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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE  
BY  
TERRY RODERICK**

The past 2-3 months have been a whirlwind for me. I'd like to begin by passing along congratulations to Col. Jack Daniel (Ret.), for his selection to the Ranger Hall of Fame in 1999. I'd also like to pass along my same feelings to the families of Rangers Santos Matos and John McCoy, who will be honored by their induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame at the same time. All three were nominated by our Association this year, and all three were selected. Unfortunately, Col. Daniel is the only one still alive, but he will represent them all very well by his presence. CSM Matos was killed in a skydiving accident, and SFC McCoy was killed in action in Vietnam. Again, we submitted some very strong nominees and there are many more out there that need to be so honored. It is up to the individual units and their Unit Directors to do this, not the Association Officers. We can submit 3 nominees from our Association every year, and we should make sure we have 3 to nominate each year. Don't wait until the Fall months to begin to gather your stuff. It takes a bit of time and we will be glad to "assist" anyone who wants to take the time and effort involved to nominate a deserving member.

February 18<sup>th</sup> found me at Ft. Benning, home of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Headquarters and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion, along with several members of this Association. In addition, other Rangers from the Columbus area, and some who traveled from outlying states to attend, were there. On this day, the men from Bravo Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. were involved in a Live Fire Exercise that was a precursor to them doing the same thing that night, with everyone involved that evening using NOD's (Night Optical Devices) instead of sunlight to light their paths. About 30 or so of us spent about 5 hours out in the boonies of Ft. Benning with helmets, goggles, ear plugs, and an MRE provided for our comfort. We heard F-18's (as it was overcast), saw the A-10 Warthog work out, "Little Birds" swarming, Chinook's, Blackhawk's, 155's providing artillery support, 120mm mortar support, machine guns firing in front of us, and Gustov's blasting away off to our immediate side. In other words, we got "the works" and "Hat's Off" to Col. McChrystal, CSM Michael Hall, S-5 Buck James, and all of the others who hosted us that day. I wrote a nice article on

the day's events for the website that will give you a more detailed description of the day if you are interested. You can find it under the "link" NEWS UPDATE. Just go there and scroll down and you will find it and an article on the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn's Silver Anniversary festivities too. In addition, you will find a treasure trove of news of upcoming and past Ranger events all over the country.

I realize that many of our members do not have direct access to the Internet, but it is increasingly becoming the medium for passing information and communicating. Many of us are taking advantage of it and unfortunately, many of you do not enjoy the convenience of having a home computer. May I suggest that you try your local library or ask a friend if you are interested in seeing what it is all about. Most people who own a computer are more than glad to expose you to this new medium. Space disallows me from going into more detail about the many events I have observed or participated in lately, but we try to report on each and every event in some small way.

In March, I was in the Savannah, Georgia area for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Many Rangers from our Association and the other Ranger organizations attended this event. Lt. Col. Joe Votel, CSM Walter Rakow, Sheila Dudley, their entire staff, and Rangers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion did a great job in hosting those of us who attended. In addition, we enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Savannah. They have one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations in the country every year.

In April, I attended the Airborne Awards gathering at Ft. Benning and in Atlanta. CSM George "Dave" Gates (Ret.) represented the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association as our Airborne Man of the Year for 1999. CSM Gates recently retired as the CSM of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and had an outstanding and distinguished 30 year military career. He currently resides in Marietta, Georgia with his lovely wife, Linda. They have a daughter, Mandee, who attends the University of Georgia. He is a former P/75<sup>th</sup> Team Leader and served during the 1969-70 time frame. John Burns and I accompanied Dave and Linda to the dinner and we had a very nice evening together.

On my return trip home from the Airborne Awards, I had the opportunity to sit in on the Executive Board meeting of the Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

These are the men who have been selected by their respective organizations to select the new inductees for the Ranger Hall of Fame each year. The Executive Board and the President of the Board, General Kenneth Leuer, was like a Who's Who of Rangers. Ed Krise of the RBA of WWII, Mike Martin of the USARA, Col. Ralph Puckett from RICA, Philip Piazza from the Merrill's Marauders, the CO's of both the RTB and the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Col. Frank Helmick and Stanley McChrystal, CSM Michael Hall from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and a representative from the CSM's office at the RTB, whom I cannot recall at this time. In addition, Ranger Duke Dushane represented our Association. I was offered the opportunity to attend the proceedings and was able to give my input to the proceedings on more than one occasion. The selection process was something I just observed however, but it is a very fair system in place now and I think with just a minor bit of fine tuning, it will turn out to be an excellent way to select future members of the Ranger Hall of Fame. Again, the S-5 shop (Major Buck James, Cpt. Ed Pearce, SGT Jeff Lyda, and SSG Chip Bobier) from the Regiment did an excellent job of running the proceedings and had the information available to make the decision process as easy as possible.

Took a few days off to do Association business and headed back to Columbus and the Ft. Benning area for the David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition during the May 7-10 time frame. Pete Neves, our esteemed Webmaster, created a new website this year to cover the Best Ranger Competition this year. He plans to continue this in the coming years. He was really on the go the whole weekend and did a thorough job of covering (cont'd page 6) the weekend's activities. He will be glad to get back to Reno to rest up I'm sure. If you want to check it out....go to: [www.bestranger.com](http://www.bestranger.com) and see his outstanding work. Again, several of our members and many Rangers from other or-



**TERRY RODERICK AT KEVIN BARRY'S  
ON RIVER STREET IN SAVANNAH, GA**



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

Well in March my wife, Gail and I celebrated our 28th wedding anniversary. Its just plain amazing that Gail put up with me all these years. I put her through hell but she stuck right in there. Too bad there isn't a medal or an award for a LRP, LRRP or RANGER's wife. Gail and a lot of other good women would have a room full of them.

Also in March my reserve unit started our pre-certification's for our Annual training, (AT), at Ft. Benning, Ga. We have to pre-certify on all our classes before we go to Benning. My team and I have to pre-certify on all phases of training for the M-60 machine gun, the M240 MG, the 50 cal. and the M249 light MG. Also on the M203 (over and under) and the M-9 pistol. We get all the bugs worked out of our classes before we get to Benning. This way we can take over the Ranges as soon as we get down there.

In April we went out to Ft. Custer Michigan. I had to run the M-9 pistol range for the 785th MP company. They had weapons qualification on the M-9 pistol and the M-16A2's. Man it was cold out there on the range in April. I was there Friday and Saturday, and then Sunday I had to drive about 300 miles up to the Black Lake UAW Training Center.

I spent the week at the training center. I went through a UAW leadership training course. The instruction was really good. I learned a lot about the history of the UAW and gained a lot of tips on how to better help my fellow workers. The one thing that really hit me in class, was that the organizers of the UAW were on the most part Veterans. So all of us can make a difference if we band together.

On May 1st and 2nd my unit had drill again. We had our weigh-in and then the ever loving PT test. You just gotta love it, cause if you don't to bad. In June I'll be at Ft. Benning for AT. I'll leave it at that.

**HUMOR**

A General retired after 35 years and realized a life-long dream of buying a bird-hunting estate in South Dakota. He invited an old friend to visit for a week of pheasant-shooting. The friend was in awe of the General's new bird dog, "Sarge".

The dog could point, flush and retrieve with the very best, and the friend offered to buy the dog at any price. The General declined, saying that Sarge was the very best bird dog he had ever owned and that he wouldn't part with him at any price.

A year later the same friend returned for another week of hunting and was surprised to find the General breaking in a new dog. "What happened to ole "Sarge?" he asked.

"Had to shoot him," grumbled the general. "A friend came to hunt with me and couldn't remember the dog's name. He kept calling him Colonel. After that, all he would do was sit on his ass and bark."



**IMPORTANT  
MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If your label now reads XXXX-99, your membership dues are now payable. The association will send the delinquent member one more newsletter (Sep issue) and then will drop them from the active rolls. We don't want to lose anyone but your dues are needed to continue the association activities and keep us on a sound financial basis.

Please send your dues to the secretary at:  
187 Paddlewheel Road  
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**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

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**It is appreciated!  
Thanks, to all of you!**



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

I have a lot to say and little space to say it in. First of all, membership is increasing monthly and thank you to all the members who are recruiting teammates. We recently mailed out 267 renewal notices to delinquent members and have received over 100 renewals this week. Sixty one new members joined us since the last newsletter. Speaking of new members, I would especially like to thank the 4 new members of the Merrill's Marauders who are the forefathers of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, they definitely add an element of class to this association. If a majority of the delinquent members renew we will be approaching the 1200 member mark.

**Please send your membership dues to the secretary if your label reads XXXX-99.** As a reminder, if you are currently having tough economic times, just let us know and we will be glad to help out until times get better, but we have to know!

Congratulations to Mike Martin and Gil Berg whom the association nominated for the honor of Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR) and Honorary Member of the Regiment (HMOR), respectively. They will be honored at this years Ranger Rendezvous. The active duty regiment asked us for our nominations and they were approved by Col. McChrystal. I hope some of you can make the ceremony to honor these fine men and rangers. Mike also recently took over as the Unit Director/Board of Directors for the BDQ members. I look forward to working with Mike who I have known for some 30 plus years.

Fifteen applications for ranger memorial stones were received from the Ranger Memorial Foundation and were verified so that they would be in place at the Ranger Memorial by this upcoming Rendezvous. Stones are still available and applications are available from the secretary.

Unit Director updates were recently sent to all the directors concerning upcoming programs and policies of the association, along with a roster of the delinquent members and

a current roster of the units' active members. Especially important is the procedure for nomination of Ranger Hall of Fame members. If you are aware of a member who you think should be in the Ranger Hall of Fame, please contact your unit director for the specifics on the nomination procedure.

Even though the Association reunion is a year away, we need to start thinking of new officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and unit Directors). Prospective officers need to be aware that these positions are not just figureheads but require time, energy and occasionally money from their own pocket. Truthfully, there are a few directors who are doing nothing but occupying the position and doing very little to see that our association prospers or that the work load is more equitable. They are in the minority, but there are still a few. For those of you who are doing the work and volunteering your time, we cannot thank you enough!

**Editor/Publisher**

I think we have the newsletter back on schedule and judging by the feedback from the members, the format and information is fine. It takes all of us to produce this newsletter and thanks to all who contribute. We still have a few units who are not sending in unit columns and that is discouraging. If your unit doesn't have a column in the newsletter, contact your director and ask him why. We all realize that sometimes things come up. But time after time of not having a column, there is just no excuse for. Most of the columns I enjoy reading. So, I'm pretty sure the member who is not represented feels bad about it. We do send written and email reminders to the directors prior to each due date.

The After Action Report in this issue was obtained from an internet site and is lengthy but I felt the reader could not get the feel for the Rangers mission without including the entire article. I hope you enjoy it and those of you that were on this mission: "Job Well Done!"

One area that I am lacking on is giving credit to the members who send in pictures that accompany articles. I will try and change that in the future. Sixteen members sent in pictures for this issue and I would like to thank them, you know who you are. Thanks!

We are now producing 1400 copies every three months and with the increase in membership and the cost of printing we may need to increase membership dues so that we can maintain our financial stability and still offer a newsletter of this size. It will be a subject for the Reunion next year at Savannah. As way of background, we haven't had an increase since 1992 when we went from \$12.00 to \$20.00. My recommendation to the members will be that we ask for a \$5.00 increase in dues to cover the cost of producing a newsletter of this size or that we trim back the size. The treasurer has recommended that we cut the number of issues to three instead of the four we now print. It's up to you, the members!

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ganizations showed up. In addition, many of the friends and families of the competitors came from all over the country to cheer for their favorite team. 43 two man teams started this year and only 20 teams finished this grueling competition to find out who is the best 2 man Ranger team in the entire Army. The top two teams both came from the Ranger Training Brigade and congratulations are in order for SSG Kevin Teran and SSG Jim Moran. The runners-up, SSG Ben Carter and SSG Brian Deaton should also be commended for their fine finish and perhaps they will fare better next year. A team from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment finished third. They were SGT Lee Baumgardner and SGT John Pugh. Well done Rangers!! Colonel Frank Helmick and CSM Mike Kelso should be proud of the way they and their men handled the whole weekend. Walter Buchanan and Miller Genuine Draft furnished liquid refreshment for the Social and the Super Supper and everyone went away with a full belly of the "Official Beer of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association" that wanted to do so. I even met Walter in Orlando with General Greb at Barbarella's the following Tuesday evening for an event Miller was hosting for the Orlando area waitresses and bartenders. They are kicking off a Lighthouse Light advertising campaign and this was a small part of it. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate the assistance and financial support Miller has shown us. Whether you like beer or not, they have been very generous and we have not sold our soul to them as some may think. I will admit they save us a lot of money that we usually spend to maintain a hospitality room for our members, and they have been very generous to some of the different units at their Reunions in the past. In addition, their contributions to the Memorial Brick project are well known. We are fortunate that they are willing to support us and it is appreciated by the majority. I might add they wish to continue and perhaps increase their financial support and this is something that can be very beneficial to both parties in the future.

One side note on the Ranger Tab issue. I spoke to one of the CSM's that was a member of the Board that met in 1997, and he was of the opinion that we had already gotten a copy of the recommendation the Board made to the Commandant of the USAIS. Basically, and this is still not "official" as we have had no notification by anyone, the recommendation was made to NOT award the Ranger Tab to the Vietnam Era LRRP's, LRP's and Rangers, who earned the CMB or CIB in their respective units. A recommendation WAS made to award the same combat Ranger Scroll awarded to the Rangers who fought in Grenada. This is the same scroll that I understand was "hurriedly" approved when the Rangers returned from Grenada and attended some awards ceremony in Washington. Some of you others may have more detail on those proceedings. While it is not what we asked for, and it will not replace our individual unit scrolls, it is a form of recognition of our service that we have been after for many years. If it does turn out that way, I think we can live with it myself, but will be interested to see the reactions of others if it comes down that way. We are currently pursuing avenues to gain some sort of official notification through the proper channels. I do not think the commandant of the USAIS has the authority to do this, but I may be wrong. We'll stay after it and eventually it will all come out in the wash. I see I have used up more than my space, so I'm going to cut the line. In Ranger brotherhood.



