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VHPA membership is open to all helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era (1976-1975). 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. * Sanford, NC 27330 CLASS 68-6 68-69 128 AHC 71-72 62 CAC Deputy Finance Acctng Off	Ackerson, Thomas L. CLASS 67 68-69 195 AHC Owner, Oil Field & Indus.	Adams, Arnold L. CLASS 58-5 65-66 B/15 TC 1 CAV 70-71 HHC/1 AVN BDE 71 HHC/1 CAV Retired	Adams, Hugh W. CLASS 68-12 68-69 121 AHC 69-13 CAB Rail Transportation Engr
Aakre, Keith E. CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1 CAV Marketing Mgr., Honeywell	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S. 71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN 72 117 AVN U.S. Army	Acevedo, Luis "Ace" E. CLASS 71-3 71-73 101 AVN Airline Pilot	Acklen Jr., Robert L. *	Adams, Bobby R. CLASS 64-5 66 1/9 CAV 1 CAV 67 D/227 AVN 1 CAV 70-71 175 AHC Retired
Aanestad, Terie NORWAY CLASS 70-37 71-72 A/228 AVN Pilot	Ahersold, Silas Jackson CLASS 72-4 72-73 F/8 CAV Inst Pilot	Achee, Robert W. CLASS 68-3QC 68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV 71-72 13 CAB Consultant, Proposal develop.	Acosta, Alex CLASS 72-35 73 H/10 CAV 73 JMC	Adams, James J. *
Aaron, Patrick H. CLASS 68-17 68-69 61 AHC Art Teacher, Carroll Co.	Abington, Craig T. CLASS 70-12 70-71 B/7/17 CAV Instructor Pilot	Achee, Sidney W. CLASS 50-D 67-68 9 AVN 9 INF Consultant	Acton, Randall Ray CLASS 65-10 66-67 ACT/11 ACR	Adams, James J. *
Aaron, Wayne 71-72 B/7/1 CAV	Abner, Jack 70-71 B/101 AVN	Achelphol, Albert E. CLASS 69-39 70 116 AHC Mkt. Communications Mgr.	Acuna Sr., Edward *	Adams, James J. *
Abbott, James W. CLASS 55-B 67 A/9 AVN 9 INF 67 338 AVN DET Real Estate Agent	Abrahamson, Rick 72-73 F/4 CAV	Acheson, Gilbert W. CLASS 67-11 67-68 D/1/10 CAV 4 INF	Adair, Ronnie L. CLASS 57-7 65-66 15 TC 1 CAV Owner, Gulf Coast Heli.	Adams, Larry M. CLASS 68-12 68-69 20 TC CO CW3 U.S. Army
Abhev, Charles William CLASS 61-3 66-67 2/11 ACR 69-70 ACT/11 ACR Teacher	Abrahms, Don 70-71 118 AHC	Acker, Kenneth F. *	Adams, Gail B. CLASS 67-15/67-17 67-68 162 AHC 71-72 334 AWC Pilot ERA AVN, Inc.	Adams, Larry W. CLASS 71-25 71-72 D/229 AVN 1 CAV 72 60 AHC Helicopter Pilot
Abbott, Charles G. CLASS 69-36 70 D/1/1 CAV AMERICAL State National Guard	Abv III, Charles W. *	Accola Jr., Ralph A. CLASS 68-523/68-43 70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV 70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV Pilot	Adams, Merrill T. CLASS 60-1 65-66 134 AVN 68-69 C/159 ASHB 101 ABN US Army, LTC Retired	Adams, Gail B. CLASS 67-6 67-68 C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV Fleet Sales
Abbott, Danny L. APO, AE 09779 68-69 170 AHC 70 79 TC CO Col. U.S. Army	Accola, Ronald I. CLASS 70-3 70-71 199 LIB Line CAPT, PHI	Ackerman, Eric CLASS 67-9 66-67 121 AVN 69 54 SIG BN Patrol Lieutenant	Adams, Anthony W. CLASS 67-5 67-68 117 AHC US Army/ Retired	Adams, Gail B. CLASS 67-22 68-69 176 AHC
		Ackerman, Mike US Army		

