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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE  
BY  
TERRY RODERICK**

Things have been very busy around here lately. I recently spent some time with Dave Peace and Don Hall in Orlando and Tampa. Many of you either met or observed Don and his entourage during the 1998 Ranger Rendezvous. There were a couple of other crews there filming too, but they are different projects. Don and his lovely wife, Annette, are in the midst of trying to put together a documentary film that revolves around the Co. F (LRP) 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Airborne and their first Commanding Officer, Col. William Maus, now deceased. Don has been interviewing many members of his old unit, pilots who flew for them, others who supported the company, and those who knew Col. Maus. In addition to hundreds of photos, old 8mm film footage, slides, military documentation, and remembrances from members, he has a very professional group assisting him. Col. Maus had served with General Norman Schwarzkopf at West Point and the General was very accommodating in adding his memories of Col. Maus to the production. Don presented General Schwarzkopf with an autographed copy of his book, "I Served" which the General seemed to enjoy. Dave and I presented him with the F/51<sup>st</sup> Challenge Coin and one from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association. Stormin' Norman was very personable and said all the right things. We enjoyed the short time we had with him and he was very accommodating to our autograph and photo requests. He does have a certain aura about him, as do many of our famous military leaders.

Our three nominees to the Ranger Hall of Fame Committee for 1999 are SFC John McCoy (deceased) from the BDQ, CSM Santos Matos (deceased) from N/75<sup>th</sup>, and Col. John "Jack" Daniel (retired and still kicking up a storm) of the BDQ. All three of these men will continue the tradition of the strong candidates we have submitted. I'd like to personally congratulate Col. Daniel, and the families of Santos Matos and John McCoy. It is a huge honor for these men, especially since they were all career soldiers. It is a pinnacle of sort and I'm sure some form of exhilaration is

not out of the question.

The selection process for the Ranger Hall of Fame has changed a bit this year. It used to be that if we nominated someone, they pretty much automatically went in, unless there was a major discrepancy in the person's qualifications. I'm told that has occurred, though not from our nominees, and so it is not impossible. Now, each Association is permitted three nominees to the RHOF committee each year. The committee is made up of the President (a non voting person selected to preside over the proceedings), The CO and CSM of the RTB and the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, a representative from the Merrill's Marauders, the Ranger Battalions of WWII, the Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne) of Korea (RICA), the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association (our Representative will be Duke Dushane), and one from the USARA. These men will evaluate each of the different nomination packets and using a point process, they will decide who goes in each year. The maximum number of nominees that the Board (or committee) can select will not exceed 75% of those nominated. This means some who are nominated will not get in each year. Not sure how that is going to pan out at this time and will have to wait and see. We will be represented on this Selection Board by Duke Dushane for the time being, so we have an equal voice on the Selection Board. One of the prerequisites to be on the Selection Board is you have to be a member of the RHOF, except for the RTB and Regiment CO's and CSM's. I find that a bit odd to be honest, as many of our members are more than qualified to sit on this Board in my humble opinion. Nevertheless, we support what they are doing and this RHOF is a fine way to recognize some of the outstanding soldiers who have served with us. It's not a perfect system and everyone who should get in there will never be there, but it is the best we have and let's support it. The names and faces will change over the years, but hopefully, this will be a fair process for all and all of the deserving Rangers and others who are eligible will get in where they belong. This will be the first year they use this modified process and we'll see how it goes.

We're getting a lot of material for this next issue of Patrolling (the March issue). It's

just great that more and more of you are participating. We still have a few Unit Directors that are not getting it done. I recently sent out a short message to all of the Officers and Unit Directors and asked them to make it a point to contribute to each issue of Patrolling. I cannot think of anything worse than to get a quarterly magazine or newsletter and not see anything from my old unit. There has to be something that someone can say or write and contribute. It doesn't have to be professional, and I'd be disappointed if it was. The Unit Director also does not have to be the guy to submit it. These guys are also not professional administrators either and they will need assistance from the members. Let's try to help them out and get an article from each unit in the next newsletter. Another area we have been dragging guys is our nominations for the Ranger Hall of Fame. We have had 2 instances over the years I believe, where we were unable to submit all of the nomination packets we have been allowed each year. We should have a pile of them a foot tall or more, just waiting. I seriously worried about this year as I expected up to 5, maybe more, nomination packets to be in the Secretary's office by 1 February. That would make my job, and the job of the other elected Officers a lot harder, as we would have had to try to make a fair decision on who we nominated from the Association. This way is a lot easier to be honest, but it is not what I prefer. If I liked the easy way, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today and in the past.

I'd like to clarify some of the information from David Weeks', the Vice President, concerning the Ranger Tab issue from his article in the first December issue of Patrolling you received. The one with the color cover and the two guys on the rope ladder that Gary Linderer published. I spoke to Dave about this recently and he didn't really have a good grasp on where we were with this issue. Since he was recently elected, he was not really up to speed on what we had done officially. Dave has a couple of sources who were familiar with the issue and they passed along their thoughts and what they knew of the situation to him. He relayed this information to me in August 1998 at the reunion and did so again at the General Membership meeting during the same period. He was told that the (continued page 6)



**VICE PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE  
BY  
DAVID F. WEEKS**

Hi Brothers;

Apparently my news letter message arrived to late to make the publication cut-off date, for the last issue of Patrolling. I'm very sorry and I'll make sure that this one is in the mail in plenty of time.

First off, a little about myself for those of you who don't know me. I don't like to blow my own horn, but here go's. I enlisted in the army in 1968, went through basic, AIT, and jump school. Then it was off to Vietnam, where I was sent to the 101st Airborne. I volunteered to serve in L. Co. Rangers 75th. While serving in L. Co. I was an RTO, Scout, a senior Scout, a Pointman and an ATL. After my first five (5) missions, I walked Point, even after I became an ATL for Jim Bates. I was with L. Co. for thirteen (13) months. I left the Company because of a new First Sergeant and CO. They were reassigning almost all the old guys to other units. I went to A. Troop 2/17th cav. as a squad leader in the Air Rifle Platoon. There were about eight (8) of us from L. Co. in the Platoon. I spent five months with A Troop and left Nam on 28 Dec 1970.

I went to Ft. Jackson, SC. and worked for G-3 Testing for about two years. Two or three months after I returned home, I Married my Lady, and still my wife, Gail. Our First Son was born at Ft. Jackson. Then we went to Germany for three years, and that is where our youngest Son was born. After that it was off to Ft. Stewart, Ga. and the 24th Inf. Div. We spent two years there and then after 8-1/2 years in the Army and ETS'd in April 1977. We came back home to Michigan and I acquired a job with Chrysler Corp. I'm still with Chrysler, but now we are Daimler Chrysler. I'm a Stock Chaser/Auditor, and I really enjoy both jobs. I also went back in the Reserves, and in 1991 my unit was mobilized for Desert Storm. We went to Ft. Benning, Ga. as Instructors. I'm still with the Army Reserves, and I love it.

January 27, I was setting at the Hospital all day. My sister (Pam) needed a Kidney, and my Brother, (Tom) was a match for her. He gave our sister the gift of life. The opera-

tion was a success and they are both home and doing fine. Tom spent 7-1/2 years in the Army as a Army security Agent, and later as a Medic. if there are any true hero's in this world, it's people like my Brother.

On the 28th the Army Reserve sent me down to Ft. Knox, KY for a medical evaluation. They had to decide whether to give me a Profile on my back or medically retire me. They gave me the profile.

The rest of this letter will be the resubmitted message from the last newsletter that didn't make publication.

Well September and October were very busy months for me and my Reserve Unit. In September we went out to Ft. Custer, (Battlecreek, Michigan), for two days of running the M-9 pistol range, the M249 SAW Machine Gun range, and the M-16 range. We had to qualify two MP units, the 783rd and the 785th. At each range we give the troops a safety briefing, a short class, and then we fire them. (Not fire them up guys)

In October we had to be at Selfridge Air National Guard Base at 0600 hrs, to catch a C-130 flight. (Yes you read it rite, a C-130). We flew out to Ft. Custer for our weapons qualification, then we loaded back up on our C-130 and flew back. (all in one day) No we didn't get to jump, but it wasn't because we didn't ask.

Then the third week of October, Gail and I went to Hot Springs, AR. for a week vacation. We go Crystal mining there every year. I guess that I just didn't get enough of playing in the mud when I was a Kid. Next year we are planing for two weeks, because we'll be looking for some land to buy. We're planning to retire in that area.

Well say good-by to our old friend, the Hog-60. The Military has a new machine gun. It's called the 240 Bravo and it will be taking the M-60's place. The 240B is an air cooled, gas operated belt fed, 7.62 mm machine gun. It's fired in the open bolt position. It weigh's about 7 or 8 pounds more than the M-60. The main difference is that the M-60 fires 550 rounds per minute and the 240B fires between 950 rpm and 1100 rpm. When you hold the trigger down it sounds like a mini gun. In November, I raised my right hand and took another six (6) years.

(A BURST OF SIX). I'm just not ready to give it up and grow up like you all. I love the military and our great country so I'll just keep driving on.

I'm on the Veterans council for local 1264's Veterans assoc. At my plant we have a little over 1100 Veterans out of about 3400 people that work there. On Veterans Day we have a flag ceremony in front of the local 1264's union building. We hold a formation and have the soldiers prayer read, and then place a wreath under the flag. Then we have a moment of silence for our fallen men. We say the MIA/POW prayer, and then go inside for a brunch.

By now you all know that Chrysler Corp. is no more. We are now Daimler Chrysler. (DAMN-OLD-CHRYSLER). I had the honor of being placed in charge of the flag raising ceremony. We raised Old Glory and the MIA/POW flag first. I called the Veterans Committee to attention and present arms. At that time the Stevenson high school Band played the National Anthem. Then I gave the command of order arms. Then we raise the Michigan State flag and the Chrysler flag. When the Chrysler flag stopped at the top of the pole we lowered it again and then raised the Daimler Chrysler flag. Then we marched down the main drag in the plant. They gave all the employees a free meal and a packet. The next day, it was business as always. Well Guys. Got to go!

1965-American Ranger Advisors in Vietnam - The Tiger Turns by Ranger Roy Lombardo, TD 41 BDQ

The Viet Cong and Peoples Army of Vietnam (PAVN) had a timetable which moved them away from insurgency toward maneuver warfare in 1965. Major engagements took place in every Corps Area and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) was reeling. One of the strengths of the South Vietnamese was the newly formed Ranger Battalions, which fought exceptionally well. Fighting to open roads; restoring villages and districts; rescuing beleaguered ARVN Regiments, the Ranger Battalions distinguished themselves. In this process, four of the twenty new Ranger Battalions earned the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation:

44th Ranger Battalion, IV Corps, 6 Apr 65

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**SECRETARY'S  
EDITOR/PUBLISHER  
MESSAGE  
BY  
ROY BOATMAN**

Well I guess I'll tackle the big problem that we currently have "Address Changes". Seems like the last couple of newsletters that were sent out prior to the December issue that was produced and mailed from here, did not have any return address on them. Bulk mail is handled differently than 1st Class mail and while most of the post offices will notify the sender (if it requested on the piece of mail), they do not have to do so and if they do, a fee is charged. I have received over 100 newsletters back with address changes indicated and over 20 with "No Forwarding Order on File" which means they have been gone from that address for over a year. The vast majority of the 100 plus newsletter that were returned were for members whose membership expired in June 1998. These will not be forwarded. The unit directors will be given a list of the names that we currently have no addresses on so that if the lost member contacts them they can tell him why they haven't received a newsletter in over a year. The association had to pay for each address change that we received from the post office, anywhere from .25 cents to .99 cents each. Then it would cost .99 cents each to re-mail the newsletter by 1st Class mail. That's just to expensive to do. So unless the lost member sends \$1.00 to the secretary for postage all issues from this date forward will not be resent. There is a very simple solution to this problem. **"Send your address changes to the secretary."** Do not think that just leaving a forwarding order with the post office will do the trick, it will not! As I said before, "bulk mail is handled differently than 1st class mail. We realize that many of us move and getting your newsletter is not the top thing on your list but don't be upset if you don't get your copy until you notify the secretary."

On to more pleasant topics. I'd like to thank all the unit directors who contributed to this issue. As you can see its rather large (40 pages) and members also sent in articles in addition to the unit columns and I'd like to thank them also. Way to go guys! As the

president has said "he can't imagine anything worse than to get a newsletter and have nothing in it about his unit." I agree! This is **your** newsletter and you need to contribute as much as possible. Many of us are now on-line with email and word processing and someone from your unit can just email the article or column to me for inclusion in each issue or send me a disk with your article on it. If you don't have that capability, then typed articles will do just fine. As a last resort, please **print** the article. You don't have to be a literary genius to write something about your missions or team. I know, because I do it all the time and I'm not any where near a genius.

Reunions will be a big part of this summer's activities for many of us and if your unit is not having one this year there is probably one near you conducted by another unit. It's well worth the effort to go to any reunions, in my opinion. Most of us just enjoy being around people who have the same common background whether it's Vietnam or the current active duty regiment. There's a bond there that is hard to explain but I know it exists. I've attended reunion with

#### **BOOK SALES**

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association has been selected by publisher of "Black Hawk Down" to sell the book through our Association Quartermaster operation. As Mr. Bowden has done a great job in telling the story of our men, in an up close and personal way, we are proud to "spread the word" about what Rangers stand for. Indeed, that is one of our main missions at the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Many in the public would never understand the sacrifices made by the men of B/3/75 and the other participating forces, were it not for the focused work of authors such as Mark Bowden. Mr. Bowden will be on a book signing tour through the spring. The schedule is in this issue. We will be donating \$2.00 from each book purchased to the Ranger Memorial Foundation. For a limited time, everyone who purchases the book from the 75th Ranger Regiment Association Quartermaster will receive their choice of either a bumper sticker or window decal. We will also hold a drawing at the end of 3 months and 9 months to give a .999 Fine Silver Ranger Coin to the winner. One entry per book. **Pete Neves** WebMaster

the Merrill's Marauders, Ranger Battalions of WWII, Ranger Infantry Company's Airborne (Korea), Company P, G, E, C and my own units. I've always had a great time and been warmly welcomed. So get to one if you can.

Last item I'd like to cover is membership that is increasing every day. Thanks go to all the unit directors who are encouraging the potential members to join. Most of the units are now publishing a company specific newsletter and helping to get the word out. We are doing something besides sitting around on our asses thinking someone else will do it. All it takes is just that one or two phone calls to bring a teammate and friend in to the fold. Keep it up guys! **Remember to send in those address changes!**

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**TREASURER'S MESSAGE  
BY  
JACK WERNER**

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Accts Receivable	\$ 106.49
CD Life funds	\$25843.99
Sales Inventory	\$ 9933.15
Fixed Assets	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$58942.03</b>

Liabilities: \$ 593.56

**Total Equity: \$58348.46**

Comparison Feb 99	to	Feb 98
1999		1998
Earnings:	37344.83	36749.88
Net Income:	10267.00	322.10
Open Bal:	10736.63	10606.13
<b>Total Equity:</b>	<b>\$58348.46</b>	<b>\$47688.11</b>

The 300 plus members that haven't renewed as of this date represent over \$6000.00 in income. Please encourage these members to send in their dues as soon as possible. We don't want to lose any of the members but we must have the funds in order to provide the newsletter and services we do. If any member is currently in need of help with paying dues, just let us know and we'll be glad to help out until times are better.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If your label now reads XXXX-99, your membership dues will be payable in June of this year. Get a jump on the system and pay them now while its still fresh on your mind.

Please send your dues to the secretary at:  
187 Paddlewheel Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28314

**THANKS!**

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Ranger Tab will not happen for us, and that the Board recommended a generic Ranger scroll of some to be determined origin. This may well be what is happening, but I can tell you we have been "officially" stonewalled by the powers that be and the decision makers. We have not even been afforded the courtesy of a reply to several inquiries. We have been courteous and respectful during this whole affair and we had been told we would have an answer by January 1998. It's over a year later and we cannot even get a response from the Commandant of the Infantry School, who happens to be the Ft. Benning Post Commander too. It's a sorry state of affairs in my opinion, but we have been going through this for about 10 years. It is NOT a dead issue, though any goodwill they might have garnered for doing it is probably out of the question now. We don't need the Ranger Tab to verify our exploits, but it would have been nice if the rest of the active duty Ranger Community had recognized our sacrifices and contributions to Ranger lore and mystique while they have the chance to do so. We don't have to beg anyone for anything and I'm getting sick of this whole process. To try to ignore the LRP's, LRRP's and Rangers who fought in this nation's

longest war is ridiculous. We'll keep you apprised of this as the saga continues. We're not going away, though not very many can muster positive thoughts on this issue anymore. I don't see any problem with the way we are treated when we are with our peers, but it is just so hard to understand their position when they have already set the precedent.

