

ON May 17, 2018, Phil Tinkle of San Diego, California, was driving through Vernal. He saw the Cobra Helicopter on the Courthouse lawn. He was intrigued with the helicopter because of the Sharks Teeth painted on it. He found us in the History Center and started with questions:

- Where did it come from?
- How did it get here?
- Was someone from here in the 174<sup>th</sup> A.H.C. (Assault Helicopter Corp.)?

We looked up the Military Folder 0767 which gave information as:

- Kenneth Campbell contacted Duane Hall upon finding that this helicopter was going to surplus. Duane then made arrangement to go to Arizona and get the helicopter. When they got back to Vernal, it sat on Vernal's Main Street overnight and then was taken to R.W. Jones where it was cleaned up and painted. At this time it is supposed that is when the SHARK TEETH were painted on. We do not know of anyone from Vernal who flew or was in the 174<sup>th</sup> A.H.C unit.
- We are sure that this helicopter flew in Viet Nam and Deseret Storm.
- The local people contacted about this were:  
Hollis Haws, Merlene Hall, Hal Hatch, Keith Campbell and Bill Kremin. Ryan Jones is being contacted and will talk with his father to see if he remembers anything about the cleaning and painting of the helicopter.



# 174th Assault Helicopter Company

1966 - Vietnam - 1971

## Dolphins and Sharks



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## Sharks Teeth and the WWII Flying Tigers

The 174th AHC SHARKS, flying UH-1C and UH-1M Huey gunships from 1966-1971, arrived in Vietnam with the fronts of their Hueys painted the factory subdued olive green and black.



The only distinguishing marks were the white "triangular fin" painted on the vertical stabilizer at the end of the tail boom and (on some) the numerals "174" on both pilot's doors. Early in 1966, the unit officially asked for and received permission from the famous Flying Tigers of WWII to adapt their P-40 Warhawk's sharks-mouth paint scheme to the Shark's helicopters.

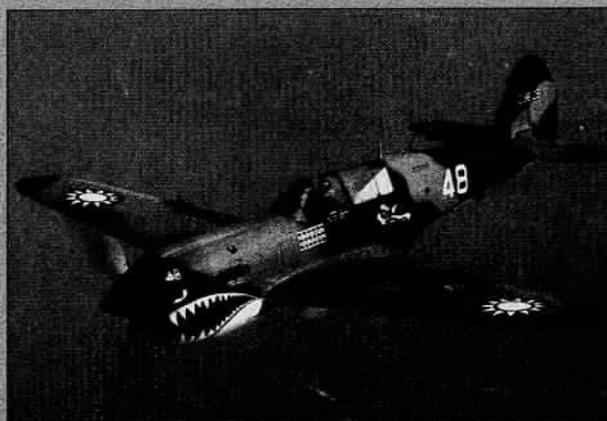
Permission was received in June 1966, and every Shark from

then until the unit stood down at the end of 1971 proudly bared those famous teeth into combat. While numerous USAF jets and some AH-1G Cobra helicopters used the shark's mouth in Vietnam, the 174th Sharks were the only UH-1 Huey gunships in the entire war to sport the shark's teeth, and the only unit to get "official permission" from the Flying Tigers to do so.

This first picture above is of Shark #140. It later received an in-country modification and was armed with a 40mm grenade launcher in a turret on the nose. The flexible sight for the turret was operated by the pilot in the left seat, and it fired approximately 240

grenades per minute (about four per second). This aircraft also is armed with 38 2.75-inch Folding Fin Aerial Rockets (FFAR) that were fixed to "bomb racks" at the mid-point (center of gravity) on each side of the helicopter in two 19-shot rocket pods. They were fired by the pilot in the right seat. For firing the rockets, the pilot had to "point" the aircraft at the target, much as WWII fighter pilots had to do with fixed machine guns in the wings or in the noses of their fixed-wing fighters. This second photo is of Shark #137 showing the 40mm on the nose.

Following that picture is a copy of the letter of permission received by the 174th Operations Officer from General Robert Scott in 1966. (First photo by Fred Thompson, 1970. Second photo by J.C. Pennington, 1969.)



June 28, 1966

Major Dick Overhamm, USA  
174th Aviation Company (Airmobile) (Light)  
14th Aviation Battalion  
APO US Forces 96238

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## 174th AHC Association Membership

Should you be a veteran of the 174th AHC (or associated units) and are interested in joining this remarkable group of BROTHERS by becoming a member of the Association, click **HERE** for a printable form of the membership application. The dues are only \$15 per year (that's only two or three cool ones at your local pub, guys).

