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We want your pucker factor stories no matter which conflict you flew in. I realize not everyone enjoys writing, so call me and we'll get your story by phone, and you get final editing approval. Your fellow CHPA members will enjoy reading your version of an interesting day.

Here's several ways to reach me.

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The President's Corner

The 2016 Annual Meeting/Reunion was thoroughly enjoyable, seeing old friends, forging new relationships, sharing warm memories. Many thanks to all those behind the scenes who so selflessly gave of themselves to make the reunion a great event. A special thanks to our volunteer van drivers.

We look forward to seeing you at the next reunion. We will soon start considering the site selection for the 2017 gathering so you can mark your calendar early.



Our guest speaker, Jimmy Moore

We had a productive business meeting, fellowship and an enjoyable banquet with guest speaker Jimmy Moore sharing some of his varied experiences. His touching photo titled "Going Home" was presented to the Ft. Rucker Museum and will soon hang on their wall.



Presenting Jimmy Moore's "Going Home" to Chris Carlile, Chairman, Executive Directors, Army Aviation Museum Foundation

I recently ran across a site that features some ancient, but interesting reading about Army Aviation. I won't spoil the surprise, but rather just give you this link: <http://www.rucker.army.mil/avjournal/1970/>

Rich Miller, President

From the Chairman Our First Membership-Wide Vote



As you know, the CHPA Board worked with special counsel as a consultant to revise our bylaws and propose those revised bylaws for a vote by members. We wanted all Pilot and Crew voting members to have a say in the matter, and so to follow our existing bylaws, the Board appointed me as a Delegate in all 50 states to poll members. With the aid of Terry Garlock, we used email to collect your opinions, and my job was to represent you by casting your vote at the Annual Meeting held on Oct 15.

Now I want to report to you the result of your vote. There was just one vote cast at the meeting that had not been counted by email. Once I cast all of your votes on your behalf at the meeting, the count was as follows:

202 Yes votes
34 No votes
236 Total votes

By then existing bylaws, 25% of voting members must vote to have a quorum. As of Oct 15, the day of the Annual Meeting, we had 505 voting members, BUT 12 of them had expired on 8/31 and had not yet renewed, and

3 of them had expired on 9/30 and had not yet renewed. Accordingly, 505 less 15 pending renewal leaves 490 active voting members. 25% of 490 is 122.5 or 123 votes required to have a quorum. Since we had 236 votes, the quorum requirement was met.

There is another requirement that intentionally makes changing the bylaws a high hurdle. 2/3 of the votes cast must be Yes votes to change the bylaws. Of the total 236 votes, 2/3 is 158, and since we had 202 Yes votes, that hurdle was cleared and, in compliance with our existing bylaws, the new bylaws have been adopted.

The new bylaws can be reviewed on our website at any time. We believe the added flexibility in the new bylaws will be good for CHPA's future.

Whether you voted Yes or No, thank you for participating in the very first member vote that did not require your presence at the Annual Meeting.

We had some technical glitches in the voting process, and we made a mistake in trying to prevent member arguments on the issues. We have learned from it and will endeavor to improve. On the next occasion for a vote we will open a comment period to invite members to share their views, while those who don't like the back-and-forth will be encouraged to use their delete key. Then when the comment period is over we will ask for quiet so members can vote in peace.

Membership-wide voting is an important step for all of us. It was my privilege to be involved as your representative.

Robert Frost, Chairman

In search of . . .
Please respond directly to the inquiring person

18 Mar 1967 in the Long Green

I was an Australian soldier picked up by a US chopper crew on 18 March 1967 at about 2130 hours in an area called the Long Green. I suffered a GSW to my leg and was taken to 36 Evac at Vung Tau. Our platoon had set an ambush on a track system about 2 kls from the town of Dat Do. I was with the Reconnaissance Platoon of 5 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment . Our skipper used two zippo lighters in outstretched arms to guide the chopper in. With the enemy close he expected to be killed . We didn't know whether it would be the RAAF or US chopper. I've been told that I said to the crew, "You RAAF took your time", and the answer was "We're not the RAAF. It will be 50 years next year since I was wounded and it would be great if I could find out something about the brave crew that got me safely to hospital.

My name is Tony Twaits and I live in Tasmania, Australia. At the time I was 20 years old and had red hair. It is a long shot, but you never know.

