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# The Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Newsletter

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## Editorial

By now it should be evident to everyone that this Pop A Smoke reunion has not been without its challenges. Foremost among these was the untimely resignation of our long time President John Barber occasioned by the increasingly poor health of his lovely wife, Cathy. No one has given more throughout the years than J. D. and his untimely resignation is a tragedy for the Association.

Fortunately, Vice President Bruce Colbert, who like myself is no spring chicken, stepped up to take the helm in the midst of an always frenetic reunion planning process. As the guy who coordinated Reno 2004, I can tell you that this is no stroll in the park for Bruce, his hard working reunion coordinator Larry Zok, and their volunteer helpers.

Further complicating matters was the controversy generated by uninformed complaints and personal attacks coming from a few Association members over the high costs associated with holding a reunion in DC. They apparently still think it is 1967 when things were a lot cheaper. Were that not enough to cause ulcers all around, the plan for the entire Pop A Smoke reunion contingent to attend the Friday evening Sunset Parade at the Marine Barracks unexpectedly fell apart courtesy of HQMC. This forced Bruce and Larry to jump through their butts to revise the already published reunion schedule.

Planning this reunion has turned into a real ordeal (read the expletive for night emergency extract under fire) for reunion management. Despite the problems, they have risen to the challenge as Marines always do and DC will be a success. Yet, in this case success comes at a very high price. Because of the thoughtless actions of a few disgruntled members, several key members of the Association leadership intend to resign immediately following the reunion.

Can you blame them? Who is going to volunteer to assume the leadership of an organization some of whose members seem to neither understand nor value the hard work the President and his Board of Directors, unpaid volunteers to a man, put into making Pop A Smoke function?

If the minority of Association members who are the source of the problem don't shape up – or better yet, grow up – and start supporting their leadership, you may just have attended your last Pop A Smoke reunion!

Be proud Ugly Angels, none of you were involved in the disgraceful conduct described above.

## Flash

**There are a limited number of Friday night Sunset Parade tickets available!**

**See Page 8 for details**

## Looking Good

In the last issue I expressed the concern that Ugly Angel reunion attendance would fall short of our historical average of 121. I'm pleased to report that my concern was badly misplaced. As of this writing we have 135 Angels and their loved ones who indicate they will be attending the reunion. That's the good news.

The bad news is that luncheon attendance is well short of 100%, with only 88 Angels indicating they plan to attend. I qualify this as bad news because I still have not heard from 35% of the guys listed on the flight schedule.

How about cutting us some slack and letting me know your personal plans so the BOD can fold them into the larger plan. I can be reached at YL42@cox.net or 540 370-4389.



### HMM-362 Flight Schedule Thursday, 14 August 2008

The max effort night strike into the Au Shau is cancelled. The squadron is going to lift 5000 ARVNS, chickens, ducks, & wives included, into an LZ north of Mutters Ridge instead. The rest of the Wing is going to Australia on R &R. Report to the Ready Room at 1600 for briefing.

Charlie Appleton  
Dick Bartlett  
Doug Blowers  
John Bowman  
Tom Brownfield  
Pete Burt  
Gene & Marcia **Camp**  
Ben & Ailene **Cascio**  
Bob & Ginny Case  
Jerry **Clark** & Lady  
Bill Cowperthwait & Lady  
Dan & Joan Dain  
Ken **Davis** & Lady  
Rich **Davidson** & Lady  
Joe **Donnelly**  
Joe Eke  
Don **Ferguson** & Lady  
Archie **Fleming** + Four  
John **Ford**  
Bob Forrester  
Larry **Fraser** & Tong  
James D Funk  
Ron & Anna **Gall**  
Jean **Gonneville**  
Jim **Gordon**  
Frank Green  
Marty & Kim **Guyer**

Tom **Hammack**  
Garrett **Hatcher**  
Tom **Hewes**  
Dick Houghton  
Dan **Houglum**  
David Jones  
Ralph **Jones**  
Bill Keller & Guests  
Jerry & Turmi **Kottcamp**  
Erick Kuleski & Family  
Bill & Rebecca **Linnebaugh**  
Jack **Lodge**  
K D & Raeanne **Logue**  
Dave Luhrsen & Family  
Frank & Holly **Matucheski**  
Bill **McCluskey**  
Tom **McKnight**  
Louisiana Bill & Nita **McNair**  
Texas Bill & Judy **McNair**  
Dick Moser  
Romy **Myszka**  
Art **Nash**  
Bob & Patsy **Nickens**  
Jim & Betsy **Paetznick**  
Jim & Fran Perryman  
Lyman Phillips  
Mike Purcell

