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Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2016

Service	Life Members	Regular Members	Potential Members	Address Unknown
US Army	5,516	7,695	17,135	7,680
US Marines	125	493	2,741	1,099
US Navy	30	97	315	124
US Air Force	95	128	1,276	405
Air America **	29	46	57	24
Australian Military	4	2	23	23
RVN Air Force	1	19	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 2016 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 33 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 each business day 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 on 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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Front Cover – Top to Bottom: The famous photo of three Army CH-21Cs from the 120th Aviation Company was taken by Akihiko Okamura (a renowned deceased Japanese free-lance photographer) and appeared in the 12 June 1964 issue of *Life* Magazine. VHPA member Ken Gehler is the pilot clearly visible in the left seat of the closest aircraft. Akihiko took this photo from a Shawnee flown by VHPA member Bob Crissman. VHPA member Ross Russell provided the iconic photo on the bottom taken on 17 Jan 1964 by deceased VHPA member Bernie Quedens, the Operations Officer of the 120th Aviation Company "The Deans" during the famous airmobile operation at Kien Hoa.

Back Cover – Top to Bottom: VHPA member Al Doucette took this photo of *Marion Spook* in December 1962 near Ban Me Thuot while serving with the 81st Aviation Company. VHPA member Ramon Williams, now deceased, took the photo on the bottom about August 1962 at a Special Forces camp in the A Shau Valley while serving with the 93rd Transportation Company before they relocated to Soc Trang.

Directory Committee Credits

Mike Law provided the software, instructions, and basic design for this publication. Mike also designed the cover. VHPA member T. Roger Messick provided the story for the history section.

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 third 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 roush@vhpa.org

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 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., 593 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468-2806, telephone: 203- 268-2450 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.

2016 Awards--The AAAA received more than 400 applications and made 286 awards totaling \$476,000. The VHPA again awarded five (5) \$3,000 Memorial Scholarships in 2016. This year's recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$3,000 for one year were Carolina Chauffe, Grandchild of Mr. Gerald Meador, Gulfport MS, attending Univ. Louisiana at Lafayette; Vincent M. Bencomo, Grandchild of LTC Donald Long, Murphy NC attending Univ. S. FL; Lucie A. Goodman, Grandchild of LTC Wm Klim, Rifle CO, attending CO State Univ.; and Hunter C. Sheuerman, Grand Prairie, TX, Child of Michael Sheuerman, attending Univ. of Texas. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship (honoring the 361st Avn Co. "Pink Panthers") was Caroline T. Hills, Grandchild of LTC Frank Hills, Camp Hill, PA, attending Univ. of Notre Dame. An additional 35 VHPA related applicants also received additional AAAA Foundation 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.

The Virtual Vietnam Archive

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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 2016. These 49,893 pilots include 5,777 Life, 8,446 General, and 22,144 Potential VHPA members - also 236 foreign pilots (FOR), and 1,022 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), 153 who died during training (DDT), and 10,186 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 9,958 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 *** ← * indicates Life Member, # indicates Potential Member
(Underline indicates new listing or information) → 1234 Main Street ? ← Bold type denotes someone who has joined the VHPA and is current in his dues.
Address → Somewhere, TX 98765 ← Question mark indicates this address is no longer good; mail is being returned.
Flight School for Army trained pilots → CLASS 67-8 (or) Service ← Branch of service if not Army pilot training.
Date(s) in this unit → 68-69 192 AHC ← Southeast Asian combat unit.
Present occupation → Retired ←
(Name in *italics* indicates deceased) DAT = died after tour KIA = died in Vietnam FOR = foreign pilot NOT = not Vietnam or not pilot, DDT = died during training