Best wishes,
Tony Twaits
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12 Jan 1970 A-Troop OH-6

I'm trying to find out info about an action on 12 Jan 1970 where an A Troop OH-6 (Tail Number 67-16365) was lost near Tam Boi Mountain (UTM YD261068). A "command and control" UH-1H with door gunner Gary Headley picked up the crew of the OH-6 that had autorotated after being hit (apparently the OH-6 was later destroyed by friendly fire). I would like to find photos of the OH-6 and/or the UH-1H, crew names of both aircraft, and current status if possible, as well as any other photos or info on this particular battle/separate action. Could you please share this query with your membership? Thank you very much.
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Former Aerscout Platoon Leader,
Circa 1989, Finthen Army Airfield, Germany

From the Annual Reunion



Rich Miller receives an unexpected performance evaluation from Alex Horony.



Not sure, but Sue and Edna might be discussing life with men while Jay Brown and John Fore stay out of the way.



The day starts with loading the vans.



Gathering for brunch at Ft. Rucker



Dan McClinton (L) and Robert Frost (R) at the Ft. Rucker Museum.



Enjoying the Ft. Rucker Museum with a guide.



Barry Desfor flew in the Playboy's sister platoon, the Dragons, when the 334th pilots lived in a villa in Bien Hoa in 1966 and their ride was B-model guns. Barry said they felt on the cutting edge when they got C-models. Terry Garlock flew Cobras with the 334th Dragons later, in 1969. In 1970 Barry returned to Vietnam as a Cobra IP for in-country transition training. He says combat missions were safer.



Enjoying brunch and conversation.



Robert Frost (L) and Terry Garlock (R) prepare for the Annual Meeting



Skip Ragan (L), master of conversation, with Rusty Bourgoyne (C) and Jack Bailey (R)



The annual Meeting



Jay Brown (L) and Terry Garlock (R) work out some kinks



Items for raffle or auction



Gathering for the banquet, raffle and auction





When Rich Miller presented to Alex and Edna Horony an award for long, faithful service attending shows for CHPA, he knew Edna would be a lady and accept with quiet grace. But Alex had other ideas.



Rhea Rippey and wife Marianne show Alex how to accept an award - for long service to CHPA - with dignity and grace. But don't know if Alex learned anything . . .



Terry Garlock accepts award for wearing multiple CHPA hats, but nobody thought of words like dignity or grace.



Rusty and Lynn Burgoyne graciously accept award for long service to CHPA on the road, but was Alex watching?



Andy Burleigh with wife Margie. She has a deft touch so Andy doesn't even know he is on a short leash to keep him out of trouble.

You earned it: veteran benefits Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

by Gordon Eatley



Disclaimer: I am a CHPA member, just like you, not an expert or legal adviser. I have observed many veterans not well informed of the benefits they have earned and want to pass on some things I have learned. You should consider this to be informational only; carefully check out the cited sources and verify for yourself before taking any action.

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Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a monthly stipend that can be **paid to your spouse or dependent child** in the event of your death due to service connected disabilities. Certain conditions apply. If your spouse is receiving SBA (survivor benefit pay) it may be offset by the amount of DIC she/he receives. Organizations such as MOA and others are fighting to have this offset eliminated. Of course, if you are not drawing a military retirement this does not affect you. You can find eligibility and rates at these links
http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/resources_comp03.asp - BM01

http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/types-dependency_and_indemnity.asp

DIC will pay Basic Monthly Rate **\$1215** (38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(1))

Additional Allowances:

1. Add **\$258** if at the time of the veteran's death, the veteran was in receipt of or entitled to receive compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling (including a rating based on individual employability) for a continuous period of at least 8 years immediately preceding death AND the surviving spouse was married to the veteran for those same 8 years. (38 U.S.C. 1311(a)(2))
2. Add the following allowance for each dependent child under age 18: effective 12/1/12 **\$301** per child (38 U.S.C. 1311(b))

3. If the surviving spouse is entitled to A&A, add **\$301**. (38 U.S.C. 1311(c))
4. If the surviving spouse is entitled to Housebound, add **\$141** (38 U.S.C. 1311(d))

Who is eligible?

Eligibility (Surviving Spouse)

To qualify for DIC, a surviving spouse must meet the requirements below.

