

AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



Chief Warrant Officer Peter White Frazier

Peter White Frazier was born to parents Lincoln and Anne (Reynolds) Frazier in Marquette, Michigan in July 1942. He attended the John D. Pierce School, then a part of Northern Michigan University.

He started flight training in 1957 and secured his private pilots certificate in 1960. After attending Michigan Tech University, he graduated with an Associates Degree in

Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1964.

In the fall of 1964, Frazier reported to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for basic training. His next assignment was the U.S. Army Flight School at Ft. Wolters, Texas. After successfully completing flight training in the UH-23 Hiller Helicopter, he proceeded to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, where he underwent training in the Sikorsky UH-19 C and D models. His advanced training introduced him to the UH-1 A, B and D Huey helicopters. He was graduated in the fall of 1965 with class 65-11 and awarded the rank of Warrant Officer and presented the U.S. Army Aviators Wings.

Frazier reported for duty in South Vietnam in November of 1965. He was assigned to the 6th Airlift Platoon attached to the A 501st Armored in Bien Hoa. These units flew the Huey B and D models armed with rockets and machine guns. Early in 1966, the 6th was reassigned to the 5th Special Forces Group in the Nha Trang Corps II area. Its support assignments included the

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insertion and extraction of small recon teams. In one such action, Frazier was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry when the aircraft commander was wounded landing in a Viet Cong ambush.

His next assignment was to D Company, 229th Aviation Battalion, 1st Air Cav Division. He was flying both UH-1 B and C model Huey gunships as aircraft commander and flight instructor. In one mission, he proceeded to knock out an enemy machine gun bunker despite the loss of five of his own six guns. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In one year, Frazier flew some 700 hours involving about 1000 missions and in addition to the D.F.C. and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, he received 13 Air Medals and the Campaign Medal.

In December 1966, he was assigned to the 4th Armored Division in Nuremberg, Germany, as a VIP and instructor pilot. As a member of the General's staff, he flew the Assistant Div Commander to England where he piloted a Huey in a demonstration of its capabilities to the British Navy. He later did a similar firepower demonstration for the NATO Brass.

After receiving the Army Commendation Medal, Chief Warrant Officer Frazier left active duty in the fall of 1968. He continued to fly with the National Guard in Milwaukee while finishing his degree at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

He holds a Commercial Pilots License with both rotorcraft helicopter and airplane ratings. He lives in Marquette with his wife Peggy, has a daughter Pattie in Washington D.C. with two granddaughters, and a son Peter in Marquette. As president of FRACO Inc., a concrete products company, he enjoys his family, flying, and boating.

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