

# The Ugly Angel

## Memorial Foundation Newsletter

7-6, September 2002



---

### From the Editor

Good grief, the 2002 Reunion is getting closer everyday. I think when I looked at Pop A Smoke last night the countdown was 18 and a hook. By the time you get this, it'll be that much closer, particularly if you are coming.

If you aren't coming I am really sorry. I started this job of editor only about 6 months ago, but that combined with the History Project, have put me in touch with so many of you that I just want to meet you and greet you properly. If not this year, let's try for another.

One thing that really caught my eye was the lead that HMM-362 has held throughout the sign-up process. Last night we were at 110 individual members had signed up. This was not counting any guests. The next closest 3 squadrons after us were in the 70s and it trailed from there on down. The 110 is not counting those Archie's Angels who do not count 362 as their primary squadron or those who are only coming to the dinner, but who will hopefully drop by to visit us on the beach long and often. It also does not count various families who are only coming to the dinner and the memorial service.

So by attendance we stand out. We will always stand out as the first Marine tactical unit to serve in Vietnam, thanks to our older brothers, who we plan on honoring on this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their most significant contribution.

There have been other highlights to our career as the premier helicopter squadron such as the restoration of YL 42, that hopefully we will all get to revisit and the memorial WING at MCB Quantico. However, it has been noted recently that we have occasionally wobbled a bit. The result is that the board of directors is taking a long hard look at how we are organized and how we do things. Those of you who receive these newsletters via e-mail have already been asked for your opinions. Those of you who use the Postal Service have not been asked but feel free at any time to make suggestions. Just send your ideas to me and I will pass them on.

In closing, I sure am looking forward to meeting those of you I've never seen and re-seeing many old friends in just a few weeks. Semper Fi

### YL 37

There were rumors that the YL 37 group wouldn't be coming when I was writing last month's newsletter but, like everything I do, I just hoped it weren't so. The sad news is

that it's true. I think it is safe to say that the UAMF was not responsible for the events that led to this decision, but one of the reasons for our reorganization study is that none of us were quick enough to understand what was going on or how to prevent it. Hopefully events or incidents of this type are the kind that don't kill anyone but remind you to watch your sixes and everything else.

### **Top Priority**

One of the most important events of this reunion will be to honor the Archie's Angels, the first Marine Helicopter squadron to operate in Vietnam. They not only led the way calendar wise, but also set down tactical doctrine that still stands today. Please be sure to block out 1600 on Friday to join us at the tent as we honor them all in the best way we can. This is really important.

### **Marine Down**

I'd seen some message traffic that indicated he was in a wheel chair and had actually gotten several notes from him that should have indicated everything wasn't quite right and I kept meaning to pick up the phone but never did. Recently however, at the end of a note I learned that having survived two H-34 crashes over there, our own un-stoppable Charlie Tuno (66-67) was nailed by a drunk driver.

In his words, roughly, here's the story. To begin with I asked him if I could tell you all about his "accident." His reply was, "Yes, you can print my story, only MADD doesn't call it an accident. They call it a crash because people choose to drink and drive. Now here are the details. It happened on August 2, 1997 at 2:30am. I was on my way to work when the drunk (a non-vet drinking at the VFW) nailed me on my cycle. I flew 25ft in the air and landed in front of BK but didn't want a hamburger. Here's a list of my injuries. First is the brain injury which a couple of my fellow USMC Nam buddies said I had before the crash. I had 3 teeth knocked out, tore both rotator cuffs, my heart started to beat out of whack, the blood sugar went up to over 500, the left leg had a compound fracture [inserted stainless steel rod which is still in there.] The right leg had shredded ligaments and they could only repair half of them. The drunk thought he hit a dog. I believe some of that USMC survival training worked. In fact, folks from a church I didn't even think knew me told me that! Now my job is to turn this negative into a positive.

And Charlie is doing that. He went on to say "I'm in and out of the wheel chair. I do have a mobility chair that I use when I go shopping with my wife. I'm V.P. of MADD of Burlington Co. N.J. so I get to speak at jails & schools. They hear about the Ugly Angels, how we survived Tet as well as 2 Chopper crashes only to be taken out by a drunk."

