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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to 2019! I want to welcome you to a new year and extend my appreciation to all of you who contributed to the long list of achievements for last year. I was very proud to brief the Board of Directors at the first quarterly meeting for 2019 that the CHPA membership and financial positions are strong and growing.

This will be another busy year for CHPA and the Board of Directors' vision for transformation remains ambitious.

The planned activity is significant. What is provided here is a sampling of the first 90 days:

Our new web site has launched! The new site is easier to navigate, makes relevant information easier to access and presents a more professional appearance. We are currently in the process of uploading information to each of the quick links, including 2019-2020 scholarship applications, 2019 Tredway Award nominations and 2019 Annual Conference information.

Over the next few weeks we will also be providing web access to Together-We-Served. Together-We-Served is a veteran only social media site with over 1.8 million active members. There you can reconnect with former colleagues; share photos and stories of your time in service; and engage in several forums to discuss related topics. This is a free membership to all members. Once implemented, you'll be sent an email notification.

The 2019-2020 Goldie Scholarship Campaign is under way, with the Board of Directors having approved the quantity and value of the scholarships at its January meeting 2 weeks ago. The scholarship applications will be posted to the 2019 Scholarship page on the web site and CHPA will begin a robust campaign for advertising.

This effort is being headed once again by Mick Tesanovich, a former member of the Board of Directors. I'm grateful for Mick's support and leadership.

The 2019 Tredway Award nomination process has also started. The committee was formed in the fall of last year and advertising begins in earnest this month. The nomination criteria and applications will be posted to the 2019 Tredway Award page on the web site. Steve Reilly, former President and Chairman Emeritus will chair this year's nominating committee. It's an honor to work alongside Steve and I'm thankful for his leadership.

CHPA will launch its first print advertising campaign beginning this quarter. This effort is long overdue and I'm grateful for Dan McClinton, Vice President of Membership for leading it.

Longer term, the Board of Directors has already approved Huntsville, Alabama as the location for the 2019 Annual Business Conference. The placeholder information published to you via email and we are in the process of publishing particulars to the 2019 Annual Conference page on the web site. Huntsville is home to several US Army Aviation commands and is in close proximity to Nashville and Birmingham. I hope everyone has the ability to make it this year.

I'm looking forward to 2019. It's an exciting time for CHPA as we continue to grow and do more for our membership and the veteran community at large.

It's an honor to serve you.

Dr. Jack Bailey

AAR: 2018 Christmas Boxes for The Troops

One of the oldest in the nation, McDaniel College's ROTC program was established in 1919. With the guidance and leadership of CHPA member Pat Glass, and the dedication of the volunteers who participate in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, 178 boxes were sorted, packed, sealed, and shipped to deployed troops.

The CHPA leadership would like to give special thanks for the loyalty, dedication, and professionalism of the ROTC members who took personal time to participate in this project.



Gabi Cohen
Chris Gamsey
Grace Gnatowski
Madisyn Goaneh
Alyssa Orefice
Riley O'hara
John Holbrook
Brandon Rozanski
Austin Newby
Cameron St.Andre
Colin Springer

For all of those who contributed to the purchase of the supplies for these boxes, we also thank and salute your generosity.



Gratitude that never fades

by Terry Garlock, CHPA Life Member

Recently while in a short line of cars waiting to be inspected, I noticed on the rear window of the truck in front of me a sticker saying "Combat Medic."

Since we had more than a few minutes to kill, I exited my daughter's car, walked up and tapped on his driver window. When he lowered his window I saw a man much younger than me in Army camos and I boldly asked with a smile, "Are you a real combat medic?" He said yes.

I told him, "I know something you should know." He asked what I meant, and I told him the short version, "The guys you patched up in combat will think about you with gratitude for the rest of their life. Some of them will wish they could find you to shake your hand."

He asked if I had been in combat and I told him I was old enough to be his Dad - which was too kind to myself - that I flew cobra helicopters in the Vietnam War, that some of my missions were flying gun cover for Dustoff picking up wounded, and when I was shot down Dustoff came to pick me up to take to a hospital.

