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**Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2013**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Life Members</b>	<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>Potential Members</b>	<b>Address Unknown</b>
US Army	3,791	9,365	18,137	7,750
US Marines	68	525	2,842	1,081
US Navy	24	104	326	125
US Air Force	46	151	1,366	398
Air America **	16	58	62	23
Australian Military	7	3	23	23
RVN Air Force	1	16	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 2013 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 30 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 and information.

Only a few hundred of this directory are being printed this year because the primary membership directory is now online at <https://directory.vhpa.org>. 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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## 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.

New this year is the Subscriber Section. Subscribers are typically helicopter pilots who did not go to Vietnam, Gold Star family members, non-pilot crew members, spouses of deceased members and historians. We have listed all of the subscribers who are dues current or have paid dues in the past. Those subscribers who have died are no longer on this list.

This directory is also available on CD-ROM and on a password protected web site at <https://directory.vhpa.org> 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

Editor



# 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.

**2013 Awards**--The AAAA received more than 460 applications and made 257 awards totaling \$400,750. The VHPA awarded five (5) \$2,000 Memorial Scholarships in 2013. This year’s recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$2,000 for one year were Emily Davis, Grandchild of LTC Merrill Adamcik, attending Texas A&M; Alexandra Porrazzo, attending Georgetown Univ; Timothy Delong, Jr., Son of CW4 Timothy Delong, attending Albion College; and, Brandy Brode, Daughter of CW4 Anthony Conrad, attending Bridgewater College. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship (honoring the 361<sup>st</sup> Avn Co. “Pink Panthers”) was Cecelia Cancellare, Grandchild of MAJ Joseph Cancellare, attending Univ. Illinois. Numerous other VHPA related applicants also 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).

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### *Please Participate in Preserving Your History*

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

The following roster is an alphabetical listing (by last then first name) of all 49,766 helicopter pilots who were trained to fly helicopters during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2012. These 49,766 pilots include 3,139 Life, 10,736 General, and 24,218 Potential VHPA members - also 236 foreign pilots (FOR), and 817 American pilots who did not go to Vietnam (NOT). Also listed in *italics* are all pilots who have died including 2,183 who died in Vietnam (KIA), 154 who died during training (DDT), and 8,519 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 10,441 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 KIA = died in Vietnam FOR = foreign pilot

**John Q. Smith \*** ←  
1234 Main Street ? ←  
Somewhere, TX 98765 ←  
CLASS 67-8 (or) Service ←  
68-69 192 AHC ←  
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.  
NOT = not Vietnam or not pilot, DDT = died during training

