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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

### Reunion '88

**WHO:** 75th Rangers past and present, LRP, LRRP, Pilots, Red Cross Ladies, friends and other guests.

**WHAT:** Second combined reunion for LURPS and RANGERS.

**WHEN:** July 25, 26, and 27, 1988  
(Plan to arrive the 24th).

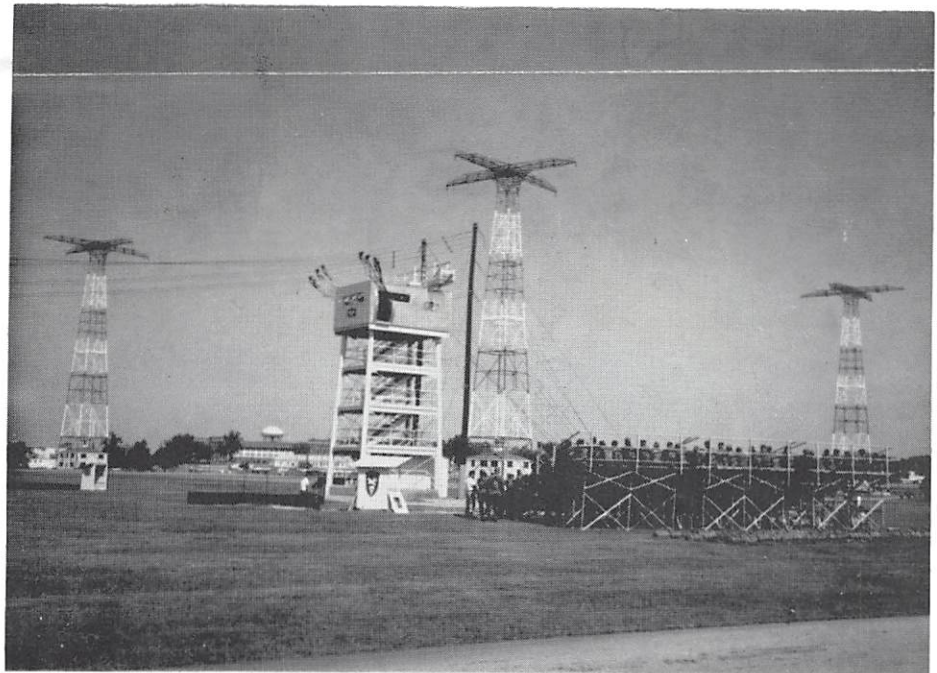
**WHERE:** Fort Benning and Columbus, Georgia. Home of the Infantry and where Rangers and Paratroopers are made into a lean mean fighting machine.

**WHY:** You know why!

**HOW:** Any way you can. In the following edition of Patrolling you will be provided with information for reduced air fares and reduced auto rental rates.

Our Newsletter is a bit late this quarter and for good reason. We have been negotiating with the Iron Works Trade and Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia for several months now.

Thus far we have an excellent food and beverage contract for the barbecue and a banquet with them. One exception to that is that they are trying to skin us on Bar setup prices and I have that item before the Committee overseeing the Ironworks. The newest member, an Attorney and Infantryman who went ashore at Normandy, agreed with me at his first meeting as a member and a Board member next to him



*Thirty-four and 250 foot towers . . . waiting for you!*

agreed.

The second item delaying us was an attempt on our part to pull the City of Columbus, Georgia's leasing agreements kicking and screaming into the 20th Century. As a result of my meeting with the Committee last week, the matter is going before the City Attorney for an opinion. The final word on that will be forthcoming during January and we will lock down all the details for the reunion in the first quarter newsletter for 1988. You will also be presented a slate of potential Officers and Directors to be elected during July 1988 in the newsletter.

As a general outline of the currently scheduled events you can plan on being brought to Fort

Benning, by Army Bus, the morning of 25 July. Our first stop will be at Marshall Auditorium, The Infantry School where you and your families will be treated to a short but excellent history of the American Infantry. Across the street at Eubanks Field you will have an hour long demonstration of Airborne in Action, courtesy of the 1st Bn, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment which some of you knew as the Airborne School previously.

