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# This is more than just another AAH.

Each competitor for the U.S. Army's Advanced Attack Helicopter contract claims that its design meets or exceeds all the major Army requirements and meets the Army's cost targets. Each has documented how it intends to do so.

We have, along with the others. But we can add this:

In the UTTAS competition we were one of the two sources selected. Regarding that selection two significant statements appeared in the press.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on August 31, 1972 had this to say on why the Sikorsky UTTAS contract was 50% lower; "Army officials said the contracts differed in size because Sikorsky's technological work in transport helicopters is 'more advanced.'"

In its October 1972 issue ARMED FORCES JOURNAL reported: "Sikorsky's UTTAS was superbly engineered, according to industry sources, and was designed right to the Army's production cost targets. Sikorsky also had done much more homework in the area of advanced technology, sources said."

Our AAH philosophy is identicality with UTTAS: 53% of our AAH empty weight is identical with our UTTAS, 65% of AAH components are identical with UTTAS, 74% of AAH maintenance actions are identical with UTTAS, vital for today's manpower-critical Army.

In short, what's good for the Army UTTAS is good for the Army AAH.

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# "News Briefs"

#### MEMORIAL

A ten-ton stone, a broken rotor blade, and an inscription will soon commemorate the helicopter accident near Pegnitz, Germany, in which 37 U.S. soldlers were killed on August 18, 1971.

#### RE-DO

AAAA's USAREUR Region will sponsor a formal Army Aviation Ball on Saturday, June 16, at which it will present its 1972-1973 awards to the Region's Outstanding Aviator, Soldier, and Units. The sit-down dinner at the Patrick Henry OOM in Heidelberg will take the place of the three-day Regional Convention that was cancelled last March. Plans are underway to hold the regular "Garmisch Convention" in February, 1974, rather than in March.

#### ON BOARD!

With AAAA elections normally held during the January-March last quarter, some ten CONUS Chapter Presidents now represent their members as Chapter Members-at-Large on AAAA's National Executive Board . . . Newly seated are LTC John Temperilli, Jr. (Alamo Chapter), COL John H.



MUSEUM PLAQUE — Standing before a plaque citing the world altitude record-breaking flights made in a Sikorsky CH-54B Skycrane in April, 1972 and Oct-Nov, 1971 are Harry J. Gray (right), President of the United Aircraft Corporation, donor of the plaque; and MG Allen M. Burdett, Jr., Post Commander at Ft. Rucker, who accepted the plaque for the Army Aviation Museum.

#### An Anniversary Message from General Abrams

To the Members of Army Aviation:

I take pleasure in extending to all members of Army Aviation the congratulations of the United States Army on the occasion of their anniversary on 6 June.

Thirty-one years ago, the Army overcame considerable obstacles to provide a limited number of Army battations with organic aircraft. Today, Army aircraft are an essential part of the Army, relied upon by commanders at all levels.

With the termination of our involvement in Vietnam, Army Aviation looks to new horizons. In addition to the recently established comprehensive instrument and standardization program, you are instituting a program of incorporating nap-of-the-earth flight training into an overall combat readiness training program for high-threat combat environment. These actions will strengthen further the combat capability of the Army.

I salute your past performance and wish you continued success in meeting future challenges to our national security.

> Creighton W. Abrams General, U.S. Army Chief of Staff

Richardson (AA Center), COL William L. McKeown (David E. Condon Chapter), Thomas P. Peppler (Delaware Valley), CW3 Norbert G. Violette (Embry-Riddle), and LTC Lawrence E. Bell (Ft. Benning).

Also elected were COL Arthur J. Leary, Jr. (Ft. Bragg), Paul Hendrickson (Lindbergh Chapter), Kenneth K. Kelly (Monmouth), and COL Howard J. Tuggey (Richard H. Bitter Chapter).

COL Nicholas G. Psaki has been elected President of USAREUR's six Chapter Region.

#### DECISION

Next month's issue of "Army Aviation" is expected to carry the name of the Advanced Attack Helicopter (AAH) contractor following anticipated source selection during June. Bell, Boeing Vertol, Hughes, Lockheed, and Sikorsky are competing for the AAH development contract . . . The same issue will carry an in-depth report on British Army Aviation.

# Our AAH: performance and growth for the 1980s.



The dead weight we've stripped from our Advanced Attack Helicopter results in two very real advantages for the Army: our AAH will perform the mission much more effectively than conventional designs—and it will cost considerably less.

Our AAH is faster. It has more reserve power for emergencies. Its rate of climb is two and a half times better than the requirement, its lateral acceleration twice as good. It can take cover in areas too confined for bigger helicopters.

Its rollbar, static main rotor mast, and

energy-absorbing structure give it even greater crew safety than the OH-6A.

Its ordnance system packs a full punch but is 280 pounds lighter than "standard" and we've reduced drag by 70 percent.

Its advanced co-pilot/gunner visionics and pilot's night vision system uses a thermal imaging device already proven in nap-of-the-earth night flight.

It's a small, tough machine made to order for treetop combat, day and night.

It is unmatched in performance, unmatched in price.

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# Message from the President of the Republic of Vietnam to the American Armed Forces upon their departure from Vietnam 28 March 1973



To all officers and men of the American Armed Forces in Vietnam:

Upon your leaving Vietnam to return to your homes, I extend to you, on behalf of the Vietnamese Government and people, and your Vietnamese comrades-in-arms (as well as on my own) our warm appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for your valiant participation in the struggle to repei Communist aggression and defend freedom in Vietnam.

What the United States Armed Forces have done in Vietnam has been basically the same as what they did during the two World Wars and in the Korean war. That is to join with the peoples of friendly countries, united with your great nation by common ideals, to resist an unprovoked aggression.

in each of these wars, the United States made great sacrifices, not for selfish gains, but for a noble cause.

Freedom would have been doomed in Europe and Asia, and indeed throughout the whole world, if the United States had not taken these courageous actions at critical times.

In Vietnam, the conflict has been the longest for the United States, because the type of warfare and the nature of Communist challenge in Southeast Asia are more complex and do not make possible a quick solution.

The United States Armed Forces, however, have helped to stem the repeated invasions coming from the north and proved to the Communist aggressors that brutal force does not pay.

By your participation at our side in this historic struggle, you have given time to the Republic of Vietnam to develop and strengthen adequate defense forces, and, at the same time, to build a solid infrastructure for economic development.

Our common struggle against Communist aggression in Vietnam has also made possible developments favorable to freedom in many other parts of Southeast Asia.

Therefore, I believe that the fighting men who have participated in this struggle in Vietnam are entitled not only to the gratitude of the people of the Republic of Vietnam but also to the gratitude of free men everywhere.

Today, as all the United States troops in Vietnam are going home, you can be proud of a great mission gloriously accomplished, because the Communist aggressors have had to recognize the right of self-determination of the South Vietnamese people, and the principle that the problems between South Vietnam and North Vietnam should be solved by peaceful means without coercion or annexation.

As you are returning home, I extend to all of you, with our heartful thanks, our best wishes of happiness and success, to you and your families.

Our warm thanks go to all the American servicemen who, at one time or another throughout the past years, have fought and toiled at our side.

Our prayers and affectionate thoughts go particularly to those of them who have fallen on the Vietnamese battlefields in order to defend and preserve freedom for this part of the world.

To the former prisoners of war whose ordeals are now ended, I rejoice that they are finally reunited with their families. I convey to them my deep appreciation and cordial best wishes.

The blood shed together by our fighting men, and the sufferings sustained by our two peoples throughout tribulations and vicissitudes, have forged unbreakable bonds of friendship between our two nations.

When the emotions aroused by this long war have calmed down, the world will acknowledge by consensus that you have played a great role in the elaboration of peace in freedom, and that you have shaped history for the better.

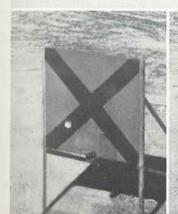
Thank you very much. God bless you.

### Bell's AH-1Q. On target! Again and again and again.

Recent accuracy firings at Yuma put Bell's These tests, part of the Army's Improved Cobra AH-1Q TOWCobra to its first real test. Re-peatedly, the TOW missiles zeroed in on a tank-sized target and hit near dead center! Consistently! From as far as three kilometers.

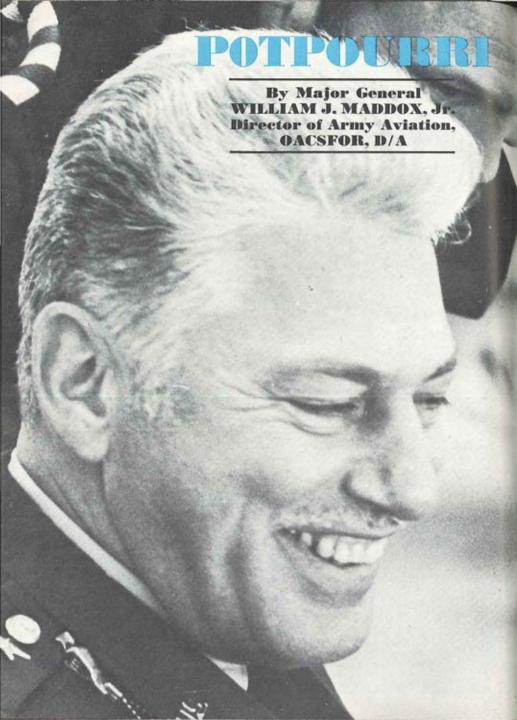
Armament Program, once again proved Bell's superior systems integration capability. Bell's anti-tank TOWCobra. Today's know-how means low risk for tomorrow's advanced gunships.











