CHPA AWARDS FOUR CHPA GOLDIE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2015-2016 COLLEGE ACADEMIC YEAR

I am pleased to announce that as a result of their hard work and determination, three children and one grandchild of CHPA members will receive Goldie Fund scholarships from the CHPA Goldie Fund for the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarships, in the amount of $1,000 each, were awarded to the following applicants:

1. Ms. Elise Lisette Becker, the daughter of Joseph D. Becker, will be attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas.
2. Ms. Teide Mairead Riley-McNary, the granddaughter of David Riley, will be attending Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts.
3. Ms. Corrielyn Michelle Veno, the daughter of Glenn Veno, will be attending Northwood University in Midland, Michigan.
4. Mr. Joshua Conrad Warren, the son of Michael Warren, will be attending Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia.

As the cost of higher education continues to increase, the ability of the children and grandchildren of our members to earn higher education degrees continues to be challenged. Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, CHPA is able to annually award academic scholarships to the children and grandchildren of its members. Through these scholarships, our children and grandchildren are able to reach higher, achieve more, and fulfill their academic dreams. Please join me in congratulating this young man and these young women in their qualifying for a CHPA scholarship, and in wishing each of them the greatest success in achieving their academic dreams.

The Goldie Fund was established to honor the memory and contributions of CWO James "Goldie" Goldthorpe. Throughout his lifetime in the military and afterward, Goldie made numerous contributions of time and funds to those who needed his help. Goldie was instrumental in the establishment of the Combat Helicopter Pilots

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Please feel free to forward this issue of “The Swash Plate” to your colleagues, potential members and other interested parties!

Donations to the Goldie Fund are tax deductible because of CHPA’s 501(c)(19) charitable organization status. Please consider making a donation to the Goldie Fund so we can continue to provide college aid to the children and grandchildren of CHPA members.

New Items in the CHPA Store

Jay Brown

CHPA has partnered with Artist Bryan Snuffer to offer an 18x24" Limited Edition, signed and numbered Commemorative Print “Above the Best,” honoring combat helicopter pilots and crews from Vietnam to present. Each print lists for $125.00 plus shipping. Click here for complete ordering information: http://www.bryansnuffer.com/prints/prints.html#!/ARMY-Above-the-Best-18x24/p/44898323/category=12403394

The artist will donate 30% of the sales of this print to CHPA. CHPA will apply that donation to the annual Christmas Boxes for the Troops program and the sponsorship of new Active Duty members.

We’re also offering the new book, “Blades of Thunder” by CHPA member Larry Dandridge (LTC, USA ret). This is a story of six young Army pilots who arrive in Vietnam where they each become men, highly skilled pilots, and proficient officers within a few months. The book contains real life, honest stories about the young men who flew 24/7 into dangerous situations and helped save many lives. Just a few of the units features in the book are 121st Assault Helicopter Company, 498th Medical Evacuation (DUST OFF), and 1st Aviation Brigade. Price is $17.99 plus shipping.

Share the “Swash”

Sponsorship

Please consider sponsoring CHPA’s programs. You may make tax deductible donations to support the Goldie Fund, CHPA’s Scholarship program, the Holiday Boxes for the Troops, T-shirts for Heroes or the Association. For further information please look at Sponsorship at the website, http://www.chpa-us.org.
How Are We Doing?
Jay Brown

Every month we try to bring you articles and notices that interest all of our members. Of course that entails gathering news items and articles from various sources and varying topics, from the humorous to serious news of world events. We hope we’re meeting your needs and providing entertainment and we’d love to hear from you on whether we’re meeting those goals.

If you have a comment or suggestion on what we’ve done well, where we could improve or want to submit a story drop us an email at HQ@chpa-us.org or give us a call at 800-832-5144 and let us know. Always of particular interest are stories from our members and supporters. Anything from tales of woe in Flight School to genuine TINS TIW stories can be submitted. So drop us a line and tell your story.

Reunions and Gatherings

Are you planning a reunion or event that may be of interest to our members? Let us help you get the word out and support veterans groups of all sizes and locations. Just send a message with the information to HQ@chpa-us.org. If you have a logo, send that along as well. Be sure to include accurate contact and registration information and we’ll take care of the rest.

Battery E, 82nd Artillery. Good day, fellow Woodpeckers. E Battery/82nd Arty, 1st Air Cav Div, a direct support aviation unit of the 1st Cav Div Artillery will be holding their reunion October 12 to the 14 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino, Santa Fe, NM. Mark down on your calendars and if you want, stay longer. When guests call to make their reservations ask them to call our In House Reservations Department at 505-455-5555, then push #1, then push #2 to be connected to that staff. Contact: David McClimans, d_mac550@centurylink.net.

