



**ACHPC 55-Fox "Camp" Rucker's first WOC Class, including MSC Officers arrived at Camp Rucker in September 1954 and started training in October 1954, Graduating 30 April 1955.**

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# VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

### 2003

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**Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2003**

Service	Life Members	Regular Members	Potential Members	Address Unknown
US Army	1,535	9,641	26,303	12,656
US Marines	20	326	3,696	3,491
US Navy	4	83	380	366
US Air Force	2	79	1,980	1,940
Air America **	6	50	10	7
Australian Military	2	5	13	12
RVN Air Force	1	12	547	542
Other Military (Laos, Korea)	0	3	0	0

\*\* Includes all civilian helicopter pilots (Boeing, Bell, Bird Air, Arizona Helicopter, etc.)

Note: Civilian pilots previously trained by the US military are included in their service counts.

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## LETTER FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear VHPA Member,

Your 2003 Directory, the 20th edition, is another VHPA volunteer-produced item that should continue to add value to your membership in our great organization. Along with the six VHPA Newsletters and our major Reunion in July, this Directory completes the line-up of benefits that you receive as a member of VHPA.

As mentioned in the past two-year's Newsletters, "finding our missing comrades" continues to be one of the Executive council's priority goals. We commissioned a special Task Force, lead by the Membership Committee, that included the Records/Database and Directory Committees plus our HQ staff to find ways to add the names, 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. This year we have added all known men who flew helicopters in Vietnam. This information was obtained from the Pentagon based on helicopter pilot MOS information from all services. We are now working to add addresses for all of these men. As a result, your directory now contains over 50,000 names. We believe that approximately 10,000 on this list never served in Vietnam because they were either foreign nationals trained by the Army or National Guard officers who were not called to serve or just lucky enough to get other assignments. The results, so far, of this ongoing effort, is the addition of over 26,000 names with many new addresses. Unfortunately, this effort also determined that about 7% of our comrades have died. As a result, the Died After Tour section in this directory has also dramatically increased.

For the first time, the indexes should be much more complete; especially the flight class indexes. If there is missing information in the indexes, it means that we do not have that information. It is now up to you to help with this effort. Please provide HQ, or the Database Committee, updates and changes so that next year's reunion and directory can be even more complete.

With this being our 20th anniversary year, it is appropriate to reflect on how far we have come. From the first 66 pilots who got together 20 years ago to the 50,000 names in this directory, it is appropriate to recognize the many volunteers who have made this all happen through their dedication, hard work and perseverance. We would like to specifically recognize one of the original 66 who is a 20 year volunteer. Mike Law has developed this directory to its current point over many years and thousands of hours of hard work. Without his undying devotion to duty, your directory would not be what it is today. Mike has diverted his energies for the next two years to serving his church as a missionary in Ghana, Africa. While his absence is a tremendous loss to the VHPA, we know that it is an enormous benefit to those he is now serving. Thanks Mike for all that you have done for us. We look forward to your return to "The World."

Please let us know the "good" and the "not good" so that we can continue to provide you with the best possible benefits of membership.

Your Executive Council

# VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

## 2003 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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**Inside Front cover** - Early years of flight training illustrated by ACHPC 55-F flight class picture provided by Don Joyce. ACHPC 55-F was the first Warrant Officer Candidate flight class at Camp Rucker.

**Inside Back cover** - Late Vietnam War years of helicopter flight training illustrated by a 1970s vintage flight class picture from the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter Center, Ft. Wolters, TX selected at random.

### Directory Committee Credits

Mike Law provided the software, instructions, and basic design for this publication.

Ross Rainwater compiled the History Section on Flight Classes (see full text at <http://www.vhpa.org>).

Steve Bolling provided the Died After Tour data.

### Editor's Comments

This 20th year issue of your membership directory is dedicated to flight classes. As you can see, it is 80 pages thicker this year with 122 pages of new information. Since we have reached the thickness limit for this type of book, there was not room for a geographic index. This increase in information is the result of many years of effort and thousands of hours of volunteer time to collect and computerize flight class lists, acquire databases from the military, and organize it into a usable format. In addition to the flight class work by many volunteers, this year also includes for the first time all U.S. men we believe served in the Vietnam War as helicopter pilots. This information was obtained from the Pentagon based on helicopter MOS from all services. As you can see, we are missing flight class and Vietnam unit information for many of these men. Please take your flight class graduation programs and orders and check them against this directory. If your flight class or unit information is missing for your fellow pilots, please send a copy of your class graduation program and/or orders containing their names to me so we can add the information.

Enjoy this year's directory,

Gary B. Roush, class 67-24, 242 ASHC 68-69

**Bylaws  
of the  
Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association®  
(VHPA™)**

**Approved July 2003**

**CHAPTER 1 – NAME**

This Association shall be known as the "Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association", hereinafter referred to as the "VHPA". It is an organization for all helicopter pilots who flew helicopters in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era, (1961-1975).

