

Aviation Logistics Marines



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Spotlight

History of the Davis Squadron

For 25 years we were known as the "Aviation Supply Marines." Organized primarily as a social group, our yearly reunions were organized and sponsored primarily by retired and active duty Aviation Supply Marines. Since we are inextricably linked to our Maintenance community brothers and sisters, it naturally followed that we expand our membership to them. At our business meeting at the 2002 reunion it was unanimously voted to change our name to "Aviation Logistics Marines or ALM."

In 2014, a recommendation was made to have our ALM group be established as a Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) Squadron. Decision rationale below.

- Formalizing ALM as more recognizable social-professional organization
- Broadening participation and membership in ALM and associated planned activities
- Broaden affiliations with Marine aviation active-duty and ALM Community of Interest (COI) constituents
- Consideration to pursue COI sponsors to support various ALM functions and objectives

Our application for MCAA Squadron status was approved in Oct 2015 and By Laws were established.

Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Aviation Logistics Marines (ALM) Davis Squadron newsletter. We've been around for a while but have recently been accepted in to the MCAA.

CO's Corner:

Before we get into the Log Notes, I'd like to take a few lines to **THANK everyone who attended the Last Reunion in The Villages**. I think it was one of the best times we've had, and I believe all who attended will agree. Saying that, I want to compliment the folks who made it all possible! **Jack Middleton** and **Jim Payne** were the "boots on the Ground" and did all the preliminary work of Hotel, food and event planning. **Pete Lynch** made sure the ALM Roster was up to date, and we were able to contact everyone via e-mail vice snail mail, and that was a considerable savings. **Rick Owen** and **Otis Deloach** were the guys who kept things on track in the Hospitality Room, and made sure everyone had plenty of snacks and drinks etc. Our Guests of Honor, **Col Chuck Dunne and his lovely wife Kelli** were a wonderful additions to our Banquet Festivities! And to set the tone of our Banquet, **Dan Gillan** was an extra added attraction with his bagpipe music, and his very fiery rendition of Sir William Wallace's 'freedom speech" to his troops during the Scottish war with England!

Last, but certainly not least, a special thanks to **John Cash** for the fantastic wooden inlayed ALM Reunion Commemorative Plaque he donates every year, for us to raffle for scholarship funds. John spent over 9 weeks making the Plaque. There are over 12 different types of wood inlayed into a red oak and white oak base that included an outline of Florida, 5 commemorative coins, a set of Officer and Enlisted Marine Corps emblems, and a set of ALM wings. **What a Masterpiece** (see picture, page 3), **Thanks John!!** The Plaque was won by **Joe Rachal**.

The Villages Reunion was one to remember, and I'm sure our Reunion this year at MCAS Beaufort will be just as good. Please come join us!!!

Coming Events!

- *Marine Corps Aviation Association Convention (MCAA) 16 - 21 May, New Bern NC.*
- *Aviation Logistics Marines Reunion 6 - 8 October MCAS Beaufort SC.*



ALM BRICK

Rick Owen took on the task of arranging for an engraved brick to be placed in the Semper Fide/is Memorial Park at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico VA. The brick# is: 26807 and is located within the Kings Highway Trail between the markers labeled "Okinawa 1945 WWII" and "Iwo Jima 1945 WWII"

The engraving reads:

**AVIATION LOGISTICS
MARINES
MAINT-AVO-ORD-SUPPLY**

The Big News: Changes

The ALM has become an affiliated (At Large) Squadron of the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) through the efforts of **Paul Cerkez, Kevin McCutcheon, Laura Sampsel and Otis Deloach**, and will be introduced to the MCAA at their Convention on the dates listed above. The affiliation recommendation was briefed during our 2014 Reunion, and a vote in favor was provided by all in attendance at our 2015 Reunion Business Meeting at The Villages. The affiliation will give the ALM significantly more visibility to Marines, both active duty and retired. Although Membership in the MCAA is desired, it is not a requirement for any of our present ALM members. Our Yearly Reunions will continue to take place as always! The only difference is, as a MCAA affiliated Squadron it will give the Aviation Logistics Marines more visibility to the active duty aviation logisticians and hopefully bring some young blood to the ALM. As a Squadron, we will participate in MCAA activities such as their yearly Symposium (Convention). At this year's MCAA Symposium we will Host a Hospitality Suite at the Double Tree Hotel in New Bern NC. Come visit us and learn more about our future!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in beautiful Beaufort by the sea in October.

