

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

VIVA LAS VEGAS!!

As of the last issue, the Ranger Register was supposed to be published monthly through May 2004, and sent via first class mail to all members except those who have elected to receive it by email (e-zine) only. However, due to a number of complications our editor was not able to maintain this schedule. However, expect to receive the Ranger Register again in April and May.



ARM 2004

USARA ARM 2004 is almost on top of us. This year, for the first time in USARA history we are holding our national convention in Las Vegas. The dates are from June 20-24, and to have an unprecedented, successful and highly attended ARM, **we need your Ranger bodies there!** The Special Forces Association is also holding its annual convention at the Riviera Hotel at the same time as USARA. Our goal is to have 200

or more USARA members attend this muster, and of course, we are hoping you will bring your wives, girlfriends, close family members and guests. This will be a great time to have a vacation in Las Vegas and enjoy being around fellow Rangers. Even if you don't like to gamble, there are many entertainment shows, good restaurants and other activities in and around Las Vegas. These attractions are summarized in an insert to this issue. You can get detailed information from our website www.ranger.org

Here's what you need to do. Complete and send the ARM-2004 Registration Form and Fee to the address shown on the form. You are responsible for making your hotel and travel arrangements. The Riviera Hotel phone numbers are on the form. **REGISTER NOW! BRING ANOTHER RANGER WITH YOU WHO WILL JOIN USARA AND REGISTER FOR THE ARM AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A 25% DISCOUNT ON YOUR REGISTRATION FEE!**

Raffle & Door Prizes

We are going to have a raffle of high-value items, including the new USARA .45 Cal Commemorative Pistol, our engraved .45 Cal compact carry pistol, and our engraved combat knife. We will also have door prizes at the banquet. The showgirls are not up for auction!

National Elections

USARA National Elections are right around the corner. By 1 May you will receive your ballot by first class mail and/or e-mail. To insure a larger voter turnout than last year, I will be reminding you of the elections at least twice monthly. When the final ballot is approved it will be sent out as an e-mail attachment and will be included in the Ranger Register, which will be sent out by first class mail, as well. You will also be able to download the ballot from www.ranger.org.

The positions up for election this year are:

- ✓ President/Chairman of Board of Directors
- ✓ Vice President/Director #3
- ✓ Treasurer/Director #5
- ✓ Central Region Director #7
- ✓ Northern Region Director #9

Not only do we want you to vote, we want you to run for the above positions. Regional Director candidates must reside in the region they are running for directorship of. The various Ranger regions are listed later in this issue. If you want to run for one of the above positions, contact the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee Chairman Appointed

Ranger Tom Herring has been appointed by the USARA BOD as Chairman, Nominating Committee for the 2004 USARA election. Tom can be reached at (704) 542-8918 or teh5rgr@aol.com.

See you in Las Vegas.

Jim Grimshaw, President USARA

Gregg Orth Appointed USARA Secretary

The USARA BOD announced recently that CPT Gregg Orth (Ret.) has been appointed to the position USARA Secretary. Ranger Orth entered the Army in November 1963 as a new ROTC Second Lieutenant. He graduated from the Infantry Officer's Basic Training Course and went into the Ranger Course (class 8-64) at Ft. Benning, Ga. Upon course completion, Orth attended Airborne School, and was assigned Platoon Leader with the 58th Mechanized Infantry providing aggressor support to the 3 Ranger Camps.

July 1965 through February 1966, Ranger Orth served as an Instructor in the Benning Phase of the Ranger Department. He had the pleasure of working with several future RANGER HALL OF FAME awardees such as: Master Sergeant Milton Lockett, Command Sergeant Majors Harris Parker and William Mixon (not a bad team to have been a

part of). In February 1966, Orth left the Army to pursue a career in professional football.

