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## **VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOT TO SPEAK AT AVIATION MUSEUM**

**LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, AUGUST 3, 2015:** Bob Hamilton, Vietnam War veteran who served as a helicopter pilot during the conflict and active member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, will speak at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky on Wednesday, August 12, beginning at 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Hamilton is a regional officer of the VHPA, and is a resident of Henry County. His participation in the association includes the organization of reunions and similar activities among Vietnam-era helicopter pilots, in Kentucky and surrounding states.

The war in Vietnam has been called “the helicopter war” due to the use of this aircraft in tactical operations across all branches of the U.S. military. Thousands of helicopters were used in Southeast Asia, and the concept of air mobility in warfare was developed. The experiences in air mobility tactics of a native of Kentucky, General Hal Moore of Bardstown, are told in the book and feature film, *They Were Soldiers Once*, with Mel Gibson playing General Moore.

The service of medivac helicopters is also responsible for the survival of innumerable American and Republic of Vietnam troops. The most famous of US helicopters used in Vietnam, the UH-1 Iroquois or “Huey” arrived in Vietnam in late 1962 in the air ambulance role. Hueys served throughout the conflict until its end in April 1975. Several Medals of Honor were earned by U.S. helicopter pilots who flew the Huey in combat.

Mr. Hamilton’s presentation is part of the continuing Aviation Roundtable series, made available to the members of the museum and the general public.

The Aviation Museum of Kentucky is located at 4029 Airport Road, adjacent to Blue Grass Airport in Lexington. It is the official aviation museum of the Commonwealth as well as home to the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, and operates as a non-profit corporation. For more information, visit [www.aviationky.org](http://www.aviationky.org), or call 859-231-1219.