The list below includes all dues-current members as well as former members whose dues are delinquent. Technically, without renewing and submitting your dues, the delinquent accounts are no longer members. Those delinquent members are notated below by a double-asterisk (\*\*) after their names, as a reminder that they need to renew. When a member passes away, he will be removed from this membership list and added to the DAT (Died After Tour) list **HERE**.

Please forward any corrections or questions to Charlie Doherty, your Association's Secretary/Treasurer, by clicking **HERE**. If you have recently renewed and you're still shown as delinquent, drop Jim an e-mail and he'll have me update your listing. We try to keep it current, but there could be a time delay in updating the status.

As of June 2017

Abbe, Johnny R.	Hackett, Bob	Petty, Thomas H.
Ackerman, Michael **	Hall, Mike	Phillips, Michael
Anderson, Millard	Hall, Robert S.	Pitts, John O.
Armstrong, Dan	Hamburg, Mel	Plunkett, Robert **
Aron, Bill **	Hardy, James E. **	Pooser, Jim
Auman, Thomas **	Harp, James H. **	Putnam, Wm. "Randy" **
Bailey, John C. **	Harvey, James	Radcliff, Chuck
Balboa, Hector	Hazen, Laurence	Ramey, John
Banek, Mike	Haugen, Dave	Ratcliffe, Stephen
Barnes, Gary	Herwig, Dennis W.	Rathbone, Larry
Barton, Larry	Heuer, Marty	Reaves, Carey "Yogi"
Basler, Michael	Hill, Ronald	Reinshagen, Thomas
Beasley, Louie R.	Hipp, Jim	Rich, Jim
Beeker, Emmet **	Hird, George **	Richardson, Don
Bellizzi, Ralph **	Hodges, Christopher **	Riddle, Rex
Bennett, Darrell	Hodgson, G. Mark	Riggs, Randy
Bensch Jr, Kurt	Holmes, Bennie **	Rios, David
Bergmann, Walt	Hood, Ronald	Rodery, Tom **
Berry, George	Houck, Mitchell	Rogers, Stan **
Bither, Rodney	Hubbard, Irving	Rohlfs, Lee **
Bolan, Jack	Huddy, Rexford	Roths, P.J.
Bovre, Michael	Huizenga, Paul	Russell, Henry A.
Brandt, Joseph	Hutson, Richard S.	Samuelson, Mark Paul
Brant, Henry **	Ingram, Earl	Saunders, Ted
Brink, Randall	Jackson, Paul E.	Scheri, Al
Brito, Andy	Jansen, Robert W.	Seese, David **
Brockway, Matt	Jarrell, Randy **	Seiple (Sr.), Robert **
Brown, Steve	Johnson, Ken	Shedd, Jim **
Brown, William	Jones, Herman "Red"	Shoe, Robert
Brull, David	Jones, Richard	Simmons, Chas
Buckley, Geoff	Jones, Robert	Simons, Lonnie **
Bullen, John **	Kamai, Larry **	Simpson, Harrold
Burch, Thomas	Kasarda, Andy	Sloniker, Mike **
Burnam, Daniel E.	Kauffman, Len	Smith, Derald
Burton, Michael **	Keenan, Brian	Smither, Edward T. **
Burton, Danny	Keene, Thomas **	Spratt, Dale
Calloway, Roderick **	Kelly, Thad **	Steiniger, Michael
Campbell, James William	Kennedy, Ben W. **	Stepp, Clifford **
Campbell, Larry **	Kennedy, Steve	Stern, Clifford
Caponetto, Tom	King, Larry	Stewart, Ed
Carlson, Fred	Klaisner, Jim **	Stoddard, John

