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The agent orange payment program distributes a portion of the monies generated through settlement of Agent Orange Product Liability litigation to certain disabled veterans and the survivors of a deceased veteran under court guidelines. On 16 May 1990 the Internal Revenue Service issued a ruling that payments made to disabled veterans and survivors of deceased veterans are excluded from the recipients income for purposes of Federal Income Tax. Recipients of this income are not required to report it as income on their federal tax returns. BEWARE: State Income Tax Laws vary...check them out! If you have already filed or reported payment on your federal tax return, file an amended return with the IRS ASAP.

TAPS

CSM Neal R. Gentry was buried at his hometown of Caldwell, TX on 31 July 1990. Gentry was a former 1SG of Company L, (RANGER) 75TH Infantry Vietnam and Sergeant Major of the 1ST Bn (RANGER) 75TH Infantry when it formed during January 1974.

LETTERS

To the President, Board of Directors and Members of the Long Range Patrol and 75TH Infantry Regiment Association....Sirs, I thank you, and my heart and soul thanks you for your generously beautiful plaque, so worthy of a better man than I. Indeed, it was not necessary to go to all that expense. The deed I performed was a natural consequence of the stirring drive in my guts, my mind, my heart and soul for my warrior brothers in uniform. It is indeed, that which unifies us all in our association with one another. But our brotherhood does not end there, sirs, it begins there. You see the 75TH Ranger Regiment Association is my "family" too. I know deep in my heart and soul and every fiber of my body that I am one with my "family" as I am one with the earth and my God. I mean, we are all kin, all of the same blood,

all of the same honor, dutifully bounded to our country and each other. A special breed of individuals until the day we die and meet the greatest Ranger of them all, the Ranger in the sky. Only then will we prepare for another Special Operations mission only we can handle. My "mother" and "father" approve of my "family" and feel they have everything to do with it. Cause my "mom" is America and my "pop" is the U.S. Constitution with its Bill of Rights. My brothers are you, all the LRRPs and Rangers and my sisters are your mates, all the LRRP/Ranger women. I understand the depth of my writing as I understand the depth of my admiration for my "family" and my warrior brothers. There again, you can see, that it was just a normal natural consequence of my love that I went to San Antonio to visit my wounded brothers who fought in Panama. How could I pass it up? My brothers were hurt.....and I have always watched over the ones I love!! Sincerely,
Richard Gamez: F/52 Inf LRP 1ST Inf Div

Please give my new address to any of the 1st Div. Rangers & LURPS. Unable to make the 1990 reunion. My experience is in Public Relations, Sales and Sales Management, however things are not perking in a good financial mode in Texas at this time, however we have the basics of food, clothing and shelter covered. I still teach Bible as a Minister, but there is no income attached to that function. JESUS is the most important person in the Goshen household. We are thankful for what we do have. **Bill Goshen, 813 N. Stewart, Azle, TX 76020 F/52 Inf LRP & I/75TH** (Note: If anyone can use Bill Goshen's skills or knowledge contact him directly at his address)

Colonel George B. Utter, Company E/52nd Inf LRP has been assigned to El Salvador for fifteen months. Keep a frag handy George, we've never seen a Communist who didn't freak out when you pull the pin..