Ranger Orth re-entered the service in January 1967 and was assigned to the 7th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, U.S. Army Training Center. He commanded a training company and served as the Battalion S-3. In July 1967, he was assigned to Company A, 3/60 Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in Viet Nam. His Company took part in many operations as a part of the joint Army/Navy Mobile Riverine Assault Force. From July 1967 until his second departure from the Army in 1969, Captain Orth served as both the Deputy Post Commander at Ft. McPherson, and Operations Officer for the Post.

Among Ranger Orth's awards and decorations are: The Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" device, Soldiers Medal, Purple Heart with oak leaf, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Jump Wings, and Ranger tab.

In civilian life, Orth is a consultant of Quality Management Systems working with industries throughout the US, Canada, and Europe implementing and registering their Quality Management Systems to an international quality standard.

LOST RANGER

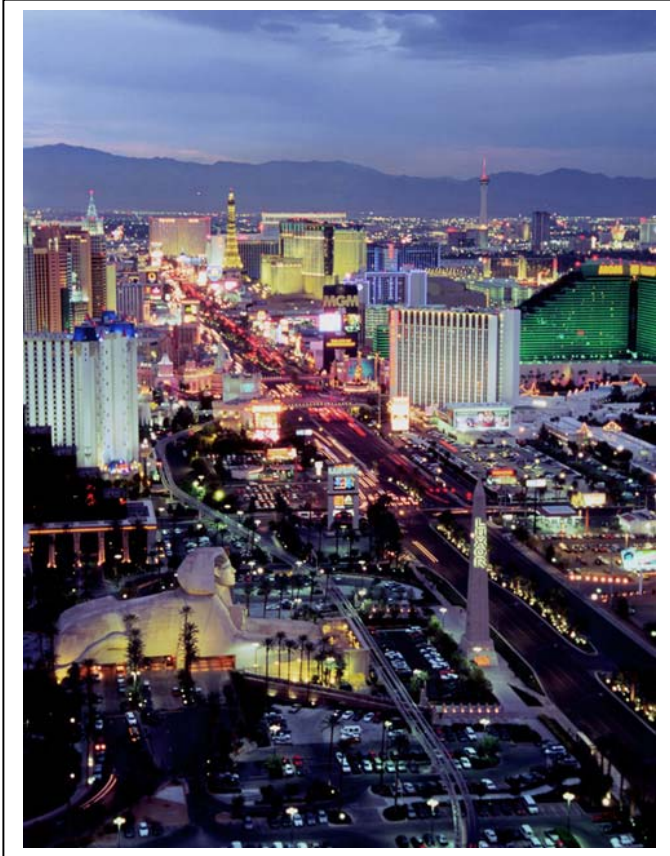
Dear Sir:

I have reason to believe that my brother, Joe Torralba may have served with the Rangers in Vietnam between 1972 and 1974. On Sunday, 22 February 2004, my big brother passed away at the age of 59. He was born in France in 1945 and raised in Australia. He joined the French army and did his military service in Germany in 1966. In 1972 our family lost track of him until 1975, when he contacted us again. I am seeking information from anyone who may have known him, and I only seek this for no benefit other than to understand my big brother, as he was my guiding hand in life and he brought me closer to our father who was lost to us when we were all so very young. I am very proud of my big brother, and I would be happy to be half the man he was. Sir my details are:

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Queensland, Australia
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USARA Annual Ranger Muster 2004

June 20 - 24 at the Riviera Hotel
Las Vegas, NV



The Las Vegas Strip at dusk

If you have not yet made your reservations for ARM 2004 in Las Vegas, now is the time to do it! The Riviera is a first class hotel with a long and good Las Vegas tradition. It is located on the north end of the strip and has all amenities one would expect: great swimming, tennis, gaming, food, etc., plus it is perfectly located for visits to all of the other major attractions on the strip and a nice place to take your family for vacation.

The USARA has arranged a block of rooms with a special rate of **(now get this)** \$73 bucks a night, single/double occupancy, plus 9% Clark County room tax. This rate is good for all USARA members attending the ARM for the dates of June 18th through the 27th.

While our conference is for the 20th through the 24th, the extended dates were arranged for those wishing an extended stay.

