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# The Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Newsletter

## We're Going to the Show!!!

We just didn't happen to know it 39 years ago!



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So who can name everyone in this picture?

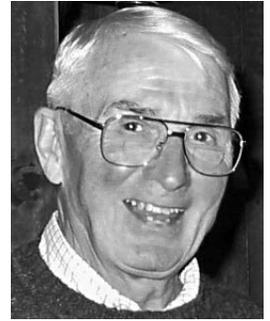
### Reunion Update

A lot has transpired since the last newsletter. I still don't know the exact reasons and rather than guess, will simply announce that the Evening Parade will not be held on Friday evening. That would have been when we held the Squadron Dinner. Now the Parade is going to be held Friday morning when we have planned our three pronged attack on the Quantico Area to include a visit to the almost brand new National Museum of the Marine Corps, the rededication of The Wing, our memorial to our Fallen Angels and our Squadron Luncheon.

After careful deliberation the Board of Directors and coordinators have agreed to stick to the original plan and we all hope that you will want to join us for a very meaningful day. More information will follow in this issue and later.



## Guest Editorial from our Founder and President Emeritus, Tom Hewes



### Reunion Thoughts

In preparing this edition for the newsletter, I had occasion to leaf through some of the old newsletters starting with our first edition in January, 1966. In reading over them I was surprised to note how many Angels have died since we organized to attend Pop A Smoke reunions. I can't put a hard number on it but it's more than twenty, and that's only those who we know about.

It was then that it struck me me hard that some of us may not be around for too many more reunions. And that, my brothers, is one hell of a good reason for those of you who are considering staying home for one reason or another to reconsider.

Sure it's expensive to fly for those living on a fixed income to fly across the country to an expensive city like Washington but consider this. You aren't getting any younger or healthier, the cost of living ain't going down and you can't take that money you've squirreled away, with you.

This reunion is going to be special, not only for the reasons cited above but because we are going to be visiting the National Museum of the Marine Corps—and rededicating our Ugly Angel Memorial, THE WING, which now rests in the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park adjacent to the museum.

You know the Uglys have always led the pack at these reunions. Our average attendance over the last five reunions has been 121 including a few wives and camp followers. Our poorest showing was 64 at Fort Worth, 2006 and our best 168 in San Diego, 2000. Let's at least try to hit the average.

So, you heroes of Vietnam, why not take another trip down Memory Lane and join us in DC before it's too late?

**Very Important: On the next two pages are two separate forms. The first is for the luncheon and the second is to order the new collectors coins. Fill out both or either and mail them to Bill McNair with separate checks for each. Read the instructions!!**

### **Tentative Reunion Schedule**

**Thursday, August 14** People will arrive and check in throughout the day. Hospitality Hootch should be available at some point that day. Usually an informal Pop A Smoke meal around 1800. Adjourn to Hootch.

### **Friday, August 15th Very busy Day**

0745-0800—Depart hotel for Museum

0900-1145 —Tour Museum

1145 –1230 —Rededicate Memorial, The Wing (adjacent to the Museum.)

1240 —Depart Museum

1300-1500 —Squadron Luncheon at The Clubs, MCB Quantico (time may be bumped up 30 minutes)

Evening—There may still be time to arrange a squadron dinner (or dinner with your buddies, enemies, etc.)

**Saturday, August 16th** Numerous sights, Museums and historical buildings to see. I expect that there will probably be a ceremony at The Wall. Huge banquet in the evening.

**Sunday, August 17th** Hug everyone goodbye and get your butts on the road.



Squadron Registration and Luncheon Form  
 HMR(L) / HMM / HMMH 362  
 Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation  
 Reunion Luncheon  
 Friday, August 15, 2008  
 1300-1500  
 Officer and Enlisted Club, MCB Quantico

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Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Diners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of "A" Coins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/ each = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of "B" Coins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/ each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

**This order form is intended to let members get one or two coins with their meal. Larger order should be placed on next page.**

Are you driving? \_\_\_\_\_ Extra seats? \_\_\_\_\_

Need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_ How many people? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The luncheon will follow our visit to the new National Museum of the Marine Corps and the re-dedication of our Memorial, The Wing at Semper Fidelis Park at approximately 1200.

Use this form to pay for lunch and one or two coins per diner.

**Make checks payable to Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation or UAMF.**

**All Reservations Must be Sent by August 1st**

Mail to: Bill McNair,  
 6208 Dovenshire Ter.,  
 Fort Worth, TX 76112



COIN "A"



COIN "B"

**Ugly Angel Coin Project**

If you've ever been embarrassed at your local VFW, Legion, MCL meeting (read bar) because you couldn't produce a challenge coin for some loud-mouthed Dog Face or Squid, you're worries are over.