For those who trained elsewhere and never enjoyed the Airborne's 250' Towers, we have the controlled tower on tap. This is the fun ride they had at the New York World's Fair in 1940. If you missed it then (smile) you are getting it now. It is a safe ride for your family and

yourself. In addition, we have the 34' tower laid on for the old, bold jumpers. This is also a chance . . . for you to qualify some of your former team buddies who never had the opportunity to go to Jump School, but didn't let that deter them from joining the 75th Rangers and sharing the common dangers of patrolling in Vietnam. You will find a photo of those two delightful devices elsewhere in this issue of **Patrolling**.

We continue to receive donations from individuals and I did overlook one of them in our last edition. We were not even soliciting a donation for it at the time and casually mentioned that it is our intent to either get a monument to the Long Range Patrol (Airborne) placed on the Airborne Memorial Walk at Fort Benning or have a completely separate one designed and built.

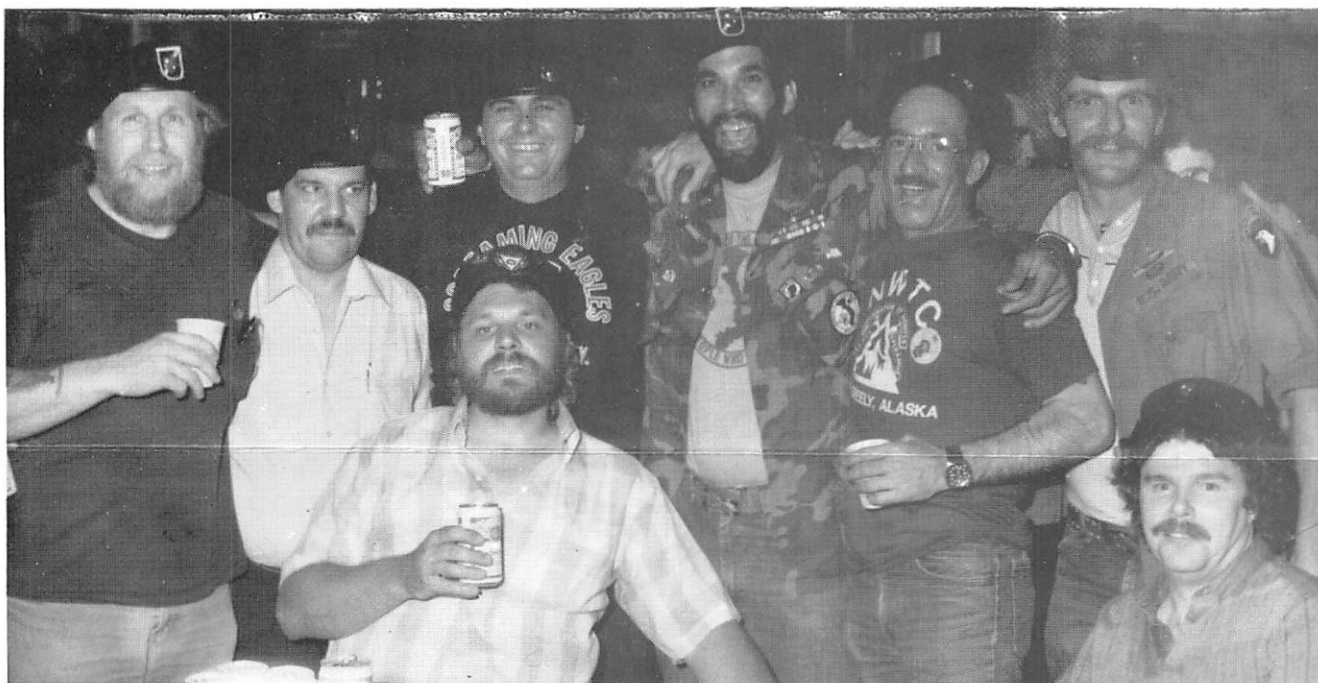
Immediately, BOB WIMMER, a 75th Ranger from 'Nam sent in \$50.00 toward that end. We would like all of you to hold off on that issue for now. We can take it up at our business meeting and elections on the morning of July 27, 1988.

