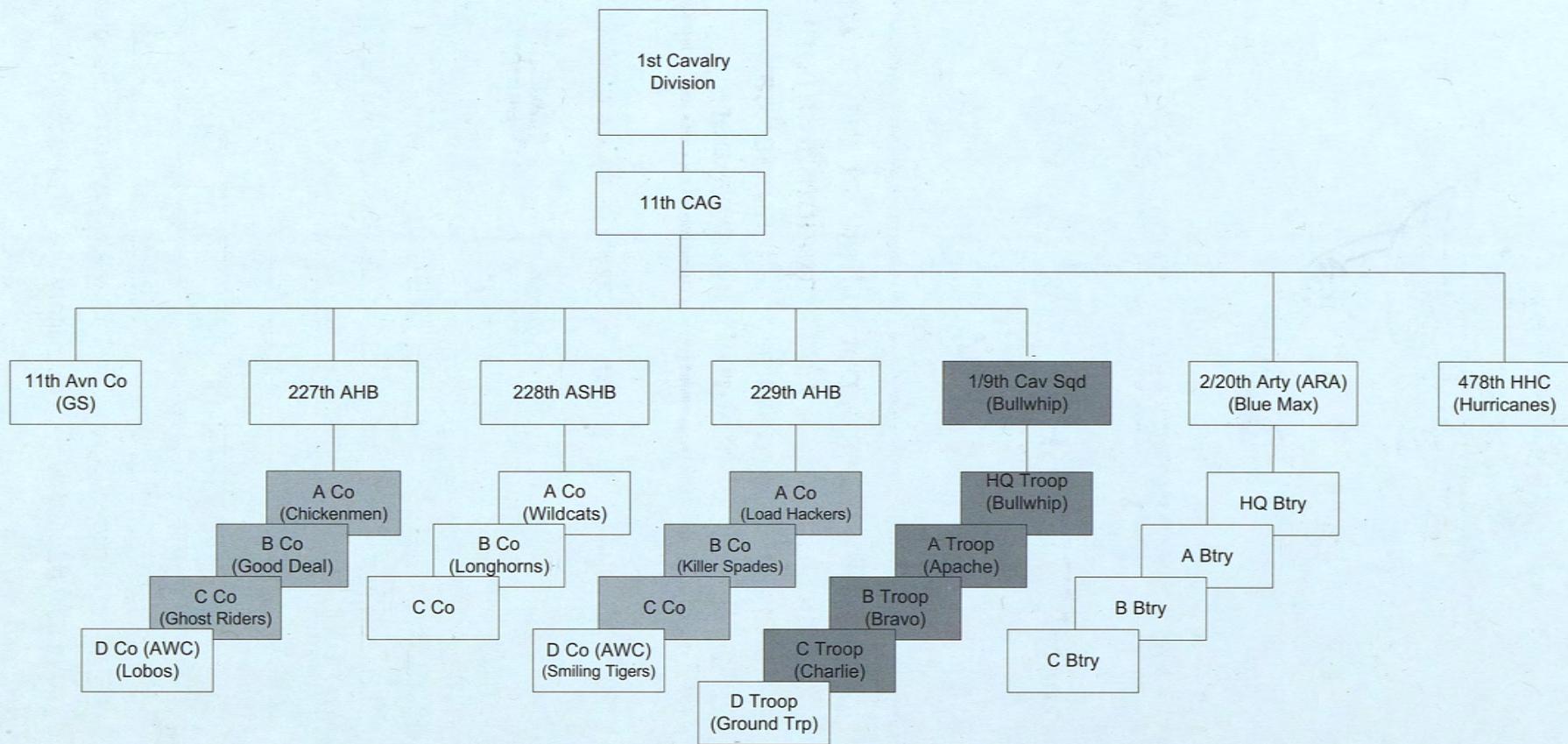


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Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2004

Service	Life Members	Regular Members	Potential Members	Address Unknown
US Army	1,663	9,724	24,025	4,132
US Marines	21	326	3,372	837
US Navy	4	87	341	136
US Air Force	2	81	1,770	365
Air America **	8	49	10	6
Australian Military	2	5	13	12
RVN Air Force	1	12	554	548
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 2004 Membership Directory, the 21st 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.

"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. Last year we 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. This year we have added addresses for 13,000 of these men. As a result, your directory now contains over 36,000 good addresses. We believe that approximately 40,000 helicopter pilots served in the Vietnam War so we are getting really close to finding addresses for all those eligible to be VHPA members. So that flight class lists can be as complete as possible, we have included those who did not go to Vietnam because they were either foreign nationals trained by the Army or National Guard officers who were not called to serve or those just lucky enough to get other assignments. Unfortunately, this effort also determined that about 9% of our comrades have died since their tour in Vietnam. As a result, the Died After Tour section in this directory has also dramatically increased.

