

# SQUADRON HISTORY

Originally commissioned as Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron (light)-364 (HMR(L)-364) on 1 September 1961 at MCAF, Santa Ana, California, as part of Marine Aircraft Group 36 (MAG-36).

On 1 February 1962, the designation of the squadron was changed to its present title. The squadron operated in a limited status until early February 1962, at which time it was selected to deploy late in the spring.

On 17 April 1962, the entire squadron departed for San Diego to board the USS Iwo Jima, and on the following day the squadron left for the mid-Pacific.

In December of 1963, the squadron arrived at MCAF, Futema, Okinawa. The squadron remained there only six weeks before departing for South Vietnam. From February until June of 1964 they flew out of Danang Airfield in support of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN).

In July 1964, HMM-364 deployed aboard the USS Valley Forge and operated with the 7th Fleet for three months before returning to Okinawa.

The squadron returned to MAG-36, MCAF, Santa Ana, from Okinawa, in early December 1964.

HMM-364 arrived in South Vietnam on 31 August 1965, near Chu Lai. HMM-364 was transferred on 31 March 1967, and placed under MAG-56, 3rd MAW, MCAF, Santa Ana, California.

HMM-364 received the first of its new aircraft, the CH-46A on 8 May 1967.

Flight operations commenced on the 25th of May with the squadron's primary mission of training its pilots in the new "Sea Knight". Training of the squadron pilots continued throughout June.

July through October, 1967, HMM-364 continued to fly training and evaluation hops in preparation for overseas deployment.

On 28 October the main body departed California and, upon arrival at Phu Bai airfield, Republic of Vietnam, on 1 November 1967, was attached to Marine Aircraft Group 36. The rear echelon with the squadron's CH-46D Helicopters embarked on 10 November at Long Beach, California, on board USS Valley Forge, and arrived at Phu Bai on 23 November.

Throughout most of the remainder of 1968, the squadron continued to support combat operations in the Phu Bai area. On 10 December HMM-364 relocated to Marble Mountain Air Facility, Danang and was reassigned to Marine Aircraft Group 16.

During the period September 1969 through February 1970, HMM-364 continued to operate from Marble Mountain Air Facility conducting operations in I Corps in support of III Marine Amphibious Force.

HMM-364 continued to operate from Marble Mountain Air Facility in support of the 5th Marines and 1st Marines. In addition the squadron flew in support of ROK Marine Corps and ARVN forces.

Operations continued up to 21 February 1971 at which point the squadron began an operational stand down. Effective 22 March 1971 the squadron folded the colors and HMM-364 was officially decommissioned.

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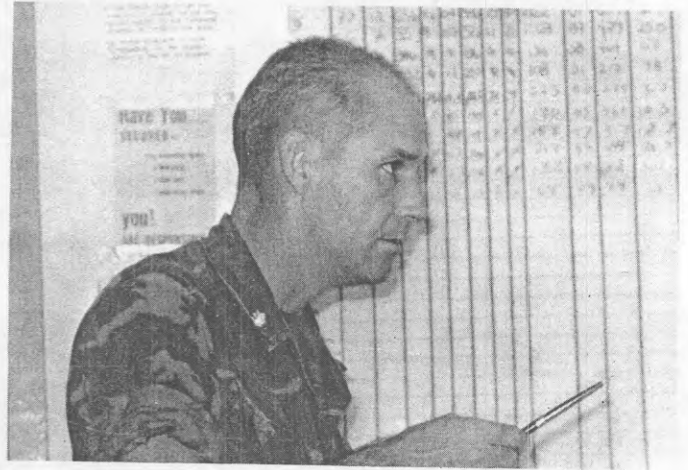
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# THE HEAVIES



