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H&MS-39
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DaNang
366 CSG

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ChuLai

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E/704 MNT 4 INF

Pleiku

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540 TC CO

QuiNhon

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605 TC CO

D/15 TC 1 CAV

E/701 MNT 1 INF

AVEL CENTRAL

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USA AMMC
110 TC CO
AirAmerica

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BinhThuy

HA (L) - 3

VinhLong

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LongThanh

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BearCat

Saigon

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VungTau

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DongBaThin

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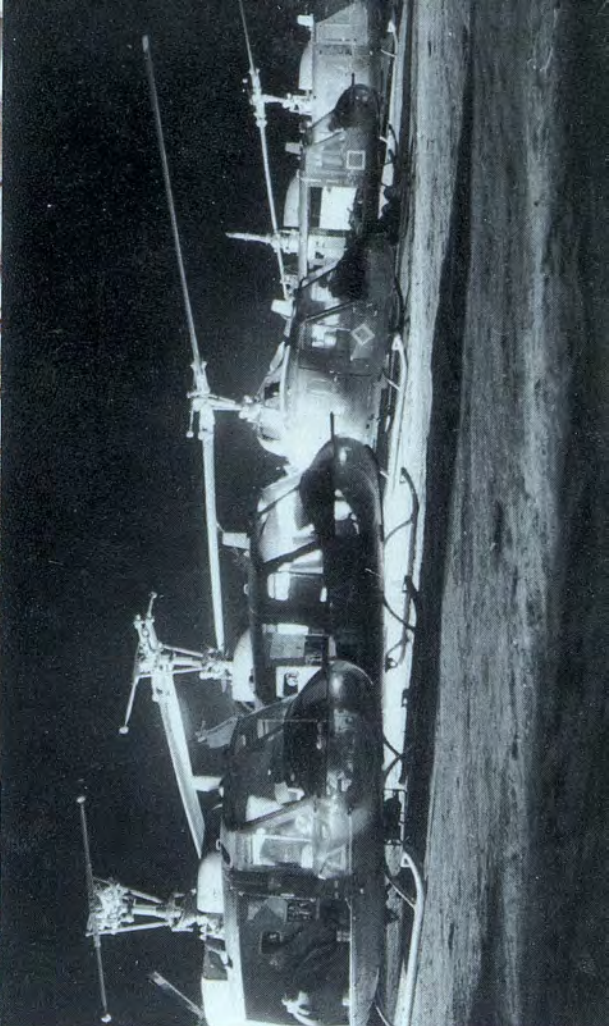
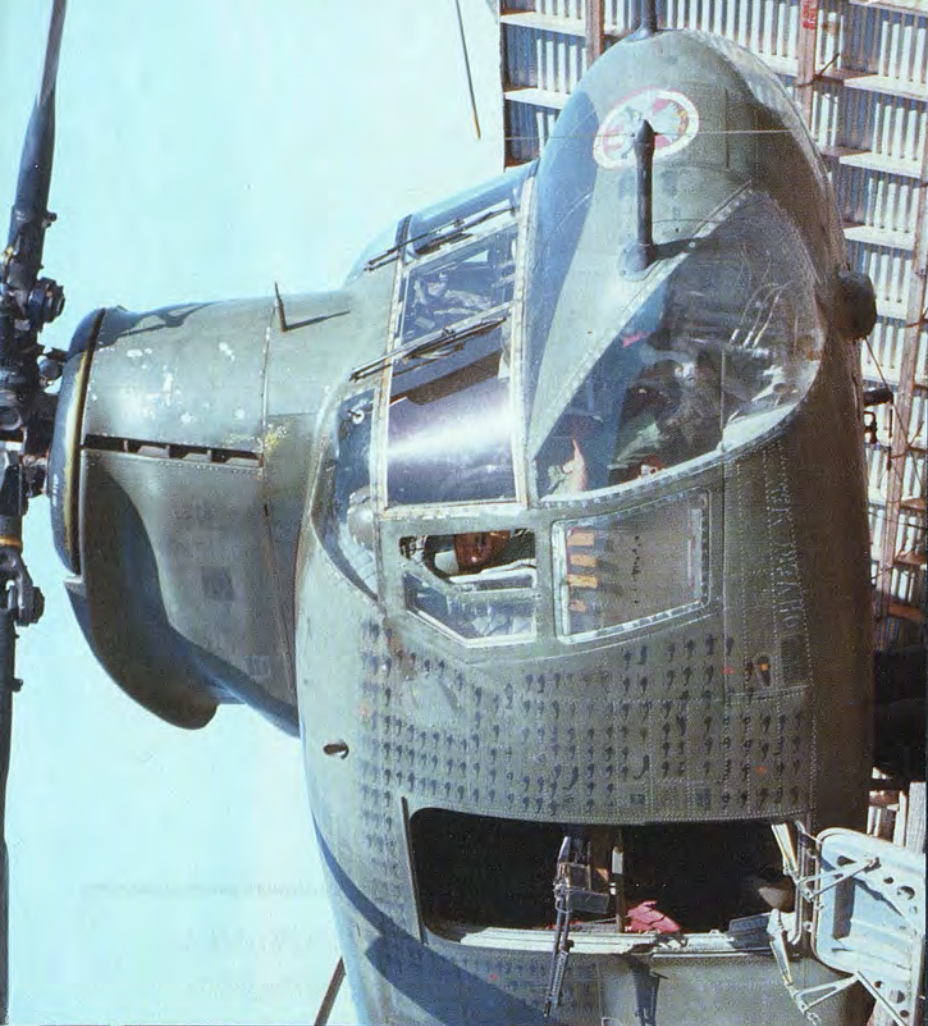
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Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 16, 2002