And, if you're in the area of New Bern NC, 16 thru 20 may, stop by and visit with us at our ALM Squadron hospitality suite in the Double Tree Hotel!

Be sure to check out our website for more information:

AVLOGMARINES.ORG

In Memoriam



**IT IS WITH SINCERE
SYMPATHY FOR THEIR
LOVED ONES THAT WE
ANNOUNCE THE
FOLLOWING DEATHS**

- **LtGen. Frank Petersen** (1st Black Marine Aviator) 25 Aug 2015
- **MajGen. Harry Hagaman** (former CO VMA-323) 7 Nov 2015
- **BGen. Frank (Sam) Huey** (former CO MAG-31) Jul 2015
- **LtCol. George McLaughlin** 9 Nov 2015
- **LtCol Jerry Holm** Feb 2016
- **Maj. Eugene (Mule) Holmberg** Aug 2015
- **Maj. Tom (Tiger) Brown** Feb 2016
- **MGySgt. Lou Knoell** Jul 2015
- **MGySgt. Kenneth Watson** Davenport 20 Sep 2015
- **GySgt. Gerry Cotton** Nov 2015
- **GySgt. Dick Fenn** 5 Nov 2014
- **Julie Polderdyke** (Wife of Maj. Gene Polderdyke) Oct 2015
- **Sgt. Jim Benjamin Franklin** (Father of Col. Steve Franklin) 2015
- **Lucille Long** (Wife of CW0-4 Wellington B. Long) Feb 2016
- **Richard (Big Mo) Morris** Oct 2015

Father in Heaven we thank you because you made us in your image and gave us the gifts of mind, body and spirit. As we honor the memory of our loved ones, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen.



What's Up

**ATTENTION!
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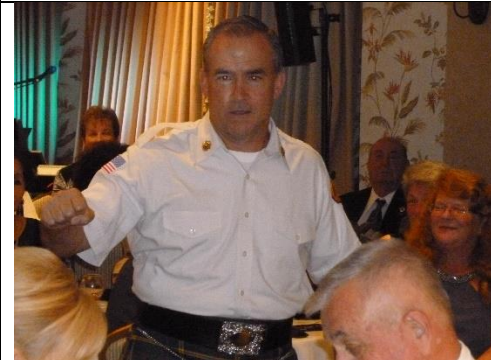
**LATE BREAKING
NEWS:**

**The MCAA
Marine Aviation
Logistics
Squadron of the
Year is:
MALS-13**

**Our
congratulations
to all the
Marines and
Sailors of
MALS-13 that
were responsible
for this award**

Hot Shots

Some pictures from the 2015 Reunion:





Scholarship News

It has been our Honor and Privilege to award Pete Freeman Memorial Scholarships each year to worthy recipients based on their past scholastic accomplishments, and their desire to further excel in academics. Our scholarship program is open to Spouses, Children, and Grand Children of any active duty or retired Aviation Logistician.

We strongly encourage anyone that have Spouses, Children or Grandchildren that are interested in applying to contact us at greyegl@ec.rr.com or call 321-978-5147 for an application. We will award as many \$500 scholarships as possible.

Please send all donations to: PO Box 293 Havelock, NC 28532 and indicate **Scholarship or Admin** on your check.

Contributions - *Thanks for the Support*

We would like to thank the following folks for sending us their generous donations for the Pete Freeman Scholarship Foundation and ALM Administrative costs.

Sam Flores, Jim Garner, Jim Brander, Joe Knagge, Paul Simkonis, Joe Featherston, Jim Rogers, Bart Consford, Laura Sampsel, Luke Bolenbarker, Jim Payne, Otis DeLoach, Rick Owen, Pete Lynch, Charlie Caproni, Joe Buranosky, "Chub" Madden, Tom Devine, Eugene Spann, G. Lee Radford, Otto Linden, Marty Zigovsky, Joe Chisholm, Carl Hubbell, and All those folks who just dropped money in the Hospitality Room donation jar at the Reunion!

