



Dear Phoenix,

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Greetings and salutations. This is the first newsletter since last October, so to you guys who have shoveled snow from your walkway daily, only to be disappointed again at the absence of a Phoenix newsletter in your mailbox, I apologize for the inconvenience. However, you have not missed an issue, and are probably in better shape for your efforts.

Recently Located

Bob Holcomb Boston, MA

John Michaelson East Greenbush, N.Y.

Steve Bookout Newton, IA

Bill Brown Incline Village, NV

That brings the total to 8 Phoenix located since the reunion in July. (Jim Rademacher, Bob Sauer, John Eaton and John Bottman were listed in the October newsletter)

Also included in the last newsletter was a listing of names and SSAN of Phoenix taken from old orders provided by John Jenkins and Monty Davis, plus a few others that I had. On this list were several names of people many of you have inquired about. There was a notice that Chris Ross had a source at a professional agency, who, if provided with a name, SSAN and a \$16 fee, could provide a current address. While success is not guaranteed, their track record to date is 100%.

The first 75 Phoenix we located were done the hard way. It is a shame to have this resource available and not use it, however to date, except for Jack Ross and me, no one has. As much as I'd like to continue, unless my uncanny knack for missing the lottery numbers by 6 klicks changes, I'll have to leave it up to you guys. So if you really would like to find Kenneth W.

Montgomery ([REDACTED]) or Robert A. Coleman ([REDACTED]) or anyone else you happen to have the pertinent data on, contact Chris Ross- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

For \$16, you can't beat the deal!

TO FRIENDS OF DAVID SOYLAND

Not long after the Nelson/Moreira/Hatley/King funeral in Arlington National Cemetery last October, Don Davis visited the family of David Soyland in Rapid City, S.D. Don reports that the family appreciates David's friends paying their respects and remembering him. Scott and Cheryl Soyland requested any photographs of David that any of you may have that you would be willing to part with or have copies made. They would also like to hear from anyone who knew David. Scott Soyland is David's uncle, but they were very close in age and grew up together. I do not have the address, but if you can help with the family's request, please contact Don Davis [REDACTED]

RANDY HOUSE

I have heard from Randy a number of times since his arrival in Saudi Arabia last fall, but not since the shooting has started. I imagine that has cut into his free time somewhat. After the last newsletter went out I received a note from Randy suggesting that I send all of the newsletters to him and he could mail them free of postage. I like the way the man thinks. However, the subsequent turn of events has postponed that ploy for a while. If any of you would like to drop Randy a note, I'm sure he would appreciate it.

COL Randolph W. House

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VHPA QUESTIONNAIRE

In the near future, some or all of you will receive a questionnaire from VHPA soliciting your opinions on a number of subjects. One of these subjects will concern the suitability of the July 4 weekend as the reunion date. From past conversations, I know some of you do not like to leave home on the 4th. If you receive one of these questionnaires, don't pass up the opportunity to register your input.

REUNION IN RENO

I have yet to receive a copy of the VHPA newsletter with all of the particulars of the Reno reunion. There is a newsletter in the mail now, but I understand that the issue with reunion details will not arrive until April. A call to VHPA produced the following details:

DATE: July 4-7

Place: John Ascuga's Nugget Hotel and Casino, Reno, NV 1-800-648-1177

Rooms: Tower \$75

Courtyard \$50

Roof Garden \$30

Since this is the first time that 3 different levels of rooms have been available, I was concerned about the difference between a \$75 room and a \$30 room. As luck would have it, our newest "found Phoenix", Bill Brown (4/69-4/70) lives in Incline Village, NV and has already taken the guided tour and provides the following.

Tower rooms: located in newest section of hotel; spacious rooms, nicely furnished; full bath & sep. dressing area; king size or 2 dbl. beds per room; tower rooms allow all occupants to get to meeting rooms, indoor pool, health club, casino and all facilities by elevator

Courtyard rooms: separate building about 1/2 block from main area; has its own outdoor pool; no bar or restauraunt in the building, however bar/rest. room service is available; king size or 2 dbl beds per room; good sized rooms w/ nice furniture; full bath; no extra sink or dress. area.

Roof Garden: variety of smaller sized rooms, most w/no windows

Type A: 1 dbl bed; no window; shower only

B: 2 dbl beds; some w/windows; full bath

C: 2 twin beds; no windows; full bath; small & dark

Bill also reports: Hotel is nice; big casino area; many restauraunts priced from modest to expensive; live music; a cabaret w/ free live music; celebrity headliner room; plenty of bars; if you are not claustrophobic, just need a place to sleep, s, s and shave that the Roof Garden will work.

I'd like to be able to tell how many Phoenix are going to be in Reno, but I can't. I have no input to relay, except for a few phone calls which said Frank Metsker, Jack Ross, Bill Brown, John Kamps, David Rayburn, Robert Scarbrough and I will probably be there,

Ron Nyhan and Bob Kelly probably will not. I do know John Eaton is interested in coming in from Germany, and that Larry Frazier is going to try and make it and bring a couple of Phoenix crew chiefs with him-Larry Moore and Brian Fitzgerald. Other than that, I don't know. We have a number of guys who are geographically close to Reno, so I would think they might attend, but that is just a guess. If you would like to share your innermost thoughts on the subject, I'll certainly pass them along. However, as we all know, once you read this and set it aside, it's history. Due to the rising expense of printing and mailing 80 of these things, you probably will not be getting monthly updates from now until June, so if you would all call or write now it would greatly facilitate the dissemination of information. Thanks, I knew you'd understand.

PHOENIX ROSTER

Thanks to John Michaelson for putting our updated roster on computer disk. I now have the master list and can provide copies to anyone who would like one. Again, due to the expense of reproducing and mailing the 8 page roster, if you would like one, send a self addressed and stamped (52¢) envelope to me. That way I won't have to mail 80, when only 20 of you want one.

Inquiries to the Army Personnel Center in St. Louis have still failed to turn up the locations of:

Steven H. Lewis [REDACTED]

William J. Majors [REDACTED]

To those who noticed:

Yes, I realize that I misspelled "THEIR" twice, but it's 4:30 in the morning, and I ain't going back to fix it.

P.S.

Jack

1 - Phone call from Bruce Fairley - we will be in Reno
phone call from Dean Gram - we probably will not
be in Reno unless the size of the Phoenix crowd
is so large that we cannot ignore the morning
instinct.

2 - If anyone out there has an FOB/CCD photo
please send me a photocopy, or send it
you've got extras.