DECEMBER 1991

RANGER RENDEZVOUS / REUNION
WHERE COLUMBUS/FT BENNING GA.
WHEN JUNE 18 - 20 1992
WHO 75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOC.
WWII RANGER BN'S, MERRILL'S
MARAUDER'S, KOREAN RANGERS,
VETERAN'S OF GRENADA & PANAMA,
ACTIVE DUTY RANGERS

This reunion will be held in conjunction with the
50th Anniversary and activation of the 1st Ranger
Bn (Darby's Rangers) (18 June 1942) and will
honor Col. William O. Darby, the primary
organizer and Commander of the 1st Ranger Bn. All of the
Rangers will pass in review. So dig out those
Cammy's and Tiger's and show the pride of being a
RANGER. Socialize with the modern day
RANGER'S, they are interested in your stories and
they need to know where they came from. We
know where we came from and the standards that
were set by the Ranger's that preceded the
Vietnam Era Rangers. The modern day Ranger's
need to hear of your contribution to their history.
They will tell you of their exploits in the Grenada
and Panama Operations. Contact with these
Rangers will fill you with pride at being a Ranger
and part of Ranger history. SECRETARY

BOOKS
Three books, that I am aware of, have been written
by members of our Association. All three have to
do with the Vietnam Era Rangers. These books are
telling the stories as seen by the writers and
hopefully will help the uninformed understand the
variety of missions Vietnam Era Rangers
performed. These three books are listed below.
CHARLIE RANGERS -- John Rotundo/Don Ericson
EYES OF THE EAGLE-- Gary Lindener
BLOOD ON THE RISERS -- John Leppelman

A GOOD MAN
I served with Mike Creamer in N/75 from Sep 1970
through Aug 1971. I remember Mike as a man
who cared for our medical problems and who also
had what it took to actively run the bush with us.
The last time I spoke with Mike was about two
years ago, in fact he was the person who made
me aware of the 75th Ranger Association. His act
of reaching out brought me back into the RANGER

fold. Now we need to reach out to our brothers
who shared the dangers and rewards of life in
Vietnam. Contact another vet and listen, or talk,
whatever the need may be. Let's not lose any
more good men. CHARLES LYONS N/75

LETTERS
I was thumbing through a copy of STATIC LINE and
I saw the 75th Ranger Regiment Association
address. I've heard that the LRP/Rangers had a
group but could never find out how to get a hold
of it. I hope this is what I've been looking for. I would
like to track down some old friends. I was with
F/75 in 69-70. Please send me info on how to join
up. RAY ARMSTRONG F/75

I managed to get my hands on a copy of the April
1991 copy of PATROLLING and read it with great
interest. I served with B/75 (June 72 - Oct 74),
2/75 (Oct 74 - Feb 75), 1/75 (Oct 85 - Jun 90),
3/75 (Jun 90 - Present). I would like info on
joining the Association. I am also looking for the
whereabouts of William P, Nissen N/75.
WILLIAM A. BRADIGAN 3/75
Until I received a copy of STATIC LINE yesterday, I
had no idea the Association existed. Please send
me an application. I am also looking for my old
commander. Cpt William L. Ohl. Ralph Thomas

Editors Note: The three letters above, been
answered and applications and names provided
to the writers.

Medal of Honor Recipient Robert D. Law, I/75
Portrait in Hall of Heroes, Ft Bragg, NC
REUNION HOTELS/MOTELS

The following is a list of Motels/Hotels that the Association has made arrangements with for the upcoming Ranger Rendezvous (Jun 18 - 20). Rooms are going to be extremely difficult to get in the Columbus/Ft. Benning area. Many of the events are scheduled for the Iron Works Convention Center. The closest Hotel is the Hilton in Columbus where the hospitality suite will be located.

- **Hilton Hotel** Downtown $54.00
- **Sheraton Inn** Airport Area $54.00 (404-327-6868)
- **Ramada Inn** Downtown $47.00 (404-322-2522)
- **Days Inn** Macon Rd. $37.00 (404-561-4400)
- **Comfort Inn** Macon Rd $40.95 (404-568-3300)
- **Hampton Inn** Whitesville Rd $49.00 (404-576-5303)
- **Holiday Inn** Airport Area $44.00 (404-324-0231)

Contact your unit representative for a Special ID code to receive the above rates. Make your own reservations as soon as possible. Additional hotels are listed below.