The indexes are now 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.

As you can see with only about 7,500 active members, we have the potential to double or triple in size. If every member recruited just one person each this year, we could double in size. If each person recruited two people this year, we could triple in size. Now is the time to contact a past class mate or hooch mate and get him to join. The majority of new members state that they joined because a friend told them about the VHPA. It is not enough for HQ to send out an invitation. It requires a personal contact from a friend. Please make that contact.

We would like to offer special thanks this year to volunteers Stan Gause and Bert Adams for helping Gary Roush on the directory committee. Stan did most of the work on the Order of Battle section including the cover and Bert helped to find SSNs so we could get addresses for potential members.

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

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### Directory Committee Credits

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

Stan Gause, Mike Law and Gary Roush compiled the combat unit information used in the Order of Battle section.

Bert Adams provided assistance by finding hundreds of SSNs so that we could get current addresses for new potential members.

### Editor's Comments

We have made another substantial improvement in information this year by adding 13,000 new addresses. Fortunately, our printer purchased new equipment so they are able to print a larger book. At 640 pages, this directory is 48 pages thicker than last year. In order to make room for the new information, we removed the KIA information and put it on our web site at [www.vhpa.org](http://www.vhpa.org) We also put the geographical index back in this year to help facilitate recruiting new members. It is now your turn to contact a past classmate or copilot and recruit him to be a member. A special thank you to Stan Gause and Bert Adams for their help this year. Producing a document like this is a daunting task, but dedicated volunteers make it happen. Please help us by providing additions, corrections and changes.

Enjoy this year's directory,

**Gary B. Roush**

# 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 AAA 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.

**2004 Award** 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 2004 competition, the AAAA received a total of 178 applicants and made 121 awards totaling \$200,500. This year's recipient of the VHPA Heritage Scholarship of \$1,000 for one year, is Joshua Charles Walker, son of Joseph (Wozolek) and Jolene Walker. They live in Middletown, OH. Joe "Woz" Walker is a member of the VHPA and was in Flight Class ORWAC 68-24. He served in A/4<sup>th</sup> Avn, 4<sup>th</sup> Div. in 69-70. Joshua plans on attending Ohio State University and becoming a secondary history teacher.

# The Vietnam Archive

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Five 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.

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.

## **SECTION I - Members and Potential Members**

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 42,562 living helicopter pilots who were trained to fly helicopters during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2004. These 42,562 pilots include 1,694 Life, 10,243 General, and 30,087 Potential VHPA members - also 235 foreign pilots, and 303 American pilots who did not go to Vietnam. The data for the 563 members who died after joining the VHPA is listed in the Deceased roster. Each Life Member is identified with a large\* following his name. All VHPA members who 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. Underlined names indicate that the information is new or changed since the last directory. E-mail addresses are not included this year.

The VHPA needs everyone's assistance to make this roster accurate. There are 6,525 pilots whose addresses are missing or marked with a question mark (VHPA's mail is being returned). This directory provides you with nearly 13,000 new addresses for potential members. It is now your turn. Please send additions or corrections to VHPA Headquarters or the database committee.

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## LEGEND

Name John Q. Smith \*  
(Underline indicates new listing or information)  
Address 1234 Main Street ?  
Somewhere, TX 98765  
Flight School for Army trained pilots CLASS 67-8 (or) Service  
Dates of Southeast Asian tour 68-69 192 AHC  
Present occupation Retired

- \* indicates Life Member, # indicates Potential Member
- Bold type** denotes someone who has joined the VHPA and is current in his dues.
- Question mark indicates this address is no longer good; mail is being returned.
- Branch of service if not Army pilot training.
- Southeast Asian combat unit