Contact Information

To contact us, use our ALM e-mail addresses. All the Squadron Officers get the word automatically. You simply send an e-mail to one of the addresses below.

news@avlogmarines.org to submit new news items (Don and Paul)

information@avlogmarines.org to request information about ALM and the Squadron (all the officers)

membership@avlogmarines.org to inquire about joining or to join (all the officers)

webmaster@avlogmarines.org to report problems with the web page (Paul)



Log Notes

During the last 8 months I've received thousands of e-mails from hundreds of you folks, and I've enjoyed them all. However, to mention everyone would take a lot more pages than I think you'd care to read. So, as I've done in past Newsletter Log Notes, I try to write about what folks have told me what they've done, what they're doing now, and what some are planning for the future. To make it a little easier to get through the Notes I've **Highlighted** everyone's name. Therefore, if you're looking for your name, or someone else's, it'll make it easier to find.

- I had the pleasure of having a phone conversation with **"Babe" Dufore** on her birthday, and she is doing just fine. She is living in Morehead City NC in a very nice apartment. She said she has talked to **Irene Bridges** and all is well with her also.
- **Maria-Elena Augustin** attended the MC Ball in Orlando. **Walt Augustin** hosted this Ball when he was in charge at the NAWC Training Systems Command.
- It was great to see **Bart and Terri Consford** at the Reunion.
- I had the pleasure of visiting with fellow Florida Mustangs **Bert Burchette** and **Joe Cocovaldez** at the MC Ball in Tampa.
- Where did **Alex McCraight** run into **Jim Hatch**?
- **Capt. Tony Ripley** is now the Science and Technology Head at HQMC's Expeditionary Energy Office. Hope he stays in the Corps?
- **Bill and Betty Hamlin** are now back in Virginia with Betty's sister who had a terrible auto accident months ago in NH.
- Our Thanks to **Col. Blayne Spratlin "The Boss"** and **LtCol. Bill Gray "Asst. Boss"** at HQMC ASL for expediting the Reunion Message from **LtGen. Jon Davis** Deputy Commandant for Aviation.
- **Bob Aitchison** continues to keep us up to date on the V-22 Program.
- Did **Bob Timmons** get the ALM Roster from **Pete Lynch**?
- **Brad Bergman** now has his own company (?) that provides advice and assistance to various Government Agencies. **Brad** gave me the following update on some folks working for CACI at various gov't agencies:
 - **Gary Fraley** at Norfolk
 - **Roy Bibbins** and **P. W. Malone** at MALS-31
 - **Larry Messner** at 2ndMAW.
- **Brad** also said:
 - **Paul Callan** is at PKL in San Diego,
 - **LtCol Jeff Stone** is at HMX-1,
 - **LtCol Chuck Bercier** is at MARFORCOM ALD,
 - **Greg Johnson** is retired in Mississippi,
 - **Don Joseph** retired in New Orleans,
 - **Mike Pasco** retired in Iowa,
 - **Rob Willis** is working for Andromeda,
 - **Pat Frossard** does COMM/radio work for NASCAR,
 - **Dan Crawley** works for LEADOS,
 - **Brian Haviland** works for Booze-Allen in Lex Park, MD and,
 - **Dale Johnson** is working for Trinity Systems in Dallas.
- **Brad Wilhelm** is working the Australian MH60R helo FMS Program for NAVSUP. He says "It ain't easy Mate".
- **Carl Cabrera** ("The Coconut") says he loves his "Chopper" (Motorcycle) and he still has his 2 legs and his wife!



