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ANGRY SKIPPER ASSOCIATION, INC. (ASA)®

Walking Point

The newsletter for D Co. 2/8 Vietnam 1965—1972

Seattle 2016 After Action Report



Thanks to Don Miller (Range, 71) for assisting in the reunion planning and for making sure the Hospitality suite was always stocked with drinks and snacks for our members. Thank you to MG (ret) John Hemphill (Bn Cmdr 2/8th Cav, 65-66) for his amazing work in arranging and coordinating an incredible tour of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). Picture on the right is of MG Hemphill and COL Daniel Morgan, Commander, JBLM Installation. COL Morgan came to our Hospitality suite the evening before our tour to give us an introduction to the base. We chartered a 55 seat bus and departed to the JBLM for our tour. We arrived at the base and was greeted by COL William A. Ryan, Commander, 16th Aviation Brigade, and his team who prepared an incredible video, showing the similarities between our wars in Nam with the current day Combat Aviation Brigade. Then, we went out to the static display



of their Apache's and Blackhawks. That was an amazing treat for us! The soldiers of the 16th CAB were all amazing! Below, the crew of that Blackhawk were waiting for our arrival. They answered all of our questions as we crawled in and out of those beautiful birds. During our tour, we were accompanied by a photographer, CPT Harris. He captured our entire tour throughout the various venues.

A link to his pictures

are located in the Seattle Reunion section of the ASA website. Also, a link to the pictures taken by staff of the Western Air Defense System (WADS) tour we took.

MAJ Jamey I. Trigg, I Corps Public Affairs, was also amazing. It was such an honor to have him as our escort during the tour. He did an outstanding job! At our lunch with the soldiers of the JBLM, he presented each of our members with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration pin in the dining room. Pictured on the right are soldiers who waiting for us as we arrived at the dining facility. So many young soldiers from the JBLM worked to make sure our visit was memorable. It was an unforgettable experience! Dale Tincher, thank you for the donation of 100 1st Cav coffee cups. Members snatched them up quick!



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Washington, D.C. 2017 Angry Skipper Association, Inc. Reunion

Our reunion will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA 20170** (<http://cpdulles.com/>) from **May 17th thru May 20, 2017**. You must call the Hotel and make your own reservations. Their number is **866.667-0326**. The hotel will honor the discounted group rates for 3 days prior to May 17th and 3 days after May 20th, for those early arrivals and stay-overs. These **rates are good until April 17, 2017**, so please register before April 17th. **Hotel room rates will revert to market after that date.** The hotel rates are as follows:

Deluxe Guest Room: \$ 105.00 (singles and doubles)

The hotel has 21 smoking rooms. After these have been reserved, additional smoking rooms will be provided and at a one time cleaning fee of \$50 per room. So, if you smoke, register early. **You must tell the Hotel you are with the Angry Skipper Association for these preferred rates. They will not change the rate if you forget to tell them you are with the Angry Skipper Association group.** The hyperlink for online hotel room reservation can be found on the home page of angryskipperassociation.org. Please register early as we try to manage transportation capacity to facilitate our group.

Banquet meal description: 1. pan seared pounded chicken breast in lemon caper butter sauce; 1. grilled slices tenderloin topped with mushrooms and shallots in a cabernet wine sauce; 3. Vegetarian pasta.

The Crowne Plaza at Dulles consist of 326-rooms and is located just 2 miles from **Washington's Dulles International Airport** and 22 miles from the historic Washington D.C. attractions. This hotel is an AAA Three-Diamond Rated, full-service hotel and is ADA compliant. Complimentary van shuttle transportation to/from Dulles Airport every half-hour, 5:00am—11pm daily is available. The van shuttle picks up at the lower level of Dulles, areas 2A and 2H curbside. There is shuttle transportation to the Metro station . . .

Our hospitality suites will be located in the O'Hare/LaGuardia room. The hours for the Hospitality suite is from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Hospitality suite will open Wednesday, May 17th at 12:00 p.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21st. When you arrive, please pick up your welcome package in the Hotel lobby. The package will contain your meal tickets, membership card, name tags, agenda, roster, shirts & caps, etc.

The registration process will be handled by Register with Ease again, just like last year. VISA and MasterCard will be accepted, as well. Register With Ease has set-up a website for online registrations. Go to <http://www.angryskipperassociation.org> for a direct link, or you can mail the registration, with check or credit card information, to the address on the registration form. You may also fax the form with credit card info directly to the Stacey. Or, register on-line, then send the check, payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc., to Stacey.

Thanks to John Dullahan (FO, 71-72) for walking point for us in D.C. He worked to arrange the permit and bugler for our ceremony at the Wall, the Color Guards for our banquet and contacting the hotel staff to make sure all was in order. Remember, we all agreed to visit the Wall in D.C. every 6 years to render Honor to our Fallen. Please join us this year because you just never know what tomorrow brings.



