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**One of the most important things that the Ugly Angels Memorial Foundation does is communicate with its members.**

**An informed membership means a stronger and healthier organization for all.**

**You can make submissions to the newsletter by sending email directly to [romymouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:romymouse@sbcglobal.net).**

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# Ugly Angel

## Memorial Foundation Newsletter

Message from President Billy Ray McNair  
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## UH34D Helicopter Mini-Reunion Tulsa, Oklahoma October 4th

Please consider attending the UH34 bash in Tulsa and hanging out with the Ugly Angels (and our helo brothers from multiple eras).

The cost to attend this mini-reunion is \$40.00 per person. This fee covers the Friday evening reception dinner at the Post 946 Elks Lodge (about 2 miles from the hotel) and incidental costs.

Helicopter ride cost (fuel, oil, and insurance) is set at \$100.00 per rider. At present, insurance no longer permits attendees to actually fly the aircraft carrying passengers. If a few flights can be arranged with empty cabins, then some former pilots may get to take the stick. We should have that information made available a month or so before the reunion.

Here is the almost final schedule:

- *Check in Friday at the Embassy Suites*
- *Pick up reunion update information, reception dinner tickets, and helicopter ride pass chits from reunion staff until 6:00 pm Friday.*
- *Reception dinner at Elks Lodge, Post 946, honoring Mr. & Mrs. Hail*

- *Tickets to the Elks Lodge reception dinner will be required for admittance*
- *Hangout/mixer on the mezzanine from 8:00pm to 10:00pm*

**Saturday, Oct. 5:**

- *Complimentary breakfast*
- *Caravan/carpool to Inola to depart Embassy Suites at 9:00am*
- *Helicopter rides begin at 10:00am*
- *Mobile burgers/hotdogs truck at the hanger for lunch.*
- *Dinner at the Embassy Suites on your own after the helicopter rides*
- *Mixer on the mezzanine after dinner*

**Sunday, Oct. 6:**

- *Complimentary breakfast*
- *9:30 brief memorial*
- *Farewells & departures*

The website for the Friday Night dinner/reception is as follows:

<http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodgenumber=946>

Tulsa, OK No. 946  
5335 S Harvard Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74135-3848

## **Elk's Lodge Contacts**

- **Telephone:** (918)742-2401 (Lodge)
- **Telephone:** (918)742-2401 (Office)
- **Telephone:** (918)830-7086 (Emergency)



**Maps to the helicopter site will be on hand at the hotel.**

The Embassy Suites has been more than kind and flexible with us in planning this event. I want to urge you all to keep this in mind, especially for whatever you chose for your Saturday evening

dinner, so stick with us at the hotel and maximize your visiting time with your old combat comrades.

**Please mail your checks or money orders (payable to BILL McNair) to:**

**Billy Ray McNair, 6208 Dovenshire Ter., Ft. Worth, TX 76112**

*Examples:*

*If a couple is attending, and both wish to ride YL37, the check amount should be \$280.*

*If a couple is attending, and only one is riding YL37, the check amount should be \$180.*

Hotel costs are tied to the number of attendees, so even if you do not intend to attend the Friday evening reception, you must still pay the \$40.00 registration fee per attendee.

Meal and helicopter ride tickets will be issued at registration Friday by reunion staff on the mezzanine.

To reserve your room(s), click and reserve online at the following weblink:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/T/TULESES-UH3-20131004/index.jhtml>

or call the Embassy Suites at **918-622-4000** and ask for the UH34D Helicopter Reunion bloc rate of \$99 per night for king or double bedded rooms. Cutoff for reservations is 9/20/2013.

The hotel offers some discounts for seniors so be sure to ask for meals discounts if you qualify.

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## **HMH-362 Passes the Torch to the UAMF**

On May 2013, the HMH-362 squadron heritage room contents were transferred from Major Nick Turner to retired Master Gunnery Sergeant BJ Sigman, for safekeeping. [BJ is the Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Historian]. In a few years, Sikorsky will deliver new CH53K helicopters and the colors will be unfolded. Another chapter in the long, glorious history of the Ugly Angels will begin in New River, North Carolina.