W E are "in between" at this stage of the year. While lots of actions are bubbling around, major milestones for the year are either behind us or just ahead. Therefore, a potpourri of tidbits is in order.

The area of greatest interest to many of us is the future of flight pay. Despite the fact that we are marching toward a 31 May termination of flight pay for senior officers, that is, colonels and generals, final action to adjust this deadline and re-adjust pay scales generally, has not been accomplished.

The Department of Defense has requested an extension of current pay provisions through the end of this calendar year so that action can be taken on a new pay proposal. This proposal is being prepared for transmission to the Congress.

While details still have not been resolved and cannot be reported at this time, it appears that flight pay rates will be front loaded as an incentive to aviator retention. This means that the rates will move up fairly sharply in the early years of rated service and will taper in the later years with a termination of flight pay for all officers—but not warrant officers—at about twenty-five-years of commissioned service.

Such a pay profile will enhance retention of trained personnel, will reduce and terminate flight pay at a time when officers are flying less and supervising more, and will not substantially increase the total flight pay tab. The Congress for several years has been pushing for adjustments in flight pay and reduction of the costs of proficiency flying.

As a hedge against the possibility that the Congress will not agree to an extension of current rates through December, we are preparing instructions on termination of flight pay for senior officers. The instructions will include a listing of those few colonels and generals who by law will be permitted to continue to draw flight pay.

In effect, the aviation community will have a similar situation to the airborne community. For many years the airborne has been authorized specific "jump spaces" in TO&Es. The aviation list of authorized spaces must be coordinated with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

#### **Aviator Legislator**

I recently was invited to lunch by Congressman Dale Millord of Dallas, Texas. He is a former Army Aviator who terminated his active military service shortly after the Korean war. Representative Milford's last active duty assignment was with a Signal organization at Fort Hood, Texas.

He recalled flying in Exercise Longhorn, a three division maneuver west of the Fort Hood reservation, in 1952. Major General Jim Smith and I both were captains at that time flying with the 1st Armored Division. However, we do not recall LT Millord from those days.

Congressman Millford has expressed interest in the aviation program and I am scheduled to brief him on the impending flight pay proposals. He has made several recent trips to MASSTER at Fort Hood to view the TRICAP Division in action.

#### **Gallant Hand 73**

In late April, the III Corps participated in Exercise Gallant Hand, a major readiness command exercise, headquartered at Fort Hood. Participants included the 1st Cav Div (TRICAP), the 2d Armored Div, the 13th Aviation Bn, and a large contingent of the U.S. Air Force.

Purpose of Gallant Hand was to exercise procedures and tactics likely to be employed in a large scale, high threat conflict. More than 30,000 participants represented a joint task force deployed in a friendly foreign country, invaded by an aggressor nation. Helicopters and Mohawks worked extensively throughout the exercise. Redeployments to home stations were concluded in early May.

#### **European happenings**

Every two years the Salon International de l'Aeronautique conducts the Paris Air Show at which the aviation industry and many countries display and demonstrate new aircraft and equipment. The air show occurs the last days of May and first days of June. This year the American helicopter industry has no major exhibits but European countries are expected to show off their technology.

A small U.S. Army contingent of observers will attend. It will be headed by LTG George P. Seneff and will include representation from the Army Materiel Command, the Combat Developments Command, and the Continental Army Command. Editor Art Kesten will also attend.

Immediately following the Paris Air Show, BG Hans Drebing, German Director of Army Aviation, will conduct the 10th Biennial International Helicopter Symposium at the German Aviation School at Bueckeburg. The symposium will include displays of both military and civil helicopters and a series of working sessions.

Headquarters, USAREUR will provide inventory



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helicopters for the static display. The U.S. helicopter industry is being encouraged to participate, and I expect to make a presentation on the U.S. Army concept of employment of attack helicopters.

During the period 23-28 July, the Helicopter Club of Great Britain will hold the 2d World Helicopter Championship at the British Army Aviation Centre at Middle Wallop, near Stockbridge, Hampshire. The club points out that, "... It is perhaps appropriate that the 2d World Helicopter Championship should be held in Great Britain where helicopter activity has grown so much in the last three years."

The championship will be an open event in which any helicopter pilot may compete. However, each country may be represented by only three helicopters and crews. A crew consists of the minimum number of persons required to fly the helicopter plus a mechanic. Single seat helicopters may not be entered.

There will be five competitive events: A timed arrival, a navigation exercise, a rescue event, and two maneuvering course runs. While the U.S. Army will not participate, it has an interest in the aircraft and techniques being demonstrated. It is expected that the Soviet Union and most western countries will be represented by national contingents.

#### Early approval

In response to our request for early release of Advanced Attack Helicopter funds to initiate development, the House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees have replied affirmatively.

Chairman George Mahon of the House Appropriations Committee stated, "The Committee interposes no objection to the use of \$20 million authorized and appropriated in FY73 to initiate development of the Advanced Attack Helicopter by the Army. This action is in response to a letter



LTG Elmer H. Almquist, Jr., OACSFOR, DA, and Mrs. Maddox pin the insignia of major general on BG William J. Maddox, Jr. at a promotion ceremony held April 2.

from the Secretary of the Army . . . requesting release of those funds for that purpose. In this connection, the Committee expects, and in fact insists, that this program receive the highest level of management by the Army so that this new helicopter gunship is developed within the unit recurring flyaway cost of \$1.4 to \$1.6 million in constant FY72 dollars specified by the Defense Systems Acquisiton Review Council."

In his authorizing letter, Chairman F. Edward Hebert stated, "I am advised that General Maddox and his staff have briefed members of the Committee staff on your proposed program. In view of this, I have no objection to your proceeding in an orderly manner in obligating the funds for development contracts."

The Army expects to complete source selection in early June with the expectation of briefing appropriate officials in the Department of Defense and being on contract by the end of June.

#### Cover page

Check the 14 May issue of "Aviation Week." It carried a color picture of a Cobra firing a laser guided Hornet missile as part of the Army's Heilfire program. A major article inside the magazine describes the Heilfire fire-and-forget missile program and the successful firing of the TOW missile from the Cobra which are taking place at the Yuma Proving Ground.

#### Flying hours

The frequency of inquiries from the field, and the inaccuracies in articles in several professional magazines, indicate that the Army Flying Hour Program continues to be a mystery to many aviators and commanders.

The first point that must be understood is that flying hour programs are developed in the field by organizations authorized aircraft, based upon general Department of the Army guidance which I will cover later. These programs are then forwarded to DA for approval. Upon receipt of the proposed flying hour programs, DA performs an in-depth audit to insure that the program has been developed properly and that influencing factors and variables have been correctly applied.

Such variables include the authorized force structure for the fiscal year, the past history of actual flying hours accomplished, projected fill or drawdown, deployment, redeployment, budgetary limitations, number of aviators assigned and mission requirements. After the analysis is completed, we compute a flying hour factor (hours per aircraft per month) and multiply by the average number of aircraft on hand.

After comparison of the DA computations with those submitted from the field, necessary adjustments are made, flying hours are converted to dollars, and the resultant flying hour program is submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Defense



and thence to the Office of Manpower and Budget for inclusion in the budget.

After Congressional appropriation, funds are allocated by DA to the major commands and agencies to support their approved programs. Note that while DA must justify flight hours, the allocated dollars appear only as a memorandum entry in the budget sent to subordinate commands.

Thus, funds to support flight hours are not identified with flying when the budget appropriation gets to the field. At this time, the logisticians on the Army General Staff implement the approved programs for its parts buy and logistical planning to support the fleet worldwide.

The second point that must be understood is that DA guidance concerning the preparation of a proposed command flying hour program differs for TOE units and TDA units.

#### **TOE Flying**

For TOE units, the primary purposes of flying is to maintain combat readiness of aviation units and provide combat power to the supported ground units. Therefore, there will be a variance of the number of hours that must be flown by units of the same type from command to command.

This variance of required hours is driven by factors which include the number of aviators assigned, the existing level of training, qualification and experience of the assigned aviators, but most significant, the mission requirements of the particular aviation unit to its supported unit. This is why the average monthly hours required by TOE units on the UH-1H, for example, vary from a high of 25 hours in one major command to a low of 20 hours in another.

FT. RUCKER — The deactivation of the 1st Aviation Brigade was finalized April 6 when the brigade's colors were accepted by MG Allen M. Burdett, Jr. (2d from left), post commander, CSM Francis Aquinaldo is shown presenting the colors while LTC James McQueen (left), escort officer for the colors, and CSM Clifton A. Wagner, (right), USAAVNC, also take part in the ceremony.