Angry Skipper Association, Inc.™

May, 17th thru 20th, 2017 Reunion Registration Form Washington, D.C.

Name: _____ (AKA) _____ Platoon: _____ Yr(s): _____
Please use your legal name that matches your ID in case we get a WH tour.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Ph: _____

How many will be in your group? _____ E-mail: _____ Emergency contact: _____

List First and Last names of all in your group: _____

Date/Time	Activity	Cost/Person	No. of	Total
May 19, 2017 - Friday				
8:00am- 11:30am	Vietnam Memorial Wall—transportation	\$25.00	_____	_____
<i>Work to schedule a White House tour is in progress as this Newsletter goes to print. (110 seat capacity)</i>				
May 20, 2017 - Saturday				
4:30pm	Group Photograph (Members Only & Everyone)	\$0.00	_____	_____
5:30pm-10:00pm	Reunion Banquet (check meal selection below)	\$45.00	_____	_____
# of Chicken Piccata: _____ # of Beef Medallions: _____ # of Vegetarian Pasta _____ <i>*see meal description on previous page.</i>				
Shirts & Caps	Number of Reunion Shirts: (Black, order by March 31st)	\$28.00	_____	_____
	Sizes: Small: _____ Medium: _____ Large: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____			
	Number of ASA Caps (black)	\$18.00	_____	_____
TOTAL EVENTS REGISTRATION				\$ _____

Registration Fee: 35.00 Contribution/donation: .00 Total Events Registration from above: _____ .00 TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____ .00 _____ Check here if you are not attending and want shirts & caps mailed to you. Add \$13.00 for postage and handling.	<p>Please register by May 1, 2017. Please complete form and mail with check (payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc.) or with credit card info to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Stacey Smith Register with Ease 473 Las Cruces Winter Haven, FL 33884 Ph: 863.325-0077 Fax: 863.325-0051 </p>
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PAYMENT METHOD: _____ Check Charge to (check one): _____ MasterCard _____ VISA

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ Month/Year

Signature: _____

Do not send this form if you registered online at : <http://www.angriskypperassociation.org>

Hotel Reservations, Phone 800.227-6963 or 866.667-0326

Tell them you are with the Angry Skipper Association group.

You must arrange your own Hotel room. It is not included in this registration.

Your Welcome Package will be available in the Hotel Lobby. Please pick up your package when you arrive.

Hello Brothers and Sisters....

Just thought that I would pass along some thoughts based on a recent medical experience. About 6 months ago I had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor on my right lung. Actually, they removed the upper 1/3 of the right lung. They also removed the appropriate lymph nodes as well. Bottom line, they got it all and the additional biopsy during the surgery found me to be "cancer free" at this time. That's the good news and there is **no bad news**!!! So what is the cause???? Karen Green my VA advocate has filed a claim on my behalf against Agent Orange exposure...of course all those good "free cigs" probably didn't help me either. Based on her submission, the VA awarded 100% Disability for a period of 6 months, to be followed by a re-evaluation January, 2017.

But now the "rest of the story."

About 18 months prior to the surgery, I fell down the stairs at home. A few weeks later Pat, who was about to become my fiancé, and I were at a family holiday party when Pat mentioned the incident to Pat's son's Father-in-law, Dr. Ed Burke. He suggested rather insisted that I come in to North Oakland Regional Hospital for a CT scan to check out the shoulder. I did and his Radiologist found the broken clavicle which was healing nicely but he also found a spot on my right lung. After counseling me to seek a review with my Pulmonologist and his recommendation to go on a "watch" process with a follow-up CT and subsequent PET Scan. The PET Scan with radioactive dye was telling...2 sites called for possible inspection and a biopsy was ordered. The first site came back negative so the 2nd site was biopsied. The result from this was definitely a Cancerous Tumor. The best solution was an operation to remove the Tumor and the top 1/3 of the Right Lung with the Lymph Nodes as I mentioned.

Surgery at St. John Hospital in Detroit went as planned with recovery being both a somewhat painful but very hallucinogenic process. This was my first (hopefully the last) major surgery so was not prepared for the drug after effects. They say I had a mind blowing party going on in the Intensive Care Unit. “

Needless to say I have upped the appreciation scale for my wonderful **"Guardian Angel wife, Patricia"**. She kicked off the investigative process and stuck with me during this journey giving me encouragement and strength throughout the process and into the recovery phase. She is truly my soul mate and I am so fortunate to be married to her. I love you Patricia!!!