Late last year, I got a request from Capt. Mickey French of HMH-362 for 60 of those 50-year Anniversary challenge coins and I learned he was in charge of the squadron cash sales, so I ordered some HMH-362 gear for myself and put a few on Ebay with the proceeds will go to the UAMF. The good captain was also charged with caring for the large wooden Olaf (Ugly Angel 2012 era made from the squadron sign by Jeffry Rachunek, according to Ugly Angel Jordan Hunter) and the squadron Ugly Stick. A couple weeks ago, the Ugly Stick and Olaf head arrived on my doorstep.

Tradition dictates that the junior officer of the squadron, like Bud Ellis or Nick Turner, carries the Ugly Stick and is charged with protecting it from harm or theft by non-squadron types and shifty snuffies like Tad Ordoyne. [Major Nick Turner said he ripped the seat out of his dress whites defending the stick from a corpsman from another squadron.] The Ugly Stick and Olaf will be at the Tulsa mini-reunion in October, so bring your camera and get some personal photos holding them.

Last week, Captain French transferred the remaining shirts, patches, stickers and shirts to me by way of a big locked trunk. You will see photos of each item along with its price as I am selling these items via email, Facebook and at the October mini-reunion in Tulsa. All profits will go to the UAMF as donations.

Most recently, we received a check for almost \$6,000 representing the squadron cash sales balance on hand at the retirement of the squadron colors last November. Now that HMH-362 has folded the colors as did HMM-362 back in 1969, the Ugly Angels Memorial Foundation is the sole repository of squadron history and the only officially organized association of Marines who formerly served as Ugly Angels over the past 51 years.

We have been adding the latest generation of Ugly Angels to the email roster for distribution of news, newsletters and reunion information via BOD members Ben Cascio and Romy Myszka. If you know of any former squadron mates, encourage them to email us to get added to the list. We are counting on the new generation Ugliers to offer write-ups and squadron history blurbs for inclusion in future newsletters and we are looking forward to seeing new faces at reunions in Tulsa, 2013 and San Diego, 2014.

One great bit of recent news is that Willie Sproule is attending the Tulsa reunion, so a whole new generation of Ugly Angels will get to meet THE MAN in person, as well as a number of the original Archie's Angels.



## Additional UAMF members checking in 2012-2013

|            |               |         |                |                  |
|------------|---------------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Levi       | Bietsch       | Cpl.    | Avionics       | 2010-2012        |
| Jeff       | Birchfield    |         |                | 1993-98          |
| Steve      | Boungnadeth   | Sgt.    | Avionics       | 2006-2010        |
| Isaiah     | Bryan         | Sgt.    | Crew Chief     | 2005-2008        |
| Stephen D. | Campau        | Cpl.    | FL & GSE NCOIC | 19 94-97         |
| Steve      | Campau        |         |                | Mid 1990s        |
| Ben        | Cardamone     | LCpl.   | Crew Chief     | Vietnam 68-69    |
| Andrew     | Chrissman     | SSgt    |                | 2003-08          |
| Aaron      | Clark         | LCpl.   | Crew Chief     | 1977-80          |
| Matthew    | Crooks        | SSgt    | Crew Chief     | 2004-2010        |
| Jason      | Day           | Sgt.    | Ordinance 6531 | 1999-02          |
| Joe        | Dube          |         |                |                  |
| Justin     | Edwards       | SSgt    | Avionics       | 2009-2012        |
| Buddy      | Ellis         |         |                |                  |
| John       | Ferris        |         | Pilot          | 1966-67          |
| Paul       | Fowler        |         |                |                  |
| Ralph      | Freed         | Lt. Col |                |                  |
| Tom        | Gillan        |         |                |                  |
| Kyle       | Greer         |         | Crew Chief     | 2009-2012        |
| Shawn      | Hanes         | Cpl.    | Hydraulics     | 1986-1989        |
| Jordan     | Hunter        |         |                |                  |
| Ed         | Jaynes        |         |                | Vietnam 1967     |
| Wilbur     | Johnson       |         |                | 2001-2005        |
| Wilbur     | Johnson       |         |                |                  |
| Billy      | Lockwood      | Cpl.    | Crew Chief     | 1981-1982        |
| Anthony    | Minjares      | LCpl.   | Crew Chief     | 2006-2010        |
| Scott      | Roach         | Cpl.    | 6154           | 1993 to 1994     |
| Alfred     | Tedford       |         |                |                  |
| Charles    | Thomas        |         | HMM-561        | Friend of Uglies |
| Mike       | Throneberry   |         | Crew Chief     | Mid 1980s        |
| Nadine     | Trunack-Sasse | Sgt     | Avionics       | 2004-09          |
| Pete       | Zurcher       |         |                | Vietnam          |

Contact your old squadron friends by checking out the Ugly Angel Facebook pages or emailing [romymouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:romymouse@sbcglobal.net) who will forward your message.