The [Riviera Hotel and Casino](http://www.rivierahotel.com) is also the site of the SFA's national convention and the dates are concurrent. Many events are in the works along with our regular BOD, Membership meetings and banquet. Also, we are working with the SF to see what activities can be appropriately combined and will advise via updates to this notice.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 20: Arrival, check-in and registration. Get credentials. Hospitality Room open.

Monday, June 21: BOD meeting. Hospitality Room open.

Tuesday, June 22: Open time (see exhibits, golf, sightsee, shopping, etc. Hospitality Room open.

Wednesday, June 23: General Membership Meeting, Banquet, Auction.

Thursday, June 24: Departure or remain for SFA Convention. No hospitality room.

Reservations must be made individually with the hotel:

The Riviera Hotel and Casino

2901 Las Vegas Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Web: <http://www.rivierahotel.com> (note: uses Flash and a whole lot of bandwidth)

Phone: Toll-free (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9561

Fax: (702) 794-9410

BE SURE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USARA MEMBER UNDER THIS PLAN.

For more information contact:

Peter Stevens, Western Regional Director

(801) 583-8458

(801) 294-2634

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GRAND REOPENING The Ranger Store

USPTGEAR is now running the Ranger Store.

USARA has just closed a deal to outsource the Ranger Store to USPTGEAR, an internet military apparel firm located in Vienna, VA. You can now order Ranger Store items directly from them at <http://armyranger.usptgear.com>.

USPTGEAR also sells military apparel recreation items such as running suits, sweatshirts, polar fleece jackets and vests, t-shirts, shorts, and other products with the trademarked USARA logos on them to the general public, as well as USARA members. Also, USPTGEAR will be operational at [ARM-2004](#).

This is a great deal for USARA in that we eliminate the requirement for a Quartermaster/Ranger Store Manager, we transfer the operation to a professional firm that will manage the store and we will profit from the sales. Oversight of the store is provided by yours truly.

Orders will be shipped within 48 hrs after you place them.

We have several Ranger Store orders that came in during the period the Ranger Store was closed and before the deal with USPTGEAR was approved. We will send these orders to you as soon as the store becomes operational. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

VA LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE ON HEPATITIS C

WASHINGTON (Feb. 23, 2004) -- A new, comprehensive Web site on hepatitis C--www.hepatitis.va.gov --will be formally launched Feb. 25 through a collaboration between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the University of California at San Francisco's Center for HIV Information (CHI). "Hepatitis C is another reminder that veterans rely on VA to care for a wide variety of illnesses and battlefield injuries," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "This Web site will help both veterans and medical

practitioners to understand this complex, long-term illness." Hepatitis C is the most common blood borne infection in the United States, affecting 2 percent of the population. VA cares for more hepatitis C patients than any other medical system, with more than 200,000 patients since 1996. The department has the largest screening, testing and care program for hepatitis C in the nation.

The new hepatitis C Web site has a section for veterans and non-medical employees that includes general information and links to other Web sites. It also offers information for health care providers that is searchable by topic and includes best practices, guidelines and slides. "Hepatitis C is an important public health issue for our nation," said Dr. Lawrence Deyton, VA's chief consultant for public health, who oversees VA's hepatitis C programs. "VA is pleased to join with CHI, a world-class medical Web site developer, to provide a user-friendly resource on hepatitis C for providers, patients and public health authorities."

USARA REGIONS

Northern Region: Walt Eckhardt, Director

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, DC, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, New Jersey.

Central Region: Karl Monger, Director

Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma.

Southern Region: Art Silsby, Director

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi.

Western Region: Peter Stevens, Director

Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii.