**GEORGE GATES RECEIVES  
AIRBORNE MAN OF THE YEAR PLAQUE**



**NO UNIT COLUMN SUBMISSION  
BY THESE UNIT DIRECTORS**

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and articles.**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roy,

You have waived my annual dues for the past 6 years that I have been in prison. If you remember, we wrote each other a few years ago about my situation. Well, I'm happy to say I am once again a free man. I hope to make the reunion with my fiancée if my parole officer allows it. Enclosed is a check for \$250.00 for my lifetime membership to show my good faith in the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I would like to thank you and the association for the support and waiving my dues and for sending the newsletters. I really enjoyed every newsletter I received. Thanks again Roy and I hope to meet you and the rest of my fellow Rangers soon. God Bless and Rangers Lead The Way! **Tom Clancy**

*Tom, glad you are out and hope you can make one of the upcoming reunions. We currently have 6 other Rangers that are incarcerated and we send them copies of PATROLLING. It has always been our policy to help where we can. We do run into some problems. Some of the jails will not allow our publication to be given to the inmate. We just never know if it is received or not. Congratulations on your engagement! Roy*

Roy, you "(@@&\*&#&@"

Where the hell is my newsletter? That's how the letters and calls always start and I received 35 of them last month. My next question, when I can get it in is, "Have you moved or had a change of address?" Answer: "Yes, but I left a forwarding order with the Post Office." After a little explanation concerning that bulk mail will not be forwarded to a new address according to the Post Office, I tell the pissed off member that he now needs to send \$2.00 to the association thru me so that we can pay the cost of shipping via 1st Class mail. After I receive the \$2.00 I then send a copy out ASAP. Now occasionally a copy is lost in the mail or some interested postal worker may just police it up for his very own. So, before calling or writing me, please insure that if you have moved or had a change of address to please send it to me ASAP. We get around 20 members who move each month and without your cooperation, your copy of PATROLLING just may be in never never land. Thanks!! Also it will save you \$2.00

## WHAT IS A RANGER ?

By Ralph Puckett, Honorary Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment 1999

A Ranger is a soldier with a special attitude—self-assured, determined, demanding of himself and of those with whom he soldiers. A person for whom only his best is acceptable, a person who strives to be all that he can be.

A Ranger is a product of hard, demanding, realistic training in a unit led by aggressive, motivated, example-setting leaders, who will not accept anything but the best. He has learned the most important lesson that anyone can ever learn, and that is that there is no limit to what he can do. He can go just as far as his guts and brains will take him.

A Ranger is justifiably proud of his accomplishments. He has the pride that comes from doing a tough and dangerous job well.

A Ranger's pride and self-confidence are reinforced by being a member of a unit with great esprit, based on the confidence that can come only through the knowledge that he, his leaders, and his unit are superbly competent.

Today, the American Ranger epitomizes the American fighting man. He is the most superbly trained, the most aggressive, the most highly skilled, and the most dedicated soldier. As General Abrams expressed it, "wherever the Ranger goes, he is recognized as the best." Being the best requires total dedication. Rangers strive for excellence in everything that they do. They are never satisfied with their performance. They know that good enough is not good enough until it is the very best they can do. They continue to push themselves. They give 100 percent and then some to every task.

From Static Line, March, 1999

Note: Ralph Puckett is an honorary member of this association, veteran of Korea and Vietnam and Member of the Hall of Fame and can be found where ever Rangers gather.

## HUMOR

Two Marines boarded a quick shuttle flight out of Dallas, headed for Houston. One sat in the window seat, the other sat in the middle seat. Just before take-off, a Ranger got on and took the aisle seat next to the two jar heads. The Ranger kicked off his boots, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the Marine in the window seat said, "I think I'll get up and get a coke." "No problem," said the Ranger, "I'll get it for you." While he was gone, the Marine picked up the Ranger's boot and spit in it. When the Ranger returned with the coke, the other leather neck said, "That looks good, I think I'll have one too." Again, the Ranger obligingly went to fetch it and while he was gone, the Marine picked up the other boot and spit in it. The Ranger returned and they all sat back and enjoyed the short flight to Houston. As the plane was landing, the Ranger slipped his feet into his boots and knew immediately what had happened. "How long must this go on?" the Ranger asked. "This fighting between our groups? This hatred! This animosity! This spitting in boots and pissing in cokes!"

## THE 15 SECOND RUMBLE

One of the most important lessons taught at the Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., is that when a soldier confronts his enemy "up close and personal," the winner is usually the one who reacts first, with as much deadly force as possible.

And nowhere is that essential aggressiveness emphasized more than in the boxing portion of the school's hand-to-hand instruction.

"Boxing is probably the sport that best represents what rangers need to be," said CPT John Hanson of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, Ranger Trng. Brigade, who wrote the school's program of instruction for boxing.

In gathering background information, he and other rangers studied the program at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

"Boxing is a perfect tool to teach rangers what can and does happen in close, hand-to-hand combat," Hanson said. "A ranger needs to operate under duress and be in outstanding physical condition. He has to implement simple battle drills to defend himself and defeat an opponent." Early on, rangers are taught bayonet-assault techniques and complete several classes in hand-to-hand combat. During the boxing portion they learn the typical moves — jabs, upper-cuts and blocking methods — that could be considered boxing battle drills.

All of this is applied on a final morning of ranger-vs-ranger bouts. Cnt'd next page ..... (Continued from page 7) In a bout, two stu-



## BEST RANGER COMPETITION

On May 7th, 1999, forty three two-man buddy teams began the 17th Annual Best Ranger Competition. From this collection of determined competitors, one team emerged victorious and 20 teams completed the competition. These Ranger qualified competitors have trained beyond their normal strength and conditioning levels for several months to make a run at earning the coveted title: **The Best Rangers**. The competition lasted over a three day (non stop) period. Each event must be passed by the competitors and each event is scored to determine the Best Ranger Team. These are the events: Measured Run, PU/SU, Obstacle Course, Spot Jump / Ruck Run, M60/M240, M4 Zero, M4 Record Fire, M9 Combat Pistol, Foot March, Ranger Night Stakes, Bayonet Assault Course, Ranger Day Stakes, Prusik Climb, Knots, Weapons Assembly, Distance Determination, Night Land Navigation, Darby Queen, Water Confidence Test, Helocast/Swim Hurley and the 2.7 Mile Buddy Run.

### Final Results for 1999 Best Ranger Competition

Ranking	Team	Unit	Points
1	Teran - Moran	RTB	1697
2	Carter - Deaton	RTB	1611
3	Baumgardner Pugh	75th Rangers	1600
4	Riley - Robbins	RTB	1546
5	Ahern -Messerschmitt	11th INF	1546
6	Kuhn - Zajkowski	75th Rangers	1525
7	Oakes - Wilson	RTB	1487
8	Castleberry - Moody	82nd ABN	1409
9	Gelinau - Erickson	82nd ABN	1368
10	Kirby - Henderson	NG	1276
11	Barrerra - Roby	75th Rangers	1271
12	Patin - Searcy	10th ID	1239
13	Dakos - Nelson	25th ID	1217
14	Antal - Lovejoy	25th ID	1216
15	Marks - Meyer	3rd SFG	1190
16	Abate - Tucker	11th RGMT	1132
17	Eiser - Neidig	11th RGMT	1125
18	Furbish - Witkowski	82nd ABN	1016
19	Rogers - Browne	101st ABN	1005
20	Fairfield -Gardner	101st ABN	813



**BEST RANGER TEAM 1999**

dents box for only one 15-second round in a 12-foot-square ring. The small area forces them to confront each other, but the short round prevents them from fighting long enough to cause any serious injuries.

"We're trying to build aggressiveness," said SSG Jay Carter, a ranger who helped create the boxing instruction. "That's why we have the small ring, so they have no other option but to actually get in and take part."

Carter said that instead of pairing boxers by weight, they are paired by height, and soldiers are medically screened to identify injuries or conditions that should exclude anyone from participating. Students with prior boxing experience are matched to avoid unbalanced bouts.

Prior to pairing off and entering the ring, the rangers are given a short "smoke session," a series of exercises including push-ups and flutter kicks. "The session is designed to warm students up so they don't pull or rip a muscle," Hanson said. "And we do a lot of upper-body stuff to put them at a level of fatigue so they won't really be able to 'crank' a punch on someone."

Safety is a key concern, so continuous medical checks are done throughout the boxing.

A 15-second bout may seem short, but it's long enough to give students a taste of what it's like to confront an opponent with nothing but their fists, some hand-to-hand techniques and individual aggressiveness.

Ranger student John Gianelloni said he boxed pretty well, for his first time in the ring.

"I loved boxing — it cleared out the cobwebs," he said. "Battle drills seem mundane after doing them 10 or 12 times. This gives you a fresh perspective. It makes you work faster and harder, to take action."

Ranger student Robert Heber said the time of the bouts should be increased, and that the training helped ready him for the ring.

"We were trained to do this and we were actually able to execute the training," Heber said. "It's always fun to execute, instead of train, train, train and then nothing."

While the rangers have incorporated more technology into today's missions, they will always need hand-to-hand fighting skills, said battalion commander LTC Eric Hutchings.

"Recent military experience in Somalia illustrated that a lot of engagements are point-blank," Hutchings said. "We had a cunning enemy that was smart enough to draw us into the close confines of his home turf. We can expect other opponents to get us into urban areas, trenchlines and bunkers. That negates the technical superiority of our weapon systems and forces us to come to grips on a man-to-man basis."

In the short duration of the hand-to-hand classes, a ranger can't be turned into a professional boxer, Hutchings said, but the instruction helps to develop aggressiveness.

"In the occupation we have chosen, we're going to see the enemy at point-blank range," he said. "If we work in the trenchline, we're going to run full steam into the enemy and we need to win that fight." Story By: SFC Larry Lane



A ranger student winces as he trades blows with a fellow soldier during training at Fort Benning. The ring is 12 feet square, a size that ensures that battle is unavoidable.



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**COMPANY F (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY  
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Small Unit Combat After Action Interview Report

**THRU:**

**Commanding General United States Army Vietnam**

**ATTN: Command Historian**

**APO San Francisco 96375**

**TO: Headquarters Department of the Army**

**ATTN: O.C.M.H. Washington, D.C. 20315**

**1. NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION:**

Unnamed; Ground Reconnaissance.

**2. DATES OF OPERATION:**

02 April - 06 April 1970.

**3. LOCATION:**

Renegade Woods (XT2930); Sheet Number 6231 III N, Map Series L8020, 1:25,000; Hieu Thien District, Tay Ninh Province.

**4. CONTROL HEADQUARTERS:**

3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

**5. PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED:**

Not Included:

**6. INTERVIEWING OFFICER:**

Division Historian.

**7. TASK ORGANIZATION:**

- a. Teams 38 and 39, Company F (Ranger), 75th Infantry.
- b. Companies A, B, C, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry.
- c. Companies A, B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry.

**8. SUPPORTING FORCES:**

- a. Artillery.
  - (1) Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery (105mm howitzer).
  - (2) Battery D, 3rd Battalion, 13th Artillery (8" howitzer).
  - (3) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery, IIFV (155mm howitzer).
  - (4) Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Artillery, IIFV (8" howitzer).
- b. Army Aviation.
  - (1) Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry (Centaur).
  - (2) Company A, 25th Aviation Battalion (Little Bear).
  - (3) Company B, 25th Aviation Battalion (Diamondhead).
  - (4) 116th Assault Helicopter Company, 269th Aviation Battalion (Hornet).
  - (5) 187th Assault Helicopter Company, 269th Aviation Battalion (Crusaders).
  - (6) 118th Assault Helicopter Company, 145th Aviation Battalion (Thunderbird).
  - (7) 159th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) (Dustoff) - MEDEVAC.
  - (8) 3rd Brigade Aviation Element (Snoopy).
- c. United States Air Force. (See Enclose 3)
  - (1) Air Force Forward Air Controllers (FAC), 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron (OV-10).
  - (2) 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing (F-100; A-37).



- (3) 31st Tactical Fighter Wing (F-100).
- (4) 35th Tactical Fighter Wing (F-100).
- (5) 8th Attack Squadron (A-37).
- (6) 3rd Direct Air Support Center (AC-119 Show).

## 9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The primary mission of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division is to destroy VC/NVA forces and their bases of operation; assist the Republic of Vietnam in rural development, pacification and civic action programs; assist in training and provide support to RVNAF; and to be prepared to reinforce US and ARVN forces within the TAOI as directed. This Brigade is continuing Phase IV of Operation Toan Thang.

## 10. INTELLIGENCE:

**a. Enemy:** Intelligence indicated that enemy main force units might be moving into the Renegade Woods to establish a base area from which to conduct offensive operations. On 30 March elements of the 271 Regiment and elements of the 272 Regiment conducted an attack on Fire Support Base Jay (XT0375) of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), but were repulsed with a loss of 70 KIA (BC). After the attack these units were reported moving to base areas to refit. Subsequent moves of these regiments was not indicated, however, a move to the south along the border was suspected and watched for. The first indication of a sizeable enemy force in the Renegade Woods came when Teams 38 and 39, Co F (Ranger), 75th Inf made contact on 2 April 1970. Interrogation of prisoners-of-war and Hoi Chanh, plus readouts from captured documents, later identified the 271 Regiment, 9 VC/NVA Division as the enemy force contacted during this operation. Interrogation of Nguyen Huong Mai, a prisoner-of-war captured on 3 April in the vicinity of XT264274 revealed that the 2 and 3 Battalions of the 271 Regiment were moving into newly established positions in the Renegade Woods to prepare for future operations. He further stated that the battalions were 80% NVA and that his battalion (2 Battalion) had a strength of 200-300 men. Documents captured on 3 April in the vicinity of XT292312 identified the Executive Officer, C13 Company, 3 Battalion, 271 Regiment, and the same battalion was identified by further documents found the next day at XT289312. The ground units involved in the action found numerous indications that the enemy was highly trained and well-equipped. They identified NVA equipment in large quantities, and believed the enemy to be highly aggressive NVA regulars. For additional information, see Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 372nd Radio Research Company, 303rd Radio Research Battalion, dated 1 April 1970.

**b. Terrain:** The Renegade Woods is a flat area with thick double canopy jungle heavily undergrown with vines. The few open areas consist of elephant grass bisected by hedgerows and have isolated clumps of brush and a few dead trees, but are basically without cover or concealment. An exception was the landing zone of the Ranger team which had two bomb craters that provided the only cover. The hedgerows and jungle areas had been heavily bunkered and provided excellent defensive positions which were very difficult to locate.

**c. Weather:** Weather remained variable during the contact period and caused some difficulties during the early morning hours and again in the later afternoon when rainstorms forced air assets to operate at low level. Those periods, notably the mornings of 2, 3, and 4 April and the afternoon of 4 April, were the only exceptions to generally excellent visibility during the contact period. High temperatures in the 90s were typically seasonal for this area of Vietnam and caused only minor difficulties as most of the troops were acclimated. Heavy residual ground moisture on the morning of 2 April caused an unusually high number of weapons to malfunction among the Ranger team. It also served to lessen casualties among the elements engaged that day by absorbing much of the ricochet.

## 11. MISSION:

Initially, the teams from Company F (Ranger), 75th Infantry were inserted into the contact area to exploit intelligence information. The 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, which was preparing to begin normal operations in the same general area, was committed as a reaction force when the Rangers developed the large contact. Two companies from the 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, were committed to the action as it expanded. The mission of the reacting forces was to conduct a ground reconnaissance of the area, and to extract the bodies of the two Rangers who had been killed.