Casillas, Tony	Klindt, Mark	Stone, Richard **
Chipley, Robert	Knight, Wayne **	Taggart, Tom
Christopher, Richard **	Koster, Hal	Taylor, Fred
Cichowski, Richard	Koveleskie, Robert G.	Taylor, Spencer
Clark, David	Kramer, Don	Teague, Gene
Clark, Wayne **	Kunelius, Paul	Tecca, Terry
Clement, Ross	Laird, Curtis	Thomas, Bob
Coakley, Stanton	Larsen, Eugene **	Townsend, Martin
Cochuyt, John P. **	Lay, Russel	Travis, Harding
Coffman, Jerry **	Leutik, Peter	Uhlich, Charles
Coffman, Zhinga Wayne	Lewis, Mark	Vallee, Armand R.
Conner, Ron	Lind, Dean	Vanderveer, Clifton
Constance, Eric **	Lindsey Jr, David C.	VanFosson, Ron **
Cooney, James **	Loken, Bill **	Vann, Bud
Cooper, Harry W.	Lovett, H. Wayne	Varner, Neal **
Cooper, William	Luff, Phil	Wall, John W.
Dana, Tom	Lutgring, Mel	Wallace, Ron
Daneau, Phil	Luther, Chick	Walzer, Bill
Davis, Sam	Malkowski, Sam "Ed" **	Watkins, James
Doers, Doug	Marshall, Bruce	Watson, Joe
Doersam, Russell **	Marshall, Frank	Whitcomb, Mark
Doherty, Charles	Martin, Larry K.	Wifholm, Hank
Donahue, John	Martos, Ronald	Williams, Bill "Cuz"
Dorne, John	McCabe, Denis **	Wilson, Leslie **
Dotterer, Jack	McCormick, Dennis	Winans, William
Duncan, Patrick	McCurry, William	Wise, Dwight
Dunham, Ken	McDaniel, Jim	Wood, Billy
Dziadul, Steve **	McKee, Ed	Wylie, Dale
Edmonds Delbert(Wayne)	McLeod, Larry	Yocum, Jim
Elliott, Butch	McNown, Chuck **	Young, James
Ellis, Dennis	Medeiros, Wayne J.	Young, John
Fairchild, Lee	Merten, Patrick	Yowell, P.T. (Perry)
Farley, Ted	Messinger, Jim	Zavales, Jeff
Fielding, Robert	Mills, Morgan H.	Zimmerman, Gerald E.
Finefrock, James	Miranda, Gene **	Zimmerman, Marcus **
Fisher, Dennis	Modjeski, Howard "Mo"	Zobel, Tom
Fisher, Mark	Moore, John **	
Flynn, John "Jack"	Morris, Jeffrey	
Frank, Dennis A.	Murphy, William	
Gahley, Paul E.	Murray, Gerald	
Gallison, Frank E.	Muthersbaugh, Carl	
Gamber, Bob	Nelson, Rick **	
Gambone, Edward **	Newcomer, Ron **	
Garber, Stephen W.	Nichols, J.M.	
Garbow, Chris	Nobles, Ronald	
Gauby, Tom	Nunn, Wally	
Gibson, Glen **	Olson, Jonathan	
Godbold, Randy	O'Malley, Peter E.	
Gomes, Abe	Packer, Clyde	
Goodin, Jeff **	Parker, Dale	
Graham, Jimmy **	Parris, Kenneth	
Gregore, Rick **	Peters, Ken **	
Grogan, Kenneth **	Peterson, Gaylen K.	

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## 174th Died After Tour

Below is probably the most incomplete list I have on this website. Hopefully it is not the most inaccurate. We are attempting to identify all those 174th veterans who have passed away since their tour in the 174th. I realize this list will never be complete. When we know the date of death, that is listed below the name. If not an exact date, I list what we do know. For some, we have no information other than that the person has passed away.

The below list is alphabetical. Please let me know if you see any errors, or know of dates I do not have listed, or know of someone who is not on this list who should be. I will add names as I learn them.

I have also listed the cause of death when it is known. If you know a cause of death for someone that is listed but not shown, please let me know and I will add that information.

Thanks to Mel Lutgring and Bernie Cobb (RIP) for all of their hard work in researching and developing this list, and to Mel and the current 174th Association officers for helping keep it up to date. ~Jim McD>

Below is the 174th AHC "Flag of Honor," conceived, constructed, and updated by Mel Lutgring to honor those 174th vets killed in Vietnam and those who have died after their tour. Those names in black were killed in Vietnam. Those names in white have died after their tour. The white list is growing much too quickly.