I guess I could go on and on, but I have reached my literary limit of the newsletter. I'm headed to Ft. Benning for the Live Fire Exercise, Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and then to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion and the St. Patrick's Day fun in Savannah, March 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. It culminates with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Ranger Ball on Friday night, where the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Henry Shelton will be the featured speaker. General Wayne Downing will be in attendance, along with Rangers of all eras and from all of the different associations. Be sure to order your copy of "Black Hawk Down" from our Quartermaster and be eligible to win some of the goodies Pete is giving away. Things are smoothing out and our membership is growing daily. Please be sure to renew and make sure your buddies do. We're shakin' the bush Boss !! Out here !! Terry Roderick



DON C. HALL - NORMAN SWARTZKOPH - TERRY RODERICK - DAVID PEACE





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roy,

I just located the 75th's website. First, I want to compliment you and those responsible for it's look and content. Of all the website's I've seen, this one stands out! It is filled with information, beautifully laid out and easy to read. It encourages the viewer to read on and on. Excellent work! After I read several areas I went into the history. First of all, having the privilege of meeting many of the Rangers from other units during an earlier 75th Ranger Rendezvous, I am always stirred by the courage and the exemplary manner in which each man served our country. I know that it is a price that each man pays for the rest of his life. But I also know that it is a bond that can only be created by extraordinary deeds by men who have set out to be a cut above the rest.

I was also struck by the young Rangers of today with a dicotomy that was less obvious in our time. To see a young man capable of defeating his enemy, hand to hand, if necessary (and some who had done just that) jump from the planes, with full pack, with that well known look of determination in his eyes, then walk over, unload his full backpack and hold in his arms the tiniest of babies with the softness of gentleness without embarrassment. It was a wonderful experience and one that we, as we get older, understand even more clearly than during our time of experiencing it.

I got rather carried away there, but as you can see I have a fondness for the men who have served to give me and this country the freedom that it has and I am very proud to know that my husband is one of your "band of brothers".

What I really intended to ask you is if you would permit me to copy the history of Co D 151 for the publication that I put out to that unit. I have just printed my first of a series in January and have been trying to gather a summary history of the unit. From there I hope to find more and more information and get it to our unit. Your said it so well and contained bits of information that I had not yet gathered. Thanks for your service to our Country

Thanks for your service to our 75th Assn and Best to You!

**Connie Bussell wife to (75th Ranger Assn Member, Gary L Bussell)**

*Connie,*

*You said it right concerning the WEB site however there are many people who have helped with this great information tool. Pete Neves, Hank Akins and Mir Bahnamar are the ones tasked with running it and keeping it up. They are from the Regiment since Vietnam and are highly skilled as you can see.*

*Concerning the history section of the Vietnam era. Please feel free to use anything on the site. The unit directors wrote the individual histories a few years ago and many people use them to teach the less informed of our time in combat and the proud upcoming of the LRRP to the LRP to the Ranger units.*

*Your pride in your husband and the rest of those who have served this country as Lurps and Rangers is felt by all of us. But your description is much better than mine. Underneath all the bravado and macho stuff we do, is a love of each other and a pride we supposedly hardcore members have trouble expressing.*

*The wives are the ones who truly deserve a lot of credit for putting up with us and we wish more of them would come to the reunions and share in the camaraderie. Great letter, thanks for writing!!*

Roy:

This is Ranger Kiel again, member No 0961 asking the same stupid question I asked you the 1st of December all over, What am I paying dues for? I have received 1 Patrolling issue almost a year ago, when I signed aboard and have not seen one since, now I could understand it if I didn't pay my dues on time, or if I was a Joe shit the rag man. But the funny thing is I'm holding the December issue in my lap from a LRRP friend who is so far behind on his dues his name comes up in each issue, but he can get his issue and I can't get one if I printed it myself. Now its not the money in fact I'm going to square away this LRRP so his name will come off the list, because part of being a Ranger is a man's word to follow through with his obligations and to take care of our own, and that's all I ask from the Association is "Follow Through" On a good note your magazine is well worth reading when an Old Ranger hunts down an Old

LRRP just to read it. Thanks again SSG. Kiel RANGERS LEAD THE WAY" PS: Put this in your next patrolling issue and you may find other Rangers in the same boat, and maybe it will help wake up our brothers to pay their dues and support the team THE RANGER/LRRP TEAM

*David,*

*I sent you a few back issues. Truthfully, I have no idea on what happened concerning your newsletters for the previous year. But we are fixing the problem(s) as fast as we can. We do appreciate your patience and don't want to lose any of our members especially if it is our fault that you aren't getting your newsletter. Rangers tracking down LRRP's is a hell of a concept and we hope the LURP wanted to be found! We may have to recycle him on E&E procedures and cover and concealment. Thanks for the heads up!*

## PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE

**In light of the rising frequency of human - grizzly bear conflicts, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is advising hikers, hunters and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert for bears while in the field. "We advise that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle bears that aren't expecting them. We also advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear. "It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear droppings. Black bear droppings are smaller and contain lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings have little bells in them and they smell like pepper."**





## **SGM MAJOR HUBERT H. FROST**

### **DECEASED**

Sergeant Major Frost is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his outstanding service as a Ranger in airborne and infantry assignments. During his service in Korea, then First Sergeant Frost deployed with the 187th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) to Korea and led his unit in the combat jump into the Sukchon area in October 1950. When the Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 187th RCT came under attack from a superior force, First Sergeant Frost rallied all Headquarters personnel and fought along with Lieutenant William Gore for over six hours to defeat a North Korean battalion. Because of his demonstrated courage and tactical acumen, First Sergeant Frost was selected by Lieutenant Gore to accompany him and a handpicked force of South Korean raiders (Task Force Red Wing) to be amphibiously inserted behind North Korean lines to raid, ambush, and gather intelligence. His tactical advice, resupply coordination, and courageous presence during long range reconnaissance patrols and agent insertions contributed largely to the success of this mission. Both Lieutenant Gore and First Sergeant Frost were known by name, rank, and service number to the North Koreans and were pursued but never captured as they raided and gathered intelligence behind enemy lines. After several months, newly promoted Captain Gore was stricken with polio. First Sergeant Frost rowed out into the Yellow Sea in a rubber boat until he flagged down a British destroyer to get medical assistance for his crippled friend. When the British diagnosis revealed that Captain Gore required immediate evacuation, First Sergeant Frost successfully coordinated and controlled an aerial medical evacuation by a small fixed-wing aircraft. First Sergeant Frost remained behind as the lone American with this reconnaissance force. Throughout his entire career, this Ranger has always "Led the Way" by his physical presence and personal example.



# **MAY GOD GRANT THESE SOLDIERS THE ETERNAL REST OF THOSE WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL!!**



## **COLONEL ROY A. MURRAY**

### **DECEASED**

Colonel Roy A. Murray is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for extraordinary valor and heroic service to the nation as a Ranger leader. Colonel Darby chose then Captain Murray to command Fox Company, 1st Ranger Battalion. As Fox Company Commander, he led the Ranger element on August 18, 1942 Dieppe Raid, landed in North Africa at Arzew, and fought in the raid on Sened Station. Murray was named Commander, 4th Ranger Battalion as a Captain. He led the battalion in the invasion of Sicily at Gela, and was promoted to Major. The battalion then fought in the amphibious assault at Maori-Salerno and Murray earned a battlefield promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. He then led his battalion behind enemy lines to cut the road at Ceppagna, Italy. Murray also led his Rangers on the Anzio invasion. During this battle, German forces surrounded 1st and 3rd Ranger Battalions at Cisterna. LTC Murray led the 4th Ranger Battalion in several gallant, though unsuccessful attacks to rescue their comrades. In 1953, Colonel Murray commanded the 32nd Infantry Regiment in Korea and then served as I Corps Deputy Chief of Staff. Other notable positions include: Infantry School Director of Instruction, Berlin Brigade Chief of Staff, and Combat Surveillance school-Commandant. His awards include the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, and the Chief Emperor Minilik II Medal. Colonel Murray's selfless dedication to duty and valorous leadership exemplify that "Rangers Lead The Way!"



**JIM ALTIERI, PHIL STERN  
AND ROY MURRAY (1957)**

## SOUNDS OF FREEDOM

In response to a flurry of letters-to-the-editor to the San Diego Union Tribune (re: increase in noise generated by Marine helicopters flying out of MCAS Miramar), the following was printed. San Diego Union Tribune February 8, 1999

Is harassment of residents the role of the military? (Letters, Feb. 4): Responding to Maura Harvey's letter wondering if the Marine helicopter training flights that passed above her Del Mar home were simply to harass residents, I can say that, yes, our mission is to harass residents, specifically Mrs. Harvey.

We do not train 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide freedom and security to all residents of the United States. We exist only to annoy the very people we are sworn to protect, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. We spend months and years overseas, away from our families and loved ones, in some cases making less than minimum wage, choosing to live a life in which many qualify for food stamps, just to have the chance, one day, to annoy people like Mrs. Harvey.

There is no more sought-after position in the military than the Maura Harvey Annoyance Task Force. As a matter of fact, the Marines who spent Christmas dug into fighting positions in northern Kuwait and their brothers in the sky, braving anti-aircraft missiles and artillery, were just training to come back to the States and fly missions over Mrs. Harvey's house.

It has nothing to do with the security of the nation. It has no impact on our ability to carry out missions in Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, and it has no bearing on Mrs. Harvey's ability to enjoy "nature and peaceful, quiet living." The "strange, almost science fiction war scene" she described was put on solely to make noise and to destroy her "scenic view corridors" in Del Mar Terrace.

It certainly was not valuable and necessary training to help sustain the lives of those who ensure this nation's freedom, should they ever be sent into harm's way to do just that. Next time, Mrs. Harvey may want to look upon those loud machines and think about the men and women, who fly,

ride in, and maintain them. Ponder the sacrifices they make in providing this nation with the warm blanket of freedom we all enjoy. Maybe she might even imagine how much more disturbing it would be if she were not sure what country the helicopters were from, or whether they were going to attack her beautiful neighborhood.

But she shouldn't worry too much about that, because we will not let it happen.

Capt. JOHN F. PETERSON, USMC  
Pacific Beach

*Mrs. Harvey would not be happy at my house which is right next to Ft. Bragg and I happen to live on flight corridor #1 which means that the C-130's, C-141's, C-17's, Blackhawk, Cobra's, and Apache helicopters are flying all hours of the day and night. In addition the impact areas for the artillery and ordinance from the Air Force can be heard and shakes the house. I generally go to sleep at night with the sound of machinegun and rifle fire in the distance. When I get family or friends that were not in the military for a visit, they ask how I can stand the noise? No problem for me for I know its the Sounds of Freedom. As long as they don't disturb the Red Headed Cockateed Woodpecker during mating season, all is well! Roy Boatman*

### THE HISTORICAL ORIGIN OF THE MIDDLE FINGER

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger, it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous weapon was made of the native English Yew tree and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew." Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, "See, we can still pluck yew! PLUCK YEW!" Over the years, some "folk etymologies" have grown up around this symbolic gesture. Since "pluck yew" is rather difficult to say like "pleasant mother, pheasant plucker", which is who you had to go to for the feathers used on the arrows for the longbow, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative "F", and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger salute are mistakenly thought to have something to do with an intimate encounter. It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird."

## "OPFOR COMMANDER"

I would like to explain where General Greb came from. MSG Berg was a Reserve Component Career Counselor stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA. In November 1974, the S2 of the 1st Ranger Bn. found out that for the past 17 years he had been the chief aggressor for the 478th Civil Affairs Company at every summer camp and he asked him to become the first Aggressor General of the Rangers. He took his name and reversed it and he became "General Greb". CPT Ty Tisdale, was the S2 of the 1st Ranger Bn and went on to become a LTC (P) and was stationed in Israel, he spoke 7 languages and had a Ph.D. from Harvard and he was a hell of a soldier and Gil's friend. He had a heart attack and went to the Big Ranger in the Sky. That's how General Greb came about and for the next three years, he would go out and do field problems about 3 times a week from about 2200 hrs to 0400, come back home, grab some sleep and go out again at night. He was glad that he could do this. He knew that some time in the future, these scenarios would come to fruition and help his Rangers out. There was an Entebbe type raid on the airfield at Hunter and some photographers were there from Parade magazine, and they put him on the front cover in Nov of 1976. The Ranger Bn sent him to SERE school in Brunswick, Maine for a week of training so he could bring back the info to Ft. Stewart and set up a training site there. Gil has always been there to help out any Ranger in need and is an affiliate member of our association as well as an honorary member of Company's C, F and P and a member of the Chairborne Rangers. So the next time you see Gil at one of our reunions, don't salute him just welcome him as one of our own who is a supporter of all LURPS/RANGERS.



Gil Berg (alias GEN GREB)

# Mark Bowden Book Signing Schedule and Promotion Tour for Black Hawk Down

Date	Time	City	Location
3.11.99	7-915 PM	Wilmington, DE	The Delaware Literary Connection 1609 N. Broom St.
3.15.99	4 PM	Philadelphia, PA	Radio Interview w/Ralph Collier
3.15.99	TBA	Philadelphia, PA	Borders Bookstore Walnut St.
3.16.99	TBA	Washington, DC	Tower Records 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
3.16.99	730 PM	Washington, DC	Borders 1201 Hayes St. Arlington
3.17.99	12-1 PM	Washington, DC	The Pentagon Book Store
3.17.99	730 PM	Timonium, MD	Bibelot
3.18.99	7 PM	Annapolis, MD	Barnes & Noble 2516 Solomon's Island Rd.
3.23.99	1 PM	NY, NY	Borders, 5 World Trade Center
3.25.99	730 PM	Philadelphia, PA	Chester County Book Company
3.26.99	730 PM	Tampa, FL	Barnes & Noble
4.05.99	930-1130	AMWest Point, NY	West Point Bookstore
4.05.99	1-2 PM	West Point, NY	Military History Instructors
4.06.99	7 PM	Atlanta, GA	Chapter 11 2345 Peachtree Rd
4.07.99	8 AM	Columbus, GA	TV Show
4.07.99	6-8 PM	Columbus, GA	Waldenbooks 3153 Manchester Expressway
4.08.99	TBA	Savannah, GA	Books a Million
4.09.99	TBA	Raleigh, NC	Bulls Head Bookshop Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill
4.09.99	11 AM	Raleigh, NC	McIntyre's Fine Books 2000 Fearington Village Center
4.10.99	4 PM	Fayetteville, NC	Barnes & Noble
4.13.99	TBA	Clarksville, TN	Hastings 1600 Ft. Campbell Blvd., Suite A
4.14.99	7 PM	Nashville, TN	Davis-Kidd 4007 Hillsboro Rd.
4.15.99	TBA	Birmingham, AL	Books a Million
4.19.99	TBA	San Antonio, TX	Borders Bookstore
4.20.99	7-9 PM	Killeen, TX	Hastings 2200 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd.
4.21.99	7 PM	Kansas City, KS	Barnes & Noble 8121 Northwest Roanridge Rd.
4.22.99	TBA	Junction City, KS	Waldenbooks, Manhattan
4.22.99	5 PM	Junction City, KS	Books N Such 505 N. Washington St.
4.24.99	TBA	L.A., CA	Barnes & Noble LA Times Book Festival
4.26.99	TBA	Chicago, IL	Borders, Michigan Ave
4.27.99	7 PM	Colo. Springs, CO	McKinsey White 8005 N. Academy Blvd
4.28.99	730 PM	Denver, CO	Tattered Cover, Lodo Store 1628 16th Street
4.29.99	7 PM	Phoenix, AZ	Changing Hands, 6428 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ
4.30.99	7 PM	Westwood, CA	Borders
5.01.99	TBA	Los Angeles, CA	Book Expo America
5.02.99	2-3 PM	Albuquerque, NM	Bound to Be Read 6300 San Mateo NE
5.03.99	7 PM	San Diego, CA	Esmerelda, 1555 Camino del Mar
5.04.99	7 PM	Seattle, WA	University Bookstore Kane Hall, Univ. of Washington 4326 Univ. Way



## THE STORY OF THE BATTLE

FOUGHT BY RANGERS OF  
COMPANY B

3RD BATTALION

75TH RANGER REGIMENT

(AVAILABLE FROM THE QM)





## On the Lighter Side, Operation Just Cause: By Richard Hecht

During every armed conflict there are moments in between the bullets and bombs, when you are forced to look at your buddies and just shake your head and laugh. After jumping into Panama on 20 December 1989 and putting a serious whoopass on the Panamanians, things began to settle down at Rio Hato. I belonged to 2nd squad, 2nd plt, Bco 2/75. Our job during the initial invasion was casualty evac. After securing all the primary objectives, we were placed in a temporary defensive position to see if there would be any counter attack. As the adrenaline began to ease up, I began to think of food. I wasn't really hungry but with the intensity of the action I wanted something and didn't know when we would catch another break. I was just about to break open an MRE when Nick taps me on the shoulder and hands me an ice-cold bottle of Coke and some cheese and crackers! Now Nick is one of those guys that knows everyone, and is always a good time at a party. He has done many things to amaze me but this was too much. I just sat there with a very dumbfounded expression on my face! Now I don't know about any of you guys, but my MRE's have never come with a cold pop! Shocked, I ask Nick where this stuff came from, he gestures casually over his shoulder and says, "the NCO club, of course," as if they had had an open bar during the entire invasion! To this day I'm not actually sure that Nick did not jump in with the Coke and crackers just to get me to make that dumbfounded face! As things settled into the next day our squad was without a job so we set off in search of adventure (trying to avoid the brass and not creating any unneeded attention). Our first priority was to find Ranger Lewis a new gun. That's right, sometime during the night Lewis "misplaced his car-15!" After an unmentionable amount of push-ups, we decide to "raid" one of the arms rooms and see what we could find. We liberated an Uzi and a couple of mags. As we strolled around the compound, the squad was approached by a major from HQ who demanded to see what Lewis was carrying. Being the good and resourceful ranger, Lewis handed over the gun. The major gave it a quick once over, handed it back, said nice gun and walked off. We later learned that Lewis's weapon had been mistakenly picked up by

someone from another squad at the casualty collection point when we had brought in some injured rangers. Lewis was very relieved to have his weapon back, but was a bit mad that he couldn't take his Uzi home! More to follow, **RICHARD HECHT, RLTV**

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42d Ranger Battalion IV Corps, 13 May 65

52d Ranger Battalion, III Corps, 11 Nov 65

37th Ranger Battalion, I Corps, 22 Nov 65

The Ranger Advisory effort involved only 42 officers and 36 NCO's at the start of the year and reached 54 officers and 64 NCO's by year's end. A very wise investment of Ranger Advisor strength paid a good dividend. Teaming with the 197th Armed Helicopter Company and the 145th Aviation Battalion and their sister units in I and IV Corps, Ranger fighting spirit coupled with aerial fire support carried the battle on many occasion. But there was a price that these Rangers advisors also paid, with 8 Officers and 5 NCO's KIA. In addition, the casualty loss in field strength to the Ranger Battalions quickly outstripped the Ranger Training Centers capability to replace them. The same was true for the ARVN Divisions in general. Finally it was necessary to introduce US combat forces to prevent the fall of the South Vietnamese government.

