

THE UGLY ANGEL

Memorial Foundation Newsletter



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Hooray! Hooray! It's the first of May. Reunion worrying starts today. Will anyone recognize you? - will you recognize anyone? A rocket-science tip! Expect less hair, more weight, and happier faces than last time you saw most of these guys. Too late to diet, so suck it in! The count is now fifty-two Angels, and it looks as though we will go to Las Vegas with this number. Actually, that's not too bad considering that when this mini-reunion was only a gleam last November, getting thirty Ugly Angels together sounded impossibly ambitious. The good news is that ever-smiling Al Thomas has donned bullet bouncer and flight helmet, and is now turning up. And "Nitch" Nitchman checked in to say he might make the reunion. Maybe we will make it to sixty after all.

Lessons learned #26: "Professionals are predictable - but the world is full of amateurs"

Thank you Jim Aldworth, Roger Cook, Bart Jealous, Denny Van Liew, and Charlie Upshaw for your letters and generous contributions to the newsletter fund. Guys, two bucks are enough! Roger has money coming. Willie thanks for the letter, poem, and "Armstrong's Raiders".

UNODIR I am going to request that the Reunion Management allow us to sit at adjacent tables for the Sunday evening dinner and USO show. Right now that translates into seventy-six places or eight tables of 10 places each. Send in your post card or call me! It's important that you make sure you and your wife's/guest's name are shown on the status board so I can ask for the correct number of places/tables.

The Memorial Luncheon in honor the Ugly Angels who were lost in Vietnam is on for noon on Saturday 22 June. It will be held in a private dining room on the twenty-sixth floor of Ballys. The lunch will be followed by a simple, dignified tribute to our fallen comrades. Gunny Sachs will act as MC and an aging Angel will deliver a brief eulogy. Please plan to attend. Fifty-two others are.

Menu

Fruit cup

Baked Chinook Salmon Steak or Chicken Breast Piccata

Parsley Potatoes • String Beans • Rolls & Butter

Exquisite Dessert • Coffee & Tea

The total cost: \$25, tax and tip included. We are not planning a bar because of the additional expense required for the bartender.

Thus far we have identified sixteen lost Angels: the ten pictured in the 1966-1967 Ugly Angel cruise book, four sent in by former CO Jim Aldworth from 1965, and two by Allan Cain from 1968-69. We think there are others, and would appreciate Angels from other year groups sending in their lost Angel's full name and rank, (e.g. 1st Lt. Francis Visconti). The names will be read at the Memorial Luncheon and we don't want to overlook anyone.

+ Luncheon attendees: Please mail your checks and menu choice (Seagull or Sardine) to Gunny NLT 1 June. His real name is: Ernest P. Sachs P.O. Box 1360 Norwich, VT 05055. Please send your checks and choices promptly. The hotel needs a seagull/sardine count forty-eight hours prior to the luncheon - and that's twenty-four hours before most of us get there. Does that remind you of the Corps or what? Similarly, we would like to have your checks before the Reunion so Gunny and I don't have to spend valuable sea-story/drinking time chasing after money.

Lessons Learned # 7: "Tracers work both ways"

Where are they now?

Brad (aka Bart) Jealous flew with the Angels in the exciting 1967-68 Ky Ha/Phu Bai era. Upon his return to CONUS, Bart served as an instructor with both VT-1 & VT-6, and then left the Corps to get his Masters Degree. He then volunteered to fly for Air America in Laos from 1971-73. After the war in Laos ended, he came back home to take a position with Gulf Oil Co. When Gulf was sold in 1986, he joined American Appraisal where he sells valuation services. He and his wife Deborah live at 1 Sparkleberry St. The Woodlands, TX 77380-4020

Did you know that one well known cigar-smoking Angel was Joe Foss's wingman in WWII - his first of three wars. Between wars he was the Project Officer for the TPQ-10 stand-off bombing system later used to help defend Khe Sanh. He volunteered to fly helos, and was taught by the K-Bay SAR Det. Another famous two-term (maybe more) Ugly Angel, who retired as a MGYSGT with thirty years service, has the Marine Corps Aviation Association's prestigious "Aviation Maintenance Marine of the Year" award named after him. Yet another prominent Angel grew up to command of the squadron, then HMM-362, at New River in 1980. He retired as a Colonel and now serves as Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Marietta College of Ohio . Can you name them?

Pal Joey
Plutocrat
Space
Off Spring
John Brown
Cadaver
Intrigue

VMO-6
26th Marines
1st Recon Bn
MASS-2
5th Marines
HMM-165
4th Marines

Final soft goods update

The Ugly Angel soft goods are ready for shipping. Order direct now! Arrive in Las Vegas looking like the crazed Vietnam veteran you are. Scare the locals. Growl OooRah! Go directly to jail! I've got mine and they look great.

