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ANGRY SKIPPER ASSOCIATION, INC. (ASA)®

# Walking Point

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

## After Action Report: Washington, D.C. 2017

Coordination of the activities in D.C. involved many individuals working together to make our members experience a good one. The turnout was amazing. We had trouble with rooms, as our room block was quickly absorbed by members. We were hosted by John Dullahan (FO, 71-72) and Eugene (Skull, 70-71) and Angela Curtis, who did an amazing job! Eugene and Angela did much of the leg work and dipped into their own pockets to stock, and continuously replenish the drinks and snacks in the hospitality suite. James Lang (Cat, 66-67) worked feverishly behind the scenes. At the Wall, we were led by MG (ret) James Guest (Commander, 66-67) and commanded by George Mauldin (Recon/Weapons, 1966). When



we arrived at the Apex of the Wall, we turned to face the Wall and gave a salute while the Bugler played Taps. The ceremony at the Wall was a healing experience, again.

It was in 2006 that we last visited Orlando. That was the year ASA became a 501(c)(19), tax-exempt Veterans Organization. This was when the membership voted to ratify our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. This was the year we also met Register With Ease. Stacey Smith Wall has taken good care of us since.



MG (ret) James Guest (Commander, 66-67) said a few words before we marched down to the Apex of the Wall for our ceremony. "We all signed a check made payable to the United States of America. We will render Honor to those whose check was cashed."

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Washington, D.C. group picture on the hill above the Vietnam Memorial Wall; 2017



Ceremony at the Wall. Render Honor to our Fallen while the Bugler plays Taps.

## Orlando, FL. 2018 ASA, Inc. Reunion

Our reunion will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn (6850 Westwood Blvd, Orlando, FL)** from **May 16th thru May 19, 2018**. You must call the Hotel and make your own reservations or go to the ASA website and use the hyperlink to reserve your room online. Their number is 800.449-1619, use group code “ASA.” The hotel will honor the discounted group rates for 3 days prior to May 16th and 3 days after May 19th, for those early arrivals and stay-overs. These **rates are good until April 25, 2018**, so please register before April 25th. Hotel room rates will revert to market after that date. The hotel rates are as follows:

Deluxe Guest Room:	\$ 99.00 (singles and doubles)
Suite Upgrade	\$129.00

**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 our home page at [angryskipperassociation.org](http://angryskipperassociation.org).

The Hotel does not provide transportation to and from the airport. There are many options for transportation at the airport. The airport is about 20 minutes from the hotel. Uber costs about \$20, one way. Other options available, should not cost more than \$40.

John Bourdelais has worked deals with two Golf Courses, which are both in the vicinity of the hotel. Golfer's please register to play either or both days **No Later than April 13, 2018**. Green Fees are being prepaid to reserve Tee times. Here are the websites for each Golf Course:

[www.falconsfire.com](http://www.falconsfire.com) and [www.grandcypress.com/orlando\\_golf\\_resort\\_club/](http://www.grandcypress.com/orlando_golf_resort_club/) #

Banquet meal description: *1. Sauteed Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Wine Sauce served with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables; 2. 8 oz New York Strip Steak grilled with Cabernet Demi Glaze served with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables; 3. Vegetarian; Grilled Portobello Mushroom with Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Mixed Rice and Vegetables.*

“Relax after a dynamic day in a comfortable guest room or suite. Our Orlando hotel near SeaWorld offers 224 rooms, each featuring a hospitality center with a refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker. Prepare a meal and enjoy a quiet night in with a movie on the flat-screen television. Catch up on work in comfort with a spacious desk, ergonomic chair and complimentary WiFi access.”

Our hospitality suites will be located in the Florida Keys Ballroom. The hours for the Hospitality suite is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Hospitality suite will open Wednesday, May 16th at 8:00a.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20st. When you arrive, please pick up your welcome package in the Hospitality Suite. The package will contain your meal tickets, name tags, agenda, shirts & caps, etc. **Registration table will be open on Wed, May 16 and Thur, May 17th from 9am to 8pm.** Make sure you pick up your stuff by then.

The registration process will be handled by Register with Ease. We met Stacey in Orlando, 2006. She has taken amazing care of us since! 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.

# Angry Skipper Association, Inc.™

## May, 16th thru 19th, 2018 Reunion Registration Form Orlando, Florida

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (AKA) \_\_\_\_\_ Platoon: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost/Person</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>May 16, 2018</b> - Wednesday - Register by April 13, 2018				
10:00am	Golf at Falcon's Fire GC Green Fees & Cart	\$69.00	_____	_____
<b>May 17, 2018</b> —Thursday - Register by April 13, 2018				
11:00am	Golf at Grand Cypress GC (New Course) Green Fees & Cart	\$93.00	_____	_____
<b>May 19, 2018</b> - Saturday				
4:30pm	Group Photograph (Members Only & Everyone)	\$0.00	_____	_____
5:30pm-10:00pm	Reunion Banquet (check meal selection below)	\$45.00	_____	_____
	# of Chicken Marsala: ____ # of New York Strip: ____ # of Vegetarian ____ *see meal description on previous page.			
Shirts & Caps	Number of Reunion Shirts: (White, order by March 31st)	\$28.00	_____	_____
	Sizes: Small: ____ Medium: ____ Large: ____ XL: ____ XXL: ____ XXXL: ____			
	Number of ASA Caps (white)	\$18.00	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL EVENTS REGISTRATION</b>				\$ _____

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.