One of our own, Bill McNair, has developed a coin project that will both solve you're social problem (apart from bad breath and body odor)) and generate a little income for the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation.

The artwork for the two coins is still a work-in-progress but will resemble the designs depicted herein. The production quality will be similar to that on the Pop A Smoke coin distributed at the Fort Worth reunion.

Coins can be ordered for a modest \$5.00 apiece plus shipping from Bill via E-mail at <yl3cc@yahoo.com> or by snail mail addressed to: Bill McNair, 6208 Dovenshire Ter., Fort Worth, TX 76112

Please specify how many coins you want (order a bunch so we can cover our production costs which must be paid upfront), include a check or money order made out to Bill, and specify delivery mode (either at the reunion or by mail).

If you need your coins before the reunion, and we hope you won't, please add the following postage to cover mailing costs: Example: 6 coins \$30.00+2.00=\$32.00

Coins	\$	Coins	\$	Coins	\$	Coins	\$
1	0.90	6	2.00	11	3.00	16	3.90
2	1.25	7	2.25	12	3.20	17	4.10
3	1.50	8	2.40	13	3.40	18	4.25
4	1.70	9	2.60	14	3.50	19	4.50
5	1.90	10	2.75	15	3.75	20	4.70

Since it will take four to six weeks to produce and deliver the coins, we recommend you order ASAP. Order now and avoid more abuse from loud-mouthed Doggies and Squids.

Number of Coins "A" \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 EACH

Number of Coins "B" \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 EACH

Postage if not picked up at the Reunion in DC \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is for coins only. Make checks payable to Bill McNair**

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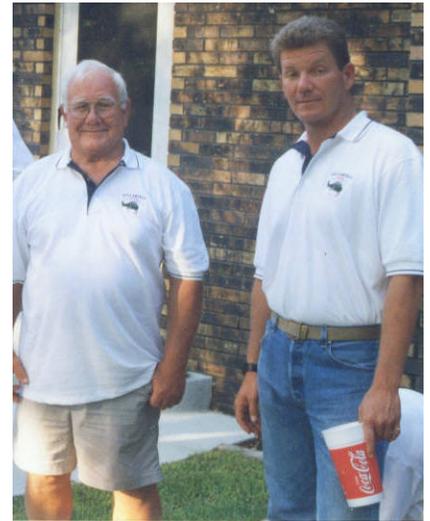


**Attendees; Confirmed or Suspected as of 5-19-08**  
**Please Update ASAP**

Charlie Appleton	Tom Hammack	Paul & Carol Putman
John Bowman	Tom Hewes	Mike Purcell
Tom Brownfield	Rich Houghton	Harrison Rainey III
Pete Burt	Dan Houglum	Jim Richmond
Gene and Marcia Camp	Ron Ice	Hugh Rothweiler
Ben & Ailene Cascio	David Jones	Rob & Shirley Roy
Bob & Ginny Case	Bill Keller and Guests	Jerry & Marlene Scanlan
Dan & Joan Dain	Jerry Kottcamp	BJ Sigman & Family
Joseph Donnelly	Erick Kuleski & Family	Bob & Madilyn Skinder
Don Ferguson	Jack & Cindy Lodge	Doug Snipes
Archie Flemming	KD Logue	Willie Sproule
John K. Ford	Dave Luhrsen & Family	Mark Stanton (2)
Larry Fraser	Frank Matucheski	Lou Steffan
James D. Funk	Louisiana Bill & Nita McNair	Darrell Tygart
Ron Gall (2)	Texas Bill & Judy McNair	Wally Waldrath (2)
Jean Gonneville	Romy Myszka	Wally Waldrige
Jim Gordon	Bob & Patsy Nickens	Frank Walters
Frank Green	Jim & Betsy Paetznick	Del York (2)

## “Butch” Sproule: 1956 -2008

We are starting to get used to writing obituaries for our members but this is the first time I remember doing so for one of our offspring. It is particularly hard in that I spent one of the most significant weekends of my post-Marine Corps life with Willie D. “Butch” Sproule, subject of this sad piece and son of The Boss. The occasion was mentioned in the last newsletter with the picture of the orange or “Mary Kay Pink” Navy H-34 and the date was mid June, 98. He was a great guy to work with. He was quiet and took the dirty jobs knowing that we were all seeing one another for the first time in 30 years or so.