- **Econo Lodge** Victory Drive (404-682-3803)
- ** Marriott** Manchester Expressway (404-323-2323)

**PHOTO’S NEEDED**

Your photo’s can be published in the 50th Anniversary of all Rangers (Yearbook). Action shots or field situation photo’s are highly desired. The book will be hard covered and can be order at the reunion (June 1992). Please send copies of your photo’s to Bob Gilbert for inclusion in the book. SECRETARY

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Donald W. Levey**

F/58th LRP

Deceased March 1989

The Association was recently notified that Don passed away. May God grant him the eternal rest of those who served their country honorably and well.

**25th Division LRRP (MIA)**

I have received a request for information on three MIA’s from the 25th Div LRRP’s. If you remember anything of value that will help obtain any information about this specific operation or the men involved, particularly any of this LRRP’s team members names or other data, please contact me.

A five man LRRP Team was placed OPCON to the 3rd Brigade on 30 May 1967. The team was infiltrated into the AO (BS718443) Duc Pho area.

At 2030 Hrs the team reported that they were moving to the North. This was the last communication received from the team. The S2 over flew the area the next day without contact. A platoon from 3/4th Cav and A/2/35 made a combat assault into the area and started a sweep to look for the LRRP team. The Recon Platoon located a grave at the same coordinates the team gave prior to leaving the net. The Recon Platoon found two(2) bodies in a shallow grave. No weapons or equipment were recovered. During the search of the area contact was made with 4 NVA/VC that resulted in 3 KIA and 1 WIA/POW, the search did not produce either the other missing men or their weapons. On June 1 1967 the search was discontinued. If you have any information on this mission please contact Roy Boatman.

**TOP SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEN**

Two soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment recently were honored as special operations NCO and soldier of the year. Sgt Michael E. Nesbit 3/75 and Spec Michael J. Russell 1/75 competed against other soldiers from the various elements of USASOC (U.S. Army Special Operations Command) at Ft. Bragg, NC. Selection was based on physical fitness, mastery of day and night land navigation, written and hands on soldiering tests and an oral interview before a board of senior NCO’s. These two outstanding soldiers once again prove that RANGERS LEAD THE WAY. HOOAH

**MIA NEWSLETTER**

Dan Roberts L/75 wrote and told us of his response to the MIA Newsletter. He has contacted his senator and requested a follow up reply. Dan also placed an article in his local newspaper. In part it stated “I would ask all those self-proclaimed patriots who ever hung out a yellow ribbon or went to a parade for the returning troops - do a little more. Contact your congressman and demand action.” Dan has also asked if we would remind our Vietnam Era Rangers that they can obtain copies of their orders and other data from their military files by using Form SF 180. Editors Note: We appreciate your work as an individual and hope that you can still drive around with all those Mercedes hogging the roads. (Dan lives in Jupiter, FL and has neighbors of Burt Reynolds, Dom Deloise, Tammy Wynette, Perry Como and Presidents Bush's mother.)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The Association wishes all RANGERS a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
NEW MEMBERS

John (Jack) Patrick Kane
F/51st LRP & O/75th RANGERS
Jan 10, 1949 - Aug 6, 1991

Remember laughing with me? Remember talking about our families while sipping a beer? Remember talking about our team members and praying that nothing would happen to them? I remember!! John Kane (AKA Jack) served with me in F/51st LRP and together we went to O/75th Rangers to continue the war. All who remember Jack will tell you that he was always smiling and full of life, always had a kind word for everyone, the only one that didn't were the VC/NVA (but they said it with respect). I, like a lot of us upon our return, lost contact with Jack for 22 plus years. I finally found him again and we must have talked for 2 hours that evening and the years were absent. I lost contact with him until a couple of weeks ago and his vocal cords were paralyzed and he could only talk in whispers, he was fighting a private battle with cancer. Jack had cancer in his respiratory system. The Philadelphia Cancer Research Center told him that the cause was the result of agent orange spraying in Vietnam. Maybe it was Agent Red, Purple or Violet but the VA told him. “NO thats not the reason” Then What Was The Reason!!! Jack left to secure the LZ on the 6 Aug 1991. He suffered a long time and the Big RANGER in the sky gave him a new mission, “To Hold The LZ” until we meet again. I didn’t find Jack early enough so he could join the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I know he would have done so if he didn’t spend so much time with the doctors. He told me he wanted to meet and talk with everyone we found from F/51st LRP and O/75th Rangers. All who knew him will miss him. I love and miss you Jack!! I urge everyone to contact their Congressman and Senator concerning the Agent Orange controversy and the VA’s handling of the study on agent orange.