## 12. CONCEPT OF OPERATION AND EXECUTION:

At 0700 hours on 2 April the Commanding Officer, Company F (Ranger), 75th Infantry, CPT Paul Schierholz, was alerted by 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, to provide an element to exploit intelligence information in the Renegade Woods (XT3032). From 0700 to 0800 hours a Light Scout Team (LST) from Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry flew a visual reconnaissance of the area and noted no activity in the proposed landing zone (LZ), but saw signs of recent activity in a large clearing approximately 1000 meters to the west and 500 meters to the south. The AH-1G Cobra (Centaur 47) and OH-6A Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) (Centaur 13) saw a camouflaged structure just west of this clearing and made rocket and grenade passes at it, uncovering eight to ten buildings. They then returned to Cu Chi to refuel. The 13-man Ranger element, composed of teams 38 and 39 (see Inclosure 4), boarded two UH-1H helicopters provided by D/3-4 Cav at 0800 hours and proceeded to the Renegade Woods, escorted by the LST. (See Inclosure 5). Upon arriving in the area they still found no signs of enemy activity near the proposed LZ, but discovered additional footprints in the other clearing (XT291316) along with a lister bag lying in the open near a well. At this time WO1 Kenneth Strand, Aircraft Commander in the Cobra, advised 1LT Philip Norton, the Ranger Team Leader who was riding in the lead UH-1H (Centaur 23) to supervise the insertion, of these findings. 1LT Norton



decided to insert the team at the new location, which was accomplished at 0835 hours (see Overlay 2). Following standard operating procedures for Ranger insertions there was no preparation of the landing zone.

The Rangers deployed from the helicopters, immediately found signs of recent activity, and began moving west toward where the structures had been uncovered. At approximately 0840 hours a light machine gun (LMG) opened fire on the lead man, 1LT Norton, SGT Fred Stuckey and SP4 Donald Purdy, at a range of ten to 15 meters. In this initial burst of fire SGT Stuckey was wounded, 1LT Norton's AN/PRC-25 radio was rendered inoperable when the cord to its microphone was severed, and SP4 Purdy's extractor mechanism on his M-16 was shattered. SGT Stuckey and SP4 Purdy destroyed the LMG with hand grenades, killing its crew, but the team began taking fire from all directions. Since a LMG is usually found with at least a reinforced platoon, too large a force for the team to fight, it was decided that they should withdraw to the east and attempt to maneuver around the enemy. SFC Alvin Floyd, the Assistant Team Leader, contacted the Cobra with the remaining radio and requested that suppressive fire be placed on the western treeline, and that a reaction force be sent into the area.

The team split into its two elements, Team 39 under 1LT Norton moving eastward while Team 38 under SFC Floyd provided covering fire (see Overlay ). The initial firefight lasted three to five minutes and died down to isolated sniping by the time Team 39 reached the eastern end of the clearing (100 meters away) and began deploying into the woods. During this withdrawal the Cobra made minigun and rocket passes on the western treeline to provide cover. At this time its 40mm automatic grenade launcher jammed after firing only one of the 250 rounds it carried. The LOH also made firing passes with its M-60 machine guns. The two UH-1H helicopters (Centaur 23 and 24) were dispatched to Cu Chi to bring out a reaction force. Centaur 23 had intended to land to MEDEVAC SGT Stuckey, but WO1 Strand refused it permission because no assistance had been requested and ground fire was too intense.

As Team 39 entered the eastern treeline they began to receive a heavy volume of fire from small arms and two or possibly three LMGs. Team 38 had just reached the vicinity of a large bomb crater, approximately 15 feet deep and 30 feet wide, when a combination of small arms and a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) fired from the north killed SFC Floyd and SGT Michael Thomas and wounded SP4 Donald Tinney. SFC Floyd's radio was destroyed by the explosion, leaving the team without radio contact. Suppressive fire was placed by the Rangers in all directions to enable all of them to withdraw to the crater which provided the only cover in the area. At this time SFC Colin Hall silenced the western LMG and killed its crew with hand grenades and M-16 fire, and SGT Charles Avery silenced the RPG-7 and M-79 firing from the northern LMG site.

Once inside the lip of the crater 1LT Norton dragged SP4 Tinney to safety and obtained the microphone from SFC Floyd's radio, enabling him to regain communications. He repeated his request for a reaction force and gunship support, and additionally requested MEDEVAC for the three men struck by the RPG. The Cobra expended the rest of its rockets and minigun ammunition (4000 rounds) in laying suppressive fire. The LOH made passes with its M-60s expending 600 rounds. It also began jettisoning extra ammunition in preparation for an attempt to accomplish the MEDEVAC by leaving one of its gunners on the ground to make space for the wounded. The UH-1H helicopters heard the call and returned on station, having gotten as far towards Cu Chi as the French Factory (XT3532).

The Rangers inside the crater were taking small arms fire from all directions and hand grenade fire from a finger of the woods to the southwest. However, their suppressive fire succeeded in silencing the crew-served weapons. A NVA soldier emerged from the southern treeline to throw a hand grenade, but was wounded and then killed by two hand grenades thrown by SGT Stuckey. PFC Raymond Allmon expended the 700 rounds of M-60 ammunition he carried and a 50-round belt he removed from SGT Thomas' body, and was reduced to using his .45 caliber pistol. PFC Steven Perez expended all his M-79 ammunition and PFC Kenneth Langland fired 860 rounds before his M-60 malfunctioned. By about 0920 hours the team had expended most of their ammunition and were having many weapons failures. The LST had expended their ammunition and were making dry gun runs in an attempt to suppress the enemy fire.

At 0922 hours Centaur 23's Commander, WO1 James Tonelli, and its Pilot, CPT Philip Tocco, landed after a low-level approach to pick up the wounded. The helicopter received four hits from ground fire during the extraction and was later examined by experts from Bell Aircraft who expressed amazement that it was still able to fly. The ship landed ten to 15 feet from the lip of the crater, and 1LT Norton gave his men the order to board, since they were in an untenable position. SP5 Charles Lowe, the Grew Chief, maintained fire with his M-60 on the treeline ten meters away while the doorgunner, PFC Richard Adams, a former member of Team 38, jumped off the ship to assist in getting SP4 Tinney aboard. After spending 30 seconds on the ground the overloaded UH-1H lifted off with maximum torque and severe vertical vibration and cleared the treeline with 11 Rangers and its crew of four aboard. One of its M-60 machine guns jammed as it was lifting off, but the Rangers continued firing their individual weapons. The two dead men were left on the ground along with some of the destroyed or damaged weapons and equipment. All the helicopters were running low on fuel and departed for Cu Chi, arriving there about 1000 hours. Centaur 23 had to stop near Trang Bang (XT4919) to administer initial first aid to SP4 Tinney and to redistribute the passengers, some of whom were literally hanging on, before landing at the 12th Evacuation Hospital.

At 0900 hours 1LT David Parsons, a Forward Air Controller (FAC), arrived on station over the contact area in an OV-10 and expended 1500 rounds of minigun ammunition strafing after the extraction. He received small arms and automatic weapons fire from the ground. Also at 0900 hours, Companies B and C, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, were alerted that they were to be inserted into the area as the



reaction force. Company B had conducted Ambush Patrols (APs) in an area nine kilometers south of the contact area and were alerted to move to a pick-up point for airlift. Company C had been serving as a blocking force for an ARVN contact four kilometers to the southwest. Additionally, Company A which had just come into Cu Chi on standdown was placed on alert. The Battalion had been preparing to conduct operations in the same general area on that day. At 0925 hours LTC George Custer III, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, flying in a Command and Control helicopter from Company A, 25th Aviation Battalion, took off to supervise the action, and he remained on station for the majority of the five-day encounter.

Company C, utilizing three UH-1H ships, began helilifting to a LZ located in the vicinity of XT298313. Artillery fire from Fire Support Bases (FSBs) Hull and Hampton provided a blocking fire into which the enemy was to be driven. By 1100 hours the 1st and 3rd Platoons, Company C, had assembled and began moving west towards the area of the Ranger contact, while part of the 2nd Platoon moved along a parallel course 300 meters north. At 1140 hours both elements became engaged. The heavier contact involved the southern group, which had been moving forward in a two-column formation through a series of open areas bordered by hedgerows (XT297313). The lead platoon, the 1st, was immediately pinned down by a LMG firing from the right front. The initial burst of fire killed the point man of the right column and wounded the other point man. The Platoon Leader, 1LT Ronnie Clark, was also wounded in the stomach by this burst which initiated a 20-minute firefight. At 1217 hours urgent MEDEVAC was requested by the Company Commander.

When this action began, 2/C/2-27 Inf began receiving small arms fire from the west (to their front), but most fell short. The Platoon Leader, 2LT Monte Hack, requested gunship cover to enable him to pull back and link up with the rest of the Company. He withdrew but was unable to rejoin the rest of the Company until about 1400 hours when Company B was lifted into the action. At that time his wounded man and five heat casualties were evacuated. The 3rd Platoon which had been on the right flank of the 1st pulled back and maneuvered in again on its left. 2LT Ronald Kolb, with 3/C/2-27 Inf was killed during this maneuver, and SSG Melvin Kalili, Platoon Sergeant of the 1st Platoon, was killed when he went to aid the wounded point man. The intense enemy fire was very accurate and well-directed. The men of Company C were effectively pinned down and had difficulty locating the source of the enemy fire. They remained pinned down by the sniper fire following the firefight for over six hours and had extreme difficulty extracting their casualties. The dead point was left overnight because it was impossible to reach his body.

At 1145 hours a Light Fire Team (LFT) composed of two UH-1C gunships from the 118th Assault Helicopter Company were orbiting the contact area trying to locate ground fire with other aviation elements and CPT William Wilson, a FAC. One of the gunships was shot down by small arms fire, but the pilot was able to set it down in a clearing about 800 meters west of the contact site (XT287314), and the crew safely evaded one hedgerow westward where the other gunship rescued them. The UH-1C's left side rocket pod was on fire and the rockets "cooked off" after the crew had left. The FAC and other gunships expended in support of the rescue.

At 1200 hours CPT Wendell Brown (FAC) was on station over the contact area and inquired if the ground commander wanted tactical air strikes in addition to the LFT from Company B, 25th Aviation Battalion, then on station. He requested two immediate air strikes in addition to the one already scheduled. Those he directed on target at 1315, 1330, and 1345 hours in an area west of the contact. At 1337, 1357 and 1421 hours resupply ships from Company A, 25th Aviation Battalion, brought in extra ammunition and evacuated seven wounded men and five heat casualties to Tay Ninh.

Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, which had been waiting at its pick-up zone since 0900 hours was finally airlifted into a LZ (XT298315) to assist Company C. The seven UH-1H helicopters took the Commanding Officer, CPT Charles Creswell, and his command element with the 1st and part of the 2nd Platoons on the first lift. After an hour-long flight, it inserted at 1423 hours. The second lift brought in the remainder of the company and 1SG Domingo Rodriguez-Colon at 1820 hours. The element from the initial lift formed on line with 2/B/2-27 Inf on the right and moved forward 300 meters until they reached Company C.

At approximately 1445 hours they began to receive small arms and automatic weapons fire, and assaulted forward, bypassing the strongpoint which was keeping Company C pinned down. The 1st Platoon worked through the open area to its front by fire and maneuver, but was forced to halt when the 2nd Platoon became pinned down temporarily, causing its fire to impact close to the front of the 1st Platoon's positions. While they were temporarily halted, the enemy attempted to maneuver around their right flank. Two men who emerged from the hedgerow were killed by the fire of 1/B/2-27 Inf, one of whom appeared to be either a junior officer or NCO who was attempting to lead his men. Other enemy soldiers were chased out of the hedgerow and two more were killed by gunship fire then they attempted to flee west. This firefight cost the 1st Platoon one machine gunner wounded.

The 2nd Platoon was finally able to move up on line, but highly accurate sniper fire immediately pinned them down, killing SP4 John Lyons, the RTO (radioman), and 2LT Orvil Kitchens the Forward Observer (FO) from Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, in rapid succession. The bypassed "hot corner", where the initial LMG fire had come from, had been quiet for some time, so SGT Stephen Adams, a squad leader from the 1st Platoon, Company B, and SP4 Richard Nast, a medic from HHC attached to his platoon, attempted to retrieve the body of the dead point man. The LMG opened fire on them and kept them pinned down until SP4 Orlando Noriega, a machine gunner from 1/B/2-27 Inf fired to his rear with his M-60 and an M-16 which he took from his assistant gunner and silenced it. This action also



enabled the forward elements to commence a fighting withdrawal as they began to run out of ammunition. They were forced to leave two bodies at the limit of the farthest advance, as well as the dead point man, and abandon some equipment. MEDEVAC of casualties took place at 1533, 1545 and 1631 hours as the wounded and the bodies of the KIAs were brought back to the LZ.

At 1525 hours Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, was alerted to move to a pick-up zone at Cu Chi and began lifting on two UH-1H helicopters at 1600 hours. By 1815 hours the last of the company had inserted into a LZ approximately one kilometer southwest of Companies B and C. The withdrawal of these two Companies to a night defensive position (NDP) in the vicinity of their LZ was covered by artillery fire from FSB Hull and FSB Hampton, and air strikes placed on enemy positions 400-600 meters west by 1LT Hamby Fagg at 1700 hours and again at 1805 hours. This second strike which was made by four F-100s struck positions marked by a Cobra in the area of the camouflaged structures. During this last strike 1LT Fagg expended 1000 rounds covering Company B's right flank with a Cobra. They spotted a group of enemy maneuvering to attack, and broke it up after the ground troops had marked their positions with smoke.

At 1820 hours the second lift of Company B arrived at the LZ and was directed by MAJ Howard McAllister, the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, S-3 who had assumed command on the ground, to begin securing a NDP for the engaged troops to withdraw to. LTC Custer reported that the contact was broken off at 1840 hours, and a four-ship resupply mission brought ammunition, food and water into the NDP. Reinforcements were brought in for Company C from the Battalion rear, and 1LT Cy Weisner, Company C Executive Officer (XO), replaced the wounded 1LT Clark in command of 1/C/2-27 Inf. Helicopter gunships and flareships remained on station during the night but there was no contact. CPT John MacLeod directed the final airstrike of the day at 1900 hours and made rocket and machine gun runs when the fighters received ground fire.

The mission of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, was to conduct a ground reconnaissance on 3 April of the previous day's contact area, and to retrieve the five bodies left overnight. The task force was composed of Companies A, B, C, and Company B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, which was made OPCON. Plans called for B/C/2-27 Inf to sweep west from their position through the area of their firefight to the area of the Ranger contact. There they would link up with Company A and B/2-22 Inf (M) moving up from the south.

At 0745 hours a LST from D/3-4 Cav engaged three enemy in the vicinity of XT292320. They received ineffective small arms fire from the enemy and killed all three. CPT Bobby Hawkins, FAC, arrived on station at 0945 hours as the ground troops began moving forward, and shut off artillery fire to clear the air for friendly aircraft. At 1000 hours he sent the day's first air strike into the area, resulting in two enemy KIA (BC). His rocket and machine gun passes which were required to suppress ground fire directed at the aircraft resulted in another possible enemy KIA. Companies B and C had meanwhile moved up to the contact area and paused while the air strikes were bright in, and then moved forward to evacuate the three bodies left in the area the previous afternoon. They paused again at 1100 hours to let additional air assets be brought in.

CPT MacLeod brought in an air strike at 1100 hours on positions marked with smoke by a LST from Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, and in response to ground requests for additional napalm had two more air strikes brought into the area by 1300 hours. At 1100 hours a LST from D/3-4 Cav engaged two enemy near an oxcart in the vicinity of XT275308, killing both. The NVA were attempting to fire an RPG at the LOH when they were killed by rockets and minigun fire from the Cobra. A .51 caliber machine gun mount, six RPG rounds and 1/4 pound of documents were evacuated to Cu Chi from this encounter. CPT MacLeod engaged two enemy in a bunker (XT283318) at 1146 hours, killing both of them. The weather had cleared by this time, enabling the follow-up missions to avoid the necessity of making low-level approaches which had plagued pilots earlier in the day. The first element of fighters at 1300 hours produced multiple secondary explosions.