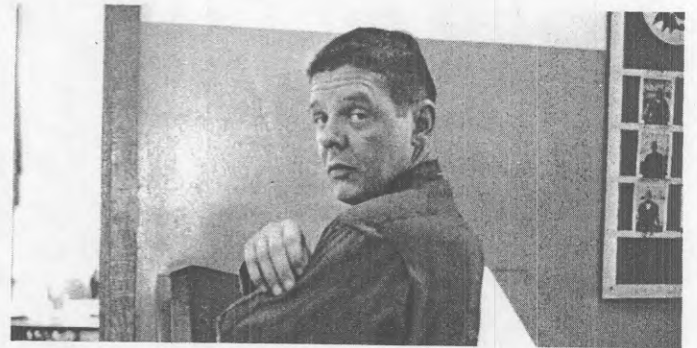
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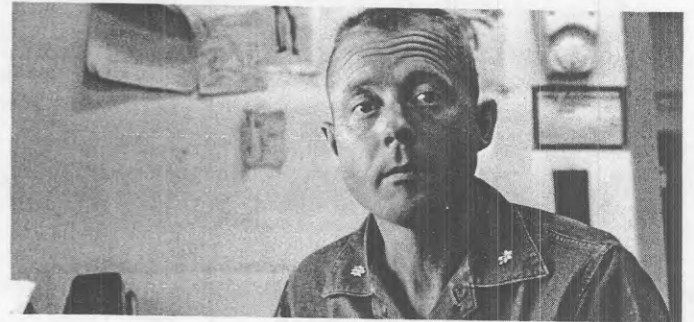
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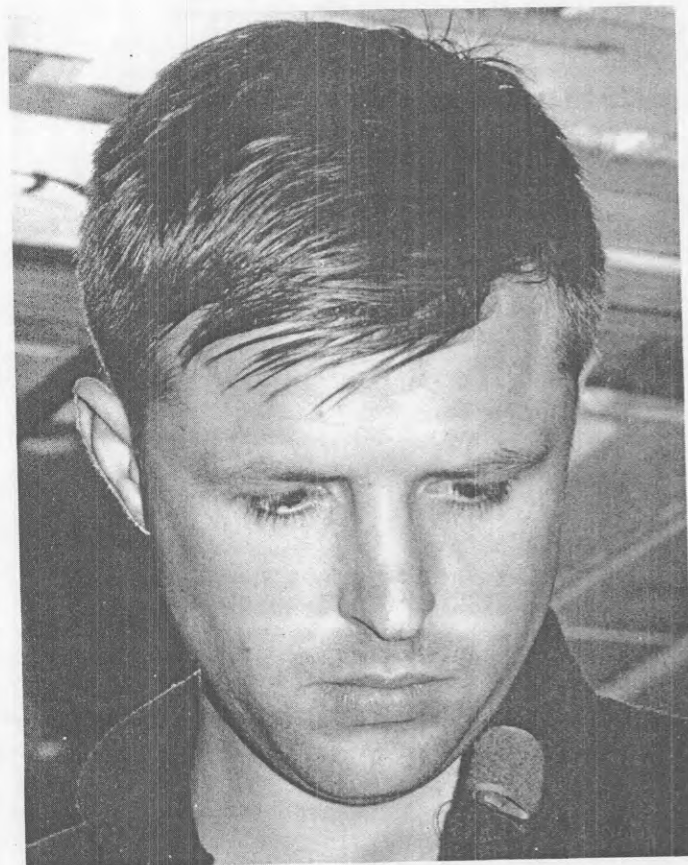
# LANCE HEAVIES — CAPTAINS



Capt Art Blades



Capt Tony Garcia



Capt Dave Nelson

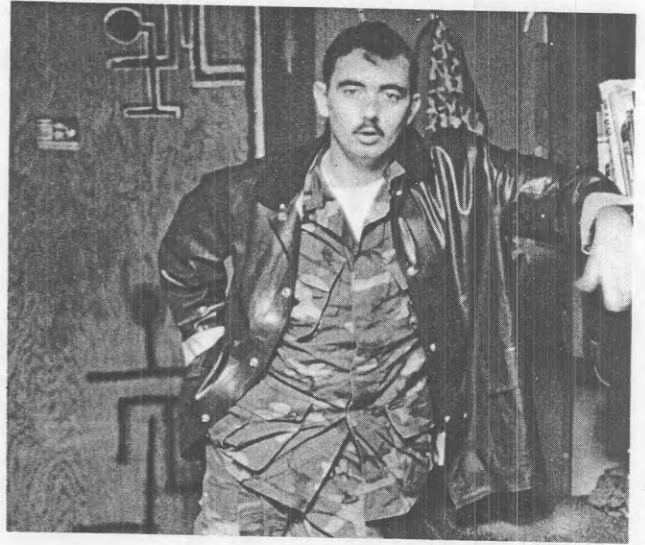


Lt Ray Moyer Flight Surgeon or 'the Fox Fixer

# THE LPA



Lt Dave Schmitz



Lt Jerry White "Weasle"