**CHAPTER 2 – OBJECTIVES**

The VHPA is dedicated to the fulfillment of the following purposes:

1. To enhance and accredit the cohesiveness, esprit de corps, and traditions of the valor of rotary wing pilots who flew helicopters in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era.
2. 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.

**CHAPTER 3 – OPERATION**

1. The VHPA will operate on a calendar year basis.
2. The VHPA shall operate as a not for profit organization.
3. An annual audit will be conducted by a recognized financial agency selected by the Executive Council.
4. The VHPA shall not engage in partisan politics or endorse political parties, candidates, or public officials. Nothing herein shall restrict individual members from being individually engaged in political activities, political parties, or political office. 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.

**CHAPTER 4 – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Pilots who flew helicopters in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era are eligible for membership.
2. Members shall be classified as Life, General, and Honorary.
3. 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 annually pays a specified amount of dues 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 at annual reunions, and aviation dignitaries. Honorary memberships must be voted upon by the Executive Council. Honorary memberships shall be conferred for life by the Executive Council. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues nor shall they be permitted to vote at membership meetings.
4. In order to vote or participate in any VHPA election or petition, or to be elected or serve as a VHPA officer or on its Executive Council or to participate in VHPA offices, functions and/or meetings, or to be included within a quorum of membership, a member must be current in his VHPA dues.

**CHAPTER 5 – EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members of any classification, including elected and appointed officials of the VHPA, may be expelled for cause or conduct which the Executive Council deems contrary to the best interest of the VHPA or interferes with the fulfillment of the purpose of the VHPA.
2. General members shall be suspended for nonpayment of annual dues and shall be dropped from the active membership roster until dues are brought current.

## **CHAPTER 6 – ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

1. The officers of the VHPA shall be as follows:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President (who shall be President-Elect and who shall succeed the President).
  - c. Three Members at Large.
  - d. The Immediate Past President.
2. The Executive Council shall consist of seven members as follows:
  - a. President.
  - b. Vice President.
  - c. Three Members at Large.
  - d. The Immediate Past President.
  - e. Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Holding office, or other positions of influence and trust, shall be limited to members who are current in their dues.
4. Committees
  - a. The VHPA may have standing committees whose duties and responsibilities are outlined in the job descriptions and policy statements recommended by the current President and approved by the Executive Council.
  - b. Vacancies for the chairmanship of all committees will be filled by appointment by the President.
  - c. All appointments to the chairmanship of committees are subject to ratification by the Executive Council.

## **CHAPTER 7 – 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 three year term on the Executive Council. The first year he will be 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 three 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 assume duties of 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. Officers shall be elected by members using written ballots.

## **CHAPTER 8 – VOTING**

1. All members who are current in their dues (with the exception of the honorary members) are eligible to vote.
2. Members, in attendance at a meeting or special meeting, are eligible to vote. Proxy voting of members shall not be permitted. Only life members and general members who are current in their dues shall be eligible to vote in VHPA matters. A list of members entitled to vote shall be reasonably made available on premises at the time and place at which a vote of the VHPA is conducted.

## **CHAPTER 9 – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. There shall be an annual reunion of the VHPA. This annual reunion shall also serve as the annual meeting of the VHPA membership.
2. The annual reunion shall be conducted at a place and time determined by the Executive Council.
3. The Executive Council shall announce the date and place for the next year's annual reunion at each annual reunion.
4. In the event of a national or natural emergency, the Executive Council shall have the authority to cancel or postpone annual reunions.
5. Special meetings of the membership may be called by either a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council or by the Executive Council upon it being presented a petition signed by one-third of the VHPA's members. Notice of a special meeting shall state the time and date of the meeting (which shall be no less than 45 days after the date such notice is posted) and shall further specify, in reasonable detail, all matters to be considered at the meeting. For purposes of the travel convenience of the members, all special meetings will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.
6. The presence of three percent (3%) of the membership at an annual meeting shall constitute a quorum. The presence of six percent (6%) of the membership at a special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## **CHAPTER 10 – RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. The board of directors shall have all powers granted by Kansas law and statutes. The board of directors may, from time to time, conduct their business and operate under the name "Executive Council of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association" and in all matters the corporation's board of directors and its Executive Council shall be considered one and the same. It shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the VHPA, including funds, programs, and regulations. It shall have the authority to approve budgets, authorize expenditures, seek and accept contributions, and approve annual meeting sites and program arrangements.
2. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein a majority opinion of the Executive Council shall prevail in all matters pertaining to the VHPA.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have a vote only as a tiebreaker.
4. In addition to business conducted at the annual reunion, there shall be a minimum of 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 and may be called by any officer. The presence of four members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum. The President or Secretary/Treasurer shall have the authority to initiate additional conference calls as deemed necessary.
5. The Executive Council may delegate authority and functions to the Secretary/Treasurer or specific members of the VHPA.
6. The Executive Council shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws.
7. The Executive Council may upon motion go into executive session for purposes of discussion, voting and taking action on the following matters:
  - a. legal actions or litigation (except that votes, minutes and settlement agreements must be open to the public on final disposition unless ordered closed by a court of competent jurisdiction).
  - b. leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and/or negotiations of bids or contracts where general knowledge might adversely affect the amount paid in the transaction.
  - c. hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting a particular employee.
  - d. disciplinary and/or expulsion of any member.

