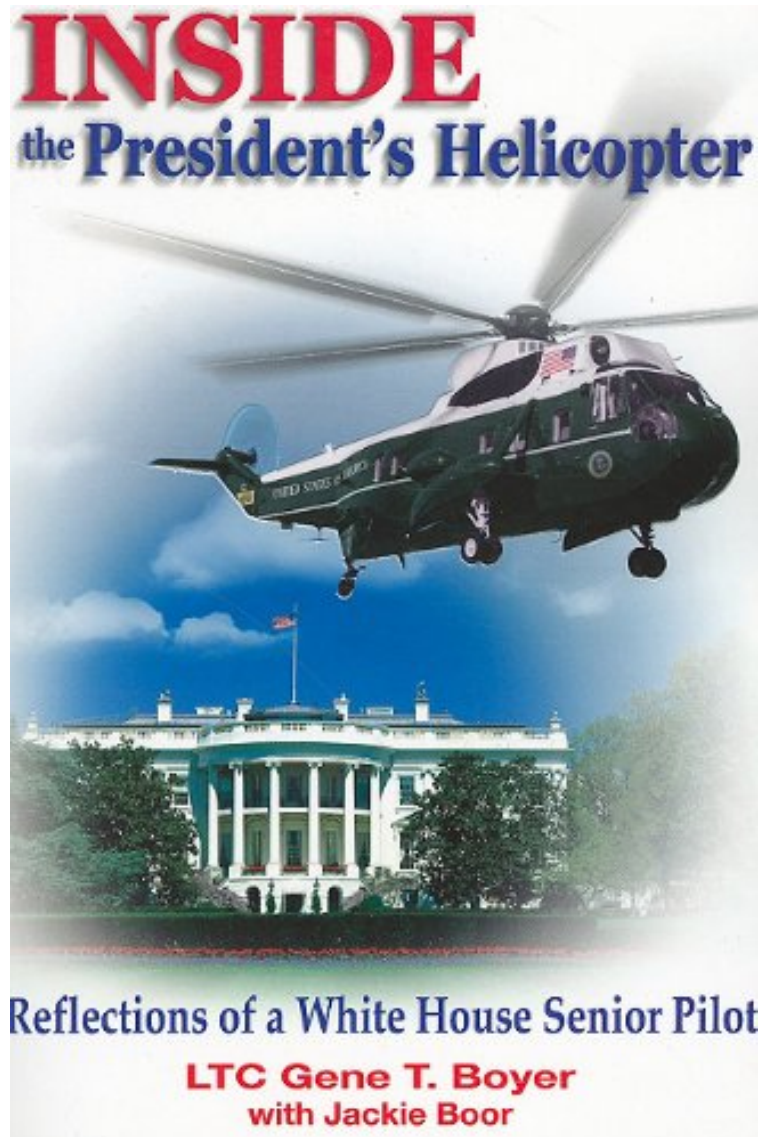


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Vance This is an excellent addition to the library of anyone interested in presidential history, and presidential travel and security in particular. Lt. Colonel Boyer has terrific, detailed accounts of his time with Johnson, Nixon and Ford. I'm glad we now have words from a presidential helicopter pilot, and the man who flew Nixon away from the White House is a good one to hear from. (At least I don't know of any other books by helicopter pilots!) The ONLY downside (and it's minor) is that this was probably a very inexpensive printing, and there are a couple of glaring typos unfortunately near the beginning. It's only a couple, so just move right on past them because the book is worth it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good read. By Lynnster These bio's are always good reading. This one didn't disappoint. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great work of history. By Part 135 Pilot. An outstanding book. To have had a career like the author's is simply amazing. Learned something new: did not know that the Presidential helicopter program was managed by the Army originally. Must read for anyone interested in Air Force One or Marine One history.

As a Skywitness to History, helicopter pilot LTC Gene T. Boyer flew tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam before joining the Executive Flight Detachment, gradually working his way up to the White House Senior Pilot position during the LBJ, Nixon, and Ford administrations.

If not for Boyer's headstrong determination, the history of the Army's Executive Flight Detachment and the prominent role it played at the White House might have been lost forever. --CW4 Carl Burhanan, first black aviator to fly for the White House Gene Boyer provides ten years of closely held information on the comings and goings of three sitting, one future, and two former U.S. presidents as well as national leaders worldwide. --Colonel Bill Golden, Army aide to President Nixon With a unique perspective on such a pivotal time in our past, this is more than a gripping story; it is an important part of history. --Colonel Greg Woodward, USMC The book is fascinating in the way pilot Gene Boyer becomes a player in one of the biggest games there is, politics. As you turn each page, those days come alive again on each page. --Patricia Korzec, Executive Director, March Field Air Museum Hooked on Boyer's story from page one, I couldn't put it down. This book has it all: drama, humor, insights, suspense, surprise history lessons, and most importantly--heart and relevance.--Bud Gardner, Co-Author, Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul From the Author INSIDE THE PRESIDENT'S HELICOPTER is dedicated to the spirit and achievements of the courageous helicopter aviators and flight crews who have flown in battle. Thank you for the lives you saved, the sacrifices you made and the incomparable legacy you leave to a grateful nation. From the Inside Flap MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS -21 years in the US Army, in Korea and combat service in Vietnam -10 years as a White House Exec Flight Pilot -7.5 years as the White House Exec Flight Commander -6,900 hours total helicopter flight time -117 hours total fixed-wing flight time -368 hours total helicopter combat flight time -Nearly 650 flight hours with a U.S. president, First Lady or world leader on board -Appx 580 "code one" presidential missions -Appx 3000 Exec Flight missions -2 flights with former President Eisenhower -7 flights with President Johnson -451 flights with President Nixon -56 flights with President Ford -55 flights with foreign Heads of State -Flew White House helicopter in 49 states and 17 foreign countries MOST UNFORGETTABLE MISSIONS -Most embarrassing: getting shot down on first Vietnam combat mission -Most unexpected: doing a check flight with Johnson onboard -Most entertaining: helping Johnson's brother make a get-a-way from the LBJ Ranch -Most logistically challenging: Pat Nixon humanitarian flight to Huaraz, Peru -Most fulfilling: commanding Nixon's visit to Vietnam -Most bizarre: thwarting a possible plot to assassinate Nixon in Montana -Most regrettable: arriving on scene after an Exec Flight crash in the Bahamas -Most unusual: herding a deer off the runway for Air Force One -Most comical: dropping an air-stair door onto an Honor Guard adjusting a red carpet -Most pressure-intense: transporting Nixon and Brezhnev through an ice storm -Most historically significant: Nixon's "peacemaker" trip to Egypt -Most famous: Nixon leaving the White House on August 9, 1974 NOTABLE PASSENGERS -General William Westmoreland -Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt -German Chancellor Willie Brandt -Secretary of State Henry Kissinger -Shah of Iran -Finland President Urho Kekkonen -Oman Foreign Relations Minister Qais Zawawi -Sultan of Oman Senior Advisor Omar Zawawi -British Prime Minister Edward Heath -Egyptian President Anwar Sadat -Future President Hosni Mubarak -King Hussein of Jordan -Senator Robert Kennedy -South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu -Soviet Russian General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev -John Steinbeck -John Wayne -Winnie the Pooh