Drop CT a line at 10 Woodstock Court, Mount Holly, NJ 08060 or an e-mail at [Ctsemperfi@comcast.net](mailto:Ctsemperfi@comcast.net)

## Reunion 2002 Registration as of 9-11-02

Members Name	No Reg	Friday	Members Name	No Reg	Friday
Alteno, Leonidas J.	2	A	Anderson, Denny	?	A
Bailey, Gene and Vonnette	2	D	Bartlett, Rick & Susan	2	D
Blowers, Douglas	2		Brownfield, Tom	?	
Cain, Alan & Susi	2	D	Camp, Gene & Marcia	2	D
Case, Bob & Jenny	2	D	Clapp, Archie & Shirley	2	A
Christensen, Chris	?	A	Cascio, Ben	?	D
Clark, Gerald & Linda	2	D	Clasen, Darcy	2	A
Cokely, Lyman & Lee	2	A	Collins, Larry	1	D
Cook, Roger	1	D	Cormier, Calvin & Wanda	2	D
Cramer Family (5)		D	**Davidson, Dave & Mary Lou		2/D
Davis, Ken	2		De Fries, Chris	?	A
Derylak, Norm & 2 guests	2	D	Donnelly, John	1	A
Doss, Gary	1	D	Dukes, Sherard	1	D
DuPont, Del		A	Eames, Paul	2	
Feeney, Bob & Guest	2	D	Ferguson, Don & Dee		D
Flemming, Archie	1	D	Ford, John	1	
Fowler, Mike & Deb	2	D	Fraser, Larry	1	D
Gall, Ron & Anna	2	D	Gligor, Peter	2	
Gonneville, Jean & Suzanne	2	D	Gould, Walt	1	A
Gray, Curt & John Helson	2	D	Hammack, Tom.	2	A
Hansen, Bruce & Elaine	2	D	Hewes, Tom & Joanne	2	D
**Hippert, Jim And Deb	2	D	Hooton, Richard	2	
Houghton Jr, Richard L.	1	D	Houglum, Dan.	1	D
**Howarth, Bill	1	D	Hunneyman, Ed	2	
Ice, Ron	1	D	Jogodka, Ron and Cindy	2	D
Johns, Bobby & Linda, Carlote Whitfield, Jack & Donna Blair				3	D
Jones, Dave	1	D	Kane, Tom	1	D
King, Pete	1		Kottkamp, Jerry & Turmi	2	D
Kuleski, Erick Sr., Vivian & Eric Jr.	3/D		Lary, Jim	?	A
Leighton, Dave	?	A	Lodge, Jack & Cindy	2	D
Logue, K.D. & Raeanne	2	D	Losey, Jim	1	A
Luhrsen, Dave	?		Martin, Don & Gaylene	2	D
Matney, James	1		Matucheski, Frank & Holly	2	D
McCluskey, Bill & Carol	2	D	McLeroy, Walt & Irene	2	D
**Mcnair, BillyJ & Nita	2	D	Mc Nair, Bill	1	D
McRaney, Curtis D.	2	A	Merryman, Frank & 3 guests	4	D
Moore, Dave	2		Morgan, Charles & Linda.	2	D
Murley, Tom	2	A	Myszka, Romy	1	D
**Nash, Art & Kim	2	D	O'Dare, Bob		A
Orr, Sid	?		Owens, Terry D.	1	A
Paetznick, Jim & Betsy	2	D	Palmer, Ernest B.	1	D

Perryman, Jim	2	A	Phillips, Lyman	1	D
Plummer, Jim		A	Quadrini, Barbara		A
**Ransom, Mike, Wynelle & Friend	3/D		Reese, Bill and Nancy	2	D
Rose, Earl	2	A			
Rose, Bill	2	A	Ross, Deryl & Sandy	2	D
Rothweiler, Hugh D.	2	A	Ryan, Curt	2	A
Sachs, Rusty, Marlene & Lydia	3	D	Scanlan, Jerry	2	A
Severson, Michael	1		Shields, Mike	?	A
Shelton, Jim	?	A	Shields, Mike	?	A
Shoopman, Dave And Mrs.	2				
Skinder, Bob And Madilyn	2	D	Smith, Blake	?	A
Smith, Walter W.	1	D	Sohm, Marc & Trish Jones	1	D
Southworth, Edward G.	2		Speroni, Vic & Josie	2	D
Spiars, Early	2	A	Sproule, Willie D.	2	D
Stefan, Louis B.	1	D			
Stanton, Mark, Lauren & Sharolyn Martin	2	D			
Street, Jim & Gloria.	2	D	Tatmam, Ed & Pat	2	D
Thurber, Tom & Anita	2	D	Turner, Larry & Judy	2	D
Tygart, Darrell	2		Vasquez, Art & Brenda	2	D
Waldridge, Wilbert & Eva	2	D	Walker, William	1	D
Walradth, Wally And Becky	2	D	Waters, William L.	2	
Whaley, Bob	?	A	Willey, Bill	1	D
Wilson, Tim & T. Beecher	2	D	Wimmler, Wimpy and Julia	2.	A
Wood, Charlie	1	A	**York, Del and Deb	2	D
Yung, Carl, Adele & Kay	3	D	Zacker, Mike and Lynn	2	

