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## 2010 Reunion a Success!



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



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

By: Steve "Tower" Johnson

I am honored to serve the Company G (Ranger) 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association as its newly elected president. Our Association would like to thank those outgoing officers that have served us for the last couple of years: Joe Meinike, President; Frank Svensson, Secretary; Dan Linehan, Keith Oney, and Dennis Nye as board members. Also a special thanks to "Top" Manning as our 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment Representative.

Continuing and newly elected officers of our Association are: Stephen Johnson, President; Chuck Williams, Vice President; Ed Carey, Secretary; Frank Svensson, Treasurer. Our Board members are Danny Jacks (Chair), Richard Corkan, Dave Moncada, Tom Nash, and Dave Travis. Stephen Crabtree is our new 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment Representative, Tom Robison continues as our corporate counsel and Jerry Howard as our company historian. Ed Carey continues as managing editor of "Sua Sponte".

Our July reunion at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows in Littleton was a success thanks to our host and event coordinators, Ed and Donna Carey. Thanks Ed and Donna for a wonderful time in a scenic part of the country, the Rocky Mountains. We had over nearly forty members and a total of almost 80 people at our banquet!

Our auction and quilt covered the banquet costs and incidentals; no one was turned away from our banquet because of money issues; the association and its auction, emceed by Dave Moncada and Richard Corkan, did a marvelous job and so did our members by purchasing and bringing items for the auction!

At the Denver reunion we had special guests, Joe and Jennifer Frank. Joe served as a Tracker with his black Labrador Retriever in Vietnam. Their headquarters was right next door to ours in Chu Lai.

We had three first-time attendees from our Association in Denver this year. Each time we move our annual reunion to different parts of the country, we pick up a first time attendee! Staying connected and reconnecting to our band of brothers is a major accomplishment for our organization!

A few things that were discussed at our annual meeting were updating our website.

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Some suggestions included, putting up a "taps" ribbon, a place for photos and anecdotes of deceased members since returning home. Another suggestion is for everyone to take a look at the photos on our site and try and identify names to pictures. Anyone can do this by emailing me, [towerg75th@yahoo.net](mailto:towerg75th@yahoo.net) or our webmaster, Justin Stay, [jackpine@paulbunyan.net](mailto:jackpine@paulbunyan.net).

The video, "Who Were We?" is now on our website and can be accessed in our Gallery Section. There are some new slide shows,

too. In Denver at our reunion I got a Vietnam photo CD from Lynn Walker who credits the photos to Warren Mabie; both Lynn and Warren reside in Livingston, Montana. Those photos, too, will be posted as a slide show.

Another suggestion is to coordinate efforts to disperse some of our monies to help present day Rangers and their families while serving their country. Stephen Crabtree is making a proposed list and the officers and board will collaborate with "Crabs" to assist in a responsible, meaningful way, keeping in mind our responsibilities not only to our own members,

but also with our Ranger lineage that is presently in service and is in harm's way.

On tap for next year is Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Tom and Sharon Robison are laying out the place, date and time, including a tentative itinerary.

Our website, [www.lrrpranger.org](http://www.lrrpranger.org) will have current information including our minutes and financial report as it becomes available; so will our "Sua Sponte" issue.

By Stephen "Tower" Johnson  
President, G Company (Ranger)  
75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association

## HOOF ARTED



Dang if I didn't screw up agin! Deadlines freak my ol' butt OUT. Read this issue care-

fully as the old %\$#@er made some changes. I know he really likes to do the newsletter and he tells me the job pays a ton! I say let's git this thing rollin.

That reunion in Denver was a real hoot. I met the usual suspects and they sure was suspect. The hospitality suite was real hospitable if ya know what I mean. A real watering hole.

Now that I think of it some of the boys sped up to the Coors Brewery. Even the cops couldn't catch them. It was a "historic" tour they said. They also said the free beer had no influence on their under the influence. Yup, I'll bet a dance with that Dolly chick on that. But she didn't show so I watched the new guys dance. Even caught a picture of them.

