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Master Sergeant Antonio Duarte, Ranger Advisor (BAQ) 1961 eats with his fellow BAQ's after a night patrol.

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At the Savannah reunion I was elected president of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. My name is Emmett W.

Hiltibrand. I entered the Army to get out of going to college (right, dumb) and then was put through more schools and training then I really wanted, or so I thought. I had just finished Ranger School when I got orders for Vietnam. I served with Company F Rangers attached to the 25th Division. I served as a team leader and was really getting to know what I was doing when they said it was time to go home. Vietnam was a lot more fun than Ft. Riley Kansas let me tell you. I later served in the Mountain Ranger camp as an instructor where I got married and soon after made E-7. I hid up there as long as I could but I think getting promoted made the Army realize where I was. So they sent me to Germany for a 3-year vacation (yeah right). When I returned I snagged a job at Ft. Benning as a Ranger Instructor again and damn if I didn't get promoted again. There was just no hiding from these guys. This caused lots more work but not that much more pay to compensate for the headaches that went along with the job. I tried the hiding trick at Ft. Benning again by moving when I suspected that I'd stood still too long but they found me again and promoted me to SGM. Along with that came orders and my last assignment in the Army. It was an interesting and sometimes fun 20 years but it took its toll on my body. I retired in Columbus Ga., to be near a military installation and where my family had established roots. By then I had two girls and was finishing up my college degree. Didn't really see the divorce coming but my X felt it was time for me to either get promoted or transferred again. I later re-up'ed with a wonderful lady and that's where you find me now. Believe it or not, I wanted and sought the job as your Association president. I even studied for it. By reunion time I was almost in sensory overload. I sought the counsel of several people and many former presidents about what the entire job entailed. And even after a 5-hour discussion with Terry Roderick I still wasn't smart enough to walk away from it. Terry was glad to see his replacement coming in and no one else jumped up at the reunion despite my prayers for a reprieve. I asked Roy Boatman once if I should have my head examined and he said, didn't you look at what it did to Terry. Well, actually I thought Terry always looked like that. It wasn't until after the election that he let me see the before and after pictures.

I was very lucky in convincing one of my life long friends to run as Vice-President, Jim McLaughlin of L Company. He never was too smart and overly trusting so I guess after 2-years he'll end this friendship. Not to be out done he turned around and got one of his friends to run as Secretary, Ron Edwards also of L Company. What's the old saying 'Do unto your buddy as he does unto you'? On top of that, both of them are retired SGM's also. Makes you begin to wonder about the intelligence level of senior NCO's in the Army, doesn't it. We get along very well together and when ever possible Ron and I will send Jim out first to see if there

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Emmett Hiltibrand

are any snipers out there. He's so gullible. Jack Werner agreed to run as Treasurer again and we all appreciated that.

Jim, Ron and I have sat down and laid out some tentative ideas of what we'd like to accomplish during or watch as Officers. We realize that trying to set too many goals would be impossible to finish in 2-years. We also want to leave the Association better off than what we got it. Stop, right there. What I said is not what you think I meant. Terry and Roy did an outstanding job but even they said the same thing. Each watch must improve and make the Association flourish for the better or we will stagnate. In the next 2-years we want to finish up the work begun on the Constitution and By-Laws, increase membership, improve the Patrolling Magazine and plan and execute the best Ranger reunion in 2002 that the Association has ever seen. We have a man in place as the point man for the next reunion, David Cummings. The next reunion will be here at Ft. Benning GA. The exact time is unknown at this point and most likely will not be established until next summer.

We are still executing the hand off from Terry and Roy. It sometimes appears that Jim, Ron and I are like vultures circling the dead. I got to admit that Terry's carcass leaves a lot to be desired. He's been picked pretty clean. Such a shame. But Roy still looks a little plump. We're just waiting for him to move into his new house before we descend on him. Don't slow down Roy, we're watching. I've already been forwarned that this issue of the Patrolling Magazine may have to be an abbreviated version due to the short time fuse on getting it out. Look for regular sized issue after that.