Paul & Carol **Putman**  
Harrison Rainey III  
Jim & Jeanette **Richmond**  
Hugh Rothweiler  
Rob & Shirley **Roy**  
Rusty **Sachs**  
Jerry & Marlene **Scanlan**  
B J & Mary **Sigman**  
Bob & Janice **Sheehan**  
Bob & Madilyn **Skinder**  
Doug Snipes  
Willie **Sproule**  
Jim & June **Street**  
Kenny **Thomas** & Shirl  
Mark & Sherry Stanton  
Lou Stefan  
Ed Tatman  
Chuck Travis  
Darrell **Tygart** & Deidre  
Al Thomas  
Denny & Carolyn **Van Liew**  
Wally & Becky Waldrath  
Wally Waldridge & Lady  
Frank & Donna **Walters**  
Bill **Waters** & Beth Fisher  
Dennis & Kathy **Westin**  
Joe Williams

Names in **Bold** have responded to the May Day call on page 7. The rest of you should be ashamed

## Firm Ugly Angel & Pop A Smoke Reunion Schedule

Thursday, 14 Aug.

- 0800 - 1700 Pop A Smoke Reunion Registration (by Armed Forces Reunion, Inc.) at the Hilton
- 1200 - Ugly Angel Hospitality Suite/Ready Room open for business
- 1800 - 2100 Pop A Smoke Welcome Aboard Buffet Dinner w Cash Bar

Friday, 15 Aug

- 0700 - 0730 Angels depart hotel for the National Museum of the Marine Corps via POV & charter bus

*We will be chartering a 57 passenger bus, not nearly enough everyone but all we can afford. If you want to ride, it will cost you \$10 per person. Seating on a first come basis. Given the limited number of seats, if you drove to the reunion, please be prepared to drive to the museum unless you're really leery of navigating DC.*

- 0830 - 0900 Rededicate Ugly Angel Memorial in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park (left of the museum)
- 0900 - 1230 Tour National Museum of the Marine Corps
- 1240 - Depart Museum via POV & charter bus for The Clubs at Quantico
- 1300 - 1500 Squadron Luncheon & UAMF biennial business meeting.
- 1500 - 1530 Depart Quantico for DC via POV & charter bus
- 1800 - 2300 Sunset Parade at the Marine Barracks

*As announced in the June newsletter, there will be no squadron sponsored or arranged dinner. You are free to form your own dinner groups, dine wherever you please, or have chow delivered to the Ready Room.*

Saturday, 16 Aug.

- 0800-1700 You're on your own to tour DC or participate in Pop A Smoke scheduled activities
- 1700-2100 Pop A Smoke Happy Hour & Dinner at the Hilton

Sunday, 17 Aug.

- 0800 Say Sayonara and depart Disneyland East

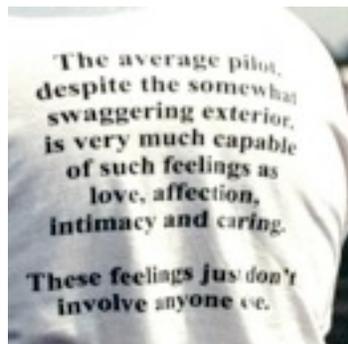
## Who's on First, Pop A Smoke or Ugly Angels?

Every reunion someone asks, "Why am I paying both Pop A Smoke and the squadron to attend the reunion?" The answer though simple is hard to explain, but I'll try.

Pop A Smoke is the umbrella outfit attend the reunion you must be a dues lifting, contract for the various tours, and functions that you pay for when you sign covers the costs associated with putting services provided by Armed Forces equipment rental, entertainment, staff

In contrast, each squadron plans and the luncheons or dinners. Traditionally evening. The squadron is also one. The cost of all of these is borne by the squadron, and comes out of the pockets of you heroes of Vietnam.

Simple isn't it?



that plans and conducts the reunion. To paying member. They do the heavy the big Thursday and Saturday evening up. The reunion registration fee you pay on the reunion such as the various Reunions, bus rental, souvenirs, travel, and similar activities.

is responsible for its own activities, like these are held on Friday, usually in the responsible for its Ready Room, if it has

**HMR(L)/HMM/HMH-362 Bulletin Board**

Officer of the Day: Capt Sachs

Duty NCO: Cpl Billy Ray

**Attention to Orders:**

1. All personnel are directed to update their current e-mail and/or postal address with Sgt Myszka at [romymouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:romymouse@sbcglobal.net), or mail to 6121 Cholla Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76112, or call 817 930-0202.

**Admin Notes:**

1. Individuals planning to attend the reunion, but not listed on the flight schedule, contact Cpl. Hewes at [YL42@cox.net](mailto:YL42@cox.net) or call the squadron office at 540 370-4389 ASAP.