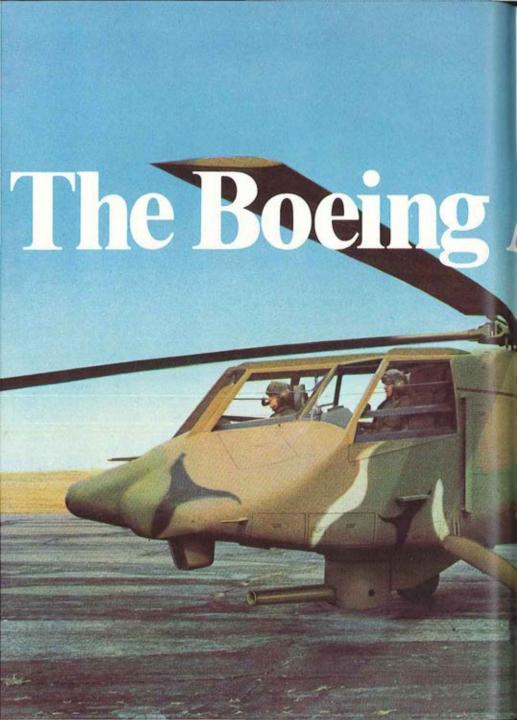
#### **TDA Flying**

For TDA units, DA guidance is contained in AR 95-40 and AR 310-34. In general, these directives establish that TDA unit rotary wing aircraft fly 420 hours per year and that TDA fixed wing aircraft fly 600 hours per year. These annual flight hours are imposed in order to gain maximum and proper utilization.

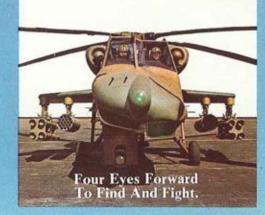
Actual flying hour performance by TDA units is continually reviewed at DA to insure correct distribution of TDA aircraft. This means that TDA units must have valid mission requirements for their allocated aircraft. By the same standard, TDA units which demonstrate flying hour and mission accomplishment are subject to an increased flight hour or aircraft allocation.

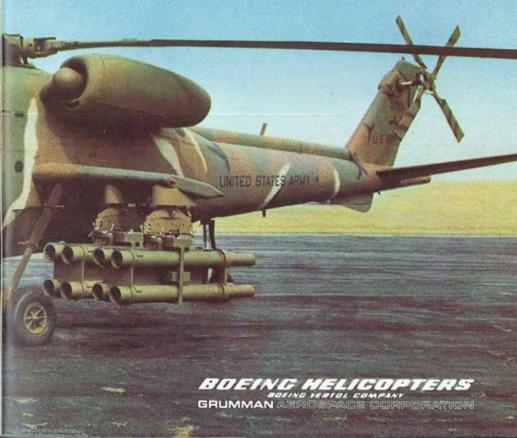
The final point I must make concerning a command's flying hour program is the actual execution of the approved and funded program. The flying hour program request for appropriation becomes more difficult to justify when commands habitually underfly their approved programs which have been funded by the Congress.

Underflying impacts upon the combat readiness of aviation units, distorts logistical support including parts and POL, and, most significantly, fails to provide the necessary support for our ground units.



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Commands must study carefully their flight hour requirements prior to submission of their projected program. Once the command's flying hour program is funded, that program should be accomplished.

#### Log Lift

LOG LIFT is a series of field exercises and tests of the capability to load and unload container ships in across-the-beach operations, and clear aerial ports of high volumes of cargo. The phase of LOG LIFT planned for the Fort Eustis area this spring has been postponed and is planned to be relocated to the Fort Hood area. Actual evaluation should take place in March and April of 1974 under the auspices of headquarters Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and Force Command (FORSCOM).

The revised objectives will be to evaluate the capability of CH-47 and CH-54 helicopter units to clear containers and other cargo from an air terminal on a sustained basis, and to provide sustained wholesale and retail logistic support around the clock and in adverse weather for an Army division

in simulated combat.

The aircraft would be utilized and supported by a tailored organization on the basis of 200-250 hours per month. The ability of Army air terminal units to operate in cargo clearance roles also would be assessed.

The Army recognizes the requirement to move large amounts of cargo as an interface to the improved air lift capability resulting from the C-5 and C-41 aircraft. Because Army units will not be



COL Charles L. Calvert (left), Commander, U.S. Army Boeing Vertol Plant Activity, presents an eye-catching pair of Master Army Aviator wings to his Deputy Commander, LTC Robert T. Dunnuck, on the latter's attaining the designation. The ceremony took place at Boeing Vertol's Philadelphia, PA facility. located at or near major airheads, each ton of airlifted cargo must be trans-shipped to the ultimate user. Thus, the helicopter must prove its worth in competition with trucks and trains.

#### Earthquake assistance

Army helicopters played a significant role in the year-end disaster at Managua, Nicaragua. Just before Christmas the capitol city was leveled by an earthquake and subsequent fire. Large numbers of

citizens suddenly became refugees.

To assist in the delivery of medical supplies, emergency equipment and food to Managua, "D" Company of the 227th Aviation Battalion dispatched four Chinooks and 64 men to Nicaragua. The aircraft, under the command of MAJ Ted J. Dollott, flew 1600 miles from Fort Hood with two overnight stops at Brownsville, Texas, and Vera Cruz, Mexico.

The Chinooks participated in the port clearance of relief supplied from the coast to the city, which is in the center of the country. A total of 600 tons was moved in less than two weeks. The aircraft were supported by members of the 528th Transportation Company of the 13th Support Brigade at Fort Hood.

#### Flood assistance

Army helicopters also were active in rescue and relief operations during the recent Mississippi River flood. Once again, many people who were notified in advance of the flood crests failed to relocate until the helicopter was their only hope. I will provide a more detailed account of this assistance when all the facts are in.

#### Reorganization

As a result of force reductions and reorganization of the Army, DOD recently announced plans for consolidation, reduction, realignment, or reorganization of activities affecting fifteen installations in the U.S. Overall, these changes will result in an annual savings of about \$58 million and a reduction of about 4,600 military and civilian spaces.

Related to Army Aviation the changes consolidate all Army flight training at Fort Rucker. This involves relocation of primary helicopter flight training from Fort Wolters, Texas, and Cobra training from Hunter Army Airfield at Savannah, Georgia.

Fort Wolters will be placed on caretaker status. Approximately 1,200 military and civilian spaces will be reduced and an estimated annual savings of \$14.6 million is projected. Hunter Army Airfield also will be placed in caretaker status with approximately 850 military and civilian spaces to be reduced. An estimated annual savings of \$11 million is expected.

Other changes will be:

Relocation and consolidation of the United States Army Signal Center and School from Fort Monmouth to Fort Gordon, Georgia;

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#### HIGH VIEW FROM HLH

Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (R&D), Charles L. Poor, sits in the load controlling crewman's station in the Heavy Lift Helicopter (HLH) cockpit mockup during his recent tour of the Boeing Vertol Company facilities. HLH engineer Archie T. Sherbert sits on the Secretary's right in the aft-facing load-control station, while Tom Peppler, HLH Branch Manager, confers at the foot of the steps at left with BG Jerry Lauer, U.S. Army HLH Project Manager.

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Relocation of the United States Army Military Police School from Fort Gordon to Fort McClellan, Alabama:

Reduction of the training mission at Fort Dix,

Closing of Valley Forge General Hospital, Pennsylvania, the North Post at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Charleston Army Depot in South Carolina:

Consolidation of Defense Language Institute ac-

#### **Aviators Post**

For the third year in a row, I presented the Valor Award of the American Legion Aviators Post to a highly deserving Army officer. The ceremony took place as part of a three Services presentation at Fort Hamilton, New York. The recipient this year was CPT Kenneth L. Landon, Commander of "B" Company of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry in Hawaii.

Captain Landon was cited for action in Thua Thien Province, Vietnam, when he dismounted from an OH-6 scout in flight to destroy an enemy machine gun position and rescue a downed aircraft crew. Previous recipients were MAJ Patrick L. Brady and CPT Kenneth Ledford.

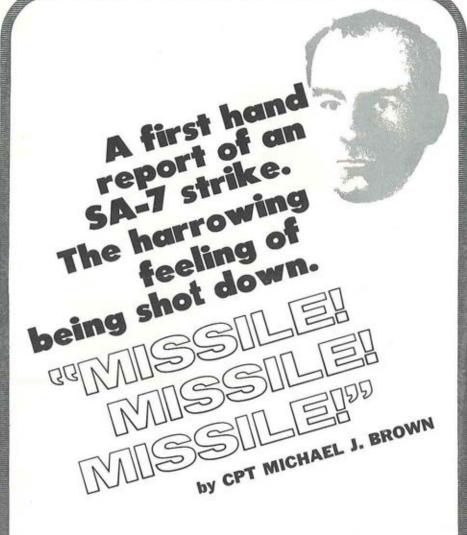
Another Army Aviator name Has been nominated for the "Avco/Aviation Writers Award." I am gratified to note that the quality of nominations from the field has improved. I hope this will continue to be the case for the AAAA Annual Awards nominations for our next annual meeting.

#### Ridiculous flight of the month

This month you get your choice for a "ridiculous flight."