ALEXANDER, PRINCE O. 18 February 1984 (Aircraft Accident)	HARD, MICHAEL J. 8 November 2002	QUINTERO, CARLOS E. 12 August 2009 (Lung Cancer)
ALVORD, HAROLD "HAL" 30 September 2017	HEALY, TIMOTHY 5 July 2010	RAWLINGS, JAMES R. 10 March 2014
ANDREWS, CLARENCE June 2005	HESTER, JACK E. 26 July 1999	REINHOLD, FRANK M. 14 April 2004
APGAR, JOHN M. 8 March 2008 (Age 75)	HOOTEN, WILLIAM T. 22 November 2013	RICE, KENNETH L. 11 DECEMBER 2005
ARNOLD, THOMAS 19 June 2000	HOUSTON, GALE E. (No date)	RIDDLE (No Date)
ASKINS, LYNN D. 27 August 1998	HURST, REX D. 8 March 2006	RITZSCHKE, CHARLES (RAY) 6 April 2010 (Lukemia)
BAER, RUSSEL (No date)	INGRAM, 30 April 2000	ROACH, VERNON 15 October 1987
BAKER, RICHARD DEAN (DICK) August 2011	IVES, CARL R. 23 June 1989	ROSENTHAL, DAVID A. 16 March 2007
BANKE, JOHN R. Date not known	JEFFERIS, EDWARD (JEFF) 18 August 2009	ROTHS, PATRICK "PJ" 29 September 2016 (Liver Cancer)
BARNES, BRENT 27 May 2014 (Septic Pancreatitis)	JOHANNESON, BERT B. 16 December 2004	RUSSELL, HENRY A. 27 February 2016 (Colon Cancer)
BELL, JOE K. 1990s	JOHNSON, CHARLES M. 25 August 2013 (Prostate Cancer)	SALINAS, RUMALDO 9 June 2015
BERGMANN, WALTER M. 4 February 2017 (Cancer)	JOHNSON, KENNETH W. 19 January 2017 (Stroke)	SARNECKI, ALOYSIUS P. 26 December 2007
BISCHDORF, CHARLES F. 5 July 2013	JOHNSTON, JEFFERY M. June 2008	SCHULTZ, MARVIN 8 November 2010
BITHER, RODNEY D. 24 December 2015	JOLLY, BEE 10 October 2016	SCHUMACHER, DAVID 13 December 2015 (Heart Attach / COPD)
BLACKBURN, FREDRICK G. 30 October 2013	JONES, ROBERT (BOB) 17 May 2017 Heart Failure	SCHUMACHER, REX 14 January 2011 (Pancreatic Cancer)
BLEVINS, VIRGIL (No Date)	KANGAS, RAYMOND J. 19 December 2006	SCHWALBE, DANA 20 April 2008
BOND, JOHN W. 25 February 2009 (Automobile Accident)	KAZAITIS, FRANK 13 Oct 2003 (Heart Attack)	SEGER, WALTER L. (No Date)
BOSWELL, GEORGE W. (No Date)	KILLEN, KEITH K. 1 January 2010 (Heart Attack)	SHELBY, LEROY 1 January 2015 (Heart Attack)
BRETHERTON, WILLIAM (BILL) 24 July 2010 (Cancer)	KINDALL, EMIL J. 24 November 2009	SHEREDA, DAVID P. 1 August 2001
	KING, FLOYD 12 February 2007	

BRICKER, RICHARD (RICK) 25 December 2006	KINNE, JAMES (Jim) 19 April 2012 (Head, Neck, and Throat Cancer)	SHIFFLET, DANIEL E. 28 April 2007
BRION, KERMIT A. 16 November 1993 (Brain Tumor)	KLAISNER, JAMES E. 11 October 2017 (Cancer)	SIMMONS, JERRY A. 17 January 2014
CAMPBELL, JIM "SOUPY" 2 August 2016 (Cancer)	KLOTZ, JOHN 5 August 2003	SIMONS, LONNIE 20 October 2014 (Esophageal Cancer)
CARRIGER, HAL E. 9 September 2005	KNOWLES, MARION T. May 2008	SKELLY, JAMES R. April 2015
CAVIN, MICHAEL April 1975	LANGER, EDWARD 1 December 1971	SMALLEY, DAVID B. 1992 or 1993
CAYTON, GRANT R. 7 August 2013 (Cancer)	LANGFORD, THOMAS "DOC" 9 May 2016 (Cancer of the Pancreas)	SMITH, GREGORY J. 29 July 2003 (Heart Attack)
COBB, BERNARD R. (BERNIE) 24 February 2010 (Throat Cancer)	LARKIN, THOMAS W. 19 March 2014	SMITH, WARREN A. 1 September 1992
COLLINS, ROBERT W. 23 November 2007	LEGENER, RICHARD G. 26 September 2004	SOMERVILLE, GEORGE D. 4 January 1995
CONKLIN, WILLIAM (BILL) 27 June 2014 (Cardiac Arrest)	LEMMON, ROBERT 27 November 2008	SOUDERS, JIM L. 4 August 2016 (Injuries from Auto Accident)
CONNIN, DONALD L. 4 December 2008	LEPKE, RICHARD (DICK) 22 January 2013 (Cancer)	SOURS, SAMUEL L. 4 June 2010
COX, DARRELL D. July 1972 (Motorcycle Accident)	LESSOR, DENNIS (DEDI) 14 November 2009 (Bladder Cancer)	STEIN, DAVID 13 October 1980 (PTSD)
CRISPIN, GERALD G. 4 July 2008	LEVINE, GARY 15 October 2000	STORY, JAMES M. 13 June 2006
CURTIN, ROBERT F. (No date)	LIGHTNER, MARK 2003	STREETER, DANIEL L. 9 November 2013 (Colon Cancer)
DALRYMPLE, WILLIAM C. Former Company Commander 2003 (Pulmonary Fibrosis)	LOBAN, GARY G. 17 July 1997	STUART, ROBERT M. 5 July 2006
DAVISON, DANNY J. 13 October 2008	LUMLEY, JOSEPH December 1999	STUART, THEODORE M. 7 May 2002
DELNERO, STEVE (No date)	MAHER, C.G. "BUD" 30 August 2013	SWEITZER, JERRY R. 19 August 2009
DOANE, ROBERT (No date)	MARKLE, GARY 28 September 1996	TATE, MELVIN D. 27 November 2003
DODGE, RICHARD L.	MAYSE, CONNIE BURTON, Jr. 17 August 1980 (Kidney Disease)	TEAGUE, GENE 14 February 2018 (Esophageal Cancer)
		TENBRINK, MICHAEL 9 December 2008