<b>A</b>	<b>Aavano, Danny Jay</b>	<b>Abbott, Danny L.</b>	<b>Abelee, James R. #</b>	<b>Ables, John E. #</b>	<b>Abshire, Jerry W. #</b>
<b>Aakre, Keith E.</b>					
CLASS 69-25	CLASS 72-3	CLASS 68-503/68-4	SERVICE USMC Trained (USA)	CLASS 71-18	CLASS 69-35/69-33
70-71 D/1/1 CAV	72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV	68-69 170 AHC	71-6	Abner, Edward L. #	Abshire, William A. DAT
Manager	72-73 H/17 CAV	70-71 79 TC CO	<b>Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.</b>	SERVICE USMC	<b>Abv III, Charles W. *</b>
<b>Aalbers, Mark W. #</b>	Com. Pilot EMS	Abbott, David C. #		Abner, Jack #	
	<b>Abadie, Clarence J. #</b>		CLASS 71-4		CLASS 68-523/68-43
CLASS 71-21/71-19		CLASS 70-37	71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	CLASS 69-25	70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV
<b>Aamodt, Donald V. #</b>	SERVICE USMC	Abbott, Edward G. #	72 117 AVN	70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN	70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV
	62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS		Vice Chairman	Abney, Robert "Bob" O.	Pilot
SERVICE USAF	69-74 AIR AMERICA THAILAND	CLASS 69-45	<b>Abell, James M. #</b>	Retired	Accola Jr, Ralph A.
<b>Aamold, Albert A. #</b>	Retired	Abbott, James L. #	CLASS 67-21	<b>Abplanalp, Peter DAT</b>	
	<b>Abadie III, Jacques #</b>		<b>Abellera, Theodore P. DAT</b>	Abplanalp, Robert H. #	CLASS 68-517/68-31
SERVICE USMC		CLASS 68-515/68-27	<b>Abels, Melvin J. #</b>		68-69 135 AHC
<b>Aanensen, Joel A. #</b>	<b>Abaiian, Michael C.</b>	<b>Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas</b>		CLASS 65-1W	Real Estate Broker
	SERVICE USMC	CLASS 68-501/68-1	CLASS 69-49	Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" A. #	Accola, Ronald L.
CLASS 70-35	67-68 HMM-363	69-71 C/7/1 CAV	<b>Aber, Allen L. #</b>		CLASS 70-3
<b>Aanestad, Terie</b>	72-73 211 SQDN VNAF	Reg Service Director of Hotel		CLASS 69-21	70-71 199 LIB
	Check Airman/examiner Express	<b>Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #</b>	CLASS 69-41/69-39	72-73 F/4 CAV	Line CAPT PHI
	<b>Abarelli, Joseph A. #</b>		68-69 1 SQDN VNAF	<b>Abrams, Donald</b>	<b>Accomando, Frank P. DAT</b>
CLASS 70-37		SERVICE USAF	<b>Aberle, Robert W. #</b>	CLASS 70-21/70-19	<b>Accurso, Linden J. *</b>
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV	CLASS 71-35/71-29	Abbott, Rudolph E. #	CLASS 68-17/68-29	70-71 118 AHC	CLASS 68-6
Flight Opns Mgr Nor Aviation	129 AHC		<b>Abernathy, Darrel DAT</b>	71 187 AHC	68-69 128 AHC
<b>Aaron, Patrick H.</b>	Software Developer	<b>Abbott, Steven Glenn KIA</b>	<b>Abersold, Dale W.</b>	Retired	71-72 62 CAC
	<b>Abassi, Bahman Khaghan NOT</b>	<b>Abbott, Terrence S.</b>		<b>Abrams Jr, Eugene C. #</b>	Deputy Finance Actng Off
CLASS 68-17/68-29	CLASS 66-18	CLASS 67-13	CLASS 68-24/68-42		<b>Acevedo, Luis E. "Ace"</b>
68-69 61 AHC	<b>Abbott, James W. DAT</b>	68 C/227 AHB 1 CAV	69 D/1/4 CAV 1 INF	CLASS 69-46	CLASS 71-3
Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard	<b>Abbey, Charles "Bill" William *</b>	68-69 B/227 AHB 1 CAV	70 C/16 CAV	<b>Abrams, John Leon KIA</b>	71-73 101 AVN
<b>Aaron, Wayne G. #</b>		<b>Abbott, William #</b>	CFO Washington State	<b>Abramson, Andrew John KIA</b>	Pilot
	CLASS 61-3		<b>Abersold, Silas Jackson #</b>	<b>Abreu, Harry J. #</b>	<b>Acevedo Jr, Ramon "Ace" *</b>
CLASS 71-3	66-67 HHT 2/11 ACR	CLASS 67-21/67-19	CLASS 72-4		CLASS 70-6
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	69-70 ACT/11 ACR	68-69 281 AHC	72-73 F/8 CAV	CLASS 70-9/70-7	70-71 281 AHC
Aircraft Mechanic	Teacher (Retired)	<b>Abdullah, Nawaf Muhamad FOR</b>	Inst Pilot	<b>Abruzzo, Charles M. #</b>	71-72 92 AHC
<b>Aaronson, David B. #</b>	<b>Abbott, Bobbie L. #</b>	<b>Abel, Charles Seaborn KIA</b>	<b>Abington, Craig T.</b>	CLASS 71-15	Retired
	CLASS 70-9/70-5	<b>Abel, Stephen R. #</b>		Absher, Mark A. NOT	<b>Achee, Robert "Bob" W.</b>
CLASS 67-21	<b>Abbott, Charles G.</b>	CLASS 67-501	CLASS 70-12	CLASS 71-27/71-23	
<b>Aasen, Robert Baylor #</b>		<b>Abel, William A. #</b>	70-71 B/7/17 CAV	<b>Abshier, John C. #</b>	CLASS 68-30C
	CLASS 69-36		Instructor Pilot		68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV
CLASS 66-22	70 D/1/1 CAV		<b>Abington, Emmett L. #</b>		71-72 13 CAB
Univ.Fla-Vetinary Dept.	Retired				FSI GRD/SIM Instructor
<b>Aasen, Roy Vernon #</b>					
		CLASS 70-6	CLASS 69-15		
SERVICE USN					





## 173rd AHC Service Platoon



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