A bunch of guys went to downtown Denver. They rode that new eelectric train. Quiet as a church mouse, but I say steam engines is still the way to go. Dang if they didn't go to a art museum. Didn't know they was so hoity toity. Some Egyptian king was there with a lot of his jewelry and such. King Butt was

his name. They say there's a curse surrounds him. Maybe that's what got into the guy that rites this stuff.

I do know that a lot of the ol' boys sure curse him a bunch. Good and proper it is. Oh well.

By Hoof Arted



## SEX, FAITH, POLITICS, A PICKLE, A BUICK, AND PTSD BY DEALER

When I volunteered to be the editor of this future Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter, I was told to stay away from some topics such as sex, politics and faith. "We don't want to offend anyone", I was advised. So, be forewarned, you may encounter the forbidden. Read ahead at your own risk.

**PTSD** appears to be a rather seamless affliction. It intrudes in our lives and becomes part of the fabric of who we are. Those of us with PTSD as a diagnosis have, for the most part learned to live with, or tolerate, it. My personal journey started on a mission when I had my first nightmare. (You remember that Buffalo?) I was dreaming not nice things and began to make noise as I slept. Suddenly, someone was trying to suffocate me! It was Gary. Waking up, looking at him with his hand over my mouth scared the hiccoughs out of me. It took a second or two to realize I had not encountered the feared Viet Nam yeti. If there was one. "You ok Sarge?" No Gary I wasn't.

That turned out to be a life changing event. I struggled for years not knowing what was out of whack in my life. Natural-

ly, I tried to self medicate. That didn't work so well. Fortunately I was able to stop that disease from further complicating my life. About nine years ago, give or take a lifetime, I entered therapy. My therapist gave me great direction. With time and medication I have made progress to try to be the person I should have been all along. It started with my finally realizing I had a problem, didn't know what it was, but it was seriously affecting my life. My HMO has a mental health department. The first step was the longest. I had **FAITH** this was the direction I needed to take.

When in therapy it is easy to resist help. I did, by not coming entirely clean with the Doc. Lucky for me he stuck with me and we now have regular sessions.

Why not the VA? I had a bad experience with the VA and stayed clear of them completely.

What does this have to do with the newsletter? My friend (PTSD) manifests itself in many ways. One is that deadlines really freak me out. I have gotten worse over the years. A very tangible sign was my inabil-

ity to keep up with the daily operation of my business. I worked hard to build a successful agency, and I could feel it slipping away. So I sold the agency and retired. But I still have deadlines! So read this newsletter carefully and help me out a bit. I'll do my part and promise to give you worthy reading four times a year.

Great minds think alike. "How so you ask?" "I'm happy you brought that up! Dolly has lined up a guest speaker for the next reunion." My understanding is that person will address PTSD in their appearance.

I could use guest articles. That's my **PICKLE**. I have asked my therapist, Dr. Michael Tobin to submit guest articles. He agreed. Dang shocked the heck outta me! The first will be in the next issue. I imagine he will address issues that affect us.

As for your articles they don't have to be about missions or anything else. Just write about something, someone or an event important to you. We'll all listen. If it's a mission ok. Or about what a reunion has done for your life. If it's about gassing the MP's after they shot our dog

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# COMPANY G (RANGER) 75<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

## 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### DENVER, CO

Chairman Danny Jacks opened the meeting at 1000 MDT on 23JUL10 in Denver, CO. In addition to Mr. Jacks also present for the board meeting were board members Steve Johnson and Richard Corken. Board members Tom Nash and Dennis Nye were unable to attend this years meeting. At this point in time association president Joe Meinike assumed control of the meeting.

The minutes from the 2009 board meeting were reviewed and some necessary corrections cited and made. After the necessary corrections were made the minutes were adopted and entered into the record.

