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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 1998 Directory - the 15th 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 1998 Directory to those who flew helicopters outside of South Vietnam. The good news - because the Directory Committee started working on this helicopter history just after completing the 1997 Directory 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 is sporting color covers and continues to support a 28 page edition six times a year.

- 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.

- The Fort Wolters Chapter did an outstanding job with this summer's reunion at Fort Worth. It was the largest yet in the 15-year history of the VHPA.

- The VHPA continues to enjoy success with its internet offerings and published the e-mail addresses of members in this Directory for the first time.

- The VHPA continues to see growth and success for individual unit associations and other fraternal associations such as the VHCMA and the various unit reunions.

- From a VHPA membership point of view, the beat goes on - just prior to this year's Directory cutoff date, we signed up our 9,500th member. We continue to enroll just over one new member every day.

- On the administrative side, the Executive Council selected a new primary contractor which has been well received by the membership.

- 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 Database Committee continues to work on the 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 16th Reunion in Nashville in July!

Your Executive Council

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Photo and Graphics Credits

VHPA member Richard Madore provided the front cover photo of Recon Team Vermont hanging on ladders after an extraction from Laos in May, 1971. The Huey is from the 57th AHC based at Camp Holloway, Pleiku. This was also the March photo in the 1996 VHPA Calendar.

VHPA member Vaughn R. "Bobby" Ross provided the color prints of both the Gladiator and the MACV-SOG CCC patches. Details about these patches appeared in several issues of the Vietnam Insignia Collector's Newsletters starting with Vol. XII No. 1 in July/August 1993.

VHPA member Curt Knapp provided the photo of the Air America Huey used on the rear cover. A companion to this same shot was used in the 1999 VHPA Calendar. Curt took this photo at the MACV pad at Hue.

VHPA member Tom Garcia and VHCMA member Wayne Mutza teamed to provide the photo of the U.S. Air Force 20th SOS Hueys. Wayne used a black and white version of this photo on page 35 of his *UH-1 HUEY in action* 1986 Squadron/Signal Publication. Neither Tom nor Wayne can remember how this photo came to them.

VHCMA member Jim Green, who flew with the 20th SOS, provided the photo of the VNAF H-31 Kingbees. He took this photo while setting strip alert at Ban Don in 1971.

VHCMA member Wayne Mutza allowed the VHPA to use Jeff Manthos' photo of U.S. Navy SH-3 #154110 from HS-4, Air Wing 11, USS Kittyhawk taken off the coast of Vietnam in late 1973.

SECTION I - Members and Potential Members

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 12,695 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 1998. These 12,695 pilots include 806 Life, 8,515 General, and 3,374 Potential VHPA members. The data for the 178 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	
E-mail address (if given to the VHPA)	Abcdefg@something.com	