- T-shirts - White with gold pilot & aircrew wings and motto "Semper Fi" on front. Ugly Angel logo & USMC/Vietnam vertically on back. About \$8.00
- Golf shirts - Black Forest Green with small embroidered Ugly Angel logo and "HMM-362" Underlined on heart side. Two grades - \$20.00 & \$30.00
- Baseball Caps - Dark Green with embroidered Ugly Angel Logo and "HMM-362" & "Ugly Angels" on front. Price \$16.00. Name and Name date on sides, \$3.00 additional for each.

If you want your stuff shipped to you before you leave for LVS, write or call our non-profit soft goods honcho: Norm "Frenchy" LaFountaine 57 Long Plain Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739 Tel: (508) 758-2314. Be aware that I am not using the post card info to order for you, only to set an inventory level for goods to be purchased/picked up in Las Vegas.

Status Board

Turning Up - 52

Jim/Kitty Aldworth	Greg/Nancy Armstrong	Lew Barnes	Jack Barry
Bo/Opal Beumer	Pat Bray	Alan/Janet Bloomer1	Alan
Cain	Mike Carley Jr.	Carl Cartwright	Ben/Ailene Cascio
Chris Christensen	Dick/Koochie Cline	Roger Cook	Bill/Carol Duffy
Bob Feeney	Ron Fix	Sandy Gideonse	Jim Gordon
Bill/Devon Green	Ron Harkless	Garret Hatcher	
Ron Hatton	Ron Heald	Tom/Joanne Hewes	Ed/Linda
Hunneyman	Bart/Deborah Jealous	Doc/Betty Jones	Bill Kelly
Ken/Raeanne Logue	John Longdin	Dave Moore	Bob
O'Neil	Burt/Glenda Palmer	Gunny/Marlene Sachs	Mike Severson
John Sigman	Marc/Anne Sohm	Ed Southworth	
Willie/Esta Sproule	Al Thomas	Tom/Anita Thurber	Charlie Upshaw
Jim Villarreal	Denny/Carolynn Van Liew	Deak/Marsha Warner	Tom Warning
Muddy/Ruth Waters	Bill Willey	Carl/Anne Wheeler	Bill/Janice
Wilkison	Mike Zaker		

1and Lisa

Flight Planning - 11

Tom Bong	Don Brodie	Archie Fleming	Allen Gilbert
Tom Heyer	Dave Jones	Denny Kawalek	Dave
Kemna	Pete King	Alan Nitchman	Vic Speroni

Hard Down - 20

Gene Bailey	Denny Beckman	Tom Bottorf	Bob Bringham
Jim Ferrier	Larry Fraser	Bob Hactel	Ken Holm
Russ Hohman	Jack Lodge	Jesse Mena	Ed
Modzelewski	Smokey Norton	Kent Petersen	Tom Schaney

Bob Sheehan
Joel Vignere

Ron Sorensen
Dave Watkins

Bill Spicer

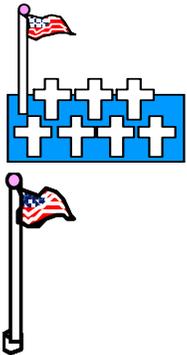
Clip Clop 6 (aka. Dick Cline) says his son, Tom, who lives in Henderson, NV, will be available to assist any early arrivals in Las Vegas who need help. Tom Cline may be reached by calling: (702) 898-0909. He flies Lear jets for a living, so if he's not in be patient.

Would you like to replace the Ugly Angel patch you lost in your divorce settlement? If the answer is yes, contact Marc Sohm 450 Ruggles St. Fond du Lac WI 54935. He has talked some sweet young thing into reproducing the embroidered original for only \$8.00/copy.

The Mud Man H2OS sent me another f***ing letter I can't read unless I drink six San Miguel's. Fortunately, he included some printed material which says the 1st MAW Assn., which is conducting a membership recruiting drive that weekend, has reserved space at Maxim Hotel & Casino, 160 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas for 21 & 22 June. The price: \$69.00/night plus tax. For reservations call: 1 (800) 634-6987.

We need materiel for authentically recreating the HMM-362 Ready Room ala Ky Ha or Phu Bai. Best 10'x10' squadron Ready Room wins a prize from the Reunion. Please bring your pictures, tactical maps, flight gear, bullet bouncers, field phone, hemorrhoids, flight schedules, canteens, cartridge belts, cot, tail rotor blades, and the like to Las Vegas. Marc Sohm and Ben Cascio are arriving in Las Vegas a day early (Thursday 20 June) to set up the ready room. If one or two of you West Coast Marines could spare half a day, Marc and Ben could use the help. If you want to volunteer, please let me know. Better yet, show up Thursday around noon.

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Match the Tactical Call sign to the Unit,
and win a free trip back to the communist paradise!