I told him I knew many other guys who wish they could find the medic who kept them alive, or the Dustoff crew that picked them up, to thank them personally for getting them through the meat grinder. I told him quickly about Nick Donvito in Syracuse NY, who was shot up bad and presumed dead at first. Nick still says his tour in Vietnam will never be complete until he finds the Dustoff crew that hovered not far from the firefight still in process and pulled him up through the jungle trees in a basket on a hoist wire.

Nick asked me to help him search, and I posted a message on the Dustoff Association website. At the same time I posted details of my own shootdown in a hot spot known as the Iron Triangle. I got no response on Nick, but I did get a response from Pete Atack in RI, who said he was flying the Huey gunship that covered the Dustoff picking me up that day, and that he took 22 hits in his own firefight keeping the bad guys off us while I and my fellow pilot were loaded on the Dustoff. Thanks, Pete.

Finding a particular Dustoff crew from Vietnam is close to impossible since they flew so many missions, too busy keeping their brothers alive to keep records.

I told the young man it wasn't just the medics and Dustoff crews, it was also the doctors and nurses and orderlies in hospitals that struggled every day to physical and emotional exhaustion to keep a steady stream of mangled young men alive. I don't think they realize how much their patients think of them with gratitude even into old age, and I know the same thing is happening now in Afghanistan.

In combat, medics do their frantic work under the worst of conditions, in the filth of the battle as they try to stop bleeding, mitigate the pain, sometimes start IV fluids along with some distraction and encouragement, especially if a man is dying, even amidst gunfire. At the worst possible time they hear the shout, "Medic!" and they dash into the inferno to do their job, no matter how much they want to dig a hole and hide.

RJ Del Vecchio lives in NC. He was a Marine combat photographer. In his first hump in the steep mountain jungles of Vietnam, in the sudden violence of his first firefight he found himself setting aside his camera to help a medic work on a Marine with a sucking chest wound. Del remembers they tried hard, and how the medic beat the ground with his fists in frustration when the young Marine died, and how a man seemed to become heavier when dead as they switched off carrying his body in the steep hills.

Wayne Franz lived in Peachtree City GA and was trained as a medic. When he arrived in Vietnam and was sent to a Dustoff unit, he expected some orientation and training. The Sergeant he reported to told him to drop his duffle bag in the corner, pointed to a helicopter running up on a pad and told Wayne to hustle out there because they had a mission and needed him. Wayne ran to jump aboard with apprehension since he had never been on a helicopter, and with no handholds feared he would fall out as it jerked off the pad and made tight turns at treetop level to avoid enemy fire, then suddenly flared to a stop and touchdown in an LZ where ground troops ran out to push aboard two of their wounded on litters.

Wayne didn't have more than a second to wonder what to do when the aircraft leapt off the ground to get out of there, zigging and zagging then popping up just over the trees, while in the back Wayne applied bandages and pressure to stop bleeding, trying to remember his training on IVs and praying in his mind, "Please God don't let either of these men die before we get to the hospital," and before he knew it they were on the hospital pad and the ground crew took the litters to rush the wounded to doctors. Wayne stepped off the helicopter with blood dripping off him wondering what the hell just happened. That was his first mission.

Norm McDonald grew up in UT. When he was a young hippie who wanted nothing to do with war, he was drafted and found himself a machine gunner in Vietnam since he was big and could easily carry the heavy M-60. He said he became rather good at his job. Near the end of his tour Norm took a large and very sharp mortar shrapnel fragment deep into his foot through his boot. In the dirty, warm humidity, his treated wound turned to gangrene and he was shipped to a hospital.

They cut out the nasty tissue, left the wound open to heal and changed the minimal dressing daily. Norm said there was one nurse who was so pretty he couldn't help staring, and while changing the dressing on his foot one day, when she tugged to loosen it, a small artery tore and he had a small fountain of blood spurting out of his foot with each heartbeat while the nurse freaked and her frantic efforts to stop the bleeding had no effect.