187th AHC - The Reunion will be held 7 - 12 November, 2015 in Orange Beach AL. View details of the reunion at 187thahc.org under the reunion tab. For questions and information Contact Reunion host Ray Root by email at rayroot1@gmail.com or by telephone at 251-213-8846.
Inside my head, I don't feel like an old timer. When I wake up in the mornings I still run down my list of daily missions to be accomplished, review the mental checklist for overlooked items, and then prioritize that list into final shape for the day. I'm still ready to leap out of bed, get my tools together, and then hit it at full speed. The problem comes when I ask my body to respond accordingly.

Inside my head I'm still the romping-stomping, take-no-prisoners, "Can-do, Sir" infantry officer who volunteered for Army, Infantry, and Vietnam while still a civilian, then volunteered for OCS, flight school, and the 1st Cav at the first available opportunities thereafter. I have lost count of my various volunteer efforts, both military and civilian.

I don't think about them because it's just who I am. Inside my head, I am ready for the fight, and whatever that might entail.

However, my body is sending me a different set of signals that I've ever received or been forced to deal with in the past. Some of you may know what I'm talking about. Those signals involve unwelcome limitations that I despise and disdain, signals that I would banish from existence if I could. I have been a warrior, and I will die a warrior. It has been the highest honor of my life to be surrounded by brave, focused, like-minded volunteers to whom I have entrusted my life and from whom I have accepted their existential trust in return. There is no greater honor than to participate in combat operations surrounded by such personification of brave, dedicated professionalism. Those unfortunates who have elected to not experience the sounds, smells, and risks of combat can never understand the honor and camaraderie and rush of pride and energy that is the inevitable by-product of doing one's job at the highest levels of commitment under austere conditions. Members of CHPA carry the truth of that fact deep in their bone marrow.

For the past ten years, I have experienced the thrill and shared the hard work involved in standing up CHPA from the concept of a legacy organization dedicated to preserving the extraordinary history of helicopter pilots and air crews in combat to its present reality: a 500-member organization that has survived its inevitable internal and external battles. Our first ten years brought unforeseen hazards, challenges, and growing pains. We adapted and carried on through reversals and tribulations involving key personnel changes, fluctuating membership growth, financial disappointments, volunteer burnout, and other such related trials. In the end, CHPA prevailed.

During this decade I have been extraordinarily blessed to have served in a number of capacities including Founding Member, Director, Reunion Chair, VP of Administration, President, Board Chairman, and now Secretary. Along with a number of extremely dedicated volunteers, I have worked the trenches of various industry trade and military association shows, and traveled on behalf of CHPA to represent our interests as best my work, private life, and limited financial capability have permitted. Remaining in contact with a broad range of CHPA and other combat veterans has enriched my life immeasurably.

Given the chaos and emptiness I've encountered in our civilian culture, these connections with principled men and women who understand and demonstrate what character and commitment actually mean, and who live those values whether buckled into a military aircraft or not, has kept me sane. Just the proximity of fellow combat veterans strengthens and reassures, reminding me that beyond the shifting, fickle, fashions of the broader relativist culture, our brotherhood remains what is real, what is solid, what is enduring.
are different from most, thank God. We must never take for granted what those massive differences mean, nor allow our mutual bonds to weaken.

This line appeared on our first membership solicitation poster: "CHPA proudly advances the legacy begun in Burma, then robustly expanded across the face of rotary wing history by a vibrant group of aviators who share a bond forged in the fire of lethal combat environments worldwide."

Think about that for a second. Less than 1% of all Americans now serve in the military. Within our 1% military community, it is accepted that the ratio of all-important support troops to our combat types is 10:1, meaning that it takes 10 support soldiers to maintain 1 combat troop at fighting readiness. We helicopter types volunteered to operate inside that 1/10th of 1% of all Americans who volunteer to serve. What does that say about us, other than we certainly deserve Joe Galloway's description of us as "God's Own Lunatics?"

Because we are who we are, we constitute an extremely rare breed that has volunteered, trained, and competed for a hazardous, danger-steeped specialty. And the remarkable aspect of this reality is that, with only rare exceptions, not one of us ever gives this fact much thought. We shrug and say, "Just doing my job," and we mean it.