**Friday Menu:** Served Buffet Style at the Clubs at Quantico

Salad w assorted dressings	Chicken or mystery meat	Rice or potato
Two Vegetables	Rolls & butter	Assorted desserts

**Sick Bay:** Capt Robertson, GySgt Skinder, Sgt Cormier, Sgt Tygart, HM2 Roy,

**Squadron Registration and Luncheon Form**

Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation Reunion Luncheon

Friday, 15 August 2008      1300-1500

**If you want to attend the squadron luncheon you must use this form and pay in advance. You cannot pay at the door!**

This order form is intended to let members order lunch and one or two coins to be delivered at the luncheon. Larger coin orders should be made using the form in the June issue. The luncheon will follow the rededication of the Ugly Angel Memorial and visit to the new National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guests Names \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Diners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of "A" Coins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/ each = \_\_\_\_\_ **Only 105 left. Order now if you want one!**

Number of "B" Coins \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/ each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check or money order payable to Ugly Angel Memorial Foundation or UAMF, and mail to: Bill McNair, 6208 Dovenshire Ter., Fort Worth, TX 76112

**This form and your money must be received by 1 August or you're SOL**



## Getting Around DC

Several of you have expressed concern about getting around DC, and rightfully so. It's a very confusing town thanks to Pierre L'Enfant.

First, the Washington Hilton is located at 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW, which is a hike from downtown. Dial up <<http://www.mapquest.com>>, type in the hotel address, and the scalable map that comes up will give you an idea of the city's layout. For instance, to get to the Mall, you need to take a taxi or bus, or the Metro from Dupont Circle. To access a Metro or city bus map, dial up <<http://www.wmata.com/metrorail/systemmap.cfm>>.

There is also a bus service called the Circulator that runs from the Convention Center (adjacent to Mount Vernon Square) to the Southwest Waterfront daily from 0700-2100 with numerous stops in between. The fare is \$1.00, seniors 50 cents (exact change only). For more info, dial up <<http://www.dccirculator.com>>

The Reagan Airport is across the Potomac River from DC, a long way from the hotel. To get to the hotel, take the Metro Yellow line to Gallery Place and transfer to the Red line to Dupont Circle. Dupont Circle is about six blocks from the hotel and you will probably need a cab from thereon unless you're a grunt.

The Parades, either Sunset or practice, are held at the Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets. Forget walking as it's nearly a 5 mile hike. You would not want to walk there anyway because the barracks is in a rough neighborhood. Metro, bus, or taxi are your best bets. The closest metro station to 8th & I would be Eastern Market on the blue and Orange lines, but I still wouldn't walk for the reason cited. DC has a very tough anti gun law, so don't play cowboy.

The National Museum of the marine Corps is 34.79 Miles from the hotel, or about an hour in light traffic and longer during rush hour. MapQuest directions follow:

1. Start out going SOUTHEAST on CONNECTICUT AVE NW toward LEROY PL NW. 1.0 mi
2. CONNECTICUT AVE NW becomes 17TH ST NW. 0.2 mi
3. Turn LEFT onto H ST NW. 0.4 mi
4. Turn RIGHT onto 14TH ST NW. 1.2 mi
5. 14TH ST NW becomes US-1 S (Crossing into VIRGINIA). 1.4 mi
6. US-1 S becomes I-395 S. 9.9 mi
7. I-395 S becomes I-95 S. 19.3 mi
8. Merge onto VA-619 E/ JOPLIN RD via EXIT 150A toward TRIANGLE/ QUANTICO. 0.8 mi
9. Turn RIGHT onto JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY/ US-1. 0.6 mi
10. End at the NMMC 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy Triangle, VA 22172-1938

Enjoy your nation's capital!

## Ready Room

By popular demand we are going to reserve a hotel space, at \$75 per night, for a squadron Ready Room or as the civilians pukers call it, a hospitality suite.

The Ready Room will be funded suggested you drop a few bucks in

It will be supplied with supplied through the kindness of Romy, Billy Ray, Ben, Mark, Bob, distilled and/or fermented spirits. and suchlike too for the girls.

Apart from fostering camaraderie, public service to keep our more members from playing in the streets



by donations from each user. It is the box on the bar upon entering.

refreshments of various kinds stalwarts like Willie, Archie, Tom, Jim, Dan and other aficionados of There will probably be lemonade

the Ready Room is intended as a enthusiastic and possibly inebriated of our nation's capital.

As noted on the schedule, The Ready Room should be open at 1200 on Thursday. You will find me there!

## Angel News

📍 Jim Gordon reports that LtCol Marsh Armstrong, CO of HMM-362 from September 1967 to March 1968 at Ky Ha and aboard the USS Iwo Jima, passed away on 13 January in Wilsonville, AL. In addition to his Vietnam service, LtCol Armstrong was a Corsair pilot who flew 125 combat missions in Korea.

