

The Ugly Angel

Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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Still Running

As of this edition 100 out of 134 Ugly Angels have shared their reunion plans with us. The breakdown: 70 you betcha, 18 maybe, and 12 gomen. We have yet to hear from the other 34 of you and can only hope you're not suffering from Alzheimers, *penislimpus*, or something equally debilitating. An up to date Status Board displaying who's doing what is in here somewhere.

Sikorsky Comes Through - Again

Just in case you thought that the people who made the UH-34D had forgotten those of us who flew/crewed it thirty plus years ago, you will be warmed to hear that Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation has generously volunteered to donate the field green paint and clear coat we need. Two former helo Marines and Sikorsky honchos, John Hax and "Pogy" Pogany, spearhead the effort on our behalf. Apart from saying thanks, which doesn't seem adequate in light of the value of the company's contribution, next time you consider the purchase of a helo, buy Sikorsky!

"Chicken Plates" are not something you order in a restaurant.

Fund Drive Status

The response for money to fund our operations has been unf---ingbelievable. Thus far 52 Angels have contributed a total of \$2788. Your pride in being Ugly Angels and your generosity are beyond my modest powers of description. All I can say, with tears in my eyes, is that I am proud to be one of you. You more than live up to the motto, Semper Fidelis.

The largest contribution thus far has been a whopping \$250.00, with several guys ponying up \$100.00 or more. Rather than embarrass anyone by listing amounts, we are going to publish only contributors names along with some of their comments in a future issue. If you would prefer to have the amount you gave listed alongside your name, let me know in time for the next edition due out in mid June. Save your canceled checks, guys. We now have an IRS number, and by year's end all your 1998 contributions will be tax deductible. What a country!

Once you are in the fight, it is way too late to wonder if this is a good idea

Our Thirty Four

The NMNA has approved the Ugly Angel paint scheme. It will be the field green scheme used in Nam covered with a protective clear coat. OoooRah! Our thanks to Ben Cascio, Ron Ice, Ron Fix, and Tom Thurber for digging into their scrapbooks to provide, at no small expense, a decent set of pictures for the Museum to work from. Now all we have to do is fill out the paint crew. HELP!

If you want to chip in please send at least \$15 - more if you want to! If you can't afford to send anything, don't sweat it. You will always be an Ugly whether you contribute or not. Contributions in excess of funds needed to buy additional material and/or support the paint crew will be held in the Foundation account for future use. Remember, we also have a memorial to fund somewhere down the road. Make your checks payable to the **Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation** and mail them to the Sachs Law Office, P.O. Box 1360, Norwich, VT 05055 (attn: UAF).

Help Wanted

The paint crew are Willie Sproule, Burt Palmer, Butch Sproule, and Tom Hewes. Bob Case, "Fat Hatch" Hatcher, and Gunny Sachs have each volunteered to work for a couple of days. Our tentative

start date for the job is changing every fifteen minutes, but at the moment it looks like sometime in mid May or mid June. If you want to experience the joy of working for Willie again (and watch former officers actually work), **we desperately need two more guys** on the front end to help with the prep. Willie is the Maint Chief and Burt the Paint Shop honcho. Thanks to you contributors, we now have money enough to pay the paint crew's lodging expenses, but will probably ask them to pick up the tab for their beer and chow.

Reunion Dinner Plan

We are planning a Happy Hour and dinner at the excellent New World Landing in Pensacola on Friday evening. There will be a cash bar and a choice of three entrees (chicken/beef/seafood) with salad, bread and butter, beverage, and dessert. The total price will range from \$17.00 to \$25.00 per person depending on your choice – and whether or not we add wine. We will probably require that you order and pay by 1 August to avoid the hassle of having to collect money at the door – or hunt you down later. Full details in the June edition.

Although free bus service will be available that evening, those of you with rental cars are requested to volunteer empty seats for Angels without wheels. Bring your own barf bags. A list will be posted in the ready room so please read "The Plan of the Day". Following the dinner, there will be a short program/business meeting to deliver the financial report, discuss and vote on the memorial, and cover other matters. In this outfit, everybody gets a say – and a vote.

Decisions made by someone over your head will seldom be in your best interest

Where the Hell is...?

"Pete" Petersen, your buddy Jay Erbeck lives in Green Bay, WI. If you can't get his number from information, call Romy Myszka, Tel (770) 394-9492, and he will ask his father to walk across the street in Marathon City, WI and call his brother-in-law!

Robbie Robertson is trying to locate Ed Ostrowski who last known address was somewhere in Connecticut.

If you are looking for an Association member and are on the internet, try punching up **www.popasmoke.com** and searching under "mailing list". The e-mail address of everyone who has registered with the Association is there.

There is only one rule in war: When you win, you get to make up the rules.

The Ugly Angel Memorial

The winter edition briefly described Bob Skinder's wonderful idea of erecting a permanent memorial to our fallen Angels somewhere. It was proposed the memorial be shaped like a fragment broken off the Vietnam Wall and made of similar material. It will be inscribed with a suitable sentiment and the names of each of our thirty-three lost Angels. Now that Santa Ana, the original home base of the Angels, is no more, some candidates for the site of the memorial include: New River, Pensacola, Miramar, and Pendleton. If you have any thoughts on where it should be located, Please submit them now. Remember, unlike our national political scene your opinion counts! The meeting following our Friday night reunion dinner will be decision time.