Now, had she not taken the first step to raise the need for further medical reviews I might have experienced the same fate as other Vietnam Brothers who file claims for VA Assistance but are way too late some being in Stage 4 at the time of discovery. Again, so fortunate, mine was at Stage 1B (due to overall size). So, when I recall the words, **"there, but for the grace of God, go I"**. I truly get it. May good fortune follow you my Vietnam Brothers and Sisters. If the opportunity presents itself for diagnostic tests...do it. They could save your life!!!

By: Bob Babas, aka: Skipper 26/Rifle Range 6/Stone Mountain 1 (1968/1969)

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.® Treasurers Report

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
Profit & Loss (unaudited)
January 1 through December 31, 2016

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
Balance Sheet (unaudited)
December 31, 2016

Ordinary Income & Expense
Income

Banquet/s	\$ 5,310.00
Donations	4,809.50
Membership Dues	200.00
Registration Fees	2,342.00
Tours	1,060.00
Shirts, Hats, Patches	3,546.00
Total Income	\$ 17,267.50

Expenses

Bank Service Charges	\$ 80.10
ASA Website	291.07
Banquet—Saturday Event	5,180.85
Entertainment	300.00
ASA Website	00.00
Flowers/Funeral	256.98
Insurance	384.00
Member Assistance	00.00
Merchant Account	783.99
Photographer	175.00
Postage & Delivery	434.25
Printing & Reproduction	583.00
Professional Services—Reunion	3,919.54
Tours Costs	950.00
Shirts, Hats & Patches	3,541.89
Total Expenses	\$ 16,880.67

Net Income (Loss) **\$ 386.83**

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Checking	\$ 899.27
Deposits	580.00*
Accounts Receivable	00.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,479.27

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	00.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 00.00

Equity

Retained Earnings	1,092.44
Net Income	386.83

Total Equity **\$ 1,479.27**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 1,479.27

* Deposit of \$580 to U.S. Coachways, Inc.

Thank you Robert Burke, CPA (Skull, 70-71) for preparing the Association Tax returns since 2006.

Minutes held at the Red Lion Hotel, May 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. (Summary)

1. 2015 Minutes read and approved; 2. Ed Regan gave Treasurer's Report which was accepted; 3. Discussed change in bank account from BofA to Wells Fargo; 4. 61 Vets attended this reunion with a total of 124 Attendees; 5. Brian Finn led us in prayer; 6. Vote for location in 2018. St. Pete Beach, FL again; 7. Doug Hilts added to Board of Directors as Chairman; 8. Rich O'Brien designated Vice-Chairman; 9. Reunion Committee formed, consisting of Bob Burke, Ed Regan, Tom Vollmar, Rich O'Brien, Frank Guidara and Eddie Odom.
10. Increase price of shirts by \$3 due to increase from Paramount Apparel. 11. Voted for Black shirts and caps for D.C. in 2017; 12. Thank you to Dale Tinchler for 100 1st Cav cups, James (Hawk) Bryant and Kirk Davis for the Range, 70-71 DVD, Barbara Hilts for the quilts. 13. Business meeting called for adjournment.

New Members since the Jan, 2016 Newsletter:

Santiago Rios, Rifle/Range, 69
John S Blair, Wild Cat, 71-71

Deceased Member/s: (Date of Death)

Allan Jousma, Recon, 66-67 (25Apr16)
Dirk Olson, Skull, 71-72 (13May16)
Robert H Fugitt, 1SG 67-68 (5Nov16)
Claude Davenport, 1SG, 67-68 (8Sept16)
Audis Garner, MAJ (ret), 67-68 (Sept16)

Membership count:

Active Members: 651
Members Online: 295



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GETTING OLD ...

I just couldn't make it. No matter what I did, try as I might, I couldn't make it. I ended up going to bed on New Year's Eve at 11:55 PM last night. Five minutes away from a whole new year and I couldn't do it. I was exhausted, I was sitting in my chair nodding off, slowly melting into the cushions and listening to the fireworks going off in the neighborhood, what little there were. I finally surrendered, said to hell with it and went to bed. Like I said, I was so tired, it didn't take but a minute to start to drift off.

Well ... no such luck ... within a couple minutes, all Beelzebub broke loose! All the people within a mile of me must have been outside with their 155's, mortars, rifles, side arms, RPG's and TOW's blowing the shit out of the air, the ground, the trees, the coyotes, armadillos, the ghosts of Christmas past, and anything else they could drunkenly take aim at ... or not!

With that, I was wide awake from the cacophony of weaponry! Took me back to a time in the early seventies when we were young and gay of heart and yearning to serve our country and all be heroes (or just survive and make it back home). My immediate thought was to jump up in the pitch black of night, grab the string running from tree to tree in our NDP in the bush, manning the 60 position and blowing some claymores!

... Nope. False alarm. Just neighbors having a good time. Like we had. Back in the day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Brothers! *By Kirk Davis, Range '71*