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From: [REDACTED] (Richard Green)

To: [REDACTED]

Tom, Below is a copy of the reply I sent to Thomas Maley, re Madden's message...I have fought the battle to bridge the gap for almost 30 years. Since the Wo-Wo's (as opposed to real Warrant OFFICERS) are still a bunch of whiny ass punks, I don't need the aggravation.

One of the Warrant OFFICERS in my platoon in Nam, gave me an RLO pin for my hat at Reunion 92. He told me "Captain Green, I would not have come home alive if it had not been for you, nor would I have been the man I am today".. Dave died in an airplane crash in April of 1993! I still wear the pin and wear it proudly, with good memories. (As far as I am concerned the Wo-Wo's are spitting on the memory of all the good Warrant OFFICERS who served in Nam, as well as the RLOs. So I am taking a stand, by quitting an organization that supports the jerks.... to the disgrace of all the great guys I have known...)

By the way, everyone called me Richard except Dave, he insisted on calling me Captain Green for whatever reason he had, but he was a great friend, and his death has greatly affected all who knew him.

Richard Green

Thomas,

I appreciate your message and the content of same. I believe that anyone who knew me in Vietnam and/or prior to Vietnam when I commanded a platoon of 60+ Warrant Officers (all recently returned from Nam and waiting for discharge) at Fort Meade, and/or after my return from Vietnam, will gladly tell you that I stood up for all aviators, especially the warrant officers and stayed in contact with those that I had known for many years. I wrote letters of recommendations for jobs, for direct commissions, for re-entry into the Army or whatever they needed.

After I retired, I lost track of everyone. Three of the guys (all former warrant Officers)I had served with in Nam found me, and got me back on track with the Vietnam experience. In return I spent many long hours locating other guys who were in our unit. All told I located approximately 100 of the Black Widow pilots. Someone else was maintaining the roster and put out a newsletter from time to time, but other "duties" kept him from continuing.

Early this year, I contacted the guys who were suppose to do the roster and the newsletter and told them that if they could not handle it, I would do it. By the time I waded through a foot high stack of notes, without dates, of address changes, addresses never posted, etc, etc, etc.... I ended up with a roster of over 200 people....

enlisted, NCO, Warrant and others. Then I put out a 4 page newsletter, which was mailed out with the roster.

The only positive input I have had has been from the enlisted men and those who are "fondly" referred to as RLOs..... The only negative input I have had is from those who were Warrant Officers. They have bitched that the pictures weren't clear enough, that I shouldn't be charging for the video tapes (over 16 hours of photos, slides and movies for 40 different guys from 1966 thru 1972) that I put together on my own time, at no expense to anyone else, and all I asked for was enough to pay for the tapes and the postage. (I did mention that of approximately 90 videos that I had sent out, 50+ had not paid me and that I would no longer send the videos out COD!) And some have even questioned why a "RLO" has his name on the return

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address...etc, etc, etc, etc,

Madden's article was the clincher for me. Basically I don't need this shit. I sent a 3 page letter to VHPA as my resignation. In it I praised the Warrant OFFICERS and told what I thought of the Wo-Wo's. There is a big difference.

VHPA is a darn fine organization for Warrant Officers, but if you will read back thru several issues of the newsletter, you will find that every mistake that was made, every problem that the WOs had, every stupid thing that was done, was due to the RLOs screwing with the WOs...

Thanks for your concern.... but I don't need this anymore. I can stay in touch with my friends, but I have no intention of putting up with those who keep spouting off about "us VS them"

I doubt that you will ever see my letter in the VHPA newsletter, but I will be glad to send you a copy.

Thank you for your concern and consideration, but both VHPA and myself will be better off.

Richard Green

—Original Message—

From: Tom Marshall <[redacted]>
To: Richard Green <[redacted]>
Date: Friday, June 26, 1998 1:08 PM
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Richard,

If you would like, send me your address and I'll mail you a copy of **The Price Of Exit**.

It has some very good history, doesn't trash anyone, and contains many reasons for you to remain in VHPA.

Tom Marshall