A doctor was called over, worked on Norm for a while in what he said was a painful repair, then they cleaned up the blood splatter all over his bed and the floor. The pretty nurse came back, hugging him and holding on for a while as she told him she was so sorry. The pain had subsided by then and Norm thought, "Well, that was worth it!"

Norm said there was also a nurse from UT and they talked some about home. One evening down near the nurse station she was with doctors struggling to stabilize a new patient when Norm dozed off. When he woke in the middle of the night, that bed was gone and he knew that patient had died. Norm worked himself into his wheelchair, grabbed the guitar someone kept in the ward and wheeled down to visit his friend, finding her quietly crying.

He parked himself next to her, she leaned her head on his shoulder and they didn't speak a word while he played some riffs and chords and pieces of melodies for her until she stood up to get back to work.

Donna Rowe lives in Marietta GA. She was an Army Captain at 3rd Field Hospital in Vietnam, in charge of the triage unit. Donna is not very tall but she is a very large bundle of dynamite and she ran a tight ship. She is proud of her record of never losing a patient while they were in the care of her triage unit. She says a patient might have died on the helicopter before they arrived, they might have died in surgery or from complications later, but her staff moved heaven and earth to keep them alive and they never lost a single one during her year.

Many years ago there was a TV program on PBS about American women in Vietnam. One nurse spoke about the daily strain of working on "beautiful, torn up young men" and she could have been talking about any war. She said the bad part was when she went home, nobody cared or wanted to hear what she had been through because the American public had learned Vietnam was a dirty word, a subject not discussed in polite company. She said she tried to talk about it with her parents, but even her own mother didn't want to hear it and changed the subject to cookies or the church social as if she were still a schoolgirl. She said with tears streaming down her face, "So thanks for asking, for having this forum to talk about it, because every one of us was deeply changed by what we did. It was important and we should talk about it."

For me it was 50 years ago. My hard crash crushed lumbar vertebrae and besides terrible pain in my guts, my legs didn't work. Dustoff took me to a small hospital nearby at Lai Khe where their quick exam and Xrays told them to send me by helicopter to the big hospital at Long Binh for surgery.

They put me back together and over time helped me learn to walk again.

How do you say thanks for that?

Terry served with:

334th AHC Dragons, 145th CAB

Bien Hoa 1969



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**We are announcing this years
call for nominations for the
Robert N. Tredway Award.**

The Tredway Award is presented every other year by CHPA to an individual or corporation for demonstrated accomplishments in support of:

- The United States Military Helicopter community
- United States Military Veterans with an emphasis on helicopter veterans
- The Combat Helicopter Pilots Association
- The community at large; as well as, significant accomplishments in an individual's professional area.

The award is presented in honor of COL(R) Robert Tredway (USA), a founding member of CHPA. COL(R) Tredway was a 1958 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Silver Star, two distinguished Flying Crosses, four Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts during two tours of combat duty.

Nominations may be submitted by email: hq@chpa-us.org or mailed to:

CHPA HQ, PO Box 2585, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

Please add the subject line Tredway Award to an email or a similar attention line to any correspondence.

The deadline for submissions is March 12, 2019. The Tredway Award will be presented at the 2019 CHPA Annual Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama on September 12t thru 15, 2019.



Combat Helicopter Pilots Association

WORKING IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

By Ron Nobles, "WITCH DOCTOR" 174 AHC

174th AHC LZ BRONCO DVC PHO, RVN May 1968 - It was a typical dreary, rainy, day when CW2 Hank Tews, test pilot and maintenance officer, and I lifted off on a scrounging mission for some aircraft parts. Flying SW we were about 30 minutes out of Duc Pho when we intercepted a May Day call from one of our sister units' aircraft who had received intense ground fire and was going down in a rice paddy. We answered and reported we were in the area and were diverting to pick up the crew. As luck would have it, we also took ground fire on short final and went down in the same area. A LOH from another unit also answered the May Day and met with the same fate. As we dug deeper into the paddy, taking fire from all sides, all three A/C were now disabled in the same rice paddy and were alone! F-4's were diverted to our position and kept the bad guys at bay until an army unit could get to us for extraction (8 hours later). All crews were eventually rescued with no casualties. Harrowing day!