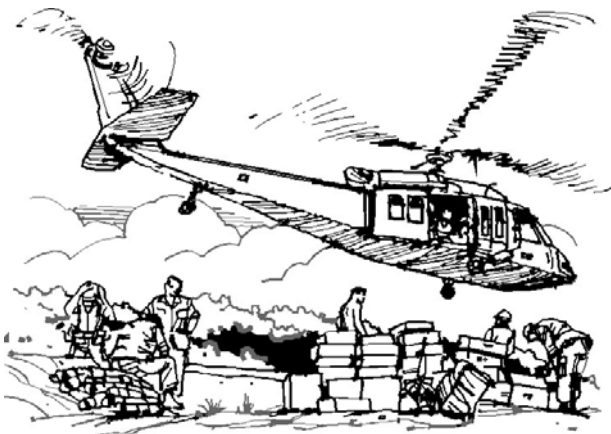
International Region: Linc German, Director

APOs, Guam, CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the allied nations of the world.

Best Ranger Competition

U.S. Army Ranger teams from around the world will pit their physical and mental endurance against each other in the David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition April 23-26 at Ft. Benning, GA.

CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS AND BEQUESTS



An Appeal From the

USARA Board of Directors and Officers

The U.S. Army Ranger Association, Inc., (USARA), is a Georgia Corporation organized, for tax purposes, as a Tax Exempt Organization pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (19). Accordingly, cash and appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, airplanes etc. contributions to the USARA are deductible by the donor based upon the assets' market value on the date of the contribution or gift. Many donors choose to contribute appreciated assets since it avoids the tax on the capital gain while giving the donor the tax benefit of the fair market value of the donated asset.

USARA participates in many Ranger community causes such as the Ranger Memorial Foundation, Ranger Hall of Fame, Best Ranger Competition, and the Antelope Island Memorial. We also have our association programs such the USARA Memorial Building Fund and award of Army dress

blues to the Soldier & NCO of the Year for the 75th Ranger Regiment and Ranger Training Brigade, as well as other Ranger and Special Operations causes. As a donor you can target your donation to a specific USARA cause or dedicate it to general use.

This is an appeal to please keep the USARA in mind when doing your periodic contribution, donation, and gift assessments and your estate planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

RANGER MEMORIAL STONES

The Ranger Memorial Foundation has raised the price of stones to \$280 effective 1 Oct 2003. The stone will have your name engraved on it and will be enshrined at the Ranger Memorial, Ft Benning, GA. Applications can be downloaded at: www.rangermemorial.org.

USARA DUES

(Annual Dues Now Payable December 31)

RANGER MEMBER: Annual dues \$30 (\$15 for active duty Rangers in grade E-5 and below), three years \$80, five years \$120. If you reside outside the USA, and do not have an APO address, add \$5 per year for postage. Overseas non-US citizens pay \$20 (officers and civilians), \$15 (NCOs and below).

LIFE MEMBER: A one-time fee of \$250 (\$280 if not in good standing). For "old-timers" aged 60 and over, the fee is \$200. Fee may be paid in 4 installments within one calendar year, with Life Membership being imposed upon receipt of the final installment. US Army Rangers who have been found 100% disabled by an Agency of the US Government will be granted Life Membership upon receipt of documentation from the awarding Agency.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Non voting): Dues are the same as for a Ranger Member.



30th Anniversary of 1st Ranger Battalion Reactivation



LTC Michael M. Kershaw, 1/75 CO, writes that the momentum of his Battalion has not slowed since the events of September 11, 2001 and they are anticipating a very busy summer as well. Here is a glimpse of the tentatively planned activities for the week of 12-15 July 2004 in the 1st Ranger Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield.

The **Annual Ranger Ball**, a **Banner Day**, unveiling of the **1/75th Ranger Memorial Model**, the **Battalion Change of Command**, an **Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Award Ceremony** and the **30th Anniversary of 1st Ranger Battalion Reactivation** are all on the agenda. LTC Kershaw invites all Rangers past and present to join with them to celebrate these events. A more detailed itinerary will be distributed as these dates approach.

