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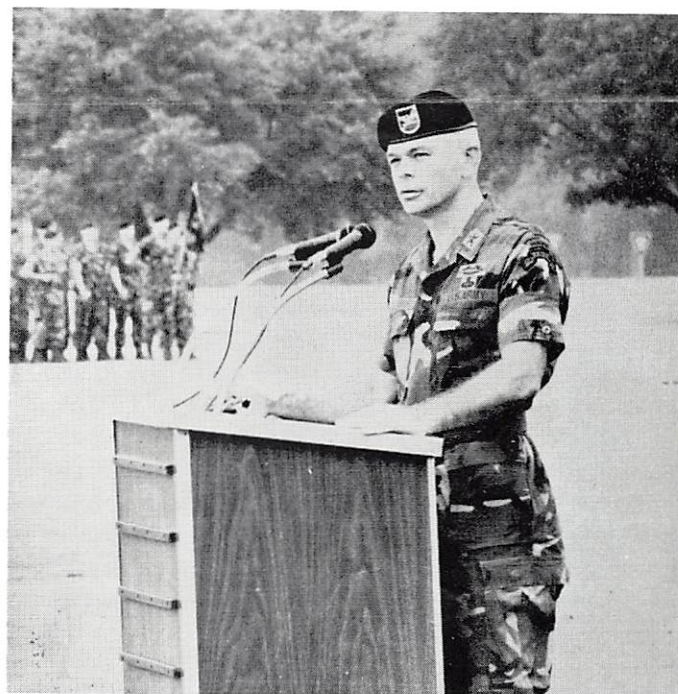
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GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER?

Colonel William F. (Buck) Kernan, Commander, 75th Ranger Regiment, who lead the Panama invasion with his Regiment during "JUST CAUSE" last December will be the guest speaker for the 2nd reunion at Colorado Springs, CO, on July 14, 1990. Commissioned through the Officer Candidate Program at Ft Benning, GA, during 1969, Colonel Kernan has served in the 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division (327th Vietnam), 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Infantry, 1st Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment and served as Deputy Commander 75th Ranger Regiment prior to assuming duties as the Commander, 75th Ranger Regiment on 30 June 1989, six months prior to leading the Rangers on their second combat jump. Colonel Kernan has also served as an Area Commander for Recruiting Command, an exchange Officer for the British Airborne where he Commanded Company C, 3 Para.



Colonel W.F. Kernan

BEST RANGER COMPETITION

After training with different partners one of whom was injured and the other caught pneumonia, winners of the ninth annual David E. Grange Jr Best Ranger Competition are SSG Mark Sheehan and Bobby Beiswanger from the 4th Ranger Training Bn (formerly the Ranger Department). Starting with forty-eight other teams on 27 April 1990, by 0'-Dark thirty the next morning only fourteen teams of the original 48 were left. Two years ago SSG Sheehan was the Fort Benning NCO of the Year. For the first time and it's about time, a unit from outside Fort Benning placed second. SSG Robert Prosser and SGT Charles Elliot from the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, CA, took those honors. Teams from Germany, Hawaii, Fort Devens, Ft Campbell, Ft Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Benning other than the winning team from Fort Benning competed.

NEW BOOKS

Don't run down to the bookstore just yet, but keep this date in mind. By June 1991 look for an Ivy Press book entitled EYES OF THE EAGLE. This is a two volume edition covering only the June 1968 to June 1969 time frame for Company F, 58th Infantry Long Range Patrol and its successor unit Company L, (Ranger), 75th Infantry (Merrills Marauders), Vietnam from the 101st Airborne Division. The author is Gary Linderer, one of our Charter founding members for this association. While I don't know precisely what Gary put in that book, you can almost bet your Static Line that it will include an F/58th heavy Team nearly overrun by the 5th NVA Regiment in November