- The one that we've seen before: While making normal approach to the ground, marked by two landing panels. After contact with the ground, pilot started to lower pitch. Landing panels came loose and went up through main rotor blades.
- The one caused by that other guy: Tech inspectors, mechanic and test pilot checked oil level in Cobra gear box. Due to stained glass, thought oil was at proper level. In flight, 90° gear box failed due to lack of lubrication. On autorotation, tail rotor blade struck vertical fin.
- The one that got away: During a simulated fixed right pedal maneuver, Cobra yawed right on touchdown and slid off runway into grass and mud. Aircraft flipped and came to rest in inverted position.

PLEASE KEEP HEAD ENGAGED WHEN OPER-ATING MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT!



At the time of the strike, I was working on a mission in support of an ARVN Airborne Brigade in the vicinity of Tan Kai, on Highway 13, south of An Loc. Our Cobras were escorting a U.S. "slick" unit, which was tasked with extracting the ARVN Airborne Brigade for redeployment. To support this effort, we had a heavy fire team of three AH-1G

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Cobras, and I was the aircraft commander of "Chalk Three."

My method of support was to put one ship low with the lift flight, and have two ships high to provide overall area coverage. "Chalk Two" and "Chalk Three" were the high birds in the heavy fire team, and as I said, I was "Chalk Three."

On my second gun run into the area during which I attempted to provide suppressive fire, I broke to the right and made a pass from the southeast to the northwest, breaking right over Highway 13. I was in the process of rejoining "Chalk Two" at the high level and take up his wing position, when I was struck by an SA-7 Strella missile.

As far as I know, no one else had ever survived an SA-7 missile strike in a helicopter prior to our being hit.

I think a combination of factors accounts for the fact that my pilot and I are alive, and I don't want to underestimate the importance of luck, for I feel that the most significant contributor to our good fortune was luck. I do feel, however, that there were some other things which we did that had we not done, the luck we had would not have been able to save us.

Let me backtrack a little bit before describing the impact of the SA-7 . . . I think the singlemost important thing that happened was that other personnel in the area — other aircraft in the area — were able to observe the missile being fired. When they saw it fired, they yelled, "Missile, missile, missile," over the VHF radio.

#### Hit and Luck

The fact that I knew what I was hit by and what the aircraft should do once hit were the most important contributing factors, outside of luck, to our survival. I feel that every unit — or every task force — that's operating in an area where SA-7 missiles are known to be employed should have an SOP on alerting aircraft when a missile is fired. Additionally, aircraft should be posted in such positions as to observe as close to 360° as possible around the flight so that the missiles can be seen.

After hearing the words, "Missile, missile, missile!" I looked over my left shoulder and saw the signature of the missile. I saw that it was heading for my aircraft and just as I saw it, it hit my aircraft. At about the same time it hit my aircraft I was rolling off throttle and bottoming my collective pitch.

The impact of the missile on my aircraft didn't seem to be that severe. There was concussion. However, it was not as much as one might expect. I'd say in judging the way it felt to me as far as concussion was concerned, there's probably no more high explosive charge in the SA-7 warhead than there is in a 40mm grenade.









was unable to do it. My control movements during the descent were very few.

Having been aware for some time that such a strike could occur, I had thought about what I would do if I were ever hit by a SA-7 missile and my tailboom was severed. It seems to be characteristic of the SA-7 that it does sever the tailboom on striking the side of the aircraft. I felt that the biggest problem I would have without a tailboom was the center of gravity (CG) shift, and that it would be most difficult to prevent the nose from becoming extremely low, particularly in a loaded helicopter.

As it worked out, that was exactly the case, and I had told myself beforehand that if this were the case that my action would be to pull complete aft cyclic in an attempt to correct for the CG shift. This I did but it did not prevent a nose low attitude. Those who observed my descent said I appeared to descend in a skids level attitude; however, I felt that I was nose low.

When the missile hit the aircraft the tailboom was completely severed in the vicinity of the back battery compartment, which on the Cobra is directly below the exhaust stack. The aircraft jostled slightly as soon as it was hit, and it seemed to pitch up and down and from side to side. This was followed by my doing an autorotation of my aircraft which began to spin about its mast to the right and to pick up from its nose low attitude.

As the aircraft descended it spiraled, continuing to spin slowly about its mast. The speed of the spin about the mast was at about the same angular velocity about the mast one would experience during a normal rate pedal turn. I did not look at any of my instruments after being hit.

As soon as the SA-7 hit, I lost all radio communications. I still had intercom with my pilot in the front seat. Using the intercom, I instructed my pilot to attempt to empty his pair of weapons systems — to fire them out. He attempted to do so but

#### **Waste of Time**

I tried to experiment with the cyclic en route to the ground, trying slight right and left cyclic movements which did little for me. As far as I'm concerned, they were a waste of time. I believe that anyone who has the same misfortune as I had in flight should attempt to pull complete aft cyclic only, and his only concern should be the CG.

As far as cyclic movement is concerned, I bottomed the pitch and left it that way. I made no attempt to control RPM, nor did I make any attempt whatsoever to select a forced landing area. There was no way that I could have controlled the aircraft to bring it to a forced landing area, and the chances are that had I selected one, I would not have made it anyway.

During the descent RPM apparently built and as it built I felt feedback forces in the cyclic and the

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collective. The cyclic tried to pull itself forward, and I pulled it back; the collective attempted to push itself up, and I was able to keep it on the bottom during the entire descent until my pitch pull.

During the descent there were a couple of other things I tried to do: After trying to fire out my turret, I found that I was not able to adjust my CG. I then attempted to jettison my wing stores, but the wing stores jettison did not function. I suspected — in having thought about this prior to my accident — that this would happen since the wing stores jettison circuit breakers and the electrical power are largely located in the forward section of the tailboom.

Having determined that my wing store jettison capability was lost, I attempted to fire out the remainder of my ordnance on the way down. I was about 50° at the time of the missile strike. However, my ordnance — 2.75-inch rockets — could not

be fired out.

With these three unsuccessful attempts—the turret, the wing stores jettison, and the rocket fire out—I abandoned any further hope of slowing my rate of descent by getting rid of the extra weight, or shifting the CG by getting rid of extra weight in the wrong places.

#### The Trees

As I mentioned, the only control movement that I made cyclic-wise was to pull complete aft cyclic and to hold it there, and to bottom my collective pitch and to hold it there. At about 30 feet above the trees, I pulled pitch, and I pulled it at about the same rate that I would have in a normal autorotation, except that I pulled every bit of pitch that I had.

The collective was full UP as I reached the ground. This significantly slowed my descent, and also assisted in my CG problems. I wouldn't say that I ever fully recovered from the nose low attitude, but I recovered somewhat. At this point, the aircraft began a violent spin, although I can't remember if the spin was to the right or to the left. I do know that the spin was violent (in the last 30 feet) and that it was stopped by our landing in the trees.

The second most significant thing that saved us was the fact that we did land in trees. I had no choice over whether I was going to land in trees or in an open area for this was something that fate alone could determine. Without directional control there was no selecting of a forced landing area, but luck was with us and we landed in trees.

The trees helped in two ways. First, they stopped the spin of the aircraft, and second, they assisted in cushioning its fall. Upon impact, there was no fire. The engine continued to run (after crash). I had rolled off the throttle to the "Flight Idle" po-



sition initially. However, I did not make any further attempts to shut the engine down. If I had to do it all over again, I probably would do that, and I would have had time to do so.

#### On the Ground

(On crashing) my concerns were fire and my ordnance exploding. Fortunately, our impact was soft enough that the fuel cells did not break and, therefore, fire was not a factor as it had been in other cases where people had been brought down as a result of an SA-7 strike. I was on the ground for approximately 10 or 15 minutes, and I don't believe that what I did on the ground would be of much significance to anyone else.

Suffice it to say that I landed in a bunker complex. My co-pilot and I made attempts to conceal ourselves until friendly aircraft arrived over the area. My emergency radio would not operate. So, we moved into a clear area and waved until we were spotted by friendly aircraft. Again, we con-

cealed ourselves to await pickup.

Other significant things that contributed to the success here were the fact that I had only 600 lbs. of fuel on board at the time of the crash, and I was about 50% expended, and I had fired all of my outboard pods and I believe a few of my inboard rounds.

As far as feelings, I think that the psychology is as important as anything else as to how you survive this experience. There was no question in my mind — in having been in an SA-7 missile environment for some two months — that I was dead on the way down. However, I never gave up.

#### Some Advice

I had enough control over the aircraft to do something for myself. I still had a good rotor; I still had two controls, my aft cyclic and my pitch control. In the end, the things I was able to do with these two controls assisted in saving my life. Probably the most critical point is when you reach the altitude where you have to pull pitch — 30 feet or so.

I knew in my own mind that I'd had it — that I was dead from that point on, or that I would be dead in a very short span of time. However, I did what I thought I should do anyway and fortunately for me, it worked out for the best.

I feel that the important thing is that you have some chance if as long as you continue to fly the aircraft you use every available control you have — every control that you have as an asset. I hope by putting my thoughts on tape, and (eventually in print) and in a place where others operating in the same environment can have access to them, that some bit of information that I've conveyed will save someone's life.

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# The In Box

Dear Sir:

After reading the Nov.-Dec. Issue of Armor ("From the Armor Branch Chief"), I felt compelled to address the following question; Why isn't Army Aviation considered a Special Career Program?

The article illuminates a point of view held by many non-rated members of Armor Branch and that is, aviation does not qualify as a secondary skill. I would like to take issue with this point of view.