The motion calling for the session must state the reason for going into executive session. The Executive Council may exclude the membership from such session and the minutes and records of such session need not be disclosed to members who are not members of the Executive Council until the applicable matter is disposed, no longer an issue, finally decided or concluded. Executive session may only be called during a properly convened meeting of the Executive Council and a record shall be made of all motions and votes calling for an executive session.

## **CHAPTER 11 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the VHPA and all Executive Council meetings.
2. The President shall appoint or remove a 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 Bylaws of the VHPA, the Executive Council, and written job descriptions.

## **CHAPTER 12 – SECRETARY/TREASURER**

1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be a member and shall be appointed or removed at the pleasure of the Executive Council.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for signing all checks for debts incurred by the VHPA along with the President of the VHPA (and in the President's absence, the Vice President or the Immediate Past President).

## **CHAPTER 13 – 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 the Vice President resign or become incapacitated, then the Senior Member at Large shall assume the duties of the Presidency (become the Acting President) for the remainder of the term of the President who has just resigned or become incapacitated, but 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 Member at Large until he succeeds to the position of the 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 any qualified previous Executive Council member to be ratified by the Executive Council.
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 14 – CHAPTERS**

1. Chapters may be recognized by the Executive Council. The Executive Council may revoke recognition of any Chapter for conduct of the Chapter or its officers or directors which the Executive Council deems contrary to the best interest of the VHPA or conduct which interferes with the fulfillment of the purposes of the VHPA.
2. Chapters are independent entities and are not and shall not be agents or partners of VHPA. Neither VHPA nor any Chapter shall have the right to contract for the other or bind the other to any contract without express prior written authorization.
3. VHPA shall not be liable for the actions or inactions of the local VHPA Chapters and the local VHPA Chapters shall not be liable for the actions or inactions of or by the VHPA.

## **CHAPTER 15 – BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

1. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the VHPA or any VHPA officer 90 days prior to the annual meeting or special meeting at which they will be considered.
2. The adoption of the amendment(s) at a meeting of the VHPA shall be by two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. Unless otherwise stated in the amendment(s), all amendments to these Bylaws shall be effective the day following the conclusion of the meeting at which they were adopted.

## **CHAPTER 16 – INDEMNIFICATION**

1. VHPA shall indemnify any member of the Executive Council, director or officer who is a party to any suit where the cause of action arose while such person was acting in that capacity; furthermore VHPA shall also indemnify any person on the same terms as one of its directors when such person is acting in the capacity of director, officer, agent or employee of any other entity, if such person was serving the other entity on behalf of and at the request of VHPA.
2. In civil matters, the VHPA shall indemnify such persons for judgments, amounts paid in settlement, and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, if such person is either successful in his or her defense, the action is settled, or if such person acted in good faith with the reasonable belief his or her action was in the best interest of VHPA. In criminal matters, VHPA shall indemnify such persons for the aforementioned costs if such person acted without reasonable belief that such act was unlawful.
3. Advance fees and expenses may be paid by VHPA to such person, for the cost of his defense, if so approved by the Executive Council. If it is ultimately determined that such person is not rightfully entitled to indemnification, such person shall refund all fees and costs to VHPA.
4. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a member of the Executive Council shall be liable to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for breach of his duty of loyalty to the VHPA or its members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-6424 and any amendments thereto, or (iv) for any transaction from which he derived an improper personal benefit.

# 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. Approximately \$5,000 was added in 2002. 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](mailto: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.

**2003 Awards** In early August, Bill Harris, Executive Director of AAAA, sent a letter to the VHPA with the official announcements of all AAAA scholarship winners. For the 2003 competition, the AAAA received a total of 205 applicants and made 107 awards totaling \$153,500. Of those 107 awards, 14, or close to 13%, were awarded to children of members of the VHPA. This year's the VHPA Heritage Scholarship winner of \$1,000 for one year, was Jennifer Z. Mason, daughter of CW3 Robert W. Mason, Retired. They live in Midlothian, VA. CW3 Mason retired and is presently an Engineer. He was in Flight Class 70-10 and served in the 92nd AHC in '71 and the 57<sup>th</sup> AHC in '72. Jennifer Mason plans on attending Mary Washington College, in Virginia.

# The Vietnam Archive

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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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.