

The Ugly Angel

Memorial Foundation Newsletter



Happy Holidays

As the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation closes out a dynamite year, the President and Board of Directors (and yours truly & Joanne) wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this holiday season find you and your loved ones enjoying the years many of us thought we'd never live to see.

The Year in Review

The year has been so filled with memorable events that it's hard to know where to begin. Certainly the high point would have to be the dedication of the Ugly Angel Memorial at MCB Quantico on July the 8th, the culmination of a two year effort by over 100 Angels who unselfishly contributed their ideas, time, and money to seeing to it that the sacrifice of our thirty-three was properly honored. The details, which merit rereading and reflection this holiday season, are contained in both the July edition of the newsletter and the fall edition of Pop A Smoke.

A short six weeks after the dedication of the memorial, 101 Archie's and Ugly Angels gathered at the Town & Country Resort Hotel in San Diego for the USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Association Reunion 2000. Attendance, up from the 95 who made Pensacola, set another new Helo Assn record. First time reunion attendees abounded (check out the list on page 4).

The T & C was a great venue for a reunion with the Royal Palm Tower, pool, Terrace Café & Deli, ready rooms, two excellent restaurants and the Atlas Ballroom, all within a short stroll of one another. The only downers were the exorbitant price of drinks and an over zealous security force. You should have seen their panic the Thursday morning when the bugler sounded reveille from the Tower at 0630. California may be laid back, but the T & C sure ain't.

Massachusetts: Our Taxes Are Lower Than Sweden's (For Most Tax Brackets)

State Mottos, courtesy of Mark Stanton

The UAMF Wants You!

Angels! There are two items on our agenda that may require either the solicitation or expenditure of UAMF funds. However, before the Board of Directors can move on them, they need your input.

The first item is a biggie! A number of Angels have suggested the possibility of creating an Ugly Angel Scholarship Fund. In the course of investigating just what that would entail, Rusty Sachs made contact with the Executive Director of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, BGen Mike Wholley. He reports that the largest problem in administering a scholarship fund, quite aside from managing the money, is assuring impartiality. The next is achieving a position of sufficient solvency to make a meaningful gift to worthy students. The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund (MCSF) sponsors and successfully manages numerous such funds under its umbrella.

We can endow a perpetual Ugly Angel scholarship through the MCSF for ten thousand dollars. How do you Angels feel? Is this (a) A good idea? (b) A reasonable goal? We need your feedback otherwise the Board of Directors (e-mail addresses on page 4) will have to act without knowing what you think! Please write to your directors (see page 4 for e-mail addresses) or e-mail Rusty at ClipClop6@aol.com with your views.

The second item concerns our squadron history. The UAMF has also received donations of several hundred 35mm slides for the squadron archives. Slides, however, deteriorate, and it would be nice to transfer them to a permanent format (i.e. digitize them on a CD), which would cost about \$1.00/picture. What do you think about using UAMF funds for the purpose? Anyone interested in making a designated donation for the job? Again contact one of your Directors or e-mail Rusty.

Kentucky: Five Million People; Fifteen Last Names

Memorial Dedication Video Available

For those of you who were unable to attend the dedication of the Ugly Angel Memorial, we have a beautiful 48 minute videotape of the entire ceremony for sale. The film features the entire pageant and ceremony, including tolling of the memorial bell, Quantico band, ceremonial platoon honors, and dedication speeches as well as interviews with Angels Ben Cascio, K. D. Logue, and Archie Clapp. A great memory of an important event, it's available for \$20.00, including packaging, shipping, and taxes. All proceeds go to the UAMF. Send your orders with check or money order (sorry, no credit cards or MPC) to: Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation P. O. Box 1360 Norwich, VT 05055.

New Jersey: You Want a \$\$\$%###! Motto? I Got Yer \$\$\$%###! Motto Right Here!

YL 37 Flies Again

If you're looking for that special gift for a child or grandchild, or a gift that has particular meaning for you, consider ordering a copy of Gerald Hail's "YL 37 Flies Again". It's an beautifully illustrated children's book that tells the story of how Gerald discovered that Buno 148783 had served with HMM-362 in Vietnam as YL 37. Many of you have flown it and all will want to pass the legacy of our war on to your heirs. Soft and hard cover editions are available. Check with Gerald for the price at Tel: (918) 543-2268 or e-mail <yl37@aol.com>. To order, make out a check or money order to Gerald Hail specifying which edition you want and mail it to: Gerald Hail 14157 East 580 Rd. Rt. 2, Box 119 Inola, OK . Gerald, generous as ever, is forwarding all profit to the UAMF.

Ready for a Mini?

Speaking of Gerald, he's considering holding another mini-reunion at his LZ in Inola sometime during 2001 similar to the one he hosted in 1999. 110 Angels and family members attended that one. The October timeframe has been proposed. This time those attending would be expected to share a portion of the cost, perhaps \$50.00/person, of putting it on. If you are interested in attending a great mini, e-mail Ed Tatman <etatman@kavts.tec.ok.us> or call (918) 967-2256 ASAP.

Florida: Ask Us About How We Count (& Count & Count & Count) Votes

They're Doing What?

