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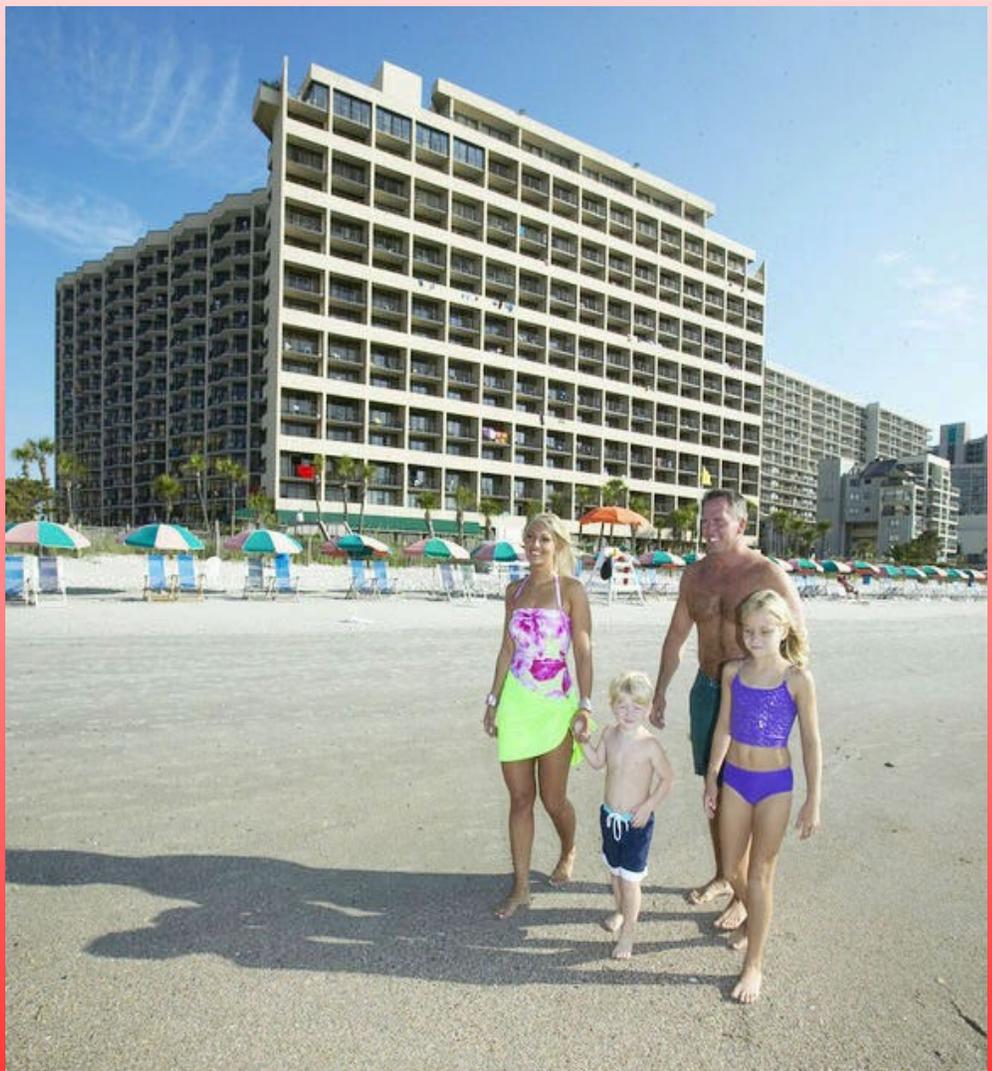
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



By: Steve "Tower" Johnson

G 75th President's Report

When I was fishing this last summer, I realized that, just like the song from the Stones, *you just can't get what you always want*. Judging from the fish that I caught that was smaller than my bait, the adage keeps on knockknock-knockining on my door.

We have something very special for us waiting at our next reunion hosted by the Robisons in Myrtle Beach, SC. There is an itinerary and other information for you to use and please do not miss the cut off date for the special rate: April 18th.

Tom Robison's new book, *W.I.A, Wounded in Action*, 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. I encourage you to get a copy; there is information about his

book, *W.I.A.* inside this issue.

Crab's, Stephen Crabtree, has submitted an article about our donations toward the active Ranger community. We have distributed \$6,000 this year.

Just like last night's state of the union, we would like to win the future, but have to take stock of our monies, too.