SPEEDY GONZALES F/51

CHANGE OF COMMAND
Col. David Grange assumed command of the 75th Ranger Regiment on 2 July 1991. Prior to the ceremony, a mass tactical parachute jump was conducted by 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bn’s and the Regiment Hq’s. A team from the 3rd Bn’s recon platoon made a HALO jump on to the DZ. A-10 aircraft prepped the DZ and provided security and made spectacular passes. Sixteen aircraft (C-130’s and 141’s) made the drop with no parachute malfunctions. A farewell to Col Kernan was held at Olive field where a plaque was presented to Col Kernan from the Association. The change of command ceremony was a sight to behold. All three Ranger Battalions were in formation with fixed bayonets. All facing movements and manual of arms was conducted by bugle call without verbal commands. Bob Gilbert, Duke DuShane, Roy Boatman and Billy Nix attended the ceremony. In between the events, the association officers attended meetings with James Altieri and Rex Sharp of the WWII Rangers for the purpose of ironing out the details of the upcoming RANGER RENDEZVOUS/REUNION. The Association welcomes Col David Grange as Regimental Commander. Secretary

WOUNDED RANGER
Ranger Bill Dunham B/3/75 was severely wounded during the Panama operation. Bill was hit 5 times. His wounds resulted in a below the knee amputation and numerous operations to his torso. Patriot H. Ross Perot has helped Bill in numerous ways. He has paid for the 15 plus operations and has paid for Bill’s prosthetic device (leg). Mr Perot has committed to helping Bill with his rehabilitation. Mr. Perot has always maintained a low profile in his desire to help the individuals who sacrifice limb and body for this country of ours. Mr Perot also sponsored 4 people from F/51st LRS from Germany to the reunion in Austin, TX. It is with extreme pride that this association thanks Mr Perot for his caring. Bill has joined our association and we also do not forget our brother Rangers. Secretary
NEW TREASURER
Ranger Gregory E. Kral L/75 a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will assume duties as the Association Treasurer from Ranger Nick Gibbone, also a CPA on 1 January 1992. I was fortunate to have worked with Greg, one on one, when I pulled him out of our first Ranger platoon during 1969. He is a good person, man and Ranger with excellent values and a professional outlook. I am glad to have the opportunity to work with Greg again. What happened to Nick Gibbone? Well Nick's boss died. His boss was a big hitter, helping us for our first reunion during 1988. After Nick's boss assumed room temperature, Nick received two (not one) promotions. His duties and responsibilities have increased tremendously. Those duties combined with Nick's attention to his family, especially his children who you may one day see on ESPN as world class swimmers had to take precedence over his love for his fellow Rangers who he fought with in 1 Corps Vietnam. A pathfinder also, Nick is a Villanova graduate who came to the 75th Rangers in Vietnam. Goes to show you, all the college crowd of the 1960's weren't War Wimps! Right Robin? I'm going to miss working with Nick as frequently and receiving his sly notes filled with humor and ribald accusations, but, Nick has only dropped back to punt. He will be the backup treasurer for Greg if we need him. There is no way any of us could show our appreciation for all Nick has done to keep us straight with the IRS and ourselves for the past six and one half years, well done my friend and thank you. P.S. We really know the FBI is after him for cornering the Philadelphia fruit market. BOB GILBERT, PRESIDENT

COLD, STONE MAN
Who am I? "Child of War, Vietnam Hero, Or America's Whore?"

Sucker'd, This Seething, Silent Soul, Savage Beast, A Fool Wasn't I. Once Proud, Once Bold!

But Wait. Am I Not Like You, From You, You?