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the Landmark Inn, Hunter Army Airfield (912) 692-0139 (\$59 per night double occupancy); another 20 rooms at the Clubhouse Inn and Suites located outside Main Gate on Abercorn (\$71 per night double occupancy) (912) 356-1234. Please ask for the Ranger Group Rate at both establishments. Additional billeting will be arranged as these locations are filled or please inquire as to other housing in the area that would better suit your needs. For additional information, please contact the 1/75 Secretary, Ms. Dudley at (912) 352-5608.

INTERIM SOUTHERN REGION DIRECTOR APPOINTED

USARA President Jim Grimshaw announced the appointment of Art Silsby as interim Southern Region Director. Art will serve in this capacity until June 2004, when a new Regional Director will be elected. Welcome back Art! Thanks also go to Jim Zieba, former Southern Region Director for his service to USARA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 29 February 2004:

Checking account	\$16,648.53
Money Market	30,107.69
Investment Acct	19,490.84

NORTHERN REGION NEWS

By Walt Eckhardt, Director

Recently I have been sending e-mail messages to the Rangers in the North Region covering several topics. The roster shows 107 Rangers with e-mail in North Region. Some Rangers have replied giving me confidence that the messages were getting out. A few messages were bounced back for bad e-mail address. I am contacting these Rangers to fix this problem.

However, there may be North Region members that have an e-mail address that the roster does not show. I ask any Ranger in the North Region who has e-mail and has not received messages from me to send me an e-mail (waltrgr5@att.net) so that I can add your e-mail address to the roster. I hope we have a big turnout of Rangers from the North Region at Las Vegas for the ARM 2004. **Don't put it off. Send your registration in TODAY!**

LAS VEGAS ATTRACTIONS SUMMARY

Good website for Las Vegas information with Maps: www.vegas.com/resorts/index.html

FREE SHOWS

Circus Acts www.circuscircus.com

Circus Circus One of the best entertainment values in Las Vegas
Times: 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM; Fri. and Sat until 12:00 midnight

MGM Grand Lion Habitat www.mgmgrand.com

MGM Grand
Times: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM; closed 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM daily

The Fountains of Bellagio www.bellagio.com

Bellagio – Front of Hotel
3:00 PM - midnight; Sat. and Sun. noon - midnight; shows every half hour until 7:00 PM, every 15 minutes from 7:00 PM – midnight

HOTEL SHOWS

Celine Dion A NEW DAY... www.caesars.com

The Colosseum at Caesars Palace
Phone: 800-642-8158 or 702-866-1400
Times: 8 PM, Wed thru Sun
Cost: Check with box office for prices

"O" by Cirque du Soleil www.bellagio.com

Bellagio - Cirque du Soleil Showroom
Phone: 888-488-7111
Times: 7:30 pm & 10:30pm Wed through Sun
Cost: \$90.00, \$113, \$136

Showgirls of Magic www.sanremolasvegas.com

San Remo - Parisian Cabaret. Topless review.
Phone: 702-597-6028
Times: 8:00 pm & 10:30 pm, Tues thru Sun
Cost: \$39.00 (see note below)

Mamma Mia! www.mandalaybay.com

Mandalay Bay - Mandalay Theater
Phone: 702-632-7580
Times: Mon., Wed., Thu. 7:00 PM; Fri. 8:00 PM; Sat. 7:00 and 10:30 PM; Sun. 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM
Cost: \$71.50, \$93.50
22 of ABBA's greatest hits ingeniously woven into a hilarious and enchanting story.

Cirque Du Soleil "Mystere" www.treasureisland.com

Treasure Island - Mystere Theater
Phone: 702-796-9999
Times: 7:30 & 10:30pm Fri through Tues
Cost: \$95.00
Venture into a world of brilliant colors and strange creatures. Journey to the very edge of human potential.

Tournament of Kings www.excalibur.com

Excalibur - King Arthur's Arena
Phone: 702-597-7600 (Reservations strongly recommended)

Times: 6pm & 8:30pm

Cost: \$49.09

The "Tournament of Kings" medieval feast features a costumed cast of 100 performers parading before dining spectators, engaging in jousting competitions, and locking swords in well-choreographed combat.