The surviving spouse was:

- Married to a Service member who died on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training, **OR**
- Validly married the Veteran before January 1, 1957, **OR**
- Married the Veteran within 15 years of discharge from the period of military service in which the disease or injury that caused the Veteran's death began or was aggravated, **OR**
- Was married to the Veteran for at least one year, **OR**
- Had a child with the Veteran, **AND**
- Cohabited with the Veteran continuously until the Veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, **AND**
- Is not currently remarried

Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after December 16, 2003, and on or after attaining age 57, is entitled to continue to receive DIC.

Eligibility (Surviving Child)

- Not included on the surviving spouse's DIC, **AND**
- Unmarried, **AND**
- Under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

http://benefits.va.gov/compensation/types-dependency_and_indemnity.asp

Reunions and Gatherings

A/2/17 Reunion

May 3-6, 2017



A Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division Alumni Association.

Crowne Plaza (Airport), 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, N., Charleston, SC 29418 - \$129/night.

Contact Military Reunion Planners account manager Leanne Casey at 817 251 3551 (casey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com) or Alpha Troop Alumni Chairman Doug Doerr at 904 509 2814 (ddoer4uf@aol.com) for details and reservations. Or call the Crowne Plaza desk and mention the reunion for the appropriate discount (843 744 4422). More details on www.AlphaTroopAlumni.com.

Share this Swash Plate newsletter

Note the member app and renewal forms below - send to those qualified to be members. Tell your fellow combat helicopter pilots and crew, "Our combat experience makes us part of an exclusive club. You should be a member of CHPA. Get out your wallet and join!"

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Combat Helicopter Pilots Association

Membership Application

Mail or eMail application with supporting documents
(please print clearly)

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Contact Information Profile:

Name (Rank/Mr./Ms.) _____ Date of Birth _____
Name you prefer to go by _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Primary eMail _____ Home Phn _____
Secondary eMail _____ Cell Phn _____

Military Aviation Information:

Branch of Service _____ Flight School Class/# _____ Total Flight Hrs _____ Combat Flight Hrs _____
Combat Tour Date(s) With Units _____
Location or Theater _____ Call Sign(s) _____
Combat Acft (List All) _____ Combat Medals/Awards _____

Please attach documentation of qualifications such as DD214, unit orders, award orders, combat flight records, or other documentation of combat helicopter experience. If the documents you need are inaccessible, please call us to discuss.

Optional Information:

Hobbies _____ Current Employer/Position _____
Related Associations to Which You Belong _____
How Did You Learn About CHPA? _____
Name/eMail of others you would recommend as qualified for CHPA Membership _____

Membership Type and Dues:

Annual:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> One Year-\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Year-\$55	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Year-\$80	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of CHPA, Individual- \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of CHPA, Corporate-\$50				
Lifetime:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 50-\$585	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-59-\$475	<input type="checkbox"/> 60-69-\$350	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 & over-\$175
If you wish to pay \$100 now and the balance of Lifetime dues in equal installments over 3 months, initial here _____						
Legacy:	Complimentary membership for immediate family member of deceased who would have qualified.					
	Deceased Name _____	Relationship _____	Service _____	Aircraft _____		

Payment Method:

Cash Check (Payable to CHPA, mail to address above)
Credit Card: AMEX MC VISA Discover

To avoid expiration, I hereby authorize CHPA to renew my annual membership with this credit card - Initials: _____
Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

If this is a gift membership, or paid by business credit card, you must provide billing name and address tied to your credit card or the credit card payment authorization will fail:

Signature _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that my membership application will be reviewed by the CHPA Board and that, upon approval, my membership will be accepted. If membership is denied, my payment will be refunded. I acknowledge that information provided on this application may be used by CHPA for publishing an online and/or printed directory or for eMail communications to and from the membership.



Combat Helicopter Pilots Association Membership **Renewal**

DO NOT USE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail or eMail application with supporting documents
(please print clearly)

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You may either renew by completing and mailing or emailing the form below, or renew online by logging in to www.chpa-us.org and selecting My Profile on the Menu. At the top you will see a reminder to pay dues and to check your expiration date. If you get stuck call us and we'll figure it out.

Contact information/Profile:

Name (Rank/Mr./Ms.) _____ Date of Birth _____

Name you prefer to go by _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary eMail _____ Home Phn _____

Secondary eMail _____ Cell Phn _____

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