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RUMOR CONTROL

Rumor has it that one of the founders of our organization (Don Lynch) #001 is going to have his number revoked and reissued to someone else. We would like to squelch that rumor now. Don Lynch was the catalyst for our association. He checked out of the net for personal reasons. He deserves our respect for his wishes. Don's # will not be revoked or reissued. His number will remain in perpetuity as it currently is. We hope all the members and future members of this organization realize the contribution that Don has played in the founding of this association. 75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSN.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal time is here. Here's whats happening. You will receive an envelope in the mail with your new card enclosed. Take out the card and send your payment in the envelope that is provided to Nick Gibbone. You will then be a member in good standing and will continue to receive PATROLLING. Please follow the directions on the envelope. Send check or money order only. Do not send dues until you receive your renewal envelope:

LETTERS

SGT Harold D. Sides P/75 was killed in September 1970 during an insertion. SGT Sides was in in his second year of college and not subject to the draft but felt a need to serve his country as his father had done. He took Basic, Jump School and was picked to attend NCO school where he graduated and then went to Vietnam. Duke DuShane was his his team leader on his training missions. Duke says, "he was an easy going guy and one you knew you could count on." The story doesn't end here, John Sides, Harolds father contacted Jim Savage from an annoucement about our reunion. Jim contacted Duke at the reunion and Duke decided to stop in Kemp, TX on his way back to Georgia. Duke says, "we were treated like family", by the Sides. Duke

then contacted Jay Lutz, a member of SGT Sides team when he was killed. Jay had letters, poems and pictures of SGT Sides. Jay and Mr. Sides now correspond frequently. A father has realized his dream of locating his sons friends. That's what having an association is all about. Mr Sides has received an Affiliate membership application and he states he would be honored to attend our next reunion. The honor is ours. We do not forget our brother RANGERS who paid the highest price, not now, not ever. **Duke DuShane**, **P/75**

UNIT SPECIAL FUND

N/75th & 74th LRP have established a fund to help individuals from their unit to attend the national reunion in 1992. Dick James (former CO) and Roy Boatman have made contributions and ask that other members of N/75th & 74th LRP make a contribution to help defray the cost to less fortunate members. Roy Boatman, Association Secretary Sounds like Rangers helping Rangers to us!!!!!!!

STATIC LINE

Are you aware of a paper style publication called Static Line? This paper is published monthly and contains info and articles about all Airborne units past and present. A column for our Assn. is generally included. To subscribe to Static Line write Don Lassen, Box 87518, College Park, GA 30337

POEM

SGT Frank Winters C/1/75th was killed on 25 Sep 1987 in a helicopter crash at Ft. Bragg NC. Roy Boatman N/75 attended the memorial ceremony at the JFK Chappel and Dick James N/75 attended the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetary. Mrs Winters, Franks mother, recently sent us a poem written by Frank. Titled, "I'LL NEVER FORGET." The misery, the smell of aircraft fuel, the hot blast of the C-130, the sound of the C-130 in the distance, the smell of coridite when you fire your rifle, the ringing in your ears after firing your weapon, the pain in your shoulders from your ruck, the taste of your own

sweat in your mouth, the wetness of the swamps, the bitter cold, the friends I've made and lost, the cool air when the aircraft doors open, the ground so far below with its slight haziness, the sound of the static lines hitting together as you jump, the hundreds of tracers arcing so gracefully away from you, the shadows moving as the flare decends, the initial shock of the assualt as weapons go off, the wind in your face and legs dangling from the helicopter, the dry mouth before a jump, the hate of the night falling and waking up before the sun rises, the unending road marches and pain, the feeling of getting a letter, coming in from the field, of sleeping as late as you wish, of eating all you want, of being as warm as you want, the feeling of the ground after a jump, the joy of leave, the pride in myself, the arrogance I carry around, the 1st Ranger Battalion. SGT Frank Winters, C/1/75th Ranger Regiment.

