

The Ugly Angel

Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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Memorial Progress

The permanent Ugly Angel Memorial is more than a dream – it's fast becoming a reality. The final design (sketch in next newsletter if we have room) has been approved by the UAMF Board of Directors, a contractor hired, and a beautiful Emerald Pearl granite slab ordered. Delivery time for the stone is roughly three months while carving the names and inscriptions will consume another month. That means we should be able to have the memorial shipped to Quantico, emplaced, and ready for dedication sometime between 23 June and 14 July. As soon as we have a firm date for the dedication it will be published via e-mail and the newsletter.

In preparation for the dedication, yours truly recently visited Quantico to discuss the details with our MCB point of contact, LtCol Mike Morgan (a helo stud, thank God), and the Chief of Staff MCB, Col Ron Rook. The CG MCB Quantico, BGen Hendrickson, has promised his command's full support. This includes the band, color guard, ceremonial platoon, a tent, and refreshments (at our expense, of course) and full PAO support, including video taping the ceremony.

Memorial Cost

The completed memorial will cost \$8000.00 broken down as follows: Emerald Pearl granite stone @ \$3000; Shaping @ \$400.00; Design & carving @ \$3500; Crating @ \$300.00; and Shipping @ \$800. The terms of our contract with Elite Granite require that we pay 50% up front and the rest on delivery. I know, you're thinking that's eight large – and where in hell are we going to get it? Well, read on.

Save The Whales Foundation

Our current bank balance is \$8971.00, including a recent contribution of \$1000.00 from Mark Stanton (Anyone care to match it?). \$695.00 of that is earmarked for the purchase of Ugly Angel decals for sale at the reunion and to support YL 42 on the air show circuit (see news item below). This leaves \$276.00 over the cost of the memorial in the till. And that, my friends, means we are going to ask you to dig into your pockets, something I really hate to do.

Why do we need more? Cause we need roughly 350 Susans to pay for half the cost of the next six issues of the newsletter which is now going out to over 250 guys. We will also need around \$500 + or - for refreshments for the memorial dedication ceremony. We also have to maintain the memorial unto perpetuity. Then there's the future to think of. Are we going to roll over and die when the memorial is completed or continue to march? It's up to you, Angels.

The bottom line – send money if you can afford it. No amount is too small (or too large) to signify your support. You can honor our fallen brothers and beat Uncle Sugar out of a buck or two at the same time since all contributions are legally tax deductible. Semper Fi! Make your checks out to the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation and send them to:

Sachs Law Office (attn UAMF) , P. O. Box 1360, Norwich, Vermont 05055

Have you heard, Xerox and Wurlitzer are going to merge:
They're going to make reproductive organs

YL 42 - On The Road

Jim Moriarty, the owner of YL 42, has asked the UAMF to support the aircraft as it makes its appearance on the air show circuit. Since getting the Ugly Angel story out to the public is one of the reasons the UAMF was incorporated, the Board

has agreed. Translated into plain English, this means we will provide Jim with Ugly Angel decals and volunteers to act as briefers and crew members. It's the least we can do since Jim is generously footing the rest of the bill

The air show season began in this month. Thus far YL 42 has been shown by Gunny Sachs, Ben Cascio, and Orm Hall (the YL 42 Nam crew chief) at Yuma (19 Feb) and plans to be at El Centro (10 Mar). An East coast swing is planned for MCAS Beaufort (8 Apr) and MCAS New River (29 Apr). Shows being considered are Oshkosh (27 Jul), Reno Air Races (17 Sep), MCAS Miramar (13 Oct), and our upcoming reunion in San Diego (24-27Aug).

To make the presentation of YL 42 as authentic as possible, Jim would like to have Ugly Angel volunteers accompany the aircraft to hand out Ugly Angel patches and decals, and to tell the HMM-362 story. He also needs memorabilia from Vietnam to display. Bobby Johns was an early volunteer and is already doing much of the a/c maintenance.

Money for fuel and lube will be provided by Jim and/or the sponsoring air show. Volunteers will be on the hook for their own living expenses. Apart from meeting lots of good looking honeys, you'll have the satisfaction of recounting the history of our squadron and sharing your wartime experiences with a largely uninformed public.

Needed – A Few Good Men

Pilots & Crew: Duty as either co-pilot or crewman requires no formal FAA qualifications. Pilots should have recent flight experience, a desire to sit in the left seat again, and be capable of assisting the HAC. Crew chiefs should know how to perform routine maintenance (i.e. preflight, grease the tail rotor, safely fuel, etc.), properly tie down the a/c, load it for flight (remember, improper CG can hurt you), and arrange security when on static display. Crew chiefs should also be physically fit, have common sense, and an authoritative voice to keep civilians from peering into the fuel tank with butts in their mashes. A quick trigger finger is no longer required.

Briefers: A stock of mostly true sea stories and the ability to communicate with the public in non-Marine language. In other words, "You don't listen too well, do you @\$\$%0!e?", is not an acceptable form of expression.

