The 123rd Aviation Battalion was activated on 8 December 1967 from a nucleus formed by the old 161st Aviation Company. The 406th TC Detachment and the 449th Signal Detachment, which had supported the 161st Aviation Company, were reassigned and attached to the 123d Aviation Battalion in January 1968. The original make-up of the battalion had consisted of Headquarters Company, A Company, and B Company. Company B was organized from the Armed Helicopter Platoon of the former 161st Aviation Company and later given a provisional mission as Aero Scouts. During 1968, the 123d Aviation Battalion compiled an impressive record. Company A supported the Americal Division's ground units by hauling 1482 tons of cargo in over 3,736 sorties and in the process killed over twenty (20) VC/NVA and medevaced over ninety-four (94) persons. Company B learned their tactical lessons well, killing over seven hundred (700) VC/NVA in 77,510 sorties. On 15 December 1968, the 123d Aviation Battalion was attached to the 16th Combat Aviation Group.

The year 1969 marked a significant change in both the make-up and the mission of the Battalion. In January 1969 two CH-47 units, the 132d Assault Support Helicopter Company and the 178th Assault Support Helicopter Company, were attached to the Battalion.

A short period after this reorganization the 406th TC Detachment and the 449th Signal Detachment were deactivated. E Company 723d Maintenance Battalion, which was formed from the assets of the 406th TC Detachment and the 449th Signal Detachment, was attached to the Battalion to provide the Battalion with direct Maintenance support.

The addition of F Troop, 8th Cavalry in May 1969, gave the Battalion a total of two Air Cavalry units. In October 1969, the 132d ASHC and the 178th ASHC were detached from the 123d Aviation Battalion and attached to the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion.

The additions of D Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry in October 1969, gave the 123d Aviation Battalion a third Air Cavalry unit. The three Air Cavalry units, B Company, F Troop, 8th Cavalry and D Troop 1/1st Cavalry, are used to support each of the three infantry brigades in the Americal Division. Assets from the 123d Aviation Battalion have been involved in every major operation that the Americal has undertaken since January 1968. The Battalion's mission was defined to extend by aerial means the reconnaissance and security of the Americal Division with three Air Cavalry units and to provide command and control aircraft for the General Officers, Special Staff and all Senior Commanders of the Americal Division.

Under its present make-up the 123d Aviation Battalion (Combat) consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Company A, Company B, Company E, 723d Maintenance Battalion, F Troop, 8th Cavalry and D Troop 1/1st Cavalry has proved to be a most effective unit.
LTC ORR - 123d Aviation Battalion Commander
MAJ. AMIDON
Bn Executive Officer
1LT SMITH - Adjutant
SP5 ERVIN - Pers. Management
SP4 TATUM - Bn Mailman
SP4 CORDOVA - Message Center Clerk
SFC KNIPHER - S-3 NCOIC
LT ROSSITER - Asst S-3 Off.
PFC JORDAN - S-3 Clerk
SGT ODIER - Asst S-3 NCOIC
CPT RONALD WECAS - S-3 Officer
SSG LOWELL COY - Safety NCO
SP4 Mattingly, SP4 Woodburn
Bn Mail Clerks
SFC RONALD REAGAN
SGT EDWARD PINSON
CPT HERNDON - Bn Maint. Officer
SSG HUGHEY - Bn Maint. NCOIC
SP5 HOWARD HOLLIS - S-4 Clerk
CPT LOGGINS - HHC Commanding Officer
SGT Thomas - Co. Clerk
PFC Williams - Co. Clerk
SP 5 Kobeck - Co. Driver
SP4 Thompson - Co Clerk
CW3 Fianagan - Bn Motor Officer
HHC Motor Pool
HHC Supply Clerk