The Communists' 762d and 763d Regiments of the 9th Division fielded the AK 47 for the first time during June in the Battle of Dong Xoai when they overran a CIDG camp in III Corps. The 52d Ranger Battalion responded and captured 50 of these new weapons from the bodies of their enemies. The Ranger weapons (.30 M2 Carbine, .30 M1 Rifle, .30 LMG, and 60 mm mortar, essentially all WW II vintage) were supplemented with the new M79 Grenade Launcher, which also helped considerably with direct and indirect fire support for maneuver. The Black Tiger, the symbol of the Vietnamese Rangers, had turned and, with some breathing room provided by US combat and combat support, was now taking a heavy toll on his Nation's enemies.

## A REAL JOB

You know, some people still don't understand why military personnel do what they do for a living. This exchange between Senators John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum is worth reading. Not only is it a pretty impressive impromptu speech, but it's also a good example of one man's explanation of why men and women in the Uniformed Services do what they do for a living. And an example of what those who have never served think of the Military.

Senator Metzenbaum to Senator Glenn: "How can you run for Senate when you've never held a real 'job'?"

Senator Glenn: "I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I served through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook; it was my life on the line. It was not a 9 to 5 job where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I ask you to go with me...as I went the other day... to a Veterans Hospital and look at those men with their mangled bodies in the eye and tell them they didn't hold a job. You go with me to the space program and go as I have gone to the widows and orphans of Ed White and Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee and you look those kids in the eye and tell them that their dad didn't hold a job. You go with me on Memorial Day coming up, and you stand in Arlington National Cemetery, where I have more friends than I'd like to remember - and you watch those waving flags, and you stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell me that those people didn't have a job. I'll tell you, Howard Metzenbaum, you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men- **SOME MEN**- who held a job. And they required a dedication to purpose and a love of country and a dedication to duty that was more important than life itself. And their self-sacrifice is what made this country possible... **I HAVE HELD A REAL JOB. HOWARD! What about you?**"

*To those of you that are still serving and to those who have served; Thanks for holding and doing a "REAL JOB".*

# OUR LAST TALK

HANG IN THERE RANGER. I REMEMBER MYSELF TO SAY, MEDIVAC IS ON THE WAY.  
THINK OF DONNA, THINK OF HOME., I'M WITH YOU TROOP, YOUR NOT ALONE.

THEY DREW FIRST BLOOD, THEY HIT US HARD, SOMEONE DEALT US A LOSING CARD.  
MEDIC, MEDIC, IHEARD MYSELF YELL, I WANTED YOUR PAIN TO STOP, I WANTED YOU WELL.

YOU CLENCHED MY HAND NOT WANTING TO DIE, I PLED TO THE LORD THAT YOU NOT SEE ME CRY.  
THINK OF YOUR WIFE, YOUR BABY SO DEAR, I COULD TELL BY YOUR EYES THAT DEATH WAS NEAR.

MY EYES TEARED AS YOU MY FRIEND PASSED ON, WOULD THE WORLD BE SAD THAT YOU WERE GONE.  
EVEN IN DEATH YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS ON THE MARBLED STONE.

## THE DRAWER

EVERY SO OFTEN I GO THROUGH THIS OLD DESK DRAWER; BRINGING BACK MEMORIES OF WHEN I  
FOUGHT IN THE WAR.

HERE IS MY BERET, I WORE IT WITH PRIDE; IT MEANT THAT I WAS SPECIAL, SPECIAL DEEP INSIDE.

HERE ARE MY DOG TAGS, I'VE ALWAYS KEPT THEM AROUND; STILL TAPED TOGETHER SO AS TO NOT  
MAKE A SOUND.

THE AIR MEDAL WE GOT FOR GOING IN HOT, THE PURPLE HEART FOR GETTING SHOT.  
OTHER MEDALS FOR SACRIFICES I GAVE, A PICTURE OF JOE WHO DIED BEING BRAVE.

THEN THERE WAS DOC WHO WOULD NEVER STAY DOWN, I CAN STILL SEE HIS BLOOD STAINING THE  
GROUND. HERE IS MY P-38, IT'S OPENED MANY A CAN, ONLY IN THE NAM WOULD YOU EAT CANNED SPAM.

HERE IS A PICTURE OF SGT GARR, ON HIS SECOND TOUR HE WON THE SILVER STAR. AND THERE WAS  
IRISH WITH HIS HAIR SO RED, I REMEMBER THE AMBUS & THEN HE WAS DEAD.

THAT'S THE LT., HE WASN'T A BAD GUY, HE WAS THE FIRST GUY I EVER SAW DIE.  
I REMEMBER THE DAY I RETURNED FROM THE WAR, AND PUT MY PAST IN THIS OLD DESK DRAWER.



FRONT L-R  
LAMBERT,  
DISTRETTI

BACK L-R  
KETCHUM,  
FAMLE,  
MONFROOE,  
HORNE



MICHAEL "POET" MONFROOE WITH XM21

## TEAM DELTA

### **COMPANY N (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY 173RD ABN BDE (SEP)**

TEAM LEADER

ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

RTO

SCOUT

SCOUT

SCOUT

SSG TADINA

SSG FOWLER

SP/4 STANKOWITZ

SGT CAMPBELL

SP/4 NISBY

KIT CARSON THON

#### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

WARNING ORDER GIVEN 17 SEPTEMBER 1969 AND VISUAL RECON FLOWN (UHID) IN THE AFTER-NOON.

SITUATION: ENEMY HAS BEEN USING COASTLINE ALONG LO DIEU VILLAGES TO CONDUCT AMBUSHES ALONG QL1 AND HAS POLITICALLY ASSASSINATED VILLAGE CHIEFS AND OTHER CIVILIANS.

MISSION: RECON, SEARCH AND AMBUSH VC/NVA MOVING FROM LO DIEU VILLAGES (I, II, III)

EXECUTION: INFIL A RANGER TEAM FOR 4 DAYS ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1969.

#### ACTIONS BEFORE INSERTION (TEAM SOP)

Company Commander and Operations Officer brief the Team Leader on the mission. Team Leader gives warning order to the team and ATL is in charge of Weapons and Equipment.

ATL draws any special equipment needed for mission from the supply sergeant. Team Leader and ATL and Operations NCO/Platoon Sergeant go to helipad for Visual Reconnaissance flight of AO.

Team Leader and Insertion NCO fly border/perimeter of AO. TL is looking for a good insertion LZ and likely route of march and extraction LZ. TL tells pilot where the LZ is and requests a specific approach to LZ for the insertion the next day. Pilot returns to helipad and coordinates the time of insertion.

TL goes to Artillery Liaison at Brigade TOC and preplots any Defensive Targets (DT) and checks to see if Artillery coverage is possible.

TL returns to company area and draws overlay of AO (3 copies), showing insertion LZ, possible route of march, preplanned artillery fires on call, E&E rally point and extraction LZ. Distribution: 1- Company TOC, 2 - Bde TOC, 3 - Artillery Liaison.

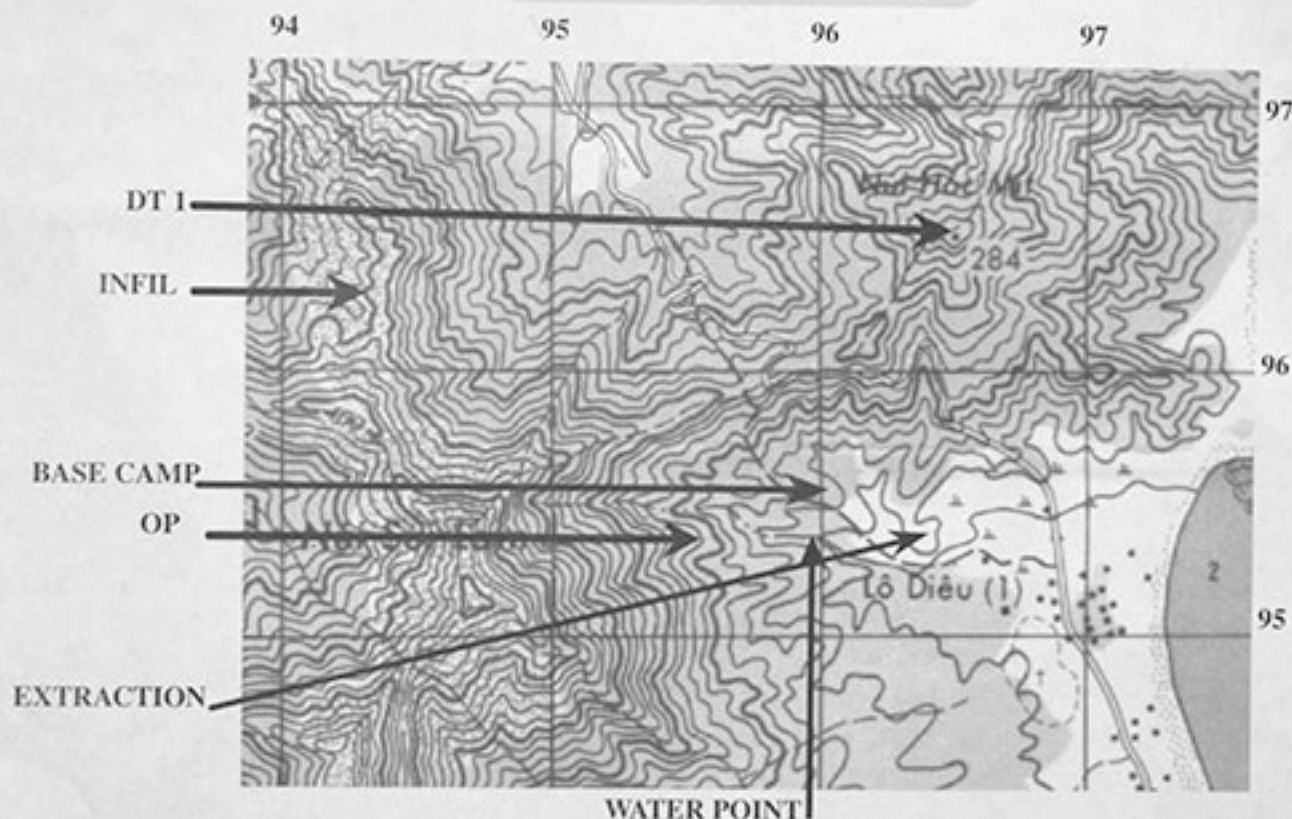
Team moves to firing range to practice Immediate Action Drills and test fire weapons.

Team Leader and Asst.. Team Leader inspect each team members gear.



TEAM EQUIPMENT	WEAPONS	INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT
PRC 25 RADIO - RTO EXTRA HAND SET - TL LONG ANTENNA - RTO URC 10-TL SIGNAL MIRROR - TL & ATL FIELD GLASSES - TL BATTERIES PRC 25 (2) MAP'S - TL & ATL KAC CODE - TL & RTO FREQS - TL & RTO STROBE LIGHT - TL	1 AK47(150 RDS)- TL 3 M16 (300 RDS)- ATL & 2 SCOUTS 1 22 CAL PISTOL (SILENCED) 20 RDS - TL 1 CAR 15 (300 RDS) - RTO 1 AK47 & M79 - SCT 5 FRAGS PER MAN (MIN) 2 SMOKE PER MAN (MIN) 2 CS TEAR GAS (TL & ATL) 2 WHITE PHOSPHORUS - TL & ATL 2 PEN FLARES - TL & ATL 6 CLAYMORES	GROUND CLOTH & PONCHO LINER NORMAL LBE RUCKSACK 2 QUART CANTEENS (2) 1 QUART CANTEEN (1) SWISS SEAT WITH SNAP LINK (1) MORPHINE SURETS (2) ALBUNUM BLOOD EXPANDER (1) CAMOUFLAGE STICKS (1) AIR PANEL ORANGE (1) INDIGENOUS OR LRP RATIONS KNIFE (K BAR OR SURVIVAL) PILL KIT (DARVON, DEX, ANTI DIAREHIA, MALARIA, ANTI STOMACH CRAMP)

### TIGER MOUNTAINS AO



### CONDUCT OF MISSION (TL'S NOTES)

1. Infil at 171700 HRS, 17 SEPTEMBER 1969: MADE PASS TO CONFIRM PLZ. PLZ (BR 963945)
2. Moved to the OP using primary route. Trail along hill top 400 SE to NW is being used by enemy. Trail junction grid (BR 947954) is booby trapped with two(2) 105mm rounds, on North side of trail. Reset booby traps to detonate at approx 181200 HRS if enemy does not trip before then.
3. Established OP at 2030 HRS (BR 954951). Observed area until 2200 HRS noticed lights moving from (BR 961955) to Lo Dieu (1). Can't ID (too dark), lights about 75 meters apart, might be point and drag lights. Will not engage with artillery, will give enemy freedom of movement for later ambush. 0330 HRS movement from Lo Dieu (1) back to (BR 961955) Might be

same group, lights same as before. Enemy did not move over pass (BR955963) Can observe at that coordinates, might be base camp or way station between Lo Dieu (1) and pass, possible base camp at (BR957957). Will check at daylight. 180830 HRS observed two VC/NVA moving on trail at (BR955963). Wpns (2 AK's), Black PJ's, no rucks. 1000 HRS, did not re-sight VC/NVA, they had enough time to get to Lo Dieu (1). 1030 HRS, contacted TOC, moving to possible base camp.

4. 1130 HRS, found Base Camp water point at (BR957956) as I came into view of the water point, I knew the camp was near. The trail leading away from the water point was well used all indicators point to a sizable camp. We could hear them talking. I prepared team for assault, Campbell and Nisby on my right, Thon and Fowler on my left and Stankowitz to the rear, as we moved to the top of the knoll, I could see a bunker on the left side of the trail. Two VC/NVA were sitting on top of the bunker with their backs towards me. Hand signaled to team not to fire, I would take out sentries with silenced 22 cal pistol. Eliminated both sentries with head shots. (2 weapons: 1 RPD and 1 AK47). Moved to hootch at top of knoll, 4 VC/NVA in hootch (classroom), intended to capture (weapons stacked outside), captured all four, now POW's. Three VC/NVA came from the east and Campbell killed all three with M79 and M16. Could now see main base camp (4 hootchs and approx 10-15 VC/NVA were in camp and we were now receiving fire. TL used captured RPD to suppress enemy fire and enemy broke contact and fled north on trail. Had no commo with TOC so did not search the dead, moved along trail with POWs to LZ at (BR 964954), used recon by fire on move to extraction LZ. Came under fire from ridge line to the north. Enemy was moving back towards my position. Rigged a daisy chained claymore at 150 meters from PZ and moved back to PZ, saw 10-12 VC/NVA at claymore site and engaged with claymores and RPD with unknown results, no more enemy fire. Still no commo. At 1330 HRS, RTO made contact with the CC aircraft and gunships. Gunships worked the base camp area. 1345HRS, slick came in for extraction, sent ATL, 2 scouts and 4 POW's out on the slick. At 1415 HRS, slick on short final and base camp on fire. Extracted at 1415 HRS. TL's note: During the contact the preset booby traps fired around 1200 HRS.

DEBRIEFED AT BRIGADE TOC: Results: 4 POW's, 5 KIA's, 1 RPD CIA, 8 AK's CIA. No other KIA's could be confirmed due to the enemy presence in the base camp. Submitted By: Patrick Tadina (173rd LRRP - 74th LRP - N/75 (Ranger))

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## 2ND BATTALION RANGERS TRAIN IN GERMANY

By Staff Sgt. Brian Thomas

GRAFENWOHR, Germany – The foreign terrain seemed oddly familiar. With the pine trees and familiar temperatures, Fort Lewis didn't seem that far away.

