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face or make faces. These tactics or failing to obey instructions to step forward will only draw attention to yourself and increase the likelihood of a positive identification; they may also be used against you as evidence of guilt and, physical resistance may result in a beating or charges of assaulting a police officer or both!

One other thing with regard to objecting to a line up. If the police insist on a witness seeing you do not try to object further by sitting down or physically refusing to go because a viewing of you in a jail cell is a far more suggestive form of confrontation than the line up itself.

If you are being taken to a line up you should insist, first, that you be given a chance to call your lawyer and to have him present and, second, that the line up include people who resemble you.

If the police ask for permission to search any of your property, the answer should be "No, my lawyer told me to say no." Even if you think it may prove you innocent. If the police ask you to lead them anywhere or act anything out or demonstrate something, the answer should be "No, my lawyer told me not to do anything." You should never sign any forms or papers or write anything down. Again, "No, my lawyer told me not to until s/he gets here." If they attempt to inspect or take body samples, object and tell them that your attorney said to wait until s/he got there. But, if they insist, do not resist.

Finally, you should also remember that if news reporters take your picture don't duck or dodge the camera, pictures of dodging, menacing, or shouting defendants tend to make them look guilty and these publications can be extremely prejudicial. If you get the chance ask the police to stop any photos from being taken and answer all questions asked by reporters with: "on advice of counsel nothing will be said until counsel arrives.



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bikers. Besides, Rick "Scooter" Holt has more pressing issues on his mind than beating me to a pulp. Rolling Thunder is an advocacy group dedicated to creating awareness of POW/MIA issues, promoting legislation to increase veterans benefits, volunteering time, providing food and clothing to veterans and local communities.

How serious is Holt about his mission? Well, how many bikers do you know who employ a legislative affairs director?

As a national organization, Rolling Thunder has more than 90 chapters and for the past 15 years has announced its arrival in Washington, D.C., with the

menacing roar of thousands of motorcycles - a sound akin to the 1965 bombing campaign against North Vietnam, named Operation Rolling Thunder. Holt's ties to the military are extensive. His father put in 27 years, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. His brother is a Vietnam vet. "I started this chapter because of what Rolling Thunder stands for," says Holt, himself an Air Force veteran, although too young to serve in Vietnam. "I do it for my dad, for my brother, and for many men I knew growing up in the military."

Last month, national members of Rolling Thunder spent three days honoring veterans and took the time to endorse President Bush. National president Artie Muller took a well-publicized tour of the White House in full biker garb. That didn't exactly sit well with the Colorado chapter.

They welcome the publicity surrounding the event, sure, but Holt remains obstinately apolitical, vigilantly avoiding the acrimony of this - or any - election.

A recent CBS News Poll found that veterans favor Bush over Kerry 54 to 40 percent.

Why the wide margin? Many veterans remember Kerry's reckless and unsubstantiated accusations about the behavior of American soldiers after his return from Vietnam, his votes cutting military spending and his opposition to almost every major weapons systems currently utilized. Kerry also upset many veterans with his vote last year against an \$87 billion funding bill for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan - after voting to send troops there in the first place. Rolling Thunder members agree that many of Kerry's actions make him unattractive, but the Colorado chapter feels that by making any endorsement, they undercut the group's principal objective: bringing attention to the issue of missing soldiers.

"One thing we want to make clear: People tend to view the POW/MIAs as solely a Vietnam area issue," points out Colorado chapter legislative director Rob Davison. "That is a perception we need to change." Rolling Thunder is doing its part.

Scott Speicher, missing since the first Gulf War, had his status changed from dead to missing and then to prisoner of war, in part, because of the work of the advocacy group. They hope to bring similar awareness to names like Keith Maupin, Timothy Bell and William Bradley - all currently missing in Iraq. "An American is beheaded by insurgents, and we hear about it for a week, then it's gone. The abuse in Abu Ghraib is still in the news," says Holt. "Granted, it was awful, and we need to condemn it, but we

have to put it in perspective." So, the Colorado chapter does its best to keep the focus on what's important. "Our main concern is making sure that the soldiers are not forgotten," says Holt. "To make sure they are supported now and to make sure veterans always get the support they need. If anybody has earned that right, they have."

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