So I Killed Those Out To Kill me. Whose Cause Was Just? Victor or Victim, All Return to Dust.

Four Died By My Hand, Viet Cong, Hardcore.

No Women, No Children, My Spoils of War.

Remember The Fight? Contact! Contact!

Slashing Talon Seven Four!

Remember the Blast of the Cruel Claymore.

Vile Smell of Death, M16's Roar?

Remember Young Martyrs, Grim Trophies of War

Innocence Lost, Baptized in Gore. When madness Reigned, Cried Out, "More War"

I Do! I Do!

They Pin a Star Upon my Chest, A Subtle nod,

No More, No Less. Alone I Stand. I AM THE BEST.

But Wait. Remember the Rockets, The Jungle, The Rain?

Remember Death's Grinning Face. Evil, Masked in Pain?

Remember Night Sounds. Eyes Strain'd to See?

Remember Death Stalking the Darkness, a Reaper To Reap Me?

I DO! I DO!

So Speak Softly To Me, and Do Not Stare.

Save Your Judgement, Your Sorrow, Your Pity, Your Prayer.

For I am a Cold Stone Man of Vietnam. Beware! Beware

ALL RANGERS ALL WARS
NOT GOADED BY NECESSITY, NOR MOTIVATED BY FAME, FORTUNE,
OR RECOGNITION FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS DEEDS, THESE MEN,
IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE AND LOYALTY, AS THEY KNEW IT,
LIVED,
LOVED,
GAVE ALL,
AND LOST ALL,
FOR GOD,
COUNTRY,
AND HONOR.
THEY KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO LIVE,
BEFORE THEY DIED.

UNKNOWN AUTHOR

VIETNAM INFORMATION
1st Casualty July 8, 1959
Last Casualty May 15, 1975
Names Inscribed on Wall 58,007
Number of Americans:
Who Served in Vietnam Approx 2,700,000
Wounded Approx 300,000
Killed Approx 58,000
Permanently Disabled Approx 75,000
Missing in Action Approx 1,300

Vietnam Veterans Memorial was designed by Maya Ying Lin. Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on November 13, 1982. Sculpture of the servicemen by Frederick Hart. Sculpture of the servicemen was dedicated on November 11, 1982. The Poems and information on this page were submitted by KEONI MAY L 75