Some years ago someone, whose name I've long since forgotten, sent me a poem titled *Armstrong's Raiders*. It runs for eleven irreverent stanzas, a couple of which read as follows. You're not alone, Gunny, other culprits are also named.

We're the Ugly Angel crew.  
But we're known as Clip Clop to you.  
Ky Ha is our glorious base,  
You wouldn't believe that shitty place.

Old 53s an awful mess,  
Buff City dropped it – thrice no less.  
Gunny Sachs at Loc Son came to roost,  
And killed 41 with an overboost.

📍 Welcome aboard to FNG's Rudy Ortega and Al Meyers. If you two will check in with me via e-mail with where you've been since Vietnam, I'll be happy to put it in the next newsletter.

📍 Pat Hayes of HMM-361/263 reports the passing of former William D. "Bill" Walker, SSgt Line Chief under Willie in 1967-68, on 8 March in Orange Park, FL. A resident of Fernandina Beach for many years, Bill was the former owner of the Surf Motel and Restaurant and was employed as a wine specialist at Harris Teeter.

📍 From his nephew Tyler, the passing of Angel Pete Burt, a pilot of the 1966-67 vintage, in Fort Lauderdale, FL of complications following kidney surgery.

📍 Bob Skinder reports that Robbie Robertson was recently hospitalized with a respiratory illness. Hopefully, Bob will also report when Robbie has recovered.

📍 Mark Sohm, who unfortunately is in the slammer, could use some encouraging words from his Ugly buddies His address is: Marc Sohm V22133, J-2, Tomoka Correctional Institution, 3950 Tiger Bay Rd., Daytona Beach, FL 32124-1098.

## Requiem

*After I had copied the piece from the first Ugly Angel newsletter with the names of the four Angels who had died into the June newsletter, I began to wonder how many other of our brothers had passed on. Wondering led me to research newsletters from 1996 to 2007, and revealed the following truly shocking statistic.*

*At least 51 Ugly Angels that we know about have died since Vietnam. Considering that the following names, excepting the five WWII and/or Korean War vets, are those of young men who were of an average age of 22 during their tour in Vietnam, most seemed to have died well before their time.*

*I'm at a loss to attach a deeper meaning to all of this except to note that we truly "...know not the day nor the hour..." May our brother Marines rest with the knowledge they were Semper Fidelis.*

Rabon Adler	Dick Cline	Russ Kefauver
Jim Aldworth	Larry Combs	Dick Koepp
Marsh Armstrong	Roger Cook	Mike Melin
Ralph Aye	Tony Davitt	Paul Moreau
Eddie Baker	Jerry Dooley	Charlie Morgon
Jack Barry	Del Dupont	Ernie Noll
Ralph Begien	Bill Factor	Vince Pilck
Pat Bray	Ron Fix	Bob Rehders
Bob Burlingame	Mike Fulstone	Jim Riffle
Pete Burt	Sandy Gideonese	Bill Rose
Frank Calderon	Curt Gray	Earl Rose
Frenchy Caouette	Dale Haynes	Ed Strawn
Walt Casey	Garnett Hyter	Bill Walker
Rick Cassidy	Bobby Johns	Deak Warner
Dwight Chambers	Doc Jones	Lynn Whidden
Ed Chenkus.	Nick Kapetan	Billy Wilkison
Archie Clapp	Mike Kennett	Bill Willey

## Mayday! Mayday!

We still need your help if you haven't yet answered the following questions listed in the June newsletter.

The answers are critically important to planning our reunion activities, and we need answers ASAP. So if you haven't already responded, please e-mail your answers, listing your answer by question number, to Tom at [YL42@cox.net](mailto:YL42@cox.net) or call him at 540 370-4389.

1. If you plan to attend the reunion and your name, or the names of your spouse or guest(s), does not appear in the May newsletter, please provide. If it does, and you don't, let me know.
2. Are you driving or renting a car while in DC? (We need this info to determine if we need to charter a bus, at a nominal cost per member, on Friday to get folks to the NMMC & luncheon in Quantico)
3. If you are driving, how many empty seats will you have?
4. Are you attending the luncheon at Quantico?

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Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
Mailing Address Line 4  
Mailing Address Line 5

### Parade Tickets

Thanks to Pop A Smoke we now have 100 tickets available for the Friday evening Sunset Parade. These tickets will be provided on a first come, first served basis. If you want tickets, submit your name and the number of tickets desired to me at [YL42@cox.net](mailto:YL42@cox.net) or call 540 370-4389. I must have your input no-later-than Tuesday 29 July, but the sooner the better.

The hooker – You will have to find your own transportation to and from 8th & I.

