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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESIDENT REAGAN ROA LIFE MEMBER

Washington, D.C., July 17 -- President Ronald Reagan became a Life Member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) in ceremonies at the White House today.

Presenting the Life Membership was Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, newly elected President of the 128,000 member association, which was chartered by Congress to advise on matters of national security.

The citation conferring ROA Life Membership status on the President recognizes his "demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and perpetual commitment to the support of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security."

President Reagan, ROA member number 0452158, has had a long association with the Army Reserve, going back to 1939 when he was a sports announcer with Radio Station WHO in Des Moines, Iowa. During that time he completed the requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve. He actually received the commission in the mail after he moved to Hollywood.

General Hultman, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, is an attorney in civilian life and an Army Reservist who commands the 103d Corps Support Command (COSCOM) in Des Moines.

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Reserve Officers Association of the United States

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27 April 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

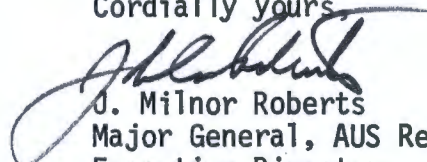
During the Johnson, Nixon and Ford Administrations, arrangements were made for a brief meeting in the Oval Office involving the President and the senior leaders of ROA. Appropriate photographs were taken at these times.

In view of President Reagan's profound commitment to National Defense, we are hopeful that he would agree to a meeting with five of the senior people in ROA as an indication of his interest in the Total Force, including the Reserve. At that time, we would also like to make a presentation of a renewed membership in ROA for President Reagan.

Our National President and three National Vice Presidents (one representing each major Service) can be in Washington at any time which would be suitable for the President. I would also attend this meeting which I believe would be meaningful for all concerned.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours



J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS Ret.
Executive Director

JMR/gw

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

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Reserve Officers Association of The United States

April 20, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

*please find
this letter*

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 1981. In this regard, I enclose a copy of my April 6th letter to General Roberts. I am sure processing of President Reagan's ROA membership is now in good hands and will soon be accomplished.

I have no way of knowing if you or President Reagan ever received my original letter of August 27, 1980 or first follow-up letter to Curtis Mack of October 22nd. Because the August 27th letter contains all the background information, I am enclosing a copy along with the October 22nd letter.

I think you also would want a copy of the checks and applications I made. It is enclosed. This, of course, will be a memorable souvenir for 2nd Lt. Roger Behringer who on March 31st was the newest lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Thanks again for your response. Also, I Thank God for The President's rapid recovery. Please wish him well for me.

Most sincerely,

Ed Thomas

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

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Reserve Officers Association of The United States

April 6, 1981

Major General J. Milnor Roberts, Jr.
Executive Director
Reserve Officers Assn. of the United States
1 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear General Roberts:

This refers to our telephone conversation the morning of March 30th and a Life Membership for President Reagan. A short time later, while on my way to Rotary, I heard the terrible news about the shooting. Thank God it was not worse.

As I recall, you had a tentative appointment to meet at the White House about April 4th regarding President Reagan's ROA membership. I presume that has been postponed. As agreed, I enclose an application for President Reagan's Life Membership and my check for \$128.00. As discussed with you, our Board will decide at the next meeting what portion the Chapter will pay. In any case, I will pay the difference. Please note I did not have information for the application for date of birth, social security number, military status, and grade. I think it best that you complete those items.

I also enclose an application and check for newly commissioned 2nd Lt Roger A. Behringer. An interesting coincidence is that I had arranged for a commissioning ceremony on March 31st at the Sacramento Army Depot for Lt. Behringer. He graduated from ROTC, University of California, Berkeley, in December 1980 and had to be commissioned before going on active duty next month. The depot commander, Col. Herman L. Brooks, conducted a very impressive ceremony attended by depot officers, family and friends. As of 1630 hours, March 31st, Lt. Behringer was the newest commissioned officer in the U. S. Army. I had planned to buy his first year's membership in ROA and it seemed appropriate to me to send this application along with the one for The President.

I also enclose a copy of the March 20th letter I received from Morton Blackwell which I read to you. Please thank him for me.

Please keep me advised of progress. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Thomas".

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

August 27, 1980

Governor Ronald Reagan
Pacific Palisades
California 90272

Dear Governor Reagan:

Shortly after you became Governor of California, our Sacramento Chapter 51, Reserve Officers Association of the U. S., voted to present you with a paid 5-year membership in the ROA. It was my pleasant assignment to present you with your membership card in your office. I enclose a copy of the envelope in which I received your card and the note from Col. John Carlton, who was Executive Director of our National Office at that time.

I also met with you earlier when you signed a proclamation in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the U. S. Army Reserve (copy enclosed), and later on when you signed National Defense week proclamations, and when you were our featured speaker at the Eagle Scout Recognition banquet March 28, 1974 at the Woodlake Inn.

During your second term, I made at least six attempts to get through your staff to discuss continuing your membership in ROA. You are fully entitled to membership in ROA and it was my thought that you would want to continue and pay your own dues. Five year membership dues at that time were \$40. On at least two occasions, I left a memorandum for you making this proposal. I was unsuccessful in all of my attempts and became frustrated by one of your staff members to the point I discontinued my attempts.