- Congratulations to “**Chick**” **Reeves** and his new **Bride Loni**. They moved into their new home in PA last September.
- **Col. Bryon “Chub” Madden** had a great Pronghorn hunt in Colorado. His party got 4 Bucks and a Doe!
- **Curt and Susie Bare** had a great time at the Beach celebrating their Granddaughters 13th birthday.
- Sure hope **Dan Gillan** will show up at the Beaufort Reunion with his bagpipes and kilt, and **wife Andrea** with her big smile!
- **Dave Oxendine** is a blast from the past (1973? 2ndMAW Supply). Dave and **wife Kim** are making things happen in SC.
- “**Dixie**” **Babb** liked the new AVLOG LOGO w/wings!
- Glad to hear **Denny Stiegman** and **Sam Flores** finally hooked up on e-mail after many years!
- Does anyone know a **Rob Flueck**?
- Our thanks to **Col Don Chipman** ALD 1stMAW for arranging to have **BGen Sanborn** CG 1stMAW present the ALM Plaque to MALS-12. Were there any photos taken?
- We really appreciate the great support from **Don Fincham** and **wife Theresa**.
- **Jackie Bacon** advised that **Ed** had a few health problems, but is doing well now and hanging in there like a Great Marine!
- **Ed Creamer** is a wonderful and very humorous story teller. I wish we had the room to print some of his tales.
- **Ed Green** vacationed in the Philippines last October, and visited **John Revielle's** gravesite at the Veterans Cemetery in Angeles City.
- **Francis McCarthy** is a research professional and comes up with some really interesting facts!
- **Gary Southard** tells us the city of Nagasaki Japan has honored his daughter for her book titled: “Nagasaki, Life after Nuclear War” it’s about 5 survivors of the A-Bomb.
- **George Hayn** says **MGySgt “Skip” Wentworth** and **CW0-4 Don Cavinder** were Squadron mates when **Major Fred Anthes** was SupO at MAG-24 in Hawaii.
- **George Wooten** attended the HMM-165 Reunion in October for members from 1986-92.
- **Gerald Townsend's** 95 year old lady who lost her husband joke was the best this year.
- **Gerry Brown** said that after heart surgery, hip surgery, knee replacement and type 2 diabetes he quit drinking and smoking and now walks 5 miles a day! Wow, why did you quit drinking???
- At 80 years old **Glenn Bratcher** went kayaking in the Potomac River last August.
- **Mike Guillory** after many years in Okinawa is now living happily in Pensacola, Florida.
- How many people get **Jack and Dottie Middleton's** funny JIBJAB greeting cards?
- **Mary Lou Demmond** is doing a lot of traveling visiting kids in Tenn. and TX. She also had some serious foot surgery in February. Hope all is going well?
- **Jerry Foreman** reports that our beloved CH46’s are now being used to fight forest fires.
- **Jess Jesse** said it’s a slow recovery from recent hip surgery.
- **Jim Griffin** said he’s ready for another Rough-n-Tumble Reunion now that his hand has healed and his shoulder surgery was successful! [Paul – ain’t no butts about it! :-)]
- **Col Jim Garner** (95 years young) said He and **Mary Ellen** are looking forward to the Reunion in Beaufort!
- **Jim and Gale Rogers** have moved from Albany to Doughty County Georgia, where Jim is now a Pastor at a local church!
- **Jim Sealy** on learning that **Ray Redford** is alive and well, said “that good friends are like quilts, they age with you, yet never lose their warmth.”
- **Joe Featherston** is the busiest retired Marine I know! E-mail Guru, Military Historian, member of numerous organizations that keep him and **Jeannie** on the road, and good friend to all he meets!
- **John Cauble** has been in and out of hospitals since last August! Heart, lungs, cancer, etc. Said he'd like to hear from old friends. Call 214-633- 0921.
- Congrats to **John Bell** who received his PhD in Health Care Administration last October!



