

The Ugly Angel

Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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Breathing Hard

Our effort to determine who's on first seems to be running out of gas. Little mail from home this month – and very little change in the line up. The score: 72 you betcha, 19 maybe, and 14 in tears. Only new additions to the status board will be displayed this month to save space.

Fund Drive Status

Money to fund our operations is still coming in. At press time fifty-nine Angels had contributed a total of \$3088. We extend our sincere thanks to the following Angels who were not only generous with their courage thirty plus years ago, but also with their money thirty years later:

Anonymous	Jim Aldworth	Steve Attell	Lew Barnes
Denny Beckman	Bo Beumer	Alan Bloomer	Alan Bower
Bob Bracy	Pat Bray	Al Cain.	Gene Camp
Mike Carley	Ben Cascio	Archie Clapp	Dick Cline
Cal Cormier	Ed Creamer	Norm Derylak	Bill Duffy
Jay Erbeck	Ron Fix	Jim Gordon.	Oramel Hall.
Ron Heald	The Editor	Ed Hunneyman	Ron Ice
Bart Jealous	Dave Jones	Bill Kelly	Nick Kapetan
Dave Kemna	Jerry Kottkamp	Ed Langley	D. J. Leighton
Denny van Liew	Chuck Linn	Jack Lodge	Terry Mann
Curt McRaney	Bob Nickens	Bob O'Neil	Burt Palmer
E. V. Rose	Rusty Sachs	Marc Sohm	Ed Southworth
Bob Skinder	Al Thomas	Tom Thurber	Charlie Upshaw
Joe Vignere.	Muddy Waters	Carl Wheeler	Bill Willey
Tim Wilson	Wimpy Wimpler	Mike Zacker	

While we have enough in the Foundation bank account to fund current projects and operations, please remember we are still planning to erect a permanent memorial to the Angels who died in Vietnam. If you want to contribute, it's not too late. 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). Remember, we now have an IRS number, and by year's end all your 1998 contributions will be tax deductible.

While the rest of the crew may be in the same predicament,
it's usually the pilot's job to arrive at the crash site first.

YL 42 – Resurrection

The start date for the paint job is Friday 12 June with work continuing until completion or Thursday 18 June, whichever comes first. The paint crew has grown, and now consists of Willie Sproule, Burt Palmer, Butch Sproule, Marc Sohm, and Tom Hewes. Bob Case, Bob Skinder, and Garret Hatcher have volunteered to work for a couple of days on the front week-end. Willie is the Maint Chief and Burt the Paint Shop honcho. Thanks to your generosity, we now have money enough to pay the paint crew's lodging expenses, but will ask them to pick up the tab for their beer and chow.

Reunion Dinner Plan

Our Ugly Angel dinner will be held at the New World Landing, 600 S. Palafox St. in Pensacola. That's within walking distance of the reunion bus service stop at Seville Square. Happy Hour starts at 1730 (5:30 PM civilian time) and dinner promptly at 1900 (7:00 PM). Dress however you like. There will be a cash bar (\$2.50 per drink). The dinner choices, all of which come with Small New Potatoes and a Vegetable Medley, are:

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| (A) Stuffed Shrimp w Crabmeat Dressing..... | \$17.75 |
| (B) Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus, 8-10 oz..... | \$15.75 |
| (C) Champagne Chicken w Cream Sauce and Toasted Almonds..... | \$15.25 |

Each dinner includes a salad of Hearts of Romaine Caesar, rolls & butter, and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages. You may select your own dessert from the special Dessert Table donated by our gracious manager, Janice Sheehan. All dinner prices include gratuity and local taxes. Wines may be purchased separately at \$9.95 a carafe (about 5 glasses), tax included. Bon Appétit!

The madness of war can extract a heavy toll. Please have exact change.

Ordering

If you plan to attend the dinner you must order and pay no later than 15 August. A firm cut off date is necessary to insure that I don't have to jump through my ass at the last minute ordering dinners and chasing down delinquents. Before you throw a hissy fit about this requirement, please consider that your editor/planner also likes to relax and drink. To order simply write down your choice (1 A and 1 C, or 1 B, or 2 A, etc.) plus a check for the total of the one/two dinners made out to Tom Hewes and mail it to me at the address on the bottom of the last page.

The Program

After dinner there will be a few remarks by someone not running for office or under investigation, a foundation financial report, discussion and vote on the memorial, and such other matters as may arise. We plan to keep it short because the serious drinking starts immediately thereafter.

Getting There

The Association is running a free bus service from Pensacola beach to Seville Square, two blocks or so from the New World Landing. If you plan to drink, I strongly encourage you to take the bus. On the other hand, those of you who have a rental car and designated driver 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" (when was the last time you heard that?).

Do not wear underwear! It can cause crotch rot – or be used as evidence against you.

The Ugly Angel Memorial

As noted in the last edition, it was proposed the Ugly Angel 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. Since 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 the memorial should be placed, please submit them now. Your opinion counts! The meeting following our reunion dinner will be decision time.

It is a fact that helicopter tail rotors are instinctively drawn toward trees, stumps, rocks, etc.

While it may be possible to ward off this natural event some of the time, it cannot, despite the best efforts of the crew, always be prevented. It's just what they do.

Our Honored Dead

Here is an updated list of all known Ugly Angel casualties suffered during the Vietnam War.

