

Employees of Air America (U.S. citizens) killed in aircraft accidents/incidents (1960-1975)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type aircraft</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Circumstances</u>
N. N. Forte	8/13/61	C-46	Laos S-14	Crashed into side of mountain during arms drop (Forte's co-pilot) + 3 Air Freight delivery Specialists
R. J. Sarno	8/13/61	C-46		
H. F. Heinrich	2/4/62			
H. S. Strouss	2/4/62			
James A. Rasmusson	2/18/62	B-26 Pilot	Hit Mountain outside of Tainan Taiwan (B-26 was a "Blackbird" on the "ONMARK" program)	
W. H. Beale, Jr.	4/6/62			
George R. Varney	4/6/62			
C. T. Dieffenbach	7/22/62			
D. C. Heritage	11/27/62	Co-Pilot	Plaine des Jarres	Shot down by Pathet Lao on final over "PDJ"
F. J. Riley	12/27/62	Pilot		
C. H. Mateer	1961?	H-34	(> (PT DONG)	Flew into trees on approach to site 2 sp. forces on board (Janisecki jumped on impact, about 60' up, got broken back.
W. L. Wizbowski	1961?	H-34		
Gideon A. Newton	7/17/63			
Gerald I. Prudhomme	7/17/63			
George A. Verdon	7/17/63			

Aubrey A. Wooten	7/17/63			
J. C. Cheney	9/5/63			
E. H. DeBruin*	9/5/63	C-46	Central Laos	Shot down by Pathet Lao; De Bruin survived crash - taken prisoner
C. G. Herrick	9/5/63			
H. Liu	12/27/63	C-45 Pilot	Shot down over Laos	
Albert Sandoval	8/24/64	Helio	Pakse, Laos	Crashed shortly after take-off
Howland D. Baker	9/12/64			
C. D. Jones	3/5/65			
Alexander Scandalis	7/5/65	C-45	Saigon	Went in inverted at end of runway at Saigon--three Vietnamese on board also--solid evidence of hand grenade planted in flight kit.
J. G. Mahony	9/27/65			
J. L. Oyer	9/27/65	C-45	Bao Trai	Shot down--Landing at Bao Trai--seven (7) guards killed by V.C. (throats cut) guarding wreckage during night--2-3 on board with pilot.
Frank Muscal	10/3/65 or 3/16/65			
R. H. Lieberth	10/12/65			
Franklin D. Smith	10/12/65			
William R. Pruner	1/14/66	C-47?	Vitnh, Vietnam	Carrying ammunition; hit by ground fire
W. W. Ensminger	3/6/66	Helio	stabilizer cable pulley broke on take off - Aircraft went straight up, stalled, and went straight in.	Shot down--left engine on fire land safe--Chinese co-pilot Charlie Cheng or Chang wounded left arm--V.C. killed both on ground--the co-pilot had over 50 stab wounds in his head. Vietnamese kicker led away with rope around his neck. Never seen again.
John W. Wilmot, Jr.	5/19/66			

*Missing, presumed dead

F. Farthing	1/11/67			
Bruce C. Massey	3/23/67			
Lowell E. Pirkle	8/3/67	UH-34D	Flight Mechanic	Killed by gun fire (last flight he was to resign after this trip)
Earle E. Bruce, Jr.	8/8/67		Flight Mechanic UH-34D	(was Cooneys Flt.Mechanic)
John J. Cooney	8/8/67	UH-34D	Pilot	Hit mountain near L-54 Luang Prabang
Roelf Bijl	11/17/67	DO-28	Central Vietnam	Shot down in Dornier 28 either N10F or N20F
J. C. Campbell	6/18/68	Bell 204 or 205	Saigon	Killed on a Training flight out of Saigon
Emmons B. Hodgkins, Jr.	11/25/68			
Jon C. Murray	11/25/68			
Lester M. Porter	11/25/68	UH-34D	Pilot	SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS
W. J. Fraser	12/7/68	Bell 205	Pilot	Off loading aircraft and pulled out a bag of gernade when pin come out and blew up
P. F. McCarthy	12/7/68	Bell 205	Flight Mechanic	(Was frazers Flight Mechanic)
Howard W. Kelly	1/16/69			
Milton N. Matheson	1/16/69			
Robert N. Crone	2/12/69			
William J. Gibbs	5/13/69			
C. A. Booth	7/17/69			
N. A. Grammer	8/14/69	BELL 204B	PILOT	DOWN OVER THE "PDJ" UNKNOWN CAUSE MAYBE ROTOR HEAD COME APART
G. R. Woods	8/14/69	Bell	Laos	Flight Mechanic down over Plaines de Jars

Ralph S. Davis	8/19/69	Porter	c. Long Tieng, Laos	Shot by Meo (accidental) on take-off
H. Potter	2/25/70 or 3/1/70			
J. C. Merkel	2/18/70			
John W. Beardsley	3/9/70 or 2/25/70			
Kevin N. Cochrane	4/10/70	Pilot	C-130	HIT MOUNTAIN AFTER TAKE OFF FROM LS-20A IN BAD WEATHER
G. L. Delong	4/10/70	Kicker		
B. K. Hester	4/10/70	FLIGHT ENGINEER		
R. B. McKean	4/10/70			
H. D. Rogers	4/10/70	C-pilot		
M. E. Smart	4/10/70	Kicker		
Kenneth A. Houp	3/17/71			
Benjamin A. Franklin	3/21/71	HELIO PILOT	LAOS REASON?	
Harry E. Mulholland	4/29/71			
H. W. Clark	6/2/71	C-123	Laos	Shot down dropping near "Skyline"
George L. Ritter*	12/27/71	C-123	Enroute Udorn-Xieng	Aircraft disappeared (ammunition drop)
Roy F. Townley*	12/27/71	"	"	Ritter's co-pilot
E. J. Wiessenback*	12/27/71	"	"	Ritter's kicker

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Leonard I. Wierhdt	4/8/72	Porter	Vietnam	Hit a tree while flying cover for another company plane that had been shot down
Lloyd K. Randell	4/24/72			
James E. Rausch	6/12/72	Belier UH-34	Laos	Shot between the eyes with small arms fire
Benjamin F. Coleman	7/25/72	C123		
John T. Grover	7/25/72			
Joel M. Gudahl	8/27/72			
William E. Reeves	8/27/72			
J. M. Bannerman	11/23/72			
C. J. McCarthy	12/23/72			
Howard H. Boyles, Jr.	2/9/73	Caribou	Enroute Savannakhet	Hit by missile
Jack W. Cavil (or Cavill)	2/9/73			Boyles co-pilot???
James H. Ackley	3/7/73	C-123	North Central Laos	Shot Down over the Chinese highway in Central Laos--too dangerous to continue search--never found wreckage.
Clarence N. Driver	3/7/73			
T. D. Clark	4/7/73			
C. L. Osterman	4/7/73			
F. G. Thorsen	7/31/73			