CONGRATULATIONS COL. KERNAN on your nomination for BRIGADIER GENERAL

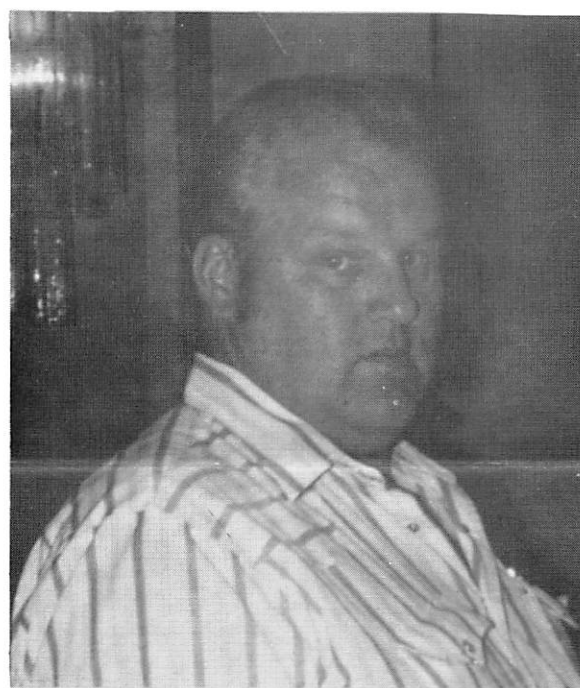
To: The 75th Ranger Association. Thanks very much for the attractive plaque. Just thought I'd let you know it is proudly displayed in my office. This Air Force Officer is only one of many who understand the special role you folks played and continue to play in defending this country. **Keep leaning forward.** Captain Arnold Holcomb, US Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL (Note: Captain Holcomb began entering our data into his computer during 1987 when our in house computer person jumped ship for about eight months then returned to the association, taking up where he left off and without explanation. When the same thing occurred during July 1989 Captain Holcomb made @ 2000 data entries in less than two weeks, on his own time. He has transferred his data to Roy Boatman, former Vice President, now Secretary, a Former Team Leader in the 74th LRP and N/75 Rangers. A businessman himself, Roy has several thousand dollars in computer equipment at home (just in case someone wants to LURP him) and will be handling both the association rosters and the newsletter. As to the newsletter, we will see to it that you receive it on time, otherwise send Roy a note and communicate with him directly. He already has your address labels loaded in the computer. After discussing it with Roy last week, we have a future requirement for individuals with computer skills. People who are of the hacker ability. Roy understands that lighting could strike and we would be in a hurt again without a backup system, so contact him if you have those skills.) **President Bob Gilbert**

There exists in your association today, an effort to undo past in-judices allowed by paper pushers in the U.S. Army Military Historical Section. Those individuals, in all their wisdom, have a reputation for ignoring that specific units did, in fact, exist in the United States Army. As an example, there are those who believe that the first LURPS or Long Range Patrol units in Vietnam were formed in 1967, when Headquarters Department of the Army, approved in writing, Long Range Patrol units of the 50th, 51st, 52nd, 58th, 70th, 71st, 74th, 78th, 79th Infantry Companies or Detachments were formed from, usually, the existing LRRP, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol units that were authorized, "IN COUNTRY" because they were needed to secure tactical and strategic intelligence. The Department of the Army does not and has not recognized the PROVISIONAL RECONNAISSANCE UNITS that were operating since 1965. In other words guys, it is OK to be a volunteer for hazardous missions, we will let

you wear funny uniforms and headgear to set you apart because we need you crazy bastards..... no one else has the guts to perform missions like this. So we'll just drive a few of the real BIG TIME, dress right dress and cover down types wacky by allowing you to wear the unauthorized uniforms and insignia and carry weapons of your own choosing.... in order to get the job done. Later on they can Article 15 or Courts Martial you for wearing unauthorized insignia but right now we need your skills and daring. A point at hand is that for us who served in the first Cavalry Division knew that LURP units were trained by the 11th Air Assault during 1964. I personally know we had LURP Teams called "Pony Teams" (What else in the Cavalry), operating during 1965/1966. These are Rangers with a different name. They, like many special operations units had no "OFFICIAL" headquarters. Pony Team members remained in their Rifle Companies until a LURP mission was scheduled. They were detached from their companies, formed into Pony Teams, prepared, conducted and returned from their Long Range Patrol missions, Recon, Ambush, Raid, Prisoner Snatch, etc, were debriefed and then returned to their Rifle Companies until the next LURP mission was needed. These units were separate and distinct from the Battalion Recon Platoons who DID NOT conduct like missions. Therefore I think it is quite stupid for LRP units formed during 1967 by HQ DA to think they were the first LURPS, when these brave soldiers went down that road before many of us did. One thing I have liked about this association which I am currently Vice President of from July 1990 to July 1992 is that any individual who is able to prove that he served in one of the many units not recognized by HQ DA through orders issued to that TDA unit, formed out of in house resources to get the job done, like the Provisional Reconnaissance Units (PRU's)--the forerunner of the Phoenix Program or regular units such as the 1/101 LRRP who at least on one occasion pulled a Classic Airmobile Raid on the Vietcong, killing a Big Time VC Bossman no one else was able to touch and who had an entire area or zone under his life or death control. It has been and will continue to be the policy of this association that if you can prove it "pull up a chair brother." If there is any or some doubt but the chance that you did is fair to middling,