Gunny Sachs and Ben Cascio celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday as guests of VMMT-204, the V-22 Osprey training Squadron at MCAS New River. While there, they conducted a Professional Military Education (PME) session for the Squadron under the Commandant's new Mentoring Program. The theme of their presentation at both the PME and Ball was the significance of tradition, the importance of teamwork in combat, and how they relate to today's Marine Corps. They are pleased to report that the Corps and its traditions remain in good hands. Gunny and Ben have also conducted PME sessions with HMM-163 at MCAS Miramar and HMM-162 at New River.

Special Kudo

To Pat Tatman for running the most well organized and effective soft goods concession at the entire reunion. Pat spent untold hours in the Ready Room acting as hostess and minding the Ugly Angel store. The result: 281 happy dollars accruing to the benefit of the UAMF. As Ed, her proud husband can testify, this formidable lady has it all in one sack.

Virginia: Who Says Government Yuppies and Slackjaw Rednecks Don't Mix?

HMM-362 Honored

At the Saturday night reunion dinner sponsored by the USMC/Vietnam Helo Association, HMM-362 was honored with the first McDonald D. Tweed Award. The inscription on this prestigious award reads:

For outstanding accomplishment as a squadron
In the development of a cohesive organization
And the enhancement of the brotherhood of Marines
From this combat helicopter unit.
Through this exceptional effort,
Those men absent shall always be remembered.

The award was presented by the USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Association President, Al Barbour and accepted by Rusty Sachs and Tom Hewes on behalf of the Angels.

Reunion Dinner

The Ugly Angel Dinner Friday night was a huge success. 186 Angels, many of who had not seen each other since Vietnam, and their ladies gathered in the Hampton Room at 1730 for a noisy cocktail hour. Promptly at 1900 all were seated and Chaplain Vic Krulak (yes, brother of the former Commandant) delivered the grace. As the salads were being served, the Prez recognized distinguished personages in the assembly. Included among them were former COs Archie Clapp and Dick Cline, and the current CO of HMM -163, LtCol Lavine, his XO, LtCol Haines and two of their officers.

Also signaled out for special recognition were Gerald Hail, his lovely wife Lily and their close friends, Mike & Jennifer Schneider and Jesse & Janet Schneider, all of who had traveled all the way from Inola Oklahoma to show YL 37 at the reunion. Unfortunately, YL 37 dropped a cylinder in Carlsbad, New Mexico enroute. Working frantically all day Thursday to install a rebuilt engine, the boys were all set to take off for San Diego when the rebuild swallowed a valve. Talk about bad luck – and dedication above and beyond. Gerald and his crew hopped in their support truck and headed for the left coast, arriving Friday afternoon in time to catch a few zzzs and make the dinner.

Following the dinner, Tom took the podium to conduct a little unfinished business. As you may recall, following the Pensacola dinner in 1998 Lew Barnes, Ken Logue, and Tim Wilson rudely seized the platform to the shocked surprise of everyone and presented what were purported to be tail wheel locking pins to all the humiliated and embarrassed pilots in attendance. Well, as they say, payback is a mother. With great solemnity and dignity, Tom related the events leading up to the charging of Marines Barnes, Logue, and Wilson under the UCMJ for crimes too heinous to mention and their subsequent court martial in absentia. To the surprise of no one except the culprits, a speedy but rigorously fair trial (Oh yeah!) found the three Marines guilty as sin and sentenced them to be commissioned as (gasp) Second Lieutenants.

As the record of trial states, “In imposing these sentences the court acts with the full and certain knowledge that the gravity of their crime merits the most profoundly humiliating punishment that can be meted out to three snuffys. Henceforth, these three second lieutenants will be doomed to wander the Corps in perpetual ignominy, receiving half hearted salutes (if any) from the most junior of Marines; subject to the ill concealed contempt of the staff non commissioned officers who are the backbone of the Corps; and perpetually ignored by all 12, 923 Marine officers senior to them”

I'm pleased to report they took it well and are looking forward to paying \$1.00 to every Angel who salutes them for the first time.

Hawaii: Haka Tiki Mou Sha'ami Leeki Toru (Death to Mainland Scum, But Leave Your Money)