CORRECTION ON PANAMA KIA's

SPC Phillip Lear B/2/75 was not assisgned to A/2/75 as stated in Issue II. Any oversight on our part was purely accidental. In addition a Scholarship Fund has been established. Donations can be sent to the following add ress:

United Assembly of God Church School Phillip Scott Lear Scholarship Fund PO Box 996, Seneca, SC 29679

REVISITED AO

Robert C. Sampson 71st LRP & M/75 visited an old AO in September 1989. After being inserted in a area south of Xuan Loc on the 1st of Jan 1970, his team made heavy contact with a large enemy force. He and another man on the team were wounded and extracted on the 3rd day of the patrol. Twenty years later while in Vietnam doing a documentary he met a major who fought in this contact. This major said they captured two men but later killed them when they tried to escape. Robert would like to hear from anyone who was envolved in this patrol and anyone from M/75. Robert Sampson, 1737 North First St, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95112-4523

DONATIONS

Over the past months several people have made donations. Don Johnson C/75, Dan McIssac L/75, Tony Libassi L/75, Frank Feil L/75, Dave Quigley L/75, Don Harris E/75, Bruce Sartwell E/75,Ed Beal H/75, Mrs Winters. Thanks Y'ALL!!!

CONTIBUTORS

There is another silent group of contributors in this association. These are the guys who become aware they have a former teammate who is not making it big right now, with layoffs, etc. These silent Rangers reach out and purchase memberships for their temporarily out of work friends. Others have paid for rooms, meals and even transportation to and from

reunions for their less fortunate buddies. We know who most of you are and sincerely appreciate your continuing efforts. We need to discuss at this reunion membership meeting not only tightening the grip on our Vietnam buddies but also sponsoring some active duty Rangers to the reunions.

PANAMA RANGERS

Company C, 3/75 was detached from the the 3rd Bn. and taken by bus, with blackout type windows to Hunter Army Airfield, Savanah, GA where they joined the 1st Ranger Bn, for the parachute assault at the (so called) civilian airport, Torrijos/Tocumen. After a fast airport takedown which included one Ranger kicking a PDF in the butt so hard, he flew out of the latrine window and was promply shot, once. The Rangers hunkered down for awhile during and after the approximately one hour later drop by the 82nd Airborne. Ranger fire control and discipline should become a standard for the Army. Later C/3/75th Ranger went on to take down the place you saw on TV, the Commendancia. You recall artillery firing direct fires at the place for about twelve hours? The Air Force hit it with a WOOFO type bomb and the building just sighed. The Light Infantry Battalion ordered to secure the Commendancia were into everything but the mission socco.... old Chomping Charlie 3/75 under the command of Captain Dochnal took charge and ran a classic building takedown. Several of his Rangers were wounded when a PDF dropped a grenade down the stairwell, catching a few Rangers exposed between floors. None were KIA's which, considering the firefights C/3/75 engaged in both at the airport and Commendancia, are a tribute to excellent leadership and training. The whole outfit is like that, not just Chomping Charle 3/75.

FOUND A RANGER

Wearing the 75th Scroll on a black baseball hat, I ran into another Ranger not far from where I live. When he saw the scroll it blew his mind. He stopped, came over, and in a few minutes it was as if we had known each other in a different time and place. Thanks to the scroll you sent me, I now have another friend close to where I live and I am sure we will have a lot to talk about. He is interested in the association and here is his address. **Gary Frye, C/75** (We contacted Charles Hunt M/75)

PROMOTIONS

To O-6, George B. Utter, E/52: To SFC, Howard H. Mullen 2/75 Grenada: To O-6, Robert L. Guy L/75: LTC(P) Michael Pearce, 4th Bn, RTB.

T - SHIRTS

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AN OPEN LETTER CONCERNING THE: ARMY RANGER FEDERATION

Following our July 1990 Colorado Springs reunion, I became involved with a group of individuals, specifically, the U.S. Army Ranger Association President, a couple of his Vice Presidents and Treasurer who were promoting, for at least a full year, a new, uncharted, non-entity called the Army Ranger Federation, (ARF). ARF, like the U.S. Army Ranger Association was attempting to become a so called "umbrella" for all of the various Ranger associations.

My first question to myself was, if the various associations rejected the U.S. Army Ranger Association (USARA) as an umbrella, what could its successor offer, especially since it was an issue from the same source? From two separate sources, information started pouring in. I had just 3 1/2 weeks to accomplish what eight months really required for a full review and input from all of our members.

The first thing that leaped out of their 51 page By-Laws was that despite their promises to the contrary, the individual Ranger associations were going to become submerged. Vvirtually all authority in any given association would be lost, one way or another, to ARF, through six levels of stratification or authority over the entire association.