FAST FORWARD 40 YEARS: - Late one evening in 2008, at home in Farmerville, LA the phone rang. I didn't answer as I didn't know anyone from New Hampshire and didn't want any crank calls! A while later, on the second call from the same number I decided to answer:

CALLER: "Are you Ronald E. Nobles?" ME: "I'm afraid so."

CALLER: "Were you in the Army in Vietnam in the late sixties?" ME: "Yes"

CALLER: "Are you O positive blood type and are you Protestant?" ME: "Yes"

CALLER: "Was your Army serial number 05340575?" ME: "I think so, now he has my attention!"

CALLER: "Do you have a computer?" ME: "Yes"

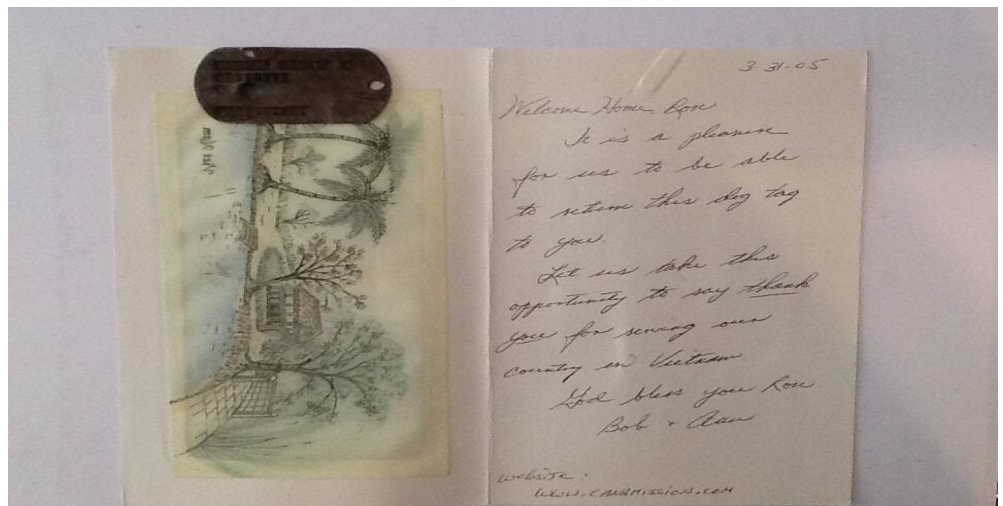
CALLER: "Go to your PC and type in WWW.CANAMMISSION.COM to authenticate this call.

ME: "So far so good. What's going on?"

CALLER: "I am with a group of Vietnam veterans who recently returned from a trip to Saigon where we discovered a shoe box full of US dog tags. We have made it our mission to contact each person and return their dog tags. We have been looking for you for two years!"

ME: "I'm speechless!"

A few days later I received a nice card and my long lost dog tags which I hadn't seen since that incident in the rice paddy. You talk about "working in mysterious ways".





Thu Sep 12, 2019 thru - Sun Sep 15, 2019

Huntsville, Alabama

A/2/17 Reunion



San Antonio, Texas May 29th—June 2nd

A Troop, 2nd Squad, 17th Cav, 101st Airborne Div Alumni Association.

Make reservations at El Tropicana Hotel

855-680-3242. Mention “Alpha Troop” for room discount (\$109).

Register at : www.alfatroopalumi.com

www.alphatroopalumni.com/



Kansas City Missouri. May 2th - June 1st

Details and registration information can be had
by going to this site:

www.vhpa.org/news.htm

If your aviation group has an upcoming reunion and would that notice to be featured in the CHPA Magazine, send the details via an email to: chpa.

