LETTERS
My son, Michael Kernan, died as a result of wounds on May 20, 1969 while serving with N/75, 173D Abn Bde. He was proud of the Airborne Rangers, and if he was alive now I am sure he would be apart of the Association. Best wishes on all your endeavors. Robert Kernan

FRANK WINTERS
I was shocked to learn of Franks death in our last newsletters. He and I served together in C/1/75. I have some pictures of Frank and myself together and I would also like to express my condolences to Franks' family. He was a outstanding soldier.
Randy Lusk, 1/75

CHARLIE RANGERS
Charlie Rangers is still doing fine as I write this. In November the book went into its sixth printing and is available in Waldenbooks stores in the history section. Also there are number of former members of C/75 serving in the Gulf. Oliver Hoggard, Cravis Taybron, Charles Paxton. Hopefully they will be home soon. John Rotundo, C/75

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
The Association has carried me for three years and I have not paid dues, yet the newsletter and membership cards continued to arrive. I hadn't even left an address where you could find me, yet my family (75th Rangers) found me. I made some resolutions for this year! Pay my dues and thank the Association for carrying me so long. My PTSD cost me a career and a marriage. It's a long way back for me. (We were able to carry you as a freebie through your hospitalization and recovery due to the generosity of your fellow Rangers from the LRRP, LRP and 75th Rangers who provided a little and sometimes a lot extra along with their dues.)

REAL RANGERS
I really enjoy being a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment and the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I was a MACV trained and graduated RECONDO and later joined B/75th Rangers at Fort Carson in 1971. Had a break in service in 72 and rejoined B/75 as they moved to Fort Lewis.

From there I was the 13th man on orders to the 1st Bn 75th Rangers in Fort Stewart. I graduated Ranger School in 1971. I don’t think that a RANGER is defined by a piece of cloth on his shoulder. A true RANGER is a type of person, not necessarily a school graduate. A true RANGER is one who has the heart and the guts to do what needs to be done, when and how it needs to be done. A RANGER follows the Ranger Creed because it is the natural thing to do, because it is like breathing. If a person doesn’t have the right qualities and attitude going into Ranger School, he won’t have them coming out. Anyone who LRRP’d their way through Vietnam is a RANGER, anyone who lives the lifestyle of honesty, courage and discipline is a RANGER. The rest are just bullshitting themselves and everyone else. Hang tough - keep on publishing - it’s an important effort. Ed “Dirty Eddie” White B/75

THANK YOU
I want to thank you very much for the support and concern you and the Ranger Association showed with the event of my father’s death. The flowers were beautiful, and I extend my sincere appreciation on behalf of the entire family. The tradition continues. Rangers are always there to support one another. Dick James N/75

MICHAEL CREAMER
Michael dressed for his farewell to this earth, Medals and Ribbons on his chest and a Ranger’s beret on his head. He walked out the front door of his home and ended his life with a shotgun. The following is from the note he left, “I know that many people will be hurt by this, but this new war has brought up too many nightmares of the last war for me and it has become unbearable. I don’t think I could again endure the pain of mass casualties produced by a ground war and this is the only way out. When the survivors of this war come home, please treat them with the admiration and respect we Vietnam Vets never received until it was too late. I’m tired, just real tired. . . Time to bag it. Suppose to be nice on the other side. Guess I’ll go see. Hope my friends are there.” I don’t pretend to speak for all
Rangers of the Vietnam Era nor do I profess to have great knowledge of the causes of PTSD. I do know that I feel anger when one of our former team mates does something like this. One of our members called us up his former team leader and took his life while talking to the team leader. We are an association and as such should be willing to help each other individually and collectively. But in order to help we must know if one of our members is having problems. The best way to do that is to stay in contact with your former team mates. An example is a call that I got from Speedy Gonzales. He was calling from Texas and had heard about a former team mate who was in the hospital in Florida. He needed an address/phone number of a member who lived close to the hospitalized Ranger. I was able to give him a name and phone number of one of our members who is only 15 minutes away. There is a commercial on TV currently that says, “A Ranger Never Takes Easy Way Out.” There was a time when we all depended on each other for our lives. Please don’t lessen the commitment we’ve made to each other by our membership in our Association! If you are having problems, let someone know. Help when you can. **ROY BOATMAN N/75**

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**ALIVE AND WELL**
The report of Tom Blue’s, M/75 death in the Static Line has been greatly exaggerated. At least when we talked to him, he said he was alive and doing well even if we had the wrong name on David Brandenburg’s I/75, picture in the Sep 1990 edition of PATROLLING. **SECRETARY**