Following the Airborne in Action we will move over to the 75th Ranger Regiment monument we had erected at the Airborne Walk. It was designed for the Rangers from both Vietnam and Grenada. You cannot help but be impressed with the simple beauty of the overall Airborne Walk itself. After your photo taking sessions there we will move a block or so to the Main NCO Club for lunch.

A decision is being made this month to keep or move the day for Rangers in Action demonstrations from Tuesday to Monday. If the date is changed we will move straight to

Victory Pond, Fort Benning where you will be entertained with a fast paced demonstration series by the Ranger Training Brigade (formerly U.S. Army Ranger Department) for approximately forty-five minutes. Here you will see the highlights of Ranger Training demonstrated. You will come away from this demonstration with an understanding of why the Soldier wearing the Black and Gold tab of a U.S. Army Ranger is sought after, Army wide for their small unit leadership abilities.

You who departed the Army following Vietnam, will learn that many of your former team members, who were not Ranger School trained, have gone through that training and many became instructors at the Ranger School. They now hold key positions in the Regiment and other units at the School, around the Infantry Center and world.



Enjoying the hospitality suite at the "First Ever" combined LRP/75th Ranger Reunion are, (L-R Standing): George McDonnell, Rick Butler, Bob Glasser, Jim Rodarte, SGM Jim Moran, Randy White, (L-R Seated), Joe Bielesch, and Joe Kennedy

#### Think about it . . .

We have two ends with a common link;  
with one we sit,  
with one we think.  
Success depends on what we use;  
heads we win,  
tails we lose.

#### Thanks Charles R. Knight!

Ranger Knight, Co E/50th Inf LRP and E/75th provided the Association with some of his old orders from 9th Division loaded with names of LRPs and Rangers. Everybody dig in and send names and old orders to Billy Nix, PO Box

670174, Marietta, GA 30066.

Another way you can help the Association is to run ads in your local area newspapers, or send in letters to the editor, looking for LRPs/Rangers and advertising our reunion.

## T a p s

September 25, 1987 Sergeant Frank D. Winters, Company C, 1st Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, was killed and seven other Rangers injured in a training accident at Fort Bragg, NC, when the MH-53 Helicopter USAF they were about to descend from "tilted" throwing the Rangers off of the ramp to the ground. Sgt Winters was from the West Palm Beach/Boynton Beach area of Florida.

Although we learned about the accident too late for Florida services, Dan Roberts F/58th LRP and L/75th contacted Mrs. Winters personally. At Fort Bragg services for Sgt Winters, Roy Boatman 74th Inf Det LRP and N/75th represented the association. His former Commander LTC Dick James (Ret) was the association representative at Arlington National Cemetery that same day, October 5, 1987. James commanded the 74th Inf LRP when it was converted to N/75th Rangers.

Some of us may recall a team of Rangers being flung from a UH-1 on short final after it lost its tail rotor at about 60' during the Company Raid into the Ashau Valley during March 1971 led by (then) Cpt Bob Guy, L/75th. Think of a baseball being hit by a bat and you'll know how the Lima Rangers felt when the Huey boom belted them at that altitude. Guy made O-6 on October 1, 1987. When his Eagles for a full Colonel were being pinned on an Earthquake rumbled through the Southern California Campus where his son attends College. Now we know the Rangers operate in strange ways, but an Earthquake! No slack!

### MY COUNTRY

I would have you by day, fix your eyes upon the greatness of your country; until you become filled with love of her; and when you are impressed by the spectacle of her glory reflect that it has been acquired by men who knew their duty and had the courage to do it.