- Our Thanks to **John Glover** (aka F. Wall) for helping **Mike Welter's** Grandson report into Camp Lejeune.
- Our appreciation to **John Northcutt** for taking the time to forward our Newsletter to his friends and fellow workers.
- **John Polley** is another e-mail Guru, but when he send stuff from his Galaxy II, I can't open the attachments.
- **John Shultz** is now living in Hot Springs Arkansas.
- It was nice of **John Burnosky** to take the time from his busy schedule to stop by and say hello at our Reunion.
- Did **Kelli Dunne** ever get the picture she requested from Paul Cerkez? [*Kelli, let me know if you didn't get it, send an e-mail to the webmaster (see contact info above)- Paul*]
- We hope **Ken Crawford** and wife **Vergie** are doing well?
- **Lee Holloway** sent a neat quote about being a Marine, "It's not how crazy we are, but how much we enjoy it, that makes us dangerous" OORAH!
- Where is **LtCol. Ray LeGall**?
- Glad to hear **Linda Foreman** is doing OK, and had a great time at the MC Ball in DC!
- **Luke Bolenbarker** is bragging that **He** and **Helen** now have 6 Great Grand Kids.
- Is **LtCol Larry Starta** still in 2ndMAW or is he now at TLS?
- **Marty and Tillie Zigovsky** had a grand time celebrating the MC Ball in Western NC.
- If you're looking for **Meda DiFrancesco** you can find her on Facebook!!
- **Mike Witsell** says "Little Thelma" had a great idea on how to get rid of ISIS. Get them to like you, and when they come out of hiding, let the Marine's kick their butts!
- **Mike Stitcher** hopes 1-95 will be open this year on the way to Beaufort?
- **Mike Welter** took gold in singles and mixed doubles, plus silver in men's doubles at the Florida Pickleball Championships!
- **Nellie Bowen** says every time she sees a Marine in uniform her heart beats a little faster! Thanks Nellie! You make Us Proud!!
- **Nick Russell** and **Pat Garrett** are our "Boots on the Ground" in Beaufort and are doing a Great job getting things lined up for the Reunion.
- I was also advised by **Laura Sampsel** that **Major Hennesy** the MALS-31 Operations Officer is also involved in helping us out with our Beaufort Reunion. Great!
- I don't think any Reunion could have a better 50/50 ticket seller than **Otis DeLoach**!
- If **Pat Garrett** decides to come to the Reunion this year we have decided to pay all his automobile transportation costs from his home to MCAS Beaufort provided he drives his own car, and brings Carol.
- **Pat Curd** says his days as an Aviation Supply Marine were the best! That's because he was Great at it!
- **Pat Kraft** (Roger's much better half) is doing a Great job as the Florida Mustang Marines Secretary.
- Did **Paul Gaughen** see the 1960's MAG-12 Supply Department picture on our Website?
- How did **Paul Simkonis'** son make out on his job search?
- **Randy Virgil**, the ultimately retired Marine, spends a lot of his time in the outdoors of upstate New York, fishing, and hunting. He also has a great recipe for Hard Apple Cider.
- **Raul (Art) Sifuentes** is no longer the Executive Director at the MCAA. He's moved on and is now associated with The Military Historic Tours. The MCAA will miss him!
- **Kathy Redford** sent us an update on **Ray**, who's been hospitalized since December. He's now in Rehab, and on the way to recovery. His contact info is: 1290 Canterbury Drive Abilene, TX 79602 e-mail: ray_redford@hotmail.com Cell# 325-280-7188.
- Our thanks to **Rich Gough** for attending, and letting us know how nice **Jerry Cotton's** services were. Also, glad to hear he was able to fill his instructor vacancies at the College in Beaufort.
- **Roger Laton** said he hunted his Thanksgiving turkey right in his own back yard.
- **Rusty Gann** said He and **Sandy** did a lot of traveling in 2015.
- We really appreciated **Sam Flores'** fantastic generosity!



- **Col Scott Hallstrom** is presently the “Boss” at COMMARFORPAC. Haven’t heard from His deputy **Cliff Chen** lately?
- **Shelby Dubois** is working hard at Caterpillar Corp. He said they have an active duty Marine (**LtCol Chris Madaline**) on board as part of the DOD Fellowship Program.
- **Steve and Dana Franklin** are now living in their new home in Chesterfield, VA. They are known as **PePaw** and **GaGa** to their Grandkids!
- **Steve Loftis** and his Dad (once a Sgt-USMC) met a 92 year old WWII Army Sgt, who was a machine gunner with the 104th Inf. Reg. during the Battle of the Bulge, at a Veteran Honors luncheon.
- **Tal LeMay** shared this story of why coins are left on Headstones in National Cemeteries. A penny means you visited, a nickel means you trained together, a dime means you served together, and a quarter means you were there when the person died!
- **LtCol Tom Lenhard** is at HQMC ASL-33 working the JSF Program, and loving it!
- **Maj. Timmothy (Chocks) Garrison** is on Inspection Team 5 at COMNAVAIRFOR.
- **Wes Steele** said he really enjoyed the Harley Davidson Rally at Sturgis SD.
- **Will Wilson** is still providing advice and guidance at 2ndMAW. How many years now, Will???
- **SgtMaj William Harvey**, former SgtMaj at MALS 14 is now the SgtMaj at HQMC for Marine and Family Programs Branch in the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Division.

I apologize again that I couldn’t include everyone in the pages above who communicated with me, but it would be remiss of me not to mention their names and thank them for keeping in touch. So Here Goes! (Hope I don’t miss anyone!)

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