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## Myrtle Beach Ocean Reef Resort



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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



### **G 75<sup>th</sup> President's Report**

Whenever I travel to try and make a great escape during cold, Minnesota winters, I try to include a NASCAR opener at Daytona.

My driver number 16, Gregg Biffle, is doing the circuit about as good as I am playing golf; not very well.

I try and make contact with a few association members during my travel and stayed one night with Danny and Marcel Jacks in Rison, Arkansas. Let me attest that Danny is a neighbor to his son, mom, daughter, grandkids, and sister.

I know the Civil War is over, but the first thing his grandson asked him was, "Grandpa, is this the Yankee that you said I could shoot with my BB gun?" Danny responded, "Tell you what, grandson, why don't you wait until the next Yankee shows up and you can shoot him twice!" Marcel made my favorite meal, venison, fresh from one of many deer stands on Danny's red pine property, shooting lanes for

Another treat was going down to the local gas-grocery store with Danny at 6:00 in the morning for coffee with several of his friends. To me, it was far better than any Starbucks location and now I know where Danny gets his stories from; Norman Rockwell would have loved this scene in rural Rison, believe me.

Pam flew down for her school break and we drove up from The Villages, Florida to spend the afternoon with George and Mum Beach. They treated us to a great Greek Restaurant meal. The Beach's are closing in on a coast home south of Tallahassee on Alligator Point.

I would like to thank Ed Carey for his contributions as editor. He is stepping down and no matter how many sticks and stones are thrown at him, he remains loyal to himself and the Association members and leads by example!

**You have until April 18th to get the special room rate at Myrtle Beach.**

Like visiting Florida, I will be driving there and Pam will fly down after her last day of school; what a way to start her summer vacation: a reunion followed by several days of golf. She has a 9 handicap and can skin a shark, so bring your money if you want to wager.

To me, every reunion offers me the opportunity to really feel comfortable around with the greatest bunch of guys I have ever known.

We hope to see you at Myrtle Beach for our reunion which promises to be fantastic!

## JUST SHOW UP

By Michael Tobin, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist

My day begins with reviewing client charts. First client, marital problems. Second client, anxiety. Third client, work stress. Fourth client, ..... uh oh, Vietnam Veteran. It never seems to get easier to sit in a therapy office with a veteran for the first time. Many veterans pursue therapy only when prompted by those that care about them. Your spouse/parent/child/friend/boss is concerned, and recommends that you "go see someone." You take a risk, schedule an appointment, and just show up. You struggle with believing that a therapist could possibly understand what you have experienced, and its impact on almost every aspect of your life. The good

news is..... you are right. Therapists do not fully understand. Nobody fully understands. Many veterans spend a lifetime disappointed in their search for understanding from others. So how can you address this? Consider using therapy as a mechanism to learn how to avoid avoiding. One way is to consider reunions.... another opportunity to avoid. How many of you have avoided attending reunions? Does it frighten you? What do you fear would happen if you just showed up? Reach out and speak with those who have attended. What did they do to prepare? What did they get out of it? Why do they keep returning? I believe that reunions for veterans are a special place where you can feel at home, feel safe. You don't have to tell or listen to war stories.

Just life stories. About your life. About your family. About your struggles. And when you are done sharing stories, you will find, you will know, you will trust, that they understood.

(PS Dr. Tobin will be a regular contributor to Sua Sponte regardless of who the Editor is. )



## HOOF ARTED



Dang boys we got some stuff to do. The reunion is a short time away and **you have until April 18<sup>th</sup> to reserve your room.** What the heck are ya yellin at us fer? I know for a fact

that some of you is as lazy as I am. Last year the reunion in Denver had ol Dealer sweatin bullets. Large caliber bullets mind you. Right painful too. We can't do that to Dolly this year. He's been working his buttocks off putting this together. We can't let him down. This is different than Denver as the hotel in Denver was really helpin us out. But we can't leave the association out on a limb with us holdin the saw. Step up an **GET ER DONE!**

We have other changes for you to put yer brains around.