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1968 and what L/75th Rangers were doing on Dong Ap Bia also known as "Hamburger Hill" when lightning hit the team right after a hailstorm (yup they got 'em at that altitude in the jungle) before they turned the operation over to the grunts for the battle of Hamburger Hill, the biggest Real Estate battle in Vietnam (and since the Korean War). By the time that is out Gary ought to be into other REAL not fiction things for Ranger/LRP perusal.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

PROCRASTINATORS LISTEN UP: This is your final newsletter if you have not renewed. We have carried you six months and two issues. Your names will be removed from the active members list. When you hookup again a different member number will be assigned. **HOWEVER:** Any and all hardship cases, i.e. those out of work for awhile through company work layoffs, etc, contact Billy Nix for uninterrupted newsletter flow. We know you'll be back on track soon. Like a car out of gas we cannot operate without funds. However, the generosity of your buddies from every unit allows us to keep you posted during a period of temporary down time.

**IN MEMORY OF ROBERT DRAPP, KIA 16 NOV 1970,
BY LARRY DUNNAGEN, 17 NOV 1970, PROVIDED BY
RONNIE EDWARDS, L CO, 1970-71.**

WRITTEN IN RED

All they want is killing Ma, there's nothing I can say, people around me dying Ma, more and more each day, can't hide that feeling Ma, that I might get it too, sometimes it scares me Ma, but there's nothing I can do. They told me my best friend Ma, they told me he is dead, don't believe em Ma, its unreal just something someone said, what can I do Ma, when I want to but cannot cry, could it be Ma the war causes something in you to die, too late but coming soon Ma, when the leaders have to pay, God be with em Ma, on their Judgement Day.

**NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY RANGERS, 75TH
RANGER REGIMENT PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE**

Now that your unit falls under operational control of the Special operations Command we no longer are concerned about ANTI-ELITISTS of the Regular Army smoking anyone because of your unit affiliation with this association. Some members are now in the 60's. The average Vietnam 75th Ranger is 40. You are not only eligible and have been for membership, now we are not afraid to allow active duty members to hold office. The Grenada, Panama and peacetime Veterans of the Regiment will be carrying this organization into the 21st Century. Your training, discipline and combat operations indicate you will lead, not follow. We are ready for you to hookup whenever the urge grabs you, but like we said back in 1986 and 1987 we will return the money to any active duty Ranger who tells us someone FORCED him to join this association. Most of us have been that route on active duty and we WILL NOT have any Soldier forced into joining. We do think for those leaving active duty after one hitch it will be a good way to maintain contact with Rangers...people you have something in common with. HOOAH!

HEY! HEY!

From 75th Rangers who made both blasts, Grenada and Panama, we learned the Panama operation went much smoother. WHY? Well, unlike the Vietnam Rangers who were at the mercy of every dingbat operating at any Staff level; or, unlike Rangers from the 1st and 2nd Battalions (Ranger) 75th Infantry who jumped in Grenada and really had no one who knew or understood their capabilities and limitations; or were in any position to provide the proper planning and supervision of Special Operations Forces like Rangers, the addition of a Regimental Headquarters and Staff, the inclusion of the Regiment into Special Operations and the upward mobility of Ranger Officers and Sergeants into positions of support and direct supervision, it had to fly. Reminds me of the jingle, "Good, better, best, never let it rest, until the good gets better and the better gets best."

DONATIONS

Since forwarding your 1990 renewal memberships and/or new membership cards we have received a total of 98 donations from individual contributors. Originally we indicated in our newsletters who donated and how much. Recently, after reading a copy of a letter from a former Paratrooper who lost a leg in the Korean War, who is now a millionaire, a different perspective surfaced, and we would like to share that with you. This man took his association President to task, in a letter, for publishing the fact that he had made a donation in the amount of \$7,000.00 for their museum. Previously he had made a number of big donations to his association...in the thousands each time. In essence, what he told the President of his (not our) association was: There are not too many guys out here who are in a position to be able to donate what I have. By publishing my name and the amount donated you have done several things, none of which I see as good. First, some people will think I am trying to be a big shot or seek to curry favor over others in the association. Secondly, those who provide most of your donations like a Dollar or two might stop doing so thinking all you have to do is tap the guys like me. Finally, you embarrassed the hell out of me by publishing my name and the amount. You did not make me any new friends by doing that. Although I will contribute in the future, keep in mind what I have just told you. To all 98...THANK YOU.