Service	Life Members	Regular Members	Potential Members	Address Unknown
US Army	1394	9565	10458	2473
US Marines	18	332	312	145
US Navy	4	83	35	27
US Air Force	2	83	38	24
Air America **	6	49	10	13
Australian Military	2	5	11	9
RVN Air Force	1	13	9	4
Other Military (Laos, Korea)	0	3	0	0

**** Includes all civilian helicopter pilots (Boeing, Bell, Bird Air, Arizona Helicopter, etc.) Note: Civilian pilots previous trained by the US military are included in their service counts.**

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LETTER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear VHPA Member,

Your 2002 Directory, the 19th edition, is another VHPA volunteer-produced item that we hope adds value to your membership in this fine association. With the six VHPA Newsletters and our major Reunion in July, this Directory completes the line-up of products you receive for your VHPA dues.

As mentioned in this past year's Newsletters, "finding our missing comrades" was one of the Executive Council's priority goals. We commissioned a special Task Force lead by the Membership Committee that included the Records/Data-base and Directory Committees plus our HQ staff to figure out a way to add the names (plus other data such as address, flight class number, etc.) of individuals known to have attended U.S. Army helicopter flight training during the Vietnam Era to the VHPA's Membership database. Starting with about 11,000, they ended up adding 8,400 to the 'living section' and learning that at least 400 are now deceased. The results of two special mass mailings and several hundred phone calls and emails had three positive benefits – a huge class of new VHPA dues paying members, a record number of 'first Reunion attendees' at Las Vegas, and a wealth of data for the Directory. We, like so many of you, 'wanted to see the list' of all these new people especially when HQ's phones, emails, and FAX started 'ringing all the time.' Well, you were able to meet lots of old buddies in Vegas and now this Directory gives you THE LIST (fully indexed for your added joy)!

We truly have come a long way. Some 30 years ago, plus or minus a few, we shared lots of hard work, often hostile and hazardous missions, the good and bad times, in distant lands that were beautiful and really terrible. Now with the aid of modern technologies plus good, old-fashion volunteerism and dedication (added with good management), we have the VHPA to help us collect, record, publish, and distribute information about our collective experiences of the Vietnam Era.

Another measure of process has been the growth of our VHPA local chapters. Sadly this issue does not contain the individual chapter rosters as did the 2001 edition – we simply ran out of time and manpower to make the needed updates.

This has been another growing year for the VHPA. We are well positioned for not only the coming year but for the long haul. Please let your Executive Council know what's on your mind concerning both the past and our collective future.

Your Executive Council

VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION 2002 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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Top left – Mike Sloniker provided this 1972 F/9 Cav photo from Ron Timberlake's collection.	Top right – "Wicked Escort" Rich Johnson smiles from his 540 TC Company recovery Chinook.
Lower left – Bob Brandt provided this 1966 photo of the Corpus Christi Bay departing for Vietnam	Lower right – Bentley Herbert's photo shows how B/15 TC 1 CAV worked at night in Nov 1965.
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Lower left – Richard Lund provided these 1968 photos of the 54 th Med and 68 th Med Detachments flight line and maintenance ramp at Chu Lai.	

Constitution of the VHPA

Approved July 2001

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.