But while the training areas may have looked at first like those around Fort Lewis, Wash., the Rangers from 2 Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, were actually halfway around the world, discovering new challenges in Germany's Bavarian countryside.

The Rangers deployed as a full battalion to Germany Aug. 7 for a three-week training mission at Grafenwohr's 7th Army Training Center and the Combat Maneuver Training Center at Hohenfels.

The 7th ATC provided 2nd Battalion ranges for squad and platoon live fires, while Hohenfels presented a training site for Military Operations in Urban Terrain.

Combined, both locations gave the Rangers something key to their training – new terrain, and most important, new challenges.

"We came to Germany to train in a new environment," said Staff Sgt. Todd Nibarger, a squad leader in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. "Once you train in the same place so many times, it just become repetitious. You know where every stump and target is."

"This changes things up and puts a little more stress on you." The battalion maximized its opportunities at both the MOUT site and the live-fire ranges. Without the distractions of home station, the Rangers could focus on what makes the 75th Ranger Regiment the world's best light infantry unit – training.

"When we got into the training, it got pretty hectic right away," said Sgt. Walter Zajkowski, another Company C squad leader. "I think we need to train intensely while we're away, and take advantage of the opportunities while we're here."

"While you're on deployment you might as well focus on training hard."

Each of the battalion's rifle companies spent a three-day rotation at the CMTC MOUT facility. With its many three- and four-story concrete buildings, underground tunnels and realistic feel, the MOUT facility drew raves from the Rangers.

"The opportunity to work in an urban terrain facility like they have at Hohenfels is absolutely tremendous," said Lt. Col. Michael Okita, battalion commander, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regt. "It's a first-class facility, and it's something that we don't have back at home station."

Variety, said Zajkowski, is a key when it comes to MOUT training.

"Every time we get a chance to see a new MOUT environment, it's great for us," he said. "Odds are, when we go to combat, we'll find ourselves in a MOUT environment."

"Instead of hitting the same buildings time after time like we do back home, we get here and it's new. It's a new challenge to us."

Constructed on the model of a European town, the Hohenfels site gave the Rangers a strong sense of realism.

"The training we're doing here is targeted to the environment we would most likely find ourselves in when we're called to go to war," said Capt. William Sheehy, commander of Company C, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regt. "Our goal is to come away from here better prepared for combat. Everything we're doing is focused toward the readiness and deployability of the unit."

"By the end of the rotation, we'll be ready to go anywhere and do anything."

The sense of the real-world mission carried over into all the training the Rangers did, especially the two-day battalion mission that also took place at CMTC's MOUT facility.



Using both long-range foot infiltration and air assault attacks, the Rangers raided two MOUT sites, tying together the battalion's many capabilities.

"The guys did a little bit of everything – air assault, long-range infiltration, MOUT operations," Okita said. "Those are things we're fairly proficient at, but still presented different challenges for the guys.

"It reinforced that the Rangers have plenty of flexibility and adaptability to whatever the mission may be. The expertise and proficiency of Rangers at all ranks is really demonstrated when you're able to bring it all together."

Bringing new Rangers into the fold was another requirement for the mission. Squad leaders Zajkowski and Nibarger both stressed the importance of this.

"My guys got a lot of experience in the live-fire exercises and the MOUT environment," said Zajkowski. "Seventy-five percent of the guys in my squad have less than six months in the battalion, so they learned a lot just being on the deployment and seeing the way we do things.

For Nibarger, a new squad leader with several soldiers new to the unit, the training provided an opportunity to grow together.

"The squad and platoon live fires gave us a chance to build up," he said. "We're a brand new squad, so we're just building up our cohesion and teamwork.

"The biggest benefit was getting to work together."

For all the Rangers, the benefits of the training in Germany will only increase their capabilities as a round-the-clock, highly deployable combat unit.

"It's good for the Rangers to be exposed in theaters other than the continental United States," Okita said. "We are a worldwide deployable unit, and there are commands throughout the world that need to know and understand we are available to them – to be able



## 2ND BATTALION RANGERS RETURN TO NORMANDY

By Staff Sgt. Brian Thomas

POINTE DU HOC, France – Little has changed on this wind-swept plateau in 54 years. The winds from the Atlantic Ocean still sweep over its cratered, shell-pocked surface. The crumbling, concrete casemates and barbed wire remain as they were a half-century ago.

And the most prominent feature – the Pointe itself – still stubbornly juts from the ocean, standing sentry in front of the 100-foot cliffs to the top of the plateau. The men it draws to walk its grounds have changed little either.

On June 6, 1944, more than 220 U.S. Army 2ND Rangers scaled the cliffs of Pointe Du Hoc to eliminate German guns that posed a threat to the D-Day invasion. On Aug. 30, 1998, more than 100 members of 2ND Battalion, 75TH Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., came to pay tribute to their predecessors.

The Rangers of D-Day suffered huge losses scaling the cliffs and taking Pointe Du Hoc, only to find that the guns had been moved. They regrouped quickly, however, and found and destroyed the guns inland. Under the command of Lt. Col. James E. Rudder, the 2ND Rangers were the first to accomplish their mission on June 6.

Their modern-day counterparts visited Pointe Du Hoc and several other Normandy D-Day sights during a two-day rest and recreation trip following a three-week training mission at the 7TH Army Training Center in Grafenwohr, Germany.

The trip took the Rangers through festive nights in St. Mere Eglise and Grandcamp-Maisy and solemn visits to the Normandy American Cemetery, Omaha Beach and Pointe Du Hoc.

Seeing the beaches, battlegrounds and final resting place for so many U.S. soldiers brought a full range of emotions to the modern-day 2ND Rangers.

"It was very emotional and impressive to see the cemetery, and to see where U.S. soldiers, and especially Rangers, gave up their lives," said. Spc. Matthew Baylor, a sniper in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2ND Bn., 75TH Ranger Regt. "We learn about what happened, but we never really get to see the places where it happened, so this was a very important trip for us." While the World War II Ranger units were deactivated soon after the war ended, today's Rangers still celebrate their tie to those first Ranger units. And 2ND Battalion has a strong history to pay homage to.

Not only did Rudder's Rangers scale the cliffs at the Pointe Du Hoc, Company C of the 2ND Rangers landed at one of the bloodiest areas of Omaha Beach – an event marked in the movie Saving Private Ryan.

"The tie we have with the World War II Rangers is pretty strong," said Capt. Ravindra Wagh, 2ND Battalion civil-military operations officer and organizer of the trip. "We try to live as they did, and a lot of the things we do haven't changed.

"We're still an all-volunteer force, and we still look to them for how we want to fight. They fought like no one else has ever done in the military."

Specially trained in climbing, patrolling and conducting small-unit actions, the D-Day Rangers were not only the first to accomplish their mission at the Pointe, but also led the way off the carnage on Omaha Beach. Facts like these are a source of great pride and emotion for today's Rangers.

"You feel sadness, but also an immense amount of pride because you're wearing the same, exact scroll those guys wore when they were climbing up the cliffs," Wagh said. "So it feels pretty good to be part of that lineage.

"Col. Rudder put it best when he stood on the Pointe 20 years later and said 'Will you tell me how we did this?'" Wagh continued. "Because nobody then could realize how they did it. And to this day, when we stood at the Pointe, I don't know how they did it. I had to wonder if I could do it, or if any of the guys around could have." The Rangers spent one night each in the towns of St. Mere Eglise and Grandcamp-Maisy, which is the home of a Ranger museum. They were welcomed in both communities with open arms by the French people who still have an appreciation for the men who liberated them from Nazi oppression.

The Rangers walked away from this trip seeing that the people of France clearly remember what they did, and they won't forget that," said Chaplain (Capt.) Terry McBride, the 2ND Battalion chaplain who was allowed to hold a church service in the historic St. Mere Eglise chapel. "For them to see the people of France, and how much they still appreciate and love the American soldier was a real experience."

By day, the Rangers paid visits to several D-Day sights, including Utah and Omaha Beach, and several museums dedicated to the invasion.

At places like the Normandy American Cemetery and Pointe Du Hoc, the gravity and emotion of what happened 54 years ago took hold.

At the cemetery, Pfc. Nick Jones placed a wreath at the marker of Pfc. James Donahue, a 2ND Ranger killed in action on D-Day. Donahue is the great uncle of a current Ranger, Capt. Christopher Donahue of the battalion operations section.

"The cemetery was very moving for us, because Capt. Donahue was there for the first time, helping to lay that wreath at the base of the grave," Wagh said. "That was pretty moving, because we all have family, and that was pretty important to know that (Pfc. Donahue) made that sacrifice."

"It's because of men like him that Capt. Donahue can join a Ranger battalion."

Pointe Du Hoc, called "sacred ground" by Wagh, was the final stop for the Rangers, as they shared the early evening ceremony with the people of Grandcamp-Maisy. A wreath was laid at the base of the Ranger Monument, a dagger-shaped stone placed in memory of Rudder's fallen Rangers.

**And once again, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rangers had walked the Pointe. Little has changed indeed!**





# RANGER REGIMENT LEARNS THE ART OF TRACKING

By Fletcher Ruckman

This past summer I received a call from Bill Nissen (N/75) who knew that I had done some writing for BTL and wanted to know if I'd be interested in doing an article on his new job? After a little questioning, I learned that he was employed by Tactical Tracking Operations School, Inc., a company that provides courses in man tracking to the military, law enforcement and department of corrections people. We talked at some length as Bill is quite proud of his new position and the work that they perform. The result was a call his employer, Mr. David Scott-Donelan of Mequite, NV. David described the schools purpose and gave me some of his impressive background which included several years in the Rhodesian Army, mostly in special operations, and also as head of of that countries tracking school and unit. He also served several years with the South Africa's army before emigrating here.

Our telephone conversation resulted in an offer to for me to attend a course he was giving in Virginia to some law enforcement agencies. It turned out that several of the groups there had a problem with no-police personnel being present due to some of the subject material that would or might be discussed. As it turned out it was to my benefit due to the fact that the next course being taught on the East Coast was at Ft. Benning in December. Upon confirmation of my attendance, David sent me a copy of his Book "TACTICAL TRACKING OPERATIONS", to give me an idea of what the course would consist of. The book is a short read and is very informative, covering a short history of tracking, several techniques, supporting stories and experiences and a list of do's and don'ts. The core of the text is on the methods and tactical formations.

Things really worked out when the date for the class was confirmed and the class was being taught to the elements of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. I immediately took this as a sign that "this had to happen" and even though it was the week before Christmas I wasn't missing this opportunity to be around Rangers who have carried on the traditions and lineage of my former unit (173<sup>rd</sup> LRRP) (this didn't make me very popular on the home front). The only difference between the this course and the police course is that the military course is 7 days instead of 5 days..

So on December 13<sup>th</sup> after finishing my day job, I threw my gear in the pickup and headed south, stopping in Fayetteville to see my old team leader and trying to convince him to come along and take the course with me. Unfortunately, Tad couldn't break from his work schedule leaving me to continue the rest of the way by my lonesome. Quarters had been arranged for the instructors and myself in the RIP (Ranger Indoctrination Program) barracks. I managed to get there just in time to wake up the teacher (great start here). After a quick introduction to David and his instructors by Bill Nissen, we headed to chow only to shock the mess hall staff with our age and appearance. They got used to it after a couple of meals though!

The first day was the only one spent indoors and consisted of the introduction and morning lecture. Class was informal and on a first name basis with about a dozen students, plus two NCO's who had attended a previous course. Classroom work lasted until 1400 hours and then moved outside to to the volley ball court which had been magically transformed into a Tracking Pit! The next four hours were very informative and set the pace for the next 6 days. About this time we learned that the troops were on half day schedule, due to the holidays, but were freely giving of their own time in order to receive this training these men weren't half steppers and went out of their way to glean all the information they could possibly absorb. I finally got to get some sack time after a trip to the commissary to gather some chow for the next few days (life has its priorities).

The next few days consisted of class (in the field) which after a short period of instruction was followed by a hands-on practical exercise. The students were split in half, while half would track and the rest would act as quarry. Bill and David were always right there when a new technique or tactic was shown, they were always there to answer questions on the spot. I started staying with the quarry group as much as possible. It's been many years since I've relaxed in the woods, something in the brain takes over and I get very critical of the actions of the people I'm with. How they move, how much noise they make and the way they smash through the brush. Didn't happen with this group of Rangers! One example was, while moving up an incline my foot got entangled in some old barbed wire hidden under some leaves. Before I could react, the man behind me grabbed my ankle and cleared the wire from my foot and then tapped me on the leg to let me know that I was clear. 32 years had gone by in an instant and I could feel what it meant to be with a team again! It felt great!

Saturday rolled around which took us to the range in order to show a practical means of "recon by fire." It was new to me and a very effective means to hit unknown targets. The rangers really got into this. This was followed by a trip to the Fours Winds restaurant for a Ranger Burger. Sunday was no different and training went right on. Although I have a friend who is assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt who returned from leave that night, I didn't have time to spend with him but did manage to introduce him to David and Bill. Mondays classes were made up of anti and counter tracking methods which is the main difference from those given to the police. An overview

was given and we headed to the barracks. The CQ runners that watch the doors are made up of RIP holdovers and we caused them more than a little bit of confusion because we were dressed in old foreign camouflage pattern fatigues and couple with our long hair and age just couldn't accept that we lived here. Bill looked at him and said, "we're RIP holdovers". He didn't know what to say to that and we continued on our way.

Tuesday was the crowning event. Today would tell how good the training was. David and one of the NCO's plus Bill and myself would be the quarry. We were given a 20 minute head start. Bill and I left a few traces here and there, followed by a few delaying tactics. After a few clicks we cut across country to link up with David's team. Using a technique that had only been mentioned in the class room portion, the trackers had sent two extra people forward to cut the trail if possible. David's team walked into them. Shortly afterwards Bill and I then crossed a road only to be spotted by the same people who had caught David. Foiled again!! We then straggled to the RP ate lunch and headed to the team room for the After Action Report. Where I promptly fell asleep! Hell, I'm 50 not 19 years old and besides it took seven days!

I don't think I can tell those young rangers how proud we are of them, but I'll try anyway. They never stopped training. They took in every peace of information. It was a pleasure to watch them take a simple remark or trick and work it into their routine (evaluate – modify – or rearrange it then use or reject it). It was definitely poetry in motion and it felt good just to watch it let alone be a party to it! The climax came when after the AAR the three of us were given a coin from the regimental commander, Col. McChrystal, and so marked on the coin. Made my week even better. I made some new friends, saw some old ones and helped the next generation if only a little bit

In closing, I'd like to share my favorite of the class critiques – "The instructors have a vast amount of experience that is fundamental and applicable to every aspect of our mission. Let it be known that due to your instruction and expertise, lives will be saved and taken!" Yep, some things don't change but who wants them to. David's book is back in print and if you would like to read it I'm sure he'd be glad to sell you a signed copy (besides which it will keep Bill busy running to and from the post office) David's address: David Scott-Donelan, PO Box 2523, Mesquite, NV 89024 or call 520-347-5377.



DAVID SCOTT-DONELAN CONDUCTS CLASS FOR RANGERS

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**THE TRACKING PIT**



**BILL NISSEN POINTS OUT A SIGN  
TO RANGER STUDENT**



**BILL NISSEN N/75  
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173RD LRRP  
ONCE AGAIN.**



## 1ST DIV LRRP - E/52 LRP - I/75

It doesn't seem possible that thirty years have passed since I was in Vietnam. Some things in my memory are so vivid that they mock the years gone by as though it only happened yesterday. And certain things I'll never forget; the constant smell of diesel exhaust on highway 13 (Thunder Road); the sound and smell of small arms fire; the sound of incoming 8 inch artillery support (it sounded like a giant marble rolling down a giant metal pipe with the sound magnified about a hundred times—that's before it splashed); the sound of Cobra support, (a couple of pilots on their way back to base camp dumped ordinance on us once, we could see and hear the rockets leaving the tubes. No one was hit but the explosions jarred a paper like nest of stinging ants loose from the canopy above. They found their mark with the precision of a B-52 strike and within seconds there was a half naked team of LRRPs, with clothes and gear in tow, busting brush on a dead run. We thought about sending those guys in the 1st Cav a present of those little critters but we never were able to pull it off.) There are hundreds more vivid memories, sights, smells and sounds. You know them, you were there. But sometimes faces and names elude me. There are some guys I'll never forget and then there are some that take a bit of brain jogging or cobweb cleaning or whatever for me to say "Oh yeah, I remember that guy." Well I need your help. Recently two separate families have requested information about Rangers that served in F/52 - I/75 in 69-70.

The family of Juan L. Melendez contacted Jerry Davis seeking information from people that served with Juan. He died recently and his wife and children are requesting information so that they can fill in the blanks from that period of his life. They know about the good husband and father that he was, now they would like to know about the elite Ranger that he was. If you remember Juan please contact me via e-mail at Integr98@aol.com or call me at (727) 345-2729.