During their pause to allow the air assets to be brought in, Companies B and C policed the contact area and gathered up abandoned equipment for evacuation. They also ate a hot meal at noon which was brought forward from the LZ by their respective security elements. Company C utilized its 1st Platoon for this task, with the 2nd and 3rd Platoons remaining on line. Company B kept three platoons as a striking force and had its Weapons Platoon (without heavy weapons) acting as a rear security element. The equipment was evacuated between 1400 and 1430 hours, with the two companies (minus security elements) sweeping forward to the area of the Ranger contact where they linked up with A/2-27 Inf and B/2-22 Inf (M) which had swept up from the south across their front. Two armored personnel carriers (APCs) broke down during the sweep and 2/B/2-27 Inf provided security for them until they were repaired.

At approximately 1400 hours CPT Brown and 1LT Parsons received permission to engage a bunker complex (XT290314) which 1LT Parsons had seen one NVA run into earlier. After having B/2-27 Inf mark its positions with smoke, CPT Brown made an initial rocket pass which flushed four or five enemy into the open. The two FACs made ten passes apiece on the target, chasing several more enemy into the open, and receiving fire from small arms, LMGs, and RPGs. Initially, the enemy ran towards Company B, which engaged them with organic weapons at 1415 hours. Six enemy were killed by the ground troops before they fled. Several weapons were found in the bunkers, indicating that the enemy was attempting to strike Company B on the northern flank.

After the bodies of the two dead Rangers were recovered by Company A, the ground troops swept west to the downed UH-1C. They



provided security while it was disarmed and recovered by a CH-47. Recovery took place at 1815 hours with 1LT Parsons flying cover. At this time all four companies returned to the clearing where the Ranger contact had occurred and established a NDP with APCs positioned around the perimeter.

During the afternoon's sweep of the area, there were several isolated contacts. Company A engaged three enemy in a bunker (XT292312) located a LST from D/3-4 Cav. Using small arms fire at 1517 hours, they killed three enemy without taking any casualties. A ChiCom claymore mine and documents identifying the XO, C13 Company, 3 Battalion, 271 Regiment, were evacuated and three RPG rounds destroyed. At 1528 hours Company B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, engaged four enemy (XT294313) with organic weapons, killing all four. The enemy small arms fire produced negative casualties, and a cache containing 49 RPG rounds, 70 82mm mortar rounds, and 100 60mm mortar rounds was uncovered and evacuated. At 1529 hours a LST from D/3-4 Cav located eight enemy killed by artillery at XT289316. The force sweeping from the south engaged another group of four enemy at 1535 hours at XT293314. Company A killed three of the enemy and captured one CKC rifle without receiving any return fire. Company B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, captured the fourth, who was taken to Tay Ninh for interrogation.

Two pounds of documents, two RPG launchers, five AK-47 rifles, two SKS rifles, three ChiCom claymores, 19 ChiCom hand grenades, one ChiCom field radio with S.O.I., 1500 rounds of small arms ammunition, 400 rounds of .51 caliber ammunition, one loaded RPD magazine, 23 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle ammunition, four pounds of medical supplies, a bag of miscellaneous machine gun rounds of polished rice, two NVA backpacks, four NVA canteens, five NVA ponchos, three NVA shovels, two flashlights, and six pounds of clothing and miscellaneous web gear were gathered during the sweep of the battlefield and evacuated to Cu Chi. One enemy body was also discovered at XT291315.

After spending an uneventful night, all companies moved out from the NDP to continue their ground reconnaissance of the immediate area on the morning of 4 April. Company C prepared to move to Cu Chi Base Camp to conduct a 24-hour maintenance standdown, and Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry moved from Patrol Base (PB), Blue (XT258290) to replace them. At 0830 hours A/2-27 Inf located one enemy KIA in blue shorts and a blue shirt which was credited to their contact at 1517 hours the previous day. At the same time B/2-27 Inf located another body at XT289314 which was credited to artillery fired at 1548 hours on 3 April. At 0915 hours one field telephone switchboard with batteries, two terminal boxes, one 82mm mortar sight, five pounds of documents, and one unknown type of booster which had been found during the morning by the two companies were evacuated to Cu Chi. Another cache (XT287317) containing 43 rounds of 82mm, 30 rounds of 60mm and three rounds of 75mm ammunition plus an 82mm mortar sight and one ton of unbagged rice was discovered by the two companies at 1136 hours and destroyed. At noon the companies returned to their NDP for a hot meal brought in by helicopter.

The two air strikes of the day were flown at 1100 hours and 1300 hours before weather conditions became too poor. CPT Brown directed the first on targets marked by helicopters from D/3-4 Cav. CPT MacLeod directed the second, which produced one large secondary explosion and several smaller ones. He had the F100s make strafing runs with their 20mm cannon, but they were unable to cause any more explosions. An artillery spotter in a LOH made a visual reconnaissance of the area and saw numerous boxes scattered on the ground, leading to the assumption that a supply bunker had been destroyed.

In the afternoon sweep Companies A and B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, moved northwest to establish a line, and then began sweeping southwest towards two large clearings. Companies A and B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry provided security for them and then continued towards PB Blue for the night. During the sweep B/2-27 Inf located several bodies and miscellaneous equipment. At 1220 hours they located ten KIA (BC) at XT287317, of which six were credited to their small arms fire, two to the artillery, and two to air strikes. At 1230 hours two bodies were located (XT279313) which had been killed by D/3-4 Cav, and one RPG-2 launcher was evacuated. Fifteen minutes later at XT289315 one pound of documents, 660 small arms rounds, nine 82mm mortar rounds, and one RPG round were evacuated to Cu Chi. A/B/2-27 Inf halted at 1600 hours in the large clearings to eat their evening meal which was brought in on resupply helicopters. At this time the evening rainstorms set in.

During this meal, A/B/2-27 Inf used binoculars to select sites for platoon-sized ambush patrols which would be set out that night in the clearings. At 1930 hours the patrols moved out. Company B selected locations for its platoons along the northwest edge of their clearing. The 1st Platoon set up an L shaped ambush at the clearing entrance (XT275301), the 2nd Platoon chose an area to their northeast (XT278314), and the 3rd Platoon with the command element remained between them (XT277312). By 2000 hours, the 1st and 2nd Platoons had become established in their locations, but the 3rd still had not found a suitable site.

Just after dark (approximately 2010 hours), 1/B/2-27 Inf saw an unidentified element moving towards their positions from the southwest. The Platoon Leader, 2LT Dennis Heitner, wanted clearance before engaging the estimated 20 men because there were indications that they might be allied troops. Before he could contact the Company Commander, his men informed him that the force was composed of 200-250 heavily equipped NVA. 2LT Heitner ordered his men to lay down and let the enemy pass. The column, which had no forward or flank security and was observing lax route discipline, passed in such close proximity to the platoon's position that they walked over the



wires strung out to the platoon's claymore mines. The enemy force paused for approximately 45 seconds near the platoon's position to allow stragglers to close up, and the AP saw that they were heavily laden with LMGs, mortars, and large quantities of ammunition being transported on stretchers. As the two-man rear security element of the 300 meter long column came abreast of his position (about 2035 hours), 2LT Heitner told his men to get on the other side of their berm and open fire on the enemy who were disappearing into a large wooded area to the east. He initiated fire with his M-60 machine guns and M-79s, followed by a general engagement with small arms. The enemy replied with small arms and RPG fire.

The other two platoons, concentrated at the 3rd Platoon location, set up a cross fire. Company A, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, was recalled to the scene and helicopter gunships, flareships and artillery were brought in. A/2-27 Inf never saw the enemy, most of whom had evaded into the woods when the contact was initiated. B/2-27 Inf gathered at the 3rd Platoon site and were joined there by A/2-22 Inf (M). The mechanized company had taken sniper fire which wounded two men in its effort to join B/2-27 Inf, but had seen few enemy. Resupply was brought in to the consolidated NDP, but no further activity occurred that night. It was the opinion of the officers of Company B that the element they engaged was returning to its base camp and was completely unaware of the presence of any allied units in the area. It is possible that this unit was part of the force which attacked FSB Jay (XT0375) on 30 March.

On 5 April, Companies A and B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry, and Companies B and C, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, were ordered to continue their ground reconnaissance of the contact area, concentrating on the vicinity of the previous night's encounter. Company A, 2-27 Inf, would go to Cu Chi Base Camp for a 24-hour maintenance standdown and be relieved in place at noon by Company C.

At 0925 hours a LST from D/3-4 Cav located two enemy KIA (XT292299) which were credited to A/2-22 Inf (M) from the previous evening's action. At 0940 hours B/2-27 Inf located one enemy KIA from the night before and received one Hoi Chanh, badly burned by napalm (XT275307). They also captured two AK-47 rifles and one pistol belt. Four bodies of enemy soldiers killed by air strikes were located between 1100 and 1200 hours. Company B discovered two at XT281306, and Company A found one at XT280304 and another at XT282306. Two air strikes were delivered at split locations during the morning. CPT Hawkins directed one at 1160 hours which destroyed a large supply bunker and produced a large secondary explosion. 1LT Parsons directed the second at 1200 hours.

After the noon meal, the ground forces continued to sweep west towards their evening NDP (XT270320). At 1500 hours LTC Custer's Command and Control ship engaged and killed one enemy with three flame baths at XT296301. There was no return fire. One half-hour later A/2-22 Inf (M) located five enemy KIA from their engagement on 4 April (XT276303). They also captured ten rucksacks and destroyed 35 RPG boosters. At 1545 hours, a UH-1H from the 25th Aviation Battalion flying over XT289301 at an altitude of 500 feet and a speed of 50 knots received small arms fire from an unknown location. No damage occurred and there was no return fire. The final action of the day occurred when Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery engaged a suspected enemy location (XT296308), killing two at 1745 hours.

Plans for the final day of the action, 6 April, called for Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, to return to Cu Chi for a 24-hour maintenance standdown. The remaining companies (C/2-27 Inf and A/B/2-22 Inf (M)) were to make a sweep through the area and move west to NDPs.

At 0730 hours A/B/2-22 Inf (M) received one Hoi Chanh in their NDP (XT295283). He was evacuated to Cu Chi for interrogation. Exploiting information obtained from him, Company B evacuated one RPD light machine gun at 1500 hours (XT301286). The other incident during the day occurred at 1341 hours when Company B detonated a tripwired hand grenade and had two men wounded (XT282302). Three air strikes were flown at 0900, 0930 and 1300 hours, the last of which produced a large secondary explosion.

### **13. RESULTS:**

This action was a successful ground reconnaissance operation carried out by 3rd Brigade elements. Enemy personnel losses during the five-day operation were 101 KIA (BC), one prisoner-of-war captured, and two Hoi Chanh received by US forces. Large amounts of enemy equipment were also captured or destroyed. US forces suffered 11 men killed and 35 wounded, of whom 18 were treated and returned to duty immediately, but one of whom subsequently died of wounds.

The 271 VC/NVA Regiment was hurt by this operation which inflicted heavy personnel and material losses and destroyed the base area of the 2 and 3 Battalions. This operation has impaired the enemy's offensive capability in the Hieu Thien District of Tay Ninh Province.

### **14. ANALYSIS:**

This operation succeeded because the morale, initiative, esprit-de-corps and fighting qualities of the individual soldier proved equal to the test, and because of outstanding support from air assets and artillery. The enemy force was aggressive, well-equipped, highly trained, and well-entrenched. The massive, concentrated firepower which was utilized by the ground troops enabled them to batter the enemy while minimizing casualties. The initial contacts of both the Rangers and Companies B and C, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, resulted in



heavy expenditures of ammunition, particularly M-60 and M-79 rounds. The enemy apparently was inadequately supplied with mortars and M-79s, since he made little use of them, especially in the Ranger contact when they would have been decisive. Both the Ranger team and B/C/2-27 Inf experienced sniper fire which was highly effective, and had enemy ground elements trying to maneuver around their flanks. Air assets proved invaluable in providing flank security. The team from Company F (Ranger), 75th Infantry, felt that their early insertion caught the enemy by surprise, since the extensive positions around the clearing were only partly manned. By contrast B/C/2-27 Inf found the positions they assaulted prepared and fully manned.

The Forward Air Controllers encountered unusual problems with air congestion during the operation. There were numerous helicopters overflying the contact area, and an ARVN contact four kilometers southwest which was also utilizing air support required coordination. Eighteen tactical air strikes were flown in the area, despite heavy cloud cover which often provided the supporting fighters with special problems involved in low altitude bombing.



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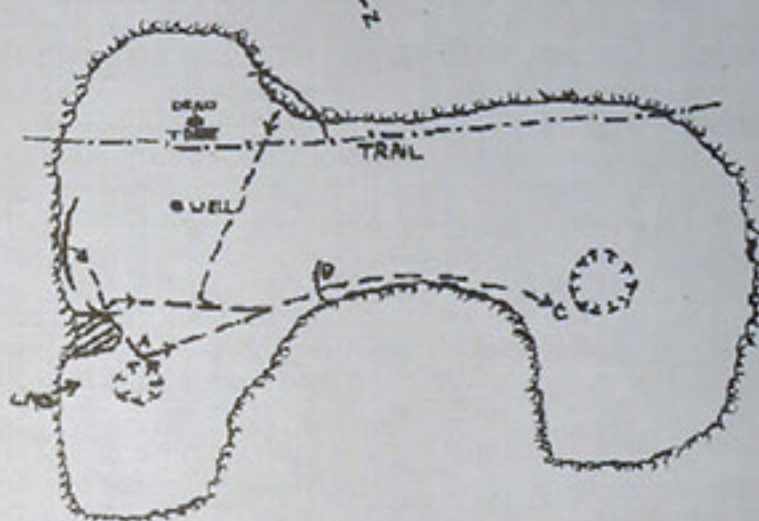


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A - 1LT NORTON, SGT STUCKEY  
B - TEAM 38  
C - TEAM 29  
D - UNDERBUSH

### Composition of the Ranger Team

Name	Rank	Equipment
*Norton, Philip J.	1LT	M-16; AN/PRC-25
**Floyd, Alvin W.	SFC	M-16; AN/PRC-25
**Hall, Colin K.	SFC	M-16
Stuckey, Fred B.	SGT	M-16
Thomas, Michael F.	SGT	CAR-15
Seay, Samuel P.	SGT	M-16
Avery, Charles P.	SGT	M-16
Tinney, Donald W.	SP4	M-60
Purdy, Donald E.	SP4	M-16
Guth, Richard E.	SP4	M-14 (Sniper)
Allmon, Raymond L.	PFC	M-60; .45 cal. pistol
Perez, Steven (NMI)	PFC	M-79
Langland, Kenneth J.	PFC	M-60

\* Team Leader

\*\* Assistant Team Leader

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### AWARDS FOR VALOR

DSC	SS	DFC	BS-V	ARCOM-V	TOTAL AWARDS
1*	6	0	6	0	13

PRESENTED TO COMPANY F (RANGER), 75TH INFANTRY

\* Indicates pending



## TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

**The memorial service for Col. Maus** at Wilmington NC went flawlessly. Amid the setting of a beautifully maintained flower laden cemetery, in the shadow of giant oak trees, Col. David Hale, CO of the 519th MI Bn gave a most distinguished eulogy speaking words that embraced the essence of our own individual thoughts. Following Col. Hale, Unit Director Dave Peace summed it up by stating: "We are all a little better off for having known Bill Maus. He brought out the best of people under all circumstances. I think he touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with. I am glad that the men of Company F had the chance to offer a final salute to this noble warrior one last time, in Wilmington." Some other Co F men spoke their thoughts as well, all on the theme of what the man meant to us. The ceremony was capped by a spit and polish 21 gun salute offered by the men of the current F/51st troops who came down from Ft. Bragg. I can still hear the solemn echo of that salute resounding across the silent cemetery, so appropriate to this occasion.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Maus family hosted a wonderful southern style reception at their historic stately home (built in 1861). At that time, we were privileged to meet, associate with, and swap memories with the family while eating huge southern fried chicken breasts and sipping (in my case) Ice Tea or Lemonade on the large verandah. The event and the setting was something akin to what the south must have been like prior to the civil war. The Col. certainly had a most dignified family and we are all grateful to have made their acquaintance. So, to Mrs. Francis, Bill, Scott, Katherine, Martha and all the grand-kids, we feel honored to have met you and a big thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown to us.