\*\*Ron and Gerry Fix send regrets as well as Oramel and Sharon Hall

Note The number should indicate how many folks you have registered for. A ? means I didn't have enough info to tell how many of you there were. D is for regular Ugly Angel Dinner and the A is for the Archie's Angels 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner.

\*\*means you need to get in touch with Lew Barnes to specify whether you want fish, fowl or beef. His number follows.

No letter means you oughta contact Lew if you are an Ugly or Wimpy, if you are an Archie's and tell them if you want to have dinner at the regular squadron function.

Trying to blend 4 lists into one is not what I do best. Just get there and we'll figure it out.

### More from Lew

Here are a couple of items of interest.

(1) You will find included in your sign-up packet a card with your name on it as well as your entree selection. You will need to bring this with you to the dinner function or you will be dining on MRE's.

(2) If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance I can be reached at one of the following:

Work: 1-503-649-2033

Home: 1-503-647-0776

Cell: 1-503-709-1595

E-MAIL: [HMM362@aol.com](mailto:HMM362@aol.com)

## **5 Bucks Short**

The price of the meal is actually somewhat less expensive than we were asked to pay. It was actually 5 dollars less. The extra fiver was intended to pay for the tent and various 362 centered costs. However, when this was arranged it wasn't known that the members of the original Archie's Angels were having a separate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. I have been asked to ask those of you who are not attending the regular dinner to please kick in the extra five, either by mailing a check to Lew Barnes or slipping it to a board member at the reunion. Otherwise, the beer fund could be seriously damaged. Many thanx!!

## **Jacket Raffle**

For several months there has been a mini-page sort of attached to our web site. The mini-page shows a jacket. It is a very nice jacket with all sorts of Ugly Angel indicators on it. Frenchy La Fontaine of Ultra Marine. Inc and HML-167 ( I think) has donated it to us to use as a fund raiser for our scholarship program. Tickets will be sold at the reunion for \$10.00 a piece. Please buy some!

## **Letters to the editor**

My name is Stan Manship. I was in 362 from Jan. 64 until Oct. 3 1966, when I went over with them from California in 65, landing at Ky Ha. I was the crew chief of YL 34, until we crashed in September of 65. When I came back from the hospital in October, I took over the Maint. Admin. Section. The doctors would not let me fly again. When we got the hard back tents at Ky HA, I was in the tent with Sam Hardesty, Little Pete, Big Pete, Tom Carter, Ed Wato, and Bill Woods. I went on to serve in the Corps until June 89 when I retired as a MGySgt. with a little over 31 years, all in helos. I did three tours in SV, HMM-162 Jan-June 63, HMM-362 Aug 65-Oct 66, and HMM-161 Apr 69-May 70. Hope to see y'all in Pensacola in a few weeks..... Take care.  
Stan

## **Not sure I got anything right on this one**

To let you know that The name is not Raymond, it is Richard and the person presenting the cake was a Philippino not a Vietnamese. Also Terry has it wrong as you can see by the picture the CP was not wounded and that came later. As for the mortar attack, the CP got wounded on the third round. If we hadn't taken off when we did there would have been 4 more casualties to the History list. The fourth round landed exactly where we were. Terry got a few rounds off as we were leaving the LZ while the chase bird was screaming for us to take off.