Volunteer crew should plan to wear either a flight suit or utilities while flying, and an Ugly Angel golf shirt (green side out) and khaki shorts or trousers when meeting the public. The requirement to have recently passed the PFT or weigh 165 pounds is necessarily waived. If you would like to volunteer as a co-pilot, crew chief, or briefer to tell the Ugly Angel story, please contact Ben Cascio at bencascio@aol.com; or 201-848-7811 (day), 201-337-6621 (evenings). If you're not on the net or haven't paid your phone bill, you'll find Ben at 45 Lakeshore Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436.

New Board Member

In recognition of his outstanding service as Ugly Angel webmeister over the past sixteen months, we are pleased to announce the election of Chuck Linn to the UAMF board of directors. As noted in the December newsletter, his initiative and skill in establishing and maintaining the HMM-362 web site has been instrumental in growing our mailing list to over 250 readers. His web site has proven exceptionally effective in drawing the squadron together, thereby significantly enhancing squadron esprit and morale. Congratulations, Chuck! Take the rest of the day off!

Merger Rumors also mention Polygram Records, Warner Brothers and Keebler:
New company will be called Poly-Warner-Cracker.

Reunion Scoop

Reunion 2000 reunion will be held from Thursday, 24 Aug to Sunday morning, 27 Aug 2000 at the Town & Country Resort Hotel in San Diego. If you're planning to attend, please let em know via mail, e-mail phone, carrier pigeon, or whatever so I can get an early start on tracking attendance and list your name in the next newsletter.

Many of you will have already received your USMC/Vietnam Helo Assn reunion packet. To have gotten a packet you must have either attended a recent reunion (96 Las Vegas or 98 Pensacola), or be a paid up member of the Assn for either 1999 or 2000. No one else will receive a packet until the dues (\$35) arrive on the Assn doorstep. To join, dial up the Assn web site at < <http://www.popasmoke.com/index.html> > and wend your way through the links to the sign-up form.

The fact that around a 1000 guys have already gotten packets suggests that you make your hotel reservations ASAP. You can always cancel if you change your mind, but when the rooms at the T & C are gone you'll have to stay elsewhere. Make your reservations by contacting the Town & Country at the following: Tel (800) 772-8527, FAX (619) 291-3584, or dialing up < <http://www.towncountry.com/reserv.htm> >.

Shy & Retiring

Congratulations to Sid Orr who recently retired with thirty-three years, ten months government service – the last thirty with the Georgia Air National Guard where they operate the B-1 Bomber. Sid writes, “we have a bird, tail # 089, which is dedicated to our Brothers and Sisters who served in Vietnam.” Semper Fi, Sid.

Reunion Line Up

So everyone will know who is responsible for various aspects of Angel reunion planning, the line up is as follows:

Reunion Coordinator: Tom Hewes < thewes@snet.net >. Coordinates Ugly Angel participation with the Helo Assn. Coordinates the activities of all Ugly Angel managers (except as specifically noted below with reference to YL 42 & 37) and passes the word to all Angels via e-mail and newsletter.

Asst. Reunion Coordinator: Ben Cascio < bencascio@aol.com >. Coordinates Ugly Angel air show support for YL 42 and for the movement of YL 42 & 37 to the reunion site, including passing the word to all Angels via e-mail or other means. Assists the Reunion Coordinator as necessary.

Activities Manager/Treasurer: Mark Stanton. Establishes a registration point, schedules volunteers to man it, and supervises registration of all attendees who list their primary squadron as HMM-362. Additionally responsible for collecting \$4 to \$5 per family to cover the cost of the Ready Room.

Ready Room Managers: Lew Barnes, K. D. Logue, and Tim Wilson. Responsible for setting up and decorating the Ready Room/registration point in the Royal Palm Salon 3 (aka Cabinet Room).

Dinner Manager: Tom Hewes < thewes@snet.net >. Coordinates with the T & C (yes, we're having dinner at the hotel), collecting money in advance, record keeping, and paying the final bill – for the last f@#%+n& time!

Soft Goods Managers: Ed Tatman (maybe) and/or Gary Doss. Responsible for selling soft goods leftover from the dedication of YL 37, the patch and cruise books projects, and new Ugly Angel decals. Responsibility does not include ordering, selling, or delivering any other soft goods items like golf shirts and baseball caps. That's up to you!

All Other Ugly Angels: Responsible for showing up – and helping man the registration point, selling soft goods, and anything else needed to make this reunion as successful as our last two. OooRah!

New corporate name for 3M and Goodyear: MMM Good

Rough Flight Schedule

The following 104 personnel (everybody flies in this outfit) are scheduled for a 251730Aug00 squadron strike of all available aircraft on LZ Seagull:

Archie Clapp	Chuck Travis & Francine	Ed Langley	Bill & Carol
Duffy Mark & Lorraine Stanton	Ben & Ailene Cascio	Lew & Jean Barnes	K D &
Raeanne Logue	Jerry & Turmi Kottcamp	Bob Scarbrough	Clay & Judy Canfield
Ron & Gerry Fix			
Butch Gorman & Caroline	Carl & Anne Wheeler	D J & Fran Leighton	Ron Johnson
Carl, Adele, & Kay Yung	Jerry & Eleanor Dooley	Jim & Fran Perryman	Jack & Cindy Lodge
Rusty Sachs	Tim & Karen Wilson	Ron & Anna Gall	E V & Ruby Rose
Joe Syslo & Jennifer	Bill & Nancy Reese	Dave & Amelia Moore	Muddy & Ruth Waters