—Pericles

## Treasurer's Report

Because we are mailing to a number of individuals and active duty units who do not have a need to know, Nick Gibbone's report has been edited for your consumption here. A full report concerning Association Finances will be forthcoming to members during the 1988 reunion business meeting. This abbreviated report commences with the closing of our "first ever" combined reunion at Fort Campbell, KY during June 1986 through June 30, 1987.

First, those monies collected at the reunion and presented to Don Lynch to continue providing and mailing a quarterly newsletter were turned over to Bob Gilbert following the establishment of the Association account and Chartering of the 75th Regimental Association.

Secondly, those Long Range Patrol and 75th Ranger Veterans who contributed funds to repay Bob for his layout of funds for the 75th Ranger Monument and the Airborne Walk had that money rolled over into the Association account, to establish it. The combined monies became the seed money for ordering membership cards, stationary, and your newsletter, **PATROLLING**. We began with the Assn. in the black, financially.

During the past calendar year we have provided you members with four newsletters. The labor (from us) is free however, the newsletter and mailing it at third class bulk mail rates costs us money each quarter. In addition we are providing gratuitous copies of the newsletters to the Ranger Regiment and the Ranger Training Brigade (Ranger School). Former LRP and 75th Rangers in numbers far exceeding our membership have received gratuitous copies also. If they choose not to **HOOKUP, THIS IS THEIR FINAL NEWSLETTER.**

We have and will continue to, at least temporarily, provide a newsletter for those who are unfortunate enough to be caught up in nationwide layoffs. We recognize those as (usually) a temporary situation and do not think your buddies, past or present would like

us to take the "Cheap Charlie" route with you.

Finally, we provide just a few gratuitous copies to some interesting people we will tell you about during the business meeting. To summarize, we are in the black financially at the end of the first (actual) year. At this writing our finances are improving with the increase in membership and renewals.

For those of you who decide to make a contribution toward plaques or anything else please indicate to Nick what the extra is to be used for. Otherwise it will go into the general fund. **FINANCIALLY WE ARE ALIVE AND WELL.**

I want to personally thank Nick Gibbone for the work he performed over the last eighteen months. He rammed our papers through the IRS so fast you couldn't even say, "bureaucracy," and then the Georgia Department of Revenue right behind that. A Treasurer with his skills and knowledge is indispensable. Working with him is a pleasure.

## News from the Regiment

The following named individuals 75th Ranger Regiment graduated from the Operation/Intelligence Course at the USASMA, Ft Bliss, TX. Each NCO was cited for outstanding leadership by the AUSA and received an award from the AUSA. MSG William Acebes, MSG Joe Picano, SFC Charles Carter, SVD Robert Keehu, MSG Steven England.

## Ranger Training Brigade

On December 2, 1987 the U.S. Army Ranger Department became history. Colonel James E. Mace, former Commander of the 2nd Bn (Ranger) 75th Infantry, assumed duties as Director, Ranger Department during June 87. He is currently the first Commander for the Ranger Training Brigade, a type training organization whose coming to fruition was overdue and involved a lot of hard work by many individuals within and without the



(former) Ranger Department. Mace, a native of South Carolina, is a graduate of the Citadel, having received Baccalaureate and Masters degrees there. A winner of the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and numerous other decorations and awards, Colonel Mace is said to be an avid hunter. Rumor control holds that anything landing in the vicinity of Colonel Mace while hunting was indeed downed by him.

On 15 June 1987 Sergeant Major Fred Weekley assumed duties as the Ranger Department Sergeant Major, arriving from similar duties at the former Florida Ranger Camp. A native of Iowa, Weekley served for 29 months in Vietnam with companies D and F (Ranger) 75th Infantry. He also served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Airborne. Weekley holds an Associate of Science Degree in General Management from El Paso Community College and is a graduate of class 26 US Army Sergeants Major Academy. Weekly won the Silver Star among numerous other awards and decorations.



*(L) Colonel James E. Mace, Commander of the new Ranger Training Brigade. (R) SGM Fred Weekley, Ranger Department Sergeant Major.*



The Ranger Training Brigade is now a separate command with higher than Departmental status at the Infantry School and Center. Organized along the lines of a tactical unit, the RTB has three separate Battalions. The Headquarters and 4th RTB are stationed at Ft Benning. The 5th RTB is located at Camp Frank D.