## Ugly Stuff (Squadron Cash Sales)

Ugly Angels items on hand for sale may be ordered by sending an order to Bill McNair at [YL3CC@YAHOO.COM](mailto:YL3CC@YAHOO.COM). I will figure up your total with postage and reply to you by email. Send your check to my home address in my email reply.

The Sons of Olaf was drawn by HMH362 Marines on deployment. The patches have Velcro hook backings.

Black long sleeve tee shirt. Sizes S, L, XL, 2XL



OD Green short sleeve tee shirt. Sizes S, L, XL, 2XL



\$5  
SUBDUED  
OLAF PATCH



\$5



"D" PATCH

\$5  
COLOR OLAF  
PATCH



\$2



DOOBER

\$5

COLOR  
LEGACY  
PATCH



SUBDUED  
LEGACY  
PATCH

\$1



LARGE OLAF STICKER



SMALL OLAF STICKER



COIN, KANEHOE BAY \$5.00



Coin, Golf Marker, 2 Magnetic Markers \$10



Coin, UH34D, Vietnam \$5.00



LEGACY COIN



13.5" wide  
Aviator  
Wings  
External  
Window  
Decal \$5

Aviator Wings decals donated by Lew Barnes





Ugly Stick



Olaf and Billy Ray



## In Memory of Leonidas Alteno

November 18, 1942 - April 14, 2013

Woodstock, IL – Leonidas "Len" John Alteno, Chief Warrant Officer-5 U.S. Marine Corps Retired, 70, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2013 in Woodstock.

He was born November 18, 1942 in Youngstown, OH to John and Helen Alteno. He was a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam and Bosnia, retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. He later worked at General Motors for many years. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed shooting.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anna. He is also survived by his sons, John and Andrew, and his granddaughter, Isabelle. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gust Alteno.

Visitation will be held from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday, April 20 at Querhammer & Flagg Funeral Home, 500 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. The funeral service and military honors will follow at 5pm. Burial will take place in Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship, 909 N. Washington Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314 or Journey Care Foundation, 405 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington, IL 60010.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.querhammerandflagg.com](http://www.querhammerandflagg.com). For more information, please call the funeral home at 815-459-1760.

*Len was an original member of **Archie's Angels** – the first Marine Unit into Vietnam (April of 1962) – and served as an assistant military attaché during the Bosnia-Herzegovina conflict. He and I were members of a close-knit group of hard-charging*

*Corporals stationed at NAS Glenview in the early 1960's as part of the permanent personnel tasked with training and providing guidance for Marine Corps Reservists – a relationship that has lasted through the years and was only ended because of his being called by a higher authority. Besides being a fine Marine he was a steadfast friend who could always be counted on...Mac McNeir*

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**Lawrence J. Sehnal**, 75, of Little Egg Harbor, N.J., formerly of Clark, N.J., passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the Southern Ocean Medical Center, Manahawkin, N.J. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the funeral on Monday, April 29, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. from the Krowicki Gorny Memorial Home, 211 Westfield Ave., Clark, thence to St. Agnes R.C. Church, Clark, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:45 a.m. Interment is at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia, N.J. Visitation is on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

To offer condolences, please visit [www.Krowickigorny.com](http://www.Krowickigorny.com).

Born in New York City to Lawrence H. and Elsie Sehnal, Mr. Sehnal resided in Clark for 35 years, and most recently lived in Little Egg Harbor for the past 11 years. He worked as a safety coordinator for Lucent Technologies of Murray Hill, N.J., for 20 years.