Frank has given us some numbers for our treasure's report so the board can make some decisions about distributions for 2011 donations. The picture of the child talking with Santa in this issue, really found a soft spot in my heart; especially with the unit logo on the kid's hat!

One cost saving item that we are trying this quarter is to print *Sua Sponte* in black and white at a savings of over 50%, mailing from Bemidji with Ed Carey at the editor's helm in Colorado. We still post a full-colored version within our website!

Condolences to Joe Meini-ke who lost his mom this year; George Beach who lost his brother; and Danny Jacks who lost his dad. Anyone out there who has lost a loved one or close friend, on behalf of the Association our thoughts and prayers are with you!

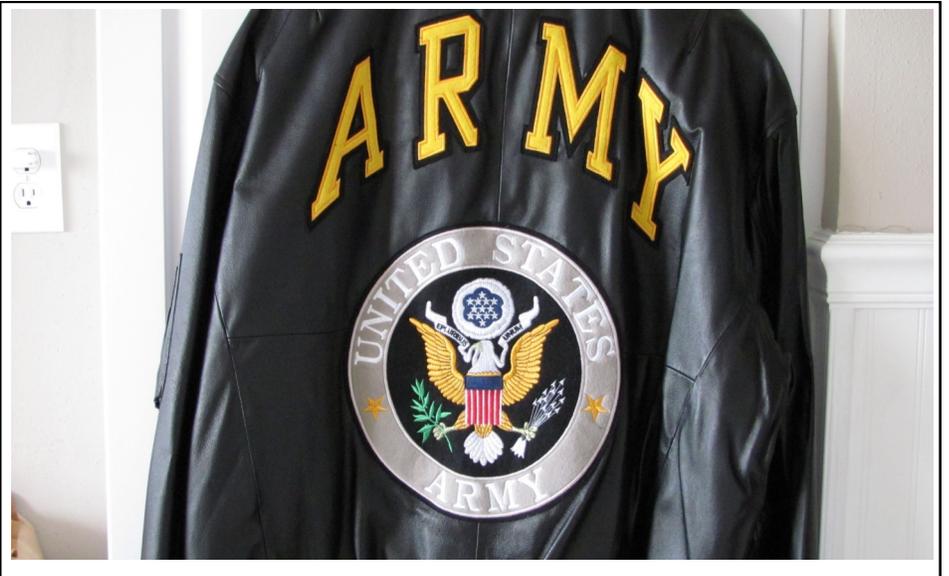
Stephen Chaney (K.I.A.) and Chuck Williams are two of the three 75th Ranger Regiment Association's nominees for the Ranger Hall of Fame. We will have to wait to get word from the RHOE Executive Board, sometime in March or April, if they are inducted into the RHOE.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN CONTINUED

We have some members whose packets to the RHOF will be resubmitted this next year. Please let and officer or board member know of another of our members that you think deserving of nomination.

We would like to thank those of you who choose to support the Association by keeping your membership current. Also for those who actively participate in the auction which is a major fund raiser for the Association. New at our reunion this year is a raffle for one special army embroidered leather jacket!

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each in Myrtle Beach.



The jacket was donated by Dave Hack, President of USA Wings. It is an extra-large and lists for \$400 so

having a chance at a \$5 raffle ticket gives everyone a chance to win at an affordable price. Bye, Steve.

HOOF ARTED



Well, I sure hope all of you had a great Holiday season. Me, I celebrate Christmas and it was just super. So no matter where you park to celebrate, it's all good. Santa stopped by and left me a fancy telescope. Ya'll seen them at the dry Goods store. But, this one is pure-dee big. Can't make it work too well. Fired it up, an it spun, rotated, and pointed straight

to the ground. Darn ist thing. But I got some of it workin. Just good enough for the widow down the street. Get my drift? Some changes comin' yer way this year. Startin right now we got us a real true publisher. Fancy that! This here Tower guy is takin part of the load from me. Since we need to get this stuff to you real on time. That publishin was a booger. So , the big galoot Tower is now the publisher. Me, I know how much ya like to read my thoughts so I'll be droppin ya a note all the time. Ya know to stay in touch. And some of ya'll is real touchy. We got us another reunion comin up. That Dolly is a persistent soul. Gonna be reuniting at Myrtly Beach, or something. Got a ocean, a cot with a poncho liner,

some sand and such. Like good ol Chu Lie. No tubes in the ground. Myrtle got the indoor plumbin. So git ready to make them reservations. Dolly sayd we need to do it right away. Seems she's a nervis sort. Check out the site and info from Dolly. I'll be there. I know ya'll is thankful for that. We also got as an advertis ment. It's a book, and ya'll gotta read this one. I mean, if ya can read, get one. Make ya right in yer heart it will. Look over the lost-n-found too. That ther Dealer is also hard headed. Fool won't give up askin ya stuff.