Merrill, Dahlonga, GA, formerly known as the Mountain Ranger Camp. The 6th RTB is located at Eglin AFB Florida, formerly known as the Florida Ranger Camp. A special Desert phase of training held (now) at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, will be controlled by the Deputy Brigade Commander.

## Looney Says We Are Not Crazy

### So Why Do I Feel So Miserable?

What do we want out of life and what are we doing to get it? Are you getting what you want out of life? At age 40, I am asking myself, "Is that all there is?"

Within each person, there is a conflict between wanting to cooperate with others (loving and sharing) and controlling others (making them do what is best). How do we keep others from hurting us and make them please us? How do I get my boss to recognize I deserve a raise? How do I get what I want?

We learned from birth that anger can get us what we want. An infant will cry, scream and get red in the face to capture an adult's attention. Then adults try all kinds of things to stop the infant from crying. Adults are more powerful and they change the infant's environment (change its diaper and feed it). Great stuff for an infant. As we grew older, we found out anger did not always

work. So we learned other ways to get what we wanted.

Misery was one of the most successful behaviors we learned as children of five years old. It got those powerful adults to ask what was wrong and if they could help. They would not only change our environment but they would console us and say, "That is okay. It will be all right." Those are great words for adults as well as children.

We as adults still use what we learned as children to get what we want but there is a terrible price to pay for being **angry** and **miserable**. So how do I change my behavior to get my wants, needs and desires?

Dr. William Glasser's book, **Control Theory**, on which this article is based, describes four categories of behavior:

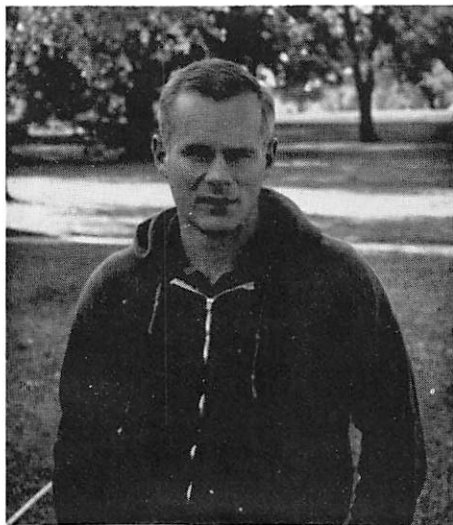
1. **Doing** (action, moving your body).
2. **Thinking** (generating thought).
3. **Feelings** (emotions; pain,

pleasure).

4. **Physiological** (sweating, clammy hands).

Of these four, Dr. Glasser says the easiest to change is **Doing**. I agree and suggest if you change one, the other three will follow. For instance, if I find myself being miserable (sitting in the basement, shutting the blinds, not answering the phone and just not wanting to be with anyone) and it is not getting me what I want, then I can change what I am doing. I can go fishing, visit a friend, cut the grass, jog, work on the car or play with the kids. If I stop being miserable by changing what I am doing, then in time I will feel better. **Thinking, Feelings, and Physiology** will eventually change as the **Doing** changes. As AA says, "Fake it until you make it."

Rather than waiting for my wife to offer to change my environment and make me happy because I am miserable, I need to do something for myself. I need to say, "What do I want and what do I need to do to



CPT Fred Karnes was found attending the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Benning, GA. After a two to three month stint with the 5th Special Forces Gp VN, (then) Sergeant Karnes was assigned to Company L/75th when 5th Group stood down. His first mission with the L/75th Rangers saw his team locked into three days of eyeball contact

with an NVA force of unknown size, during which time he earned the Silver Star, escaped and evaded to an Air Cavalry Troop with Dustoff Co-Pilot Roger Madison, a Redleg who now flies choppers for the Navy off of an Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific, and a team member named McAlpine. This team suffered the only known MIA and POW from the 75th (Ranger) Infantry. Before medevac of team leader Duren an UH-1 inserted SSG Vodden to replace him. The UH-1 was blown about 300 yards down the mountain by NVA fires after Vodden leaped from the skid. Only one door gunner survived. The dustoff flown by CWO Fred Behrens was shot down after its second flight into the same LZ, without gunship cover. According to Madison, Behrens executed a flawless autorotation into the LZ as enemy fire ripped into his body. Lieutenant Commander Roger Madison, an old Redleg, and dustoff Pilot will be at our July reunion. Y'all come. Heah?