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you may still make it in if someone vouches for you and what your unit did. Among the various Ranger Associations are individuals, **Purists** if you will, who insist that if one has not attended specific schools they are therefore, "**not fully qualified**", to be entitled to the name **Ranger**. If this be true, how is it that the United States Army counts mounted Cavalry, Mosby's Rangers, Morgans Rangers, Texas Rangers and others too numerous to enumerate here. **RANGER SCHOOL** if you recall, only began in late 1951 or early 1952. Prior to that the Korean and WWII Rangers trained as Squads, Sections, Platoons, Companies, and Battalions. No one was tested **except the leaders**. All everyone else had to do was be able to handle their weapons, keep up and be mean as catsh-t! The modern Ranger is tested through the school in four phases of patrolling and must pass each phase, **as an individual Ranger**. Where do some of these guys get off who only had to keep up acting like they fought a **Holy War**? It probably takes someone like the new association president, who has been around the maypole a few times, to qualify my points here. A tabbed Ranger himself when many of us were in elementary school, he worked in a variety of positions at the Ranger School. He is quick to tell anyone with a chip on their shoulders about his Specialist Forth Class Patrol Leaders, Anderson, Peterson, Bielesch, Roberts and others who could use any aircraft in the inventory with precision and handle high angle fires from the USS New Jersey as well as anyone with six months at the Artillery School FO course. He will also tell you about those (very few) tabbed Rangers including a former instructor with the Benning Ranger Committee, who quit his Ranger Company after a single patrol... those who could not cut the mustard. He will also tell you about those Redlegs, Cooks, Signal Corps types, Mechanics and others who took up the challenge, OJT'd in combat to **earn** their right to be called **Ranger**... with or without special training or schooling in a safe environment. When volunteers were asked for, we said, "here I am, take me." My point is what higher price can a man be willing to pay other than dying to belong? **Vice President: Duke DuShane, Team Leader, P/75 Rangers, DMZ, Khe Sahn and other luxury tours, like the Ia Drang Valley, 1965**

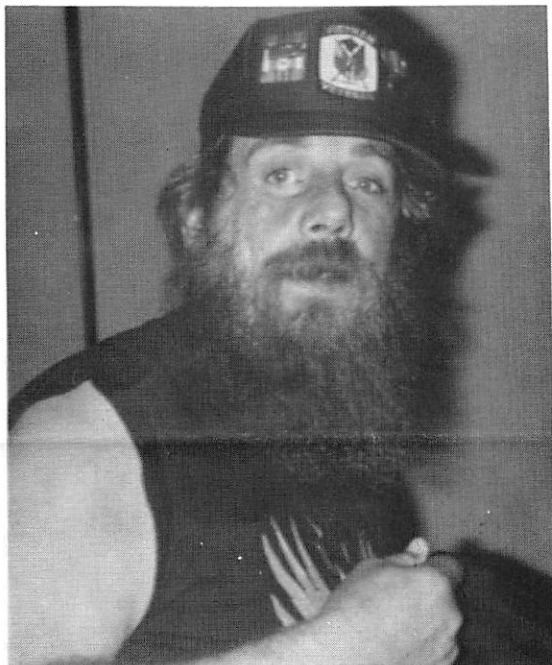


Tom Blue, M/75th Rangers If you were a 97lb dink how'd ya like to run into this guy in the jungle.