That feller Dealer is no longer the editor of this here newsletter. Ol Tower sent him a real pointed email tellin him what to do with some stuff. Comes out to be he wanted Dealer to pack sand. Dealer says he can't do that till he gets to the reunion. Ain't enough sand in ol Coloradee to accomplish the mission! It's all good though, cause Tower is pure-de-rite. So this fool here gonna go and do like he was axked. Yep.

Fondly,  
Hoof

## DEALER RESIGNS—FILM AT 10:00!

Give me a few minutes to explain my resignation. Or you can skip directly to the Sports. And there's no film at 10:00!

I was at a reunion when the previous editor made it clear he no longer wished to serve (as editor). I do not find myself in that position. As I mentioned in my resignation I see this position as a way to say thank you to all who read the Sua Sponte. Yeah, it is a labor of love. Corny as it sounds, that's my feeling. I was welcomed home, so to speak, at that reunion.

So in I went with both feet on the ground, carrying my personal baggage. Baggage that most of us carry yet is so personal. The good old PTSD. One of my most obvious outward sign is my aversion to deadlines, timelines and such. That causes problems, and was a very strong factor in my decision to sell my Allstate agency and retire. However the newsletter had to be ready at certain times for the members.

You guessed it sports fans. Another missed deadline! This deadline had special meaning for the next reunion at Myrtle Beach. When setting up a meeting, hotels want to know how many rooms per night. That's where they begin negotiating. They want a guarantee that the rooms/night will be met.

In Denver, I didn't have too much of a problem. The Marriott

was very accommodating. They dropped and extended most of the requirements. The room nights had to be guaranteed. By me. That was a chunk of change. I sweated bullets that were very large caliber. We fell short.

This year Tom Robison faces the same problem. He must get the rooms reserved ASAP to avoid any penalties. **His deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on attending reserve your room now!** I should have had the Sua Sponte complete by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. This is where we get sticky.

I missed again.

Shortly thereafter I was advised that I had to shove it. Not knowing exactly what I had to shove and where it was to be shoved, I resorted to the familiar. That is "pack sand". We don't have a lot of sand here in Colorado except at the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Lots of sand, but not widely known. I tried and the stuff kept, well you know, slipping. So maybe I misread the email. Then there was the reference to us both having PTSD. That is the truth. Unfortunately PTSD takes many forms and affects us differently. Surely we know that.

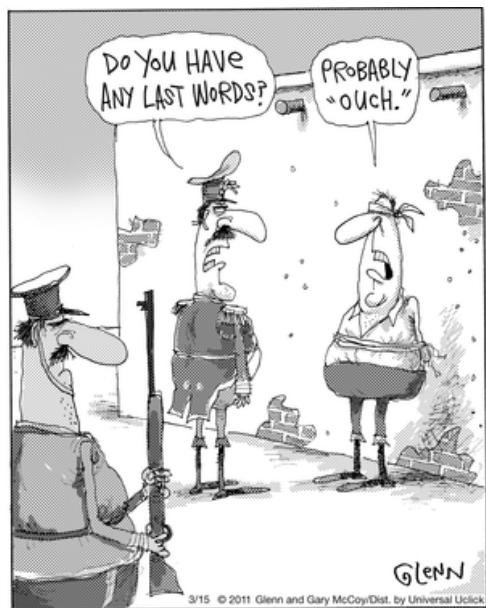
Well the shoving and the different PTSD symptoms being different got me. I was reminded by another member of the association that I wasn't an employee but rather a volunteer. So I decided to un-volunteer. But I still want to

edit. Too bad for me, good for you. The next editor will be there for you. We just don't know who it will be.

We also have trouble with our roster. Members have been asked many times to send up dates on addresses and such to me. We have a wide gap between paying members and our mailing list. One of my goals was to make Sua Sponte available on line. That has been done. We are missing an archive of old issues but we'll get there.

So. It's been fun and I gave back. I still owe a debt to those who thought I could do the job. And I certainly hope and pray that the next editor will not be subjected to any personal, um, words.

