



The cover photos and history section of the 2021 VHPA Membership Directory will feature the 161st Assault Helicopter Company that used the PELICAN (slicks) and SCORPIONS (gunships) radio call sign in Vietnam from December 1965 until January 1968. The 161st AHC was subsequently reorganized into the 123rd Aviation Battalion of the Americal Division.

The 161st AHC historical manuscript is near completion and contains hundreds of pages of after-actions notes and first-person stories and dozens of photo images.

“The author and his colleagues have written a great book that has some of the best helicopter war stories I have read! It is one of the best accounts of how men respond to combat. He has an instinctive talent for illuminating combat action so the reader feels he is present for the action.

He was able to blend his colleagues’ war stories with a detailed historical account of his unit’s actions in Vietnam. The author is to be congratulated on a superb historical work and I give it an unequivocal thumbs up.” --- Chester Wayne “Chuck” Carlock

The 2021 Directory material will be finalized by 15 August 2021. Questions or comments about getting a history published in future VHPA Directories can be directed to Gary Roush or Mike Law at 830-730-0950 or calendar@vhpa.org.