

The Ugly Angel

Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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Memorial Progress

Below is an artist's sketch of the Ugly Angel Memorial now being fabricated by Elite Granite. The design of the memorial, which is shaped like half a wing broken off from the whole, is intended to symbolize the loss of our thirty-three brothers. The half wing shape is modeled after both the aviator and aircrew wings and is symbolic of our common Marine aviation heritage.

The right side of the memorial will have the Marine Corps emblem, naval aviator wings, aircrew wings, and the Ugly Angel inscribed on it running from top to bottom. The following inscription will run through the long axis:

United States Marine Corps
HMM-362 Ugly Angels Vietnam 1962-1969
In Memory of Those Who Paid The Ultimate Price for Freedom
God Bless - Semper Fi

The rank, name, and day and date of loss of each of our Angels will be inscribed on the face of the memorial from left to right in alphabetical order, but staggered in a manner that suggests the individual feathers of the wing.

The 5' x 3' stone slab, a beautiful dark greenish-blue granite flecked with silver highlights, will rest at an angle on a polished stainless steel base bolted to a concrete pad. As reported in the last newsletter, delivery time for the stone is ninety days while carving the names and inscriptions will require another thirty. As soon as we have a firm date for the dedication it will be published via e-mail and the newsletter.

Why Dedicate Now?

Basically because we (actually it was me) screwed up. We didn't consider the personal financial drain that could result from dedicating the memorial in a reunion year until after we had met with MCB Quantico and committed ourselves to a 23 June-14 July dedication window. A real dumbshit, but since we can't reschedule with Quantico (for reasons too lengthy to go into here), we are looking at alternatives. Among the possibilities being considered are a rededication/mini-reunion sometime next summer or a ceremony when the memorial moves to the Heritage Center .

Since we are committed to dedicating the memorial this summer, please plan to attend if at all possible. We have every indication that Quantico is going all out to support us so it should be a great ceremony. For those of you who can't make it, we will do our level best to have the ceremony video taped so we can show it at our Friday evening dinner.

Never trust a dog to watch your food. Patrick, age 14

Fund Raising Progress

As you know, the memorial will cost \$7200 to fabricate and another \$800 to ship. We've already paid Elite \$3600 since the terms of our contract require 50% up front and the rest on delivery. This temporarily drew down our bank balance, but thanks to the following Angels who quickly and generously responded to our plea for contributions, we're now up to a very healthy \$9398.18. Included in the total is a pledge of \$600 per year from one magnificent Angel, an anonymous \$1000 contribution from another, and a very generous \$500 from a third. God bless you Angels - you're the greatest!

Denny Beckman
Dick Houghton

John Bowman
Dave Jones

Archie Clapp
Jerry Kottkamp

Norm Derylak
Chuck Linn

Ron Fix
Burt Palmer

Pete Gligor
Jim Perryman

Marty Guyer
Robbie Robertson

Lyman Phillips
Jim Villareal

Hugh Rothweiler Bob Skinder
Tom Warning Tim Wilson

Willie Sproule
Mike Zacker

Mark Stanton
Anonymous

Tom Thurber

Larry Turner

Remember, \$4400 of our total balance is earmarked for the memorial and \$695.00 for purchase of Ugly Angel decals to support YL 42 on the air show circuit and for sale at the reunion. We also need roughly 350 scoots to pay for half the cost of six issues of the newsletter which is now going out to 265 guys. Another \$500 or so is needed for refreshments for the memorial dedication ceremony. We've also promised to maintain the memorial in perpetuity. Then there's the future to think of. Are we going Tango Uniform when the memorial is completed or will we continue to grow?

The bottom line: please contribute – but only if you can afford it. No amount is too small to signify your support. You can honor our lost Angels and euchre Uncle Sugar out of a simoleon or two since all contributions are tax deductible (Fed Tax ID # 03-0356557). Make your checks out to the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation and mail them to:

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

When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?", don't answer him. Michael,
age 14

YL 42 Crew

We are still looking for a few good men to man YL 42 and to tell our story on the air show circuit. An East coast swing is planned (depending on pilot availability) for Chattanooga, 16 Apr; Whiting Field, 17 Apr; Reception/Pig roast for Whiting studs at Frenchys, 26 Apr; New River Air Show, 28/29 Apr; American Helicopter Museum, Brandywine, PA, 30/31 Apr; and New Jersey Aviation Museum, Teterboro, 1 May. Shows also being considered include Oshkosh, 27 Jul; the Reno Air Races, 17 Sep; MCAS Miramar, 13 Oct; and our forthcoming reunion in San Diego from 24 to 27 Aug.