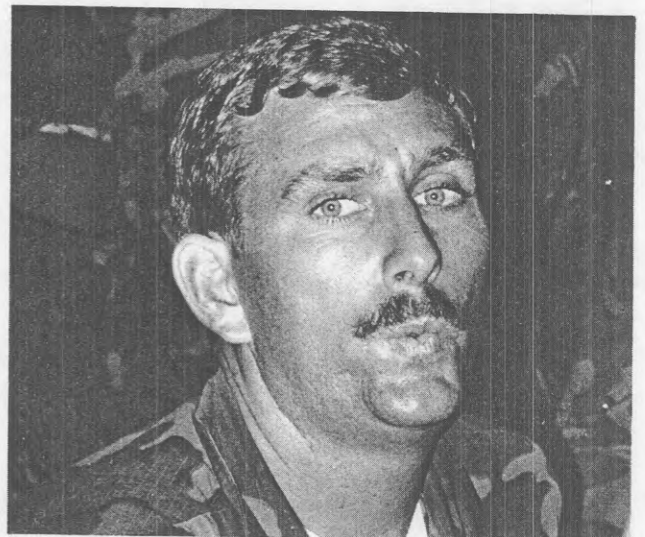
Lt Russ Laney



Lt Pat Kenny "Good Time"



Lt Gary Denton "Bofus"



Rick Bell "Ding Dong I"



Lt Judd Stahl



Lt Dave Owens



Lt Mike Tennent



Lt Gary Benson "Hammer"



Lt Jim Smith



Lt Tom Nolan



Lt Steve Cahill "Sunshine"



Lt Bob Stocker



Lt Steve Kux



Lt Steve Brandt "Big Dog"



Lt Gary Baker "The Buzzard"



Lt Daryl Cooper



Lt Bill Harris



Lt Wayne Forbush



Lt Steve Cook



Lt John Staples

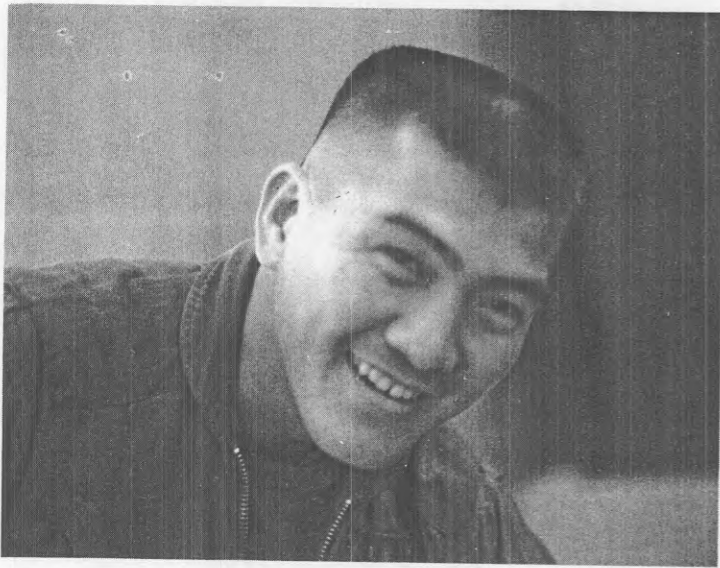


Lt Larry La Brie



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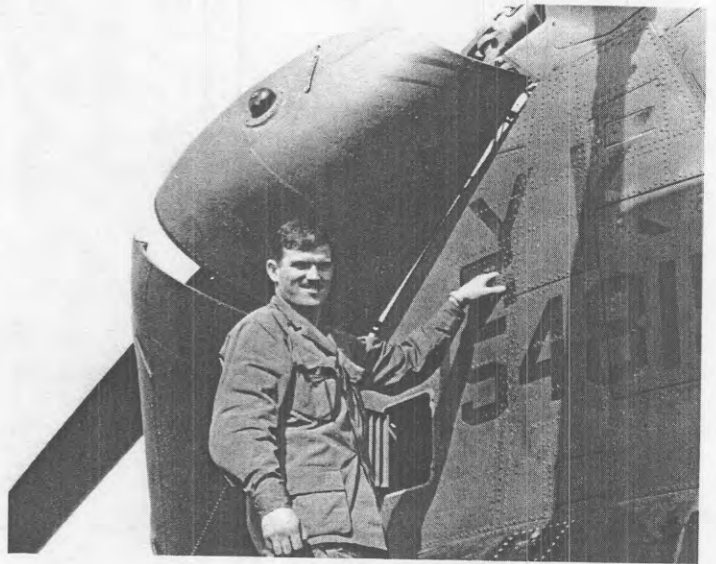
Lt Earl Miyamoto



Lt Roscoe Combs



Lt Pete Baron



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Lt Red Leek



Lt Larry Thompson



Lt Fred Jones



Lt Doug Grasso



Lt David Bell "Ding Dong II"



