

Bob Bixby had always wanted to be a pilot, so when he heard the US Army was training high school graduates to be helicopter pilots he gave up a schooling draft deferment to join the Army and go to flight school. He completed Basic Training in July of 1968, graduated from flight school as a Warrant Officer and pilot in April of 1969, and after completing 9 weeks of medical classes went to Vietnam in July of 1969. He flew as a DUSTOFF co-pilot and then as an Aircraft Commander until he returned to the United States in July of 1970. He has accumulated over 2000 hours of helicopter flight time including 1,124 hours of combat flight hours. He will talk about DUSTOFF and some of his experiences while in Vietnam.