

ROSE TREE MEDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Springton Lake Middle School

Name Jon Osgood Date _____

VETERAN INTERVIEW - Name Jon Osgood

1. To what branch of the Armed Forces did you belong?

U.S. Army

2. In which war did you participate?

Viet Nam

3. What was your main job?

helicopter pilot

4. What was a typical day like?

Up at 4:30 for sunrise departure;
typically inserting ground troops into
hot LZ's; evacuating casualties;
bringing in supplies, ammunition, etc

5. Did you see any action?

yes

6. Which battles?

many - almost every flying day -
At least every week. Most battles
didn't have names, like WWII -

7. Have you attended any reunions or do you communicate with friends you made?

no reunions - but do communicate
with friends sporadically -

8. What was the most vivid memory/exciting event during this time?

Most exciting event was coming home -
alive. Most vivid memory was being the
only A/C in a flight of eight to depart a
hot insertion in the An Lo valley. The
other seven were rocketed while landing.

9. What was the worst thing that happened to you?

Losing friends; getting shot
down; dealing with hostility
after returning home.

10. Did you see or hear about any acts of heroism?

I saw several. In our my 19 year old
roommate, a pilot whose A/C was destroyed
by a RPG while landing, pulled seven
Korean soldiers from the burning wreck
to the relative safety of the free line.
He weighed about 120 pounds,