



The Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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We are out for Blood!

Your President and Board of Directors are out for blood! No, this is not a warning order to stuff yourself into your old flight suit, strap on the trusty rusty 38 or whatever, and deploy to A'Stan. Rather it's a call to add some new blood to the current slate of Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation officers and offices. Some of these guys have been around Since You Know Who was a corporal.

For those of you who didn't know we had officers and a Board of Directors, here's the current line up.



President: Romy Myska

Vice President: Billy Ray McNair

Secretary: Ben Cascio

Treasurer: Rusty Sachs

Financial Advisor: Mark Stanton

President Emeritus: Tom Hewes

Message From the President

Brother Ugly Angels,

As President of the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation, Inc, and in accordance with our by-laws, in particular Article III, Section 3 (next page), the UAMF is recruiting candidates for the board of directors. In contrast to your 13-month tour in our 60's host country, this tour can involve only a year...or until the next election is scheduled.

Please consider running for office and participating more fully in the Ugly Angel Memorial organization. So far we have three willing candidates and three slots. They are: Walt Smith 65-66, Dick Moser 66-67, and Ken Logue 68-69. Our election schedule is based on the upcoming Pop A Smoke Reunion in Reno so email me sooner rather than later. I would like to have a minimum of three (3) candidates ready for the memberships' consideration in June. If you are interested, email Romy at <romymouse@sbcglobal.net>. If we stay on schedule, the new BOD will be installed in Reno and new officers selected immediately thereafter.

Please respond back to me as soon as possible. Email me with questions about the duties and benefits of being a leader of the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation. Due to a move at the end of the month, my local phone won't be working after May 28th, but I will be monitoring email every day while meandering between Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and California. (Details about retiring and selling a home in the midst of a government incentive program will be provided in the ready room/hootch in Reno.)

Romy Myszka, President, UAMF, Inc.

Article III. Board of Directors

3. Election and Tenure

Each director named in the Articles of Incorporation shall hold office until the first annual meeting of membership and until his successor is elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation, removal from office, or death. At the first annual meeting of the membership and at each annual meeting thereafter, directors shall be elected and each shall hold office until the next annual meeting of membership and until his successor is elected and qualified, or until resignation, removal from office, or death. In such elections, the persons having a plurality of votes shall be elected.

Ugly Angel Dinner Redux

The reunion dinner plan is etched in stone. We are booked into the Silver Peak Restaurant and Brewery for 1900 on Friday 9 July. The SPR&B is located at 124 Wonder Street, Reno, NV 89502, which is east of Virginia Street between Wells Avenue and Holcomb Street. Your Cabbie or GPS will know the way.

Dinner will be on the restaurant's deck. Whether we have it to ourselves or not depends on our turnout. If we can muster a hundred Angels, we own the deck! Anything less and we have to share, so sign up early.

In the interest of keeping your cost down, the BOD has decided to go with a buffet that will cost \$28 per person. The price, if you're getting anxious, includes the gratuity and taxes. Not too shabby for what's included. The menu we have selected follows:

Baby Mixed Greens Salad w Assorted Dressings
Slow Roasted Prime Rib or Atlantic Salmon
Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes & Assorted Grilled Vegetables
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream w fresh berries

Wine by the bottle will be available for sale during the dinner. The Silver Peak brews and serves their own craft beer, and generally has a selection of ten on tap. A 16oz is \$4.00 and a 22 oz \$5.00. Well drinks are \$4.74 and call drinks range from \$5.00 to \$5.75.

If you plan to break bread with us, send a check or money order for the appropriate amount (\$28 per person) made out to Tom Hewes (not UAMF) to 21 Turtle Creek Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Since I'm leaving home nearly two weeks before the reunion starts to do a little fishing, **I need your dinner check no-later-than 15 June.** That, by the way, is a no shit date – no check, no din.

Sorry, but you can't pay me at Reno or pay cash at the door. We tried that in Las Vegas in 1996 and got stiffed for three lunches.

Ugly News

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Lew Barnes is running for state representative in Oregon. He recently held his campaign kick off event, which you can view on the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piY4c2t-fHQ>

Larry and Judy Turner visited Captain Nick and his family in April. While there they toured HMX-1 and the Museum, and visited our Ugly Angel Memorial. There's a picture of that in here somewhere.

Romy got an email from Bob Bosler who was one of us in 1968 that reads, "Thank you for your time and effort to put out the newsletter. It really is a highlight." Bob has signed up and will be attending the reunion. OooRah!

Our thanks to Bill Greenman for returning to the fold and for his generous contribution to the Hootch fund.

Reunion Attendees (as of 5/24/10)

As you can see below, we have crept up to 91 attendees, some of whom are also registered with other squadrons and may not attend the dinner. Measured by previous Ugly Angel standards this is a pretty good showing. Hopefully, the next two weeks (Pop A Smoke registration deadline is 8 June) will see more Angels signing up. If not, those of us who are attending will remember you kindly.