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**RANGER RENDEZVOUS**
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Make plans now to attend the 50th Anniversary of Modern Rangers. The World War II Rangers have asked us to walk point for them and they recognize our LRRP, LRP and 75th Rangers as RANGERS. Rangers from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and other exotic places, will attend. The Association’s Reunion will be in conjunction with the Ranger Rendezvous. You Don’t Want To Miss This One!!!!
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POEMS:
The following poems were written by Michael Monrooe, L/75th Rangers:

THE BLACK BERET
RANGERS ALWAYS LEAD THE WAY
PROVING THEIR THE BEST DAY AFTER DAY
NOT JUST A PRO BUT ABOVE THE REST
MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY THE WINGS ON THEIR CHEST

WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL IS HARD TO SAY
SOME JUST LEAVE TO THE BLACK BERET
THEIR NOT IMMORTAL OR TEN FEET TALL
BUT WE KNOW INSIDE THEY WILL GIVE THEIR ALL

MANY HAVE DIED IN BATTLE WARS SINCE PAST
BUT THEIR MEMORIES LIVE ON, TO FOREVER LAST
WHENEVER YOU TALK OF THOSE THAT HAVE DIED THEY ARE AMERICAN RANGERS, TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE
THEY MEANT ALOT TO ME, THE BERET AND SCROLL AS DO THE MEN HONORED ON THAT WASHINGTON KNOLL
THEIR NAMES ENGRAVED ON A MARBLED STONE FOREVER TO BE REMEMBERED, NEVER TO BE ALONE

ONE SHOT ONE KILL
MY LEGS ARE CHAMPING FROM LAYING STILL
THREE DAYS I'VE WAITED TO GET THIS KILL
I LISTEN FOR THE SOUNDS MIXED WITH THE WINDS
WITHIN SECONDS OF SEEING THEM THEIR LIFE WILL END

AS A SNIPER I'M ONE OF THE BEST AROUND
TO MOVE QUICKLY AND QUIETLY MAKING NOT A

SOUND.
ONE SHOT ONE KILL, THIS WAS OUR CREED
TO KILL THE ENEMY WAS OUR DEED
MY WEAPON AND I WE WORK AS ONE
AS WE LAY WAITING BENEATH THE SCORCHING SUN
I WATCH AND LISTEN FOR A WARNING SIGN
AS THE SWEAT POURS OFF ME WITH THE
PASSING OF TIME
MY SCOPE BRINGS THE ENEMY SO CLOSE, SO NEAR
THEY DON'T KNOW I'M CLOSE THEY HAVE NO FEAR
AS WE SIT AND WAIT WE SPEAK NOT A WORD
I FIRE A SHOT, TO ALL BUT ONE IT WILL BE HEARD

I TAKE MY SHOT I MOVE OUT QUICK
TO LOOK AT YOUR KILL CAN MAKE YOU SICK
A SNIPER IN THE RANGERS IS HOW I SERVED
ALOT OF PATIENCE AND ALLOT OF NERVE
MY SKILL IS UNIQUE AND SOMEWHAT STRANGE
TO TAKE OUT THE ENEMY FROM A GREAT RANGE
TO KILL THE ENEMY IS EASY TO DO
TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF AFTER HARDER TO DO.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
I am again asking that the unit representatives and members send in the names of any DSC recipients along with the orders if possible. The remaining side of the column in the Hall of Heroes at Ft. Bragg will consist of a plaque with their names engraved individually upon it. Secretary

50TH RANGER REUNION BOOK
Please send copies of your photos to Bob Gilbert. Bob is assisting in getting pictures for the Anniversary Year Book. Many of you sent photos for inclusion in the Airborne Book last year. The majority were not used by the publisher. Please send them again. Secretary

AGENT ORANGE
R. J. Huckaby, N/75 has submitted a large document dealing with the effects of Agent Orange and other related chemical agents used in Vietnam. The document and his comments are to be lengthyly published in our newsletter. A vote by the congress is due to take place in August 1991, concerning the study by the Veterans Administration. Anyone wishing further information of the effects of herbicide use and the Vietnam Veterans of America position on affected veterans, please contact R.J. Huckaby at the following address: PO Box 293, Kennedale, TX 76060, Phone 817-483-6638