I want to thank all the Unit Directors who have contacted me already and have established contact. I think this is a positive sign of things to come. No member wants to open their issue of the Patrolling Magazine and find that their unit didn't submit anything. If you have wonderful and glowing comments to offer in the next 2-years feel free to send them my way. If you have negative comments or complaints to fire then feel free to send them to Jim. We only had one flack vest between the three of us and Ron and I convinced Jim to take it with him. Told you he was gullible. If you have articles you'd like to submit for the Patrolling Magazine, then send them off to Ron now. Also, don't forget to get your dues in to Ron before your membership expires and you miss an issue. This promises to be a fast paced and action packed term and you don't want to be left out in the cold. Lastly, I want to thank all the members who were at the Savannah reunion who voted for my other officers and me. We will do our very best to serve you in the coming 2-years. Keep your powder dry, watch your six and never return on the same route.

Strength and Honor
RLTW
Emmett

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim McLaughlin

Funny how you run into people. I stopped in a gas station north of Tampa today and ran into Jim Burns a member and also was in Savannah. I didn't know he lived down here in God's country. Ha! Anyway he wanted to talk to someone about his membership problems. I told him who I was and that I would try to solve his problem. Emmett Hildebrandt our esteemed President has convinced me to work on our membership drive and try to bring our membership level back up.

One major point I want to bring up is our Ranger assn. will not survive without members. That's plain and simple. This means that everyone take a few minutes and put their twenty dollar check in the mail. If you smoke, it's about 5 packs and if you drink it's probably a case of cheap beer, give it up one day and send your check. Also I want to enlist the unit directors to help me on this. I'll give my addresses at the end.

Enough on membership now lets talk a little about the 2002 reunion in Ft. Benning. I am really looking forward to this one. No. 1 Ft. Benning is the home of the rangers, with the ranger school and the Ranger Rgt Hqs and 3rd bn. there. There are a lot of ranger things we can do there for entertainment. Someone ask me about a golf tournament and I checked. We can have a 2 man or 4 man scramble on one of the days, I just need to know how many want to do this. I not the one who is organizing the reunion but I will be involved so if you have any ideas let me know.

Until next time, "Rangers Lead the Way"

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SECRETARIES MESSAGE

By Ronnie R. Edwards

Hello to all. I am Ron Edwards, the newly elected Secretary for the Association. It was a tight race at the meeting in Savanna for this position. The choices were between Me, Myself, and I. Finally it was decided I won and so here I am. It is not possible for me to fill Roy Boatman's shoe and I'm not going to try. Roy has stuck it out for much more than his share of years supporting the Association in different positions and always being there in time of need. His wealth of knowledge is simply not "replaceable", and tho he may be out of the daily loop it is nice knowing his email address by heart.

The Association President Emmett Hiltibrand, and myself made a trip up to North Carolina to visit with Roy & his family and came away with about 150 lbs. of Association history and administration materials. Roy and his wife Joyce treated us so well and made us feel so welcome we decided we wanted to visit them at least every other weekend, to get more information of course, not just for the steaks.

As the Association Secretary I will try to keep up with the membership roster, getting applications approved and renewals posted as quickly and accurately as I can. REMEMBER; When your address changes, LET ME KNOW. It can be through email, snail mail, telephone, or you can knock on my door as you are passing through. The Association has to pay for address changes from the Post Office and they do not always get it right. And speaking of renewals, about 1/3 of our members have not sent in dues for this year. The dues year runs from 1 July through 30 June. On

your address label is your member number and dues paid year. i.e. 628 2001 would be member number 628 paid through 30 June 2001. If your dues year still reads 2000 please send your \$20 renewal as soon as possible. And speaking of the dues, it was approved by the membership at the meeting in Savanna to raise the annual dues to \$25 effective 1 July 2001. That does not affect this years dues. Life Membership continues to be \$250.