With Colorado Springs as a backdrop this is the first time these P/75th Rangers have been this close to the field together in twenty years. L to R: Larry Smith, Luke Ferguson, C.O., Kevin Mayer, Duke DuShane, Garry Norton, Mitch Brown and Mike Rossi.

Pictures in this issue were taken by Charlie Rose and are available from him for 65 cents for the first copy and 50 cents each for additional copies. Contact Charlie at: 505-831-6523 or write him at 325 Yucca, N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87105



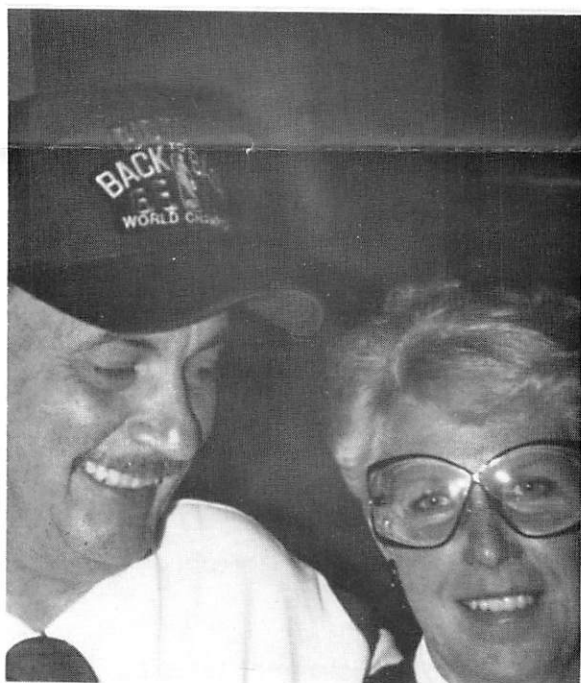
Ranger Larry Smith, P/75th. This sole survivor of Dowd's Dirty half dozen leaped into a door gunners seat after their chopper took anti-aircraft fires and placed suppressive fires on the AA Batteries as their bird crash landed.



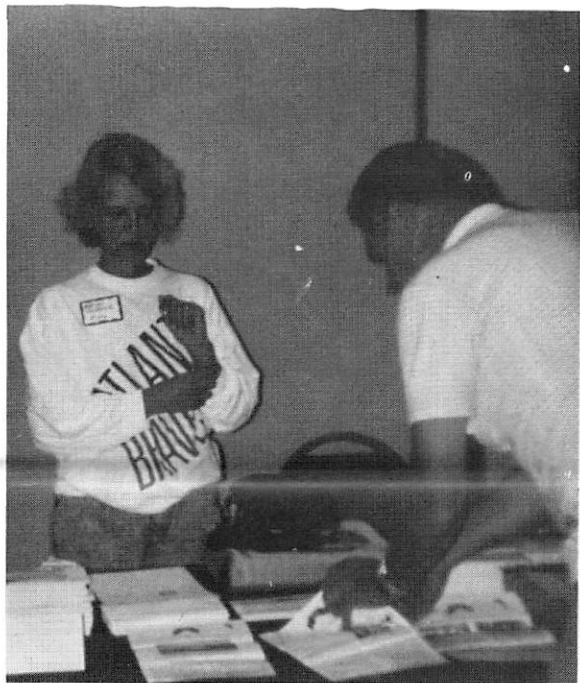
This painting by Duke DuShane, Vice President, of all major unit insignia and scrolls has so much clarity, some Rangers and LRP's thought the insignia were real until they touched them and learned it was a painting