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2011 MYRTLE BEACH REUNION ITENERARY AND INFORMATION

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 75th**

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 3rd and 2 days after departure date of June 6th.

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 4th

- 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 5th.

- 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.

COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY RANGER CHILDREN

By Stephen Crabtree



“Better to Give”

Golf Company Ranger Association was formed in 1990 in Dave “Chief” Moncada’s backyard in Sacramento. 28 former LRRP’s, LRP’s and Rangers of the Americal Division gather together for the first time in 20 years and vowed to find the rest of the men who fought with us and meet at “The Wall” next year. During that year

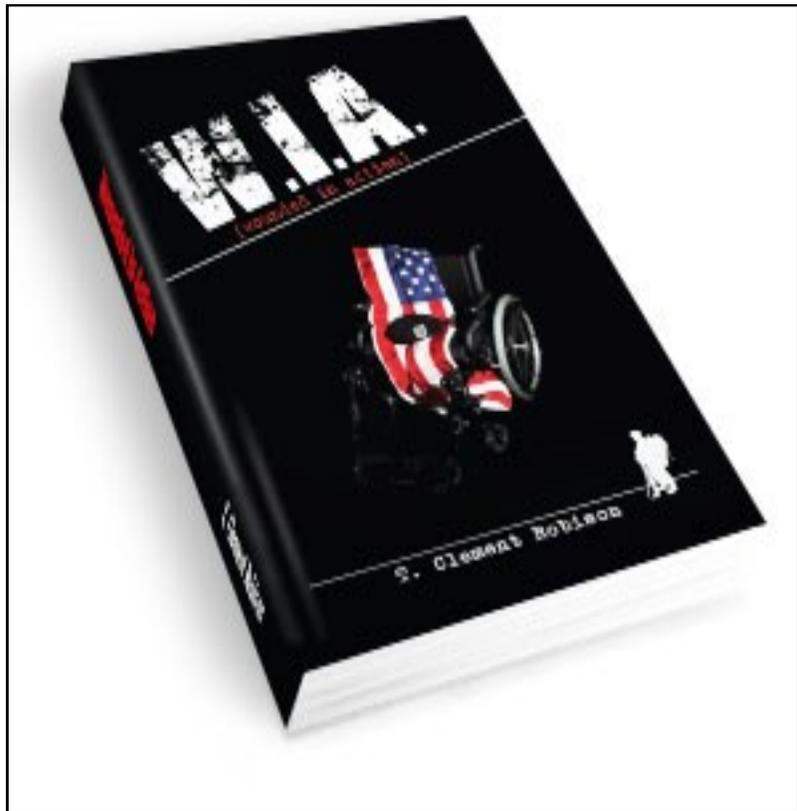
the Articles of 501 (c) Incorporation were drawn up by our corporate council, submitted to the IRS and accepted. Over the next 5-10 years we struggled for existence and nearly went bankrupt due to some errors in judgment by some of the officers of our organization. We appointed Frank “Penny Pincher” Svensson as treasurer and over the years our general fund has

grown fat. Go back to the early 1990’s. Gary Linderer and I were talking about Ranger Organizations in general comparing problems and growing pains. I’ll never forget one statement he made to me, “Whenever an association’s bank account gets over \$5,000, they should spend it on a party or give it away,” or words to that effect. This last summer our organization held it’s 21st reunion in Denver and I proposed we, like the 75RRA and the Merrill’s Marauders Association, give some of our money to help support the Ranger Communities. The proposal was formally submitted to the Board of Directors and approved. I’m really proud to say that Golf Company Ranger Association donated over \$5,000 to the following: The Best Ranger Competition, The National Ranger Memorial Foundation, the 1st Battalion Ranger Memorial, the 3rd Battalion Ranger Memorial and Christmas parties for the children of the 1st and 3rd Ranger Battalions. My only regret is that I was unable to locate a liaison for the 2nd Ranger Battalion. I will make certain that they will be first on the list next year, provided that we are still in a position to contribute.