Treasurer Frank Svensson presented the treasurers report. The association continues to be on a firm financial footing. Our two active accounts, Charles Schwab and Wells Fargo Bank, are producing small returns due to the present financial markets. Mr. Meinike raised the issue of moving the Wells Fargo account to an account with Fidelity where Karen Zaramba works. Ms. Zaramba was our account representative with Wells Fargo before she changed jobs. Mr. Svensson stated that this was a good idea and that he would look into doing it after the reunion. He went on to state that our Wells Fargo account contained a

total of \$11,146.16 all in cash or cash equivalents. The Schwab account contains \$19,384.78, all in cash. The treasurer's report was accepted and entered into the record.

Mr. Meinike invited association member Steve Crabtree to present his idea for dispersing some of the association funds to various Ranger oriented charities. Mr. Crabtree's position is that since we have ample money in our accounts, we should be giving some of that money back to the Ranger community. Any money contributed could possibly go to such things as the individual battalions for Christmas presents for the children of lower ranking enlisted personnel or turkeys for Thanksgiving. A general discussion followed regarding the possible organizations that could benefit from our contributions and who might be in charge of managing these dispersals. Mr. Crabtree offered his assistance in this capacity. It was generally agreed that any contributions would go toward helping as many individual Rangers as possible rather than helping build or establish any more memorials.

Mr. Meinike suggested that Mr. Crabtree submit a list of possible organizations that might benefit from contributions and follow-up with an email to the

board members outlining his suggestions.

Future reunions were the next topic for discussion. Our 2011 reunion is tentatively scheduled for Myrtle Beach, SC with Tom Robison acting as the point man. The 2012 reunion may possibly be held in Branson, MO with Richard Corken acting as point man. And Dan Linehan is looking into San Diego, CA for our 2013 reunion. There was additional discussion regarding the issue of holding our reunions in conjunction with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association reunions at Ft. Benning, GA. Doing this might allow us to attend any inductions of our association members into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Several issues were raised regarding the practicality of this. First, the date is a moving target with the active duty Ranger community setting the final date. It was also pointed out that many of the wives and other family members were tired of the repeated visits to Ft. Benning. It was pointed out that our individual members are still free to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Regiment reunions on their own if they so desired.

Possible submissions for the next years Ranger Hall of Fame candidates were discussed

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next. Steve Johnson volunteered to take Chuck Williams' packet, reevaluate it and prepare it for resubmission. Steve Chaney's resubmission was raised by Joe Meinike. Joe volunteered to handle Chaney's packet.

A general discussion regarding the number of pictures with unidentified people in them followed. Mr. Johnson suggested that we include one or two of these pictures in Sua Sponte (SS) hoping for our member feedback in identifying people in the pictures. Ed Carey, our SS editor, agreed to include such pictures. This led to a larger discussion of updating our website. It was pointed out that SS is currently posted to our website as each issue is published. Mr. Johnson agreed to be the point of contact for both updating and improving our website. He will act in conjunction with Justin Stay, our webmaster.

Dues renewals were the next topic of discussion. Mr. Svensson expressed his concern regarding the number of returned mailings. At the time of the reunion a high percentage of the mailings were being returned many of them with no forwarding address on them. A general discussion followed regarding

the ways to keep our database up to date thus limiting returned mailings. Mr. Carey agreed to handle the database and act as the central control point for changes. Also discussed were using fourth class mailings for SS to keep our costs in control and how best to handle dues renewals to maximize the response. Mr. Carey and Mr. Svensson are to continue to communicate and work on ways to maximize the returns and try to limit the undeliverable mailings.