In Willie’s words, Butch lived a full life and he did it his own way. I talked to Willie just before trying to write this thinking that there would be about three or four significant events and I’d be able to remember them all but such was not the case, Butch began his career in the Air Force as a helicopter mech. He served just under 3 years and left to pursue an A&P license. After that he enlisted in the Army as a missile technician but was then accepted into the Flight Program at Fort Rucker and eventually spent three years flying helicopters in Germany as a Warrant Officer. He then went back to school and eventually went to work for PHI as a helo mech. He then went to Guam flying for three years as a fish spotter. He returned to PHI where they made him a regular pilot, a position he held for 8 or 9 years. His last position with PHI was training in a new helicopter that PHI was going to purchase.

Prior to his untimely death, Butch had put his double-wide on one of Willie’s lots and was training to be a truck driver. He told Willie that it had been his dream to see the whole USA and this was how he was going to do it. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, shortly after passing his first test, he went for a 15 mile run which was followed by a heart attack. I am sure that each of us who were involved in that particular restoration of YL 42 will cherish the memory of working with both father and son and the entire UAMF extends our sympathy as a squadron to The Boss and all of the Sproules.

## Not Your Average Reunion

Remember, this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Even if you spent your entire career in the Pentagon or HQMC, you could never do what we are going to do in one weekend.

- See brothers you haven’t seen in 40 years and meet new friends you won’t forget
- Visit the brand new National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Rededicate our memorial, THE WING and remember our guys who never came home
- Visit THE WALL, and remember ALL the guys who never came home
- Squadron Luncheon with a very important mission at The Club, MCB Quantico
- Ride the Metro, Do Museums, Enjoy our Nations Capitol. You’ve paid for it



If you are able, save them a place inside of you  
and save one backward glance when you are leaving  
for the places they can no longer go.  
Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may  
or may not have always.  
Take what they have left and what they have taught you  
with their dying and keep it with your own.  
And in that time when men decide and feel safe  
to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace  
those gentle heroes you left behind.

Major Michael Davis O'Donnell  
1 January 1970  
Da Nang, Vietnam

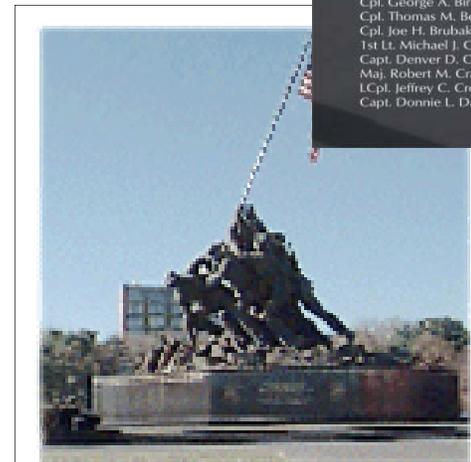


Cpl. Philip R. Anderson  
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Cpl. Thomas M. Boyd III  
Cpl. Joe H. Brubaker  
1st Lt. Michael J. Carle  
Capt. Denver D. Colburn Jr.  
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Cpl. William E. Franklin Jr.  
LCpl. Otis Green  
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LCpl. Lawrence C. Kleinhaus  
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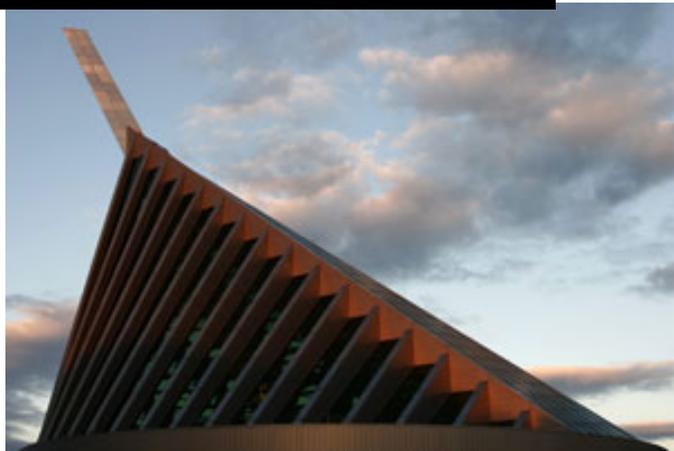
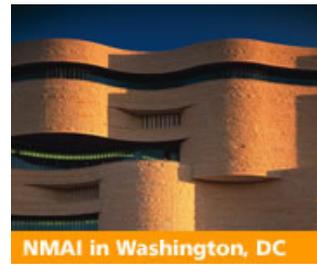


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Pop A Smoke. This does not apply for UAMF activities.  
Re-enlist at <http://www.popasmoke.com/fng.html>**