**Present & accounted for:** George & Barbara Alexander, 1 SG Walter 'Paratrooper' Butts, George 'Psycho' Christiansen, Clark Etterman, Jim Foreman, T. 'Speedy' Gonzalez, Tom 'BA' Grzybowski, Don & Annette Hall, Joe Havrilla, 'Chico' & Brenda Hernandez, Dave & Nancy Hillard, Bruce Houghen, Bill 'Teacup' Houser, Jed McGarry, 1Lt Gerald "Scuffy" McDonough, Dave Peace, Dick 'The Rigger' Vincent, John 'Spoon' & Mariam Witherspoon.

**VIP's:** Unit Director of 0/75th Ranger, Ricky Hogg and lovely wife Wilma came down to pay their respects and meet with those of us later with Company O. It was a pleasure to see him after 30 years. Simone Butts, the quite beautiful and personable daughter of 1 SG Butts, (no, she's nothing like Top', nor anything like what you might expect at all, charming woman). A thanks to Bob Gemma, who traveled with and assisted the still recovering Speedy in getting there.

**Modern LRS/Ranger VIP's:** Col. David Hale, CO 519th MI Bn, Cpt. Miller, CO Co. F (LRSU) 51st Inf., 1SG Hall, Cpt. Griegs, 1Lt. Joe Banner, and the men of the rifle honor guard who did such a precision job in their part of the ceremony.

**Other news:** Don Hall's film crew was there and caught all of this on film for the upcoming documentary. The actual shooting and interviewing is complete. Don is very pleased about wrapping up the project with such an appropriate event as this. Now to the editing job and what ever else goes into completing the film. I, for one, can't wait to see it. Debrief of reunion news will be in the next issue of Patrolling. Unit Columnist **Bill Houser**





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My apologies to the men of K CO for not having articles in the last three issues. I received word from Riley Morton that he had contact with a nurse he knew in country. Her name is Diane Carlson Evans, RN she has founded an organization called Viet Nam Women's Memorial Project, Inc. The address to the National Office is: 2001 S Street, NW, Suite 302, Washington, DC 20009 phone (202)328-7523 If any of you wounded men out there would like to say hi to a nurse who may have helped you throw a tough time now you have an address. I sure remember them and really appreciate the hard job they did and the only recognition was from us wounded and sick. <http://members.aol.com/vwmpdc/home.htm> is the Internet address.

Three men that have contributed greatly to the Assoc. and will donate a trip every year to auctioned or raffled off is Riley Morton (K CO) Jim Venable (L CO) and Gary Salter Captain of the Maximum charter boat. Gary is also a fisherman with Venables boat, The Bold Pacific. He has to like the LRRP Rangers to offer such a great trip and his time. I think we should sell raffle tickets rather than wait until the reunion in the year 2000. That way the assoc. would gather much more needed money than they would get by selling them at the Savannah Reunion. What would you pay for a raffle ticket for a \$2800.00 fishing hunting trip? I would go \$10.00 pop, what sounds good to you people?? I hope we take advantage of the effort that these men are offering. Can the assoc. get raffle tickets made up? Who will sell them? You do not have to be present to win. We can make this happen.

Does anyone have any information about the phone company that was brought up at the reunion. That sounded like a good money maker for the assoc. this is one of the problems I feel that should be addressed by the whole assoc. This assoc. is our connection to a proud history and the future should be secure for generations to come. Three former team members because of the assoc. found me my CO, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. & Team member. I have met some guys that I would not have, I have been invited and accepted by the Rangers of today's Army. We as members have to make this happen, not just elected guy's to go on their own give them your input, good or bad they take all.

Young man named David Doss has contacted me, his phone number is 410-360-9732 home and his work is 410-716-3780. His Father is Luther James Doss a K CO KIA. David was two when his Dad gave his all. He has recently become a Father and would like to hear from men that served with him. Congratulations David, on your child. I hope you get some information about your father.

Dave Bristol has been in contact with some chopper pilots that he knew in country. How about a low down on that Dave?

I got a phone call from Oscar J.L. Mullinax. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde 25<sup>th</sup> LD LRRP and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde 4<sup>th</sup> LD LRRP we served together and haven't seen or heard from each other for while (32 yrs). John Chester our C.O. went to visit and had great time. We will all get together in July, at the Ranger Rendezvous.

William (Bill) Fillipini is in contact and his address is: 16707 Fallen Tree/ San Antonio, TX 78247-2036. Forest (Butch) Kay address: Pete's Compound # 508 Damascus, Nasipit. Talamba, Cebu 6000, Philippines

Don't forget the Hunting and Fishing trip to Kodiak, Alaska. Donated by Jim Venable, Riley Morton & Gary Salter. If you have any questions call Gary at 1-888-330-7600. Lets make this happen it is an opportunity of a lifetime.

Ron Coon (Spuz) is doing his duty at Fort Leonardwood, MO. For the month of May. He is probably blowin something up. Sleep tight Spuz is protecting us.

Bob Crawford came back to the West Coast over the holidays and found a man on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde roster that was not a LRRP but was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bde tracker team. Bob thanked him for his time and is wondering yet how Dan Tharp got on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde roster ??

This is from Bob Crawford's letter: Bob Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup> Bde LRRP) and I met for dinner, we talked late into the night. We hadn't seen each other since just before Xmas of 1968. He reminded me of the New Years Eve party that I was having. He was going to come to the party, but a snow-storm dumped 20+ inches of snow on Portland between Christmas Day and New Years Eve. I told him I remembered his reel tape player and going to sleep listening to the latest songs when we were in camp. He

said some one in the unit had a friend who was a DJ in the world, and would send him tapes of the latest hits. We talked about our friend and team leader Charles Britt, how great it was to be in the bush with him, and how we both mourned the news of his death. We talked about the "Yards" - Doc, Chui and Lie. We couldn't remember the names of the "Yards" that worked with us. With age, our minds were a bit foggy on many of the details. I had thought Bob had been in the unit several months before Vic Power and I joined. He said that he had also just joined along with Phil Stafford and Paul Enriques. The three of them were from Oregon, and had been together since basic training. They were the originals Three Stooges. We talked about crazy Coon and the stories he could tell and still can, about team leader Bob Smyeys who later became our Plt. Sgt., and about two C.O. Captains: Clark and Garnet. It was really great to see him again after all these years. We both agreed that volunteering for the LRRP's was the best thing we could have done. We were both glad to have been part of the LRRP's.

Keep me informed on your thoughts and opinions. Keep your dues paid up and check your buddy's to. **Buck Anderson** Unit Director.

#### COMPANY E 51ST INF (LRS)

I've been real busy for the past 3 months, but I'll give you what I can. We've accomplished a lot of training in those months here in Germany. January was the test of our cold weather/winter surveillance and reconnaissance training in the mountains of Hohenfels, Germany. We called the training exercise "Arctic Forge". Recce teams (16 teams in all) started off with a team airborne insertion in about 3 ft. of snow, and then moved out via snow shoes or skis to their objectives. Unlucky for them the weather was clear with a full moon so the tracking teams had a field day the next morning but only one team was compromised while the other teams did a great job counter tracked all night. Then the snow fell hard and heavy. "Good Training!" as I put it. It was a great gut check for the southern boys in the Company, they ain't use to hunting with that white stuff all over the ground, all turned out well. The studs did a great job and they had a few Visen beers after they thawed out.

We also scheduled for the same type of training in February around the same area but with a little twist, this time we inserted by helos and 30 seconds out we handed each Team Leader an envelope with a Frago. "E&R in effect". The Team Leaders that didn't have a good E&R plan suffered, but we made it all pretty much suck for everyone with distances of 15 to 20 km between DARS and we finally extract them at the 3rd DAR. "Good Training!". O'ya we also had some of the pilots play with the teams they thought it was great for the first couple kilometers then reality hit, but they all had fun. We've been trying to do some airborne ops but with the aircraft requirement for Kosovo and it being the winter months, we may get lucky if we get one jump in this quarter, but we compensate with plenty of field craft time. Now we are getting ready for possibly doing some good training down around the Adriatic Sea area but for now we are just waiting like the rest of the world. Well that's about all for now, one other reason I haven't been in touch is that I was in the First Sergeant Course in Ft. Bliss, Texas since 20 Feb, good school if your clueless about the UCMJ and regulations/policies of the US Army, like I was. I'm back now and ready to go. I'll talk to you later hope this letter is what your looking for, out here. **ISG Devens RLW**





Ron Bourne, Commo Chief 65-66, one of the 1st brigade Lurp's originals shared a story with me of another First brigade original, Bill Davis. It taps the pride and humility I feel also. thanks Ron and Bill. Story below:

After arriving in Vietnam, in July 1965, and getting settled down to a routine "in country" we started running operations in the Quin-Nhon, Nha-Trang, An-Khe, Tuy-Hoa, and Phan-Rang areas. I found myself in true combat situations only when we were loaned out to provide medic support to the infantry battalions. These infantry battalions, mainly the 1st/327th and 2nd/502nd, were on missions where enemy contact was imminent and when these missions were over, everyone returned to their respective units back at base camps and got caught up on some much needed rest. It really wasn't a bad way to fight a war and I felt fairly comfortable with it. Then came the day that I was told that the first sergeant wanted to see me in his CP. I reported to him at which time he introduced me to Lt. Joel Stephenson and Sfc Phillip Chassion from the 327th infantry battalion. The lieutenant wanted to discuss my possible interest in joining a brand new organization that was to be the Eyes Behind The Lines for the brigade. He explained that while we were going across the Pacific on a troop carrier (the Gen. Leroy Eltinge), an advanced party had gone ahead and had spent the 40 odd days trying to decide how we were going to fight the war. One of the ideas that had finally been decided upon was to form a platoon of four, or six man teams that would be deployed into advanced and unknown areas to patrol, for extended periods of time, and would gather and report enemy activities, concentrations, strengths, pertinent terrain features, and all else that could be considered important to the intelligence people. We'd be operating behind the lines, so to speak, although there were no front lines and that we'd be operating beyond friendly fire support. The lieutenant went on to describe how these small teams would operate, and how they would consist of a team leader, two patrolling/scouting experts, two commo men, and a combat corpsman which was to be me if I was interested and he accepted. He asked that I take a week and think it over at which time he would return for my answer.

I loved those guys in the medics and hated to leave. I was torn between choosing between leaving my friends and getting back to my first love which was then, as now, the infantry. It was of my opinion that any uniform was OK as long as it had crossed rifles on it. Additionally, down deep, I thought this new outfit was basically going to be a suicide squad. After all, if a six man team made contact with an enemy force of any substantial size, how could they possibly consider surviving? I figured, and time would prove me right, that these teams would return from their long missions looking like they'd spent time in a meat grinder and how could I possibly justify doing something like that when I had it pretty well made where I was? In short, why screw up a good thing?

I was already a cinch for a stripe or two and I knew I'd get the CMB in my current unit so why go get myself killed for nothing? But the lieutenant must have sensed my misgivings because he started telling me about the glory side of becoming a Lurp. He told me that only the Lurps would be authorized to wear booney hats. Only the Lurps would wear black tiger stripe fatigues (even though camouflage wasn't popular yet for the American forces) which the Vietnam Rangers had designed. The tiger stripe fatigues were being worn regularly by the Viet Rangers and would be worn by the LURPS when on patrol. The lurps would enjoy the very best of everything while at their base camp. This information put a whole new perspective on things. I started to think of this opportunity as a hunting trip which it really did turn out to be, and I loved hunting trips. So when he returned a week later, I took a deep breath, said "I do", and left the medics to join this new, experimental outfit that was to be called the 101st's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol, known to us as the Lurp's. I stayed with them until the end of my tour at which time I rotated to ETS. Oh, by the way, after finally telling the lieutenant that I was in, he introduced me to his CO who had accompanied him in the jeep, one Major David Hackworth. As a Lurp I was to see and interface with this gung-ho Major many times. So I packed up my meager belongings, threw them in the jeep, and we headed off to an outpost nearby that was to be my home until the brigade relocated to it's next location.

When I arrived the men were set about doing chores such as putting up tents, water bags, stringing constantina wire around the perimeter, etc. Soon afterward, Sgt. Chassion, my new platoon sergeant, called us all together and introduced everyone. He introduced the intelligence NCO, Ssgt Herdener, the commo chief, Ssgt. Bourne, and the 4 teamleaders; Ssgt. Tomlinson, Ssgt. Pruett, Ssgt. Skau and Ssgt. Forrest. All these leaders were extraordinary and any team member would have followed any one of them through the gates of Hell. He also introduced a flock of ducks and demonstrated how to bite one's head off and prepare it for eating the Ranger way. We all cooked our ducks in mud balls that night and got to know each other a bit better. I was later to realize that providence had truly smiled on me in this assignment for I had just become a member of a group of men that have held a special place in my heart ever since. I was a brainless kid among these guys that were career pro's in their perspective areas of expertise. Simply put, I held these men in awe and would get chills of pride up my back when they referred to me as a fellow member of this elite group. Nobody could have picked a better, more close knit, dedicated group of men if they had spent their entire careers doing so. I'll never know if it was just dumb luck on Lt. Stephenson's part or if he had some sort of 6th sense when he went about selecting these men, but whatever the case, he could not have found a finer group of men if he had searched the 4 corners of the world.

I really can't put into words how genuinely proud I am to have played a part in the thing, no matter how big or small and to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a monumental event at exactly the right time. We had many hair raising experiences together but one tends to remember only the good parts. Sadly, we lost one of our brothers, Ssgt. Pruett, during a patrol in Tuy Hoa. Why we didn't lose more, I'll never know. I guess this statistic alone speaks for the professionalism of the individual members and how they operated



as a team. I would have loved to have stayed in but I was starting to see that the war could very well be never ending. We had too many constraints to deal with and I thought that it was a small miracle that I made it through at all. I knew I could expect multiple tours in the future and probably would not continue to beat the odds. And always lingering in my mind was the nagging question; What possible chance would I have if, during my next tour, God forbid, I ended up in a unit of lesser caliber than the Lurps of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division? **Bill Davis** Just one of 30 Brothers.