· First of all, the Chief plainly states in the third paragraph that aviation "is not a separate career field, but a Branch skill,"

· He states that the OPMS secondary skill "will be in addition to Branch qualification." (Army Aviation qualifies)

· He states that "officers will be given appropriate training and education and placed in assignments to enhance their specialty." (Army Aviation quali-

 He states, "The objective of this management concept (OPMS) is to develop professionally qualified officers to fill the Army's key command and staff positions and permit the officer to do what he does best." (Army Aviation qualifies)

e Further, "To qualify in his secondary skill, an officer must serve two assignments in the field or serve one assignment and have a related advanced degree," (Most Armor aviators with one tour in Vietnam and over five years service qualify.)

· And finally, he states, "You will note that aviators are expected to develop a secondary skill in addition to their aviation skill." I submit that this will be one more than our non-rated contemporaries. Armor aviators will in fact be acquiring a third career skill as projected by OPMS.

To contend that aviator qualification does not constitute a secondary skill is to ignore the issue completely. Aviator qualification requires 32 weeks of intensive formal classroom and actual flight instruction. Qualification in a functional staff position requires on-the-job training done twice over.

An area of productivity which has major industry status in the civilian world is certainly worthy of the title "secondary skill" in military circles. Armor aviators equipped with Standard-Instrument Cards are in the same job market category as civilian airline helicopter pilots. Many Armor aviators have qualified for their commercial licenses.

Two additional, related, but distinctly separate skills, include aviation safety and aviation maintenance; both of which require formal schooling over and above that required for similar jobs in ground units.

The point is this: Army Aviation is a special career program, in fact, if not in name, and should



RIBBONS OR MEDALS, WHAT DO YOU USE FOR INCENTIVE? "

be given appropriate billing. I feel that the Army is getting quite a bit of mileage out of its aviators without acknowledging the fact. In addition to acquiring and maintaining the "regular" skills of contemporaries, aviators are faced with a continuing requirement to maintain proficiency in their "other" skill, and face annual qualification tests (both written and flight examinations).

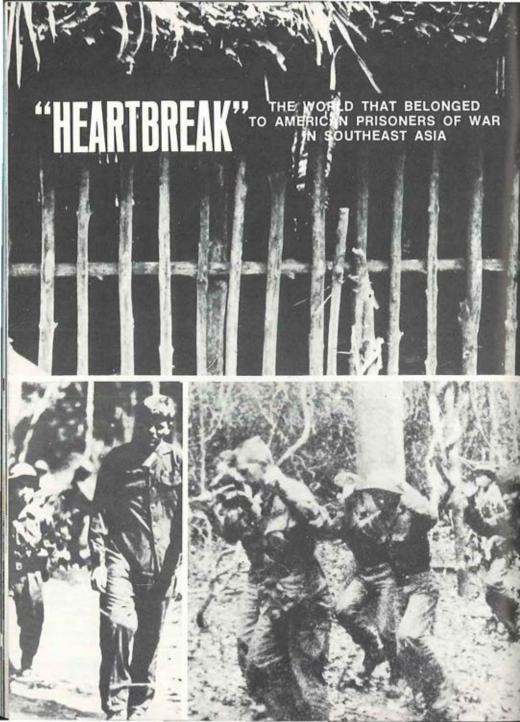
How many Armor officers face the equivalent of a Flight Evaluation Board for failure to qualify on the Tank Commanders Qualification Course? How many Armor officers assigned to TOE units are required to undertake the TCQC? Credit should be given where credit is due. Aviators should have an edge at promotion board time. If we are required to develop and maintain three skills or specialty areas, fine; we can do that. But do us the justice of telling it like it is, so our non-rated, anti-aviator contemporaries get the message loud and clear.

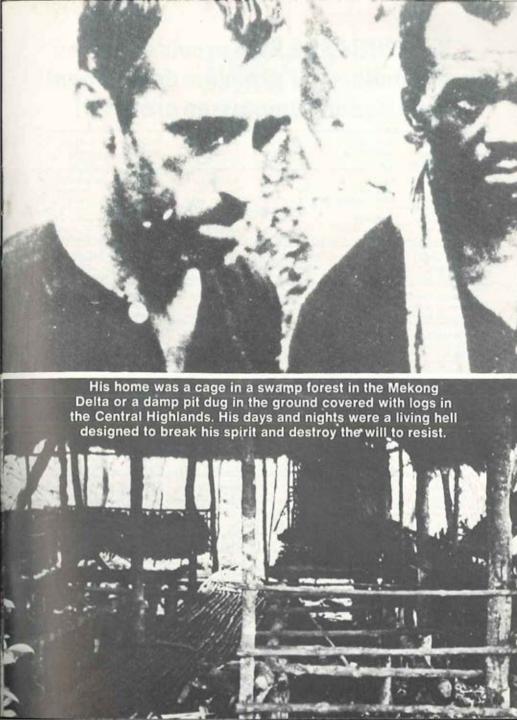
CPT Glenn T. Decoteau Fort Knox, KY

Dear Editor:

I can't resist the punning. Last April 3, one of my guys passed his first pair of silver wings onto the other guy and, believe me, it was a proud day for all the news! . . . My husband, LTC Guy E. New, a Master Army Aviator at AVSCOM, pinned wings on our son, Guy Thomas New, a Class 73-03 graduate at Ft. Rucker. This took place one week before his 21st birthday, a big event in itself. I feel it's a terrific way to start his "adult" life - as a brand new Army Aviator!

> Mrs. Alice L. New Belleville, Illinois





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1.	Army Aviation Magazine readers	Charter National Life Insur. Company	Yes	Yes	Benefits are \$33.33 a day; \$233.31 week	\$40.48 Annual Premium	Benefits are 5.76 times the premium*
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4.	Central Conn. State College Alumni Ass'n	Sentry Life Insurance Company	No	No	Benefits are \$20.00 a day; \$140.00 week	\$27.20 Annual Premium	Benefits are 5.15 times the premium*
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6.	Diabetic Group Insurance Trust	Firemen's Fund American Life Insur. Company	No	No	Benefits are \$20.00 a day; \$140.00 a week	\$34.00 Annual Premium	Benefits are 4.12 times the premium*
7.	Connecticut Motor Club (AAA)	Washington National Insur. Company	Yes	No	Benefits are \$20.00 a day; \$140.00 week	\$39.80 Annual Premium	Benefits are 3.52 times the premium*
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Seven chances to win! Sign up ONE new AAAA member before Oct. 1, using the AAAA application form on the opposite page, and clip it to your '73 Sweepstakes Coupon. Both your coupon and the membership application of the new member will be included in the 1973 Sweepstakes' drawing. Enter as many coupons as you wish, but submit a new membership application with each entry. Separate prizes will be awarded to each of AAAA's Top Three Recruiters at the conclusion of the 1973 Sweepstakes with "Top Recruiter" standings being published in the July-October issues. Sign up one new member; you might wind up enjoying Hawaii!



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Print Name Address

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#### National and Chapter Meetings during May-August, 1973

Schwaebisch Hall Chapter (Germany), Armed Forces Day Air Show with Static Display, Aerial Demonstrations, 1000-1600 hours, 19 May.

Air Cavalry Chapter (Ft. Knox). Professional Luncheon Meeting. COL Ted A. Crozier and the AWO Branch Briefing Team, guest speakers. Ft. Knox Officers' Brick Mess, 1130-1300 hours. Social hour at the Country Club. 1700-1900 hours, 23 May.

Aloha Chapter (Hawaii). General Membership Meeting. AAAA Sweepstakes Kickoff. Schofield Barracks Officers' Open Mess Lanai. 1630-1830

hours. 23 May.

Aloha Chapter (Hawali). Army Aviation Birthday Ball (formal). Schofield Barracks Officers Club, 4 June.

Chicago Area Chapter. After dinner professional meeting. MG James Smith, Dep CDR, CENA, and CPT Charles F. Nowlin, crash and burn survivability expert, guest speakers. Ft. Sheridan Officers Club. 1900 hours. 5 June.

Hanau Chapter (Germany). Late afternoon professional meeting. Industry presentation: Sikorsky YUH-60 UTTAS. Members only. Blue Boar Inn, Officers Club Annex. 1630-1830 hours. 6 June.

Army Aviation Center Chapter. Army Aviation Birthday Luncheon. COL "Johnny" Oswalt (Ret.), Bell Helicopter Co., guest speaker. Ft. Rucker Officers Club. 1100-1300 hours. 6 June.

Taunus Chapter (Germany). Professional-social dinner meeting. Program: Employment of the Attack Helicopter. Members only. Blue Room, Terrace Club, Frankfurt. 1830 hours. 6 June.

Air Cavalry Chapter (Ft. Knox), Chapter Ballot for 73-75 slate of officers. Return no later than 6 June.

Fort Wolters Chapter. Professional-Social Dinner Meeting. 31st Birthday Celebration. Rotor Lounge. 1830 hours. 9 June.

Washington, D.C. Chapter. Annual Spring Picnic for members, families and guests. Anderson Field, Ft. Belvoir. 1200-1700 hours. 9 June.

