

How many people, in total, were assigned to AFRS/AFRTS/AFVN?

This is a question that not only I, but I am sure many others have asked themselves. Rick Fredericksen was kind enough to do a rough count of the number of names on the roster and came up with 846 (more or less), minus 16 or so who were not actually in Vietnam and perhaps about a dozen who were with KLIK.

I later worked up a year-by-year table which shows what we know, then filled it in with what I thought might be possible. This is the result (my apologies for playing rather freely with the English language—but "estimaguesstation" just about sums out how accurate it might not be):

Estimaguesstation of the total number of AFVN Personnel

1962	6	Number at start
1963	12	Average of 1962+1963
1964	17	From the AFVN Timeline
1965	34	At least doubled due to going to 24-hour-a-day schedule
1966	150	Started establishing detachments
1967	252	From Hauser's thesis / Started TV
1968	220	Most detachment facilities completed
1969	200	Stabilized to an extent?
1970	180	Jim White's memory
1971	100	From Hauser's thesis
1972	75	Detachments closing
1973	25	Only Saigon left
Total	1,271	

Can anyone come up with a better estimate? Or do you have any ideas as to how this table might be refined? If so, please contact the Webmaster at Webmaster@AFVNVETS.NET.