Now get off your butts, reserve the room and we'll see you in June. I heard there's a lot of sand in Myrtle Beach to pack.



# **2011 MYRTLE BEACH REUNION—ITENERARY & INFO**

## **ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 18!**

**Date:** June 3-5 2011

**Place:** Ocean Reef Resort, 7100 North Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach South Carolina 29572.

**Room Rates:** All rooms in our block are \$96.00 per night including tax and resort fees. **ALL ROOMS ARE OCEAN FRONT.**

**Reservations:** Members can make their own reservations by phone or mail and sending one night's advance deposit. Contact the resort by calling (1-800-542-0048) and request to book a room under the **Co. G 75<sup>th</sup>**

### **Rangers Infantry Association.**

A \$100.00 security deposit is required at check in for all cash payments by authorization of a major credit card or cash for individuals who are paying for their own accommodations.

**NOTE: DO NOT RESERVE ROOM ANY OTHER WAY BECAUSE THE DISCOUNTED RATE IS BASED ON A GUARANTEED NUMBER OF ROOMS BOOKED BY OUR MEMBERS THROUGH THE RESORT. IF THAT NUMBER IS NOT MET, THE ASSOCIATION IS LIABLE FOR THE DIFFERENCE.**

**Reservation deadline:** **ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL APRIL 18, 2011 UNLESS RESERVED EARLIER.** Group rates cannot be guaranteed after that date. You may extend your stay at the discounted rate for up to 2 days prior to arrival date of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2 days after departure date of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Check-In Time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 11:00 am.

**NOTE:** If reservations are cancelled 14 days or more before the date of arrival, the resort will refund 90% of one night's deposit. If cancelled less than 14 days from date of arrival you forfeit the one night's deposit.

### **Events:**

#### **Friday June 3rd.**

★ Reception 6pm to 8pm. In hospitality room hosted by Tom and Sharon Robison welcoming everyone to their home in Myrtle Beach.

#### **Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

★ Board of Directors meeting followed by full membership meeting.

★ Scheduled activities for spouses and other guests.

Association banquet 6pm to 8pm with auction to follow.

#### **Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

★ Free time to enjoy the beach or schedule your own activities.

If you haven't attended a reunion for some time or if you have never attended a reunion don't miss our 2011 reunion at Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Warm weather, beautiful beaches inviting surf and fun activities galore. Don't miss it!

## THOMAS C. ROBISON'S NEW BOOK

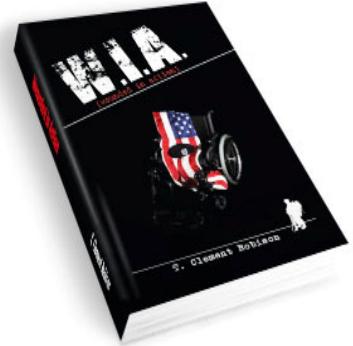
"When people speak of the casualties of war, they usually refer to those servicemen and servicewomen who died during the war. But in order to have a more complete picture of the devastation the war caused the military, the casualty figure should also include those who are wounded in action. Although they didn't make the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives, the severely wounded must, however, continue to sacrifice each and every day for the rest of their lives. While soldiers are trained on how to fight a war, they receive no training at all on how to survive the crippling effects—both mental and physical—caused by being severely wounded. Each soldier must find his own way to survive, for if he doesn't, he will perish as surely as if he's killed on the battlefield.

That's why the author puts his pen to paper to share this gripping story—his very own story—of survival in its most primitive form. Highly trained Army Ranger and leader of an elite long-

range reconnaissance team, the author, Sergeant Thomas Robison, takes readers on a perilous journey from the enemy-infested jungles and rice paddies of South Vietnam to the sterile operating rooms of military and veterans' hospitals. Struggling to survive while those around him succumb to their wounds, he is given less than twenty-four hours to live: his kidneys shut down from too many whole-blood transfusions; his heart ceases to beat due to the trauma of enduring more than a dozen operations; his body is plagued by raging infections and half of his body weight is lost; his one remaining leg is about to be amputated to save his life. How can and where will he find the strength to go on?