To make the presentation of YL 42 as authentic as possible, Jim Moriarty, the owner, would like to have former Ugly Angels volunteer to accompany the aircraft to tell the HMM-362 story. Vietnam memorabilia is also needed for display. Aircraft operating expenses will be funded by Jim and/or the sponsoring air shows – our part of the bargain is that volunteer crew will be on the hook for their own living expenses. If you want a chance to visit the scene of former crimes, you need only minimal qualifications. See your March newsletter for details.

If you would like to volunteer to ride the wind with YL 42 and tell the Ugly Angel story to the world, please contact:
Ben Cascio at < bencascio@aol.com > or 201-848-7811 (day), 201-337-6621 (evenings).

Reunion Reminder

Reunion 2000 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 snail mail, e-mail, phone, carrier pigeon, or a note wrapped around a brick. That way I can keep track of attendance and list your name in the next newsletter (unless, of course, you're wanted somewhere).

Remember, to attend any USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Association sponsored activities such as the Thursday evening happy hour and dinner, and the Saturday night dinner and show, you must have a reunion packet. All you need do to get one is be a paid up member (\$35 this year only) of the Association. To join, dial up the Pop A Smoke web site at < <http://www.popasmoke.com/index.html> > and follow the links to the sign-up form. Once you've sent in your dues, a reunion packet will be sent to you automatically. If you're not on the net, let me know and I'll mail you a dues form.

You can make hotel reservations at the special reunion rate of \$99 per night (good for three days prior and after) by contacting the Town & Country Resort Hotel at the following: Tel (800) 772-8527, FAX (619) 291-3584, or dialing up:

< <http://www.towncountry.com/reserv.htm> >

To obtain the convention rate, be sure to tell them you're with the USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Association.

Never try to baptize a cat. Eileen, age 8

Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of more volunteers to man the HMM-362 registration point from Thursday morning, 24 August, until registration is complete sometime Saturday afternoon. Two watch standers will probably be required from Thursday opening until 1600 Friday, but only one thereafter. It is anticipated that the Saturday watches will be on an "on call" basis. No watch will be longer than four hours in length.

The following good guys have already signed up:

Mark Stanton	Lyman Phillips	Hal Coffman	Gil Sanders
Chuck Travis			Tom Hewes

Todays Line Up

If you need specific info on the reunion, please contact one of the following:

Pitcher/Catcher	Tom Hewes < thewes@snet.net > Reunion Coordinator & Dinner Manager.
First	Ben Cascio < bencascio@aol.com > Asst. Reunion Coordinator/Airshow Guru
Second	Mark Stanton. Activities Manager/Treasurer.
Short (mostly)	Lew Barnes, K. D. Logue, and Tim Wilson. Ready Room Managers.
Third	Ed Tatman & Gary Doss. Soft Goods Managers.

Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. Andrew, age 9

HMM-362 Flight Schedule 25 August 2000

The following personnel (ain't no male chauvinists in this S-3 office) are scheduled for a 1730 max effort strike (no ARVNs involved) on LZ Seagull. Aircraft assignments TBA.

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 Kottkamp	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	Doug & Jenny Snipes
Lyman Phillips & Friend	Hal Coffman	Gil Sanders	Mac & Dee Crocker
Wimpy & Julia Wimmmler	John & Suzanne Gonville	Ed & Shirley Creamer	Ron Ice
Norm Derylak	Curt & Renette McRaney	Roger Cook & Lady	John & Grace Bowman
Frenchy & Susan Caouette	Ed & Pat Tatman		

If you don't see your name (or that of your room mate) on the schedule and you want to fly, call, drop me a line or an e-mail, or lean out the widow and holler and I'll happily add it.

Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. Joel, age 10

Thank You Letter

The following is a letter to all you lovely Angels from Carolyn Cramer.

"I received so much comfort from all of you thru your letters and concerns and prayers after Bob (Major Robert Cramer) died 1/8/68 in Viet Nam. I have never really been able to express to you my deep appreciation for each of you and especially how all of you sacrificed your lives even without needed support back home. I thank Our Lord that you have an organization and I am so grateful to you for the memorial that you are dedicating to those lost in Viet Nam (HMM-362) at Quantico. My daughter (Lynn Harless) and I are going to try to come to that celebration. We cannot make the trip to San Diego if we go to the Memorial. So we decided that the trip to the Memorial would be more appropriate for us. Maybe we will be able to go to the one in two years."

"For this, you will always be special." signed Carolyn Cramer <Cramer128@aol.com>

Sick List

As I noted in an all-Angel e-mail late last month, Willie Sproule's wife, Esta, is suffering from a serious circulatory problem and may lose a limb. I wrote Willie and Esta, "On behalf of all the Angels, Esta, we send you our love along with our prayers that your condition improves and you make a full recovery. As you taught us, Willie, the Ugly Angels take care of their own. If there is anything we can do, I hope you won't hesitate to let me know. We stand ready to help in any way we can."

For those of you who would like to send best wishes but have no computer, the Sproule's mailing address is:
William D. Sproule 984 Roach Rd. Choudrant, LA 71227

Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. Emily, age 10

Ugly Angel Dinner

Our traditional reunion dinner will be held at the Town & Country Hotel, Friday evening, 25 August. Cocktails will be served from 1730 to 1900 with dinner promptly at 1900. Room TBA. For dinner we're having:

Chicken Floresco, a Choice Chicken Breast finished with a Light Sauce of Shallots, Wine, Cream,
Garlic & Basil with Julienne Vegetables and Fresh Herbs.
Included is a choice of Salad served with Freshly Baked Rolls, Appropriate Accompaniments,
Dessert & Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea.

Our special guest, Cdr. (CHC) Victor H. Krulak, Jr. USN (Ret), will say the grace. Immediately following dinner there will be a showing of the Ugly Angel memorial dedication video (keep your fingers crossed) and a very special award presentation by the President, UAMF.

If you plan to attend the dinner of the century, please make out a check for \$30 per person to Tom Hewes, include the names you want on your place cards in the check's memo section, and mail it to:

Tom Hewes 384 Hartland Blvd. E. Hartland, CT 06027

p. s. Rest assured your money is safe with me now that I've stopped drinking Chateau Lafite-Rothschild and Chateau Yquem. Cause I know how chintzy some of you are (particularly certain pilots and prominent attorneys), you'll be pleased to hear that I've switched to a cheaper \$25 a bottle rum. Here's to your health, Marines!

Shirts & Hats

This reunion we're again recommending you buy your soft goods from Honorary Angel Frenchy LaFontaine. He offers a dynamite forest green Outer Banks golf shirt with the Ugly Angel logo (we'll list the full line up of embroidery designs in the next edition) on it for \$30 and dark green Ugly Angel ball caps for \$14. Plan another \$3.20 to \$5.00 for priority mail shipping. We're not in the soft goods business anymore, so please order - and I recommend you do it early - directly from Frenchy. Visa, Discover, and MasterCard cheerfully accepted. To place an order contact Frenchy at: Ultra Marine Productions, 9810 Indian Ford Rd. Milton, FL 32570. Tel. (850) 957-9069/e-mail: <comprise@bellsouth.net >.

If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. Naomi, age 15

Kids wisdom courtesy of John Burns

Only 146 Days to Go

About now there are three Angels, their names are not important, who should be enthusiastically looking forward to the reunion. The reward which awaits these three for services rendered during the Pensacola reunion should be an inspiration to us all. On the evening of 25 August the Golden Rule will be applied with a zeal found among only true believers in the maxim, "Do unto others kind and true as you would have others do unto you". They did - and we will! Don't miss it cause it's gonna be worth the price of the dinner.

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