Our Long Range Patrol and Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol members were being issued second class membership by ARF. Iin ARF's opinion, they are not REAL RANGERS. I am going to clear up some of that hockey right now for those individuals who profess knowledge of LRP and LRRP units and really know nothing about them.

Without Department of the Army approval, those units such as LRRP and Provisional Reconnaissance Units (PRU) were formed in Vietnam for the main purpose of gathering intelligence. The Long Range Patrol (LRP) units had DA approval, i.e. sanctioned by DA where the LRRP/PRU were formed to fill a need DA planners thought non existent.

Some of our LRRP and LRP members have been TDY to units like MAC-SOG, (Military Assistance and Observation Command-Studies Vietnam, a great cover name. Long before the Phoenix program some of our members were taking out the Vietcong infrastructure piece by Special NVA targeted individuals were taken out by our LRRP and LRP Rangers. A lot of our people were TDY to Special Forces units also. One of the greatest misnomers in LRRP was the word reconnaissance. Certainly the LRRP performed those recon intelligence gathering missions of great importance to the Field Army providing immediate use combat intelligence and, often, some strategic intelligence. The LRRP and

LRP units that preceded the 75th Ranger units in Vietnam performed, at one time or another, every mission designated for U.S. Army Rangers, from Platoon sized Airmobile Raids to Company sized Raids, prisoner recovery, snatch, ambush, snuff missions and reconnaissance.

Long Range Patrol and Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol units are not and were not second class Rangers. They were simply called something different.

Like the majority of the Rangers who followed them in Vietnam, Grenada and Panama from the 75th Ranger Battalions and Regiment, the vast majority of those who carried the fight to the enemy were not graduates of the U.S. Army Ranger School. Does that mean that the four out of five men killed in Panama who were not graduates of the Ranger School should not be recognized as Rangers? Give me a break!!

There were many, many items in the Constitution and By-Laws of ARF that were, universally, found undesirable by your unit directors. I have to applaud those directors for responding so quickly (within 2 weeks) to my request for input. Although each director wrote an individual response, the Army Ranger Federation was rejected, in toto, by your directors. Your Officer Directors did not have to vote, the unit Directors message was clear. NO!

I reported our collective opinions to the ARF proponents on 10 September 1990 at the Holiday Inn, Columbus, GA. C.J. (Duke) DuShane had to take the first part of the meeting, over an hour for me. Later that night Duke revealed to me that the ARF proponents had ejected one of the former U.S. Army Ranger Association members and proponents of ARF from the Motel before I arrived. He is a retired Army Major, one who lost a leg in Vietnam. That Major had acquired a \$10,000.00 grant from DuPont Corporation in the name of the U.S. Army Ranger Association for the Best Ranger Competition. After he turned the money over to ARF rather than USARA (one and the same leaders) there came an apparent coup de etat personality spawned. apparently through conflict(s) with more than one of the ARF proponents.

After reporting the 100% rejection of ARF, by the association directors, I left, unfortunately without giving them what I already had in writing. Duke can confirm it and so can Billy Nix because I read it to Billy three days earlier to see if he thought anything needed changed. Billy had been working with ARF for about year,

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himself, however, none of what he read in their By-Laws was what he agreed to with ARF. The organization was seeking a Congressional Charter, there would be Commanders, Vice Commanders, Adjutants, six levels of authority and influence, WE would be called a Ranger Detachment Separate, rather than the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn., in other words, like a virgin under Aztec Indian culture, we were about to submit to being skinned alive if we acquiesed..

Since our Directors rejected ARF which is really only four people trying to be all they can be, they took another track. Following rejection by the WW Il Ranger Battalions Assn., and the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn., for identical rationale, one, or more, of the ARF sponsors became an Agent Provocateur. ARF has only been accepted by Mr. Piazza of Merrill's Marauders, and, to the best of our knowledge, and from what at least one of thier members has told us, the Marauders did not vote on ARF during their reunion at Savanah, GA this past Labor day.

The U.S. Army Ranger Association President, two Vive-Presidents and a Treasurer voted yes. Who are they? They are the ARF proponents! Rejected as an umbrella as the U.S. Army Ranger Assn the same people returned dressed up as ARF blowing the same smoke, only more of it, trying to take over established associations. RICA did not attend or vote.