The magazine is published quarterly. All requests must be received by the first week of each quarter. If your organization has a logo, please send that in jpeg or png format.

Jerry Yellin, fighter pilot in last combat mission of World War II

The last combat mission of World War II began Aug. 15, 1945, when fighter pilot Jerry Yellin and his wingman, 19-year-old Philip Schlamborg, took off from Iwo Jima to attack airfields near Nagoya, Japan.

Taking on anti-aircraft fire in their P-51 Mustangs, they strafed their targets and headed home, passing through a thick bank of clouds. Disappearing from Mr. Yellin's wing,

Schlamborg was presumed dead and considered one of the last Americans killed in combat during World War II. Yellin landed on Iwo Jima to discover that the war had ended three hours earlier.

"The feeling that one has when a buddy dies? You just can't emulate that. We have a burden civilians will never understand,"

His military honors included the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

Watch this four minute video of an interview on War and Survival: https://www.youtube.com/embed/6q_8lY12hEM?rel=0



"ABOVE THE BEST" Art Print

by Bryan Snuffer

CHPA is pleased to team with the artist to feature this 18"x24" Commemorative Print Edition. This edition honors Combat Helicopter Pilots and Aircrews from Vietnam to the present and is signed and numbered with the CHPA logo and Master Aviation and Crewmember wings. This is a special limited edition run of 300 pieces. \$125.00 + shipping.

www.bryansnuffer.com

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial

The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial site dedication will take place in Washington, DC on February 26 th . Guest speakers for this event will include Kuwait Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and General Charles Horner, USAF (Retired).

The National Desert Storm Memorial Association (NDSMA) is the proponent for the construction of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial, with final dedication set for 2021.



The memorial will educate visitors on the history and significance of the war, honor the 34-nation coalition that took part and memorialize those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the liberation of Kuwait.

The memorial was approved by Congress and President Trump in March 2017 and President George H.W. Bush served as its Honorary Chairman. Although the dedication ceremony is confirmed, the NDSMA is working diligently to finalize funding for the memorial. I encourage everyone to visit the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial web site at <http://www.ndswm.org/introduction/> and donate as you are able.

Thank you for doing so!

THE GOAL OF THE NATIONAL DESERT STORM AND DESERT SHIELD WAR MEMORIAL IS TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL, MEANINGFUL AND DEEPLY MOVING SEQUENTIAL EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS





VETERANS CORNER

Stay On Top Of Your VA and State Benefits

This section is intended to provide up-to-date and useful information for veterans and their families, and to guide

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program is available to help transitioning Service members and Veterans who have service-connected disabilities become suitably employed, maintain employment, or achieve independence in daily living.

[READ MORE](#)



The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 is effective February 19, 2019.

Under the new law, any Veteran who receives an initial VA claim decision after February 2019 can choose from three, easy-to-understand review choices. All three choices provide Veterans with faster resolution of disagreements with VA decisions.

<https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp>



The Decision Ready Claims (DRC) Program is the fastest way to get your VA claim processed.

If you are thinking of filing another VA disability compensation claim, make sure you file it through the new Decision Ready Claim (DRC) Program. With DRC, you can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less.

To use this system, you must appoint and work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) or other accredited representative. They can then help you gather and submit all relevant and required evidence so your claim is ready for VA to make a decision when you submit it.

An accredited VSO is one that has been recognized by the VA General Counsel for the purpose of submitting formal claims on behalf of a veteran. Some of the more well-known organizations are AMVETS, DAV, American Legion, VFW, and MOPH. But there are many others and every state provides Veteran Service Officers to help with the claims process.

Learn more about the DRC Program, including eligibility requirements, what medical evidence you need to submit, and how to find an accredited VSO at <https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/evidence-needed/fully-developed-claims/>



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Many organizations claim that “people are our most valuable asset”.