I'm asking each one of you to step away from your modesty for just a second. Think about those private moments that are seared into your brain, those moments of extreme danger that challenged you and demanded the very best you had to give; Those adrenaline-charged moments when your brain was processing data and options and calculations at blurring speed, and when your life and the lives of others hung on the quality of your training and the wisdom of your decisions. No, we are not like many others. We are different. Celebrate what makes us different, and embrace CHPA as the single organization in existence that is dedicated to keeping our legacy alive.

My personal plans do not involve going away, but health issues plus increasing domestic challenges have demanded that I re-evaluate my capabilities, formulate new priorities, and chart new courses more realistically compatible with my available time and energy.

I will end my formal board and officer service to CHPA as of our 2015 Convention in Indianapolis. However, I have made it clear to Rich Miller, the apparent incoming president, that I will remain on-call for any special projects for which my capabilities are suited, and which my available time and energy will permit. My house is on the market, so I have to be relatively unencumbered for the demands of a big relocation that could occur at any time. I have to redouble my efforts toward keeping the property inspection ready. I also have two writing projects that have languished for years, both of which will involve time away from home and office. I hope that a repetition of my ill health that has occurred twice in the last two years will not recur, but that is always a lurking possibility. Thus, my stepping away now is neither imprudent nor untimely. I think of it as taking myself off flight status voluntarily in order to avoid becoming the weak link that compromises the mission.

As I reduce my direct participation down to more manageable levels, CHPA stands on the cusp of realizing an exciting new chapter in its history. Thanks to Mick's emphasis on internal committee operations, added financial controls, and adherence to By-law mandated procedures, CHPA will function more smoothly and efficiently in the future. In addition, through his corporate firm's matching of his personal financial contributions to our Scholarship Fund, that fund now is in its best condition since our inception. The board is almost ready to present its recommendations for By-law revisions designed to increase the board's flexibility and responsive management of CHPA affairs. After discussion, the membership will vote on those proposed changes in Indianapolis. In addition, the board is pursuing new relationships that hold the potential for decreased costs, increased membership, and increased revenues for
CHPA. The business meeting in Indianapolis will address these and other issues. It promises to be a vibrant and important meeting at which your votes will be critical to our future. I hope those of you who have not yet registered will make Indianapolis a priority.

Looking past a sometime-rocky launch featuring occasional ground fire and periodic maintenance issues, CHPA has remained single-minded in its determination to overcome its obstacles. We have made our share of errors in judgment and execution, yet we still enjoy sufficient fuel, ordnance, altitude, and airspeed necessary to fly our mission. In short, CHPA remains on station and our future is full of promise as we complete our first decade. Our leadership is strong at the officer and board level. We remain focused on attacking the remaining obstacles to growth. I am enthusiastic that CHPA shall prevail.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as a small gear in the engine of this fine organization, and look forward to many more years of providing targeted support from an unaccustomed rear area. I hope to see you all in Indianapolis!

CHPA 2015 Convention Information
Indianapolis, Indiana (September 24-27, 2015)

We are down to just 24 days until the 2015 Convention, Annual Business Meeting and Board of Directors Election. If you’ve not made your hotel reservations and registered for the convention, now is the time!! To register for the Convention simply go to www.chpa-us.org and click on the link on the welcome page. The Convention Hotel is the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites, located at 120 W. Market Street. To make your hotel reservations at this late date you’ll need to give Ashlee Anderson a call at (317) 822-5875 and she will be happy to assist you. We’ve negotiated a very attractive rate of $129.00+ tax per night for the following room types: Traditional Queen; 2 Queen Beds Deluxe, Traditional King and 1 King Bed Deluxe.

The Events Committee has arranged some guided tours for those who wish to partake. There are two tours offered for the Indiana War Memorial, conducted by BG J. Stewart Goodwin, USAF (Retired) who also happens to be the Executive Director. There is also a tour of the Lucas Oil Stadium where the Indianapolis Colts play their home games. This is a behind-the-scenes tour of this state-of-the-art sports mecca.

If none of these tours appeal to you there is an “out of venue” attraction available. The American Huey 369 and Museum, located at 1697 Hoosier Blvd in Peru, IN will be available. The museum is at the Grissom Aeroplex, Montgomery Aviation (FBO), Hangar 11. Their Web address is www.americanhuey.com with Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If interested, you will need to contact John Walker (769) 469-2727 to make your arrangements.

