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**Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2015**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Life Members</b>	<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>Potential Members</b>	<b>Address Unknown</b>
US Army	5,083	8,230	17,315	7,709
US Marines	115	509	2,755	1,100
US Navy	29	98	315	124
US Air Force	81	144	1,296	406
Air America **	27	50	57	23
Australian Military	5	2	23	23
RVN Air Force	1	18	601	597
Other Military (Laos, Korea)	1	2	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 2015 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 32 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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### Cover Photo Credits

The Vietnam War is known as the helicopter war and the icon of the helicopter war is the UH-1 Huey (Iroquois) helicopter. All four of the U.S. services and all of the allies who flew helicopters used some version of the Huey. Over 7,000 of the 12,000 helicopters flying in the war were Hueys and over half of helicopter KIAs were related to Hueys. So to highlight the significance to all services of the Huey in the helicopter war, we present examples on the cover.

Front Cover – Top to Bottom: Rick Berry took the photo of an Army H-Model serving with A Company, 229<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division in November 1967 someplace in the Bong Son area. Richard 'Clutch' Hendrie took the photo of a Marine Corps E-Model serving with VMO-2 in August 1966 near Dong Ha. Don Joyce took the photo of an Air Force F-Model serving with the 20<sup>th</sup> SOS (Green Hornets) refueling at Dak To in October 1967. Al Oliver took the photo of a Navy B-Model serving with HA(L)-3 (Seawolfs) landing at Nha Be in 1970.

Back Cover – Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Dave Rittman took the photo of an Army C-Model serving with D Company, 229<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division in December 1966 at Phan Thiet. Bill Robie took the photo of this Air America Bell 204B waiting out the rain at Bao Loc in 1968. Wayne Mutza provided the photo taken by Bell Helicopter in Texas of a Navy L-Model in late 1969. Charlie Ostick took the photo of the A-Model (nearest the camera) and B-Model (Army in white letters on the tail boom) in December 1962 on the UTT (Utility Tactical Transport) Company flight line at Tan San Nhut.

### 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. 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 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 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., 593 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468-2806, 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.

**2015 Awards**--The AAAA received more than 300 applications and made 282 awards totaling \$451,500. The VHPA awarded five (5) \$3,000 Memorial Scholarships in 2015. This year's recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$3,000 for one year were Jacqueline A. Banks, Grandchild of LTC Sam A. Banks, attending Loyola Univ. in Chicago; Emma D. Copeland, Granddaughter of MAJ James Tornillo, attending UCLA; Cynthia Rountree Granddaughter of LTC Thomas Rountree, attending Flagler College; and Gloria M. Garner, Grandchild of CW4 Charles Williams, attending W. Virginia Univ. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship (honoring the 361<sup>st</sup> Avn Co. "Pink Panthers") was Lillian A Wheary, Granddaughter of CW2 David Wheary, attending Univ of Oregon. An additional 30 VHPA related applicants also received AAAA Scholarships awarded by the AAAA Foundation.



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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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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*

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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 49,880 helicopter pilots who were trained to fly helicopters during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2015. These 49,880 pilots include 5,320 Life, 9,014 General, and 22,357 Potential VHPA members - also 236 foreign pilots (FOR), and 1,003 American pilots who did not go to Vietnam (NOT). Also listed in *italics* are all pilots who have died including 2,165 who died in Vietnam (KIA), 152 who died during training (DDT), and 9,869 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 <https://directory.vhpa.org>