Joe M. Canales wrote me. He does not get out much. You will remember him being on Gregory's Team F Company 58th. He would like to hear from his old team members. Write Joe M. Canales, 566947 Wynne, Huntsville, TX 77349. Joe writes he may have alienated himself from former team members, but he has a better attitude and would like to start writing them again. He relates that he gains strength from his old friends. I understand being incarcerated matures a man. Good luck Joe and I hope you and your friends get hooked up again.

For the good of the order: We do not have a formal way of electing a Unit Director or reconfirming our present representative to the Association. During one of our first reunions, I was elected as Unit Director for First Bde. Lurp's F Co. 58th Inf. (LRP) and L Co. 75th Rangers. I was reaffirmed by another election some years later. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you. Yet over the past couple of years others have expressed an interest in serving as Unit Director. I applaud their interest. Let me encourage you to develop a list of 75th Association members that would be willing to serve as Unit Director for us and elect them for a two-year term. I would also encourage you to keep separate the Unit Director's role and the News Letter or reporter's role. The 75th Association does return part of our dues to publish a Unit News Letter to distribute as the Unit wishes. In closing, I have been proud to serve and represent your concern for better than 10 years. I serve at your will and pleasure. I believe it needs to be brought to all Lurps and Rangers of the 101st Abn. Div. to reconsider this post as Unit Director. I do not presume to be your president and cannot call a meeting or appoint myself or anyone to be Unit Director. I am looking forward to someone stepping up to the challenge and calling a meeting at our next reunion. Until that time, I will remain your Unit Director. Thank you for your attentiveness. As my old Team Leader says, "Rangers lead the way, after Lurps have left". Peace be with you and yours. **John Looney** Unit Director

#### **D/151 LRP - D/151 RANGER**

The big event for D-151 is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion, August 6, 7 & 8. Anyone who spent time with the D-151 in Viet Nam 68-69 is very welcome to attend the reunion. We'll talk old war stories and new PTSD problems. Kudos to the committee planning the reunion, especially Darrel Holder, Sue Cravens, Gary and Connie Bussell. The event will be special. There will be ceremonies dedicating areas at Camp Atterbury for our fallen Rangers. It will be a lasting memorial. Our special guest speaker for Saturday night's dinner is a former Darby's Ranger from WWII. The reunion is open to all former D-151 members who were with us in Nam. Please call for lodging ASAP. Rooms are at a premium. The reunion starts Friday with social time to renew friendships and memories. Saturday will have ceremonies and an explanation of PTSD symptoms and VA benefits. And of course, more social time. Saturday night will be the dinner for all of us. Sunday will have some more "easy to take" ceremonies.

FIREBASE INDY will be June 5 & 6 at Fort Harrison which is on the north east side of Indianapolis on east 56<sup>th</sup> street east of I-465. It's open to all Viet Nam vets, so there will be guys from units that sucked in Nam and still suck now but it's still a good time. D - 151 Rangers will have a booth. Stop by and say hello and check out the shirts. Seriously, check the shirts closely. Please check your renewal date for dues both for 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Association and for D-151 LRP Ranger Association. Both need your support! **Tom Blandford** Unit Director

#### **30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REUNION FOR D-151 LRP RANGER AUGUST 6 & 7 & 8**

**LOCATION: CAMP ATTERBURY, NEAR COLUMBUS INDIANA**  
On South I 65 and US 46, 30 minutes south of Indianapolis

#### **SCHEDULE:**

**FRIDAY NIGHT AUG 6 - Hospitality at the King Room**

**SATURDAY AUG 7 - 151<sup>st</sup> Infantry LRS demonstration, equipment display - Dinner**

**SUNDAY AUG 8 - Dedication and memorial ceremonies**

Rooms are at a premium so contact Sue Cravens ASAP.  
Camping is available.

Point of Contact - Tom Blandford 317-846-6374



## 1ST BN 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

St Patrick's Day was the start of a great 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Parade, as usual, had the ladies applying extra lipstick with the hopes of planting their red signature on a Ranger. And many did!! Besides the regular sharp formation of Rangers, there was a formation of former 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Members and anyone else who decided to walk with them on that sunny day. All went well and at the end of the parade, the formation of young Rangers loaded buses back to Hunter Army Airfield to change and enjoy the festivities.

The second formation of much older and wiser Rangers did a few column movements and headed straight for the festivities on River Street. One group of Rangers (Coats, Lombardo, Skinner, Kuhns, et. al) were buying rounds of cheer. Skinner left to pick up his wife but they kept buying his rounds. When he returned, there was none left. Seems the group used his beer to tide them over in between rounds. Just can't leave a group like that alone with anything!!

Thursday was a slow day. Rangers and wives from out of town arrived and signed in at the Battalion Headquarters. There was a logbook especially prepared for the Anniversary. Others, including the aforementioned, were still recovering from the night before. About 3:00 families started assembling at the Truscott Center (a new Departure Facility at the Airfield). As usual, they went all the way in setting up displays of current Ranger equipment and weapons. Young Rangers were standing by to answer any questions. I haven't been out that long but was amazed at some of the new equipment the Rangers have and the techniques used to employ them. All the Rangers showed confidence – the hallmark of this great Battalion. As the time neared for the ceremony, former members of the Battalion began showing up. Ranger Bill Sears, Hoot Gibson (driving what looked like a 30-foot limousine pickup) – somewhere in that pickup was Art Cobb he had drug along with him. Others were Rangers Donovan, Martin, Lott, Winget, Coughlin, Steve Murphy, BG Stringham, BG Taylor, Holmstock, Shook, Dalton, Boom Jackson, Hughes, Everett, Doyle, Schetrumpf, Burns, Silsby, Edmunds, Williams, Niblett, Harkin, MAJ Fountain (Chemical Officer) and of course, no Ranger function goes without the support of the President of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association Terry Roderick, and the Secretary, Roy Boatman, and sidekicks Duke DuShane and Smokey Wells. Dick Stewart, Phil Piazza, George Ward, Gil Berg (AKA Gen. Greb) was there. There are many more but "old timers" has struck!!!

SMA (Ret) Glen Morrell was the guest speaker. Topic was the "Trials and Tribulation" that the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion went through in getting set up and organized. Many tried to make us fail. They did everything in their power but the Ranger Spirit proved too much for them and we prevailed. The result is the history of the last 25 years which has been unparalleled by any unit other than the two Sister Battalions.

The Super Supper that followed was nothing but SUPERB!! The Dining Facility staff should be commended for feeding the number of people the excellent food in such a short time. Once again, old mixed with new and shared stories of the past with the current Rangers. It was a very enjoyable time. The FEAST of all FEASTS!!!

That evening, some went to LTC Votel's quarters for a social gathering. Speaking for myself, I drank lots of beer and stole some golf clubs and left. The XO had to return the golf clubs the next day. Thank you LTC Votel!!! Your golf clubs did not help my game!!

Friday evening was the culmination of the week's activities with the Ranger Ball. The Rangers looked sharp as usual, the Ranger wives and dates were beautiful as always. Had the opportunity to meet Ms. Tammy White, a Ranger wife, who leads the way. She has established a Ranger Wives Page – The Ranger Wives Breakroom. Stop in and visit her web site address: [members.aol.com/tam/whit/page/index.htm](http://members.aol.com/tam/whit/page/index.htm)

As I moved around talking with the Rangers, it was interesting to see what some of the former Rangers are doing these days. Jeff Everett is the owner of "Crunch Fitness Center" in Woodstock, GA. If any Rangers need your body tuned up, stop in and see him. Tommy Shook owns an Allstate Insurance Company in Beaumont, Texas. Ranger Lott will help you maintain your cool in Fort Myers, Florida. He owns his own Air Conditioning Business. Several of us were watching First Sergeant Martin of Bravo Company. I could swear he was smiling. This is something that NEVER happened in the 70s. Steve Murphy assured me that I had had too many beers and ISG Martin was upside down!!! Not Smiling!!!

Other former Battalion Members in attendance were LTG and Mrs. Kernan, COL Hudson, Jim Grimshaw (USARA), COL & Mrs. Maffey. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Markwell, parents of PFC James W. Markwell, medic in Company C, who lost his life in the first few minutes on Tocumen Airfield, Panama (Operation Just Cause).

Everyone eventually found their seats and the ceremonies began. The Ranger Punch Bowl ceremony featured young Rangers representing each former Ranger Unit. Each unit had its own special brew to be added to the bowl. Each young Ranger had to "Sip a little of each".

LTC Votel recognized each Ranger Combat Operation participants by having them stand when their conflict was mentioned, to



include Desert One (this had never been done before). The participants of Desert One were hesitant to stand, but were given the "go ahead" nod.

General Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the Guest Speaker. His speech was short but it hit right on the Ranger Spirit – past through the present. The message was clear and to the point. Rangers will be around for a long time.

The official ending was the reciting of the Ranger Creed and the retiring of the Colors.

None of this would have come about if not for the efforts of LTC Votel and CSM Rackow and all the "behind the scenes" Rangers who put forth such a great effort to make the 25<sup>th</sup> one of the best anniversary celebrations we could have attended. Of course, Sheila Dudley was there to assist those of us who could not find our way and kept everything flowing - To all the Rangers and staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, THANK YOU from all of us. Until the next time, keep your powder dry, your hatchet sharp, and your head down. Rangers Lead the Way - **Bill Acebes** Unit Director



## 1st RANGER BATTALION SILVER ANNIVERSARY



## ARVN RANGER ADVISORS (BDQ)

If you cry "Forward" you must be sure to make the direction in which to go. Don't you see that if you fail to do that and simply call out the word to a monk and a revolutionary, they will go in precisely opposite directions ....

-Anton Chekhov

Well Co Vans (BDQ Advisors), as the new BDQ Director I will keep the above quote in mind as I aim my compass, and with your cooperation and support, head in the right direction. I pledge to you that I will make a concerted effort to improve our communications--keeping our members informed; to represent you in a professional manner and have a unit priority of preserving our legacy: working together in the advisory team "**concept**" of camaraderie should be our goal!

For several years I have made visits to Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, San Jose and Garden Grove to attend Biet Dong Quan reunions and to meet with the Vietnamese families in these areas; any Ranger Advisor is more than welcome to attend these reunions. Many are in July, so give me a call if you need an invitation or information.

Congratulations to BDQs' LTC(R)"Jack"Daniel and MAJ(R)Otis H."Bane"Ashley for their selection into this year's Ranger Hall of Fame and to the family of SFC John L. McCoy who was also selected. John was killed in Vietnam with the 43rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion while assaulting a Viet Cong unit; it was his third war! BDQ Robbie Robinson of Australia--original SAS and Jump School Instructor--was selected for the Honorary Induction, a well deserved honor.

Ranger John Minatra was in the hospital with a kidney infection last month... we hope he is back to norm. "Big John" was an instructor at the mountain camp(twice) and an Advisor with the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion in 1964; he received the DSC for his actions at Dak To in 1968 with the Vietnamese Airborne.

### EVENTS, WARNING ORDERS AND SITREPS:

**Co Van Documentary:** The Co Van Documentary is a project started by James Elliott of Night Train Films with the goal of making a film that will focus directly on the U.S. Military Advisor's experience in Vietnam; it is now in its third year of development. Many former Advisors are supporting this advisor history project--if you would like to contribute to this endeavor, you can contact James Elliott by Email:

LELLIOTT@worldnet.att.net James Elliott Night Train Films 285 East California Blvd. #108 Pasadena, CA 91106 Phone & Fax: 626-578-0622 James is a friend and a dedicated individual.

Also, the Vietnam Center/Archive at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas has a new and unique project called The Advisor Archive Project (a.k.a. the VN Center's CO VAN Project). The project involves the collection, preservation and study of any and all material related to the Allied Advisory Effort in SE Asia. You can check out their current website at: <http://www.ttu.edu/vietnam/> You may acquire additional information reference the advisory project from:

Dr. Ronald B. Frankum, Jr., Archivist  
The Vietnam Archive  
Texas Tech University Libraries  
Special Collections Library  
Room 108  
Lubbock, TX 79401-1045  
Telephone: (806) 742-9010



**Salvation Army Summer Camp:** The Salvation Army in Columbus, Georgia sends children either infected or affected with the AIDS virus to a summer camp located on a 120 acres of countryside at Jasper in North Georgia. If you would like to help sponsor a child please send your contribution in the form of a check, made out to The Salvation Army of Columbus to me. Note on the check that it is the BDQ child sponsoring. Any amount is fine; the cost is \$100 per child. The 75th Ranger Regiment is sponsoring three children this year. Any funds collected will, be used for children from the Fort Benning area. This is a great cause for kids in need; I have already received a check from Ranger Jim Waters - - Thanks Jim!

**Ranger Advisors and Biet Dong Quan Reunion:** A reunion and memorial ceremonies are being organized for Vietnamese Ranger Advisors and Vietnamese Rangers (BDQ). The events are planned for Veterans' Day Weekend, 11-12 November 2000, in Washington, D.C. We will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Biet DongQuan as well as the 5th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnamese Ranger and American Ranger Advisor Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. For additional details contact me or



**In Memoriam:** On a knoll overlooking the Mountain Ranger Camp, shrouded by oaks, flowering dogwoods and stately pines, lies a Ranger Warrior, my brother Mike Smith. The morning mist and the cool evening breezes softly touch the brow of Smithy and the Civil War soldiers enshrined near; echoes of today's Rangers guard the sacred resting place of one so dear-Ranger Mike Smith passed away on February 16, 1999. Mike was a BDQ and also an Airborne Advisor. He was decorated for his actions at Hue with the 9th Airborne Battalion ... Tet 1968. Mike was an instructor at the Mountain Ranger Camp on two tours and with the Ranger Department's Mobile Ranger Training Team. His heart and soul was the coveted "Black and Gold".

I would like to thank Lieutenant Colonel Alfred E. Dochnal--Commander, Camp Frank D. Merrill, 1st Ranger Training Battalion--the Command Sergeants Major, NCOs and Rangers for their support; Color Guard and Firing Squad members; without a doubt their participation added recognition to a deserving individual and the esprit de corps of the Ranger Command. The symbolic presence of Commander Ernest Dockery and the Native American Veterans Warrior Society provided a spiritual closing to this Last Roll Call .... The beautiful wreath to Mike from the 75th Ranger Regiment Association is typical of the brotherhood of the organization... as usual, one call to Ranger Roy Boatman made it happen. Our berets are "off" to all who came forward!

In closing, I would like to thank BDQs' Wayne Parker, Ed Briggs, Nick Romaine, Robbie Robinson and the Vietnamese Ranger Associations' for the appreciative comments and support--Rangers Lead The Way!