The Blue Man Group www.luxor.com

Luxor Hotel – Luxor Theatre

Times: Daily at 7:00 PM, Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri., and Sat. 10:00 PM, Sat. 4:00 PM

Cost: \$93.50

Lance Burton Master Magician www.monte-carlo.com

Monte Carlo – Lance Burton Theatre

Times: Tue. and Sat. 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM; Wed., Thu., and Fri. 7:00 PM

Cost: \$66.50, \$72.55

Burton's family-friendly performance features doves and showgirls that appear out of nowhere. He's even been known to invite younger audience members on stage to lend a (sleight of) hand.

OTHER FUN

The Gun Store: www.thegunstorelasvegas.com

2900 E. Tropicana. (702) 454-1110. Open 9AM-6:30PM everyday. Features an indoor range and a variety of automatic weapons for rent to fire in their range.

Red Rock Canyon. www.redrockcanyon.blm.gov

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation area is located 17 miles West of the strip.

Mandalay Bay Shark Reef www.mandalaybay.com

You will be face to face with some of the most dangerous and exotic animals in the world. **Hours of Operation:** Open daily from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Last admission at 10 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$15.95, Children 12 years old and younger \$9.95, Children 4 and younger admitted free.

Star Trek Experience www.startrekexp.com

Las Vegas Hilton. No hours listed. A must see for Trekkies!

Helicopter Tour Web sites.

www.lvhelicopters.com

www.papillon.com

www.key2lasvegas.com

www.maverickhelicopter.com

Las Vegas Sky Diving www.vegasskydiving.com

Jean, NV. 30 miles South of Las Vegas on Highway 15.

Valley of Fire www.parks.nv.gov/vf.htm

Valley of Fire State Park

(702) 397-2088 Valley of Fire State Park is located 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 and on exit 75. Valley of Fire is Nevada's oldest and largest state park, dedicated 1935. The park is open all year.

Boulder Dam www.usbr.gov/lc/hoverdam/T

The dam is located 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas on US Highway 93 at the Nevada-Arizona border. The Web site has maps, prices, and operating hours. There will also be brochures in all the hotels.



★ RANGERS LEAD THE WAY ★

USARA ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2004
RIVIERA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NV.
20-24 JUNE, 2004
REGISTRATION

NAME: Last First Mi

ADDRESS: Street City State Zip

Email: Phone USARA MEMBER NR

BRING A RANGER BUDDY WHO JOINS USARA AND REGISTERS FOR THE MUSTER. YOU WILL RECEIVE A 25% DISCOUNT ON YOUR REGISTRATION FEE, REFUNDED UPON ARRIVAL.

GOLF SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one for you and one for your guest) COLOR: NAVY BLUE W/USARA LOGO
SM MED LG XLG XXLG

Name of Guest(s) SM MED LG XLG XXLG

Table with 6 columns: REGISTRATION, Check#, Cost, X, #Attendees, Total. Rows include registration fees (before/after May 1), banquet fees (before/after May 1), and raffle tickets (\$30).

Grand Total Enclosed: \$

THE CP IS THE RIVIERA HOTEL, 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD SOUTH. HOTEL POC: JON STANTON. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH USARA. CALL (800) 634-6753 FOR RESERVATIONS. ROOM RATE IS \$73 PER NIGHT.

BUSINESS MEETINGS, HOSPITALITY ROOM AND BANQUET AT THE RIVIERA HOTEL. YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS EXCEPT THOSE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USARA (ARM-2004)

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES TO:

USARA (ARM-2004)
C/O RANGER PETER STEVENS
USARA WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR
2783 SHERWOOD DRIVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84108
For more information, call: PETER STEVENS (801) 583-8458, EMAIL: PSTEVENS@AROS.NET

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TO:

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE ON 31 DECEMBER
PLEASE RENEW ON TIME.
SEND YOUR RENEWALS AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:**

**SECRETARY, USARA, INC.
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MANAGER: *(See Page 5 this issue for latest on USPTGEAR contract)*