Reported to be actual quotes from Army Efficiency Reports

Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together
A gross ignoramus – 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus
If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week
It's hard to believe that he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm

Fell out of the family tree

Squadron Status Board

Briefing (70)

Rabon Adler		Charlie Appleton		Greg/Nancy Armstrong	
Steve Atell		Lew/Jean Barnes		Denny Beckman	Tom Bong
Al Cain		Gene/Marcia Camp	Mike Carley Jr.		Ben/Ailene Cascio Bob/Virginia
Case	Cal Christensen		Archie Clapp*	C. J. Cormier	
Ken Davis	Norm Derylak		Adam Deveny	Jerry Dooley	Bill/Carol Duffy
	Jim/Diane Fisher	Ron/Gerry Fix		Frank Flagg	
		Jim Gordon		Butch Gorman	
Sandy Gideonse		Ron/Lynn Harkless		Garett Hatcher	Ron Heald
Oramel/Sharon Hall			Dick Houghton		Steve Hucal
Tom/Joanne Hewes			Bobby Johns		"Doc" Jones
Ron Ice			Bill Kelly	Pete King	
Nick Kapetan*				Chuck/Linda Linn	Jack
Dick Koepp		Jerry Kottkamp			
Lodge		Ken/Raeann Logue	Terry Mann		Tom McKnight
		Curt/Renette McCraney	Dave/Amelia Moore		Romy Myszka
	Smokey Norton		Bob O'Neil		Jim Perryman
	"Robbie" Robertson	E. V. Rose	"Gunny"/Marlene Sachs		
Bob/Janice Sheehan	B. J./Mary Sigman	Bob/Madilyn Skinder			Ron Sorensen
	Ed Southworth	Willie/Esta Sproule			Lou Stefan
	Wayne/Becky Sutter	Al Thomas			Tom/Anita Thurber
Phil/Judy Turner	Bill/Ruth Waters		Tim/Karen Wilson		"Wimpy" Wimpler
		Mike Zacker			

* former COs

(If you don't see you sweetie's name listed, send it in and I'll add it.)

Still Checking the Schedule (18)

"Beetle"Bailey		Bo Beaumer		Alan Bower	Pat Bray
	Gary Doss		Don Flick		
Steve Hill		Brad Jealous		Al Kerst	
John Longdin		"Mush" Melin		Bob Nickens	
Donn Proven		Charlie Upshaw		Carl Wheeler	
Billy Wilkison		Bill Willey		Carl Yung	

Grounded (12)

Bob Bracy		John Burns		Dick Cline	Ed Creamer
	Steve Eck		Jim Ferrier	Merle Hill	
Ed Langley		Burt Palmer		"Pete" Petersen	
Bill Spicer		Joel Vignere			

Ready Room

Our Ready Room guru, Ben Cascio, asks all of you Uglys with ideas for decorating the ready room to contact him. He can be found at: 45 Lakeshore Dr. Oakland, NJ 07436 Tel. (201) 337-6621/ e-mail: <Bencascio@juno.com>. Last time we did memorabilia (albums, slides, 782 gear, movies, maps, prisoners, flight gear, etc.) from your Vietnam tour(s). This time we have a lovely 40'x 20' tent (with 6 round and 2 rectangular tables plus 60 chairs) to fill up with Angels and memories. You'll know it by Willie's striking HMM-362 banner. Since the Ready Room is outside and security doubtful, don't bring anything you can't store in your hooch overnight. More later

Running out of pedal, fore or aft cyclic or collective are all bad things.
Any combination of these can be deadly

Casualty Update

During my trip south I stopped by the Marine Corps Historical Center to research the squadron Command Chronologies in the hope of rounding out our casualty list. Unfortunately casualties are not routinely included in chronologies by name. I was able to pick up some clues which, when checked against the Vietnam Casualty Search Page, led me to the two pilots who died with Harris and Kleinhans in the midair with a CH-46 on 11 Oct 1968. They are Capt. Steven Wayne Martin and 1st Lt. Peter Edward Schryver. That brings the sad total of our losses to thirty-three.

If you have any knowledge of any other losses, please let me know. Any scrap of information is useful in piecing together the puzzle. Remember, we need an accurate list for the memorial.

Hot garrison chow is better than hot C-rations which, in turn are better than cold C-rations,
which are better than no food at all. All of these, however, are preferable to cold rice balls even
if they do have little pieces of fish in them.

Ball Cap, GI?

Again this year we will be dealing with Frenchy Lafontaine who will provide for your soft goods needs. The difference this time is that you, the customer, will be ordering directly from him. We hope to have the full line up of shirts and caps in the next edition? If you can't wait, Frenchy can be reached at: Ultra Marine Productions, 57 Long Plain Rd. Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Tel. (508) 758-2314/e-mail: <comprise@ici.net>.

Or Patches

A. C. Deveney has the original 6"x 5" patch about the mean looking little Marine which has the expression "Yea, Tho I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil cuz' I'm the toughest Mutha in the Valley" embroidered on it. If enough of you are interested, he thinks he can get them for less than \$10 apiece. He can be reached at: 1730 Quarry Lane (POB394) Valley Forge, PA 19481-0394. Tel. (610) 783-7165/e-mail <DLDTO4A@aol.com>.

Words of wisdom courtesy of "Everything I ever needed to know about life, I learned as a helicopter crewman in Vietnam" by an unidentified Corpsman and the "Pop A Smoke" web site

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