If you are planning to come to Indiana early, those CHPA members that have a Vietnam history and are looking for something to do the weekend prior to our reunion, here’s a thought. The Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization (www.hcvvo.org) has a large annual get together just South of Peru (Greentown, IN). This year, it is being held the weekend prior to the CHPA reunion. American Huey 369 intends to have both UH-1s at this event and the “Wolfhounds” (an awesome infantry re-enactment group) plan on being there. The hotels around Greentown, IN fill up early, so if anyone is interested, you might want to investigate as soon as possible.
## COMBAT HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
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Completed forms may be mailed to CHPA, PO Box 42, Divide, CO  80814-0042; faxed to 719-687-4167 or emailed to HQ@chpa-us.org. Remember to include your check or credit card information.

Convention reservations are due by July 31st to avoid a late fee. For any questions call 719-687-4131 or 800-832-5144. Remember to make your hotel reservations online at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/INDDNHF-COMHPA-20150922/index.jhtml or call the Hilton Hotel and Suites, 1-800-315-1906. Mention CHPA for the preferred room rate. The deadline for the negotiated room rate is August 23rd, 2015. After that date contact Ashlee Anderson by calling the hotel or via email at Ashlee.Anderson@Hilton.com to see if the negotiated rate is available.
GOT PATCHES?

CHPA continues to receive quite an assortment of patches from our members. These patches are displayed at our booth at HAI, Quad A, and VHPA. Several of you have donated patches, but we’re always looking for more. They are very eye catching and help us garner attention. So please dig through your old patches and if you have some you’d like to share, send them to us at:

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Did You Know?
Jay Brown

Have a question about when your membership expires? How about what transactions you’ve made with CHPA? Did you know that you, as well as all members of CHPA, have a profile page on the CHPA website? That profile page lists, among other things, your address, phone numbers and email address and birth date. The purpose of having all this information on file is so we can get in touch with the membership, either singularly or in a mass email, such as when we send out the monthly newsletter. Another purpose, which may not be obvious to many, is it gives enough information for those looking to re-establish contact with a member to identify to a higher degree of certainty that someone with a common name, like “Brown”, is or is not the person they are seeking.

Of course we understand some of you might not want some or even all of your information available for view by anyone. If so, simply contact the Executive Director by phone or email (800-832-5144 or HQ@chpa-us.org) and let us know what information you would prefer to have hidden. Keep in mind, that you can see more information on your own profile than you can see on other’s profiles. To view the information on your profile simply log into the website at www.chpa-us.org and click on “My Profile” at the top of the page.

Having access to your own profile provides you with a means to make many corrections and/or changes to your profile which will affect how we contact you, how you access the website, www.chpa-us.org, and your profile in general. There are some items that members cannot edit, such as member number, but many items can be verified, edited or changed. For instance, if you move you can easily edit your profile to reflect your new address and phone number. Items that cannot be edited will not show up on the edit page. To edit your profile simply click on “Edit Profile” at the top right of your profile page. Those items that can be edited will show on a new page and you can make changes and updates as you see fit. Once you’ve made all necessary changes simply click “Save” at the top right or bottom of the editing page. If you don’t click “Save,” no changes will be made. You can update your profile to show address changes, telephone number or email changes or change your user name and password.

There is other information available from your profile page. You can check your membership expiration date and renew your membership. You can post a current photo to your profile or change the photo currently on file. You can change your contact preferences but I would recommend you leave that set as it is. Otherwise you may not receive the monthly newsletter as that goes out in a mass mailing. You can check your message history and view your transactions with CHPA, either purchases from the store or payment of dues.

I invite each of you to pay a visit to your profile page and check it for accuracy and currency of information. As always, if you run into a problem don’t hesitate to give HQ a call and we’ll get it straightened out. I also invite you to visit the website in general and look around; see what’s available in the CHPA store, check out information on the upcoming Convention and Annual Business Meeting/Election in September and search for someone you may have flown with a long time ago. There’s a lot of information available on the website.
The Swash!

One of the things we all know, nobody tells a better story than a combat helicopter crewmember, whether it’s the truth or “enhanced truth.” Our most entertaining and informative stories come from you, our membership. We often receive responses from our members when an article is published that opens a memory or touches a nerve, in a good way.

So where are all the story tellers out there? All you veterans of the skies of OEF and OIF with an idea for an article, or a story to tell it’s as easy as sending it in. Take a moment to lay fingers on keyboard or just put pen to paper and send them in. You can email them to hq@chpa-us.org or through the US Post Office to: CHPA • PO Box 42 • Divide, CO 80814-0042

Help us help you tell the tales of your experiences and continue to preserve our shared legacy of combat under a rotor disc.

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