A	Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas	Accurso, Linden J. *	Ackerson, Thomas L.	Adams, Arnold L.	Adams, Hugh W.
Aakre, Keith E.	Sanford, NC 27330	CLASS 68-6	CLASS 67	CLASS 58-5	CLASS 68-12
CLASS 69-25	CLASS 67-1/68-501	68-69 128 AHC	68-69 195 AHC	65-66 B/15 TC 1 CAV	68-69 121 AHC
70-71 D/1/1 CAV	69-71 C/7/1 CAV	71-72 62 CAC	Owner, Oil Field & Indus.	70-71 HHC/1 AVN BDE	69 13 CAB
Marketing Mgr., Honeywell	Reg Service Director of Hotel	Deputy Finance Acctng Off	Acklen Jr., Robert L. *	71 HHC/1 CAV	Rail Transportation Engr
Aanestad, Terie	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.	Acevedo, Luis "Ace" E.	Retired	Adams, Bobbv R.	Adams Jr., James "Jim" H.
71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	CLASS 71-3	CLASS 68-20/68-512	CLASS 64-5	CLASS 68-503
72 117 AVN	72 117 AVN	71-73 101 AVN	68-69 189 AHC	66 1/9 CAV 1 CAV	68 D/2/1 CAV
NORWAY	U.S. Army	Airline Pilot	69 HHC/52 CAB	67 D/227 AVN 1 CAV	68-69 B/4 AVN 4 INF
CLASS 70-37	Ahersold, Silas Jackson	Achee, Robert W.	69 57 AHC	69-70 175 AHC	69-70 D/2/1 CAV
71-72 A/228 AVN	CLASS 72-4	CLASS 68-3QC	69-70 B/3/506 INF 101 ABN	Retired	Self Employed
Pilot	72-73 F/8 CAV	68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV	70-71 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	Adams, David *	Adams, James J. *
Aaron, Patrick H.	Inst Pilot	71-72 13 CAB	71 B/7/17 CAV	CLASS 70-5	CLASS 68
CLASS 68-17	Abington, Craig T.	Consultant, Proposal develop.	71 235 SQDN VNAF	70-71 D/1/1 CAV	68-69 71 AHC
68-69 61 AHC	CLASS 70-12	Achee, Sidney W.	Computer Analyst	70-71 D/1/1 CAV	Architect
Art Teacher, Carroll Co.	70-71 B/7/17 CAV	CLASS 50-D	Acosta, Alex	Magazine Publisher	Adams, Kurtis P. *
Aaron, Wayne	Instructor Pilot	67-68 9 AVN 9 INF	CLASS 72-35	Adams, David A.	CLASS 68-524
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	Ahner, Jack	Consultant	73 H/10 CAV	Adams, David S.	69-70 173 AVN
Abbett, James W.	70-71 B/101 AVN	Achelopol, Albert E.	73 JMC	CLASS 69-9	Business Administration
CLASS 55-B	Abrahamson, Rick	CLASS 69-39	Acuna Sr., Edward *	69-70 336 AHC	Adams, Larry M.
67 A/9 AVN 9 INF	72-73 F/4 CAV	70 116 AHC	CLASS 57-7	70-71 162 AHC	CLASS 68-12
67 338 AVN DET	Abrahms, Don	Mkt. Communications Mgr.	65-66 15 TC 1 CAV	Pilot-Law Enforcement/EMS	68-69 20 TC CO
Real Estate Agent	70-71 118 AHC	Acheson, Gilbert W.	Owner, Gulf Coast Heli.	Adams, David S.	CW3 U.S. Army
Abhev, Charles William	Abb III, Charles W. *	CLASS 67-11	Adair, Ronnie L.	CLASS 69-17	Adams, Larry W.
CLASS 61-3	CLASS 68-523/68-43	67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF	CLASS 67-15/67-17	69 176 AHC 23 INF	CLASS 71-25
66-67 2/11 ACR	70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV	Acker, Kenneth F. *	67-68 162 AHC	70 D/1/1 CAV	71-72 D/229 AVN 1 CAV
69-70 ACT/11 ACR	70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV	CLASS 66-15	71-72 334 AWC	Helicopter Pilot	72 60 AHC
Teacher	Pilot	66-67 155 AHC	Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.	Adams, Gail B.	Helicopter Pilot
Abbott, Charles G.	Accolla Jr., Ralph A.	Mgr. Traffic Mgmt	Adamcik, Merrill T.	CLASS 67-6	Adams, Lloyd K.
CLASS 69-36	CLASS 68-17	Ackerman, Eric	CLASS 60-1	67-68 C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV	CLASS 55-H
70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL	68-69 135 AHC	CLASS 67-9	65-66 134 AVN	Fleet Sales	67-68 205 ASHC
State National Guard	Real Estate Broker	69 54 SIG BN	68-69 C/159 ASHB 101 ABN	Adams, Gary	Optician
Abbott, Danny L.	Accolla, Ronald I.	Patrol Lieutenant	US Army, LtCol, Retired	C/229 AHB 1 CAV	Adams, Martin J.
APD, AE 09779	CLASS 70-3	Ackerman, Mike	Adams, Anthony W.	Adams, Henry "Hank"	CLASS 72-9
68-69 170 AHC	70-71 199 LIB	US Army	CLASS 67-5	CLASS 67-22	72-73 MED DET
70 79 TC CO	Line CAPT, PHI		67-68 117 AHC	68-69 176 AHC	
Col. U.S. Army			US Army/ Retired		