Richard St. Pierre (Frenchie)

## **Project Vietnam**

This is a Pop A Smoke sponsored project that I have mentioned in earlier newsletters. The whole purpose is to create a memorial for each crewmember who died in a Marine helicopter. The difference between it and memorials such as THE WALL or our own WING is that this project intends to honor the lives of the deceased with photos, remembrances from family, friends, bunkies, etc. Jim Moriarty of YL 42 fame will be

bringing staff members to the reunion for the purpose of scanning any materials you might have regarding one or more of our "Fallen Angels." You will also see a form, either in the next Pop A Smoke or in your registration packet. Please add what you can

**Thanx, Lew**

It would be hard to name anyone who worked harder to make Reunion 2002 a success for both the Archies and the Uglys than Lew Barnes. Friday afternoon and evening will be almost his complete responsibility. However, I just discovered that after all that work, he won't be coming due to a family health problem so I just wanted to thank him publicly for a great job.

0-0-0-0

The following is intended to assist in finding our brothers on THE WALL-SOUTH at the Memorial Service.

**Fallen Angels**

**651122 –**

**THOMAS EVAN DOUGLAS:** 284323641 : USMCR : CPL: NORTHWEST

WARREN : OH : -Cauc : married : **03E : 107**

**RICHARD ARTHUR MILLER:** 215384588 : USMC : 1st LIEUT NEW YORK : NY

: Cauc : Protestant /single : **03E : 108**

**VICTOR JOHN PIRKER:** 728075246 : USMCR : CPL: TROUT CREEK : MT : -

Cauc : single : **03E : 108**

**FRANCIS EDWARD VISCONTI:** 052263063 : USMCR : 1<sup>ST</sup> LIEUT: SYRACUSE :

NY : Cauc : Roman Catholic/married : **03E : 109**

-the entire crew was lost south of Ky Ha, returning from a troop transport mission during severe weather.

**660608**

**KENNETH NEIL MAC BETH:** 2007972 : USMCR : CPL RIGA : MI : hostile land :

Crew : body recovered : Quang Ngai: Cauc : Protestant / single : **08E : 022**

– Ken, the gunner, was killed by a sniper shortly after the a/c left Ky Ha on a medevac.

**670107**

**JOHN HOWARD MOONEY JR :** 1586529 : USMCR : CPL: 29: LAKEWOOD : CA

: Cauc : Protestant/married : **13E : 123**

John, the gunner, died when a grenade went off in the belly of the a/c during Deckhouse V.

**670227**

**MICHAEL JOHN CARLEY:** 090140 : USMCR : 1stLT : 27 : SHARON : CT :

19670227 : hostile, crash, land: H2P :: Cauc : Roman Catholic / married : **15E : 103**

Mike, the co-pilot, was killed when they took heavy fire attempting to land at Nui-Dang.

**670725**

**JEFFREY CHARLES CROUSE:** 2168879 : USMCR : LCPL : E3 : 6422 : 20 : LOS ANGELES : CA : Quang Nam (DaNang): Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **23E : 118**  
-Jeff died as the result of an accident, aboard ship.

**671130**

**GEORGE ALLISON BIRD III :** 2256845 : USMCR : CPL 6320 : 21 : SAVANNAH : GA : : Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **31E : 009**

**DONNIE LEN DARROW:** 079529 : USMCR : MAJ : 7561 H-34 : 30 : LEBANON : MO : Aircraft Commander : body recovered : Thua Thien (Hue) : Cauc : Protestant/married : **31E : 010**

**WILLIAM BRIAN HAYS:** 2125349 : USMCR : CPL 6320 : 19 : BATON ROUGE : LA : Cauc : Protestant/single : **31E : 012**

**ANTHONY EDWARD KISUCKY:** 0100627 : USMC : 1stLT 7561 H-34 : 23 : CHICAGO : IL : Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **31E : 013**  
-the entire crew died when their a/c was separated from others during a storm and disappeared.

**680108**

**DENVER DEWEY COLBURN JR :** 093025 : USMC : CAPT : 7561 H-34 : 26 : BROOKSVILLE : FL : Copilot : Cauc : Protestant/single : **33E : 081**

**ROBERT MICHAEL CRAMER:** 076778 : USMCR : MAJ : 7561 H-34 : 32 : STOUTLAND : MO Aircraft Commander : Cauc : Protestant/married : **33E : 081**  
-both pilots were killed attempting a night medevac in inclement weather.

**680117**

**JAMES HARVEY POST JR :** 2163735 : USMCR : CPL : 6332 : 20 : BRIDGEPORT : CT : Cauc : Protestant/married : **34E : 064**  
James, the gunner, was killed near Khe Sahn by enemy fire in the landing zone.