Reunion Attendees

Rusty Sachs	Cal & Wanda Cormier	Tim & Karen Wilson	Ken & Raeanne Logue
Lew & Jean Barnes	Tom Kane	Frank & Holly Matucheski	Jerry & Turmi Kottkamp
Ed & Pat Tatman	Ben & Ailene Cascio	Ed & Shirley Creamer	Ron Johnson
Jerry Clark	Hal Coffman	Archie Fleming & Archie Jr.	Curt & Renette McRaney
John Fail	Larry Turner	Hugh & Betty Rothweiler	E. V. & Ruby Rose
Ron Jogodka	Tom & Anita Thurber	Jim & Fran Perryman	Al & Susan Cain
Ed Langley	Ron & Anna Gall	Denny & Carolyn Van Liew	Bill & Nancy Reese
Dan Houglum	Greg & Nancy Armstrong	Charles & Linda Morgan	Al Thomas
Roger Cook	Garret Hatcher	Archie Clapp & Pat Clinton	Dick Houghton
D. J. & Fran Leighton	Paul Eames	Lou & Sue Stefan & guests	Bill Waters
Phil Jackson & family	Al & Janet Bloomer	Mike Purcell	Wimpy & Julia Wimpler
Rick & Susan Bartlett	Bill & Bea Kelly	Romy Myszka	Bob Feeney
Ron & Gerry Fix	Larry Collins	John & Linda Donnelly	Morgan & Debra Combs
Chuck & Linda Linn	Jack & Cindy Lodge	Dave & Amelia Moore	Don Martin
Mark Stanton	Early Spiars	Curtis Gray & guest	Bob & Jerrie Scarbrough
Stan Manship	Doug & Jenny Snipes	Mike Zacker	Lyman & Lee Cokely
Norm Derylak & guest	Willie Sproule & family	John & Grace Bowman	Jerry & Eleanor Dooley
Ron Ice	Dave Hugel	Dick Cline & Doris Murphy	Orm & Sharon Hall
Bob & Marsha Warner	Bob & Candy Blackinton	John & Suzanne Gonnevill	Ken & Dee Davis
Gary Doss	Dave Kolkhorst	Dan Sharr	Charlie Wood & guest
Bob Bringham	Chuck Travis & guest	Larry Pringle	Bill McNair
Mike Severson	Clay & Judy Canfield	Mike & Sue Connor	Pete Gligor
John Longdin	Jim & Jeff Losey	Bobby & Lynda Johns & guests	Terry Owens
Bill & Carol McCluskey	Lyman Phillips	Dave & Sandy Pirnie	Marc Sohm
Charlie Upshaw	Jim & Tawny Villarreal	Ed & Patty Southworth	Bill & Devon Green
Gerald & Lily Hail	Jesse & Janet Schneider	Mike & Jennifer Schneider	Tom & Joanne Hewes

Connecticut: Like Massachusetts, Only With Less Character – And Higher Taxes

Changing of the Guard

Tom Hewes' term as President of the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation expired at midnight the Friday night of the reunion dinner. Before passing the lead to Rusty Sachs, father of the idea to incorporate the Angels as a foundation, Tom made brief speech of thanks in which he said:

"...As we all learned in Vietnam, every successful flight and mission is the result of a team effort. It was a team that painted YL 42 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, a team that dedicated YL 37, a team that supports YL 42 on the air show circuit, and a team that created the Ugly Angel Memorial recently dedicated at MCB Quantico."

"The members of the team who were associated with every one of these activities are: First our Secretary, Corporate Counsel, and your new President, Rusty Sachs. Next in time of service is the indefatigable, one & only 1 eyed Ugly, Ben Cascio. Third is the man responsible for supervising every detail of the construction and shipping of the Ugly Angel Memorial, Lew Barnes. Fourth, a man whose superb fund raising efforts made the dream of a memorial a reality, Mark Stanton. Next is the guy whose web site is responsible for bring in more new members than anyone else and keeping us all well informed, Chuck Linn. And finally, our most recent addition to the board, a Marine who honchoed the patch project and who keeps YL 42 from falling out of the sky, Bobby Johns."

Tom went on (as he is prone to do) to say, "No President of any foundation has ever had a more effective and congenial Board of Directors than I have been blessed with. I thank you gentlemen for your advice and counsel, your unflagging support, and most of all for your friendship. I also thank all of you Angels for your support and friendship over the past five years. Together we have made the Ugly Angels the strongest, best organized squadron in the USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Association."

Following Tom's remarks, Lew Barnes presented him with an engraved NCO sword, a plaque to hold the sword inscribed "From the Men of HMM-362" "Semper Fidelis", and a picture of the last squadron UH34D signed by all the Angels who attended the reunion. Tom accepted this magnificent tribute with deep gratitude – and tears in his eyes.

New York: Home of Senator Hillary – our next President?

UAMF Board of Directors

For those of you new to the USMC/Vietnam Helo Association and/or the Ugly Angel Newsletter, the following is a list of the distinguished officers of the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation:

President:	Rusty "Gunny" Sachs	<ClipClop6@aol.com>
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Louisiana: We're Not All Drunk Cajun Wackos – That's Our Tourism Campaign

You paying attention, Calvin?

New Newsletter Policy

Beginning with this edition of the newsletter, the 180 Angels currently on the internet will receive their newsletter as a MS Word 98 attachment to an e-mail titled "Ugly Angel Newsletter". They will be able to print out the newsletter or perhaps read it on their browser. The 105 Angels who are not on the internet will continue to receive the newsletter by surface mail. They will be able to read it in bed or wherever. Printing and mailing the newsletter to only 105 guys vice 280 will save the UAMF, which foots the bill for half of the cost (I donate the rest), about \$59.00 an issue. That's a savings of \$118.00 a year in non-reunion years when we publish 2 issues and \$472.00 in reunion years when we publish 8. That ain't chicken feed, troops!

Next Issue

Assuming I survive seeing Al Bore show up on TV every two hours for the next six months, you can expect the next issue of your newsletter sometime during the summer of 2001.

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