC Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.	C/229 AHB 1 CAV	CLASS 55-H 67-68 205 ASHC Optician
CLASS 61-3 66-67 2/11 ACR 69-70 ACT/11 ACR Teacher	Abrahms, Don	CLASS 66-15 66-67 155 AHC FAA, Mgr. Traffic Mgmt	Adamcik, Merrill T.	Adams, Henry "Hank"	Adams, Martin J.
Abbott, Charles G.	70-71 118 AHC	Acker, Kenneth F. *	SERVICE USAF 65-66 134 AHC 68-69 C/159 AVN 101 ABN Retired	Adams, Harvy	CLASS 72-9 72-73 MED DET
CLASS 69-36 70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL State National Guard	Abb III, Charles W. *	CLASS 67-9 66-67 121 AVN 69 54 SIG BN Patrol Lieutenant	Adams, Anthony W.	Adams, Huah W.	Adams Sr., Marvin R.
Abbott, Danna L.	CLASS 68-523/68-43 70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV 70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV Pilot	Ackerman, Eric	CLASS 67-5 67-68 117 AHC US Army/ Retired	CLASS 67-22 68-69 176 AHC	CLASS 68-1 69-70 176 AHC Human Resources Director
68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Accola Jr., Ralph A	Ackerman, Mike		CLASS 68-12 68-69 121 AHC 69 13 CAB Rail Transportation Engr	Adams, Peter "Pinky" B.
Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas	Accola, Ronald L.	US Army			CLASS 67-16 67-68 B/7/1 CAV 68-69 C/3/17 CAV VP. U.S. Trust Company
CLASS 67-1/68-501 69-71 C/7/1 CAV Reg Service Director of Hotel	CLASS 70-3 70-71 199 LIB Line CAPT, PHI				

SEAWOLF 301, a UH-1B from HA(L)-3 Det 5, departs the USS Harnett County (LST-821) in November, 1967 somewhere on the Mekong River. Their primary mission was to support the 22 PRB (River Boat Patrol) squadrons as part of GAME WARDEN but they also worked with Navy SEAL teams and other Allied units throughout the Delta.