Now, I want to make another proposal and relate it to your campaign for the presidency. Let me first tell you that I am one of the early members and continuous supporters of your Citizens for the Republic and furthermore, that this year alone, I have made 57 cash contributions to Republican organizations or individuals. I am one of those who is "putting his money where his mouth is". Also, I want you to know there are nearly 120,000 members in ROA nationally, of which 13,200 are in California. Most members are community and business leaders with families, so we are talking about, in the range of 500,000 voters.

I do not want to see you get an ROA membership from National Headquarters after you are elected president, the way Carter did. Therefore, I propose that you apply for a life membership now. All dues will be increased on October 1st, so it is a good time. Then I will match that amount with a contribution for your campaign, to CFTR, to Jesse Helm's Americans for Reagan, to the Republican National Committee, or one you indicate will do the most good.

As you and I are nearly the same age, I know which bracket you fit into for a Life Membership. The 66-70 bracket is now \$96 and goes up to \$128 on October 1st. Dues are tax deductible as a professional organization. I enclose application blanks.

I sincerely trust that you will take the action I propose. It will be good campaign strategy and very timely. Please advise me of the action you take.

Most sincerely,



W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

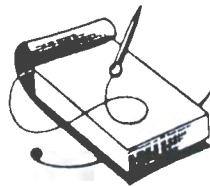
Ph. 916-455-5340

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RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002



Colonel W. E. Thomas Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
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Memo

FROM THE DESK OF

COLONEL JOHN T. CARLTON
USAR

Governor Reagan's membership card.

Executive Director
RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
of the UNITED STATES
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
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October 22, 1980

Mr. Curtis Mack
Executive Director
Citizens for the Republic
1253 - 7th Street, Suite 200
Santa Monica, California 90401

213-451-8548
called 3/4/81
left msg

Dear Mr. Mack:

Thank you for your comprehensive reply of September 17th to my letter. I appreciate the points you made. As for choosing one organization, that is rather difficult for me. You may be interested to know that in 1980, I have supported 38 Republican organizations or individuals. I enclose another contribution to CFTR. This is my third one to CFTR and number 70 for the year. I also am working one afternoon a week in the Sacramento Reagan Headquarters.

Please see my note at the bottom of the October 10th letter from Senator Jepson.

One more item. I enclose a copy of my August 27, 1980 letter to Governor Reagan. I mailed the original of this letter with enclosures about August 29th, the week Governor and Mrs. Reagan moved into the Wexford Estate. (According to the press). This was a most sincere effort on my part, to be really helpful to the campaign. I have not received any acknowledgement. This is a great disappointment to me.

I ask you to follow up for me. You will know how to get through the "barricades". I have had correspondence with Lyn Nofziger in past years. Perhaps he would be the best point of contact. Thanks very much. Please advise me of your actions.

Sincerely,

W. E. Thomas, Jr.
W. E. THOMAS, Jr.

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916-455-5340

Curtis called me 3/5. Did not recall correspondence but told me that they would have forwarded it directly to Reagan and should have sent me a postcard advising me what was done.

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March 20, 1981

Dear Ed:

As the staff member responsible for this area, I am requesting that the President be allowed to renew his membership in the Reserve Officers Association.

I apologize for the delay in responding on behalf of the President to your earlier correspondence and hope that the President's wish will be accomodated. If we can be of assistance to you or any of the members of the ROA, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Morton Blackwell

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

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Mr. W. E. Thomas, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

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Subject: Recommends that the Pres. join the Reserve Officers Association.

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Sen. Donald E. Lukens
State Senate
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 466-8072/8074

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December 18, 1980

MEMO

TO: Governor, President-elect Reagan
ATTENTION: Jim Baker

FROM: Senator Donald E. Lukens

RE: ROA Membership

Strongly recommend that you join the Reserve Officers Association if at all possible.

As a former National Vice President, the last seven consecutive Presidents have been members or honorary members and this is the only organization chartered by the United States Congress to monitor and promote national defense policies of the United States.

DEL/aja



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22 October 1980

Governor Ronald Reagan
901 So. Highland Street
Arlington, Va. 22204

Dear Governor Reagan:

As the President of the Department of California, Reserve Officers Association of the United States, I invite you to join our ranks and urge that you accept this invitation to renew your lapsed membership.

As you know, the ROA was chartered by the 81st Congress and is mandated "to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security and to promote the development and execution thereof."

This nation needs our association now more than ever before, and you have publicly stated your support of our mandated goals. Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter are, or have been members, of ROA. Whether or not you are successful in your bid for the Presidency, we need your support and membership as either a Reserve Captain or Commander-in-Chief.

If my facts are correct, you were a Captain in the Army Reserve and a former member of California Chapter #53.

Your prompt response will be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bennett S. Sparks
Captain, USCGR
President

Enclosures:
Membership Form
Return Envelope

Reserve Officers Association of the UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



1980-81 PRESIDENT
BENNETT S. SPARKS
CAPTAIN, USCGR
3233 Wonder View Drive
Hollywood, California 90068

October 22, 1980

Governor Reagan,

To simplify the application just fill in your address, rank and social security number and return the application to me in the self addressed envelope. If you so desire, the Department of California will be pleased to pay your membership dues.....as we really want you in our ranks.

Respectfully,

B. S. Sparks,
Captain, USCGR



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Current Membership Dues effective October 1, 1980

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