NEWLY LOCATED

Assuming duties as 1SG Company C, 2/18th Infantry, 197th Infantry Bde, Ft Benning, GA, we found SFC Aaron J. Duplessis, a former member of Company G/75th Ranger Infantry, 23rd Infantry Division, (Americal), Vietnam.

Following the Panama invasion by the 75th Ranger Regiment, we located one of their Rangers whose parachute collapsed causing him to freefall, with all that equipment and ammunition. He came all the way in suffering leg and spinal injuries. If he

has been moved, you can trace him through the Miami, Florida, Veteran's Hospital at 16th St and 12th Ave. Patrick McElrath, 19, Company C, 2nd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment was in Section 1-C, Room 168 when I last talked with him. His phone # is/was (305)547-3422. Patrick told us about another Ranger crippled when a chopper landed on him in Gredada and the name looks like William Sears whose phone # is (919)980-0052. Anyone who knows them or is in the same area code geographic area may want to touch base with these Rangers who gave it their best shot.

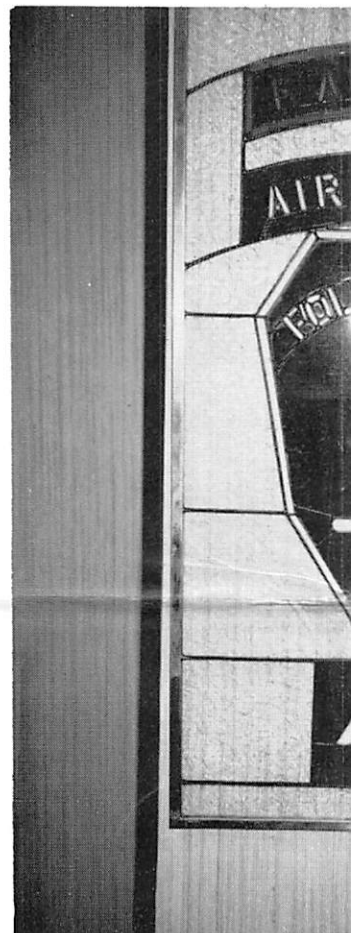
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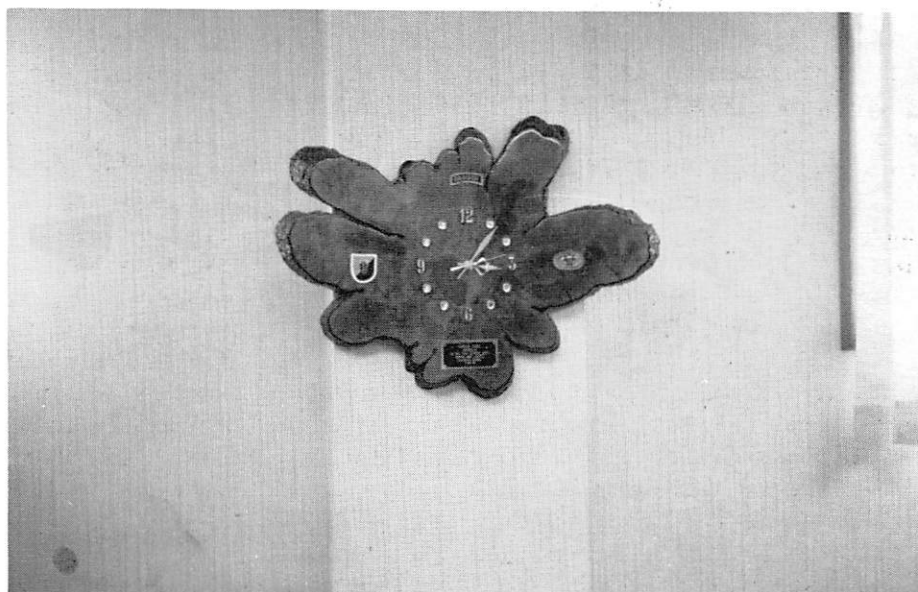
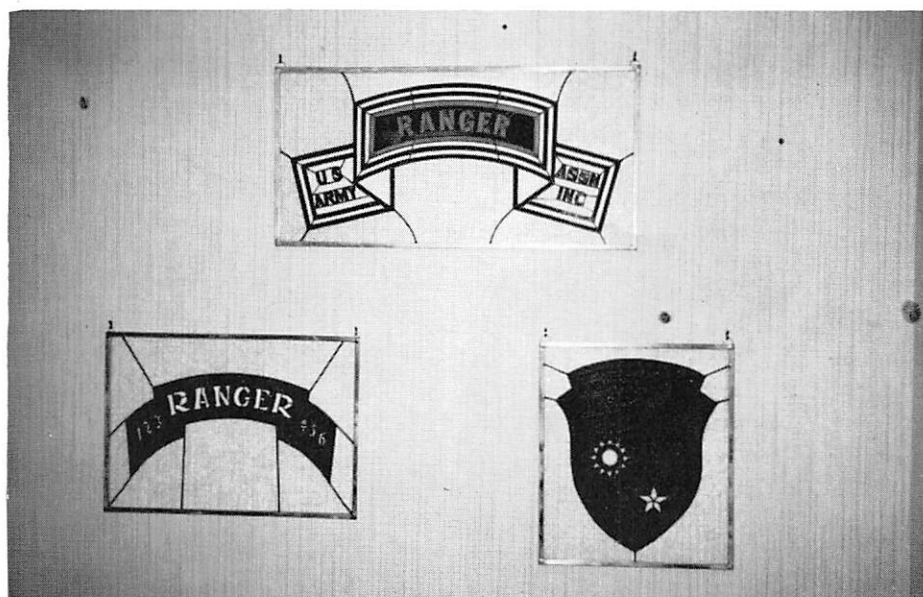
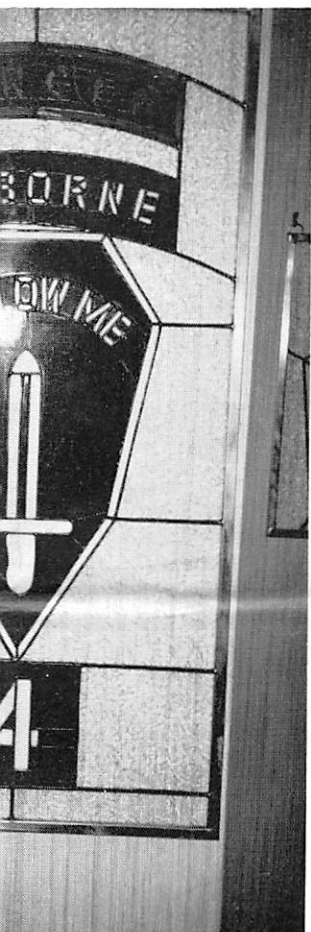
Of the five 75th Rangers killed in action in Panama, four were KIA at Rio Hato and one at the Torrijos/Tocumen Airport. A 15 February 1990 letter from Sgt Donald K. Sherman, Company C, 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment advises that PFC James Markwell, a 1st Bn Medic, was killed in action during JUST CAUSE in Panama. His family began a scholarship to be awarded in his honor to a graduate from his former high school. Sergeant Sherman advised the publicity required to raise funds for this scholarship to be successful is not easy to get. He asked that we print these few words asking for donations and further, that Markwell's family and Sgt Sherman will be most appreciative. Donations may be sent to:

JIM MARKWELL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
C/O Central Trust Bank, Dept 500
Cincinnati, Ohio 45296

LETTERS

Richard O. Martin Company F/75th Vietnam is asking for information regarding the MACV RECONDO School. He graduated from Class R-10-68 during TET. He never received his certificate or Recondo number. He has already attempted contact through the 5th Group, however, no one is able to tell him where the Archives are maintained. This looks like a case for the VP Roy Boatman who still has his toenails in the bark at Ft Bragg, however, ANYONE who can assist, call Billy Nix or write to him concerning this.