Nowhere is this truer than with a non-profit organization like CHPA. The generous donations of time and money from our membership is how our organization continues to do the work it does. From working with sister organizations like Team Rubicon supporting disaster relief efforts to managing an annual holiday gift box campaign for deployed service members and providing college scholarships as part of our annual Goldie Scholarship campaign; the generosity of our membership is the key to meeting our organization’s charter for “honoring our fallen comrades” and “conducting charitable activities related to the US military”.

Paul Daigle, senior partner of Huntsville, Alabama based DPC Defense, LLC and former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Black Hall Aerospace, Inc. is one member whose generosity and commitment to CHPA has been especially gracious. Paul served as CHPA’s principal sponsor for both the 2017 and 2018 Annual Business Conferences in Plano, Texas and Colorado Springs, Colorado, respectively.

Although the overwhelming success of both events was directly attributable to him; as he does with many organizations providing community and veteran outreach, he supports generously and privately. CHPA is grateful for all he and his organization does on behalf veterans’ issues. He exemplifies who we are as an organization.

Paul is a former AH-64 Attack Helicopter Pilot and has logged over 1,500 combat hours during his three combat tours between Iraq and Afghanistan. He the recipient of both the Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal with “V” devices for valor.

Paul is a lifetime member of CHPA.





The Combat Helicopter Pilots Association Honours and Thanks **PING** Golf for Their Show of Admiration to US Military Personnel:

From the **PING** Website:

"The Military Mail-In Rebate Program is one way **PING** says "Thank You" to the troops who are making sacrifices for the cause of democracy. Everyone at **PING** has great admiration and respect for all the members of our armed forces.

We Support The Troops

In addition to our rebate program, we continue to reach out to our troops in several other ways, including providing clubs to military personnel in various war zones around the world. We're always honored by the numerous letters of appreciation we receive thanking us for helping take their minds off their situations. If you're an Active, Active Reserve or Retiree of the United States Armed Forces, we hope you'll participate in the PING Military Mail-In Rebate Program.

About the Program

Available for Active Duty, Active Reserves and Military Retirees (and spouses) of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and National Guard on purchases made from February 2, 2019 - August 1, 2019.

<https://ping.com/community/military-rebate>

PING is also a participant in the Warfighter Sports Program. although they do not advertise their participation. PING donates approximately 50 full sets of golf clubs every year towards the Program.



What can you do for CHPA?



CHPA is not unlike any other fraternal or non-profit organization. Volunteers are of huge value. The organization would not have been started, or continue to exist, without them. There are many things that you can do:

Reach out and touch someone. This is your organization and we need you to recruit qualified members to make it stronger. Start the conversations with “There’s an organization you need to join.” When asked why, tell them that CHPA is about preserving the Legacy of rotary wing crew and pilots, that we remember and honor fallen aviation comrades, and we are dedicated to educational and charitable activities related to the military helicopter community – all services, all branches. Above all, tell them it is a brotherhood.

Be your own recruiter. Sponsor a member for one year. The small cost of a one year membership will grow our numbers and provide opportunities to sustain it when that person renews. If you do not have time to volunteer, consider this a big contribution to CHPA. Also, consider multiple year or Life Time membership for yourself. The administrative actions associated with renewing membership are less for you and CHPA.

Membership renewals are important. It is important to contacting members who have not renewed or their renewal is coming up. CHPA can provide you with a list of those members and even break it down so that you might have a common interest with the individual. We can do it by aircraft type, mission, unit, and/or by state or geographical area. Those who have already helped with this project have found that, what was intended to be a five minute call, turned into pleasant renewal of memories and stories.

Inform fellow aviators about the website. Forward the magazine to someone. It would be good if that person was eligible to join, but that’s not the entire goal. Any fellow aviator, any service, any aircraft might enjoy reading it. If they too pass it on, then that’s a domino effect getting the word out about CHPA.