get it, rather than what do I want and who can do it for me?" It is nice to know that I am a powerful adult who can control my own **Doing, Thinking, Feeling and Physiology.**

Back to my raise, after struggling with different manipulations (getting angry and being miserable) I might decide that my boss is either very dumb or I cannot control his behavior. All right, I give up the notion I can control people. I cannot make my boss, or anyone else do anything they do not want to do. But I can ask my boss what can I do differently to qualify for a raise. Curiously, when I change my behavior, the possibilities are endless. And isn't it a good feeling to know with all the things going out of control in this world you can control your own behavior. And you don't have to control all those other people.

A personal note, I would like to thank Bob Gilbert for inviting me to write this column. It has given

me much pleasure to talk with old and new friends after each publication. Please keep calling.

The purpose of this column is to generate some thought and discussion with friends and family. This is just an old LRP's ramblings about life. I like telling stories and the next time I will share a story with you about a young man coming of age.

Thank you for reading my ramblings. **PEACE AND HAPPINESS.** John Looney, ACSW, Vet Center, 954 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 765-1193

Reunion '88 . . .

Make Your Plans Now !

. . . BE THERE !

## Membership and Renewals

An attaboy to Dan McIsaac and John Burford for being the first to renew their memberships. You retain your old number when doing so, but please indicate it is a **renewal** on your forms and/or check/money order.

With this newsletter I have made my commitment to all who attended the first reunion and to many, many, more whom we subsequently located and provided free newsletters to.

Beginning the first calendar quarter newsletter 1988, those who have elected not to **HOOKUP WITH US VIA MEMBERSHIP WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM OUR MAILING LIST.** Our members cannot carry that load and we have mailed to 3 1/2 times as many individuals as we have members this year. Full details for the 1988 reunion are forthcoming in the January-March edition of Patrolling.

## Lost Ranger

We are seeking Ranger McAlpine who was with Marvin Duren's team on April 23, 1971. If any of you recall his hometown please pass it on to Billy at (404) 347-2204. If he remained on active duty and you have seen him we need to know that.

## W O O F O

Now here's a song that must be sung

LURPS and RANGERS number one  
I'll sing to you, you sing to me  
'bout Airborne Ranger Infantry  
LURPS and RANGERS never quit  
and on patrol they do get hit  
they recon and they ambush too  
a prisoner snatch they'll do for you  
if you care enough to send the best  
LURPS and RANGERS passed the test  
they come by land and sea and air  
their derring do will raise your hair  
when you put them to the acid test  
in combat they will do their best

## 'Nam Photos and Information Sought

Jim England, (K/75) Association Secretary and author of **Long Range Patrol Operations**, is seeking information and photos on Vietnam-era LRP and Ranger units for use in a historical study and book on the LRPs and Rangers in Vietnam.

Due to limited space stories or information should be short or limited to unique events. Photos should be viewed the same way, with the more "faces" the better.

Photos and other items will be returned once copied. Insure photos include approximate dates, places, and so forth - names whenever possible.

Complete photo or information credit will be given. For more information call Jim England at (404) 322-7204, or write him at: 809 30th Street, Columbus, GA 31904.

## Letters

Dear Don Lynch:

I finally got off my duff and got my application in.

I guess by now you've already heard about the U.S. Army Ranger Association increasing dues 100%, being that I committed to lifetime membership two years ago.

