

THE BUGLER

A newsletter of the MAG61 Reunion Association

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Officers and Board of Directors for 2007

Stu Allen, President
(No 1st Vice President)
Irv Kaplan, 2nd Vice President
George Stilwell, Immediate Past President
Cappy Caprini, Director
Dutch Gallon, Director
John Manning, Director
Bud Dillon, Director
Phil Glover, Director
Stu Allen, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Honorary Officers

Gen. Earl Anderson, Honorary C.O.
Col. McDonald Tweed, Honorary E.O.

Treasurer

Nick Anselmo

OFFICER AND DIRECTORS REPORT

Since we have experienced a situation that disallowed our annual meeting to be held at the reunions (not enough members present) we have been communicating by mail, e-mail and phone to resolve our current status and answer some necessary questions. Based on reports from the present group here are the latest results of our communications:

1. All of the present group has agreed to hold their current positions until we are better able to make a change.
2. We decided to add one Director to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Bernard Tilley.
3. The name most mentioned by the responses was Wes Slagle. I have contacted Wes and he thanks us for the offer, but feels present medical problems would not allow him to do so. I will follow up on the other prospects and report in the next issue.
4. Phil Glover, after many faithful years of service as Treasurer has decided to give it up. We certainly thank him for all that he has done for our organization.
5. I have a Grandson who is a CPA for a prominent accounting firm. He has volunteered to handle our books, with me as secretary, passing on information and recording dues, etc. His name is Nick Anselmo and he has been to three of our banquets, including the last one in Quantico (he drove me down for the final day)
6. All members have agreed to this arrangement.
7. We are taking steps to select a spot for the next reunion and contacting other squadrons for possible joint ventures. We will keep you informed as possible choices become available.
8. Although Phil Glover has resigned as Treasurer, he will continue to be included as a member of the Board of Directors.
9. All Officers and members of the Board of Directors have expressed their sincere appreciation for the fine work Phil Glover has done for many years as treasurer and welcome him to the Board of Directors. He has already been presented with a plaque that notes this appreciation.

2008 REUNION - WE ARE SO SORRY WE MISSED IT

In spite of the fact that I was unable to attend, except for the banquet on the final evening, all reports that I have received indicate that everything went very well.

I must take this opportunity to extend a few words of appreciation to those who put out an extra effort to make sure it went so well.

- First, of course has to be the untiring efforts of my son, Steve, who, according to reports from all of his contacts and in notes from attendees, did a remarkable job of organizing and coordinating activities. I hated to miss it, but was confident that I left it in capable hands. All reports indicate that my confidence was well placed.
- We only had two members of our Officers and Board of Directors in attendance, which eliminated any chance of holding any significant or meaningful meeting. I appreciate the help that they so willingly offered to Steve, during the week.
- It was gratifying for me to have some younger interested people in attendance.

Vernell and Marcus Seals , Michael Thompson, Richard Holliday, David and Mary Fish. I hope their first visit was enjoyable. Richard's display of memorabilia was very impressive.
- It was good to have Pauline Tilley back and we thank her for her assistance.
- Thanks are certainly due to George Bartlett for assistance in our preparation and for bringing his lovely wife to the banquet where he did a marvelous job of introducing our speaker of the evening.
- A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPEAKER, Brig. Gen. Andrew W. O'Donnell Jr., who gave us a very enlightening speech and topped it off with a question and answer session.
- It was nice to top off a wonderful job of handling our needs on the base and for transportation, by John DeBerry, to have him as a last minute guest at the banquet.
- Just a follow-up report on Gen. Anderson, who had a fall in the ready room on Wed. and was unable to attend the banquet. An e-mail from him indicated that the fall did no great damage, but prevented his attendance at the banquet and set his therapy back about a week.

2008 MAG61 REUNION REGISTRANTS

The following people attended our 2008 reunion in Quantico, May 5th thru 8th

Robert Eppard	Lovina Eppard
Mel (Dutch) Gallon	Beryl Gallon
Charles Duval	
David R. Darge	Helen A. Darge
Steve Allen	Stu Allen
Archie Marchiori	
Pete Whaley	Mary Whaley
Bill Potter	Beth Stern
Charles Picard	Chick Picard
Scott Woodcock	Sandra Woodcock
Jerry Miller	Karen Miller
David Fish	Mary Fish
Pauline Tilley	
Bob Burns	
Richard Holliday	
Irving Kaplan	Helen Kaplan
General Earl E. Anderson USMC (ret.)	Jane Anderson
Brig. Gen. George Bartlett USMC (ret)	Donna Bartlett
Gwen Welty	
Ruth Allen	
Nick Anselmo	
Michael Thompson	
Vernel Seals	Marcus Seals

HEALTH REPORT

Latest word from Anne and Cappy Caprini is that they are both still working very hard at following medical treatments with some success and still some stubborn medical problems. They are both working diligently and maintaining a positive attitude. We hope to have more positive reports in the very near future.

Flossie Stilwell has moved from her rehab location to a hospital bed in her own home. We certainly hope that is a positive indication that she is doing better.

Martha Gibson has also moved from a rehab, then to her daughters and is now living at her own home. Hopefully his is another positive indication of improvement.

Helen Allen has spent four months in the hospital with Pneumonia and some internal infections. She was in ICU for two weeks, a regular hospital room for two more weeks and has been back and forth between the hospital and rehab center for the remainder of that period. She is currently in a convalescent center. She is still very weak, but they are getting her into a wheel chair for a couple of hours each day and giving her as much rehab as possible. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS AND CARDS OF WELL WISHES**

IN MEMORIAM

We have received word that Virgil Bolovan passed away in September 2007. We did not receive any details. Our condolences to his family.

