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photographs
JLG*

Dear Phoenix:

Feb. 3

Happy New Year. May it be peaceful and prosperous for us all.

ATLANTA 92

The VHPA had a record turnout for the Atlanta reunion, something along the lines of 1400. The Phoenix turnout was a little lighter than usual, but we all had a good time and got to see a couple of new faces. As has been the case every year, a new Phoenix walks into the VHPA Reunion not expecting a mini convention of his very own. This year it was Steve Butrym. Steve lives in Atlanta and been unaccounted for prior to the reunion. John Bassett, formerly of the Redskins and Battalion staff, and who flew with the Phoenix on occasion, also walked in off the street to unexpectedly find a room full of old friends.

RED X'ed FAX and PHONE

Anyone who may have attempted to call or fax my office during the past month or so probably could not get through. Our office was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve. Fortunately, no one was hurt and I had a bunch of old papers that I needed to get rid of anyway. We have moved to a new address a short distance away and all phone and fax numbers are the same.

New Address:

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AUSTRALIA RAVAGED BY CORNPONE AND PICKLED POSSUM PARTS

Our favorite Phoenix from "down under", Dave Rayburn, showed up back in Atlanta for the holidays. Dave called me and his TDY in Australia seems to be agreeing with him. The only problem David has with the country is with Customs. It seems every time he reenters the country, that large bag of white, mysterious substance draws quite a bit of attention. The Aussies, evidently, have not heard of grits.

Phoenix T-shirts

For the past several years Ken Mayberry has been upholding a tradition that he began in Chicago, where he showed up with Teal Green Phoenix T-shirts that provided our group identity. Ken and Sue's arrival is anxiously awaited each year to see which color that Ken had Ray Charles pick out for us that year. Actually, Ray has been doing a good job.

Ken swears that he does not mind the T-shirt detail, but there is one problem that Ken won't mention, but I need to. The supply and the demand for these T-shirts never equal each other. If demand exceeds supply, there are those who would like a shirt who don't get one. If supply exceeds demand, then Ken goes home with an inventory of \$10.00 T-shirts that he really doesn't need. Will these numbers ever equal each other? Probably not. However, if you would like a shirt or two, dropping Ken a note or calling him would increase the likelihood of an acceptable margin of error. Thanks.

Ken Mayberry

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NOTE: If you are calling from a warm climate, don't mention it to

Ken. He is very sensitive to the fact that he is enduring a 22 degree daytime high, and you're not.

VHPA 93 PHOENIX, AZ

The 1993 VHPA reunion is in Phoenix, AZ. Those of you who receive the VHPA newsletter will notice two hotels listed as hosting the event. They are across the street from each other. The Registry Resort is where our Phoenix group is making reservations. (1-800-247-6606) This is also where most of the larger VHPA events are scheduled. Both resorts are only two stories, but spread out with multiple guest buildings and pool areas. VHPA has offered to provide a list of people with advanced reservations to me sometime in June in order to assign rooms together.

I have received a packet from the Registry and it appears to have a great layout. Unlike the skyscrapers we have occupied in the past, the Registry offers a lot of outdoor space to congregate, visit,

swim,sun,etc.

The Hospitality Suite we have reserved in the past will not be necessary this year. They don't have one. The \$67 and \$72 rooms are small suites anyway.

Early reports of those planning on attending include John Eaton, Skip Lee, Bob Brooks, Ken Mayberry, Dave Wolfe, Jack Ross, Bill Brown, Mike Sloniker, Jim Leach and me. That list comes from Christmas cards and calls during the holidays.

REUNION INFO

For those of us who travel on the Economy Plan, here are several suggestions if you would like to attend the reunion, but need to do it as inexpensively as possible to pull it off.

1. Transportation: Is the largest single expense for most of us.

Travel by car is of course cheaper, but the Arizona location would seem to make that option unfeasible except for our southern California and possibly New Mexico residents, or a masochist. VHPA has an arrangement with Media Travel USA (1-800-283-8747) to provide airline ticketing services at a discounted rate. Give them a call, it's freeeee. Don't forget to mention VHPA to receive any applicable discount

2. Hotel Room expense: Special VHPA room rates that range from \$62 to \$72 per night apply at both resort hotels. If you are attending without your "significant other", then this expense can be cut in half by doubling up with another Phoenix (yes, you will have your own bed). If you would like to make your own prior arrangements with someone, that's great. If not, just show up, we'll find a bed for you.

3. Reunion Registration Expense: This charge is \$10 prior to 6/1 and \$20 after. Pay it. It is the best deal around. Other functions such as the Western Dinner Dance on Saturday and the Banquet on Sunday require an advance ticket purchase. These events are optional, so you can attend the reunion and skip the "big buck" events if you choose. However, the registration fee will, among other things, get you a VHPA name tag, which in turn entitles you to utilize the reduced price VHPA bars, gets you into the Thursday and Friday night functions, as well as any daytime activities you may choose to attend.

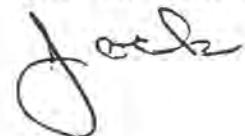
4. Remaining Expenses: Whatever you choose to consume.

If you get yourself to Phoenix, we'll figure out the rest when you arrive.

I will not be sending any more updates until June, so if you would like to register your intentions or check on the progress, drop me a line or give me a call. If you have never been to a VHPA reunion, or it has been a long time, I think you will be amazed at how well they are organized and attended.

This year not only marks the tenth year anniversary of the VHPA, it also is the first time that the VietNam Helicopter Crew Members Association (VHCMA) is holding their reunion in conjunction with ours. I'm looking forward to it.

Hope to see you in Phoenix,



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VHOPA has asked if the Phoenix would like to field a Volleyball team. Jungle rules, of course.