Jim Savage recently received the following letter:

Mr. Savage,

My name is Shawn Jennings and I am the son of an Airborne Ranger who served in Vietnam in 69 and 70. His name was Jerome Donald "Donnie" Tate. The information I have is sketchy but I do know that he was in Co. I, 75th Inf., 1st Infantry Division. Some of the names mentioned in his photo album are: Fagan Lee, Bill Barry, Top, Ballard, Brown, Conter, Harper, Doc Mullins, Dallas, Stevens, Schez, Murn, Addiar, Frakenberry, Larry Hanford, Rick Waters, Hunter, and Pete Lemon. He and my mom married after he returned from Vietnam and I was born in 71. Dad was electrocuted while working as an electrical lineman in Shelbyville, TN in 1974. I was adopted after that by my step dad. I still have a relationship with his family, but their main memories of him are of his childhood. If you knew my Dad or know how to contact any of the men on this list, I would greatly appreciate your reply.

Sincerely,  
Shawn D. Jennings

Jim and I are both making attempts to contact the guys on Shawn's list to provide him with as much information about his Dad as possible. If you remember Donnie Tate please contact me so that I can forward that information to Shawn.

Life leaves us with so many unanswered questions. Hopefully we can provide a few of the important answers to the families of these Rangers.

Just a reminder that our next reunion will be held in June in Branson, Missouri. I'll pass along the details as they unfold.

Thanks for the opportunity to represent the men and families of F/52 LRP, I/75 Ranger. **Barry Morse** (Unit Director)

## ARVN RANGER ADVISORS (BDQ)

### Ranger Advisors

Happy Lunar New Year to you all. You remember Tet 68, don't you. That was when the VC/NVA decided to use live ammo for their unannounced celebration and fireworks. Certainly a strategic surprise for COMUSMACV but a tactical mistake of major proportions for the bad guys because the populace did not rise as the Communists thought they would nor were the Communist forces successful in seizing and holding their objectives. After an estimated 100,000 enemy casualties, the VC were never a serious force in future operations.

If you remember your counterpart's name, I have a linkup with the Vietnamese BDQ that will tell you his location in the U.S. If you don't remember his full name, then his first name (which was worn on his uniform) plus the battalion and timeframe, might be enough to identify him completely if he is in America.

I'd like to tell you a story of a Man Called Muoi. He was the Battalion XO of TD 41 BDQ, when Le bao Toan was the CO. In combination they were a dynamic duo, with Toan being the brains and Muoi being the brawn of the Battalion when contact was made. Do van Muoi had served in TD42 and TD32 BDQ, rising quickly to CPT, when he came as the XO of TD 41 BDQ in the spring of 1967. Later, he went on to command TD31 BDQ; TD34 BDQ; and finally TD 95 BDQ, from which he was captured when the NVA overran South Vietnam. He was wounded several times and awarded the U.S. Silver Star for his bravery, in addition to Vietnamese awards for valor. He survived captivity and re-education and was released in 1982. He tried to escape South Vietnam in 1983, '84, and '85 by boat and through Cambodia, but each time was unsuccessful. He was briefly imprisoned again but was miraculously released by a rouse employed by his driver. He finally made his way to America in 1991, to be joined by his family in 1994. Today they reside in Seattle. When I celebrate the Chinese New Year, I celebrate that my Ranger Counterparts are now safe in America. Fondest Ranger regards across the years, **BDQ Roy Lombardo** Unit Director

## F/51ST LRP

At the request of Unit Director Dave Peace, I will assume the responsibility of writing the column for the 75th Ranger Associations 'Patrolling' Magazine. The lead-in story for this column must be Don Hall's documentary film project which is well under way. The film will be based on F/51st LRP with major emphasis on the leadership of Col. Wm. Maus and ISG Walter Butts who, through their own leadership abilities, instilled in us all the concept of; 'lead by example, not by rank'. The actual shooting of the film began at Ft. Benning last August at the dedication of the Ranger Memorial Walk. From there the filming went to Ft. Bragg in October 1998 where Don and the twice Emmy Award winning film crew (Flying Tigers Company, Orlando FL) set up. Present were Clark Etterman, Joe Havrilla, Bailey Stauffer, ISG Butts, Dave and Judy Deshazo, Tom and Susanne Grzybowski, Les and Shannon Erwin, Gene 'Wolf Man' Slyziuk, SFC Bill Mortensen, and myself, who were all interviewed. A highlight was to meet and associate with the F/51st LRS troops stationed at Bragg. The film crew took some remarkable footage of them 'doing their thing' and seeing it was fascinating. F/51st LRS put on a demonstration of all the 'new' surveillance equipment (minus the classified stuff) and we old timers were greatly impressed. The LRS men treated us like 'hero's' in a brotherly way, extending courtesy above and beyond. Took two days to get them to quit calling us Sir's. To close the session, ISG Butts held his usual awesome back yard BBQ for us, including the LRS troops, which, by LRP luck, occurred on his birthday. Everyone had a good time informally exchanging information and stories. Then off to Orlando FL in January. Present for film interviews were Margurito 'Chico' and Brenda Hernandez, Dave Peace, Chuck 'Priest' Luczynski, pilots from the 'Thunder Chickens' who flew for us, and, General Stormin' Norman Schwartschoff. The General had many good memories of Col. Maus, spoke very highly of LRP's, and will be one highlight of the film. The next trip planned for Don and his crew will be to Wilmington, NC for a memorial service for Col. Maus, 23&24 April 99. Anyone interested in attending this function should contact Don for further information, or, get hold of me and I'll get the necessary information for you. Having been privileged to see this production company first hand, I can tell you that Don's project is being done with absolute professionalism. Producer Ginni Hashii runs a tight ship and Don's 'CSM' Annette's putting everything she has into it. The film crew believes the film will be another Emmy under their belt due to the interviews of the F/51st men. Stay tuned. This will be big when completed. Reunion: F/51st reunion will be at Lafayette, LA 7 Jun to 11 Jun99. Jim Bergeron will be sending Bailey the information which will be in the March issue of F/51st SITREP news letter. Speedy: Class "A" agent reports indicate that 'Speedy's' getting married next fall. He will be at the reunion in June, said he's flying this time, driving is hazardous to his health. He's still recovering from his attempt to make the Ranger reunion.

Plt Sgt Sahm: John is suffering the effects of Lou Gerrigs disease. He's in a 'rest home' of sorts. Bailey will send further info in the SITREP. Cards and letters from the brethren are appropriate here gentlemen. Other news: Word is, some highly acclaimed author's are looking for war stories from the 78th & 79th Inf Det (LRP), both of which sprang from ISG Butts's 'elite bastards' of F/51st LRP. Be advised: I can't speak for the 79th, but the 78th Inf Det (LRP) was nothing more than a piece of paper in the bottom left drawer of Cpt. Peter's desk for about a week/ten days. As the 78th Inf Det (LRP), about all we did was figure out where to build the HQ/TOC, get some roof's over our heads, and more importantly, where and how big to build the bar. (Turned out to be a nice bar). In short, there are no war stories from the 78th Inf Det (LRP). It was a paper outfit. Ranger missions weren't launched until the Ranger/75th designation was applied to Co O. So: "No War Stories, Please". Ranger Web Sites: If you're into cybor-space, I urge you to check out the 75th Ranger web-site (<http://www.75thassoc.org>). From there you can get to those Ranger Units who have web sites. I checked out E/20th LRP, C/75th. Not only did I get to study the other original 'authorized' LRP unit. I found pictures of Gary Poppell of O/75th, and a friend of mine from Tng Gp/Bragg, Dan Pope, also the 'Webmaster'. There's a world of information in the 75th web-site. It's extremely well put together. Bill Houser 6100 S. Madison Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-0031 E-mail: TC17@juno.com

## 1ST BN 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

The 25th Anniversary of the 1st Ranger Battalion is fast approaching. You will probably be reading this after the fact!! I have been contacted by many of the original Battalion Staff. Sergeant Major of the Army (Retired) Glen Morrell will be there, Ranger Bill Sears, Ranger Mike Martin. CSM(R) Martin has written three books which goes to show that "Yes, they can do something besides cheschew ass". MAJ Fountain, Chemical Officer, has his PhD and is assigned to West Point. SGM (R) Dave Kuhns is in Indiana and hopes to make it to the anniversary and have a few beers. This Anniversary promises to be a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new onew ones. See where the Battalion is today compared to the early days. See all the high tech equipment our present day warriors have to meet the Ranger Objective. SFC Nixon, Regimental Fire Support NCO, informs me that LTC Votel has in place designated ceremonies to honor Grenada, Panama, etc., on a regular basis, "lest we forget". On a sad note, received word from ISG Houston (now ISG 2ND BAT) that SGT Bobby Coco was killed in a motorcycle accident in January in Savannah. SGT Coco served as anti-tank gunner in Iraq. Our condolences to family and friends of SGT Coco. Any information you have about your 1st BAT Rangers, please contact me. This is YOUR column. I am just the designated "input" guy. I can tell you that the membership of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association is growing and a LOT of their new members are 1st Battalion Rangers. It is the best way that I know personally to get in touch with your lost Ranger Buddies. Until the next time, keep your hatchet sharp, your powder dry and your head low. RLTW Bill Acebes Unit Director



**Pack Your Bags!**

I was going to save that little comment for the JUNE issue of patrolling, but we may very well be in the ASHEVILLE area by then! Our plans for the company reunion are really starting to take shape. I have the location for our A. O. whittled down to two choices. Number one being JONATHAN CREEK INN in MAGGIE VALLEY and the other being the HOLIDAY INN in Asheville. Quite frankly, I'm almost certain it will be JONATHAN Creek. This is because the accommodations better suit our needs. JONATHAN Creek is willing to allow us an area for our Pig Picking. Also the place is conducive to peace and quiet. It is nestled in the hills and sits on the edge of a mountain stream. Hence the name JONATHAN Creek. I'll have more inf. about accommodations in the next company newsletter

**PAPA/CO. NEWS LETTER**

I will be sending out another company news letter on or about the 16th of FEBRUARY. Most of you will receive the company news letter before you get this issue of Patrolling. In the news letter I will be informing you as to how to make your reservations. There fore if you have not received it by now - you need to get in contact me. There were twenty-one news letters returned from my last mailing. These returns are due to bad addresses. Please note, it's not enough just to let the local post office know of an address change. You must also notify the assn. and the unit director, me! I tell you this not to be harsh but to avoid any missed communication. Listed below are the names of the members who's news letters were returned. I would appreciate any and all assistance to help find these men. Thank you

Badeaux Robert, Bagley Dan, Buntin Harold, Butler Walter, Crawford Robert, Dominguez Jose, Garcia Daniel, Goodnite Douglas, Holtzaple Frank, Kalbaugh Virgil, Laws Charles, Lloyd (hello Troll)? William, Milson Jeffrey, Saxton Gregory, Sherman Thomas, Smith Larry, Soliz Tony, Wagenius David and Womack Hershel.

Note: The papa/company news letter is NOT the same as the Unit directors column in Patrolling. These are two different animals! The Papa/company news letter is sent to you by the Unit Director and is shared by its Companies members and friends. The unit directors column is written for Patrolling and is shared by the entire ASSN. **NEW MEMBERS:** This is the best part of being the unit Rep - I get to pass on information like this! I'm proud to report that there has been an increase of numbers in our ranks Recently. The following people have either joined or rejoined after a period of some absence from the companies fold. They are, Kerrin Bates, Mitch Brown, Kenn Emmick, Russ Dillion, Chuck Gooch, Dave Marchbank, Bob Turner and Jerry Yonko. Most of these men found us through the use of a computer. They found us by keying in words such as LRRP, LRP, Ranger, Army, etc. In doing so eventually some stumbled upon our website. It is at the website that they logged on and requested information on lost buddies and units. When a member logs on with a request, the site team forwards this information on to the appropriate unit director. This is when the fun begins. It's a great feeling when you can hook a man up with a buddy he hasn't seen in twenty-five years.

I've been receiving a lot of nice compliments from the members. I greatly appreciate the kind words of praise. But I would I would be less than honest if I didn't mention that a lot of this work is accomplished with the help of many others. Thank you.

**NEWS UPDATES:**

The miss spelling of William P. KASTENDIECT (On The Wall): I have not started on this project as of this writing. This is largely due to the fact that I have been busy with the reunion and the new members. Now that most of the arrangements for the reunion are taken care of, I'm sure I'll have the time to get on the stick with this Goal.

The Guidon: There has been a great deal of support for this project from the start. After we got the guidon made, we needed a staff to place it on. Papa company extends a heart felt Thank You, to SFC. Raymond Gates of the 82nd Airborne Div. for his assistance in procuring the staff. Also as the unit rep I have invited Raymond (Dave Gates's brother) to join us in Asheville. Duke Dushane has informed me that donations sent to purchase the guidon added to \$200. This amount was more than was needed. The guidon's cost was \$95.00. To be fair to all that contributed moneys designated solely for the purpose of this company goal Duke, pooled the money, divided equal shares from all involved and sent the remaining \$105.00 to the company fund. The contributors were, Terry Bishop, Duke Dushane, Dave (don't call me George or JR.) Gates, James Gill and Mike (I've been to school a lot) Rossi. Thank you all.

Company Fund: I would like to see us on a stronger foundation. I'll address this issue in more detail in the company news letter. I would like to thank some of the new members for there generosity. Contributions by Kenn Emmick, Charles Gooch and the assurance from some of the others help lend to the true spirit of the company. Thank you all for your support. I'm sorry if I've embarrassed anyone but hey, no one said I needed class to do this job! Hooah

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Members feeling under the weather: Ranger Rick Auten is recovering from back surgery. Bonnie Beckwith is recovering from foot surgery. Lets wish them a quick recovery.

Dues: Please remember that you must stay current in order to keep receiving this publication. More on this in the company news letter.  
Note: There may be an article in this issue about the rescue of a Navy Seal Team. If this is so, you may find it interesting to know that this operation was carried out in part by Ranger Steve Koreneks Troops in the Alaska National Guard.

The following is a sample of what some of the boys talk about.

From Frank Pickton:

Sorry to keep you in the dark. I've been out of touch with everyone the past few months. With the tensions growing in this part of the world, I've been working 14 to 18 hour days trying to help out our good old Uncle with security problems. I'll try harder to keep in touch with you all. I wish I could be back in the States for the P/Co. Reunion. I've been talking with a lot of the guys over the past 2 years, and every time a get together comes around I'm either out of country or out of touch. Must have been hit to many time in the head over the years. As soon as I can I'll write and fill you in on things over here. Take care and have a drink for us lost souls at the reunion, OK. Let the guys know, that I wish I could be there. Getting back in touch with you all has helped more than you can imagine. I'll let you figure that one out. Take care, Frank (Jackal 1-4)

From Frank Couvillion:

Sorry that I haven't been keeping in contact as I should, I'll do better in the future. As you probable already know I'm an R.N. trained in Critical Care and Emergency Services. I presently contract with a company that provides medical care for most situations, to include isolated areas of the world. I presently go to an overseas assignment for approximately 60 days at a time 2 - 3 times per year. The schedule is always fluid, so it's difficult to schedule upcoming activities here in the US. I am scheduled to depart for an overseas assignment 2/14/99 and return around 4/20/99. That means that I may have to depart for overseas again 2 months later, around 6/15/99. Hopefully, I will be stateside and be able to attend the Company P Reunion in June at Asheville, NC. RLTW Ranger Frank

From Jerry Yonko:

I was glad to hear from someone in the brotherhood today, thanks for the news letter. Mitch Brown and I live only a few miles apart but we never seem to stay in touch with each other. After hearing from you, I called his house and talked with his wife Kathy who made me promise that Marie and I would get together with them soon. It seems Mitch and his son Drew are looking for a hunting club and I can help him there. I would like to bring my family to NC in June and will try to make the arrangements to do so. It seems that we will be on a skiing trip there in March so I will consider it a Recon of the AO. Has anyone heard from Rick Williams in Michigan? He and I were in the Naval Hospital in Guam together. If any info on him please let me know. I look forward to staying in touch and being a part of the organization so let me know what is going on. Jerry Yonko.

Well, I think that just about covers it for now. Hope to see you all in Asheville. **Jim Femiano** Unit Director.



**MIKE ROSSI (MAY 1969)**



Team 1-4, Left to right: front, Mike Rossi R. T. O., Joseph Deliberto M60, John Beckwith M79, William P. Kastendieck, (KIA) senior scout observer, Rick Auten Team leader. Taken in October 1969.