A	Aasen, Roy Vernon #	Abbott, Danny L. *	Abelee, James R. #	Ables, John E. #	Abshire, Jerry W. #
Aakre, Keith E.	SERVICE USN	CLASS 68-503/68-4	SERVICE USMC Trained (USA)	CLASS 71-18	CLASS 69-35/69-33
	Aavanq, Danny Jav	68-69 170 AHC	71-6	Abner, Edward L. #	<i>Abshire, William A. DAT</i>
CLASS 69-25		70-71 79 TC CO	Abell, Charles "Tuna" S.	SERVICE USMC	Aby III, Charles "Chick" W. *
70-71 D/1/1 CAV	CLASS 72-3	Retired VP Alion Science and		Abner, Jack #	
Manager	72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV	Abbott, David C. #	CLASS 71-4		CLASS 68-43/68-523
Aalbers, Mark W. #	72-73 H/17 CAV		71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	CLASS 69-25	70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV
	73 ICCS	CLASS 70-37	72 117 AVN	70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN	70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV
CLASS 71-21/71-19	Com. Pilot EMS	Abbott, Edward G. #	EVP Policy Wounded Warrior Pr	Abnev, Robert "Bob" O.	Accola Jr, Ralph A.
Aamodt, Donald V. *	Abadie, Clarence J. #	CLASS 69-45	Abell, James M. #	Retired	
		Abbott, James L. #	CLASS 67-21	<i>Abplanalp, Peter DAT</i>	CLASS 68-517/68-31
SERVICE USAF	SERVICE USMC		<i>Abellera, Theodore P. DAT</i>	Abplanalp, Robert H. #	68-69 135 AHC
67-68 20 HS 14 ACW	62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS	CLASS 68-515/68-27	Abels, Melvin J. #		Real Estate Broker
Retired	69-74 AIR AMERICA THAILAND	Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas		CLASS 65-1W	Accola, Ronald L.
Aamold, Albert A. #	Retired	CLASS 68-501/68-1	CLASS 69-49	Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" A. #	CLASS 70-3
	Abadie III, Jacques #	69-71 C/7/1 CAV	Aber, Allen L. #		70-71 199 LIB
SERVICE USMC		Reg Service Director of Hotel	CLASS 69-41/69-39	CLASS 69-21	Line CAPT PHI
Aanensen, Joel A. #	Abaiian, Michael C.	Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #	68-69 1 SQDN VNAF	72-73 F/4 CAV	<i>Accomando, Frank P. DAT</i>
	SERVICE USMC		Aberle, Robert W. #	Abrams, Donald B.	Accurso, Linden J. *
CLASS 70-35	67-68 HMM-363	SERVICE USAF	CLASS 68-17/68-29	CLASS 70-19/70-21	CLASS 68-6
Aanestad, Terje	72-73 211 SQDN VNAF	Abbott, Rudolph E. #	<i>Abernathy, Darrel DAT</i>	70-71 118 AHC	68-69 128 AHC
	Check Airman/examiner Express		Abersold, Dale W.	71 187 AHC	71-72 62 CAC
CLASS 70-37	Abarelli, Joseph A. #	Abbott, Steven Glenn KIA		Retired	Deputy Finance Acctng Off
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV	CLASS 71-35/71-29	Abbott, Terence S.	CLASS 68-24/68-42	Abrams Jr, Eugene C. #	Acevedo, Luis E. "Ace"
Flight Opns Mgr Nor Aviation	129 AHC	CLASS 67-13	69 1 SQDN VNAF	CLASS 69-46	CLASS 71-3
Aaron, Patrick H.	Software Developer	68 C/227 AHB 1 CAV	70 C/16 CAV	<i>Abrams, John Leon KIA</i>	71-73 101 AVN
CLASS 68-17/68-29	Abassi, Bahman Khaghan NOT	68-69 B/227 AHB 1 CAV	CFO Washington State	<i>Abramson, Andrew John KIA</i>	Pilot
68-69 61 AHC	CLASS 66-18	Abbott, William #	Abersold, Silas Jackson #	Abreu, Harry J. #	Acevedo Jr, Ramon "Ace" *
Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard	Abbott, James W. DAT	CLASS 67-21/67-19			CLASS 70-6
Aaron, Wayne G. #	Abbey, Charles "Bill" William *	68-69 281 AHC	CLASS 72-4	CLASS 70-9/70-7	70-71 281 AHC
		Abdullah, Nawaf Muhamad FOR	72-73 F/8 CAV	Abruzzo, Charles M. #	70-71 92 AHC
CLASS 71-3	CLASS 61-3	<i>Abel, Charles Seaborn KIA</i>	Inst Pilot		Retired
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	66-67 HHT 2/11 ACR	Abel, Stephen R. #	Abington, Craig T.	CLASS 71-15	Achee, Robert "Bob" W. *
Aircraft Mechanic	69-70 ACT/11 ACR		CLASS 70-12	Absher, Mark A. NOT	CLASS 68-30C
Aaronson, David B. #	Teacher (Retired)		70-71 B/7/17 CAV	CLASS 71-27/71-23	68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV
	Abbott, Bobbie L. #		Instructor Pilot	Abshier, John C. #	71-72 13 CAB
CLASS 67-21	CLASS 70-9/70-5	CLASS 67-501	Abington, Emmett L. #		FSI GRD/SIM Instructor
Aasen, Robert Baylor #	Abbott, Charles G.	Abel, William A. #	CLASS 69-15		
CLASS 66-22	CLASS 69-36	CLASS 70-6			
Univ.Fia-Vetinary Dept.	70 D/1/1 CAV				
	Retired				

