

A summary of payments made under the Air America employee's savings plan to families of AAM personnel killed working on US government programs.

Ackley, James - Killed 7 March 1973 - Laos C-123K - Widow Lillian Ackley Pittsburg, PA. No savings/retirement payment made to his widow, as Mr. Ackley did not participate.

Baker Howland -12 September 1964 Floated out of aircraft while making a cargo drop in Laos. He had no parachute. Zero payment.

Bannerman, John -Killed 23 Nov 1972 due to enemy action while operating a C-7A aircraft. Wife Mary Bannerman, No payment was made to the widow or anyone else, as he did not participate. (Please note when I say below no payment was made to the wife or family that also means no payment was made to anyone else)

Beale, William - Killed Laos -6 April 1962 Widow in Spokane WA, son Hope Mills, N.C. Zero Payment

Beardsley, William Died of burns in helicopter crash 10 March 1970 Laos, Widow Jenny Beardsley Athens Ga. Zero Payment

Beven, David -13 August 1961 Aircraft crash in Laos. Zero Payment

Bijl, Roelf -17 November 1967 Aircraft crash in Vietnam. Wife Elke Bijl, received retirement/savings payment of \$2,082.96 of which \$1,042.48 was amount of savings contributed by Mr. Bijl and \$1,1042.48 was from Air America. (All listed amounts herein include any increase in value from investment with Trustee).

Booth, Gerald-17 July 1969 Helicopter accident in Laos. Widow Anong Booth, Dhonburi Thailand. Zero Payment

Boyles, Howard - 9 February 1973 C-123 aircraft hit by missile wife Mary Boyles, Tempe AZ Payment made of \$8,104.86 of which \$6,078.64 was amount contributed by Mr. Boyles and \$2,026.21 was from Air America.

Bruce, Earl- Helicopter hit mountain in bad weather near Pakse, Laos. 8 August 1967. Zero Payment under AAM Plan

Buford, Wallace - killed while flying USAF aircraft supplies to French troops at DienBienPhu, Vietnam on 6 May 1954. He and fellow crewmember James McGovern are most likely the first U.S. citizen casualties of Vietnam War. Wife Lillian Buford, Kansas City, Kansas. Zero Payment made. (The AAM savings plan was not effective until 1963.)

Campbell, J.C. Killed 18 June 1968 in helicopter crash at Long Thahn, Vietnam. Wife Alice Campbell paid \$10,582.59 from savings plan of which 50% was put in by Mr. Campbell.

Clark, Herbert- 2 June 1972 aircraft hit by ground fire in Laos, wife Mariane Clark and four children. Zero Payment made

Clark, Terry 7 April 1973 aircraft hit by missile in Vietnam wife and son. Zero Payment made

Cheney, Joseph - 5 September 1963 Aircraft hit by ground fire. Wife Bertha Cheney, Shelton, WA paid \$41.12 from the Air America Plan of which \$30.84 came from Mr. Cheney.

Cochran, Kevin- 10 April 1970 C-130 hit mountain in bad weather, wife Geraldine Cochran, Zero Payment

Cooney, John- August 1967 helicopter Hit Mountain in bad weather. Zero Payment made to wife Merlyn Cooney.

Crone, Robert- 12 Feb 1969 aircraft hit by ground fire. Wife Martha Crone paid \$3,674.12 of which Mr. Crone paid in \$2,755.59

Davis, Ralph-19 August 1969 aircraft hit by gunfire, wife paid \$6,086.54 (50% paid in by Mr. Davis)

DeBruin, Eugene- 5 September 1963 an Air Freight specialist who bailed out of aircraft hit by ground fire. DeBruin was captured by enemy soldiers and died as a prisoner of war several years later. Mother in Kaukauna, Wis. No payment made.

