

Bill Collier Bio:

After surviving the Vietnam War and Air America, Captain Bill Collier continued to have many adventures flying helicopters commercially all around the world for another 25 years. He flew almost every size and shape helicopter produced in the U.S. from the smallest “whirlybird” to the giant CH-53 “Jolly Green.” His last position was as senior pilot for the Orange County Fire Department in Southern California, where he flew the UH-1 “Super Huey.” He also flew the French-built Alouette III and the Kaman H-43 “Husky” Syncropter. He likes to report that in all his flying, he has logged an equal number of landings and takeoffs, and never left an aircraft in the sky.

In 2008, Captain Bill retired to the small, quiet, peaceful town of Sandpoint, in the Idaho panhandle. He keeps himself busy writing about his 32 years of helicopter flying. Helicopter flying took him to the far reaches of Alaska, including the farthest out Aleutian Islands, the South Pacific to Kwajalein Atoll, Saudi Arabia, all over the Western U.S. and Tennessee.

Watch for more “Adventures of a Helicopter Pilot” books: *Alaska*, and the collection of world-roving civilian flying stories ... and perhaps a novel.

He is a life member of almost every veteran’s organization.