***Wounded in Action*** is the author's emotionally gripping story of survival and determination that could only be told by someone who had to live it day by day and minute by minute." To get your book, order online at [www.tclmentrobison.com](http://www.tclmentrobison.com).

Special Note: Tom Robison, author of *Wounded in Action* and host of this



year's reunion, would be more than happy to autograph your personal copy of his book.

"Tom Robison's new book is a must read! Every time I read books or about events relating to Vietnam, I find it quite difficult. But once I started to read Tom's story, I couldn't put it down and if it was difficult for me to read, I just can't imagine the courage it took for Tom to write his story. " Tower

## DEAR DEALER!!



I'M ALL EARS!!!

Dear Dealer:  
Tell me more about Tom Robisons' book. Dolly

Dear Dolly,  
Who are you? Read the ad above and order one. He hit the nail on the head. Great reading especially if you came from a line company. Don't miss out on this book.

Dear Dealer: Say what's the deadline for booking rooms for the next reunion?  
Tower  
Who are you? You just get over and re-read the info on the reunion, and **book your room before April 18.**

Dear Dealer:  
Have you figured out who Myrtle Beach is?  
Fuzz



Dear Fuzz,  
I have a picture of Myrtle at a very young age. Looks suspiciously like you. But could also a topless Myrtle.

# NEWS RELEASE—RANGER RENDEZVOUS 2011



**Media Advisory**  
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## MEDIA ADVISORY: Ranger Rendezvous 2011

FORT BENNING, Ga.—More than 1,500 Rangers from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment will conduct a Ranger Capabilities Demonstration and Mass Tactical Airborne Operation here to kick-off Ranger Rendezvous, July 25-28.

Rendezvous is a unit tradition to bring the entire Regiment together for the Regimental change of command. The days leading up to the ceremony are filled with Ranger demonstrations and events. Ranger families and veterans traditionally attend the event as well. Overall, Ranger Rendezvous helps foster esprit de corps within the Ranger community.

Several events during the week are open to the media. A list of open events and a brief description of each follows.

### Schedule of Events

#### **Monday, July 25**

3 p.m.      Ranger Capabilities Demonstration and Mass Tactical Airborne Jump  
Fryar Drop Zone

*More than 1,500 Rangers from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment will conduct an airborne operation onto Fryar Drop Zone. Rangers will be in full combat gear. This is a unique opportunity to observe such a massive airborne operation and Ranger Capabilities Demonstration. The demonstration will include a military freefall insertion from a Ranger Reconnaissance Team, pre-assault fires demonstration using simulated ammunition followed by the airborne mass tactical insertion and a platoon size raid on an objective.*

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# NEWS RELEASE—RANGER RENDEZVOUS 2011 CONTINUED

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## Tuesday, July 26

6:30 a.m.      Regimental Physical Training                          Stewart Watson (Start and End)

*About 1,200 Rangers will participate in a three-mile run on Fort Benning for Regimental physical training.*

## Wednesday, July 27

4:30 a.m.      Endurathon    Peden Field (Start and End)

*Two-man Ranger Teams from across the Regiment, compete in a number of events to include road marching with a 40 pound ruck sack, bicycling, running, climbing and swimming. Competitors must stay within arm's reach of each other throughout the competition. The fastest team wins!*

8 a.m.      Ranger Stress Shoot Competition                          Farnsworth Range

*Ranger teams compete for the best team in a stress-shoot training obstacle. The event tests Rangers on their combat skills including marksmanship and clearing obstacles.*

8 a.m.      Ranger Sporting events                                  Stewart Watson Field  
    Engineer Field  
    Smith Gym

*A variety of Ranger sporting competitions will take place throughout the day including combatives/boxing, football, softball and tug-of-war.*

1:30 p.m.      Ranger Hall of Fame Induction                          RiverCenter/Bill Heard Theater