Schwaebisch Hall Chapter (Germany). Professional meeting. Kenneth Horsey, Sikorsky Aircraft Division, guest speaker. "The Sikorsky UTTAS." 13 June.

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1900 hours, 16 June.

National Executive Board, General business meetings; briefings, tour of Fifth U.S. Army and Hq. Health Services Command. St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. 21-23 June.

Alamo Chapter. Dinner Party in conjunction with visit of AAAA's National Executive Board to the Chapter area. 1830-2100 hours. Ft. Sam Houston NCO Club. Friday, 22 June.

National Awards Committee, Business meeting. Selection of 1972-1973 AAAA National Award winners, Shoreham Hotel, 17-18 August.

1973 AAAA National Convention. AAAA Workshops, followed by visit to AUSA Exhibits on 17 October; professional programming, membership luncheon, President's Reception, 18 October; professional programming, 1973 AAAA Honors Luncheon, 19 October. Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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# "Das Flieger Fluzzle"

A flagrant flood of flawed fluff flounced to flip the flying flock!

A flabbergasting fillip of flippant fakery flouted to flap florid flagwavers!

A flowing flit of flimsy flashed to flaunt the fluent!

The final flourish?

A flamboyant flood of flaky flotsam fixed to flagellate flustered flyers!

Do you consider yourself knowledgeable on Army aircraft? . . . Test yourself!

Hidden in "Das Flieger Fluzzle" are the nicknames of some 29 U.S. Army fixed and rotary wing aircraft of both modern vintage and old, and some exotic Army designs as well . . . the list appears below.

We'll single one out for you . . . the "Cayuse" . . . which appears diagonally between squares L6-G1. The nicknames of the remaining 28 Army aircraft also appear in the "Fluzzle" horizontally, either right to left or left to right; vertically, either reading up or down; or diagonally, either descending or ascending, as "Cayuse."

How many Army aircraft can you find in fifteen minutes? . . . You are exceptionally sharp if you find more than TWENTY in the allotted time.

#### Go all out!

For the all-out participant — the aviation afficionado — the man who really knows his aircraft and can identify them by name, we've buried the nicknames of NINETY-SIX additional aircraft and missiles in "Das Flieger Fluzzle." That's right, we said NINETY-SIX!

#### 29 + 96 = 125 in all!

To sweeten the pot, we'll provide a set of six bound volumes of ARMY AVIATION as first prize for the contestant who identifies the largest number of our hidden aircraft and missiles.

To compete, merely cite the nicknames and the squares involved, i.e., "Cayuse, L6-G1," and list these on this and the next page. We'll publish the official list in the July, 1973 issue and will accept envelopes bearing entries if postmarked on or before June 30.

Two tips . . . Several nicknames repeat and are found in more than one location, and approximately a quarter of the 96 unnamed aircraft and missiles are foreign-made, and we've used their NATO nicknames in many instances.

Send in your answer sheet even if you don't find all 125! A total of 50 might take all!

## Warm up with these 29!

Beech T-42 Baron	Bell UH-1
DeHavilland U-6 Beaver	Bell UH-1
Cessna O-1 Bird Dog	Bell OH-5
DeHavilland CV-7 Buffalo	
DeHavilland CV-2 Caribou Hughes O-6 Cayuse L6-G1	Sikorsky Piasecki
Lockheed AH-56 Cheyenne	The second second
Sikorsky H-19 Chickasaw	Hiller H-2
Boeing Vertol CH-47 Chinook	Beech U-
Sikorsky H-34 Choctaw	
Bell AH-1G Cobra	Vertol H-2
Piper L-4 Cub	Bell H-13
Sub-Aviation SO-1221 Djinn	Sikorsky
Ryan XV-8A Fleep	Ryan XV-
Princeton GEM	Now

Bell UH-1 Huey

Bell UH-1 Iroquois

Bell OH-58 Kiowa

Grumman OV-1 Mohawk

Sikorsky H-37 Mojave

Piasecki H-25 Mule

DeHavilland U-1 Otter

Hiller H-23 Raven

Beech U-8F Seminole

Cessna H-41 Seneca

Vertol H-21 Shawnee

Bell H-13 Sioux

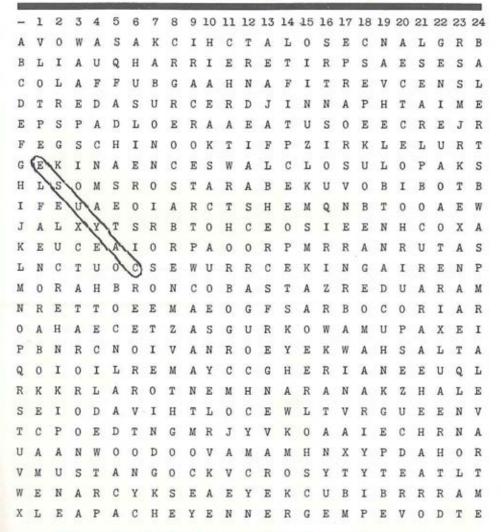
Sikorsky CH-54 Tarhe

Ryan XV-5A Vertifan

Now turn the page for NINETY-SIX more!

### **The Ultimate Test**

Try your hand at this kingsize mindbender! The names of more than 125 U.S. and foreign aircraft and missiles are hidden in the "24 Square." We've uncovered the name of the "Cayuse" for you in Squares L6-G1!



Whether you've circled eighteen or 80, turn in your solution to "Army Aviation Magazine," 1 Crestwood Road, Westport CT 06880 by June 30.



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Be a participant in the selection of the "Aviator of the Year" and the "Aviator Soldier of the Year." Write to AAAA for the one-sided, simple nomination form that will put your candidate into the hopper for national recognition at the coming AAAA National Convention.

Many deserving people are never recommended because they are never nominated. NOMESTOR FOR THE ANNEX TO THE ABOVE ANALYSIS OF THE YEAR

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### Please join in!

AAAA's "Outstanding Aviation Unit Award" along with its "Outstanding Reserve Component Aviation Unit Award" recognize the finest unit performances during April 1972 and March 1973. Does your unit measure up?

The "James H. McClellan Aviation Safety Award" singles out a major safety achievement. If you know of one, tell us about it. The nominations close August 1.

### **1973 AAAA National Awards**

Submit your nominations to AAAA, 1 Crestwood Road, Westport CT 06880 by Aug. 1



AIRBORNE!

A N AAAA-sponsored "Army Aviation Hall of Fame" has been established to honor those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Army Aviation, and to record the excellence of their achievements for posterity. Site for the "Hall of Fame" will be the Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker, Ala, with the Army Aviation Association underwriting all major costs.

■ ELIGIBILITY a. Any person may nominate a candidate for the "Hall of Fame." b. All persons are eligible for induction: membership in AAAA is not a requirement for eligibility. I SO-LICITATION a. Candidates shall be solicited by announcements in the AAAA-endorsed magazine, and by direct mail to all AAAA officers and key industrycivilian members, b. The major Army Aviation commands shall be contacted through the Aviation Directorate, OACSFOR, and through official releases provided through the IO. USA-AVNC. MOMINATION a. Candidates are to be nominated for achievements accomplished during each of the following periods: (1) Prior to June, 1942; (2) June, 1942 through 1949: (3) 1950 through 1959: (4) 1960 through 1969. b. Candidates for the 1970-1979 period will be eligible for nomination after 1 January 1982. c. Candidates may be nominated in more than one time period. d. Written nominations are to be submitted to the AAAA, and should include: (1) The nominee's full name and address, (2) A 40-50 word summation of the achievement(s) for which the candidate is being nominated to the "Hall of Fame," (3) and a current photograph of the nominee, if living.

I'd like to	nominate the following persons as candidates for induction in Aviation Hall of Fame" in 1973. On separate sheets, I've enclo	nto
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#### HALL OF FAME

#### **SELECTION**

a. A separate Nominations Board reporting to AAAA's National Awards Committee shall review all nominations and shall select the following number of nominations from those received in 1973, 1974, and 1975, and place them on ballots during each of those years:

(1) Up to five nominees each year for the period

prior to June, 1942.

(2) Five nominees each year for each of the periods June, 1942-1959, 1950-1959, and 1960-1969.

#### **ELECTION**

a. The "Hall of Fame" electoral body shall consist of those persons who have held membership in AAAA for five or more years, to include the year in which they receive a "Hall of Fame" ballot. (This electoral body consists of some 4,000-plus military, DAC, Reserve Component, and industry-civilian members with broad Army Aviation backgrounds and experience.)

BACK in 1962, working out of Pleiku with H-21s, we had a young lieutenant who, in addition to being an aviator, was a lay preacher.

One day, we got a mission to lift some Montagnards to a suspected VC bivouac area. Our initial recon didn't stir up anything and we made an approach and started to drop the troops off.

Just about that time, all hell broke loose with extremely heavy small arms fire. As flight leader, I tried to get some instructions out to the flight, but was unable to do so because someone had the radio tied up with all kinds of chatter.

We then moved out of the area with me cussing and wanting to get my hands on the pilot who messed up our communications. As we flew around the base of a hill and out of enemy fire, a voice came over the radio and said, "... Thank you, Lord! I've got it now!" . . . and with that the voice went off the air. Needless to say, we had no further problem in communicating during the rest of the flight.

