

**McLean County Museum of History**

**John Bagosy, Jr. Collection**

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**Collection Information**

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | 1 Box   |
| COLLECTION DATES:     | 1966-2016   |
| RESTRICTIONS:         | None  |
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| ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:  | None  |
| OTHER FINDING AIDS:   | None  |
| LOCATION:             | Archives  |
| NOTES:                |   |

## Brief History

John Bagosy, Jr (1949-2016) was born in Bloomington, IL. He served from 1966 to 1972 in the U.S. Army, including two tours of duty in Vietnam as a door gunner for the 68<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company. He was awarded several medals during his tours. He then became a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, until 1973. Following that, he was honorably discharged and returned to Bloomington to start his real estate career with Century 21, which lasted 25 years.

## Scope

The collection includes Mr. Bagosy's U.S. Training Center annuals from Fort Campbell, KY (1966) and Fort Leonard Wood, MO (1971); a binder donated by the Prairie Aviation Museum; and some newspaper articles and ephemera.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Newspaper Articles

- 1.1 Obituary, *Pantagraph*, April 28, 2016.
- 1.2 "Bagosy Ends Basic Training," *Pantagraph*, December 26, 1966.
- 1.3 "Vietnam Veteran Puts demons to rest," *Pantagraph*, July 2, 2006.

### Folder 2: Correspondence

Jerry and Kathy Allard, Bloomington, IL to John Bagosy, Jr. concerning a similar helicopter to the one he manned in Vietnam. Includes the article, "Bell OH-58A Kiowa" from the Quonset Air Museum. 14 August, 2006.

### Folder 3:

Binder Contents:

"History of the 68<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company, 145<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade," donated by Prairie Aviation Museum  
Prepared by Lt. Patrick E McCourt, Unit Administrative Officer in Bien Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, 1 January, 1967-31 December, 1967," Part One

### Folder 4:

Binder Contents:

"History of the 68<sup>th</sup> ...," Part Two

### Folder 5: Ephemera

- 5.1 Hymns from Songbook
- 5.2 Cards with handwritten notes and Bible verses
- 5.3 Clipping with two items: poem titled, "Who is Christ?" by Rev Marvin Lorence, Trinity Lutheran Church, Phillips, WI and "An Easter Hymn of Devotion"
- 5.4 A Giving envelope to a Lutheran Church

**Loose Books:**

U.S. Army Training Center Fort Leonard Wood, MO Annual, 9 April 1971, Company D, 2d Bn. 2d Bde.

U.S. Army Training Center Fort Campbell, KY Annual, 1966, Company D, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn. 2d Bde.