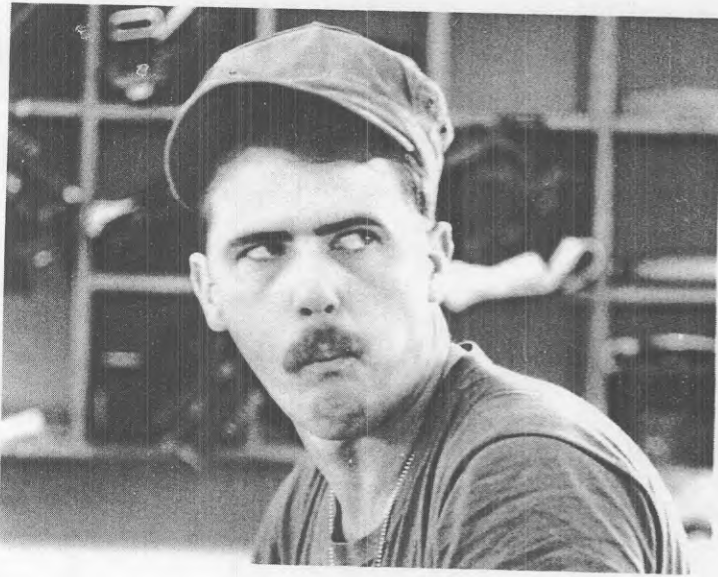
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Lt Rick Grimstead



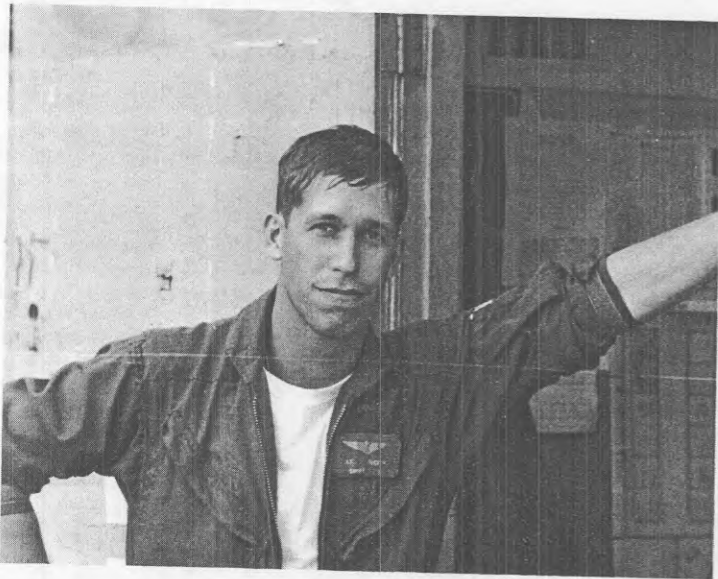
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Lt John Narney



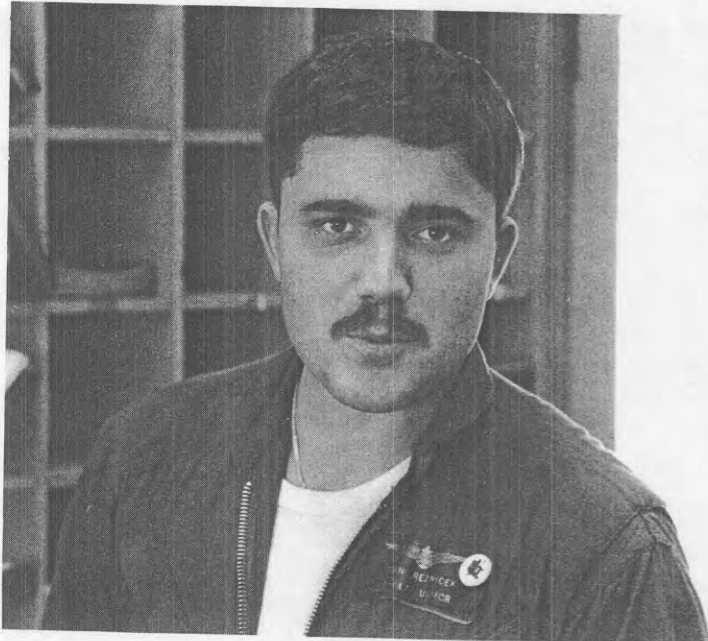
Lt Don Nichols



Lt George Tucker



Lt Tom Dewitt



Lt Dan Reznicek



'Fat Jack'