I urge all our members to inform other Ranger Advisors that the ARVN Ranger Advisors(BDQ) is a unit of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association and to encourage them to join ... send any comments, photos, or other items you would like to see in Patrolling , to me, it is your column: "SHOOT LOW--I'LL SEE YOU ON THE HIGH GROUND"--"BIET DONG QUAN SAT"  
Mu Nau **Mike Martin** Unit Director

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### Mini-Reunion For Local Rangers

On March 27, 1999 a min-reunion and BBQ was held in Woodside, CA for Northern California and Nevada LRRPs and Rangers to get together and swap lies. Approximately 20 Rangers plus wives and kids attended. Although the turnout was less than expected, the group had a good time and several old friends were reunited.

Among the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID LRRPs getting together for the first time in almost 35 years were former Unit CO, LTC John W. (Bill) Walden (Ret), and ex-SGTs Jack (the Panda) Grant, Dan (the Bat) Ochoa, and Mike (McGeek) McClintock. Jack and his wife Holly made a special trip out from Washington, D.C. to attend the get together and Dan Ochoa came up from L.A. Bill Walden and his wife Jan live in San Jose.

The old V Corps LRRPs were also well represented by Eric Weber and his wife Sabine, Bob Murphy and son Mike, Alan Campbell and son Matthew, and Bill Bohle. It has been over 30 years since some of these guys had seen each other and several had come a long way just for the reunion (Murphy came up from down under [Australia] where he currently resides in exile!). The oldest participant was "Sti" Stivisat at 77. Sti served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID Recon company during WWII and participated in the invasion of Anzio where the Hermann Goerring SS Division captured him. He later escaped and E&B'ed back to friendly lines.

Several Vietnam LRRP/LRP/Rangers attended including Dave Cooper (H/75 & L/75), Steve Hightower (?), Errol Hansen (D/75 & N/75), Bill Jang (N/75), John La Barge (C/75), and Gary Hart (F/52 LRRP). The three battalions of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment were also represented by Rick Welsh (and his hardcore Ranger wife Connie), Peter Neves (and daughter Leslie), and Steven Duffy.

The group is looking forward to its next get together in the summer or fall where a bigger turnout is anticipated.

Ranger  
Kurt Sayers

On April 9, 1999 Kurt Sayers, son of Loren and Susie Sayers, graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger school at Fort Benning, GA. Kurt is currently serving with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. Congratulations to this young Ranger and his family. Loren is an Old Lurp from 1960. The circle continues.



### LT Chris Ayers Update

Received word from 1LT Chris Ayers that he has been accepted for assignment to 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion near Savannah, GA. That is the prima outfit in the Army – it all goes full circle! Ed Jentz sends.

### ED JENTZ HOMELESS?

The subject of homeless veterans is a serious issue and is not something to be taken lightly. However, this picture of Ed Jentz roughing it in his own backyard was just too great a temptation. Here it is in the middle of the worst winter in twenty years and Ed is out there cooking away. You can tell Ed is enjoying every minute of it by his joyful expression. His son, Ed Jr., said, "Camping out with my dad at home was one of the greatest experiences of my young life!" If Ed keeps this up we'll have to take up a collection and buy him a gas barbecue! (Just don't start burning s—t with diesel fuel Ed, or we will really start to worry about you!). Thanks to Elaine Caras for the picture.



### A Bad Day

Tuesday, April 20, 1999, was a bad day all around. Especially for Ranger Dan Ochoa. Dan had been staying at McGeek's house for a few days and that Tuesday evening around 7:00 p.m., while McGeek was looking at some dry rot under the eaves, Dan fell off a ladder, smashed his face and broke his wrist. Mac called 911 as Dan's head was bleeding profusely. A neighbor heard the crash when Dan hit the deck and came running over, while Mac's wife Gloria brought a towel to stop the bleeding. The neighbor got him stabilized while Mac emphasized the immediate need for an ambulance with the 911 operator. Gloria directed the San Mateo Fire Department, who was first on scene, and helped prepare Dan for the EMTs.

After the paramedics cut Dan's clothes off him (he was bitching about them cutting up his new jacket) and strapped him to a backboard, he was transported to Stanford Medical Center where he was given the works (CAT scan, X-rays, etc.). They really took good care of him but he was in a lot of pain. He refused a dose of morphine, as he wanted to be aware of what was going on. After they had worked on him for a while they let McGeek in to see him. He was joking with the nurses and introduced them to Mac by their first names when he came in. McGeek was im-



pressed! Here Dan was with a compound fracture of his right lower arm just above the wrist—both bones were badly broken—and he was still hustling the babes!

The break was very serious and Dan went into the operating room at around 11:00 p.m. The head wound was only minor. While he was in the ER he joked about what a poor PLF he made...head first, then arm, then ass! Just before he went to the OR he told Mac he had to take a leak. Dan called one of the nurses over and told her and she brought him a piss bottle. He looked at her like "Hey? My arm is broke. What am I supposed to do with this?" She said, "Get used to it, use your left hand." McGeek told Dan if he had good health insurance she would have held it for him, and with a really good policy she'd even shake it for him afterward. As a result of being a smartass Mac ended up holding the bottle for him (He refused to shake it!).

Dan was recovering at Casa McGeek for a while, but is back in LA where he has at least two more operations to go through. You can write to him at 24920 Walnut St., #7, Newhall, CA 91321

### Don Rampanelli in Recovery

On April 7, 1999 retired SGM Don Rampanelli underwent hip replacement surgery at the Rio Verde (AZ) Community Hospital and Veterinary Clinic. The MD's (Mule Doctors) at the clinic at first wanted to shoot Ramp, but were convinced otherwise by the crusty old Lurp, who said that he had been shot at enough and that they had better get with the damn program and fix his hip! Don is recovering at home and has plenty of time to read your cards and letters. Drop him a line at:

Don Rampanelli  
26802 N. Aguila Rd.  
Rio Verde, AZ 85263-5078  
(602) 471-0034

Ramp served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID LRRP Detachment in Bad Kissingen, Germany from 1963-1964 and MACV at Phong Dien, RVN during the 1968 Tet offensive. Mike McClintock Unit Director

### 25TH DIV LRRP - F/50 LRP - F/75 RANGER

**VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES. GENTS, CHANGE 99 SLASH SIX IS IN EFFECT.** Received this next information too late for inclusion in the last issue: SGM (RET) Jim Hussey, P/75, of U. S. Congressman Charlie Norwood's office, informed me that SFC Alvin Floyd, DSC winner, killed in action with F/75 on 2 April 1970 in the Renegade Woods, will be honored on VETERAN'S DAY 1999, with a bronze plaque to be emplaced on the Hero's Overlook above the river walk in Augusta, GA. EVIDENTLY THE COMMITTEE WHICH DECIDES THESE THINGS MADE A DECISION TO CONDUCT ONLY ONE CEREMONY A YEAR, VICE TWO ANNUAL CEREMONIES THEY CONDUCTED PREVIOUSLY. As I said last issue, Jim will keep me posted and I will relay any info he transmits. 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:** By the time you receive this issue in June, another Memorial Day will have come and gone, and the Co. F "Old Reliables" will once again have met at the Wall to honor our fallen comrades. From all of us who couldn't make it to the Wall this year, thanks for representing us there. I know that our guys were in our thoughts - I thought about them all day.

**75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:** We have a request to remind members who have not yet renewed to please do so. It always slips my mind but I'll be sending my membership fee in ASAP.

**NEWSLETTER COST:** Our last two issues of Patrolling have been great, but I understand the publication and mailing costs were quite expensive. Terry and Roy have asked for input. Based upon our \$20.00 annual dues, my suggestion is to publish a 32-page issue three times a year, with the red, white, and black cover. If an increase in dues is necessary, agree we should put the issue before the membership in the newsletter published just prior to the reunion, then vote at the business meeting.

**PLEASE STAY IN THE NET!** Please keep Co. F and the 75th Association 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. And check out our website at [www.lrrp.com](http://www.lrrp.com), it's excellent. If you have photos or material for the website, forward directly to our webmeister, David Regenthal, or to me, and I'll get it to him. "Keep Up the Fire!" David. Ron Harrison Unit Director

### E/20 LRP - C/75

As we head into summer and many Units are planning a reunion this year it might be a good idea to take a look at this reunion stuff. What is it that makes them so significant? Why do we go through the drill of trying to round guys up and get hotels and arrangements made? Depending on who you ask, the answers are varied and personal have been to many in the past ten years and will probably keep going, each time I find a lost friend or hear a story I missed. Unit Reunions are on a personal level, the men you served with and the stories you know almost by heart. The 75th Reunion is about pride in having been a part of the elite and connection to the legacy of those who went before and came after. Seeing the Korean and WWII vets is a different kind of feeling than seeing the young Rangers of today's Battalions but it is all about a shared history with kindred spirits. In a brief conversation with Roy Boatman (N/75th) back in December, he helped me put it into perspective when he said that he likes to go to the reunions most of all to see the guys who finally "hook-up" and see the effect that it has when they finally make it back to the Brotherhood of the Rangers. The smiles, the memories, the salute to fallen comrades, and sometimes getting to meet the families of those who are gone from us and those who are still with us. I had the pleasure of attending the 25th Anniversary of the First Battalion's reactivation in March at Hunter Army Airfield and even though the number from my unit attending was small, the heritage, the camaraderie, and the modern day Rangers was pride with a capital "P"! I hope that any of you who have hesitated to attend a reunion will seriously consider doing so, it is worth the effort and will give you something that you cannot understand until you take the time and energy to go! Hope to see plenty of you from our Association at Ft. Bragg in July and others at Ft. Stewart in summer 2000!

Worth Bolton, Unit Director



## 196TH LRRP - E/51 LRP - G/75

After completion of MACV Recondo School, I was asked if I wanted to volunteer for a mission with Special Forces. Americal put me on TDY status via verbal orders. There were four of us that volunteered while at Nha Trang. One Lurp was from the 1st Cav, another from 9th Division, the other was from 4th Division. Yours truly was from E5 1st (LRP) Company. So it was a hop, skip and jump by 1/4 ton jeep. An E7 from a B-Team was our driver. At the B Camp we met the Team XO and a weapons Sergeant. They were the B-Team. The rest were out with the A-Teams. Our mission was to support the camp in the absence of Americans. There were two units there comprised of Montagnard "Yards" and Vietnamese CIDG. The XO warned us "don't trust the Vietnamese two in the camp are VC. If you see someone going through the gate or over the wall shoot them dead." The Yards stayed away from the Vietnamese and both units took turns at watch on the wall. The Yards had the wall after dark until morning. The Yards communally slept under the messhall waking at noon and began their usual activities preparing lunch.

After the breakfast meal, all crew served weapons cleaning began followed with personal weapons with the exception of the Yards. The XO and the SF Buck Sergeant slept at the commo bunker, taking turns monitoring the radios to the A Teams out on missions. I, as well as the other Lurps, got familiar with the camp and settled in. I manned the north wall and controlled the 81 mm mortar pits and quad 50 position. For more security I kept two LAWs and had 3 claymore clackers ready for firing. The 4th Division Lurp had the east wall and the 4.2mm Mortar and the south wall was manned by the 9th Division Lurp with a 60 machine gun. The 1st Cav Lurp had the West wall and another Quad 50 machine gun. Day 1 was uneventful. Day 2 was also uneventful and Day 3 started to be the same until 5:51 PM. It was early August 1968. We started receiving RPG rocket fire into and around the camp. Small arms fire was heard from the tree line from the north wall and towards the east wall. We went from 25% alert to 100% in seconds. The Yards were on the walls and the Vietnamese manned all mortar pits with the first 81mm rounds leaving the camp within 25 seconds heading for the tree line north. The SF Sergeant came to my position to direct my fire into the tree line from north to east. The Lurp controlling the 4.2mm mortar was laying down fire east to north. The XO requested Air Force fast movers by radio and requested napalm in the north tree line. We continued our firing until the F4's came and dropped their deadly payload on our attackers. The air got hot and for one split second it took my breath away. During the fighting the VC's inside the camp tried to escape through the gate. I saw them and got the attention of the SF Officer. I took aim and hit one in the lower back. I aimed again but missed the other. No matter, the XO killed him with a head shot and the SF Sergeant finished the other with a four round burst. In 20 minutes time the fighting was only a few small arms fire from the tree line and in less than an hour the tree line was quiet with smoke rising from the napalm. Our battle was officially over in an hour but the fight had shifted to the hamlet west of the camp. We went to 50% on the walls an hour later and could see and hear the explosions and small arms fire with many huts on fire. We stayed for a total of eight days with more uneventful days after the third day. The SF E7 came and policed us and then returned us to the Delta Compound. An hour later he took us to the Airport in Nha Trang. I flew back to Chu Lai and was picked up by first Sergeant Whitcomb who put me on detail at the new club being built at the commo shack. In 1984, I learned that the enemy we fought was a battalion of the 29th NVA Regiment and the scrimmage was called, "The Battale of Cam Duc". John Starnes, Unit Director

## 9TH DIV LRRP - E/50 LRP - E/75 RANGER

### Please try to make the Reunion in Dallas!

The Point of Contact is:

Buster W. Bosarge  
2720 Blyth Drive  
Dallas, TX 75228  
(214) 327-0639

The hotel for the Reunion is:

Radisson Hotel Central-Dallas  
6060 North Central Expressway  
Dallas, TX 75206  
(214) 750-6060

The dates are 12 thru 15 August 1999. The room rates are \$69.00/night. When you call in you registration, be sure to tell them you are with the E Company 50th Lurps/ 75th Rangers group.

The hotel is in a great location and Dallas is a great place.

Please try to attend and make this one the best reunion yet!

We want to conduct some business this year to schedule the next several reunions plus a few other items that will make it worth attending.

Since this is the 30th Anniversary for the 75th Rangers and the last reunion before the 30th anniversary of the 9th ID and Echo Company leaving Viet-Nam, it should be a special reunion.



First let me start by saying my thoughts and prayers go out to all our servicemen and women who are participating in any of the several conflicts in which our country is involved. I wish them all a successful mission and a speedy and safe return home! May God bless you all

Well the long hard winter is over and spring is upon us. Many Papa Company members and friends are busy shaking off cabin fever by preparing for our get together this June. With the help of Larry Smith, Dave Gates, Duke Dushane and others, the finishing touches are being made. In regards to entertainment for this years company reunion. One of the activities includes an arrowhead hunting expedition sponsored by our own Blue Ridge Mountain man Larry Smith. Larry has also done a recon of the area around Jonathan Creek and reported good findings. Among them, a ghost town next door to the Inn. We will start cooking the P.I.G. hog on Friday and eat Saturday after hitting the rapids! Walter Buchanan, director of event services - Miller brewing, has graciously offered to supply some liquid refreshments for our event. Thank you Walter. I plan to include an itinerary in a slimmed down version of the company newsletter due out before the reunion. The following is a partial list of members and friends who have made their reservations and have expressed their intentions to attend. They are, Terry Bishop, Roy Boatman, Mitch Brown, Duke Dushane, Ken Emmick, Dave Gates, Jim Femiano, Dan Hobson, Eddie Johnston, Riley Miller, Tom Perry, Terry Roderick, Larry Smith, Ed (teddy) Tilson, and Ed Walters. This is from a list that I have as of this writing. I'm sure others will attend. Also, most of the members are bringing family and or friends. All in all it looks as though we will have a nice turnout for this reunion. For those of you who can not attend, we will miss you. I will write an after action report and include pictures, highlights of events and I'm sure some notable comments.

