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**Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2011**

| Service                      | Life Members | Regular Members | Potential Members | Address Unknown |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| US Army                      | 2,267        | 10,489          | 19,423            | 8,849           |
| US Marines                   | 29           | 488             | 3,018             | 1,128           |
| US Navy                      | 9            | 108             | 338               | 129             |
| US Air Force                 | 4            | 155             | 1,467             | 414             |
| Air America **               | 10           | 59              | 66                | 24              |
| Australian Military          | 6            | 4               | 13                | 14              |
| RVN Air Force                | 1            | 15              | 568               | 564             |
| 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,

Here is your 2011 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 28 annual directories produced for you by dedicated member volunteers, members just like yourself. We trust you will find it an interesting, informative and beneficial piece of your membership package in VHPA. Along with the six VHPA AVIATOR magazines produced and sent to you during the calendar year, your VHPA publications are second to none in quality, content, enjoyment and information.

Only a few hundred of this directory are being printed this year because the primary membership directory is now online at <http://www.vhpaservices.com>. Not only does the password protected online directory provide you with more information than this paper directory but it is also much more up to date. This paper directory is really obsolete by the time you receive it since we receive contact information changes daily. The online directory is updated weekly and contains information not found in this directory such as e-mail addresses, phone numbers, geographical index and details on our fallen both KIAs and those who have died since their tour in Vietnam (DATs). That information is also available at our main web site at <http://www.vhpa.org>

This directory is also available on CD-ROM. In addition to the information contained here, it contains e-mail addresses and phone numbers. If you would prefer to get the CD instead of the paper directory next year, please notify HQ. You can also buy one this year for \$20.

Now it's your turn to help make the Association grow. Go through this directory, find the name of a guy you went to flight school with, a buddy you served with in Vietnam, a pilot you flew with after returning home, a pilot you knew in the National Guard or Reserve, somebody you met since leaving the service or a resident who lives in your home town who is not a member of VHPA and contact him. Tell him about VHPA and encourage him to join. Thanks for your efforts.

A special thanks to Gary Roush and Mike Law for all their efforts in putting this directory together. We welcome your comments about this Directory.

Your Executive Council



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### Cover Photo Credits

In keeping with the VHPA's tradition of presenting the theme from the History Section in photos on the front and rear covers, members and friends of the 7/17th Air Cavalry Association (also known as the Ruthless Riders Association) contributed photos to this collage. Just as the History of the 7th Armored Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry, presented in this issue's History Section, is a collection of individual stories plus extracts from historic documents and databases, so too is the collection of photos that make up this collage. Perhaps the upper left two photos on the rear cover sum the thoughts 'behind' the other photos in the collage. You see a family - two girls, two sons, dad & mom. The young girl sitting on her father's lap is Lynn Crouse (now Francis) and to their right we see Edgar Crouse. The photo on the right is of WO1 Edgar Crouse's head stone. Lynn was 10 years old when Edgar died on 20 July 1970. Edgar graduated with flight class 70-7 on 17 April 1970, started flying OH-6As with B Troop on 25 June and logged 56.8 hours in Vietnam. Those two photos represent hundreds of feelings. In like manner there are hundreds of feelings behind every one of the photos, patches, and book covers you see in this collage. If you have specific questions about any of these items, please contact Mike Law.

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### Directory Committee Credits

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

### Editor's Comments

We continue to add information as it becomes available. This year we have added additional addresses, flight class information and unit information. If we are missing your information, please let us know and we will include what you can provide.