<b>Akare, Keith E.</b>	<b>Aavang, Danny Jay</b>	<b>Abbott, Danny L.</b>	<b>Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.</b>	<b>Abner, Edward L. #</b>	<b>Aby III, Charles W. *</b>
CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1 CAV Mgr.B/E Aerospace Flight	FI Wayne, IN 46815 CLASS 72-3 72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV 73 H/17 CAV 73 ICCS Com. Pilot	CLASS 68-503/68-4 68-69 170 AHC 70-71 79 TC Consultant	CLASS 71-4 71-72 B/217 CAV 101 ABN 72 117 AVN DeputyUnderSec-DefPrsnlReady ns	FL SERVICE USMC	CLASS 68-523/68-43 70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV 70-71 F/19 CAV 1 CAV Pilot
Aalbers, Mark W. #	Abadie, Clarence J. #	Abbott, David C. #	Abell, James M. #	Abner, Jack #	<b>Accola Jr, Ralph A.</b>
CLASS 71-21/71-19	SERVICE USMC	CLASS 70-37	CLASS 67-21	CLASS 69-25	CLASS 68-517/68-31
Aamodt, Donald V. #	62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS Retired	Abbott, Edward G. #	Abels, Melvin J. #	70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN	68-69 135 AHC Real Estate Broker
SERVICE USAF	Abadie III, Jacques #	CLASS 69-45	CLASS 69-49	Abney, Robert O. #	Accola, Ronald L.
Aamold, Albert A. #	Abaiian, Michael C. #.	Abbott, James L. #	Aber, Allen L. #	Abplanalp, Robert H. #	CLASS 70-3
SERVICE USMC	SERVICE USMC	CLASS 68-515/68-27	CLASS 69-41/69-39	CLASS 65-1W	70-71 199 LIB Line CAPT, PHI
Aanensen, Joel A. #	Abarelli, Joseph A. #	Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas	Aberle, Robert W. #	Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" A #	Accomando, Frank P. #.
CLASS 70-35	CLASS 71-35/71-29	CLASS 68-501/67-1	CLASS 68-17/68-29	Abrams, Donald	SERVICE USMC
Anestad, Terie	129 AHC Software Developer	69-71 C/7/1 CAV Reg Service Director of Hotel	Abernathy, Darrel #	CLASS 70-21	<b>Accurso, Linden J. *</b>
NORWAY	Abassi, Bahman Khaghan	Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #.	NC	70-71 118 AHC	CLASS 68-6
CLASS 70-37	NOT VIETNAM	SERVICE USAF	SERVICE USA	71 187 AHC	68-69 128 AHC
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV	CLASS 66-18	Abbott, Rudolph E. #	Abersold, Dale W.	Biologist	71-72 62 CAC
Pilot	Abbett, James W.	Abbott, Terrence S. #	CLASS 68-24/68-42	Abrams Jr, Euone C. #	Deputy Finance Accng Off
<b>Aaron, Patrick H.</b>	CLASS 55-B	67 A/9 AVN 9 INF	69 D/1/4 CAV 1 INF	CLASS 69-46	<b>Acevedo, Luis E. "Ace"</b>
CLASS 68-17/68-29	67 A/9 AVN 9 INF	67 338 AVN DET	70 C/16 CAV	Abreu, Harry J. #	CLASS 71-3
68-69 61 AHC	Real Estate Agent	Real Estate Agent	CFO, Washington State	CLASS 70-9/70-7	71-73 101 AVN
Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard	Abbey, Charles William "Abbey"	Abbott, William #	Abersold, Silas Jackson #.	Abruzzo, Charles M. #	Airline Pilot
Aaron, Wayne G. #	CLASS 61-3	CLASS 67-21/67-19	CLASS 72-4	CLASS 71-15	Acevedo Jr, Ramon #
CLASS 71-3	66-67 2/11 ACR	Abdullah, Nawaf Muhamad	72-73 F/8 CAV	Absher, Mark A.	CLASS 70-6
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	69-70 ACT/11 ACR	JORDAN	Inst Pilot	NOT VIETNAM	<b>Achee, Robert "Bob" W.</b>
Aaronson, David B. #	Teacher (Retired)	CLASS 70-34	Abington, Craig T.	CLASS 71-27/71-23	CLASS 68-30C
CLASS 67-21	Abbott, Bobbie L. #	Abel, Stephen R. #	CLASS 70-12	Abshier, John C. #	68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV
Aasen, Robert Baylor #	CLASS 70-9/70-5	Abel, William A. #	70-71 B/7/17 CAV	Abshire, Jerry W. #	71-72 13 CAB
CLASS 66-22	Abbott, Charles G.	CLASS 67-501	Instructor Pilot	CLASS 69-35/69-33	FSI GRD/SIM Instructor
Univ.Fla-Veterinary Dept.	CLASS 69-36	Abel, William A. #	Abington, Emmett L. #	CLASS 69-15	<b>Achee, Sidney W.</b>
Aasen, Roy Vernon #	70 D/1 CAV AMERICAL	CLASS 70-6	Ables, John E. #	Ables, John E. #	CLASS 50-D/50-L
SERVICE USN	Chief,Office of Traffic Safet	Abelee, James R. #	CLASS 71-18	67-68 9 AVN 9 INF	68 HHC 12 CAG
		SERVICE USMC Trained 71-6			Retired