As we close out the last year of the century we hope that the new year brings many good things to you and yours!! Our Association continues to grow as the word gets out and due to the efforts of Lazar(Mad Russian)Lazarov (508-224-2757)who keeps on the trail of any new contact. Many of our guys were in attendance at the 98' Ranger Rendevous in Ft. Benning and we are continuing to get contacts all the way back to our Reunion at Ft. Stewart in 1997. We certainly hope that some of you "FNG's" will try to join us this summer for our 1999 reunion at Ft. Bragg as plans are shaping up for a great time(July 14-18, 1999). We will join the 173rd Airborne Association and will be sharing the Comfort Inn on Skibo Road (800-537-2268, specify "Rangers") with "N/75th Rangers" for a full schedule of activities for the "Reunion of the Century". Tom Dosier of the 173rd and Roy Boatman of N/75th have been extremely helpful in working with us to make sure this is another one you don't want to miss!! Skip Resch (910-483-3530) has been our Point Man on this Reunion and will also offer a "camping/RV option" at his place right outside Fayetteville for any of you who want to contact him about that possibility. In 1997 the Reunion at Ft. Stewart gave us the opportunity to see the Rangers of the First Battalion and also to connect with three of our former Commanding Officers, Major Bill O'Connors (E/20th,67-68), Major Bill Holt (C/75th,69-70), and Major Don Hudson (C/75th,70-71). Their perspective on Ranger Operations gave us all a realistic reminder of the leadership and positive direction it took to lead such a raucous lot into battle! (I don't know if it was my Carolina roots or 'Nam Service but you cannot talk to any of our officers without saying "sir".) At this reunion we had a Color Guard for our "Salute to Fallen Rangers" and seeing our Campaign Ribbons on the First Battalion Colors gave everyone present a renewed sense of pride in ourselves and the men of today's Rangers. It is worth the time and effort to get to one of these reunions and we invite any Ranger, past or present, in the Fayetteville area to visit with us in the hospitality room at the Comfort Inn in July this year to swap lies and tell stories!! You are also encouraged to check out our website at <http://netsvc.com.ranger> to see the fine work Dan Pope is doing with our archives and other memorabilia. We are currently searching all sources for pictures of our KIA's to post on our "Wall" in the website. If any of you have photos of any of our guys we really need for you to get them down to Dan (706-472-3714) so they can become names with faces!! Visitors to our website need to know these brave men who gave "the last fullmeasure" as patriots to our country. It continues to be very gratifying to see the response of new members who find us through the web and, of course, the "Ranger Grapevine". We will continue with our primary goals of finding new members and obtaining our full military archives from DOD since the the work on our KIA stones at Ft. Benning is coming to a close. (REMINDER: Many of you have not helped us replace the loan from our General Fund to accomplish the task on the Walk of Fame so we need you to ante up!) We like to hear from allover Ranger Units, past and present, and hope that you will continue to make as many contacts with old comrades as you can. Many of you know already and others are still finding that the connection with the Ranger Brotherhood cannot be fully explained, you just have to experience it. We'll see you at Ft. Bragg in July!! HoooAhhh...RLTW! **Worth Bolton**, Unit Director

Our reunion is rapidly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces this year. Also alot of the old ugly faces! If you haven't made your reservations at the hotel, I suggest you do as soon as possible. Pat Tadina has offered to put some of us at his house and if he runs out of room, bring your sleeping bag. Skip Resch C/75 has also volunteered his area for anyone driving here in a RV. LeRoy Pipkin is the only one I know of at this time who will be taking Skip up on his offer. Our unit fund has reserved two rooms at the hotel for members who may not be able to afford it. If you need help on attending the reunion, please contact me as soon as possible. The article in this issue by "Tad" is ironic in that 6 months prior to this mission at the exact same location, my team "KILO" killed nine NVA/VC who were having a meeting concerning the upcoming operations in the AO. I know some of us feel that these are all war stories but they aren't. These stories and after action reports are part of our unique history and its important that they are down in writing before we all are too old to remember the little things that are not in the reports. The story by Fletcher Ruckman on the regiment learning tracking is another example of our former units members staying involved. Sam Schiro now works directly for the 75th Ranger Regiment and Frank Van Evers is now working at USSOCOM at MacDill. Seems us old LURPS/RANGERS still have something to offer to the these young studs of the regiment. We have been able to get in contact with many of our lost teammates through the association website and through our own site. Our site needs a lot of work and hopefully sometime this spring I'll be able to bring it back up to speed. I'm still in the middle of tax season and real damn busy. For all of you that have called in the last couple of months and I haven't been able to get back to you, I apologize. Haven't missed many of the calls but if you are one of the ones I have missed, I hope you understand. By the time you get this newsletter tax season will be winding down. So get those taxes filed or get an extension no later than April 15th. **Roy Boatman**, Unit Director



ARTHUR F. BELL N/75 KIA 5/12/69



## Lessons Learned

In the Cold War Era, two (Provisional) elements were formed to perform missions normally done by Ranger patrols. The official Army story was, there were no active Ranger Units in the Army. However, during 1958-1960 two "secret" Parachute LRRP Detachments were on active duty. At any case LRRP was dubbed "Ranger-Type" for this era and no other unit was given the title by the US Army. The only other unit called Ranger is the Ranger Department at the US Army Infantry Branch at Ft. Benning, Ga. The Department produced Ranger qualification individuals. Even though Rangers were produced it was not for the sole purpose of filling LRRP Detachments. They were produced to elevate unit professionalism with small unit leaders, geared from Battalion down to the squad. Thus, influencing a positive role model throughout the US Army.

The LRRPs were comprised of Paratrooper and Ranger including Special Service Force trained personnel. The Army's combat arms system then, allowed such Provisional elements to have this grouping of elite patrollers due to it's needs to gather needed intelligence for Corp and Army level commands who were overseeing the Iron Curtain dilemma as well as areas of strategic interest to the United States. This question of Ranger Units being on active duty to perform these missions was considered, but was rejected for a smaller sized patrol similar to Alamo Scout teams. From the study of small British Commando Teams and the small Patrol teams of the Airborne Ranger Companies of Korea to also include US Special Service Force, the US Government gave birth in late 1950's to Special Reconnaissance elements such as USMC Force Recon Companies, US Navy Frogmen (SEAL Teams), US Army (Provisional) Army Units LRRP Teams, US Army Special Forces ODA and ODB Teams and USAF Para Rescue Teams. Most if not all branches of the Armed Services elites attended the Ranger, Airborne or Special Warfare Schools to give needed capabilities to the teams to allow them access into a target area by air, land or sea.

By late 1967 these LRRP Soldiers were performing reconnaissance patrols that were turning into combat patrols. The patrols accomplished missions that made the Army leaders take notice of their success as small deadly undetected teams. As a result of their deeds the Reconnaissance "R" was dropped from LRRP and the LRRP Companies were officially called DA Long Range Patrol (LRP) Companies. Both LRRP and LRP worked the system to help bring back the Ranger title and Unit following in the foot steps of the Ranger Infantry Companies Airborne (RICA) of the Korean War.

LRRP was an invention of the bureaucracy during the absences of traditional small patrollers; such as Rangers. The in-active Airborne Rangers of the 1950-1952 Korean War Era started the initial push to reinstate Ranger Units into the regular Army. The Airborne Rangers could not maintain the task, due to political control over them and de-activation, after Korea. The Army was satisfied with the Paratroopers and the small Special Service Force (later know as Special Forces or "I- Green Beret" Patrollers. The Ranger of WWII had the title and the backing of generals and world class Commandos. However, it was not enough to keep Ranger Units on active duty status. During the late 50's and 60's The LRRP Units were the new type Rangers. Where the Korean War Rangers left off, the (Provisional) LRRPs in Europe picked up. This lot came from an idea stemming from the British Commandos small patrol concept/studies and the Ode Windgate Long Range Penetration (LRP) Course. The 5307 th (Provisional) Army Unit "Merrill's Marauders" did attend the Special LRP Commando Training. The six (6) week Long Range Penetration (LRP) Course was designed to teach how to strike deep behind enemy lines and sustain limited combat operations with limited support.

Many Rangers of the past felt that traditional Ranger ways of the past were being carried forward by the Ranger Course, it's graduates and the DOD Special Forces and paid no attention to LRRP Units until Vietnam. In the beginning of the Vietnam War, LRRP missions were being performed by Special Forces ODB-52 the Delta Project. By mid 1965 the formation of Long Range Recon Patrol (LRRP) Detachments/Companies were instituted and authorized down to separate brigades on a "Provisional basis" thus, relieving the Special Forces to perform other mission such as Foreign Interdiction (FID). Giving way to the perfect patroller the DA approved Long Range Patrols (LRP). The men were the same, the mission the same but they were now a legal unit from the US Army.

The Merrill's Marauder Association were looking to find a way to have the 75th Infantry back on active duty. They saw the opportunity on a four (4) page document addressed to Colonel Harold R. Arron, the Commander of the 5th Special Forces Group in Nha Trang, Vietnam. The proposal of the formation of the 1st Battalion (I"), and 2nd Battalion (LRP), 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces. This move was discussed in the spring of 1968. The Marauders Association was convinced that the LRP is the organization that could afforded them active duty status once again. By being the Parent Regiment to all the LRRP/LRPs, the LRPs are returned to a more traditional role as Rangers, rather than Ranger type as they were. The Marauders could not pick just any unit, it had to be one comparable to the spirit of their unit and the men had to be like themselves. When the deal was struck the Cold War and Vietnam War LRRPs was the choice.

The guiding instrument of the Marauders Association was an active duty, Department of the Army (TDA) Staff Officer by the name of LTC BJ Sutton. His behind the picture efforts and maneuvering indeed created parents for LRRPs as RANGERS (Next Page)



and returned the 75th Ranger Infantry Regiment to active duty in January, 1969.

Comments: Many of my comrades fail to make the connection as to their rightful title as Rangers. This is because, during their time, they were called LRRPs. Being a LRRP is a good thing. However, the troops that filled the boots of the LRRPs today are from our regiment, they see us LRRPs as RANGERS and see LRRP as a mission. As I looked at the Ranger troops today, I see codename like "Bubbles" "Jolly" "Crazy Willie" "Mother" "Buffalo" "Tower" "Limp" "Sour" "Babyson" "Gunner" etc.... We the LRRPs of 1958-1969 were there. We were volunteers, we weren't afforded Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. We did the job as best we knew from experimentation, Ranger handbook, careful practice and lessons learned, with a little help from our instructors from 5th Special Forces and dumb luck from God. We lived up to the 75th motto "Of our own accord - Sua Sponte" From historical documents and communiques from the Ranger Department and Army Bureaucrats we the LRRPs and later LRRPs called Ranger were passed over to be fully recognized as earning the Ranger training tab while performing our Ranger duty and missions in a more hostile environment called combat. Although Ranger units in the past received the training tab. We were discriminated against judging from these discovered communiques from Colonel Phillips (RTB) and in agreement was LTC Sutton. Since then we have just look back to the substandard troops they produced and sent to Ranger-type LRRP Units during Vietnam. Case in point, very few Ranger School qualified troop could hit the ground and pull a patrol with experience Rangers in combat. Many, if not all had to be help along to be functional. This was the secret that was kept by the combat LRRP/Ranger Veterans. After a few patrols the Ranger qualified sergeant gained the confidence needed to lead a patrol-yet his trainer was a Ranger Recondo school local graduate who was a Specialist Four Patrol Leader. In political circles, a 3 week course was shadowing an 8 week course. In the next big war are we going keep the course three months long or are we going back to teaching in-combat courses like that of Vietnam, CBI, Britain or Korea. Lesson Learned-RLTW **John Starnes**, Unit Director

#### AMERICAL LRRP-RANGER REUNION

If you ain't heard yet! Pick up your photo album, then the company handbook and call at least three LRRP-RANGER buddies and ask them to attend and meet you at the reunion site. Grab your berets and gear, put the wife and kids in the wagon and set a course to Missouri.

Hey all you steely eyed, barrel chested, knuckle dragging, LRP ration eatin, ruck carrying LRRPS and RANGERS, we are piggy-backing our reunion with the 196th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and the Americal Division Veterans Association this year.

WHAT: Our Annual Company Reunion

WHEN: 17 - 20th of June 1999

WHERE: Airport Radisson Hotel  
11228 Lone Eagle Drive  
Bridgeston, MO 63044

WHY: Every third company reunion we will regroup with Division to rekindle old friendships.

HOW: How to get there- First make a reservation directly with the hotel by calling 314-291-6700. Call during (8 AM-5 PM) daily. When someone answers say "reserve me a room for the Americal Division Veterans Association reunion"  
Second by car drive to St. Louis, MO pick up junction I-70 and US 67 the hotel is located on (Lindberg Ave).

#### NO UNIT COLUMN SUBMISSION BY THESE UNIT DIRECTORS

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4TH DIV LRRP - E/58 LRP - K/75 RANGER

HEADQUARTERS 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

Cut off date was 15 February 1999, for  
columns and articles.  
Next cutoff date 15 May for June issue.

Howdy everyone,

I hope this finds you and your family and friends in the best of health. It seems that the Patrolling Magazine problems are all worked out. I apologize for not making all the past issues, but now MIKE Company has our Patrolling articles worked out. Remember guys, you have to keep in contact with your unit representative too! If you have pictures, letters, or something to say send it to me or the publisher of Patrolling. Please don't send 8 pages like someone (just kidding). Make it as long as you want. Ladies or children, if you have something to say, write or call me, seriously. Anything that pertains to MIKE COMPANY or the 71st LRRP's is always interesting.

I'm Looking forward to 1999. There are a lot of Ranger events scheduled for this year. Check out your Patrolling Magazine for schedule and time. Does your membership card say 99 or LM? If not, it is time to renew and pay your dues. We don't want to lose anyone so call me if you need help with anything like dues, etc.

I've been talking with Rangers Dave Wolfenbarger, Charlie Hunt, and Larry Hall about what a good time we had at the reunion last summer at Fort Benning. We sure love those young Rangers. They do their best for us in all activities and then some! God Bless the 75th Rangers! Their the best \*!#@\*&# the rest!

I have some sad news to report. After the reunion I had mentioned to Rangers Wolfenbarger and Hunt that I would like to find a teammate who was a Shoshone Indian named John Deshaw. They remembered him, and told me he was from the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. I called the Reservation A.S.A.P. and sure enough found his family. Sadly though, John had passed away last year at the age of 57. He died after his third heart surgery. I also found out he was in Nam 3 times. The Reservation kept good records. John served with the 71st LRRP, 5th Spec. Forces B36, and MIKE Co. 75th. I would like to see about getting John and Tex a memorial brick even though they passed away after Vietnam. Get in touch with me.

I received a letter from S. Sgt. Steve Houghton. He found me (us) on the Internet (we know it works.) It sure felt good to open mail from a guy you haven't heard from in 30 years! I only knew him two and a half months, but that's how tight the bond is. It seems like yesterday. I can smell it, taste it, and (oh! Yea!) see it, but that's O.K. It makes me feel good. Steve was a shake-n-bake E-6, but he learned real good and quick. He had to adjust to drinking at the club with Spec. 4's and PFC's, because LRRP's drank together because most people didn't like us! Except for the General, Headquarters, and yes Roy & Gary we were called BASTARDS in the 71st LRRP's often! I remember most of our NCO's and some officers took their rank off to go clubbing with teammates.

Flashback Jack, yea great! I'm not the only one that remembers things. Thanks for finding us Steve and welcome back! I'm sending out an application for the 75th Association. First years dues are on me, just fill out the application.

Here is Steve's letter:

Dear Jack,

While exploring the Internet today I came across your name and address associated with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Your name seems familiar to me. It has been 30 years. Did you happen to serve with the 71st Inf. Det. LRRP in Vietnam? I served with the 71st from early Nov. 1968 to early Feb. 1969. I remember David Wolfenbarger, Sgts. Welty, Earls, Basquez, and others. Only last names now, Groom, Fisher, Ross, etc. And it sure seems like a man with a name that looks like yours, depending on how it's pronounced, walked point for me once. If it was you, you should remember because we narrowly missed tripping a booby trap that day. Sharp eyes spotted a grenade, and I will never forget the look on the point's face as we almost stepped on it. He parted the grass with his M-16 gun barrel and there it was less than 2 or 3 feet from us both, as I was second in line as the team leader. It was only my second or third time out as the leader. It left a memory. WAS IT YOU? I would like to hear from you. My name is Steve Houghton. I was a Staff Sgt. If any of this rings true write me.