Mr. Meinike continued the meeting with a discussion of both current board members as well as potential board members for the coming year. The current members include Chairman Danny Jacks, Tom Nash, Steve Johnson, Richard Corken and Dennis Nye. Several association members were mentioned as potential board members for the 2010 time frame. It was agreed that the names would be presented to the general membership for possible consideration. It was pointed out that our current point of contact for the association submission to "Patrolling", the publication sent out by the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association, has been Cliff Manning. Cliff is in poor health and has been unable to fulfill this responsibility. Steve Crabtree was suggested as a replacement. The

board agreed and Mr. Crabtree will be our new represented for "Patrolling."

The board of directors meeting was temporarily adjourned at 1122 MST.

The 2010 board of directors meeting was re-adjourned at 1143 MST.

The new members of the board of directors were introduced. They include Chairman Danny Jacks, David Travis, Tom Nash, Richard Corken and David Moncada.

The next subject was the new officers for the following year. Steve Johnson was nominated for the position of president. He was confirmed unanimously. Chuck Williams was nominated for the position of vice-president. He was confirmed unanimously. Ed Carey was nominated for the position of secretary. He was confirmed unanimously. Frank Svensson was nominated for the position of treasurer. He was confirmed unanimously.

The 2010 board of directors was adjourned at 1144 MST.

# 2010 REUNION IN DENVER COLORADO

2010 Attendees!



Officers and a gentlemen. Figure out who is who!



Can you guess who the real Chief is?

Tower and bearded crew (except Dave!!)



Lunch at the Marina, Lake Dillon The Williams



Dealer and Wife at Lunch!



## DEAR DEALER!!



**I'M ALL EARS!!!**

**Q.** Dear Dealer,  
I heard a rumor you got smashed at the re-union banquet. Say it's not so!

“Disappointed”

**A.** Dear “D”,  
Alas and alack it is true. As a tea totaler the first glass of wine buzzed me good. The second glass had me bidding against myself on auction items. That sneaky guy Corky stood behind me and tapped my shoulder after each bid. Up went the price! And I was the only bidder. My wife finally told me. I stopped. It's all Corkys' fault. I spent all of my Christmas money.

**Q.** Dear Dealer,  
But did you have a good time?  
John “Elway”

**A.** Dear John,  
Just typing those 2 words (Dear John) sends shivers down my spine. However, to answer your

question, I had a blast. I think everyone who came to Denver had a good time. I do suggest

you keep an eye on Corky during an auction. I can't tell you what he looks like. I believe that he is blurry but I'm not sure. Oh, and I've always liked your smile.

**Q.** Dear Dealer,  
Can I submit an article for the newsletter?

Ann Coury

**A.** Dear Ann,  
I love your little chipmunk cheeks. But, I digress. Sure you can send anything you like. Keep your submission to less than 5,000 words. Pictures are great too.

**Q.** Dear Dealer,  
Were there any changes made in the Association at the Denver reunion?

“Tower”

**A.** Dear Tower,  
How did you get that name? Tower is the new El Presidente, Capo, Main Man. There are new officers for the Association as well as new Board members. Check them out.

**Q.** Dear Dealer,  
Can you tell me more about the next reunion?

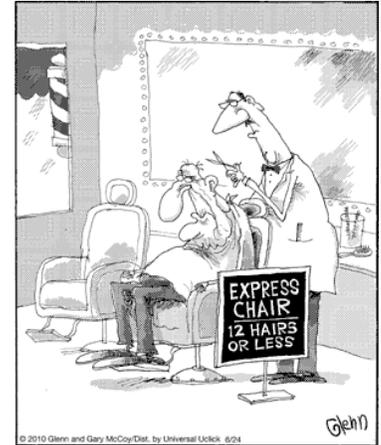
Dolly

**A.** Dear Dolly,  
I don't know who you are but I waited for you in Denver. Somebody told me you were a lawyer. That sounds fishy on the surface. That blurry little Corky keeps sneaking on here. I'll bet this question is from him. Anyway, Dolly promises a fantastic reunion on the east coast. Hoboken is in the running as is Panama. You get more info as it becomes available. Stay tuned, film at 10.



... Any other question ?