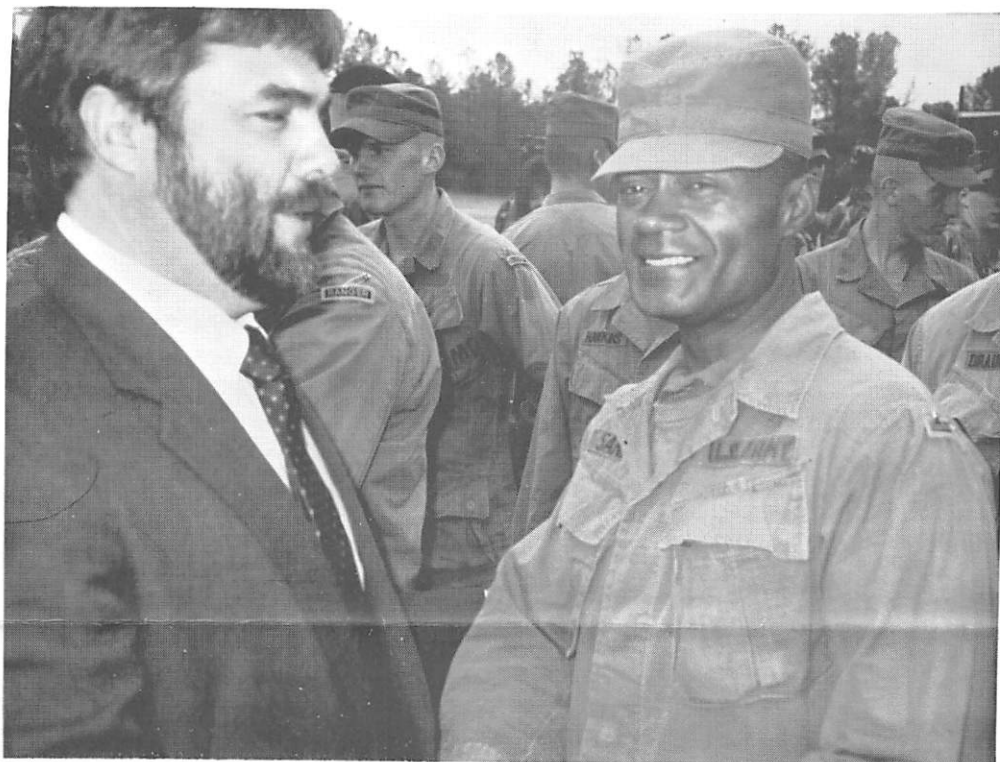
All I ever received was limited correspondence and a key chain for a \$100.00 fee.

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association appears to have its stuff together.

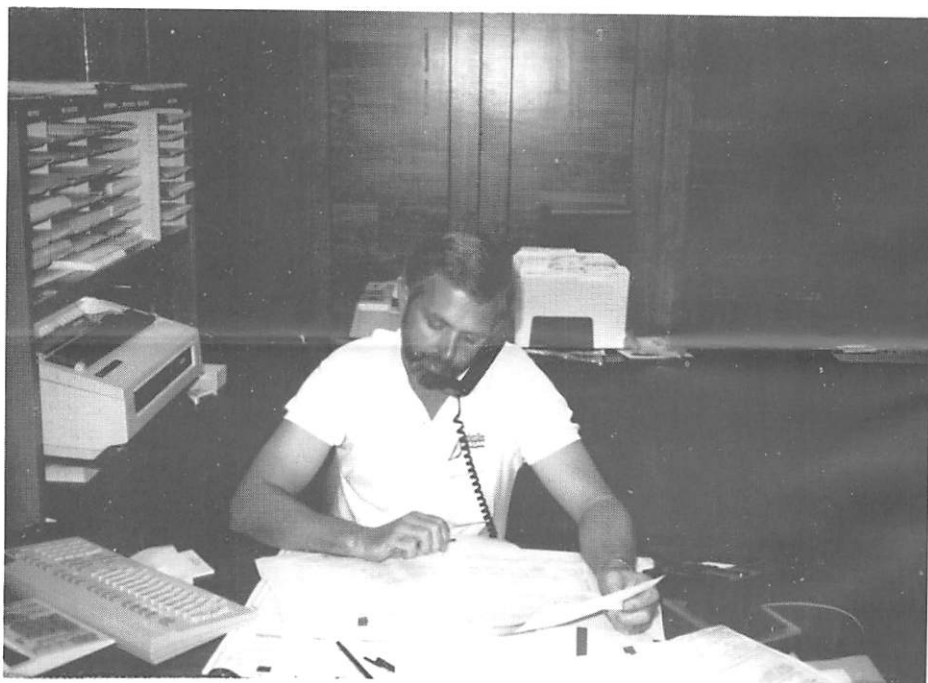
Enclosed is my dues and paperwork.