Lt Roger Plate



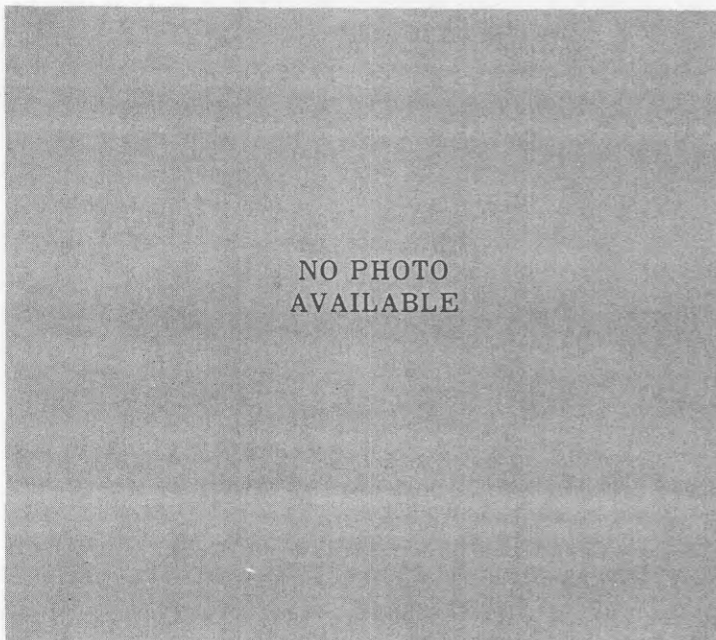
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Lt Gary Pidock



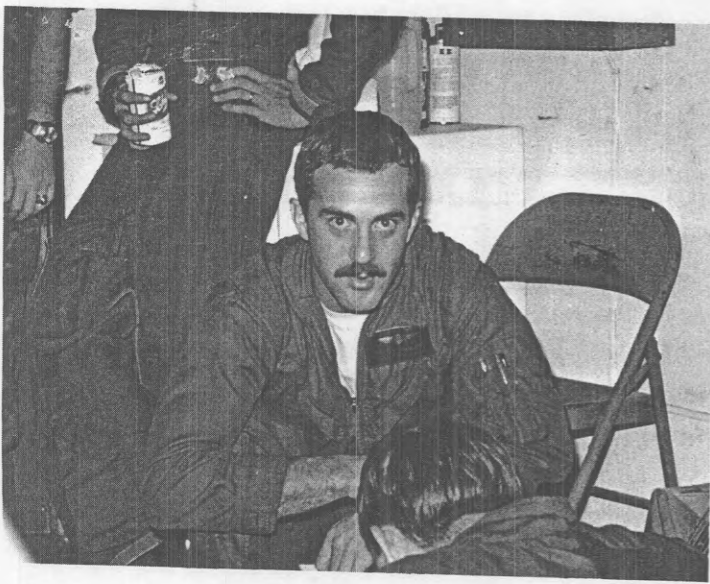
Lt Jeff Morhardt



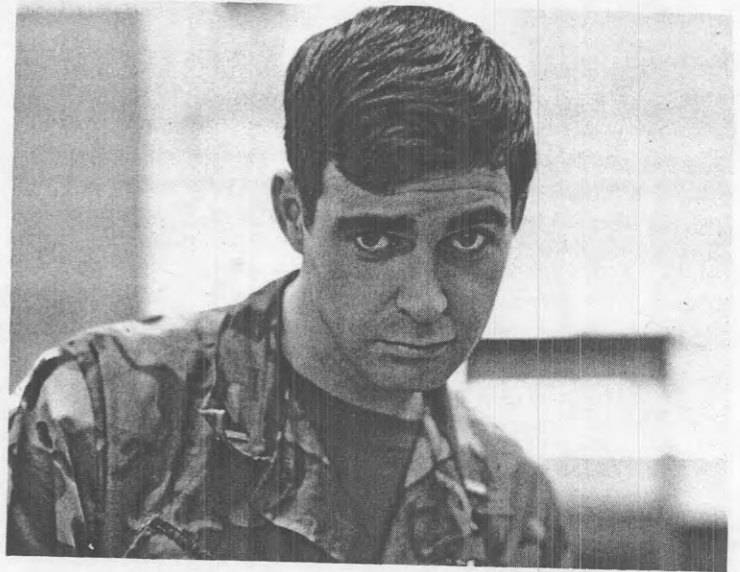
Lt George Tucker  
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Lt Daryl Riersgard



Lt Parente



Lt Nielson The newest FNG



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