DeLong, Gerald 10 April 1970 aircraft crash in Laos wife Masumi DeLong paid \$4,895.70 (75% paid in by Mr. DeLong)

Dieffenbach, Charles - 22 July 1962 Aircraft hit by enemy fire in Laos father Charles in Tenafly, N.J. No payment made

Driver, Clarence- 7 March 1973. C-12.3 Aircraft shot down in Laos. Wife Allene Driver, Los Angeles, CA. No Payment Made

Ensminger, Wayne - 6 March 1966 Helio Courier accident when stabilizer broke. Mother survivor. No Payment made.

Eubanks, Darrel-13 August 1961 C-46. No payment made

Franklin, Benjamin 21 March 1971. Aircraft crash Laos. Unmarried. \$10,782.64 from savings plan paid to family (50% put in by Franklin)

Forte, Norwood-13 August 1961 killed in Laos aircraft accident. N No savings/retirement payment made to surviving family

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Fraser, James -7 December 1968. Killed while unloading grenades

at a site in Laos when one exploded. No payment made to survivors.

Gibbs, William-13 May 1969 killed by sniper bullet while taking off from site in Laos, Wife Jackie Gibbs. No savings/retirement payment to widow

Norman Grammer - 14 August 1969 aircraft crashed when main rotor mast failed in flight on approach to Long Tieng. No payment made to wife and child.

Gudahl, Joel 27 August 1972 aircraft crash in Laos. Payment of \$4,054.14 paid to wife Lillan, Elmira, NY (75% contributed by Mr. Gudahl

Heinrich, Howard 4 February 1962 C-46 aircraft hit by ground fire on approach to Plain of Jars. No payment made to survivors.

Robert Heising -9 December 1950 During Korean airlift crashed on Mount Fuji in bad weather No payment made (no plan in 1950)

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Heritage, Donald -27 November 1962 Shot down by anti-aircraft fire while landing at Xieng Khoung, Laos. No payment made

Herrick, Charles 5 September 1963 Aircraft destroyed by heavy ground fire. Widow paid \$13.70 from savings plan of which \$2.74 came from company and the remainder amount paid in by Mr. Herrick.

Hester, William 10 April 1970 Aircraft accident at Long Tieng \$4,831.34 paid to widow (50% from his contributions)

Houp, Kenneth-17 March 1971 midair collision with Army aircraft at Can Tho, Vietnam \$9,914.40 paid to wife Helen

Jones, Charles 5 March 1965 killed in crash in Laos. Wife Martha Jones, No savings/retirement paid.

Howard Kelly-16 January 1969 Aircraft crash at Danang Vietnam \$7,561.54 paid to Wife Hazel Kelly (50%)

Lieberth, Richard-12 Oct 1965. Helicopter crash at Saravane, Laos. No payment made to wife Julienne Lieberth

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Mahony, Justin -27 Sept 1965. Aircraft shot down in Vietnam No payment to wife Lara Mahony, Columbus, Mississippi

Massey, Bruce- 23 March 1967 Volpar crash near Danang \$846.78 paid to daughters (75% paid in by Massey)

Mateer, Charles-30 May 1961. Aircraft crash in Laos. No payment made to family (the AAM plan did not exist in 1961)

Matheson, Milton- 16 January 1969. Aircraft near Danang, Vietnam No payment to wife Barbara Matheson

McGovern, James- 6 may 1954. Killed when aircraft shot down while delivering supplies to French soldiers at Dien Bien Phu, Laos. No payment to family – along with crewmember Wallace Buford most likely is first US casualty of Vietnam War

McKean, Roger 10 April 1970 Aircraft hit mountain near Long Tieng. No payment made to wife Jane McKean

Merkel, John-18 February 1970. Killed by enemy bullet through cockpit window in Laos. No payment made to widow

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Murray, Thomas-4 March 1960. Drowned during parachute jump from stricken aircraft when he landed in Mekong River in Laos. Savings/retirement payment of \$2,332.7 made to family

Muscal, Frank-3 October 1965. Aircraft hit bulldozer on runway. No payment was made to widow Mary Jean Muscal

Newton, Gideon 17 July 1963 Aircraft crash during rice drop in Los No payment made to family

Osterman, Clarence-7 April 1973 aircraft hit by missile in Vietnam. No payment to family

Oyer, John -27 September 1965 Aircraft shot down while landing in Vietnam. No payment made to wife Elizabeth Oyer

Potter, Harvey -2 March 1969 died from burns in crash near L-54 in Laos. Payment of \$7,274.34 (50% paid in by him) to wife Jean.