**He honorably served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a sergeant E5 during the Vietnam War from 1956 to 1965. His squadron, the HMM-362 "Archie's Angels," was the first to helicopter in to Vietnam, landing in 1962.**

Mr. Sehnal was a past parishioner of St. Agnes R.C. Church of Clark, and most recently a parishioner at St. Theresa's Parish in Little Egg Harbor. He was a member of the American Legion of Clark, Post 328, and currently Post 493, Mystic Islands, N.J.; the Marine Corps League of Avenel Detachment, and the Red Surf Devils Fishing Club of Elizabeth, N.J. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking and was an avid landscaper. He was always there to help others and touched many lives along the way.

He was the beloved husband for 54 years of Mary Jean (nee Schiller); loving father of Lawrence E. and his wife, Denise, and Thomas J. and the late Laura Ann (1966); caring brother of Veronica Forster and her husband, William; and brother-in-law to Claire Schiller, Frank Schiller and his wife, Donna, Tom Schiller and his wife, Suzanne; devoted uncle to three nephews; beloved grandfather of Daniel T. Sehnal.

[Received from Mrs. Sehnal in response to the UAMF condolence message]

Thank you for your condolences. Larry was a helicopter mechanic and crew chief with HMM-362. Larry particularly enjoyed "Wimpy Wimmier". I don't know the correct spelling of his name, but do

know he was a Capt. when Larry served with him. He spoke of him many times during the course of his lifetime. Larry also had the opportunity to see him last April in Quantico. Thank you for remembering Larry.

Mary Jean Sehnal

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**Douglas E. Blowers**, 67, of Cromwell, beloved husband of Jacqueline (Plourde) Blowers, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Born in Ticonderoga, NY, he was the son of the late Arthur and Priscilla (Yaw) Blowers. Douglas was a graduate of Bulkeley High School class of '65, and went on to become a US Marine serving two tours of duty, as a helicopter mechanic, in Vietnam from '65-'69.



Once home, Douglas started working for the Hartford Electric Light Co. and retired from CL&P in 2010 after 37 and a half years. He was one of eight owners of the Connecticut International Dragway from '79-'86. Douglas was very active with Boy Scout Troop 26 in Cromwell, where he oversaw 18 boys make eagle scout while he was a scoutmaster. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a life long racer and world traveler.

Besides his wife, Douglas leaves behind two children; daughter Melissa Blowers of Enfield and fiancé James Curran Jr. of Westfield, MA, son Douglas Blowers Jr. and daughter-in-law Simone Blowers of Sudbury, MA, Grandson, Leo Blowers, brothers Michael Bowers wife Grace Bowers of Merritt Island, FL, Dennis Blowers wife Barbara Blowers of Vernon, and sister Gail Mangiofico of Port St. John, FL, and leaves behind several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins and many good friends. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Blowers.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 9 a.m from the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at Brooklawn, 511 Brook St., Rocky Hill followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St John's Church, Cromwell. Interment will follow in the State Veteran's Cemetery, Middletown, with full military honors. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral home Monday from 5-8 pm. In lieu of flowers gifts in his memory may be made to the St Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). To offer words of sympathy online, for directions and floral tributes, please visit [www.Brooklawnfuneralhome.com](http://www.Brooklawnfuneralhome.com).

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## Heavy Ugly Update

The names of MSgt Travis Riddick and Capt Daniel Bartle (former Ugly Angels) have been added to our website's list of Fallen Angels. [http://www.hmm-362.us/fallen\\_angels.htm](http://www.hmm-362.us/fallen_angels.htm)

MSgt Riddick had served as the Flight Line Chief before going to the MAG HQ a couple of years ago. Capt Bartle had worked in Ops before going over. They both joined the Red Lions early last year. On January 19, 2012 HMH-363 lost an aircraft in Helmand Province, Afghanistan due to a failure in one of the main rotor blades that caused an imbalance in the main rotor head that ripped off the main gear box. Six Marines were killed in the crash. The initials of Bartle and Riddick were added to the 50 year anniversary coin—see tail rotor.



Ugly Angels on duty during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom

## **We need your stories.**

Everybody is sure to have at least one. Submitted by Ugly Angels who can still remember a fragment or two of the story. Or only heard about the story and are looking for other perspectives.

Dig out those photos and slides. We can scan the originals and return them to you along with a digital version.

Send your thoughts, ideas, and photos to Romy Myszka, Editor and/or Bill Greenman, Publisher

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