"RICK" 18 October 2017	McCLOUD, DAVID R., Sr. 14 November 2010	THOMAS, CHARLES C. 22 November 1967
DORCH, DENNIS 1978 (Traffic Accident)	McCRARY, LANNY L. 4 June 2005 (Throat Cancer)	THOMPSON, FREDERICK 8 November 2002 (Lung Cancer)
DUDIAK (No date)	McEACHRON, DAVID R. 4 November 2003	TRAVIS, GEORGE J. 22 November 1967 (Auto Accident)
DUNNING, WILLIAM 13 June 2013 (Lung Cancer)	McNATT, ORVILLE WAYNE "SCAT" 28 February 2012	TURLEY, RUSSELL L. 15 August 1996
FALLON, JAMES 16 January 1990	McNEILL, JAMES "EDDIE" 18 December 2013	VICKERS, JOHN T. 24 October 1999
FARGIER, DAVID F. 4 December 1992 (Forklift Accident)	MERCADO, SIERRA December 1991	WADE, PATRICK L. 12 April 2004
FIFE, WILLIAM STANLEY 19 February 1993 Helicopter Crash in Alaska	MEULEMANS, VINCENT J. 26 August 1985	WATTERS, KEITH J. 23 July 2007
FREEOUF, JOHN L. 31 October 1998	MILLER, CHARLES K. 9 November 2008	WAUGH, DELBERT 18 October 2008
FRISBY, DEXTER 12 July 2004	MILLER, ART (BUTCH) 14 July 2016 (Colon Cancer)	WEBSTER, GEORGE L. 23 May 2016 (Lung Cancer)
FYKSEN, DENNIS 10 June 2005	MILLUS, ROBERT (BOB) 23 August 1993 (Automobile Accident)	WEDDEN, RICHARD J. 13 August 2005
GARZA, ALBERT 1 January 2015 (Kidney Failure)	MIRANDA, GENE 15 November 1017	WELLOCK, JOHN P. 2 July 2008
GEBAUER, RICHARD 13 February 1997	MITCHELL, PATRICK J. 16 December 2003	WESTLAKE, EARLE J. 21 October 1998
GISCHEL, RONALD A. 21 June 1993 (Heart Attack)	MOROSKY, CHARLES L. 13 June 2000	WHEAT, THOMAS W. 14 September 1970 (Aircraft accident)
GOFF, LLOYD E. (JR.) 24 January 2011 (Cancer)	MORTENSEN, CHARLES R. 6 August 2002	YATES, LEONARD M. "HOWDY" 21 January 2016 (Lung Cancer)
GROOMS, STEVEN D. May 1981	NEUBAUER, WOHLRAD (III) 17 January 2012	YOUNG, KEITH A. 18 December 2014
GUNNELS, MIKE WADE 11 May 2014 (Brain Cancer - Melanoma)	NEWTH, JEFF 17 September 1987 (Heart Attack)	ZEH, ROBERT A. 7 July 1971
HANSEN, WILFORD 7 May 2007	O'DONNELL, ROBERT V. 13 April 2014 (Brain Cancer)	ZELENIAK, ALEX 25 December 2006
	O'SULLIVAN, JOHN I. 2 September 2013	
	OVERHAMM, DIRICK C. (DICK) 12 November 2010 (Accidental fall from roof)	

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PETERSON, DONALD A.  
19 July 1993

POLLING, ALBERT E.  
9 January 2004

PRESTON, JAMES A.  
9 July 2008  
(Cancer)