**Best Ranger Competition, As reported by Duke Dushane:**

The Association was well represented the following Rangers where present: Terry Roderick Roy Boatman Sec.(N/75) Rick Ehrler Past Pres.(E-501.RP) Duke DuShane Past Pres.(P/75) Phil Piazza Pres.(Merills Marauders) Noble Cox (1Bn.75-D-151) John Burns (B/CO 3/75) Aaron Weaver (B/CO 3/75) Walter Buchanan (C/75). The following new members were signed up by Roy Boatman during the Competition: Life member Roy Matsumoto (Merrill's Marauders) Jim Stamper (LRRP) Jimmie Spencer (1Bn.75)(Delta) Chuck Waters (BDQ). All the different Ranger Associations had people in attendance, past and present enjoyed each others company; There was special mention of Mr. Dick Leandries who was the father of the Best Ranger Competition, Dick died last year while attending the Competition. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him Besides the contestants awards were given out to all the corporate sponsors including our own Walter Buchanan he is responsible for the free beer from Millers, "Thanks Walt" it was enjoyed by all. Duke Out Here! RLW!

**Airborne Awards in Atlanta, As reported by Terry Roderick:**

Each year, the Association selects a member to represent us at the Airborne Awards in Atlanta,GA. Don Lassen of the Static Line magazine puts this affair together. The events of the week are interesting for sure. The Banquet includes an impressive guest list. Also the Honor Guard from the 101st attends and the 82nd Airborne Chorus sings each year. Retired CSM Dave Gates represented us this year in April. In attendance along with his lovely wife Linda, were John Burns (B/CO/3/75th), and myself. This was a really fun event, a great time was had by all. Terry

**A Unit director's note:** I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Also thanks to those members who offer information and news to help assist in putting this article together. I intended to include a couple of pictures sent in by Ed Walters. However when changing over to my new computer I lost them. I apologize. I'll get back with Ed and include them in a future communication. If any of our members have pictures or information of interest to our fellow members please send it to me. This would help greatly as I don't want this column to start sounding self-consuming. Note the above-mentioned pictures were computer copies not the real pictures! Thank you all. Looking forward to some Sweet tea! Jim Femiano, Unit Director.



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## 78TH LRP - O/75 RANGER

On April 24th, in Wilmington, N.C., F Co. 51st LRP, held a memorial service for their commanding officer Col. Maus. Several members of F/51st, that were attending the service, Bill Houser, Chico Hernandez, and Speedy Gonzales, were also members of O Co. Rangers. I live about one hundred and twenty miles from Wilmington so I decided to drive down for the memorial service. With Bill, Chico, and Speedy being this close to where I live, a team of wild horses could not have kept me from going. We looked over pictures that had been sent to me by members of O Co. Rangers. I also got to meet the famous 1st Sgt. Butts, Dave Peace, and Don Hall who had a camera crew there filming the documentary on F Co. 51st LRP's. I believe that Bill and Chico were the most photographed members in O Co. Chico was the youngest member of O Co. in 1969 and he looks like he is still the youngest in 1999. Except for adding a little weight, he looks just about the same. There was also a detachment from the LRS Unit from Ft. Bragg and served as the honor guard. I never had the honor of meeting Col. Maus but he was a hero to the LRP's of F Co. 51st.

I would like to remind every one to check your renewal date on your membership with the 75th association. Please don't let it expire. If you are going to relocate or your street address changes then please let us know. Co. O membership has declined in the last two years and I am disappointed and puzzled as to why. This is a good organization and Patrolling Magazine is an excellent source of information. I sent out 80 applications in the March Ovation newsletter. A few have joined but we need more participation than we currently have. I'm not much on motivational speeches but most of us have hit the over 50 mark and as I see it, it's not about winning or losing anymore. It's about remembering and caring about the men you served with. If you have or are planning to file claims with Veterans Administration then there are some things you need to know. It's going to be a long term ordeal. I have read over 5,000 VA claims appeal cases in the last six months and I have come to the conclusion that the rating boards are deliberately under rating or denying initial claims by vets. They are also not paying claims from their initial filing dates. By the time you file your appeal and it gets heard by the Board of Veteran Appeals several years have gone by. The VA is hoping, by putting you off and stalling, that you will give up and forget the entire matter. Get someone to represent you that has knowledge of VA procedure and law. Don't give up. If you are planning to file claims in the near future then I suggest you call Speedy Gonzales. He may have advice and information that could help you. Last but not least I want to welcome back Stephen Trinajstiek. There are a lot of guys that are very happy to have heard from him especially his team mates. Til next time **Ricky Hogg** Unit Director

### THEN and NOW

SFC Margarito Hernandez (RET.) began his military career in March of 1968 as a 17 year old kid from Seguin, Texas. All his friends knew him by his nickname of Chico. He took BASIC at Ft. Polk, then Airborne School at Ft. Benning then back to Ft. Polk for AIT as a personnel Specialist. In Oct. 1968 he was sent to S. Vietnam and volunteered for duty with F Co. 51st LRP's. When F Co. transformed into Co. O 75th Ranger in Feb. of 69 Chico was one of the 51st LRP's that stayed to start O Co. Ranger. He was a member of Ranger team 17 until O Co. was disbanded in Nov. 1969. Some of the military schools that he attended during his career were Jump Master Course, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Dragon Trainer Course, First Sergeant Administrative Course, and Drill Sergeants School. There were other schools and courses but to save space I only listed a few. Some of his duty assignments were two tours in Germany, two tours with the 82nd Airborne Division, three years as Senior Drill Instructor at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and SFC Hernandez spent his last three years in the army at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. as a Military Science Instructor. He retired in April, 1988. Chico says he didn't do much after his retirement but almost became a police officer with the San Antonio police department but decided against it at the last minute. He left Texas and has been living in Florida for the past eleven years. He now works in the security business as a K-9 Handler. He too wondered about the guys he served with in Vietnam but he says attending reunions and talking to the guys his questions have been answered. He believes that nam has a lot to do with who we are today. He says that he may for a few things in every day life but the Vietnam experience will stay with him to the end. He says that his wife Brenda is the foundation of his life. She has supported him in every thing that he has tried to accomplish.



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Well our reunion is just around the corner (July) and I've heard from many of the old as well as the new members who are coming. Should be a great turnout. Immediately after the reunion is over, some of us are headed to Fort Benning for the Ranger Rendezvous and the induction of Santos Matos into the Ranger hall of Fame. I've been in contact with the Matos family and it looks like his son, daughter and wife will be coming. We are extremely proud of Santos's induction as well as the other 6 men we served with who are also in the Ranger Hall of Fame. I have in mind at least two other members from our units who are more than qualified and I hope to get the information and help from all of you so that we can get their packets done in the next couple of years. John Lawton was recently the guest speaker at the Ranger Training Brigade's graduating class of newly "Tabbed" Rangers. John had a son in the class and pictured below is John pinning the Ranger Tab on his son. Congratulations young Ranger! Two of our former commanders and two of our officers (XO and Opns) have told me that they will be at the reunion for at least part of it and especially the unit dinner. It always makes for a great get together when they show up. We were proud of them then and still are today. We have a few people who are currently under the weather that I know about. Lee Roy Pipkin and Gary Cupit are both having back problems and we wish them the best and if there is anything we can do, just let us know. It's been a busy couple of months for me with tax season, secretary for our association and publishing this news magazine and I am looking forward to seeing many of you this summer. Hal Herman stopped by on his way to a class he was taking in eastern North Carolina and we had dinner together. I attended the Best Ranger Competition and was able to see Dave Cummings at the Four Winds restaurant where we ate the "Ranger Burger". Missed seeing Sam Schiro this trip but will catch him later this summer. I'll be going to the Mountain Ranger Camp for a couple days in May and then to the P/75 reunion in Maggie Valley in June. So keep those calls coming and if I'm not home I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Tad is currently out of town and is some damn place in Michigan but has promised to be here for the reunion. Please take notice of the application for the Qwest phone service in this newsletter. Lee Roy Pipkin has headed this project and it will make money for the association. You may get this newsletter prior to the Company newsletter this time, just hang in there for I've got a lot of info for our unit(s) newsletter (TEAMS). **Roy Boatman** Unit Director.

PS: We would like to welcome all of the new members who served in the 173<sup>rd</sup> LRRP - 74<sup>th</sup> LRP - N/75 and have joined the association in the last couple of months.



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# REUNIONS - UPCOMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POW WOW  
LAKOTA NATION  
PINE RIDGE, SD  
11 - 13 JUNE 1999**

**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**

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

**POINT OF CONTACT  
JIM FEMIANO  
309-699-1655**

**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!

**D/151 LRP - D/151  
REUNION  
AUG 6 - 8 1999  
COLUMBIS, IN**

**POINT OF CONTACT  
TOM BLANDFORD  
317-846-6374**

**V CORPS LRRP - D/17 LRP -  
A/75  
MINIREUNION  
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.

**9TH DIV LRRP - E/50 LRP -  
E/75  
REUNION  
12 - 15 AUG 1999  
DALLAS, TX  
POC: RICK EHRLE  
208-343-3047**

**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!

**MERRILL'S MARAUDERS  
REUNION  
3 - 5 SEPT 1999  
NASHVILLE, TN  
POC: ROY BOATMAN  
910-864-1787**

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### Monday, 19 July

1100-1230 Welcome/SITREP Brief to Alumni (Bldg 4, Clrm 2)  
1700-1900 Regiment (-) Mass Tac (Fryar DZ)

### Tuesday, 20 July

1000-1100 TRRA Annual Membership Meeting (Bldg 4, Clrm 2)  
1130-1300 Static displays / Weapons firing (Farnsworth Range)  
1430-1600 D/HMOR Induction Ceremony (Marshall Auditorium)  
1630-1730 Somalia Print Unveiling (Marshall Auditorium)  
1900-2100 Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (Ranger Memorial)

### Wednesday, 21 July

0700-0930 Ranger Rendezvous 10K/5K/1M Run (Stewart-Watson Field)  
1000-1600 Ranger Competitions (various locations)  
1830-2100 No Host Barbecue (Hangers 301A & B at Lawson Airfield)  
2000-2100 Championship Bouts (Hangar 2486, Lawson Airfield)

### Thursday, 22 July

0600-0830 Regimental PT (York Field & Main Post)  
1900-2100 Change of Command (York Field)

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 at the Sheraton Hotel.

The association will operate a hospitality room on Monday and Tuesday at the Sheraton hotel.



# NEW MEMBERS - MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## NAME

## UNIT

DOUGLAS	PYE	O/75
RAYMOND C.	COLEMAN	A/3/75
PETER R.	SQUEGLIA	B/3/75
JAMES	KAYAL	H/2/75
JAMES F.	ROSS	E/52
ROY H.	BISSEY	A/75
THOMAS W.	MCMAHON	F/52
OSCAR	MULLINAX	4TH DIV LRRP
SCOTT M.	KEHL	3/75
KENNETH W.	MURRAY	N/75
RICHARD M.	McCLUNG	A/75
JAY R.	WESTALL	C/2/75
ROBERT N.	WEST	B/1/75
AARON	WEAVER	B/3/75
LOUIS	LUNA	H/3/75
TIM	ABLE	C/2/75
RICHARD W.	MCINTOSH	C/1/75
JOSEPH	CASE	B/2/75
EMMETT	MULRONEY	4TH DIV LRRP
GLEN	MORRELL	1/75
GARLON	ROGERS	V CORPS LRRP
JEFFERY	CRISS	B/3/75
BILLY	SHANAHAN	N/75 & 74TH LRP
THOMAS K.	JURKOWSKI	1/75
CLEMENT	ROSS	A/1/75
SILL	BUNCH	M/75 & 71ST LRP
OWEN R.	SHURSON	C/2/75
MARGARITO	HERNANDEZ	O/75 & F/51 LRP
HARVEY	PRICE	L/75 & H/75
TORY	CARLSON	B/3/75
JEFFERY	YOUNG	B/3/75
MATTHEW	GEURTS	A/3/75
DWIGHT	TOMLINSON	M/75
CLIFFORD	FINCH	4TH DIV LRRP
WILLIAM J.	WINN	H/75
MICHAEL R.	SIMS	K/75
DARIN W.	BISTODEAU	C/2/75
CHRIS	PARKER	C/1/75
MICHAEL	STAFFIN	N/75
R. SCOTT	UNDERDONK	B/2/75
MARK	SMITH	H/2/75
STEPHEN	TRINAJSTICK	O/75 & F/51 LRP
JAMES	ERICKSON	B/3/75
DAVID A.	MOLONEY	N/75 & 4TH DIV LRRP
LYNDELL W.	BATCHELOR	B/3/75
HAROLD G.	KAISER	B/2/75
ARTHUR W.	WILSON	5307TH & 475TH
WILLIAM T.	ANTON	H/75 & O/75
FOREST	KAY	4TH DIV LRRP
BOB	THOMAS	K/75 & 4TH DIV LRRP
BARNIE A.	CUMBIE	5307TH & 475TH
DELMER W.	LONG	K/75
ROY	MATSUMOTO	5307TH
JIMMIE	SPENCER	H/2/75
ROY	ALLEN	44TH VN BN/BDQ
LEE	STUART	B/1/75
JAMES	STAMPER	SETAF LRRP
HANS P.	ZAGLAUER	31ST VN BN/BDQ

## 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.. The members shown below need to send an address change to the secretary along with \$2.00 if they want to receive the March issue.

## BAD ADDRESSES

## NAME

## DATE LOST CONTACT

JOHN CUNNINGHAM	MARCH 3, 1999
PHIL MAYRAND	APRIL 7, 1999
CHRISTIAN JANSEN	APRIL 16, 1999
THOMAS SHERMAN	APRIL 16, 1999
SHAWN NELSON	APRIL 16, 1999
FRANK LEVERTON	APRIL 19, 1999
CLYDE TANNER	APRIL 19, 1999
STEVE GOVE	APRIL 20, 1999
CHARLES VAUGHN	APRIL 20, 1999
CHRISTOPHER ROLLAND	APRIL 21, 1999
JOSE DOMINGUEZ	APRIL 24, 1999
RICHARD EWALD	APRIL 24, 1999
DAVID JACOB	APRIL 24, 1999
THOMAS HUGHEL	APRIL 25, 1999
RAYMOND ARMSTRONG	APRIL 25, 1999
DAVID KIEL	APRIL 25, 1999
CHARLES ALLEN	APRIL 26, 1999
FLOYD MATTESON	APRIL 28, 1999
DAVID WALKER	APRIL 28, 1999
RONALD ZELLNER	APRIL 28, 1999
FREDERICK WHITE	MAY 11, 1999
JOHN WHITNEY	MAY 11, 1999

## RECENT LIFE MEMBERS

JAY R. WESTALL - C/2/75  
 RICHARD W. MCINTOSH - C/1/75  
 THOMAS D. CLANCY - B/1/75  
 THOMAS G. CAHILL - F/75  
 WILLIAM T. ANTON - H/75 & O/75  
 RICK JONES - N/75  
 ROY MATSUMOTO - 5307TH

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# 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	
Challenge Coin		X	\$10.00	
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	

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\$70.01 - \$120.00	\$7.50
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CHECK ONE: NEW APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ SUBSCRIPTION MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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