OUR ASSOCIATION AUTHOR THOMAS C. ROBISON'S NEW BOOK

"When people speak of the casualties of war, they usually refer to those servicemen and service-women 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.tcllementrobison.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

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.

We donated \$6000 to several Ranger organizations.

Company G (Ranger) 75th 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

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

Send membership form and remit payment to:

Name:

Frank Svensson

Address:

6964 Berkshire Avenue

Alta Loma, CA 91701

DEAR DEALER!!



I'M ALL EARS!!!

DEAR DEALER, What is the word on the next reunion? Can you fill me in? CORKY

DEAR CORKY, Do you promise not to take advantage of the tipsy ones at the Auction? I hope so, although my memory is still fuzzy. Read the info right from Dolly and you will be ok. That's included in this newsletter.

DEAR DEALER, I just read Hoots' column and we have more changes in the newsletter. What is up? CHIEF

Dear Chief, I made it clear that I was overwhelmed by the Publisher Program. I had hired an assistant to work only on the newsletter paying her from my pocket. That took some of the burden from me. Burden, in that I had a hard time putting things together. Steve J. was and is most patient. He will take the articles from me and drop them into the template from Publisher.

You still must send your submissions to me. Steve will also do the mailing. In order to save money we will return to black and white. A full color copy will be available on the web site. It is still my goal to further reduce costs by using web based copy to keep you informed. To compare costs, Steve will cut our publishing in half! With a shrinking membership and our commitment to assist others, savings are important.

DEAR DEALER, Anything I can do to help? Crabs

Dear Crabs, Yes there is. I am still looking for articles, stories and pictures to share. Any of you can contribute. I mentioned a shrinking enrollment. Guess what? We are aging. It is important to each and every one of you to read this newsletter, and equally important that you take time to come back in time a bit and connect with other members. I have heard stories that some of you may have felt slighted. I know nothing of that.

What I do know hasn't changed. I am both grateful and prayerfully thankful for the warm welcome I received. It's the same welcome that waits should you come to any reunion.

DEAR DEALER, How many peeps attend these reunions? Flip

Dear Flip, of our membership we

get around 6% to 8%. As for me, several less than I wanted to see. I think personally that sucks. For the life of me I can't think of a "why". (I was to have Dr Tobin discuss this in this newsletter. However, we had a scheduling problem. He'll be here next issue.") Our experiences are unique and should be shared. We are, of course, dust specks in history. We should be ready to share our experiences with others. When the final call arrives, I want us to be REMEMBERED.

One of the ways we can do that is through our reunions. Another way, an idea stolen from the Medal of Honor group that met in Denver, is to contact your local school system and volunteer to tell our stories through contact with the students. Who better knows the history of "Lurps" than those who served? I know, I know, that requires commitment on our part. You committed to serve, so should you commit to share. You weren't hesitant to volunteer a long time ago. Why are you now?

DEAR DEALER, drop and give me 20! Whip

Dear Whip, I can get down for 20. The getting up is the hard part. How about 40 of just the down parts? When on the floor I look like an upside down turtle.



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 your evening meal.

Spend your days relaxing by the pool or warming yourself on the pristine beach as the waves lap at your feet. Gorge yourself on delicious local seafood at one of the many all-you-can-eat restaurants along Kings Highway; only a block or so 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.

Take in one of the Vegas style shows featuring well known stars or visit Ripley's Aquarium, or Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. And Elvis, yeh 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

HOOF ARTED

WARNING TO VETERANS

LOST AND FOUND

Continued from page 3

Do yer duty and spit on a envelope, send them right back to Dealer. Only costs a stamp an some time. Dealer tol me he'll buy ya a free beer. Just one.
Keep warm my friends.

Hoof!



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

That is correct. A “LOST AND FOUND” column. Well Dealer how does this work? I’m so glad you asked, Swede. Who do you want to hear from? They are lost, and we are found. We play connect the dots. I’ll start.

LOST: Please help me recover my memory and my friendships. I have lost almost all memory of my service. I would like to hear from anyone that went on missions with me, got drunk or just hung out with me. Contact me via snail mail, e-mail (edwardpcarey@comcast.net), or phone (303-1617-4040)

**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.

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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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