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Facts about VHPA members and potential members as of August 15, 2017

Service	Life Members	Regular Members	Potential Members	Address Unknown
US Army	5,859	7,206	16,967	7,587
US Marines	131	478	2,724	1,067
US Navy	33	96	313	119
US Air Force	98	125	1,252	395
Air America **	35	41	58	27
Australian Military	4	2	22	22
RVN Air Force	1	19	603	599
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 2017 Membership Directory. It is the latest in a series of 34 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 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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Cover Photo Credits

<http://www.cmohts.org> (the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's website) is the primary source for most of the material presented in this issue relating to the **tribute to Vietnam Helicopter Medal of Honor Recipients**. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, is the next used source followed by general Google searches when additional material, especially photos, was needed.

Front Cover – Top to Bottom: The Medal of Honor Service Ribbon contains five white stars in the form of an “M”. The 8-cell grid contains from left to right: the Air Force, Army, and Navy versions of the medal for the neck ribbon followed by photos of recipients Adams, Brady, Crandall, Ferguson, and Fleming. The 21 recipients mentioned in this tribute are presented in alphabetic order by last name.

Back Cover – Top to Bottom, Left to Right: The 16-cell grid continues the alphabetic order by last name presentation of the remaining 16 recipients mentioned in this tribute: Freeman, Kettles, Langhorn, Lassen, McKibben, Novosel, Pitsenbarger, Pless, Poxon, Rocco, Swanson, Wetzel, Yano, Young and Zabitosky.

Directory Committee Credits

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

2017 Awards--The AAAA received more than 400 applications and made 287 awards totaling \$473,000. The VHPA again awarded five (5) \$3,000 Memorial Scholarships in 2017. This year's recipients of the VHPA Heritage Scholarships of \$3,000 for one year were Nathaniel Reuter, Beaver Creek, OH. Grand Son of Robert Reuter, DAT, attending Univ. of Dayton; Caleb Straley, Grandchild of CW4 Ronald Maisch, Louisa, VA attending Virginia Tech or Newport Univ.; Samuel Banks, Germantown, TN, attending Univ. of Georgia; and Zachary Trani. Olympia, WA, Grand Child of Gary Vollendorff, attending Univ. of Chicago. Selected for the VHPA Memorial Scholarship (honoring the 361st Avn Co. "Pink Panthers") was Grant Alexander, Grandchild of, WO Grover Flowers DAT, attending Univ. of Wake Forest. An additional 24 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 vnca@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.

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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 vnca@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 49,923 helicopter pilots who were trained to fly helicopters during the Vietnam Era and were known to the VHPA as of 15 August 2017. These 49,923 pilots include 6,127 Life, 7,954 General, and 21,939 Potential VHPA members - also 237 foreign pilots (FOR), and 1,036 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 10,549 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 and phone numbers 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 9,860 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