Note: Send your promotion data to Billy Nix, President.

TAPS

The following list was unavailable to us when the January-March edition of Patrolling was in print, however, we want to recognize those fine Rangers from the 75th Ranger Regiment, killed in action, in Panama, during Operation Just Cause. Concurrently, we would also like to applaud the leaders and trainers in the Regiment whose technical and tactical expertise, training and discipline of the Grunt who carries the fight to the enemy kept the casualties at a minimum, all factors considered. And to the Grunts who fought. HOOAH!

* SSG Larry Barnard, 29, Hallstead, PA, Co B, 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, Ft Benning, GA

* PFC Roy Brown Jr, 19, Buena Park, CA, Co A, 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, Ft Benning, GA

* Specialist Four Phillip Lear, 21, Westminster, SC, Co A, 2nd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, Ft Lewis, WA

* PFC James Markwell, 21, Cincinnati, OH, Hq & Hq Co, 1st Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA

* PFC John M. Price, 23, Conover, WI, Co A, 2nd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment, Ft Lewis, WA

NEW MEMBERS

David P. Czajkowski, K/75, Bill V. Holt, C/75, Aaron W. Kiser, F/51st LRSC, Paul Catozzi, 74th LRP and N/75, Victor Robinson, F/51st LRP, O/75 and P/75, James A. Rose, D, 151st Rangers, Henry B. Morton, D/75 and M/75, Sean P. Powers, Co B, L/75 Grenada

LETTERS

Gregory A. Kowalzyk, Company G/75th Rangers: Dear fellow members, thank you for sending my membership card for 1990. I am EXTREMELY PROUD and HONORED to be a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I am a former member and Team Leader of Team Hawaii, Co G/75th Rangers,

Chu Lai, Vietnam, 1969-70. Enclosed is a check for \$30.00 to cover membership dues with the remainder to be used by the association in its best interests. With future correspondence please send information of your voluntary contributions. I would like very much to contribute. As a Ranger, we were the best, we are the best and will always be the best. Rangers All The Way. Gregory A. Kowalzyk (Pollock) Company G/75th Infantry Ranger.

From T.S. "Speedy" Gonzales. Please publish my address in the newsletter and have anyone from F/51st LRP, P/75th and O/75th contact me if they so choose. I am working on a complete history of these units for history's sake to include rosters, unit orders, everything. Write me at: P.O. Box 14303, Austin, TX, 78761 or call me at (512) 926-LRRP. How does that phone number grab you LURPS?

For Delaware Rangers one of our own, former Team Leader Joseph Kline is throwing his hat in the ring for State Senator in Delaware. While our Constitution & By-Laws prohibit political activity by or in the name of the association, no one is prevented from letting you know who he is and what he is planning to run for or where. Joe is recalled by this writer as an intelligent, articulate and good Ranger Team Leader in the L/75th Rangers of the 101st. If I was a Delaware voter, which I am not, I'd vote for him just to kick an incumbent out of office and get some fresh air from a VETERAN flowing through the State House. This looks like an arena some other Rangers need to explore. The plethora of Vietnam DRAFT DODGERS either elected or appointed at the Federal level is appalling. The end result is too few voices in Congress speaking for the Veteran. Do we need more Veterans running for Public Office? Hell yes! Anyone interested may contact Joe Kline at H.O. Kline Transportation, Inc., 504 Rogers Road, New Castle, Delaware, 19720.