Rocky & Grace Mayer practicing....first you put your right foot



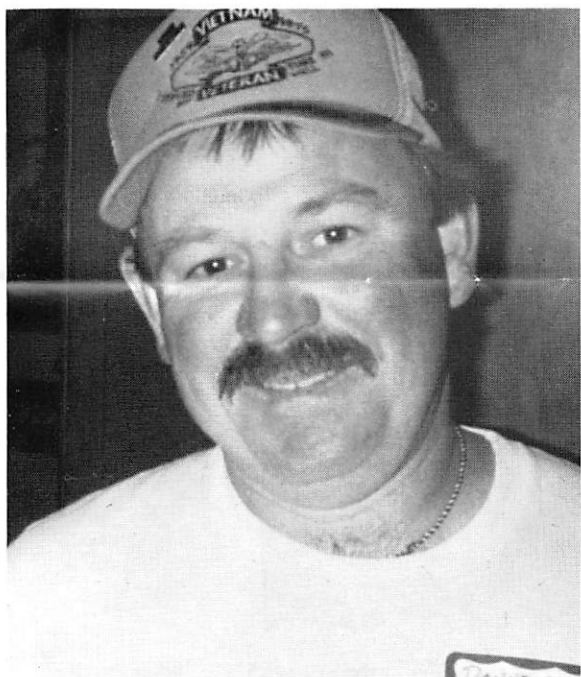
Mike and Judy Patrick, E/50th LRP.



Marion DuShane passed out copies of newsletters and helped register people coming in as Roy Nelson skims newsletter



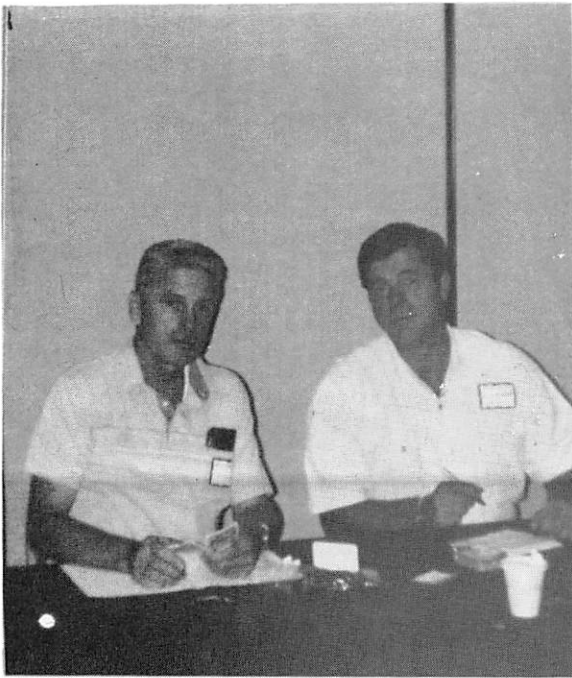
Joyoe & Roy Boatman handling registration chores Edith Nelson was in there pitching also but missed the photo session here.



DANNY LYONS E/58th LRP
HAD A GREAT TIME



Oliver Williams "Papasan" C/75th we also have photos of him and his handsome son from Charlie Rose.



Roy Nelson and Steve Castile, G/75 selling scrolls & counting money.



Luke & Duke, C.O. & Team Leader reunited, P/75th.



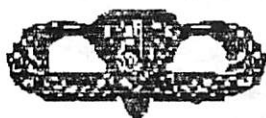
L to R: John Kiefel L/75th walked point for a year (with a few 10 minute breaks) and Paul Morquez L/75 & H/75th.



Portraits: By C.J. DuShane Vice President, P/75 Rangers. L to R: Cobined portraits of Medal of Honor recipients: Robert Law I/75th, Laszlo Rabel 74th Inf. Det. LRP, Robert Pruden G/75th. individual Portraits of Law, Rabel and Pruden, in order, to the right. Colonel Kernan, Regimental Commander who led the Panama Parachute Assuait is on the far right.



L to R: Birdie & Jim Graves WWII 5th Ranger Bn. At 0700 D-Day Europe on Omaha Beach, Graves overheard a Division Commander whose unit was pinned down on the beach tel Mam Schneider, CO 5th Ranger Bn., "Rangers, Lead the Way." 1SG Butts, F/51st LRP, Tom Grzybowski, F/51st & I/75th, Bill Walsh and Mark Eastman of F/51st.



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