This directory is also available on CD-ROM and on a password protected web site at <http://www.vhpaservices.com>. 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 Roush



# VHPA Memorial Scholarship Fund Offers a Positive Legacy



When the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association began in 1983, there was little thought given to establishing a scholarship program for children and grand children of VHPA members. However, over the years, donations began to mount as individuals and units challenged each other to match their giving. In 1999 the amount of accumulated funds neared \$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 qualify. Much was learned about foundations and companies capable of investing and administering the VHPA Memorial Scholarship Program. Finally, a clear choice emerged...it was obvious that the Army Aviation Association of America was the very best choice. An added bonus for the VHPA was that through the AAAA Heritage Program, AAAA would match the initial \$10,000 of the VHPA. By 2005 the combined total amounted to \$30,000+ which immediately funded the first \$1,000 VHPA Memorial Scholarship. Additional large donations at the 2006 Annual Reunion from the 361<sup>st</sup> ACE/AWC, “Pink Panthers” made a second scholarship possible beginning in 2007. For 2008 a third \$1,000 scholarship was added due to donations from the membership and the forth scholarship came in 2010. VHPA applicants are also eligible for most of the other AAAA scholarships as an added bonus. The scholarship partnership is 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.

**2011 Awards--**For the 2011 competition, the AAAA received more than 320 applications and made 210 awards totaling \$309,500. The VHPA was privileged to award four Memorial Scholarships in 2011. This year’s recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$1,000 for one year are Melissa Farkas Daughter of CW4 Richard Farkas attending Ohio State Univ; Darah Hall Grandchild of LTC David Hall attending Fresno State Univ. and Lela Ruck, Daughter of CPT Lance Ruck attending Texas Tech Univ. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship—honoring the 361<sup>st</sup> Avn Co. “Pink Panthers” was Kelsey L. Ogg Grandchild of LTC Thomas Grant and she will be attending the University of Texas. In all, 18 VHPA related applicants received AAAA Scholarships.



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Founded in 1989 by a group of local veterans, the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech collects, preserves, and makes available records of the Vietnam War. The Center and Archive has been the official repository for the VHPA since 1998 and welcomes all materials and perspectives concerning the war. We believe all of the sacrifices made during this period were significant and the individual collections and recollections of the men and women who participated in this event are equally important. All materials are preserved in keeping with modern archival practices and procedures to ensure they remain available for future generations. Currently, the Archive has over 2,000 collections containing an estimated 10 million pages of documentation in its manuscript collections, over 1,500 maps, and more than 100,000 photos and slides related to America's involvement in Vietnam.



### *Oral History Project*

The Vietnam Archive is 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 us at (806) 742-9010 or via email at [VAOralHistory@ttu.edu](mailto:VAOralHistory@ttu.edu).

### *The Virtual Vietnam Archive*

Since 2001, The Vietnam Archive has been placing many materials online to facilitate free and easy access through the Internet. Anyone can now visit the Virtual Archive and utilize thousands of documents, photographs, oral histories, and other materials through our website: [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu).

### *Please Participate in Preserving Your History*

The Archive accepts donations as small as a single item or as large as hundreds of boxes. Donations do not have to be organized and do not have to pertain to a famous person, event, or organization. We accept all forms of original material, including papers, books, films, audiotapes, photographs, slides, negatives, artifacts, and maps. Material that is donated to the Archive does not circulate, meaning that it can not be checked out or leave the building for any reason. This ensures that the materials can be preserved for future generations. If you would like to donate to the Vietnam Archive, please contact us at the address and phone number at the top of the page or send an email to [vietnamarchive@ttu.edu](mailto:vietnamarchive@ttu.edu). Help ensure your legacy and the legacy of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association by contacting us today.





# SECTION I - Members, Potential Members, and Deceased Pilots

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 49,961 helicopter pilots who were trained to fly helicopters during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2011. These 49,961 pilots include 2,318 Life, 11,274 General, and 24,881 Potential VHPA members - also 236 foreign pilots (FOR), and 765 American pilots who did not go to Vietnam (NOT). Also listed in *italics* are all pilots who have died including 2,187 who died in Vietnam (KIA), 150 who died during training (DDT), and 8,150 who have died after tour (DAT). **Details for all deceased pilots are at <http://www.vhpa.org>** Life Members are identified with an \* 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 in this publication but are online at <http://www.vhpaservices.com>

The VHPA needs everyone's assistance to make this roster accurate. There are 11,127 pilots whose addresses are missing or marked with a question mark (VHPA's mail is being returned). Please send additions or corrections to VHPA Headquarters or the database committee.