Section IV. The VHPA shall not engage in partisan political politics or endorse political parties or candidates or public officials. Nothing herein shall restrict individual members from being individually engaged in political activities, political parties, or political office. Provided, however, members may not mention their membership in the VHPA when involved in such political activities, political parties, or political office in a manner so as to imply endorsement by the VHPA.

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).

VHPA Memorial Scholarship Fund Offers a Positive Legacy



When the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association began, back in 1983, there was never an intent to establish a scholarship program for children and grand children of members. However, over the years donations began to mount as individuals and units began to "challenge" each other to match their giving. Finally, in 1999 the amount of accumulated funds was nearing \$10,000 and the Executive Council decided something needed to be done. Several different ideas were evaluated to determine how the funds could be managed and invested so that someday a sufficient principle would exist to yield an annual scholarship. In addition, procedures necessary to solicit and select a scholarship recipient were discussed. Ultimately, it was determined that (1) not enough money to yield a significant scholarship was available and (2) the process of application and selection needed to be done in such a way that would be in keeping with very high standards and procedures.

Not wanting to "re-invent the wheel", the VHPA Executive Council sought and evaluated several organizations and companies that might do the job. Much was learned about foundations and companies capable of both investing and administering the VHPA Memorial Scholarship Program. Finally, a clear choice emerged and it was obvious that the Army Aviation Association of America was the very best choice. The AAAA is an organization with very close ties to many members of the VHPA. The AAAA is made up of U.S. Army pilots. An added bonus for the VHPA was that through the AAAA Heritage Program, they would match the \$10,000 of the VHPA with an equal amount. With the combined principle, an immediate \$1,000 VHPA Memorial Scholarship became available for the 2001 cycle of scholarships. Another added bonus was that VHPA applicants would also be eligible for many of the AAAA scholarships. The partnership was a win-win situation for the VHPA and AAAA.



The AAAA Foundation has awarded individual scholarship grants each year, ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 given out as one, two or four year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 a year) are also available. Any VHPA applicant or their father must be a member of AAAA, at time of application. To apply, request a Scholarship Grant/Loan Application from the AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 755 Main Street, Suite 4D Monroe, CT 06468-2830, telephone: 203- 268-2450 FAX: 203-268-5870 – EMAIL: aaaa@quad-a.org and return it to the AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., on or before May 1 of the year of college entry. The postmark will govern. The applicant will be requested to provide additional supporting data. All scholarships are awarded on merit.

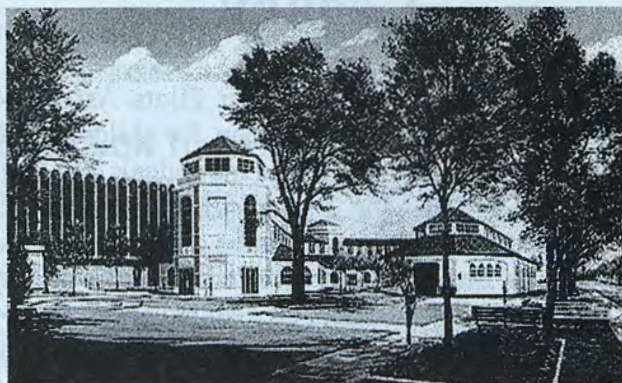
2002 Awards In early August, Bill Harris, Executive Directory of AAAA, sent a letter to the VHPA with the official announcements of all AAAA scholarship winners. For the 2002 competition, the AAAA received a total of 268 applicants and made 90 awards totaling \$152,000. Of those 90 awards, approximately 8, or close to 10%, were to children of members of the VHPA. This year's the VHPA Heritage Scholarship winner of \$1,000 for one year, was Carey M. Sweeney II, son of CW4 Carey M. Sweeney, Retired. They live in Enterprise, AL. CW4 Sweeney retired in 1998 and is presently a civilian contractor at Rucker. He was in Flight Class 68-522 and served in the 48th AHC "Blue Stars" and "Jokers" in 69-70. Carey Sweeney, senior, reported that Carey II is attending the University of Kentucky studying Business and Pre-Law.

The Vietnam Archive

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Three years ago the VHPA selected The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University as its official repository for all historical information. The Vietnam Archive has been collecting, preserving, and making available records of the Wars in Southeast Asia since 1989. The Vietnam Archive welcomes all materials and perspectives concerning the Wars in Southeast Asia and considers no collection or donation to be too small. They believe all of the sacrifices made during the Wars are significant and the individual collections and recollections of the men and women who participated in those events are equally important. All materials in the Archive are preserved in keeping with modern archival practices and procedures to ensure they remain available for future generations. Currently, the Archive has over 7 million pages of documentation in its manuscript and microform collections, over 2,000 maps, and more than 50,000 photos and slides related to wartime experiences in Southeast Asia.