Keep in mind, ARF is only an idea. They have no charter or money . The U.S. Army Ranger Assn. has been dying for years. They are flat broke. They have been characterized for the past five years, 1985 - 1990 by internal conflicts which continued through elimination of a position to rid themselves of an individual... the one who acquired \$10,000.00 from the Dupont Corp recently, and turned it over to ARF, they gave it to the Ranger School.

ARF, a non-entity, has spawned conflict in other associations already. We are having none of it. Your unit representatives or Directors properly rejected ARF and in record time, individually. ARF would micromanage associations to the degree that certain members would be directed to wear specific items of apparell, a certain way. They would permit us to conduct meetings at their gatherings. After allowing the U.S. Army Ranger Assn. to slide into oblivion while they promoted ARF, the same people want to assume a leaders role over established Ranger organizations.

Why have they not promoted the same program unders auspices of the organization they were elected to posistions of trust in, the U.S. Army Ranger Association? Because it was a loser and so is ARF.

We have too much individual time, effort, money and energy invested to submit to organizational rape by a few individuals with big ideas by turning a growing association whose finances have been in the black since day one over to anyone or group promoting self.

I have seen the infighting commence in the Marauders and Korean Ranger Associations already because of the ARF proposals. Apparently they are attempting to divide the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn. also. My experience has been that when you keep people informed, rather than keeping them in the dark like a mushroom and feeding them BS, the right thing occurs. We are not going to have our LRRP or LRP called #2 Rangers for purpose of membership in ARF or for any other reason. Your Directors did a great job in record time in rejecting that ARF (woof woof) attempt to tell us what to do, wear to meetings, etc.

FINI ARF!! Bob Gilbert, President



Taking the Directors seriously, recently observed digging in against ARF manuevers, in depth.

For those sending photos, please don't send your originals - have a print made to send. I would hate for one to be lost in the mail or ruined. Especially since most of them can't be We have very limited space for photos and articles. If your photo or article doesn't appear right away, please give us a reasonable amount of time. Roy Boatman

IF YOU FIND MESTAKES

in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes !!!!!!!!.

New Members

Francisco Villonueva A/75, H/75: Dennis Strawn C/75: Richard Noble K/75: Tom Sagan G/75: Clarence Avery G/75: Patrick Thiele E/51, G/75: Stephen Crabtree G/75: Gary Gentry G/75: Randall Lusk 1/75: David Chaisson N/75: Bill Jang 74th LRP: Ken Robinson 1/75: Michael Rubinstein C/75: Timmothy I/75: Douglas Flanagan F/75: Larry Smith P/75: Herschel Gilley P/75: Gabriel Dominguez 2/75: Marice Arnold 2/75: Edward Campbell 1/75: Daniel Lyons E/58: John Sides (Father of Harold Sides, KIA P/75) Welcome Y'ALL

D/151 RANGER, Indiana National Guard

It sounds like all hell has broken loose in the Ranger ranks among the alumni of Korea. Vietnam and WWII....I have not received any information about the U.S. Army Ranger Association or Army Most likely, since we Ranger Federation(ARF). were affiliated with the Indiana National Guard, they don't consider us Real Rangers. (Note: See presidents letter in this issue concerning LRRP,LRP and non-tabbed Rangers). My opinion is, only one association, and that is the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, of which we are proud to be a brother unit. D Company 151st Ranger is alive and well and very satisfied with our current arrangement with you. We will not be endorsing or signing on with any other federation or associations... who wants to be associated with a bunch of losers? I am glad to hear about F/51 LRP attending the reunion for the first time. Yes, our company did replace them in December 1968. Some of their members stayed in our company for several months. When we replaced them they were about at half strength due to DEROS, wounds and injuries. Has the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn. been able to recruit some of the active army members who were envolved in the Grenada and Panama operations? (Answer to that is yes, however unlike other military fraternal organizations we only accept those who want to be one. If we learn of anyone on active duty was ever forced to join us their money will be returned. We welcome them whenever they feel the urge to join). Our association is currently putting a two hour film documentary about our Vietnam experience from December 1968 to December 1969. I would appreciate it if you would place an article in the newsletter for anyone who served in our unit during Vietnam who has slides, that we can duplicate, we would be most appreciative of their donation. The documentation is being done with 8mm film photos, audio tapes and interviews with members of the unit. We expect to have it completed by August 1991 and will offer copies at cost to anyone interested. We hope to be able to attend your 1992

reunion, please keep me informed of the progress. If you need my assistance in fighting with some of the other associations, give me a call. **Right on Larry.** An interseting side note is that some of the D/151 men are in the Long Range Surveillance element of the Indiana Guard now and one of their members, Marvin Bell, served in Ranger units in Korea, Veitnam, and the LRSD. **C. Larry Rhodes VA Claim**