We received word from Bill Parks after the last issue had been sent out:

"It is with great difficulty that I inform you that Henry Sory died this morning (March 20, 2008). He was the one person who organized our squadrons (VMB 433).

Two weeks ago he was able, with much help, to attend the dedication of a new school named in his honor. Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife Joy and all members his family."

We are sorry to report the death of one of our long time members, Bob Hughes. Please refer to his daughter's letter in this issue. Condolences to his family.

Late report (congratulations to the Stilwell family)

We just received a report, as press time approaches, that George and Flossie Stilwell just welcomed their 5th Great Grandchild into the family (all girls). Matt and Randy have four daughters and Matt was not there to attend this birth. He is serving in Baghdad and should be home in early July. Best wishes to the whole family, welcome to the new baby and thank you Matt for your service to the USA.

(In the regular mail on the same date as the above good news we received the following, saddening report in a letter from the loving daughter of mag61 member, robert (bob) hughes)

Dear MAG61 Alumnus:

This is a difficult letter to write, but I know Dad would want you to have an update to go to all MAG61 members. My father, Robert (Bob) Hughes went to be with the Lord on June 11, 2008. He was a proud Marine to the end, sent off with full military honors.

My family and I are grateful to you for all you've done during and since WWII to keep the name honorable. Thank you for your tireless efforts to keep all members informed and included in an exclusive group of outstanding men.

On behalf of my dad, thank you for everything!

Sincerely, Alice Quesada, Proud Marine Daughter,
Proud Marine Mom

MARINE QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The man who will go where his colors will go, without asking, who will fight a phantom foe in a jungle and mountain range, without counting, and will suffer and die in the midst of incredible hardship, without complaint, is still what he has always been, from Imperial Rome to Sceptered Britain to Democratic America. He is the stuff of which legions are made. His pride is his colors and his regiment, his training hard and thorough and coldly realistic, to fit him for what he must face, and his obedience is to his orders. As a legionary, he held the gates of civilization for the classical world... He has been called, United States Marine."

From: Lt. Col. T.R. Fehrenbach, U. S. Army in "This Kind of War."

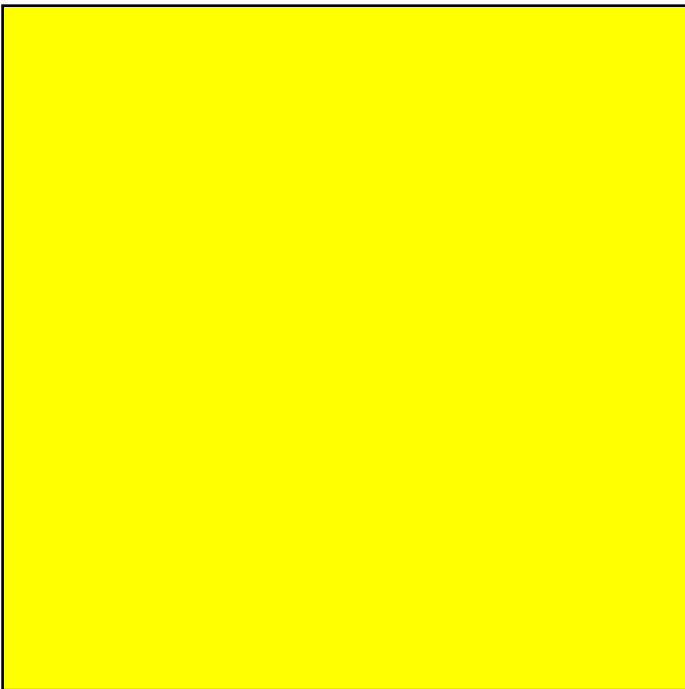
MAG61 WEBSITE REPORT

We do not publish a website report in every issue, but we thought the one for May 2008 would certainly be worth mentioning. As a matter of fact, it typifies most monthly reports.

We had a total of 523 unique visits to the website during May 2008. We did not have one day without someone checking on the site. The lowest number of hits were 4, which occurred on Tuesday, May 13 and again on Saturday, May 24. The largest number of hits in a day was 39, which occurred on Sunday May 4th (the day many of our members were arriving in Quantico for the reunion).

(IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE STILL HAVE AN INTEREST)

ADDRESS CHANGES



A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE WEBSITE

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the bombing squadron VMB443 of which, my father, David W. (D.W.) Harry, Jr. was a member as top turret gunner of a PBJ Mitchell, B25. His first tour was on August 29, 1944 and I have the details of his tour, per his personnel notebook. I also have his original squadron book and Marine Log. If anyone can supply additional information, it would be greatly appreciated. My father is still going STRONG, at the tender young age of 85 and I know he, along with myself, his daughter Darla would appreciate hearing from anyone of this era. You can contact us by mail or phone (Mountain Standard Time) as follows:

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Semper Fi
Darla Harry

I responded that I was also in VMB 443 and although I don't remember him specifically, I'm sure we probably met on the flight line, which is where ground crews and flight crews always meet. I am adding him to our mailing list. Anyone who remembers him can feel free to contact him at the addresses or phones listed above.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR TREASURY ASSISTANCE

On behalf of our officers and Directors, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Bob Robusto, a good friend of Phil Glovers who has assisted Phil in maintaining the treasurer's records and preparing financial reports for the past two or three years. He has sent me the 2006 and 2007 statements and is forwarding all material to me so that we can have Nick Anselmo proceed with the 2008 report. THANK YOU BOB FOR PROVIDING THE ASSISTANCE WE NEEDED TO KEEP THE RECORDS STRAIGHT