RANGERS
LEAD THE WAY
FIRST MISSION
In the April edition of "PATROLLING" I read of the story about James A Champion. I was a member of the 4th Div LRP (E/58 LRP) (Mar 68 - Mar 69). My heart stopped as I read the story of James Champion and his brave comrades. The dates and scenario of that episode scared me. On April 22, 1968 I was assigned my first mission. Coinciding with LRP procedure I was to learn, observe and prove myself worthy of being accepted as a true LRP. Our SOP was to operate in four (4) man teams. I was introduced to my TL and the respective team members only days earlier. Normally a new guy going on his first mission was assigned a relatively safe (?) mission so he could get his feet wet. But Vietnam is hardly the place to be considered a training ground. As it turned out our team was assigned a "Hawkeye" mission (ambush). TL, Sgt Johnson was an experienced LRP and he assured me that we were all together and that all the guys on our team were experienced. He explained that things were not easy in Vietnam and the mission could be hairy. I was eager and told the TL that I would learn the ropes and I would not be a liability to the team. The TL smiled and patted me on the back and told me "You'll make it kid." On April 23rd (Same date as the insertion of James Champion) we were inserted by helicopter in Kontum province to set up an ambush on a trail that recently had been suspected of having heavy NVA traffic. We were in the process of positioning our claymores on this trail (about 15:00 hrs) Before we had our ambush set up, what was later believed to have been a point element of an NVA Battalion committed down this trail. Our claymores weren't yet completely set up. Bad timing set the stage for what was to happen. The point man of this NVA element spotted us and all hell broke loose. We were poised and ready and opened up with our rifles. I think we knocked out most of the point element but one hell of a fire fight raged on. They came at us like crazy. We turned and booked over a ridge. Our rucks with our radio's were left behind leaving us with no means to report our situation. This must have been a delight for the NVA. They knew we couldn't call for help. In the initial fire fight all the team members were hit but me. I got seperated from the rest of the guys in the confusion. Using instinct I knew I had to E&E. I found a large bush that I crawled under to hide and hopefully not be detected by these NVA. As it turned out that bush became my refuge for the next 18 to 20 hours. I had no idea where the other guys were. That night the NVA made a sweep through the area that I was hiding in. I heard them walking 15 to 20 feet away and listened to sporadic firing during the night. I figured daylight would be my demise, NVA would retrace the area I was in and that would be it. Many thoughts ran through my mind. I kept thinking of a story about a LRP team that was captured some time before. They were found buried head first with just their waist above ground. I wasn't afraid to die but I was terrified to be captured, therefore I kept a frag right under my chin and was prepared to take myself and as many of them out if need be. (To this day, for some reason, I feel that was the chicken way out, I don't know why.) As daylight approached I felt fear and apprehension. About 0900 Hrs six helicopters showed up in the general area where I was. I flashed my orange emergency panel. A chopper with my CO on board picked me up. I made it. The first thing I asked about was the fate of my other three team members. My CO told me they had been spotted and were in the process of being picked up about 4 clicks from me. When my chopper arrived at a forward firebase they were, my three team mates waiting at the chopper pad. They had refused medical treatment until I landed. Can you believe that? These guys hugged and embraced me. They only knew me for a few days. I'll never, ever forget that feeling. I know now, "RANGER pride and comraderie." They thought I had been killed. I'd like to point out one more thing, during that night back at LRP Headquarters, all the other LRP's were aware of our plight. They received no radio contact and feared the worst. All the LRP's who were in between missions pleaded with our CO to secure some helicopters and go look for us that night. We all knew how crazy that would have been, but nobody ever accused LRP's of being sane. What a great bunch of guys. I know every LRRP/LRP/RANGER has their stories and please understand that I am not trying to upstage anyone or have anyone think that my story was worse than anyone else's. I had to write this out because of the article I read on James Champion Apr-23rd 1971. My story happened on Apr 23 1968. I am safe in the USA. I could have been James Champion. God Bless him and all the others. You are not forgotten and never will be. Danny Lyons E/58
The Gathering, FID (LRP) held their annual reunion in Austin, TX. You would think Speedy Gonzales couldn’t get any uglier. Wrong!

These two F1/51 (LRP)’s, the ones in the pool, attempted to teach the other LRP’s how to swim. “First you drink a six pack, then??”

STAINED GLASS WINDOW OF THE 75TH RANGER REGIMENTAL SCROLL. LOCATED IN THE HALL OF HEROES AT SOCAL HEADQUARTERS, FT. BRAGG

L-R: SP/4 CLINE, PFC KISER, SGT HOOFTEN, PFC RUPERT, PFC GRABOWSKI, PFC ORSTEAD
MEMBERSHIP DUES
It's that time of the year again. Membership dues for the year (1992) are now due. Please use the lower part of this page and attach a check or money order only. Send to Greg Kral (Treasurer). The dues are $12.00. If you are going to make a contribution to either the Long Range Patrol Monument Fund, Memorial Plaque Fund or the Flag Fund (Regimental and Unit Guidons) indicate such on the form provided. After your dues are received, a new membership card will be mailed to you and you will continue to receive PATROLLING. For those procrastinators who fail to send in their dues, a one time statement will be mailed to you. The mailing and sending of the membership cards is a time consuming process to say the least and your cooperation is very important.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS
On 20 June 1992 at the General Membership meeting the members will elect new officers to govern the association for the next 2 years. Units can nominate candidates for Directors and/or individuals may volunteer. All nominations or volunteer candidates for unit directors, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be submitted to the Association Secretary by current directors or individuals not later than 15 Dec 1991. The office of Secretary and Treasurer will stand for reelection.

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RENEWALS AND NEW 1992 MEMBERSHIPS

75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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PHONE ___________________ OCCUPATION _______________________
I WOULD LIKE TO: MAKE CONTRIBUTION: FLAG FUND ________ PLAQUE FUND ________ MONUMENT FUND ________
PROVIDE NEWS ITEMS FOR PATROLLING VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON ASSOC PROJECTS ________ NOTES: __________________________
UPDATE MY MEMBERSHIP FILE ________ PAY DUES FOR THE YEAR(S) ________ OTHER ________

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