Thanks again, for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Robert Gallegos



*(L) Association Vice President Billy J. Nix, a DAV National Service Officer, pins the Ranger Tab on smiling SFC David Sandana, November 13, 1986. Nix and Sandana served together in Vietnam with L/75 Rangers during 1970-71. Sandana finally got his shot at Ranger School, at age 41.*



*Ranger Tom Rose, veteran of L/75th Rangers, at work as Nissan Dealership Manager, Lumberton, NC.*



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## Dedicated to the "Grenada" Rangers (Author Unknown)

A propblast roar through an open door,  
A heart-stopping leap o'er a foreign shore,  
The crack of a chute to slow the fall,  
With a handful of silk and God - that's all.

A tight young face grown suddenly old,  
From valiant service in the ranks of the bold,  
Drops to fight through the battle-born pall,  
With a handful of silk and God - that's all.

Filled with living - unwilling to die,  
Mocking the foe's hate laden cry,  
Drops through hell to answer the call,  
With a handful of silk and God - that's all.

To exploding earth from tracer ripped air,  
Bearding the dragon trapped in his lair,  
Dropping to kill through the dust of the brawl,  
With a handful of silk and God - that's all.



*CPT Raymond Thomas, currently serving with the 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, was a platoon leader and XO during the Grenada assault with the 2nd Bn (Ranger), 75th Infantry. After a stint at Regiment as a liason officer he moved to S-3, 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment.*



*CSM Gary Cupit, served with the 74th Inf Det LRP and N/75th Rangers between Feb 68 and 12 Apr 70. After more than two years as a combat Ranger, Cupit, graduated from the Army Ranger School in 1971 and served as a Ranger Department Instructor from 1971 to 1975 and 1980 to 1983. After assignment to the 75th Ranger Regiment as Regimental Operations NCO during February 1986 Cupit served in that capacity until he assumed duties as interim Regimental Command Sergeant Major from June to September 1987.*



*(L-R) Two French Foreign Legionnaires, Dave Quigley (L/75), and Guatemalan Army Officer, back row, former British soldier and Legionnaire. All were taking part in a jump with Guatemalan Paratroopers, July 1987.*

# Reunion '88 . . . Make Your Plans Now !

Below is the reservation card for the **principal** Hotel reunion attendees will be staying at. This is Columbus Georgia not N.Y. or L.A. and there is not anywhere near the room space available, therefore you may call:

**HILTON RESERVATION SERVICE 1-800-445-8667, or; COLUMBUS HILTON, (404) 324-1800**

The Hilton is 50 yards from the entertainment and food service we have scheduled for you. The next closest hotel/motel is 1/4 mile away and it gets progressively worse distance and quality wise, therefore, all you **PROCRASTINATORS TAKE NOTE!**

You must identify yourself as being with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association because we have most of the rooms blocked to a specific cutoff date. If you drag your feet you will not be where the hospitality room and all the other great things are happening.



**HILTON**  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Reservations are cancelled after 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless secured by a one night's deposit per room or accompanied by a major credit card number and expiration date. No refund of the deposit will be made if cancellation is made less than 24 hours in advance of arrival date. This reservation request must be received 30 days in advance of arrival date. Room rates are subject to applicable taxes.

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