RANGERS
LEAD THE WAY
The 75th Ranger Regiment is linked directly and historically to the thirteen Infantry Ranger Companies of the 75th that were active in Vietnam from February 1, 1969 until August 15, 1972. The longest, sustained combat history for any American Ranger unit in more than three hundred years of United States Army Ranger history. The 75th Infantry Regiment was activated on Okinawa during 1954 and traced its lineage to the 475th Infantry Regiment, thence to the 5307th Composite Provisional Unit, popularly known as Merrill's Marauders. Historically, Company I, (Ranger) 75th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division and Company G, (Ranger) 75th Infantry, 23rd Infantry Division (American) produced the first two U.S. Army Rangers to be awarded the Medal of Honor as a member of and while serving in a combat Ranger company. Specialist Four Robert D. Law was awarded the first Medal of Honor with I/75 while on a long range patrol in Tinh Phoc Province, RVN. He was from Texas. Staff Sergeant Robert J. Pruden was awarded the second Medal of Honor with G/75 while on a reconnaissance mission in Quang Ni Province, RVN. He was from Minnesota. In addition to the two Medal of Honor recipients above. Staff Sergeant Lazlo Rabel was awarded the Medal of Honor while serving with the 74th Infantry Detachment (LRP), a predecessor to Company N, (Ranger) 75th Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade while on a Long Range Patrol in Binh Dinh Province, RVN. He was from Pennsylvania. Conversion of the Long Range Patrol Companies of the 20th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 58th, 71st, 74th, 78th, and 79th Infantry Detachment and Company D, 151st Infantry Long Range Patrol of the Indiana National Guard, to Ranger Companies of the 75th Infantry began on 1 February 1969. Only Company D, 151st retained their unit identity and did not become a 75th Ranger Company, however, they did become a Ranger Company and continued the mission in Vietnam. Companies C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O and P, (Ranger) 75th Infantry conducted Ranger missions and operations for three years and seven months every day of the year while in Vietnam. Like the original unit from whence their lineage as Neo Marauders was drawn, 75th Rangers came from the Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Signal, Medical, Military Police, Food Service, Parachute Riggers and other Army units. They were joined by former adversaries, the Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army Soldiers who became, “Kit Carson Scouts”, and fought alongside the Rangers against their former units and comrades. Unlike Rangers of other eras in the 20th Century who traded in the United States or in friendly nations overseas, LRP and Rangers in Vietnam were activated, trained and fought in the same geographical areas in Vietnam. A high speed approach to training. Training was a combat mission for volunteers. Volunteers were assigned, not accepted in the various Ranger Companies, until, after a series of patrols, the volunteer had passed the acid test of a Ranger, Combat, and was accepted by his peers. Following the peer acceptance the volunteer was allowed to wear the black beret and wear the red, white and black scroll shoulder sleeve insignia bearing his Ranger Company identity. All Long Range Patrol Companies and 75th Ranger Companies were authorized Parachute pay. Modus Operandi for patrol insertion varied, however, the helicopter was the primary means for insertion and exfiltration of enemy rear areas. Other methods included foot, wheeled, tracked vehicles, airboats, Navy Swift Boats and stay behind missions where the Rangers remained in place as a larger tactical unit withdrew. False insertions by helicopter was a means of security from ever present enemy trail watchers. General missions consisted of locating the enemy bases and lines of communication. Special missions included wiretap, prisoner snatch, Platoon and Company size Raid Missions and Bomb Damage Assessments (BDA) following B-52 Arc-Light missions. Staffed principally by graduates of the U.S. Army Ranger School, Paratroopers and Special Forces trained men, the bulk of the Ranger volunteers came from the soldiers who had no chance to attend the schools, but carried the fight to the enemy. These Rangers remained with their units through some of the most difficult patrolling action(s) in Army history and frequently fought much larger enemy forces when compromised on their reconnaissance missions. Rangers from Company M/75 were known to patrol in two (2) man reconnaissance teams, however the six (6) man Ranger team was standard and a twelve (12) man heavy team was used for combat patrols in most instances. Rangers remaining on active duty following Vietnam became instructors at the Army Ranger School, HALO and HAHO Schools, the SCUBA School and were mountain climbing instructors at the Army Cold Weather School, Alaska. Some became tabbed Rangers, by attending
Ranger school after having served from one (1) to five (5) years in a Long Range Patrol or 75th Ranger Company in Vietnam. The Vietnam Rangers of the 75th Infantry were awarded the title Neo Marauders by the Secretary of the Army, Stanley Resor, during 1969 for having lived up to the standards set by the original Marauders during World War II. Army Chief of Staff Creighton Abrams who observed the 75th Ranger operations in Vietnam as Commander of all US forces there selected the 75th Rangers as the role model for the first U.S. Army Ranger units formed, during peacetime, in the history of the United States Army. On 31 January 1974 the 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Infantry was formed followed by the 2nd Ranger Battalion on 1 October 1974. Both of these highly trained and equipped Battalions made the combat parachute assault on the island of Grenada during operation Urgent Fury on 25 October 1984. The combat jump was performed to rescue American students there and restore democracy. Using their bodies as shields, the Rangers led the students to safety during evacuation while Cuban Communists shot at them. Earlier, Company C, 1st Ranger Battalion was involved in DESERT ONE, the attempt by the Delta Force to extract the Americans held hostage by the Shiite Moslem fanatics in Iran. To meet the worldwide contingency missions, training for the 75th Rangers is being conducted in the jungle, arctic and deserts continuously. On February 3, 1986 Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., redesignated the 75th Infantry Ranger Regiment as the 75th Ranger Regiment. On 17 April 1986 Marsh presided over the transfer of colors and lineage back to the Rangers. During World War II and Korea, Company and Battalion Commanders or specially trained Sergeants controlled fires for tactical units. Rangers in grades E-4 to E-6 controlled fires from the USS New Jersey's 16 inch guns, a thousand pound projectile, in addition to helicopter gunship, piston engine and high performance aircraft while operating, frequently, far beyond conventional artillery while infiltrating enemy bases, capturing prisoners or conducting other covert operations. The 3rd Ranger Battalion and 75th Regimental Headquarters were activated on October 3, 1984 and are co-located at Fort Benning, Georgia. The 1st Ranger Battalion is at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. The 2nd Ranger Battalion is located at Fort Lewis, Washington. The Ranger Regiment maintains an alert force, that can move rapidly to anywhere in the world, at all times. While conducting tactical training during December 1989, the 75th Ranger Regiment was alerted for a Regimental raid mission, by parachute, to seize Omar Torrijos International Airport and Tocumen Military Airfield in the Republic of Panama and neutralize the 2nd Rifle Company of the Panamanian Defense Force (PDF). The 1st Ranger Battalion reinforced by Company C, 3rd Ranger Battalion drew that mission. The 2nd and 3rd Ranger Battalions parachuted onto the Airfield at Rio Hato, Panama to neutralize the 6th and 7th PDF Rifle Companies and seize the beach house of Panamanian Dictator Manuel Noriega. Company C, 3rd Ranger Battalion captured the Commandancia after unsuccessful attempts by a battalion of conventional infantry. HOOAH! The Regimental parachute assault was conducted at 0100 hours, 20 December 1989 during an operation dubbed, "JUST CAUSE". Rangers had 39 WIA and 5 KIA during the operation. They captured 810 prisoners and more than 16,000 weapons including cases of grenades. Many of the same leaders who served in Vietnam as Rangers, jumped into Grenada, Panama or both.