Bobby & Lynda Johns	Garret Hatcher & Lady	Lou Stefan & Lady	Al & Susan Cain
Steve Atell	Chuck & Linda Linn	Cal & Wanda Cormier	Romy & Linda Myszka
Bill McNair	Bill Walker	Orm & Sharon Hall	Rick & Susan Bartlett
Tom Kane	Hal Coffman	Willie Sproule	Tom & Joanne Hewes
Mush Melin & Lady	Bob & Joanne Bringham	Rick & Shelley Sarmiento	George Federow
Ralph & Candy Jones	Mike & Sue Zacker	Ed & Ethel Langley	Bill & Carol McCluskey
Charlie & Marge Upshaw	Ron & Carla Sorensen	Ken & Dee Davis	John Donnelly
Curtis Gray & Denise Paliter	Tom & Anita Thurber	Pete King	

If you plan to attend and don't see your name above, call, drop me a line or an e-mail, or lean out the widow and yell, and I'll happily add it.

W.R. Grace Co., Fuller Brush, Mary Kay Cosmetics & Hale Business Systems are also merging:
New company to be called Hale Mary Fuller Grace.

Get Well

We wish a speedy recovery to Anne Wheeler who has been spending five days a week in pulmonary rehab . Anne is the lovely wife of Carl "Wheels" Wheeler, one of the guys who taught me to fly helicopters "combat style".

Reunion Dinner

This year we're planning to have our reunion dinner at the hotel for two reasons. First, to avoid transportation and DUI problems. And second, it's a hell of a lot cheaper than some of the places our recon team leader, Mike Zacker, scoped out. For all of that, it's still going to cost more than Pensacola (were really gonna miss Janice Sheehan) nor will there be a selection of three menu items. Hey guys, San Diego ain't Pensacola – or Eliot, Iowa.

The good news is that we are all going to be together. The bad news is we're going to have to eat seagull – and it's going to cost \$30.00 per person. Before you start bitching, a couple of places quoted rates of \$40+ per person or \$7500 for 150 of us. Viewed in these terms \$30 ain't a bad deal, especially since it includes an 18% service charge and 7.75% sales tax.

The main course will be Chicken Floresco, a "Choice Chicken Breast finished with a Light Sauce of Shallots, Wine, Cream, Garlic & Basil with Julienne Vegetables and Fresh Herbs. Dinner includes a choice of Salad served with Freshly Baked Rolls, Appropriate Accompaniments, Dessert & Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea."

The dinner will be held on Friday evening, 25 August. Cocktails at 1730 and dinner promptly at 1900. Expect details on how to make a reservation and where to send your check in the next edition of the newsletter.

Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers are also merging:
New company will be called Fairwell Honeychild.

Historical Notes

Bob Skinder, our official Angel Historian, is collecting and collating material associated with the squadron's participation in the Vietnam War. If you have any stories, pictures, written material, or other items of historical interest you would like to donate, please send them directly to Bob Skinder, 20 Claytor Rd. Hopkins, SC 29061.

Also, if you have any Vietnam movie film you would like transferred to video tape, Bob has recently met a guy who works in the University film library who would be willing to use his equipment to convert any in-country reel films (8 & 16 mm) to video tape. There will be a charge, but not nearly what it would cost at a commercial lab. Bob says it might help to consider donating your originals to the library as historical material. If you're interested, contact him.

Larry Turner Writes

"I want to thank the men and families of the squadron that sent me the Top Gun H-34 Pilot Plaque for the flying of YL 42 at the PNS reunion and the flying of YL 37 at the Inola mini-reunion. It was a true honor to receive this plaque from my peers. This honor means as much to me as if I had received the Medal of Honor. Thank You!"

“Gordie ‘the Squid’ Renfeld gave it to me Christmas morning, so it was even more special. The squadron mini-reunion in Inola was a true healing experience for all who attended. Gary Doss and Julie Jackson said it all in the two letters they wrote. Col. Clapp and the other pilots that I flew at Inola were really pleased and honored to get a chance to fly YL 37 again. Gerald Hail and his people are outstanding folks and true Oklahoma hosts. They really put on a great show and have a wealth of information about our squadron and the Vietnam War. Thanks again from an ole Iowa farm boy - helicopter pilot.”

Other pending mergers include Grey Poupon and Dockers Pants:
Company to be known as (you guessed It) – Poupon Pants

Courtesy Mark Stanton

Publish or Perish

The newsletter will be published monthly until the reunion, provided we have enough money in the UAMF account to cover half the cost. If not, the publishing schedule will be reduced accordingly. So, if you want to continue to enjoy news about the Ugly Angels, consider a donation to the UAMF. See the first page for where to send your contribution.

As I’ve said before, start saving your piasters, yen, or MPC! San Diego is going to be expensive, but it should also be great! Great venue, great weather, and lotsa great Angels. Believe me, there will never be another reunion like it!

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