Robert V. McHardy is seeking validation for a VA claim. Does anyone with L/75th remember him being wounded by artillery fire on Dec 7, 1970? Please contact him at: P.O. Box 695, Avila Beach, CA 93424/ Phone 805-481-1187

G/75 ASSOCIATION

To Bob Gilbert: It was a pleasure talking to you the other day. I was just a 19 year old kid when I went to Vietnam (69) and served with G/75. I was WIA after only a few months into my tour. Twenty years later I was contacted and attended a small scale reunion in Sacramento and met some of my former company members (none of whom I had seen or heard from in twenty years), and a rush of old pent up emotions emerged as if those days occurred last week. We were truly brothers, more than brothers. From reading your newsletters, it is obvious that this camraderie runs deep in all Ranger/LRRP units.

Michael Chu G/75

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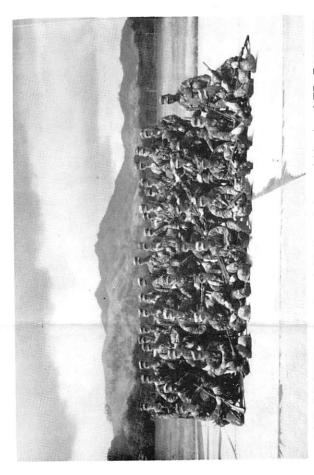
How do you like our new kamikaze printer? Roy has assumed Newsletter duties from Jim England who did a fine job from August 1987 to June 1990. The newsletter has approximately 40,000 words in it and 800 to 1000 copies are published quarterly. The newsletter is yours and can only be as good as you help make it. Constructive critisism is welcome. ROY



N/75 Team Kilo(L-R) Unk, Phillip Kossa, Roy Boatman Hughs, Richard Hamm: With Kill Board for April 1969



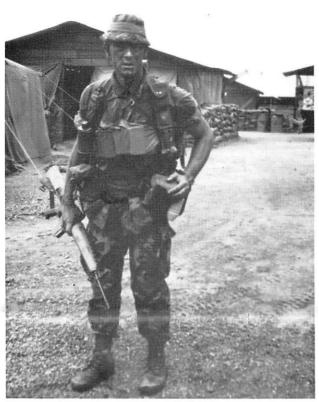
Xuan Loc Area: Vietnamese Army Major, Robert Sampson M/75, Unknown Vietnemese Officer, Black Horse Area



2nd Pit. A/3/75 Ranger Regt. Picture taken at Hunter AFB, Pananna prior to departure back to Ft Benning. Taken by: 3GT 3cott M. Kehl



These Rangers quit telling lies long enough to pose for a photo Standing L - R Sam Schiro N/75, Dave Cummings N/75 å Grenada Harry Scruggs L/75, Jim McLaughlin L/75 å Panama, Rick Walters 1/75, Duke DuShane P/75, Jim England K/75: Seated L - R Davey Lockett F/52 å 1/75, Mike Plunkett L/75 å Panama, Jim Bates L/75 On Ground L - R: Aubrey Batts, Fred Lewis, Bob Gillbert (All) L/75



Jim Samples N/75, He looked better then than he does now. He burned down his house to keep Roy Boatman from visiting him.



L-R Richard Hamm, Frederick Hanbury (Pipes)
Opns Sgt, Roy Boatman, Unk:: Ok Pipes, we need three cases of Miller Lite on resupply. N/75



74th Inf Det (LRP) Dak To, RVN: L-R Patrick Tadina, (spent 6+ years with LRPs) UNK, Lee Roy Pipkin, Kneeling: Unkown. These Rangers used all the camy stick in country for one mission..



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