This document was prepared by Robert F. Gilbert, Company L 75th (Ranger) Infantry, one of four founders of the Regimental Association and President from 1986 to 1988 and 1990 to 1992.
Colonel David L. Grange is a native of Lake Ronkonkoma, New York. He was commissioned out of North Georgia College in December 1969. His initial assignment was with the 2/505th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, as the Recon Platoon Leader. Assigned to Vietnam in November of 1970, Colonel Grange served with the 2-506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division as a Rifle Platoon Leader and then served as a Platoon Leader with L Company, 75th Rangers. On a subsequent tour in Vietnam, he served as the Recon Advisor to the 81st Airborne Ranger Group. He returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1972, joining the 3d Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group as a SCUBA and HALO Detachment Executive Officer and Detachment Commander. Upon completion of flight school in 1974, Colonel Grange was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and served as a Flight Platoon Commander in the 158th Aviation Battalion. He took command of Company C, 2/503rd Infantry followed by an assignment as the Division G-3 Current Operations Officer. In July 1978 following the Infantry Advance Course, Colonel Grange was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger). Here he served as the Battalion Adjutant, Company C Commander, and Battalion Laison Officer. After completion of the British SAS course in 1981, Colonel Grange attended the United States Marine Corps Command and General Staff College. He was then assigned to 1st SFOD-D, Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as the B Squadron Commander and 1st SFOD-D’s Operation Officer. Colonel Grange commanded the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, Korea from 1987-1988. Following that assignment, he was a Special Operations Officer in USSOCOM Washington Office and then attended the National War College. In June 1990, Colonel Grange returned to 1st SFOD-D as the Deputy Commander. Colonel Grange is married to the former Holly Getz. They have two sons—David and Matthew.

The Association welcomes the assignment of Colonel Grange as Commander, 75th Ranger Regiment and is extremely proud that he is the first Commander of the Regiment to have served with the Vietnam Era Rangers and the 75th Ranger Regiment. In addition to the above assignments, we are also aware that Col Grange has taken part in the DESERT ONE and URGENT FURY as a SOCOM participant. HOOAH !!!!
L-R MARVIN DUREN, DAVE QUIGLEY, HARRIS, SGT SMITH, CHAMPION, L/75TH

FRONT: SMITH, QUIGLEY, DUREN
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