Cpl. Philip Russell Anderson	Cpl. George Allison Bird III	Cpl. Thomas Massie Boyd III
Cpl. Joe Harold Brubaker	1st Lt. Michael John Carley	Capt. Denver Dewey Colburn Jr.
Maj. Robert Michael Cramer	LCpl. Jeffrey Charles Crouse	Capt. Donnie Len Darrow
Cpl. Thomas Evan Douglas	Cpl. William E. Franklin Jr.	LCpl. Otis Green
1st Lt. Andrew Martin Haglage	LCpl. John Dee Harrington	Cpl. Lantie Lawrence Harris Jr.
LCpl. William Brian Hays	1st Lt. Lawrence Emanuel Houck II	1st Lt. Ronald James Janousek
2d Lt. Anthony Edward Kisucky	LCpl. Lawrence W. Kleinhans	1st Lt. Roger Douglas Knudtson
Capt. Steven Wayne Martin	LCpl. Kenneth Neil MacBeth	1st Lt. Richard Arthur Miller
Cpl. John Howard Mooney Jr.	LCpl. Gregory Jerome Niccoli	1st Lt. James Dean Opsahl
Sgt. Daniel Pesimer	Cpl. Victor John Pirker	Cpl. James Harvey Post Jr.
1st Lt. Peter Edward Schryver	1st Lt. Francis Edward Visconti	Cpl. Kenneth Richard Yantis

“.... we in it shall be remembered, we few, we happy few, we band of brothers: For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother....”

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 absolutely accurate list for the memorial.

Finders Keepers

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.

Everybody's a hero...on the ground...in the club...after the fourth drink

Ready Room

This time around we are going to decorate the ready room with large 20"x 30" posters of Ugly Angel scenes from our years in Vietnam in addition to other interesting stuff. Because of the cost (\$21.95 each) we can only use about ten pictures representing all the years the squadron was in country so pictures of group activities are preferred. If you have a favorite picture of Angels at war, send it (along with the negative if you have one) to our Ready Room guru, Ben Cascio, 684 Route 208, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 Tel: (201) 848-7811/fax: (201) 848-9174. E-mail previews of your pics to <bencascio@aol.com>. August 1st is the cutoff date, so send your pics ASAP. This is coming out of Ben's pocket (can't use UAMF money) so if you can spare it, send him the fare.

Squadron Status Board (tent size)

Includes only additions since the May Newsletter

Briefing (72)

Checking the Schedule (19)

Grounded (14)

D. J. Leighton
Marc Sohm

Bill Green

Allan Bloomer
Tom Gillan
Bill Lelash

Soft Goods Department

For Golf shirts, T shirts, and Ball caps contact Frenchy Lafontaine at Ultra Marine Productions, 57 Long Plain Rd. Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Tel. (508) 758-2314/e-mail: <comprise@ici.net>.

For mean lookin little grunt patches contact A. C. Deveney at 1730 Quarry Lane (POB394), Valley Forge, PA 19481-0394. Tel. (610) 783-7165/e-mail <DLDTO4A@aol.com>.

Medals are OK, but having your body and all your friends in one piece at the end of the day is better.

What's on second...

Does anyone know of a source for making/selling small decals or transfers (say 5" to 6" in diameter) of our Ugly Angel logo suitable for affixing to car windows, doors, or bumpers? If there is, contact me with details/prices. Gene Camp has written in suggesting the idea – and it's a good one.

The Spring 1998 issue of "Red Clay", a newsletter of the Khe Sanh Veterans, Inc., contains a hair raising account of a medevac mission flown by Charlie Upshaw, Bart Jealous, Jose Villarreal, and Jesus Mena on 16 January 1968 in support of a Special Forces operation west of Khe Sanh.

Regrettably, it's too long to print here, but if you can find the pub, read it – it's an awesome story about an Ugly Angel crew who let it all hang out in dogshit weather.

The masochistic aviators among you can request your official Aviation Training Jacket by sending your request to: Chief of Naval Air Training (Code 321), 250 Lexington Blvd., Suite 102

Corpus Christi, TX 78419-5041. Include: Full name, Designation date, SSN, Mailing address, and Area code/Phone number. Jackets are only retained for 50 years from designation date so act now. But don't hold your breath waiting for it. I sent for mine – and got it two and a half years later!

Lew Larson (VMO-2) is arranging a reunion scuba dive for the morning of Friday, 18 Sept which has not been advertised. If you are interested in taking a dive or a boat ride, call/e-mail Lew at (407) 628-5247 or <Lowpasslew@aol.com>.

Bill Lelash has resurfaced after going missing for the past three years. He can be found at P.O. Box 22901, Eugene, OR 97402 tel. (541) 344-9526/e-mail: <wl lash@compuserve.com>.

J. P. Nose, who did thirty-eight incredible months in Vietnam, is also alive and well. He can be found at P.O. Box 72, Belfry, MT 59008.

Angels Jay Erbeck and Noel Logan have also come up for air. Addresses on request. No more room in this edition.

The three most dreaded words in the English language are: Night emergency extract.

On The Mend

Just found out that Tom Gillan, who regrettably can't make the reunion, is recovering from a colon resection. Tom says if you're over fifty and you haven't had a colonoscopy lately, you're literally betting your ass. He says delaying nearly cost him his life.

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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