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## LEGEND

Name →  
(Underline indicates new listing or information) →  
Address →  
Flight School for Army trained pilots →  
Date(s) in this unit →  
Present occupation →  
(Name in *italics* indicates deceased) DAT = died after tour

**John Q. Smith \*** ←  
1234 Main Street ? ←  
Somewhere, TX 98765 ←  
CLASS 67-8 (or) Service ←  
68-69 192 AHC ←  
Retired ←  
KIA = died in Vietnam FOR = foreign pilot

\* 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.  
NOT = not Vietnam or not pilot, DDT = died during training

|   |  |  |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Aakre, Keith E.</b>  | <b>Aavano, Danny Jav</b>   | <b>Abbott, Danny L.</b>  | Abelee, James R. #   | Ables, John E. #  | Abshire, Jerry W. #   |
| CLASS 69-25<br>70-71 D/1/1 CAV<br>Manager                                     | Fort Wayne, IN 46815-6653<br>CLASS 72-3<br>72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV<br>72-73 H/17 CAV<br>73 ICCS<br>Com. Pilot EMS | CLASS 68-503/68-4<br>68-69 170 AHC<br>70-71 79 TC CO<br>Retired VP Alion Science and | SERVICE USMC Trained<br>(USA) 71-6   | CLASS 71-18   | CLASS 69-35/69-33   |
| <b>Aalbers, Mark W. #</b>   | <b>Abadie, Clarence J. #</b>   | <b>Abbott, David C. #</b>  | <b>Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.</b>  | Abner, Edward L. #<br>SERVICE USMC                          | <b>Abshire, William A. DAT</b>  |
| CLASS 71-21/71-19   | SERVICE USMC<br>62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS<br>69-74 AIR AMERICA<br>THAILAND<br>Retired                           | CLASS 70-37  | CLASS 71-4<br>71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN<br>72 117 AVN<br>Vice Chairman          | Abner, Jack #   | <b>Aby III, Charles W. *</b>  |
| <b>Aamodt, Donald V. #</b>  | <b>Abadie III, Jacques #</b>   | <b>Abbott, Edward G. #</b>   | <b>Abell, James M. #</b>   | CLASS 69-25<br>70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN                      | CLASS 68-523/68-43<br>70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV<br>70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV<br>Pilot    |
| SERVICE USAF  | <b>Abajian, Michael C.</b>   | CLASS 69-45  | CLASS 67-21  | Abnev, Robert "Bob" O.                                      | Accola Jr, Ralph A.   |
| <b>Aarnold, Albert A. #</b>   | SERVICE USMC<br>67-68 HMM-363<br>72-73 211 SQDN VNAF<br>Check Airman/examiner<br>Express                     | <b>Abbott, James L. #</b>  | <b>Abellera, Theodore P. DAT</b>   | Retired   | CLASS 68-517/68-31<br>68-69 135 AHC<br>Real Estate Broker                     |
| SERVICE USMC  | <b>Abarelli, Joseph A. #</b>   | CLASS 68-515/68-27   | <b>Abels, Melvin J. #</b>  | <b>Abolanalo, Robert H. #</b>                               | <b>Accola, Ronald L.</b>  |
| <b>Aanensen, Joel A. #</b>  | SERVICE USMC<br>67-68 HMM-363<br>72-73 211 SQDN VNAF<br>Check Airman/examiner<br>Express                     | <b>Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas</b>  | CLASS 69-49  | CLASS 65-1W   | CLASS 70-3<br>70-71 199 LIB<br>Line CAPT PHI                                  |