It turned out later that the chatter was praying and we caught the last part of his prayer... Perhaps, in part, this prayer contributed to the fact that no one suffered any personal wounds, other than a burn from a near miss, and this despite the fact that all eight of our aircraft were pretty well shot up!

A true story! Honest Injun!

LTC Paul F. Anderson Stu Det, USAWC

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR OF "MISSILE," CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. BROWN

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Class of 1966, Captain Michael J. Brown served as an Artillery Forward Observer in RVN during 1967-1968, returning to CONUS to Fort Carson where he served as an Artillery Battery Commander during 1968-1969. He then attended the Artillery Advanced Course at Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1970, going to Flight School in 1971, prior to his return to RVN as Platoon Commander of F Company, 79th Field Artillery (AFA), AAAA's "Outstanding Aviation Unit of the Year" for 1971-1972. On his return from RVN, he assumed the duties of Operations Officer, 121st Aviation Company at Ft. Benning, Ga.

b. The electoral body is to elect by mail ballot the following number of candidates for induction into the "Army Aviation Hall of Fame" for each of the years during 1973-1975.

(1) One of the five persons nominated for the

period prior to June, 1942.

(2) Two of the five persons nominated in each

of the remaining three time periods.

c. All details of the balloting, tabulation, and notification, to include the solicitation forms and the ballot used; the presentation and format of biographical data; and the specific timetable for the solicitation, balloting, compilation, verification, and notification are to be responsibilities of the AAAA National Office.

#### **■ INDUCTION**

a. The "Army Aviation Hall of Fame" shall be housed in the current Army Aviation Museum located at Ft. Rucker, Ala., with the AAAA and the Museum to coordinate on specific space requirements for the "Hall."

 The AAAA shall donate funds to the Museum to cover renovations necessary to accommodate

"Hall of Fame" displays.

c. The AAAA shall provide a suitable portrait of each inductee, and an appropriate identification-citation.

d. Induction shall be held each year at a formal USAAVNC luncheon or dinner with installation ceremonies to be determined by the Commander. The introduction of each inductee shall be made by the AAAA National President with the presentations to be made by appropriate military dignitaries.

#### **■ REVIEW**

Following the initial selection and induction of twenty-one candidates to the "Hall of Fame" during 1973-1975, the AAAA National Executive Board shall review the nomination-election totals at its October, 1975 meeting with the object of making such program changes as it deems necessary at that time.

### **On Guard!**

IN a recent letter to all States, MG LaVern E. Weber, Director, Army National Guard, urged that nominations be submitted for the various National Army Aviation Awards sponsored by the Army Aviation Association (AAAA).

He said, in part, "We can be justifiably proud of the records being set by ARNG Aviation, and the AAAA awards program is an excellent opportunity to have these achievements highlighted."

#### **USAAVS** assistance

It's anticipated that Safety Assistance Teams from the U.S. Army for Aviation Safety (USAAVS) will visit a majority of the Army National Guard aviation units during Annual Training FY 73. These visits will be geared toward providing "on the spot" aviation safety assistance while in a field environment.

USAAVS hopes to gain valuable information on operational and environmental problems that plague ARNG Aviation operations during Annual Training.

#### Aviation safety conferences

During the past six months numerous States have taken advantage of the offer by NGB and USAAVS to provide speakers and instructors for State Aviation Safety Conferences. These personnel are provided without charge to the State and have been enthusiastically received by the States where they have appeared.

State Aviation Safety Officers desiring additional information should contact the ARNG Aviaton Safety Manager, AUTOVON 227-4996/6652.

The Reserve Components are represented on AAAA's National Awards Committee, and I have been reminded to tell you that nominations for the "Army Aviator of the Year" and the "Army Aviation Soldier of the Year" are especially solicited from ARNG sources. With RVN no longer a factor, there is every possibility that an ARNG "Aviator" or "Soldier" can top his active Army counterpart in this year's awards program.

#### **Operation Mud-Lift**

Arizona-ARNG aviation provided relief to isolated Indian families during the period 10-18 March. Dubbed "Operation Mud-Lift" because the Indians were cut off from supplies by mud and snow, Arizona aviators and crews operated out of LZs that started at 6,500 MSL and went over 8,000 MSL.

Cargo supplied during the emergency included an estimated 132 tons of food, grain and perishables; and the unit made 12 med-evacuation lifts. The 997th Assault Helicopter Company, winner of



AVIATOR'S VALOR AWARD — In a recent ceremony at the Ft. Hamilton Officers Club, CPT Kenneth L. Landon (left), received the 20th Annual American Legion Aviator's Valor Award. The medal and ribbon were presented by MG William J. Maddox, (right), Director of Army Aviation, on behalf of Manhattan County's Aviators Post #743, and commended CPT Landon for his actions during a combat operation with the 101st Avn Bn in South Vietnam. (USA photo)

AAAA's "Reserve Component Aviation Unit of the Year Award" in 1972, participated with other AZ units in "Operation Mud-Lift."

#### Adverse economic impact

The Helicopter Association of America (HAA) has indicated that a portion of the commercial rotary wing industry is experiencing adverse economic impacts due to the use of military helicopters in performing services for non-DOD traffic,

### ARNG Director urges all to compete for AAAA's Aviator, Soldier awards

By LTC CHARLES R. JONES Chief, Army Aviation Branch National Guard Bureau

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services which could be provided by commercial operators. In a 25 April message, DA emphasized the four criteria under which DOD resources may be used to move non-defense traffic. The message directs that Active Forces, Reserves, and National Guard not perform missions outside the established criteria, and in those cases where prior approval is required, not to indicate capability until approval for the mission has been received from higher authority.

#### A new Reserve Center

A "move in" date has not been established, but plans for reserve aviation forces occupying and operating Los Alamitos NAS are in the final stages. California-ARNG will have an Army Aviation Support Facility on the base, and will probably be responsible for operating the flight line.

The flight line services, which may yet be furnished by the Navy, include the control tower (16 hours a day) fire fighting, base operations, and refueling. Service contracts are being considered for some of the flight line requirements with ARNG technicians taking up the task if a service contract is not feasible.

#### Mohawk ATT

The Georgia-ARNG 159th Aviation Company (OV-1 "Mohawk") recently completed its ATT while supporting the Active Army Exercise "Exotic Dancer". Evaluators and supported elements gave the unit highest praise for the excellent job they did,

In a letter to the Adjutant General, Georgia, LTG J. H. Hay, Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps said "...the professionalism, initiative, and esprit de corps demonstrated by personnel of your unit is evidence of the high standards of training you maintain and the high degree of effectiveness your unit has achieved."

#### AAAA SCHOLARSHIP IS ESTABLISHED TO HONOR RANDOLPH KAHL-WINTER

The friends and relatives of Major Randolf Kahl-Winter (Ret.), have established a memorial scholarship in his name, and have requested that donations be sent directly to the AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 1 Crestwood Road, Westport CT 06880. On February 13, 1973, "Randy" died as a result of an aircraft accident at Ft. Belvoir, VA. He was commissioned in October 1953, and received his wings at San Marcus, TX in September 1955. He was designated a Senior Army Aviator in September 1962, with over 6,200 hours of flight time. He retired from the Army in December 1966.



SEOUL — Supporting UNC/U.S. Forces Korea/8th U.S. Army is the 52d Aviation Battalion whose three aviation companies are scattered throughout the northern third of the Republic of Korea. Commanded by LTC Joseph E. Campbell, Jr., the 52d is "possibly the most unique, largest separate aviation battalion in the world" utilizing UH-1, OH-58, OV-1, U-21, and Cobra assets. The 52d was deployed to the Korean peninsula during 1972.

#### THE IN BOX/ Continued from Page 21

Dear Editor:

I believe that Army Aviation needs a suitable attack helicopter. However, I also feel that we shouldn't operate such an aircraft until we have thoroughly trained personnel who can maintain the aircraft in a professional manner.

As of now, the lack of professional attitude, training, and reward has robbed Army Aviation of its potential to far exceed what is considered adequate. While I don't feel that the personnel are at fault, the Army, as a whole, has taken away their professionalism by not utilizing them properly.

Good examples: a school-trained avionics technician sits behind a typewriter; an experienced crewchief learns the fundamentals of driving a truck in support of an artillery battalion on a field problem. The list could go on and on.

The solution to this problem is to evaluate these personnel and reassign them to slots in which their job skills can best be employed. While the period of adjustment might take some time, I'm sure the end result will justify the action.

Aviators are required to take checkrides and pass written exams. Aside from "Pro Pay" qualification, aviation maintenance personnel are not affected in any way by such tests. Isn't it to the Army's advantage to have these same personnel attend a two-week refresher course annually on improved procedures and equipment?

Well trained personnel serving in their job MOS's breed professionalism.

WO1 Daniel J. Wright Fort Knox, Kentucky

### **The Personal Side**

#### BIRTHS

CAMPBELL — Tyler Hughes was born to CPT and Mrs. Charles O. Campbell, Ft. Wolters, TX, on 9 April.

CAVERLY — Cynthia Beth was born to 2LT Robert A. and Judith Ann Caverly, Ft. Eustis, Va., on

21 April.

EFFNOR — Chad John was born to CPT Samuel J. and Marilyn Effnor, Ft. Eustis, Va., on 10 April. SCHALL — Susan Elizabeth (7 lb, 14 oz) was born to 1LT Bruce L. and Susanne Schall, Lehighton

PA, on 12 April.