Len Altano & Lady
Lew & Jean Barnes
Rich & Susan Bartlett
Bob Bosler
Ben & Ailene Cascio
Rich Castelano & son Rich
Chris & Judi Christensen
Calvin & Wanda Cormier*
Dan & Joan Dain*
Ken & Dee Davis*
Don & Dee Ferguson*
Ron & Anna Gall*
John & Suzanne Gonnevill*
Bill Greenman
Tom & Jan Hammack
Garret Hatcher
Ernest Herrera & Francello

Tom Hewes*
Dan Houglum*
Ron Ice*
Ron Johnson*
Ed & Ethel Langley
Chuck & Linda Linn*
Don & Gaylene Martin
Frank & Holly Matucheski*
Bill McCluskey*
Billy Ray McNair*
Billy Jack & Nita McNair
Dick & Donna Moser*
Romy Myszka*
Roy & Hazel Newman
Al & Alexis Nitchman
John P. Nose*
Lyman Phillips & Kathy Lloyd*
Chuck Robinson

Jerry & Marlene Scanlan
Tom & Dottie Schaney*
Bob & Janice Sheehan*
Jim & Marsha Shelton
Chuck & Fatina Smith*
Walt Smith*
Willie Sproule + 2
Jim & June Street*
Ed & Pat Tatman*
Tom & Anita Thurber*
Dee Tygart
Wally & Eva Waldrige
Bill & Beth Waters*
Bob & LaWana Whaley
Tim & Loretta Wilson*
Del & Debby York*
Carl & Adele Yung*
George Zamora

* Dinner Check Received

Do You Remember?



Living high on the hog at Ky Ha 1965

Picture courtesy of Carl Yung

Who are those guys? Where are they?
When?

Picture courtesy of Dick Moser



Corpsman Sends

Every once in a while I get a letter that cries out to be shared because it touches us all. One such follows:

Dear Tom,

Though we've never met, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful e-mails informing me of important events in Popasmoke and Marine Aviation. I was a Corpsman who flew with the Angels and other MAG-36 squadrons between '67 and '68. My respect and affection for Marine aviators and ground crews remains eternal. I had the pleasure of meeting Top Houston and Billy Ray McNair during a brief visit to Cavanaugh last spring. For an old squid like me, who has purposefully avoided wartime organizations, meeting these two humble brothers was powerful both emotionally and personally. Along with yourself, I also owe a special debt to Ben Cascio, who has kind enough to inform me of the passing of my late brother Doc Jones.

It was my intension to attend this year's Reno reunion. Unfortunately my Tet acquired gunshot wound required surgery a month ago, and the recovery/rehab is progressing more slowly than anticipated, and I will not be well enough to travel. This development is an enormous letdown, particularly missing the opportunity to visit the few friends I've made since joining Popasmoke. I don't know how many more opportunities I'll have. I was, for example, hoping to meet the squadrons' various historians, and I'd very much hoped to arrange a ride in the flying 34's in Oklahoma.

Please do me the favor of extending my regards to everyone in Reno come July. It sounds as though you've arranged a fitting party in one of America's great destinations. Congratulations!

If I may, I would also appreciate your help in making donations to both this year's reunion, and to the restoration fund for Cavanaugh's new 34 project (contacts and addresses).

Thank you again Tom for all your hard work on behalf of brothers like myself. You are a hero times two.

SF my friend,
Harrison Rainey
HM3/USN/Ret.
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My point in including Doc's letter is not to blow my own horn, but to illustrate the degree to which we are truly a "band of brothers." For most of us the Vietnam War has been over for forty plus years, yet we still cherish friendships made in the heat of combat, still suffer crippling physical and mental wounds, and still take great pride in being Marines and Navy Corpsmen. Equally important, we continue to honor the Ugly Angels who fell in Vietnam.

Thanks Doc for reminding us what it means to be a member of the Marine family. Semper Fi!



Reminders

Pop A Smoke Registration deadline: All registration forms and payments must be received by Armed Forces Reunion on or before June 8, 2010.

Hotel Deadline: To receive the \$89/night + tax rate you must register with Grand Sierra by 15 June

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I'm hopeful we will score a hootch but won't know until 8 June when Pop A Smoke registration closes. If we do, it will serve as our Ready Room & Club and be supported by your contributions. The cost to each Angel (i.e. Marine not spouse or guest) should come to about \$20.00 plus or minus a few bucks, which include the suite, taxes and refreshments. Our Club O for this reunion will be Jim Street, a man whose experience in arranging parties in exotic places is unequalled.

Since I'm leaving home on 30 June, you can expect to receive a reunion update by email just before I shove off to engage the wily trout.

YL 18 Report

The indefatigable Top Houston sends the following from Cavanaugh Flight Museum:

"All of the second shipment arrived last week. 2nd engine, two trannys and blade boxes full of great looking blades and numerous crates stuffed full of good stuff and a note from Lew saying that this completes the shipment. We have a full hangar and he now has a lot of empty space in Oregon. The Maintenance Hangar looks like a Sikorsky factory now." If you don't know what those things in the picture are, you ain't one of us!

We are indebted to Lew Barnes for his unflagging support of the YL 18 project. No man will have done more or been more generous in preserving the history of the Angels whatever their year group than Lew. He personifies Semper Fidelis.



Here's something really
Nick and old Larry at the



old, but he's not a UH-34 part.
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The difference between the good guys and the bad guys is whether they use human shields or make themselves human shields.