| CLASS 70-35   | <b>Abbas, Bahman Khaghan NOT</b>   | CLASS 68-501/68-1<br>69-71 C/7/1 CAV<br>Reg Service Director of Hotel                | Aber, Allen L. #   | Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" #                                 | <b>Accomando, Frank P. DAT</b>  |
| <b>Aanestad, Terie</b>  | <b>Abbas, Bahman Khaghan NOT</b>   | CLASS 69-41/69-39  | <b>Aberle, Robert W. #</b>   | CLASS 69-21<br>72-73 F/4 CAV                                | <b>Accurso, Linden J. *</b>   |
| NORWAY<br>CLASS 70-37<br>71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV<br>Flight Ops Mgr Nor Aviation | <b>Abbett, James W. DAT</b>  | <b>Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #</b>   | CLASS 68-17/68-29  | <b>Abrams, Donald</b>                                       | CLASS 68-6<br>68-69 128 AHC<br>71-72 62 CAC<br>Deputy Finance Actgng Off      |
| <b>Aaron, Patrick H.</b>  | <b>Abbev, Charles "Bill" W.</b>  | SERVICE USAF   | <b>Abernathy, Darrel DAT</b>   | CLASS 70-21/70-19<br>70-71 118 AHC<br>71 187 AHC<br>Retired | <b>Acevedo, Luis E. "Ace"</b>   |
| CLASS 68-17/68-29<br>68-69 61 AHC<br>Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard           | CLASS 61-3<br>66-67 HHT 2/11 ACR<br>69-70 ACT/11 ACR<br>Teacher (Retired)                                    | <b>Abbott, Rudolph E. #</b>  | <b>Abersold, Dale W.</b>   | <b>Abrams Jr, Eugene C. #</b>                               | CLASS 71-3<br>71-73 101 AVN<br>Pilot  |
| <b>Aaron, Wayne G. #</b>  | <b>Abbot, William #</b>  | <b>Abbott, Steven Glenn KIA</b>  | CLASS 68-24/68-42<br>69 D/1/4 CAV 1 INF<br>70 C/16 CAV<br>CFO Washington State | CLASS 69-46   | <b>Acevedo Jr, Ramon "Ace"</b>  |
| CLASS 71-3<br>71-72 B/7/1 CAV   | <b>Abdullah, Nawaf Muhammad FOR</b>  | <b>Abbott, Terrence S.</b>   | <b>Abersold, Silas Jackson #</b>   | <b>Abrams, John Leon KIA</b>                                | CLASS 70-6<br>70 281 AHC<br>Retired   |
| <b>Aaronson, David B. #</b>   | <b>Abel, Charles Seaborn KIA</b>   | CLASS 67-13<br>68 B/227 AVN<br>68-69 C/227 AHB 1 CAV                                 | CLASS 72-4<br>72-73 F/8 CAV<br>Inst Pilot                                      | <b>Abramson, Andrew John KIA</b>                            | <b>Achee, Robert "Bob" W.</b>   |
| CLASS 67-21   | <b>Abel, Stephen R. #</b>  | <b>Abbolt, William #</b>   | <b>Abington, Craig T.</b>  | <b>Abreu, Harv. J. #</b>                                    | CLASS 68-30C<br>68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV<br>71-72 13 CAB<br>FSI GRD/SIM Instructor |
| <b>Aasen, Robert Baylor #</b>   | <b>Abel, William A. #</b>  | CLASS 67-501   | CLASS 70-12<br>70-71 B/7/17 CAV<br>Instructor Pilot                            | CLASS 70-9/70-7   |   |
| CLASS 66-22<br>Univ.Fla-Vetinary Dept.  | CLASS 70-9/70-5  | <b>Abel, William A. #</b>  | <b>Abington, Emmett L. #</b>   | <b>Abruzzo, Charles M. #</b>                                |   |
| <b>Aasen, Roy Vernon #</b>  | <b>Abbott, Charles G.</b>  | CLASS 70-6   | CLASS 69-15  | <b>Abshier, John C. #</b>                                   |   |
| SERVICE USN   | CLASS 69-36<br>70 D/1/1 CAV<br>Retired   |  |  |   |   |