Sincerely, Steve

Well as everyone is curious, I have made contact with Steve. Yes, I was the point man. Those memories never go away. I've enclosed a picture of Sgt. John Deshaw and Sgt. Steve Houghton in Ranger Brotherhood Spec. 4 **Jack Fuche** A.K.A. Pointman Unit Director

I'm extremely happy to report to you that after a year long search I have located our last Commanding Officer, Captain Patrick Downing and one of my team mates Robert LaValette. Welcome back guys. Captain Downing is retired from the army and is living in Mobile, Alabama. He was an enlisted man for a number of years before receiving a rare battlefield commission. He went back to the Special Forces when O Company broke up. Robert LaValette is a disabled veteran living in San Francisco. They both would like to hear from everyone. I recently talked on the phone with Raymond Frigo, Herbert Tortice, Don Carson, Speedy Gonzales, Jimmie Bergeron, and Douglas Pye. I communicated with several others over the holidays through internet e-mail. Mike Ponda supplied me with the CO. O Alaska Ranger unit patch for our newsletter. Over the holidays I placed an order for all of the 82nd. Vietnam records located in the National Archives. It takes 10 to 12 weeks to get them so I'll pass the information on to you thru the Ovation newsletter and Patrolling Magazine as soon as I get it. There are no Co. O Ranger records but there could be information in the 82nd after action reports and command reports. If you haven't payed your association dues please do so. When I took this job back in Oct. I really didn't know how to go about it. Its a learning process for me and it takes more of my time than I realized, especially with doing an article for Patrolling Magazine and putting together a newsletter. I have enjoyed doing it so far. Please forgive me if I say or write something that offends someone. It is not my intent to say or do anything detrimental to anyone or any unit. If I do then please set me straight. My intent is to get everyone back together and communicating with one another. The NOW and THEN profile is of Calvin Treser. He was with F/51. and O Co. so everyone should remember him. He also is a fellow law enforcement officer. Take care. Til next time. **Ricky Hogg** Unit Director

### THEN AND NOW

Calvin Treser was born in Butler Pennsylvania and moved to Bothell Washinton at the age of 12. After graduation from high school he entered the Army at Ft. Lewis, Washington. in March of 1968. He attended radio school at Ft. Ord, California after completion of basic training., then on to parachute jump school and Vietnam where he was assigned to F Co. LRP 51st Inf. In Feb. 1969 Calvin was assigned to Co. O Ranger and Ranger team 1-5. He went to Recondo school in July of 1969 and believes it was one of the best schools he has ever attended. In Nov. 1969 Calvin recieved orders to report to B Co. 75th Rangers at Ft. Carson but before leaving he recieved his army seperation orders right out of Vietnam. Calvin says that walking out of the company area and leaving behind brothers that he would never see again was emotionally difficult for him. He said he felt a real responsibility to the ones he was leaving behind and knowing they had to carry on the fight that he was leaving. Like many Vietnam veterans, Calvin returned to a civilian life of uncertainties and spent the next year just wondering from Alaska to Mexico. He then met the girl next door named Helen and they got married. Today they have two sons named James, age 24, and Jared, age 22. While working for Boeing Company he attended Shoreline Community College and Washington State University. After recieving a degree in Criminal Justice he was hired by the Washington State Department of Fisheries as a patrol officer. Sometime later the Depart. of Fish and the Depart. of Wildlife merged and today calvin works as a Fish and Wildlife Officer, game warden, for the State of Washington. Calvin believes his years as a game warden have been good to him primarily because of the lessons and skills he learned in combat such as observation, stealth, and hiding. He does do an occasional special assignment that requires undercover work that might last from three to six months at a time if needed. Calvin is the master firearms instructor and defensive tactics instructor for the Depart. of Fish and Wildlife. His favorite assignment is working the Cascade Mountains. He usually backpacks in and checks the horse camps during deer and elk season. He and his oldest son James took a month last year and hiked from the Oregon border at the Columbia river to Canada following the Pacific Crest Trail. They hiked about 520 miles in 31 days. After all these years Calvin is still doing long range patrol missions. Calvin says that he prays that all the wounded hearts and minds along with the bodies will be healed and God's peace will be found by all.





One of the rewards in being the unit director for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID Lurps is having been able to track down former members of our detachment. However, as many of you know, this can also be an expensive and time consuming undertaking. I got started on this project in earnest in late-1996 and since then have accounted for 55 out of maybe 100 guys who passed through the detachment from November 1961 through August 1964. On average, it has taken about ten letters or telephone calls for each old Lurp we've found. Just this month alone, over 200 letters were sent out in an effort to find just another 10 of our former comrades.

Incredibly, one of the letters hit the mark right off and we were able to reestablish contact with LTC John W. (Bill) Walden (Ret.). Back in August 1964, 1LT Walden was the third and last CO of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID LRRP Detachment. After the unit was disbanded LT Walden went to the 10<sup>th</sup> SFG (ABN) and then on to MACV and SOG for the Southeast Asian War Games. LT Walden was well respected by our guys and we are happy to have linked up with him again after almost 35 years.

Not all of our contacts have been as joyous, however. Several of our guys have passed on over the years, and at least one (SSG Clifford N. Mize) was KIA in the RVN. The hardest part of the job has been having to hear a family member say that "Old Joe" passed away about three years ago, but he always talked about what a great bunch of guys you were and wondered what ever happened to you?" Do yourselves a favor guys, don't let all the "Old Joes" out there slip away without knowing their buddies are alive and well, and that we still care about them.

Here's a tip on how you can find some of your G.I buddies on the internet. I use <www.switchboard.com>, "Find a person" or "Find E-mail." It helps to not only know how to spell the person's last name, but to know his first name and middle initial as well (copies of old orders can be very helpful). Knowing his hometown or home state can also help narrow the search, especially if the person has a common name ("Sam Jones" for instance). Sometimes you get lucky and the name and address pops right up, most often though you will be faced with a list of names. That's when the letter writing starts! I have been impressed by the number of people who write back saying that they are not the person I was seeking, but thanking me (and all veterans) for having served. It kind of makes me feel all warm and fuzzy!

Of course, finding old Lurps isn't the end of things. What's the point of looking anyone up if you can't get back together again? The 3<sup>rd</sup> ID Lurps held a unit reunion in Columbus, GA in 1997 and are planning to get together again in Germany in 2000 (Oktoberfest im Munchen!). But don't confine your reunions to just those of your old unit. Attend the Association's biannual reunions, some of the regional reunions (e.g., Reno) or create your own mini-reunion.



As an example, LRRPs, LRP, and Rangers got together at Casa McGeek on November 6 while my wife Gloria was in Hawaii visiting family ("When the cat's away..."). It all started out innocently enough with a phone call from Dave Cooper who called to say "Hi" and to introduce himself. Dave did two tours in Vietnam, serving first with two line outfits and then with H/75 (1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. LRRP) and L/75 (101<sup>st</sup> ABN LRP). Dave knew a number of other LRRP/Rangers from the Bay Area and the word went out ("McGeek's wife is out of town, let's party!")...

The above photo was taken early in the evening by Rick Welsh's wife while the chandelier over the kitchen table was still hanging. From left to right (front row) are Bill Jang (74<sup>th</sup> LRP and N/75), Alan Campbell (A/75 and B-2-75), Rick Welsh (A-1-75). Back Row (L-R) Bob Hipwell (L/75), Bob Sampson (Civil War, 71<sup>st</sup> LRRP, M/75), Dave Cooper (behind Bob), Mike McClintock (3<sup>rd</sup> ID LRRP Det.), and Errol Hansen (D/75, N/75). The guys had a good time and copious amounts of beer were consumed by those who didn't have to drive home (mainly McGeek!) and by the time Gloria returned the bullet holes had been patched and painted over (but she still can't find her cat?). Plans were made to have another mini-reunion, or as Bob Murphy (A/75), currently exiled to the land down under, calls it "a right bonzer piss-up!" Gloria said, "That sounds great, just send me back to Hawaii!" Mike McClintock Unit Director

To my fellow LRP/RANGERS

1999 is the 30th Anniversary of D-151 being in Vietnam. there will be a reunion for all those who served in D-151 from Indiana and any other state. It will be August 7 and 8, Saturday and Sunday. It will be at Camp Atterbury near Columbus, Indiana. Arrangements are still in progress but there will be a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn and rooms at the training academy at Camp Atterbury Hotel rooms will be \$120.00 per night but academy rooms will only cost about \$15 per night. Contact Sue Cravens for reservations (317-888-9069). There may be camping nearby.

Plans are being made for ceremonies to take place We will have dinner together Saturday night.

If you were with us we want to see you again!

I wish it were possible for other LRP/RANGERS units that served in Vietnam to get together like D-151 can. It's a mixed feeling of good memories and bad memories. Somehow though it seems right to talk to guys who went through the same hell. **Tom Blandford** Unit Director



### UPCOMING REUNION

Our official arrival date is August 12, 1999 until August 15, 1999. Room rates for us will be \$69.00 for singles, doubles, or suites. We'll have a big banquet room for meetings, memorial service, and catered dinner. We will also have a Conference Suite for B.S., loudmouths, and lies, (Ha!) on a 24-hour basis. Also the hotel has a restaurant and sport pub. The Radisson Hotel/Central Dallas is approximately 8-9 miles north of the main downtown area; however, to the rear of the hotel parking area, we have access to the Dallas Light Rail System Station and can be downtown in just minutes. The West End entertainment area has all kinds of outside cafes, Planet Hollywood, surrey rides, etc., within walking distance to J. F. K. Memorial, 6th. floor School Book Depository. Other sites you might want to see are Six Flags Over Texas, Mesquite Rodeo, and other places or events

Most of you that fly into Dallas from around the USA will land and depart via the D/FW International Airport. There are quite a few shuttle services in the area. The #1 recommended service is the Discount Shuttle Service - \$13.00 from the airport to the hotel. You can call them with a free call in the baggage area. They will pick you up at the gate. Super Shuttle is approximately \$14.00 and if you're rich, like the guys from New York or Chicago, a taxi will cost about \$30.00 or more. Some of you guys and gals may come into Love Field Airport. If you do, the hotel has free complementary service by shuttle to the hotel.

Guys, I know it's several months away, but please call and make reservations so we can get a count and be able to organize the dinner and other things, etc. More info later, but for now - God bless. When making reservations, make sure to let them know you are with the E Co. 50 LRRP - 75th. Rangers Group, for discount rates.

#### Hotel Address:

Radisson Hotel Central/Dallas  
6060 North Central Expressway  
Dallas, Texas 75206  
Tel: 214-750-6060

#### Point of contact:

Buster W. Bosarge  
2720 Blyth Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75228  
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**"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers."**

First of all I want to thank everyone who contributed to this article by telling their stories and "bios" on what they have been doing since coming home from the lovely resort town of Mogadishu. Secondly there's always an open door to all 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. Studs who happen to be in the New England area, specifically Boston. I'm always looking for an excuse to tell my wife why I'll be gone for the weekend on my 30 ft. sportsfisherman. There's always a stocked fridge of beer and plenty of Blues, Tuna and Strippers to catch! There are a lot of things happening with our own unit members. First off myself, I have been working in the computer industry for the last 5 years and enjoying it very much. Many things have changed since leaving the relaxing and comfortable Bco. 3/75<sup>th</sup>. I married the girl who kept me and all the hooahs around me (whether I liked it or not) filled with care packages in sunny Somalia. Life as I know it changed drastically, for the better, on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1998 when the next generation of Ranger came into the world. He's already 18 yrs and looking for a tin of Copenhagen! Life is going great and I feel blessed everyday, but enough about me. A lot of guys have emailed and given a blurb on what they have been up to. SSG Raleigh Cash writes he just left Ranger Bn. and started a new job down in Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. It's a Joint Test and Evaluation unit. "I am looking into everything dealing with Close Air Support (CAS) and how it is employed. I'll be down here for about 3 years and then move on." Raleigh can be reached by email at RMCASH13@aol.com. Clay Othic, aka, "Little Hunter" is keeping our borders safe along with another Somalia vet, Spalding. He is still working as a Special Agent for the Dept. of Justice/Immigration & Naturalization Service in Wichita, KS. Clay loves his job tracking down criminal aliens in the interior of the US and deporting or sending them to prison. "It is a lot of fun, but Wichita kind of sucks, not very many trees....I still try to keep busy hunting, fishing, and participating in shooting competitions, etc...." Clay wants to know how everyone is doing, you can reach him at CLAYW7@aol.com. Spalding also works for INS, but he specializes in anti-smuggling of aliens into the US. He lives in Tucson, AZ with his lovely wife Elaine. Another Ranger who traded in his black beret for a blue uniform is Gregg Gould. Gould who is now on SWAT and narcotics squad for the Raleigh, NC police dept. If there is one man who loves his job, Gould is that man. It would be a pretty good bet that Gregg goes to bed in his uniform every night! He can be reached at FIVORGR@aol.com. You want more cops? Fair enough, how about Steve Croushore. Steve's now protecting the borders of Washington DC as an immigration officer also. Steve can be reached at Crash1B@erols.com. When the government decided to crack down on illegal immigrants a few years ago, did someone say "go hire a bunch of Rangers"? What a brilliant idea, someone give that government peon a commendation. Now I'm a little worried, with a last name like mine are you guys coming to see me for business or pleasure? These are just a few Ranger hooahs keeping up the Creed and everything they do. Please keep the info coming. I know there are a lot of you out there wondering what everyone is doing and how they can get in touch with an old Ranger buddy. Again, can keep the emails coming. I can be reached at peter.squeglia@berkshirecp.com or 781-942-0601(home).

On a more serious note the book "Black Hawk Down" is about to be released by the author Mark Bowden. Mark did an incredible job writing the special piece for the Philadelphia Inquirer and that was only about a quarter of what the book is. Many, many people were interviewed for this book from lowly E-4's like myself and the Rangers above to Ambassadors and Generals involved in the whole boon-doggle. The book can be pre-ordered on the web at such places like [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) or you should be able to pick it up at any book store by the time you read this article. However the best place to purchase the book is through the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. That's right, we've been targeted by the publisher of "Black Hawk Down" to sell the book through our Association Quartermaster operation. As Mr. Bowden has done a great job in telling the story of our men, in an up close and personal way, we are proud to "spread the word" about what Rangers stand for. Indeed, that is one of our main missions at the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Many in the public would never understand the sacrifices made by the men of B/3/75 and the other participating forces, were it not for the focused work of authors such as Mark Bowden. I have spoken with and met Mark on numerous occasions and he is nothing short of a true friend and ally to the Ranger community! Mr. Bowden will be on a book signing tour through the spring.

Finally on a lighter note, Clay Othic reminisces about the first wonderful day at B/3/75 as a new private. God knows I can relate to this story, considering John Burns was my first squad leader!

The day was August 12, 1992, I knew it was going to be a bad day when it first started. I stood with the other 41 of the original 152 classmates I had started RIP with at attention during our graduation ceremony when CSM Leon Guerro giggled me for having too much peach fuzz on my face. I couldn't believe it, all my life I had wanted facial hair and now I was getting my ass smoked by the RIP cadre as everyone else was celebrating their graduation because of it. I was forced by the cadre to dry shave on the spot before going next door to the 3rd Battalion PAC office to get my orders to B Co.. While in the office we had deal with SSGT. Cajun's dry sarcasm. Being 5'04" and 117lbs. I always tended to get a lot of attention and taunting remarks like "Does your momma know where you are?" and "When you jump out of a C-130 do you fall to the ground or just float up there for hours?". When asked if anyone had a 3rd Bat coin I actually had one I had found at a movie theater during airborne school of all places (coming to 3rd Bat was my



destiny I guess). I was the only one with a coin, "ah-ha" I thought, I am the only squared away one here for once! "I have mine Sergeant" I said, proudly displaying the coin. "Then why don't you get the fuck down for not squaring away your Ranger buddies there short-round!" Such was my day. After the usual business of getting our PAC affairs in order and cleaning the PAC office. Myself and another ranger had to go to Splinter Village to take care of some paperwork they couldn't handle at the PAC office. We would have to drive over with 2 of the PAC guys to take care of it. We weren't allowed in the car though. After the short trip there and back in the trunk of the PAC guys car and the constant harassment by the PAC guys I was ready to get to the company and meet my new "family". Me and the other ranger, Steve Nellman, waited by the B Co. CQ for someone from our platoon, Weapons Platoon, to come down and show us our new home. I was beginning to get a little worried standing there was everyone in the company would walk by and say things like "fresh meat!", and "cherry" and looking at us like we had a dick coming out of our forehead. Specialists Cash and Goodale where there being somewhat friendly with us, asking where we were from and what we had better learn real quick like who the 1SGT and CO were and quizzing us with the Ranger creed and Ranger history. When we mentioned to the FIST Rangers that we were going to Weapons Platoon they immediately starting talking up the platoon saying how nice they were and how we would be warmly accepted into the platoon. This was a great relief to me and Nellman after our hectic day. I look back now and realize how well they had played us. Those two were always doing something funny. It wasn't too long before we realized our welcome was coming for us....we heard it long before we saw it. Specialist Rob Phipps, fresh out of Ranger school and FULL of piss and vinegar started yelling from the stairwell down the hall, "If you are a cherry you had better get your ass down here right now!" "I mean now you shit bags, now!" There me and Nellman were, scrambling like a pair of startled cats, trying to grab up our life's belongings and stumbling down the hall with Phipps screaming down on us the whole way. We of course did not make it upstairs to the platoon fast enough and were immediately hounded by Phipps to pack our shit upstairs, downstairs, upstairs, downstairs, upstairs, low crawl, iron chair, push ups (inclined of course), flutterkicks, etc,etc.....It was after about a half hour of this when I was informed it was time for me to meet my new squad leader, PL, and PSG. I reported as I had been taught in Basic training with a knock and a request for permission to enter. It was answered with "Sure, come on in buddy". When I opened the door I was met by the sight of my PL ( I can't remember his name). PSG Potoki, and Sgt. Long all sitting on a couch in front of me. I saluted the PL, who immediately got up off the couch and said, "Hey partner, no need for that, we're all family here" and shook my hand. He put his arm around my shoulder and introduced me to PSG Potoki and Sgt. Long. They both made me feel very at ease and asked me to sit down by the couch and talk a little about myself. When I replied to one of PSG Potoki's questions with "Yes, Sergeant" he told me "No,no,no,no.....call me Gene, we are family here and we call each other by first name." I was completely shocked, and Christ was I gullible! It was not long after when PSG "Gene" Potoki asked me if I was ready to go to some high speed schools. I immediately said yes, I would love to. "Gene" said "How about SERE school, would you like that?" I was so happy, just one hour into my new platoon as a Ranger and I was going to go to SERE school! I enthusiastically said yes, I would love to go. "Gene" asked how soon would I want to go. I said as soon as he wanted to send me. He said, "Well, here is your first SERE lesson!" as he grabbed the back of my head and slammed it into the trash can beside the couch that they used for a spitter. As my head went into the can I caught my lip on the edge and split it wide open. They were all yelling "How do you like SERE school so far? You're a prisoner, what are you going to do!" They then threw me into the hallway cleaning closet and padlocked the door. Phipps and other senior members of the platoon would take turns smoking Nellman outside of the closet door telling me I was next and how bad I was going to get it. This went on for an hour before they finally took me out and smoked us for a while longer. They kept asking us if we were ready to quit and that the smoking would stop if we did quit. We were a pitiful sight, me with bleeding lip, sweat soaked clothes, and chew spit in my hair. Nellman was just as bad, but we wouldn't quit for nothing after all we had went through to get here. I was shown my room, and my roommate Shane Corice. As I entered the room I was greeted by a porno on the TV that would remain playing just about as long as Corice would be my roommate. He was on his way out of the unit and smoked like a chimney. He did however, have time on me and therefore the right to smoke me if he wanted to, which he did once in a while. I was shown my wall locker and as I opened the door and looked in the warped metal mirror inside PSG Potoki, in a burst of porno-induced excitement jumped on the other side of the door knocking it into my face and knocking me out for a few seconds. This left a huge bleeding knot on my forehead. Everyone thought this was hilarious of course. As I sat there on the floor dazed and bleeding someone said "he hasn't quit yet, you got to give him that", that was it...I was part of my new family, B Co. 3/75, Weapons Plt. the "Gods of Porn", I would forever be proud to be a Ranger. Everyone gets hazed, I think it has it's place and it will weed out the weak. So, there is the story of my first day.