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
	Aavang, Danny Jay	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	Abv III, Charles "Chick" W. *
70-71 D1/1 CAV	CLASS 72-3	Retired VP Alion Science and		Abner, Jack #	CLASS 68-43/68-523
Manager	72 A/229 AHB 1 CAV	Abbott, David C. #	CLASS 71-4		70 E/82 ARTY 1 CAV
Aalbers, Mark W. #	72-73 H/17 CAV	CLASS 70-37	71-72 B/2/17 CAV 101 ABN	CLASS 69-25	70-71 F/1/9 CAV 1 CAV
	73 ICCS	Abbott, Edward G. #	EVP Policy Wounded Warrior Pr	70-71 B/101 AVN 101 ABN	
CLASS 71-21/71-19	Com. Pilot EMS		Abell, James M. #	Abney, Robert "Bob" O.	Accola Jr, Ralph A.
Aamodt, Donald V. *	Abadie, Clarence J. #	CLASS 69-45		Retired	
		Abbott, James L. #	CLASS 67-21	<i>Abplanalp, Peter DAT</i>	CLASS 68-517/68-31
SERVICE USAF	SERVICE USMC	CLASS 68-515/68-27	<i>Abellera, Theodore P. DAT</i>	Abplanalp, Robert H. #	68-69 135 AHC
67-68 20 HS 14 ACW	62-69 AIR AMERICA LAOS	Abbott, John "Jack" Thomas	Abels, Melvin J. #		Real Estate Broker
Retired	69-74 AIR AMERICA THAILAND			CLASS 65-1W	Accola, Ronald L.
Aarnold, Albert A. #	Retired	Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #	CLASS 69-49	Abrahamson, Arthur "Rick" A. #	CLASS 70-3
	Abadie III, Jacques #		Aber, Allen L. #		70-71 199 LIB
SERVICE USMC		CLASS 68-501/68-1		CLASS 69-21	Line CAPT PHI
Aanensen, Joel A. #	Abajian, Michael C.	69-71 C/7/1 CAV	CLASS 69-41/69-39	72-73 F/4 CAV	<i>Accomando, Frank P. DAT</i>
	SERVICE USMC	Reg Service Director of Hotel	68-69 1 SQDN VNAF	Abrams, Donald B. *	Accurso, Linden "Lin" J. *
CLASS 70-35	67-68 HMM-363	Abbott Jr., Joseph S. #	Aberle, Robert W. #		CLASS 68-6
Aanestad, Terie	72-73 211 SQDN VNAF			CLASS 70-19/70-21	68-69 128 AHC
	Check Airman/examiner Express	SERVICE USAF	CLASS 68-17/68-29	70-71 118 AHC	71-72 62 CAC
CLASS 70-37	Abarelli, Joseph A. #	Abbott, Rudolph E. #	<i>Abernathy, Darrel L. DAT</i>	71 187 AHC	President PTA of Savannah
71-72 A/228 AVN 1 CAV			Abersold, Dale W.	Retired	
Flight Opns Mgr Nor Aviation	CLASS 71-35/71-29	Abbott, Steven Glenn KIA		Abrams Jr, Eugene C. #	Acevedo, Luis E. "Ace"
Aaron, Patrick H.	129 AHC	Abbott, Terence S.	CLASS 68-24/68-42		
	Software Developer	CLASS 67-13	69 1 SQDN VNAF	CLASS 69-46	CLASS 71-3
CLASS 68-17/68-29	Abassi, Bahman Khaghan NOT	68 C/227 AHB 1 CAV	70 C/16 CAV	<i>Abrams, John Leon KIA</i>	71-73 101 AVN
68-69 61 AHC	CLASS 66-18	68-69 B/227 AHB 1 CAV	CFO Washington State	Abramson, Andrew John KIA	Pilot
Teacher-Carroll Co/Pilot-Guard	Abbott, James W. DAT	Abbott, William #	Abersold, Silas Jackson #	Abreu, Harry J. #	Acevedo Jr, Ramon "Ace" *
Aaron, Wavne G. #	Abbev, Charles "Bill" William *	CLASS 67-21/67-19			CLASS 70-6
		68-69 281 AHC	CLASS 72-4	CLASS 70-9/70-7	70-71 281 AHC
CLASS 71-3	CLASS 61-3	Abdullah, Nawaf Muhamad FOR	72-73 F/8 CAV	Abruzzo, Charles M. #	70-71 92 AHC
71-72 B/7/1 CAV	66-67 HHT 2/11 ACR	<i>Abel, Charles Seaborn KIA</i>	Inst Pilot		Retired
Aircraft Mechanic	69-70 ACT/11 ACR	Abel, Stephen R. #	Abinoton, Craig T.	CLASS 71-15	Achee, Robert "Bob" W. *
Aaronson, David B. #	Teacher (Retired)				
	Abbott, Bobbie L. #	CLASS 67-501	CLASS 70-12	Absher, Mark A. NOT	CLASS 68-30C
CLASS 67-21		Abel, William A. #	70-71 B/7/17 CAV	CLASS 71-27/71-23	68-69 B/15 TC 1 CAV
Aasen, Robert Baylor #	CLASS 70-9/70-5		Instructor Pilot	Abshier, John C. #	71-72 13 CAB
	Abbott, Charles G.	CLASS 70-6	Abinoton, Emmett L. #		FSI GRD/SIM Instructor
CLASS 66-22					
Univ.Fla-Veterinary Dept.	CLASS 69-36		CLASS 69-15		
	70 D/1/1 CAV				
	Retired				