The VHPA needs everyone's assistance to make this roster accurate. There are 9,988 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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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  
 Date(s) in this unit \_\_\_\_\_ 68-69 192 AHC  
 Present occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Retired  
 (Name in *italics* indicates deceased) DAT = died after tour 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>	Aasen, Roy Vernon #	<b>Abbott, Danny L. *</b>	Abelee, James R. #	Ables, John E. #	Abshire, Jerry W. #
CLASS 69-25 70-71 D/1/1 CAV Manager	SERVICE USN	CLASS 68-503/68-4 68-69 170 AHC 70-71 79 TC CO	SERVICE USMC Trained (USA) 71-6	CLASS 71-18	CLASS 69-35/69-33
<b>Aalbers, Mark W. #</b>	<b>Aavang, Danny Jay</b> Flying Farmer	Abbott, David C. #	<b>Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.</b>	Abner, Edward L. # SERVICE USMC Abner, Jack #	Abshire, William A. DAT <b>Abv III, Charles "Chick" W. *</b>
CLASS 71-21/71-19	CLASS 72-3 72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV 72-73 H/17 CAV 73 ICDS Com. Pilot EMS	CLASS 70-37	CLASS 71-4 71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN 72 117 AVN EVP Policy Wounded Warrior Pr	CLASS 69-25 70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN	CLASS 68-43/68-523 70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV 70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV
<b>Aamodt, Donald V. #</b>	<b>Abadie, Clarence J. #</b>	Abbott, Edward G. #	Abell, James M. #	Ahnev, Robert "Bob" O.	Accola Jr, Ralph A.
SERVICE USAF	SERVICE USMC	CLASS 69-45	Abeiera, Theodore P. DAT	<b>Abplanalp, Peter DAT</b>	CLASS 68-517/68-31 68-69 135 AHC Real Estate Broker
<b>Aamold, Albert A. #</b>	62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS 69-74 AIR AMERICA THAILAND Retired	<b>Abbott, James L. #</b>	Abeis, Melvin J. #	<b>Aholanalp, Robert H. #</b>	Mesa, AZ 85206 CLASS 70-3
SERVICE USMC	<b>Abadie III, Jacques #</b>	<b>Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas</b>	Pontiac	CLASS 69-1W	CLASS 68-6 68-69 128 AHC 71-72 62 CAC Deputy Finance Acctg Off
<b>Aanensen, Joel A. #</b>	Abaian, Michael C.	CLASS 68-501/68-1 69-71 C/7/1 CAV Reg Service Director of Hotel	Aber, Allen I. #	<b>Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" A. #</b>	CLASS 71-3 71-73 101 AVN Pilot
CLASS 70-35	67-68 HMM-363 72-73 211 SQDN VNAF Check Airmar/examiner Express	Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #	CLASS 69-21 72-73 F/4 CAV	<b>Abrams, Donald B.</b>	<b>Accomando, Frank P. DAT</b>
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV Flight Opns Mgr Nor Aviation	<b>Abarelli, Joseph A. #</b>	Abbott, Rudolph F. #	CLASS 70-19/70-21 70-71 118 AHC 71 187 AHC Retired	CLASS 70-19/70-21 70-71 118 AHC 71 187 AHC Retired	<b>Accurso, Linden J. *</b>
<b>Aaron, Patrick H.</b>	CLASS 71-35/71-29 129 AHC Software Developer	<b>Abbott, Steven Glenn KIA</b>	<b>Abernathy, Darrel DAT</b>	<b>Abrams, John Leon KIA</b>	<b>Acedo, Luis E. "Ace" *</b>
CLASS 68-17/68-29 68-69 61 AHC Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard	<b>Abassi, Bahman Khaghan NOT</b> CLASS 66-18	<b>Abbott, Terrence S.</b>	CLASS 68-24/68-42 69 D/1/4 CAV 1 INF 70 C/16 CAV CFO Washington State	<b>Abramson, Andrew John KIA</b>	CLASS 70-6 70-71 281 AHC 70-71 92 AHC Retired
<b>Aaron, Wayne G. #</b>	<b>Abbett, James W. DAT</b>	CLASS 67-13 68 C/227 AHB 1 CAV 68-69 B/227 AHB 1 CAV	<b>Abersold, Silas Jackson #</b>	<b>Abrell, Harry J. #</b>	<b>Acedo Jr, Ramon "Ace" *</b>
CLASS 71-3 71-72 B/7/1 CAV Aircraft Mechanic	<b>Abbey, Charles "Bill" William *</b>	Abbott, William #	72-73 F/8 CAV Inst Pilot	CLASS 70-9/70-7	CLASS 70-6 70-71 281 AHC 70-71 92 AHC Retired
<b>Aarson, David B. #</b>	CLASS 67-5 66-67 HHT 2/11 ACR 69-70 ACT/11 ACR Teacher (Retired)	CLASS 67-21/67-19 68-69 281 AHC	<b>Abington, Craig T.</b>	<b>Abruzzo, Charles M. #</b>	<b>Aches, Robert "Bob" W.</b>
CLASS 67-21	<b>Abbott, Bobbie L. #</b>	Abdullah, Nawaf Muhamad FOR	Instructor Pilot	<b>Abshier, John C. #</b>	68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV
<b>Aasen, Robert Baylor #</b>	CLASS 70-9/70-5	<b>Abel, Charles Seaborn KIA</b>	<b>Abington, Emmett L. #</b>		FSI GRD/SIM Instructor
CLASS 66-22 Univ. Fla-Vetinary Dept.	<b>Abbott, Charles G.</b>	CLASS 67-501	CLASS 69-15		
	CLASS 69-36 70 D/1/1 CAV Retired	Abel, William A. #			
	CLASS 70-6				





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