TAM — Sherianne Paulani was born to 1LT and Mrs. Gilbert K. Tam, Ft. Wolters TX, on 24 March.

#### BROKEN WING AWARD

HUBBBLE — WO1 Hartwell H. Hubble, Jr., Ft. Benning GA for an in-flight emergency that occurred while he was in an OH-58A student at Ft. Wolters TX.

ZETELSKI — Alan J. Zetelski, Ft. Bragg, NC, for an in-flight WO1 emergency that occurred while he was a student at Ft. Rucker AL.

#### **DEGREES**

HENGEN — MAJ Orville J. Hengen, Jr., BS in Aeronautical Engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 21 April.



SIMPLICITY — "Instant aircraft hangars" will be designed, tested, and built for the USAF under a \$2.8 million contract by Goodyear Aerospace Corporation. Some 92 lightweight sandwich panels supported by double hinged "I" beams will form the 76' wide, 130' long and 26' high air transportable structures. The 18-ton hangar can be packaged in four 8 x 8 x 9.5 containers for loading aboard a C-130 aircraft.

BISHOP — CW3 John A. Bishop, BS in Aviation Management (Magna Cum Laude), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

FEUTZ — CW4 Lester Feutz, BS in Aeronautical Science (Summa Cum Laude), Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University.

BENNETT — CPT James Bennett, Jr., BS in Aviation Management, (Cum Laude), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

#### DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

BRAUN — WO1 Matthew A. Braun, WORWAC class graduating USAAVNC, 17 April.

BUTLER — Richard A. Butler, AMOC Phase 1, Class 8-73, USATSCH, 12 April.

CARROLL — SP6 Alex Carroll, Maintenance Management Course 73-6, USAAVNC, 20 March.

DICKENS — CPT William P. Dickens, DG of OF-WAC class, USAAVNC, 3 April.

FOX — 2LT Timothy J. Fox, ORWAC 73-28, USA-PHS, 19 April.

HAWLEY — 1LT Michael A. Hawley, DG of OF-WAC class, USAAVNC, 18 April.

KELLER — WOC Dennis P. Keller, WORWAC 73-27, USAPHS, 19 April.

LEE — WOC Charles D. Lee, WORWAC 73-25, USAPHS, 11 April.

MEACHAM — SP5 William L. Meacham, Air Traffic Controllers Basic Course, Class 73-3, USAAVNC, 6 April.

THORLAKSON — CPT Robert E. Thorlakson, OR-WAC 73-26, USAPHS, 11 April.

TORMO — WO1 Kenneth J. Tormo, DG of WOR-WAC class, USAAVNC, 3 April.

#### MARRIAGES

ROSE-STEELE, CWO Joseph Rose, III was married to Donna Steele, at the Valley Forge General Hospital on March 12. A returned POW, Rose was captured Feb. 8, 1968 when his helicopter crashed en route to Danang.

#### **OBITUARIES**

KARSTENS — CPT Thomas Karstens; HH Btry, 2d Bn, 17th FA, 2d Inf Div; died on 22 February of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash in Korea.

NOSKY — WO1 Joseph Nosky died in a helicopter crash on 24 April at Ft. Hood, Texas.

SHONK — WO1 William Shonk died in a helicopter crash on 24 April at Ft. Hood, Texas.

STITZEL — CPT Victor Stitzel; HH Btry, 2d Bn, 17th FA, 2d Inf Div; died on 22 February of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash in Korea.

#### AAAA AWARDS AT USAPHS

BOYD — WOC Christopher Boyd, Academic Achievement Award.

CRAIG — 2LT Walter J. Craig, Jr., Academic Achievement Award.

FOX — 2LT Timothy J. Fox, Flight Achievement Award.
GORDON — WOC Wesley K. Gordon, Flight Achievement Award.

KELLER — WOC Dennis P. Keller, Academic Achievement Award.

LAMBERT — WOC Roy H. Lambert, Flight Achievement Award.

LEE — WOC Charles D. Lee, Military Achievement Award.

MAUL — 2LT Gregory A. Maul, USAF, Academic Achievement Award.

O'BERRY — WOC Richard V. O'Berry, Jr., Military Achievement Award.

THORLAKSON — CPT Robert E. Thorlakson, Flight Achievement Award.

#### MEDALS

CRANFORD — COL Jack Cranford, Legion of Merit (first Oak Leak Cluster), on 2 April retirement.

DINKLE — CW4 Louis A. Dinkle, Meritorious Service Medal, 3 May.

DORMUTH — 1LT James M. Dormuth, Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 May.

FICKLE — MAJ Thomas H. Fickle, Meritorious Service Medal, 3 May.

HANNUM — LTC Alden G. Hannum, Meritorious Service Medal, 15 March.

#### MASTER ARMY AVIATOR RATING

COLLINS — CW4 Richard F. Collins, Ft. Rucker AL.
DAVIS — CW4 Charles O. Davis, Ft. Rucker AL.
DUNAGAN — LTC C. M. Dunagan, Ft. Eustis VA.
GWINNER — LTC Maurice D. Gwinner, Ft. Stewart GA.
PEARLMAN — LTC James T. Pearlman, Ft. Sam Houston TX.

WILLIAMS - LTC Howard M. Williams, Ft. Rucker AL.



MASTER AA — LTC James T. Pearlman, is presented his Master Army Aviator Badge from MG James C. Smith, CDR, CENA, Ft. Sheridan, III. at 2 May ceremonies held at Ft. Sheridan IL. while his wife, Penny, looks on. Colonel Pearlman serves in ODCSO&I, Hq. Fifth Army.

#### PROMOTION

Recommended list for temporary promotion to Colonel Army Circular, dated 1 May 1973

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#### CORRECTION

In the December, 1972 issue of "Army Aviation," an item on the forthcoming October, 1973 AAAA National Convention in Washington, D.C., mentioned that "Attendance will be by invitation and will be limited . ." The item then went on to list certain categories of AAAA officers, awardees, etc. — all of whom would receive a special invitation — but did not mention that attendance would be limited in but one category, members.

#### SUBMISSIONS

"Army Aviation" readers are encouraged to submit personal items for publication. They should be directed to the attention of the magazine at 1 Crestwood Road, Westport CT 06880, and mailed no later than the fifth of any given month for publication in the subsequent issue of the magazine. We'd appreciate it if you would mark "Personals" in the envelope's lower left corner.

### **Opinion**

IT appears as of this writing (May 21) that the services' bill to postpone the May 31 grounding of certain senior aviators and to set up a new system of flight pay is out of the Pentagon and on the way to Congress.

What with a full calendar, it is highly unlikely that sufficiently quick action will be taken by Capitol Hill on this proposal to avert the May 31

groundings.

Earlier this year, the editor took it upon his own to contact some 800 senior aviators and to provide each with basic facts on this issue which the recipient could paraphrase in writing to key Congressmen. The mailing included a list of the names and addresses of all members of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of both houses.

In addition, we wrote directly to the members of these Committees, asking each to reconsider Section 715 of the 1973 Appropriations Act. We enclosed a copy of our February, 1973 issue in which BG "Bill" Maddox and several other senior aviators discussed the issue in detail.

#### Not an AAAA task

You might ask, "Why doesn't the AAAA participate in this action?" For the record, the AAAA is a non-profit organization that is prohibited from participating in lobbying activity; whereas this magazine is a privately-owned, profit-making corporation that is completely free to act in this area ... and has!

While the grounding seems imminent, it still behooves all senior aviators to write to the appropriate Committee Chairman or member, and call for that Legislator's support of their position. The possibility exists that Congress may alter the situation after reviewing the new DOD proposal, and letters can help.

We'd like you to know that we do not support this new pay proposal, and will not take any future actions, either personal or editorial, to encourage its adoption. Unlike the initial proposal which called 1972-1973 AWARD

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for flight pay equalization between officers and Aviation Warrant Officers, the new DOD proposal scuttles equalization and perpetuates separate flight pay tables. In the vernacular of the young, it's a copout. . . . The Army obviously deferred to the Air Force and Navy.

The new pay proposal is also contrary to the position of the AAAA which has supported equalization in Resolutions sent to DA/DOD in Dec., 1969, and again in Nov., 1971. It's contrary to the official Army view, as expressed in a Dec. 10, 1971 response to the AAAA President by Secretary of the Army Robert F. Froehlike: "Department of the Army has taken a firm position in support of flight pay equity for all aviators." (Full text is in Dec., 1971 "Army Aviation.")

#### One word description: Unfairness

There is a basic unfairness in the dual pay system, which is apparent to each of us and which has been hashed over in print ad nauseum. We know that we came through Vietnam on the backs of our AWOs. Their logbooks, wounds, and medals, not to mention their deceased contemporaries, tell us a message we apparently no longer hear.

Somehow or other, we feel that DA must come up with the dollars to bring about equalization. It should eliminate a few frills to end this inequity . . . like training women helicopter pilots, for openers.

Some people still haven't gotten the message. We have the pilots. The problem is that they are not equally paid.

ARTHUR H. KESTEN

# There's a basic unfairness in the dual flight pay system



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