Hospitality Suite



**Danny Jacks gets ready for the reunion**

Take in one of the Vegas style shows featuring well know stars or visit Ripley's Aquarium, or Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. And Elvis, yah he's here too at Legends Theater.

Myrtle Beach promises not only to be one of the greatest locations for a reunion but also for a family vacation as well.

Myrtle Beach is Sharon's and my home and after only one visit you'll see why we are enjoying every minute of every day of retirement in paradise.

Good friends, good food, beautiful weather, what more could you ask for?

By Tom "Dolly" Robison



## **MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE SITE FOR THE NEXT REUNION!**

The date has been set, next year's reunion will take place from June 3-5, 2011 and it promises to be one of the best ever. If you have never been to a reunion before, or if you haven't been to one for a while, don't miss Myrtle Beach.

Myrtle Beach is one of the best kept secrets on the Atlantic seacoast. Its beautiful beaches are the major attraction. Warm sands and sky blue water welcomes you to one of the friendliest cities in the South.

Watch the golden sun rise out of the East as the ocean

turns from cobalt blue to aquamarine while you enjoy your morning coffee. Thrill to the glow of the moonlight shimmering off the rippling waves as you enjoy your favorite cocktails with you evening meal.

Spend you days relaxing by the pool or warming yourself on the pristine beach as the waves lap at you feet. Gorge yourself on delicious local seafood at one of the many all-you-can-eat restaurants along Kings Highway; only a few block from your hotel. Or dine at one of the signature eateries, such as Jimmy Buffet's Margarita Ville, for all you Parrot Heads, or Greg Norman's Australian Grille, for all you golfers.

Shop the hundreds of stores and many malls where you will find unique and hard to find items and souvenirs of your trip.

## SEX, FAITH, POLITICS, A PICKLE, A BUICK, AND PTSD CONTINUED!

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Doofus, well, I'll deny any knowledge of the event. There are no fingerprints on that M79. To my knowledge. Anyway the statute of limitations surely has passed like bad food. You may also send pictures.

I recently voted. I hope all of you did. **Politics** can be a very nasty adventure.

Until a short time ago I was the proud owner of a beautiful 1981 Mercedes Benz. This little gem had only 146,000 miles and was as shiny as it was when first sold. A little slow in acceleration but who's in a hurry. The transmission gave up the ghost. Searching high and low a tranny was located in Germany. For the small sum of \$5880.00 it could be mine. Add another thousand or two and it could be installed.

But I just couldn't pay that much, so Plan B was begun. Find a good used car. I located a candidate at an estate sale. If you are looking for a bargain try estate sales for goodies.

I have told my wife she had permission to slap sense into me should I ever do any of the following. This is not a complete list but you'll get the idea.

Purchase Velcro equipped taupe walking shoes; those big wrap around squared off sunglasses; wear over the calf black socks with shorts pulled up to my chest; buy a **BUICK**.

You guessed it. A 1999 Buick has entered my life. Very nicely equipped with leather seats, all power stuff, immaculate in and out, with only 36,000 miles. The downside is that I have lost the ability to parallel park, as well as park in between

lines. I find myself driving in the left lane at least 15 MPH under the posted speed limit with my turn signal on all the time. I have lowered the seat so the steering wheel is over my head, and moved closer to the wheel so it almost hits my chest. OH Lord, what have I done?

**SEX.** Not going to touch this topic. You are on your own. So to speak.

DEALER, OUT.

Just doing a spot check to see what you are doing



Yip.....sitting at your computer again!!

**DON'T FORGET TO  
SEND DEALER QUESTIONS!!!**

## 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. Submission of written articles may be handwritten, typed or on com-

puter disk. We can translate most files. Windows is preferred.

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## 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.

[edwardpcarey@comcast.net](mailto:edwardpcarey@comcast.net)

I do have a back up enforcer. Don't make me use him. Let's get this right for all of us.

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