You do not need professional expertise in any subject matter to be of service. The willingness to do so is all that is necessary. Those interested in helping can contact CHPA HQ at this number or email: 800-832-5144 hq@chpa-us.org

Ours is not a last man standing organization. Please help CHPA to meet its mission and better serve the membership. Please help sustain the Legacy of combat helicopter pilots and crew members - and the spirit of God’s Own Lunatics - for future years to come.



‘To become a good pilot and remain one, never forget that an airplane is like a rattlesnake,” wrote Eddie Rickenbacker to his son in 1951. “You must keep your mind and eye on it constantly or it will bite you when you least expect it, which could prove fatal.”



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Dear CHPA, Gentlemen, the following request is for a future Army aviation history publication.

Question: who among you during your Vietnam tour-of-duty recall seeing/crewing/piloting an in-country Army helicopter which exhibited on its fuselage a "personalized painted name" like, for example, IRON BUTTERFLY and SUSIE Q?

Thank you, John Brennan, johnmailman2@yahoo.com, former SP5, 114 AHC, 1970-71, Vinh Long AAF, Mekong Delta

Army Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.

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- Support us through Brick, Membership, and Gift Shop purchases or Donations.
- The Gift Shop carries all of your favorite CHPA merchandise.



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In support of the US Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker, Alabama
Preserving the Past For the Future





United States
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Gift Shop



INVENTORY REDUCTION

Prices for select CHPA merchandise has been reduced and is now available online at the Fort Rucker Aviation Museum Gift Shop - while quantity and size are available.

<https://aviation-museum-gift-shop.myshopify.com/collections/combat-helicopter-pilots-association>



Dress Shirt—Khaki



Windbreaker



Polo Shirt - Black



CHPA decal



Travel Tumbler

From WWII to Vietnam and PVT TO CW4

Eugene Frank Jones

Flight Class 57-8

Served in Vietnam with B/15 TC 1 CAV in 65-66, 17 AHC in 68-69

Call sign in Vietnam SUPER CHIEF

Drafted into the US Army upon graduation from high school in 1944, he reported to basic training, and then to Fort Benning in Georgia to become a paratrooper. Jones was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division. After an injury sustained in a parachute jump he was assigned to General Douglas MacArthur's staff. He was a witness to the signing of the Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri and served an extended tour in Japan as a result of MacArthur's decision to keep his staff intact as he ruled Japan.

After a time as a civilian, during the Korean War in Following the Korean War, copter pilot. In 1956, as a appointment to flight school ing glasses, emerging as a took delivery of the first UH- Helicopter and was part of a Hueys one thousand hours his proudest and happiest Huey he was qualified to fly



Jones returned to active duty the Counterintelligence Corps. Jones trained to become a heli-Master Sergeant he wrangled an despite being too old and wear-Warrant Officer in 1956. Frank 1 (Huey) helicopter from Bell team of test pilots that flew two each in eighty-two days, one of achievements. Besides the thirteen other helicopters.

He deployed to Viet Nam as a member of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in 1965, serving as a maintenance test pilot and as one of a handful of carrier qualified US Army pilots, returning to the US in 1966. As was typical for the time, after a short assignment in the US, he returned to Vietnam in 1968, again serving as a maintenance officer and test pilot. Often the maintenance officer had to go get the downed helicopter and it was on one of those missions that he earned a Bronze Star.

In 1972 faced with a third tour of duty to Vietnam Frank decided that another tour to a war zone was unacceptable and he retired in 1972. In his 90 years, Eugene "Frank" Jones served in three major wars: World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He spent 28 years in the U.S. Army, and lived to tell the tale.

WE WANT YOUR ARTICLES FOR THE CHPA MAGAZINE



We estimate that, with all of our members, there is 400,000 hours of combat time. Three of our members are Medal of Honor recipients. It would not be unreasonable to assume that there are lots of newsletter articles that could come from the memories of "There I was....".

Now, you do not have to be a journalist or writer. Please know that the editorial staff will assist you with that task, if needed.

The idea of member submitted articles and other contributions are to build on the sense of community within CHPA.

Submit your content to editor.chpa@gmail.com



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/196724920353496/>



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