I hope this article finds you all healthy and well. Remember to keep in touch and keep the stories and bios coming. We'd also like to hear from more present active duty Hooahs. RLTW, Squigs

#### I/101ST DIV LRRP - E/58 LRP - L/75

In my continuing effort to prove that the "L" in L Co. 75th Rangers stands for LITERARY, I find another author in our ranks. Michael "Poet" Monfroee called me a week and wrote me a week ago with the poems that are in this newsleeter. Mike's wife, Carol is a VSO and she reminds everybody to checkon your benefits. I certainly echo that thought. Thank you Riley and Linda Cox for sponsoring the reunion effort this year. Contact linda for a flyer at 111 Smokey Rock Road, Bailry CO. 80421. John Looney Unit Director

**MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES:** As this is written, I am aware of two organized Memorial Day activities. First, honors for SFC Alvin Floyd, DSC winner, who was killed in action with F/75 on 2 April 1970 in the Renegade Woods, will be honored with a bronze plaque to be emplaced on the Hero's Overlook above the river walk in Augusta, GA, in a ceremony which will be conducted on Memorial Day, 1999. SGM (RET) Jim Hussey, P/75, of U. S. Congressman Charlie Norwood's office will keep me posted and I will relay any info he transmits. Again, our thanks to Congressman Norwood (173d Airborne) and SGM (RET) Hussey. As I said last issue, Gene Garner, Mel Linville, several of the mission survivors and other close friends of SFC Floyd will attend. Any Rangers in the area are most welcome.

**MEMORIAL DAY AT THE WALL:** If you can't make it to Augusta for SFC Floyd's memorial ceremony, perhaps you can rendezvous at the Wall. This next was recently e-mailed by David Regenthal, a veteran of many Memorial Days at the Wall, and says it all: "A small (but highly intelligent) contingent has been assembling there in something of an organized fashion since 1993. Except for last year I have had the good fortune to make them all. Going to D.C. and (maybe) the Wall brings up a lot of stuff for most of us and I can only tell you this: My experiences there with those of you have attended, have always been positive. There is just something to be said for going there with one of your brothers for the first (or subsequent) time, honest . . . we can arrange testimony on this if you have doubts (roll call on this issue?), come on guys—those of you that have been there—time to talk it up for the rest of them. By the way, if you've never been to the Nation's Capital, there's more going on there to see than just the VVM, worthy of the trip. Odd too, in a way, most of the guys that show up return year after year.... It just occurs to me that this century is soon to enjoy a birthday and so have (and are) we. I want to plant the "seed" here in hope that it'll grow — perhaps generate some discussion or some interest, more importantly, some participation. Speaking for myself, I am all too aware that we are closer to the end than the beginning, we've lost an alarming number of our brothers since we returned home, and I was just kinda/sorta hoping that we'd (I'd) get to see each other again before I go to my "final reward." I don't know—call me crazy (others have), but there is really nothing like rubbing shoulders with giants... you folks have always had my sincerest admiration. Think about it will ya? Clock's tick'n . . ."

**SOG MISSIONS:** I was very pleased to see the article in our December 98 issue featuring the OPORD for one of the 196th LIB's CIRCUS ACT missions. ("CIRCUS ACT" was the code name for Central Intelligence Agency directed wiretap missions targeting the communications cables running from enemy headquarters...and always extremely hazardous.) I remember that our guys were also involved in this effort, plus participated in another ongoing SOG mission code named "SOAP CHIPS." The SOAP CHIPS program has been mentioned in John Plaster's excellent special operations book, entitled "SOG" so I guess it's OK to mention the missions here: they were CIA-directed "black propaganda" missions. Our guys took the CIA-prepared SOAP CHIPS materials along on recon patrols and planted them where they would be found, or picked up by agents and inserted into NVA/VC channels. SOAP CHIPS might include phony operations orders, poison pen letters, soldier dairies with an anti-war theme, and once even a "Happy Tet" card - signed by the wrong guy! I sincerely hope that the poison pen letters and the "Happy Tet" card were "career stoppers" but we were never told a lot about the results. Our guys were involved in many other SOG missions for which I have just simply forgotten the code names. Hadn't thought about that aspect of our operations for a long time. Again, hats off to all those who participated in the secret war.

**"DOWN UNDER" INTEREST.** Mr Johnny Flowers of Australia took time to write to me, then phone me concerning our activities. When he asked if any of our number planned to write about their combat experiences, I told him that I had been encouraging just such an effort for some time... but no such luck as yet. (I still think it's a dynamite idea.) If anyone cares to write/visit him, or has experiences working with our Aussie brothers which they care to relate, Mr. Flowers' address is: Johnny Flowers, PO Box 23, Casula, NSW 2170, Australia.

**ELECTRONIC RANGERS:** We are wired! We have about 70 members who are using e-mail to communicate and checking our great website activities over the Internet. Check into the net @ [www.lrrp.com](http://www.lrrp.com); you will be glad you did.

**PLEASE STAY IN THE NET!** Please keep us current on your address and phone number; and stay on the lookout for our "lost souls." If you have any news, please relay it to me and I will publish it in Patrolling, or "The Pointman," or on the Net. Keep smiling, & RLTW! **Ron Harrison** Unit Director

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I was in Vietnam when the Marine Library was hit with rockets. It was a total loss, burned both comic books.



# REUNIONS - UPCOMING EVENTS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILVER JUBILEE 1ST RANGER BATTALION 17 - 19 MARCH 1999 SAVANNAH, GA

#### Events:

St. Patrick's Day Parade - 17th  
Organizational Day Ceremony - 18th  
Super Supper - 18th  
Ranger Ball - 19th

Rooms available at the Clubhouse Inn (912-356-1234) or contact Shelia Dudley at 912-352-6913. Come and help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the 1st Ranger Batt.

### BEST RANGER COMPETITION Ft. Benning, GA 7 - 10 MAY 1999

Events are open to the public. This grueling competition lasts for three day and involves two man Ranger teams from all active duty units and a few foreign countries. After witnessing this competition you will know why the winners are the "BEST RANGERS"

### RANGER RENDEZVOUS Columbus/Ft. Benning, GA 19-23 JULY 1999

#### Events:

Regimental Mass Parachute Jump  
Ranger Skills Competition  
Regimental Open House  
Weapons Live Firing and Displays  
Distinguished Member Ceremony  
Regimental Change of Command  
No Host Banquet (Lawson Airfield)  
Ranger Hall of Fame Inductions

The association will operate the hospitality room at the Sheraton Hotel. All members are invited to attend these events. Make your own reservations as soon as possible. Phone: 706-327-6868

173RD LRRP - 74TH LRP - N/75  
E/20 LRP - C/75  
REUNION  
14 -18 JULY 1999  
FAYETTEVILLE, NC  
COMFORT INN  
1-800-537-2268  
910-867-1777  
RM RATE: \$72.00 PER NIGHT

This Reunion is in conjunction with the 173rd Abn Bde Reunion. Please contact your unit director concerning schedule of events. When making reservation, mention the 173rd Abn Bde for the room rate shown above. Registration fee \$100.00 to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association!

9TH DIV LRRP - E/50 LRP -  
E/75  
REUNION  
12 -15 AUG 1999  
DALLAS, TX

79th LRP - P/75  
REUNION  
17 - 20 JUNE 1999  
ASHEVILLE, NC

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More information in the next issue!

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LAKOTA NATION  
PINE RIDGE, SD  
11 - 13 JUNE 1999

50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
"AIRBORNE RANGER"  
4 - 6 OCT 2000  
COLUMBUS/FT. BENNING

This event is in addition to the Association reunion that will be held at Savannah in the Summer of year 2000. Hosts will be the Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne) of Korea (RICA)

Schedule of events at a later date!

V CORPS LRRP - D/17 LRP -  
A/75  
REUNION  
19 - 23 JULY 1999  
COLUMBUS/FT. BENNING GA

A reunion for A/75 and the units which form its lineage, 3779 Recon Patrol Co., V Corps LRRP and D/17 LRP, has been scheduled for Columbus, GA in conjunction with the Ranger Rendezvous, 1999. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in attending. There is still alot of work to be done just in documenting and contacting former members of these units. Out list has grown to about 280 names, but most are from the Ft. Hood era. If you have copies of old orders or know how to get in touch with former members of these units, we would like to hear from you.

#### Points of Contact:

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101st ABN  
REUNION  
LRRP/LRP/RANGER  
16 - 20 JUNE 1999  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO  
SATELLITE HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS  
1-800-423-8409

POINT OF CONTACT  
JOHN LOONEY



# NEW MEMBERS - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## NAME UNIT

WILLIAM M.	McDANIEL	H/1/75
JOHN	KRASNITSKI	G/75
APOLINO	ENRIQUEZ JR.	4TH DIV LRRP
WILLIAM	MORTENSEN	D/151
STANLEY	JONES	A/75
MARK	MEADOWS	HHC/75
KEN	EMMICK	P/75
CHESTER	HARUBIN	K/75
BILL	BOHTE	D/17 & V CORPS
ROBERT E.	WESLEY	A/1/75
JOSEPH G.	BEGAY	K/75
MICHAEL D.	MCDANIEL	E/75
TOM	NASH	196TH LRRP
JEFFERY	BECVAR	HHC/75
DAVID G.	KUHNS	C/75
STEPHEN R.	GRIFFIN	B/2/75
CLIFF	LAWRENCE	F/50
DENNIS D	FERGUSON	K/75
FELIX J.	TRINIDAD	E/51ST LRS
RON S.	HALL	E/52 & -1ST CAV LRRP
DAVE	MARCHBANK	P/75
JOHN R.	COLLINS	25th DIV LRRP
DALE	HANSEN	A/75
JOEL	GARCIA	C/3/75
PATRICK	SMITH	3780 LRRP CO.
BOBBY	TURNER	P/75
VINCENT J.	CORSENTINO	3/75
MICHAEL J.	VOGT	A/2/75 & D/151 LRS
TIMOTHY J.	HAYES	B/1/75
JOHN J.	NAGY	1/75
MICHAEL	GALLO	C/2/75
STEVEN	HOUGHTON	71ST LRP
LOGAN W.	SMITH	C/2/75
ROBERT	MOORE	C/3/75
BRUCE	COTTON	O/75 & F/51
MICHAEL J.	AIKEN	C/1/75

## RECENT LIFE MEMBERS

CHARLES	MANIS	D/151
THOMAS	RAGLAND	K/75
STEVEN	FRANKLIN	E/51
LAFAYETTE	KEATON	H/2/75
FELIX J.	TRINIDAD	E/51 LRS
RON S.	HALL	E/52
JOEL	GARCIA	C/3/75

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

## HAVE YOU MOVED? HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

## NEW TELEPHONE #?

PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

Sending your information change will insure that you get your newsletter and save the association time and money in forwarding your newsletter to you. It will also help former teammates get in touch with you. If you don't want your address or information given out, just notify the secretary and I will close hold it.

## BAD ADDRESSES

## NAME DATE LOST CONTACT

JOHN TUGMAN	13 OCT 1998
MARCUS KOEPLINGER	11 NOV 1998
FRANK SOUZA	11 FEB 1999
DENNIS L. MCGIRL	11 FEB 1999
CHARLES STILLO	12 FEB 1999
GUNTHER WALLNER	12 FEB 1999
ROBERT BLACK	12 FEB 1999
CHRISTOPHER SCHLEIF	12 FEB 1999
DOUGLAS NICKELSON	12 FEB 1999
GUNTHER WALLNER	12 FEB 1999
CHARLES STILLO	12 FEB 1999
WILLIAM C. LLOYD	16 FEB 1999
JAMES JOHNSON	16 FEB 1999
WILLIAM GAWTHROP	16 FEB 1999
CHRISTOPHER ROLLAND	16 FEB 1999
ROBERT GALLAGHER	16 FEB 1999

In addition to the names listed above, there have been 73 newsletters returned because of incorrect addresses. The association will no longer forward these to the new addresses (if they are indicated.) The member who does not receive his newsletter will need to contact the secretary and send \$1.00 for postage in order to receive his newsletter via 1st class mail. Bulk mail procedures are different than 1st class mail. The post office does not have to notify the sender of a change and if they do a fee is charged for the "Address Coorection Requested." The fee varies from .25 cents to .99 cents. I do not have the time to keep doing this nor can the association keep paying these fees. PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES!!!!!!!

# QUARTERMASTER SALES (ORDER FORM)

ITEMS	QUANTITY	Times	Price EA =	TOTAL
BLACK HAWK DOWN	_____	X	\$22.00	_____
Free Gift w/Book	Sticker _____	Decal _____	(check one)	_____
Association T-shirt, Black	_____	X	\$15.00	_____
COLOR: BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> MED	<input type="checkbox"/> XL	<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL +\$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3XL +\$2.00
Sweatshirt	_____	X	\$30.00	_____
COLOR: BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> MED	<input type="checkbox"/> LG	<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL +\$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3XL +\$2.00
Golf Shirt	_____	X	\$30.00	_____
COLOR: BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> LG	<input type="checkbox"/> 1XL	<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL + \$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3XL + \$2.00
COLOR: GREEN	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1XL	<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL + \$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3XL + \$2.00
Baseball Cap	_____	X	\$15.00	_____
96 Reunion T-shirts	_____	X	\$8.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MED	<input type="checkbox"/> LG			
Challenge Coin	_____	X	\$10.00	_____
Sterling Silver Ring	_____	X	\$100.00	_____
Association Watch	_____	X	\$30.00	_____
License Plate Frame	_____	X	\$4.00	_____
Association Bumper Sticker	_____	X	\$2.00	_____
Inside Window Decal	_____	X	\$2.00	_____
Table Top Flag	_____	X	\$12.00	_____
Coffee Cup	_____	X	\$7.50	_____
Stein	_____	X	\$25.00	_____
Koozies	_____	X	\$3.00	_____
Unit Patch(single)	_____	X	\$6.00	_____
Specify Company:	D/75 _____ F/75 _____ G/75 _____ H/75 _____ I/75 _____ K/75 _____ M/75 _____ O/75 _____ P/75 _____			
Ranger Condoms	_____	X	\$1.50	_____
Fire Team Condom 5-Pack	_____	X	\$5.00	_____
TOTAL				_____
+ SHIPPING				_____
TOTAL.....				_____

**Mail Order To:**  
 Association Quartermaster  
 561 Keystone Ave., #286  
 Reno, NV 89503

**Ship Order to:**  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Shipping Fees, including insurance:**

Order	Shipping
\$0.00 - \$22.00	\$3.00
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\$70.01 - \$120.00	\$7.50
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## ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE COIN



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**75th Ranger Regiment Association. Inc**  
**187 Paddlewheel Road**  
**Fayetteville, NC 28314-0332**

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**Life membership: \$250.00**

**Subscription Only: \$20.00**

**Checks Payable to:**  
**75th Ranger Regiment Assoc.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	DATE
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP PLUS
AREA CODE/HOME PHONE	AREA CODE/WORK PHONE	OCCUPATION	

**UNITS**

FROM (DATE)	TO (DATE)	UNIT (Company or Battalion)	NAMES OR ORDERS
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REMARKS:

CHECK ONE: NEW APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ SUBSCRIPTION MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CONTINGENT UPON PROOF OF SERVICE: ORDERS OR NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS YOU SERVED WITH IN THE UNITS LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. UNITS MUST CARRY THE LINEAGE OR BE IN THE HISTORY. WE ARE NOT JUST A VIETNAM ERA ASSOCIATION. ALL UNITS OF THE 75TH RANGER REGIMENT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP



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