**Please register by May 9, 2018. Please complete form and mail with check (payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc.) or with credit card info to:**

Stacey Smith Wall  
Register with Ease  
3037 Golfview Drive  
Vero Beach, FL 32960  
Ph: 863.325-0077  
Fax: 863.325-0051

**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.angryskipperassociation.org>

### Hotel Reservations, Phone 800.449-1619

Tell them you are with the Angry Skipper Association group. Group Code "ASA"

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.

# Angry Skipper Association, Inc.® Treasurers Report

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®  
 Profit & Loss (unaudited)  
 January 1 through December 31, 2017

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®  
 Balance Sheet (unaudited)  
 December 31, 2017

Ordinary Income & Expense	
Income	
Banquet/s	\$ 6,660.00
Donations	7,282.00
Registration Fees	2,790.00
Tours	3,625.00
Shirts, Hats, Patches	<u>3,408.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 23,765.00
Expenses	
Banquet—Saturday Event	\$ 5,911.07
Entertainment	450.00
Hospitality Room	1,820.00
Insurance	342.00
Merchant Account	696.47
Photographer	200.00
Postage & Delivery	414.23
Printing & Reproduction	538.00
Professional Services—Reunion	3,672.80
Tours Costs	3,423.81
Shirts, Hats & Patches	<u>3,142.53</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 20,610.91
Net Income (Loss)	<b><u>\$ 3,154.09</u></b>

## ASSETS

### Current Assets:

Checking	\$ 4,383.36
Deposits	250.00*
Accounts Receivable	<u>00.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,633.36</u></b>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	<u>00.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 00.00</u></b>
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### Equity

Retained Earnings	1,479.27
Net Income	<u>3,154.09</u>

Total Equity	\$ 4,633.36
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,633.36</u></b>
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\* deposit held by Hilton Garden Inn. Orlando.

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

### Business Meeting, 5/20/17 @ Crowne Plaza Dulles

1. VP Tom Clark (acting President in absence of our President) starts meeting; Tom Clark read card sent to us by Dirk Olson's sister; 2. Robin Woo read minutes from last year. Accepted by members; 3. Ed Regan gave Treasurer's Report. Accepted by members; 4. Tom Clark gave remembrance to those who passed in the last year; 5. Brian Finn motioned that we go to the Vietnam Memorial Wall every 4 years. Passed Unanimously; 6. Shirt and cap colors voted to be white next year in Florida; 7. Vote for new officers (all votes were unanimous) for 2017-2019: Tom Clark, President; John Dullahan, Vice President; Ed Regan, Treasurer for Life; and; Robin Woo who was voted to be Secretary for Life; 8. Discussed 2018 reunion in Florida and difficulty finding a suitable hotel in St. Pete Beach. Members voted to leave the choice of a city in Florida up to the Reunion Committee; 9. Members voted for Cincinnati, Ohio in 2019; 10. Adjourned.

### Deceased Member/s: (Date of Death)

Vincent Castelli, Range 66-67  
 Everett Torres, Cat 71-72 (24Jan17)  
 Jim T. Adams, Skull 70-71 (Feb,17)  
 Roy L Gasaway, Skull 70-71 (18Oct13)  
 Ray Clooney, Skull, 69-70 (July17)  
 Pedro Mesa, Skull, 71-72 (Feb17)  
 Jaime G. Rueda, 1SG, 70-71 (Oct,17)  
 Leon Pellaton, Cat, 1970 (Nov17)

### Membership count:

**Active Members: 719**  
**Members Online: 295**



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Remember the good times forever”*

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### **VA study shows parasite from Vietnam may be killing vets**

Veterans returned to the U.S. after fighting in the jungles of Vietnam a half century ago, but hundreds of them may be dying from a silent bullet — a slow-killing parasite living in the men decades after the war, a new study revealed. Liver flukes, parasites that infect a human when raw or undercooked fish is eaten, are being investigated as the cause of a rare bile duct cancer among veterans who served in the Vietnam War. It could take years for symptoms to show up, but when they do, the host is left with tremendous pain and given just a few months to live. The Department of Veterans Affairs this spring commissioned a small pilot study to look into the link between liver flukes and the cancer. More than 20 percent of the 50 blood samples submitted to the study came back positive or bordering positive for liver fluke antibodies, said Sung-Tae Hong, the tropical medicine specialist who carried out the tests at Seoul National University in South Korea. Everyone who tested positive for the antibodies was notified, Northport VA Medical Center spokesman Christopher Goodman told the Associated Press. Goodman would not comment on the findings. The parasites infect about 25 million people worldwide, mostly in Asia. It's very uncommon among Americans. The parasites can be killed in infected humans through drugs during the early stages. But they can also live in humans without treatment for decades because no symptoms show up — much like veterans who fought in the jungles of Vietnam during the war. Over time, swelling and inflammation of the bile duct can lead to cancer. Jaundice, itchy skin, weight loss and other symptoms appear only when the disease is in its final stages. Do your research.