Pirkle, Lowell-3 August 1967. Helicopter hit by rocket grenade Payment of \$307.82 (75% paid in by Pirkle) to widow Deborah

Porter, Lester 25 Nov1968 engine failure in Laos No payment to wife Gloria Porter

Prudhomme, Gerald-17 July 1963 Aircraft crash in Laos. Payment of \$242.24 (75% paid in by him) to wife Onelia Prudhomme

Pruner, William 14 January 1966 Aircraft shot down in Vietnam. Pruner and crewmember Y.H.Chang were executed by Vietcong at scene. No savings/retirement payment was made to wife Bettie Pruner

Randall, Lloyd-24 April 1972 Aircraft hit mountain in bad weather. Payment of \$6,595.56 (75% paid in by him) to widow

Rasmusson, James-18 February 1962 Hit mountain during training flight in Taiwan. No payment made to family

Rausch, James- 12 June 1972 killed by round through cockpit while landing near Ban Houie Sai. No payment made to wife Gloria

Reeves William-27 August 1972. Killed In C-123 accident in Laos. Payment of \$20, 846.92 to wife (50% paid in by Reeves)

Riley, Fred -27 November 1962. Aircraft shot down in Laos. No Payment made to family

Rogers, Hugh 10 April 1970 Aircraft hit mountain
\$4,532.10 paid to wife Ruth (75% paid in by Rogers)

Sandoval, Albert 24 August 1964 Aircraft crashed on take off, pilot apparently incapacitated \$1,524.32 paid to family (75% paid in by Sandoval)

Sarno, Robert-13 August 1961 killed in crash in Laos. No payment made to family

Scandalis, Alexander-5 July 1965. Aircraft hit by missile near Saigon. No payment to wife

Smart, Milton 10 April 1970 Aircraft hit mountain in bad weather
No payment made to wife Barbara

Schwartz, Normam-29 November 1952. Aircraft shot down in Manchuria while attempting to pick up U.S. agent. Schwartz died in crash but two CIA agents on the aircraft, Jack Downey and Dick Fecteau, were captured and imprisoned in China for some 20 years and released as result of President Nixon opening relations with China. No savings/retirement payment made to family

Snoddy, Robert -29 November 1952. Aircraft shot down in Manchuria (see Schwarz above) No payment made to wife Roberta Snoddy

Strouss, Herbert-4 February 1962. Shot down in Laos. No payment made to family

Varney, George 6 April 1962 accident on runway in Laos No payment made to family

George Verdon-17 July 1963. Accident in Laos in dense fog. No payment made

Wiehrdt, Leonard-8 April 1972. Flew into ground in Laos near LS-69 Laos. A payment of \$10,659.44 (50% Paid in by him) made to wife

Wizbowski, Walter -30 May 1961 Aircraft accident in bad weather. No payment made to family (No AAM plan in 1961)

Woods, Glen-14 April 1969. Aircraft crashed when main rotor mast failed in flight on approach to Long Tieng. Woods was the flight mechanic who shot down the AN-2 Russian Colt aircraft attacking LS-85 in defense of the USAF technicians on the site. No Payment made to wife Rosella

Wooten, Aubrey 17 July 1963 Aircraft hit mountain during rice drop No payment to wife Martha

In most cases 50% or 75 % of the amount paid was a return of the savings contributions made by the deceased employee. For example of the total \$13.70 paid to the widow of Charles Herrick, a pilot killed by enemy action, only \$2.74 came from the company.

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