Oral History Project

The Vietnam Archive is also committed to preserving the history of the Wars in Southeast Asia from the perspective of the participants through the Oral History Project. If you are interested in being interviewed, contact Steve Maxner at the phone number below or via email at [REDACTED]

The Virtual Vietnam Archive

The Vietnam Archive is also placing many materials online to facilitate free and easy access through the Internet. Thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Education, the Vietnam Archive has created the Virtual Vietnam Archive. The Virtual Archive has already received nearly \$1 million and has hired 15 additional staff to work on this project. Anyone can now visit the Virtual Archive and utilize documents, photographs, oral histories, and other materials through our new Web Site: www.vietnam.ttu.edu.

Please Participate in Preserving Your History

If you have personal photos, stories, orders, books, maps, newspapers or other documents or memorabilia that you would like to donate to the Vietnam Archive, contact them at: The Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University, Special Collections Library, Room 108, Lubbock, TX 79409-1041. Phone: 806-742-9010 FAX: 806-742-0496 Email: livna@ttu.edu Web Site address: <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu>. Help ensure your legacy and the legacy of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association by contacting them today.

The Texas Tech University Board of Regents created The Vietnam Center and The Vietnam Archive in 1989. The missions of the Vietnam Center include promoting the study of the Wars in Southeast Asia and supporting the collection and preservation activities of the Vietnam Archive.



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THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR MUSEUM

The stated mission of The National Vietnam War Museum is:

“To promote an understanding of the Vietnam era while honoring those who served.”

To that end, The National Vietnam War Museum will be an institution dedicated to educating a broad spectrum of the population of the United States and our Allies in order to honor those who served, while bridging the gap of understanding of the Vietnam era.

The museum will be directed toward the people affected by the era, regardless of nationality, whether soldier or citizen. While there will be helicopters and other military equipment, uniforms and other items representative of the war and the events back home, they will be used in a manner best suited to tell the stories of those involved.

Three prerequisites were established to allow us to realize this goal: (1) land acquisition, (2) the establishment of supporting relationships and (3) the accumulation of a significant amount of funds toward the required financial goals.

- 1) The procurement of 12 acres of prime real estate near old Fort Wolters, was accomplished on 14 May 1999. This land was paid for, through private donations, one year after its purchase.
- 2) Supporting Relationships are directed at both organizations, through the Sponsor Program, and individuals through the Board of Visitors.

The Sponsor Program is directed at both for-profit and non-profit organizations. These sponsorships are based on the common desire to accurately and objectively document the events of the Vietnam era. VHPA was the first national organization to become a museum sponsor, in 1999. Since that time several other national and local veterans organizations have become sponsors, and new potential sponsors have been identified and contacted during the past year.

The Board of Visitors is made up of individual supporters of the museum who are advisors to the museum board of directors. Complete information about the sponsoring organizations and Board of Visitors is available from the museum.

- 3) With the aid of supporting professionals, a five-year, \$25 million development plan has been initiated, that is intended to result in the groundbreaking for this significant project during the 2004 Dallas Reunion of the VHPA. During the Las Vegas reunion, the VHPA membership was challenged to become a significant factor in achieving that goal. In addition to the national organization, several of the chapters have become supporters of the museum. For additional information on the status of the project and current activities, check the museum homepage at www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org, or by mail at Post Office Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068-0146.

Contributions to the National Vietnam War Museum are tax-deductible within the limits permitted by law governing donations to non-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status.

SECTION I - Members and Potential Members

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 22,374 living helicopter pilots who flew in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2002. These 22,374 pilots include 1,421 Life, 10,087 General, and 10,866 Potential VHPA members. The data for the 391 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. All Potential Members have a large # following the name. The names of all pilots, Members or Potential Members, appearing in the Directory for the first time have their names underlined. There are 6,206 pilots with email addresses.

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. There are 2,685 pilots who's address is marked with a question mark (VHPA's mail is being returned). If you know the name and address of a Vietnam Era helicopter pilot not included in this roster or a correct address, please send it to VHPA Headquarters.

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LEGEND

Name	John Q. Smith *	* indicates Life Member, # indicates Potential Member
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