4th RANGER BATTALION RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE

What some of you used to call or know as the Army Ranger School or the former Ranger Department...is no more. Even the buildings are gone now. What you might recall is when you rounded a corner near the former area occupied (then) by the 4th Bn 69th Armor at Fort Benning, that corner was the one mile marker on the lung busting runs, some Ranger Students were already John Wayning it...staggering, heaving, etc, looking for sympathy no Ranger Instructor ever gives. That area is now occupied by the Ranger Training Brigade, the new name for the Army Ranger School. Commander of the 4th Ranger Training Bn is LTC Michael J. Pearce, a former Executive Officer and Deputy Commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment. His Executive Officer, Major Thomas Snukis, is a former Commander of Company C, 3rd Bn, 75th Ranger Regiment and a former Battalion S-5. Command Sergeant Major of the 4th Ranger Training Bn is CSM Donald Purdy. Purdy served in Vietnam with Company F/75th Rangers, 25th Division. One of the original Cadre when the 1st Bn 75th Infantry was formed in 1974, CSM Purdy served in Company C, 1/75th and later as 1SG, HHC 3rd Bn 75th Ranger Regiment. Prior to assuming his duties with the 4th RTB, CSM Purdy was the interim CSM for the 3rd Ranger Battalion. He has also served as a Ranger Instructor on previous tours. The 4th Ranger Training Battalion (4th RTB) is comprised of 20 officers and 220 enlisted men. They assumed the duties formerly known to many as Benning Ranger Committee (BRC) with its City Team, the one that ran you to death and Darby Team. The 4th RTB also trains selected individuals in a 28 day Long Range Surveillance Leader's Course. This is similar to the mission type training/execution of Vietnam Patrols, however, the sophistication of equipment available now if you use an analogy is the equivalent of saying the way it was done in Nam was Cave Man style (Knock 'em out John!). The 4th RTB also conducts a Light Leaders Course for those new fangled Light Infantry Divisions. That is also a course 28 days in length. A recent course taught by the RTB is 6 weeks in length, a basic

type course, taught to the Drug Enforcement Administration Agents (DEA) once a year. For those of you unaware of it, under the former Army Ranger School and LTG David E. Grange Jr., then a Colonel, the Ranger Department trained the first FBI SWAT Team during the early 1970's. Later, they or a SWAT Team trained by them took out the Symbionese Liberation Army in a MOUT type encounter in Los Angeles. What LTC Pearce and his Rangers have done at Harmony Church to Building 5000 is something to behold. They took an old rundown Task Force Desert that's a group of Rangers who train Ranger trainees in the high mountain areas of Utah at Dugaway, building, made a floor plan converting the old gym and building into a modern Headquarters building on a self help type project. Some of those Rangers showed they had other skills also. In the Battalion Secretary's office are lithographs honoring all Rangers such as Daniel Morgan, Mosby, Knowlton and Francis Marion (the swamp fox). In their conference room are association plaques, including one provided by the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. In the CSM's alternate CP are Ranger Department and RTB historical items and a stained glass Ranger Tab. An expensive lithograph called "Sergeant's Valor" was presented by the 4th RTB Officers to the Noncommissioned Officers. In the hallway are photos of various Ranger operations. They are proud to show off their Headquarters to passersby. See photos elsewhere in this issue. the woodwork, wallpaper and paint job along with the interior decorating is SUPER! A patio was built behind the Hq's for cookouts and rumor has it an Olympic swimming pool and tennis court are a gleam in someone's eyes out there.

*Send us a team photo for publication
Wartime, Peacetime, Anytime
Don't forget names, dates, etc.*

Reunion 1990 . . . FRAG ORDER

BE THERE.

JUST DO IT!

Patrolling IS NOT forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service when you change your residence. Forwarding a change of address insures you do not miss an edition and spares the association additional expense of relocating you and re-mailing your newsletter.

For your information: Patrolling is written the first month of each quarter, the layout work is usually completed the second month of each quarter and the printing and mailing is usually done by the third month of each quarter. Sometimes we are late. We ask your patience when we are because there is usually a valid reason for it. Four people from Montgomery, Alabama, through Columbus, Georgia, to Atlanta, Georgia, are involved. Patience, patience, patience!



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