**680331**

**DANIEL PESIMER:** 2139396 : USMCR : SGT :0311 : 26 : SALT ROCK : WV : Cauc : Protestant/single : **47E : 025**

**KENNETH RICHARD YANTIS:** 2174735 : USMCR : CPL : 6332 : 19 : PHILADELPHIA : PA : : Cauc : RomanCatholic/single : **47E : 029**

Ken, the crew chief and Daniel, the gunner were killed when their a/c hit a mountain during a night medevac in bad weather.

**680513**

**THOMAS MASSIE BOYD III :** 2210802 : USMCR : CPL : 6332 : 21 : CORPUS CHRISTI : TX : Air Loss Crash Sea : Crew : body recovered : Cauc : Protestant/single : **59E : 016**

Thomas, the gunner, was drowned when his a/c lost power leaving a hospital ship.

**681011**

**STEVEN WAYNE MARTIN:** 093980 : USMC : CAPT : 7561 H-34 : 24 :

WOLFEBORO : NH : Cauc : Protestant/married : **41W : 048**

**PETER EDWARD SCHRYVER:** 094204 : USMC : 1stLT 7561 H-34 : 23 : FORT  
LAUDERDALE : FL : Copilot : Cauc : Protestant/single : **41W : 049**

**LAWRENCE CHARLES KLEINHANS:** 2173653 : USMCR : LCPL: 6332 : 21 :

HONEOYE FALLS : NY : Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **41W : 048**

**LANTIE LAWRENCE HARRIS JR :** 2253997 : USMCR : LCPL : 6332 : 20 :

SHREWSBURY : NJ : Cauc : Protestant/single : **41W : 046**

-The entire crew perished when the a/c, taking off flew into the underside of an HMM-265 CH-46.

**681117**

**PHILLIP RUSSELL ANDERSON:** 2334134 : USMCR : LCPL : 6332 : 20 :

JACKSONVILLE : FL : hostile fire medevac : CrewChief :: Cauc : Roman Catholic /  
married : **39W : 077**

Andy, the crew chief, was killed by enemy fire during an attempted medevac.

**690204**

lead a/c 143965

**LAWRENCE EMANUEL HOUCK II :** 0100336 : USMC : 1stLT : 7561 H-34 : 25 :

HARRISBURG : PA : HAC: Cauc : Protestant/married : **33W : 057**

**ROGER DOUGLAS KNUDTSON:** 0101597 : USMC : 1stLT : 7561 H-34 : 24 :

FAIRFIELD : ND : H2P : Cauc : Protestant/married : **33W : 058**

**GREGORY JEROME NICCOLI:** 2377109 : USMCR : LCPL : 6332 : 22 : KENT :  
WA :: Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **33W : 057**

**JOSEPH HAROLD BRUBAKER JR :** 2195714 : USMCR : CPL : 6332 : 22 :

SUMMIT : PA : Cauc : Protestant/single : **33W : 054**

chase a/c 150212

**JAMES DEAN OPSAHL:** 0103215 : USMC : 1stLT : 7561 H-34 : 23 : BRITTON : SD

: Cauc : Protestant/single : **33W : 058**

**ANDREW MARTIN HAGLAGE:** 095498 : USMCR : 1stLT : 7561 H-34 : 25 :

BATAVIA : OH : Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **33W : 056**

**OTIS GREEN:** 2347189 : USMCR : LCPL : 6332 : 19 : BRIDGETON : NJ : Negro :  
Protestant/single :

33W : 056

**JOHN DEE HARRINGTON:** 2230390 : USMCR : LCPL : 6351 : 20 : PHOENIX : AZ

: Cauc : Roman Catholic/single : **33W : 057**

-Both crews were killed when the chase a/c hit the first during take off.

**690809**

**RONALD JAMES JANOUSEK: 319389025 : USMC : 1stLT :: 7561 : 24 : POSEN :**  
IL : Hostile fire, Laos : Cauc : Roman Catholic/married : **20W : 118**

-Ron had just transferred to Scarface from 362 when his UH-1E was shot down in Laos.

---

Bob Skinder  
20 Claytor Rd.  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
[rskinder@att.net](mailto:rskinder@att.net)  
803-783-3019