*Distinguished and honorary members will be inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Distinguished members are inducted to honor and preserve the contributions of the most extraordinary U.S. Rangers in American History. Honorary induction is in recognition of extraordinary contributions to Ranger units, the Ranger Memorial Foundation, or the Ranger community.*

2 p.m.      Boxing/Combatives Finals                                  Freedom Hall

5 p.m.      Barbecue and entertainment                                  Freedom Hall

## NEWS RELEASE—RANGER RENDEZVOUS 2011 CONTINUED

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### Thursday, July 28

9 a.m.	75 <sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Change of Command Ceremony	National Infantry Museum Soldier's Field
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*Colonel Mark Odom assumes command of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment from Colonel Michael E. Kurilla during a formal ceremony on the National Infantry Museum field. Odom is a former 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment commander and a recent graduate of the National War College in Washington, D.C.*

**For updated information go to <http://rangerrendezvous.soc.mil/>**

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**NOTE TO THE MEDIA:** Media interested in covering any of these events should call (706) 545-4260 or (706) 604-5114 to coordinate for an escort. Media escorts will be available from the I-185 Visitor's Center. Please call for specific meeting times and additional information.



## ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

*Sua Sponte Staff: At time of printing, Mr. Svensson's Quicken data was not working and he was kind enough to give us treasury information at hand. As always, Frank will have a more detailed account to the board for our annual meeting and we thank him for that.*

*By Frank Svensson  
Association Treasurer*

- Currently we have 89 lifetime members.
- We had another 125 guys pay dues for 2010. That gave us a total of 214 dues paying members for 2010.
- Our current assets are \$15,385.52 in our Schwab cash account. Our asset account at Fidelity had a value of \$11,081.46 as of 31DEC10. That holds various CDs.
- Our total income for 2010 was just under \$5000. That doesn't include dues. We took in around \$3000 for the auction and the remaining \$2000 was for LRRP Gear.
- Sua Sponte cost us \$4260 last year ( 3 issues )for both printing and postage and our website annual cost is approximately \$350.
- The DVDs of *Who Were We* cost the Association \$1700.



**COMFORT FOR THE BOARD..**

### Company G (Ranger) 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Associations MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



Check category below for \$20.00 annual membership dues.

**Associate Membership:** I have not served with the Association in the Vietnam war, but would like to receive *Sua Sponte* issues by mail or through our current website as an associate member.

**Vietnam Membership:** I have served with the members of the Association and would like to receive quarterly *Sua Sponte* issues. Membership also entitles me to participate with the Association, I understand that I will not be accepted as a member until my Vietnam service is verified and accepted by the Association.

Make check or money order to: **Company G (Ranger) 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association**

Send membership form and remit payment to:

**Frank Svensson**

**Name:**

**6964 Berkshire Avenue**

**Address:**

**Alta Loma, CA 91701**

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles, photos, announcements, etc. are always welcomed. Sua Sponte reserves the right to accept and edit all materials as necessary. All submitted photos will be returned if requested. Authorship and photo credits will be provided. Submittal of written articles may be handwritten, typed or on computer disk. We can translate most files. Windows is preferred.

**Deadlines:** Sua Sponte is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. Absolute deadlines for submitting material for the newsletter is the first of each month identified above. Time sensitive material will take precedence.

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## WARNING TO VETERANS

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.  
<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal.

**Michael G. Daugherty**  
**Staff Attorney**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**Office of General Counsel (022G2 )**

## POLICING THE AREA!



*By: Sua Sponte Staff*

This little bit of work was formerly known as "Moving?" The new name indicates that I need a lot of help with the roster. What I have to use is incomplete, and the most glaring omissions are in the email addresses. I will be emailing you updates on the Denver reunion. So PLEASE contact me with a complete address, including email. It's important. Initially this information was to be an on line addition to the web site. That didn't quite take off as planned. So email me at my new address.

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## ASSOCIATION CONCESSIONS... New Colorado Rendezvous Tee's

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**BREAKING NEWS—DEALER RESIGNS!!!! FILM AT 10:00!**