

## Tom Crowley's Biography



- Tom Crowley was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tom received a BA in Economics and History at Marquette University in Milwaukee, and then did his graduate studies in International Economics and Asian History at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC. He served as an infantry officer and rifle platoon leader with the 25<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division in the Vietnam War where he was wounded, and decorated for his service. During his tour of duty he developed a deep connection with Asia and made Asian history and languages a focus of his studies when he returned to school. After years of work in Asia as a US Foreign Service officer and then in the intelligence field, he moved to the business world working with the General Electric company working and living in various Asian countries. He ended up in Bangkok as a volunteer working for the Mercy Centre, and NGO in the Klong Toey slum area of Bangkok that helps street children, orphans and also children and adults who are HIV positive. The web site for the Mercy Centre is [www.mercycentre.org](http://www.mercycentre.org)

A life long runner Tom has in recent years taken up competitive pool play and he shoots pool in his spare time in tournaments in Thailand. Tom divides his time between homes in Kensington, Maryland and Bangkok.

Tom is a member of the Mystery Writers of America, the author of "Bangkok Pool Blues", a non fiction look at the counter culture of the pool world in Bangkok and it's denizens, and this year of the "Viper's Tail" an action adventure work of fiction based in Thailand with a former U.S. Army soldier as it's hero.