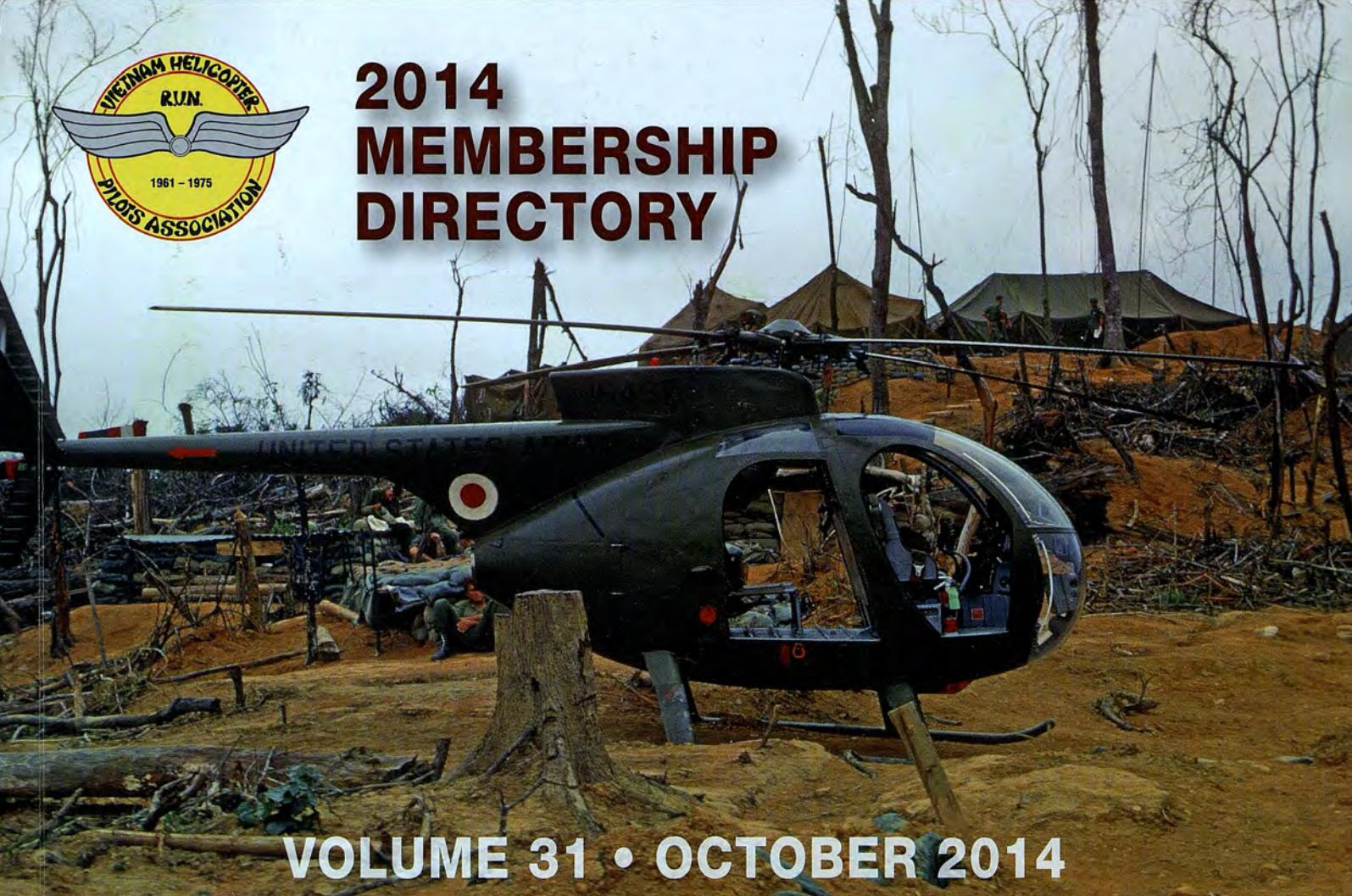




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Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2014

| Service | Life Members | Regular Members | Potential Members | Address Unknown |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| US Army | 4,482 | 8,757 | 17,676 | 7,575 |
| US Marines | 95 | 524 | 2,784 | 1,077 |
| US Navy | 25 | 100 | 324 | 126 |
| US Air Force | 71 | 146 | 1,331 | 397 |
| Air America ** | 19 | 56 | 60 | 22 |
| Australian Military | 5 | 4 | 24 | 24 |
| RVN Air Force | 1 | 17 | 567 | 563 |
| 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 2014 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 31 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.vhpap.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.vhpap.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

VHPA member Pete Rzeminski contributed all the photos published on the front and rear covers. Pete served with the Aviation Platoon of HHC 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne in I Corps from August 1968 through December 1969. The platoon deployed to Vietnam with OH-13s, OH-23s plus UH-1Bs, Ds, and Hs. By the time Pete joined them, they flew their UH-1Hs with the radio call sign of GRIFFIN and their OH-6As as LITTLE GRIFFIN. Many of these photos appeared in the 2014 VHPA Calendar for the month of July. That presentation is a tribute to WO1 TS Michael (pilot), 1LT DM Noonaw (observer), and SP5 DE McGee (CE) who perished in OH-6A #66-07812 on 4 July 1969. During 1968 the platoon's patch changed to the round 'bullseye' design and their nose art to the large red and blue square with the white '1'.

Front cover – Top – This photo shows #67-16497 at FSB Brick sometime in 1969. 497 was destroyed after an engine failure and post-crash fire on 9 July 1970.

Front cover – Bottom – This Huey shows the Brigade's famous nose art during the monsoon season at Camp Eagle.

Back cover – Top left – One of the platoon's Huey revetments at Camp Eagle.

Back cover – Top right – According to the April 1969 accident report, #67-16375 was on a courier mission and Pete let the crew chief have some stick time until the engine failure. "Everyone walked away!" is the caption for this photo.

Back cover – Lower left – Pete says one of the "old timers" gave him this photo of a OH-23 wearing the Brigade's 'bullseye' marking.

Back cover – Lower right – One of the platoon's Hueys waits on a FSB for a returning recon team to give them a ride home.

Back cover – Bottom – One of the platoon's Hueys visiting FSB Pike.

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 is the second year for the new 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 Solid Legacy



When the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association began in 1983, little thought was given to establishing a scholarship program for children and grand children of VHPA members. We were so young!! 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 President Tom Payne 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.

The VHPA Executive Council sought and evaluated several organizations companies and foundations capable of investing and administering the VHPA Memorial Scholarship Program. The Army Aviation Association of America Scholarship Foundation was ultimately deemed 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 361st 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 awards individual scholarships and 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.

2014 Awards--The AAAA received more than 460 applications and made 263 awards totaling \$427,000. The VHPA awarded five (5) \$3,000 Memorial Scholarships in 2014. This year's recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$3,000 for one year were Peter L. Kariher, Grandson of Herbert Lawton, attending Davidson College in NC; William C. Farmer, Grandson of William Farmer attending Univ. of Missouri; Amy L. Vinson Granddaughter of Robert A. Inglett, attending Univ Alabama; and Bryce D. Currey, Grandson of LTC Robert Howard, attending Rose-Hulman IofT. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship (honoring the 361st Avn Co. "Pink Panthers") was Katie A Brokovich, Granddaughter of COL M. Brokovich, attending Texas A & M Univ. Numerous other VHPA related applicants also received AAAA Scholarships as an added benefit of belonging to the AAAA Foundation.



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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.

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Please Participate in Preserving Your History

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