When a application for membership is approved, the new member is sent a welcome letter, a paper temporary membership card an a copy of the last issue of our Patrolling magazine (when available). Ralph Harter, a member from E/50, 9th Div. has been doing permanent plastic cards when we get a batch of about 50 for him. Since even the plastic cards get old and break, he has volunteered to redo all the cards for the entire membership. This is no small task since we run over 1,100 now. Ralph not only does the embossing he also provides the materials for the permanent cards free of any charge. This literally saves the association a couple thousand dollars it would cost for cards like these. I have never met Ralph in person but I am looking forward to seeing him at the meeting in Columbus, GA in 2002 and shaking his hand!

John Chester, from 3rd Bde LRRPS, 4th Inf Div, volunteered for the job of Editor for our Patrolling magazine. He has some connections in the printing business and we hope to get the Patrolling printed and in your hands as promptly as possible. Editing and publishing the magazine is a larger task than most folks realize and John will need all our help to get

it done. Each unit director is tasked with sending in a column for the quarterly issues. Most comply quickly, but in each issue we always seem to have some that for different reasons just do not get the column in by deadline. You can help your unit director by giving him information or even assisting him with the column if he is tight on time for a issue. We would also like to put in a few more stories about things that happen in your units. These can be humorous, as a LRRP team having to battle a family of monkeys for possession of a PZ, or a recounting of some of the more serious missions we experienced.

Just to let you know my history: In 1969 I enlisted in the army because the draft was hot on my college drop-out ass anyway. I came in RA, Airborne, Unassigned; meaning I enlisted, the only thing I asked for was Airborne training, and no selected MOS. It was no surprise that after basic I was assigned Infantry AIT. DUH! Basic, AIT, Jump School, Viet-Nam. That sounds familiar to many I'm sure. During In-Country Training a SSG from L Co Rangers gave a briefing and asked for volunteers. Six of us did. Of that six, I pulled 21 - 25 missions, stayed in the army and retired with 24 years in 93. Another caught a AK round on one of our 1st missions while being my coverman while I was setting up a claymore. He survived and was awarded a quick trip back to the world. One guy went on a couple missions and opted out to be a door gunner. Another went on a couple missions but was not accepted into the company. He was assigned to a Line Unit and 2 weeks later won the Medal of Honor. (Posthumously) One guy pulled his tour and was then lost to the World., the last guy (the old Duffer) is now your Association Vice - President. - Today I work in the Post Office, have a second wife with 4 kids from 11 down to 4, and often feel like one of those circus clowns trying to keep all the pieplates spinning. But Hay! When it stops hurting - you're Dead!"

Happy Trails - Ron

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By Jack L. Werner

Our next reunion will be held at Ft Benning, in accordance with a previous resolution that supported having every other reunion at Ft. Benning. There was a strong vote for Ft. Lewis, WA and, if that support remains, there is a strong probability that our 2004 reunion will be in Ft. Lewis.

Most of the registration went well. There were a few screwups on our (the treasurer's) part and, as always, a mass of last minute registrations, changes, etc. But, for the most part, it all went smoothly. If something needs corrected regarding: Your membership or lifetime membership, Overpaid or underpaid at the reunion. Want a copy of the treasurer's report and other financial info Contact: Jack L. Werner, PHD "Jack"

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Permit me to issue Smokey Wells a public apology for not being credited with his Lifetime Membership at our reunion. Smokey was a fully paid Lifetime Member and was listed on the list of Lifetime Members that I gave to all officers upon my arrival in Savannah on Wed. July 5th. Smokey, sorry if there was any confusion. You are a fully paid Lifetime Member and were a fully paid Lifetime member at the reunion.

No matter where we are, the fastest way to reach me will probably be to call or FAX my OKC numbers. I do have offices in other states and travel a great deal, but I check my OKC numbers daily unless on vacation.

Jack Werner



It's been nearly two weeks now that I have been out of office and I must admit, we are having a really smooth transition to the new group of Officers. I'd like to take a moment to speak concerning a couple of issues that I had hoped to avoid. We missed an issue of Patrolling during my term and I want you all to know that it pained Roy Boatman (especially) and myself to not have gotten that one out to you. For a combination of reasons it didn't happen. It's not important to go into the different reasons, but just wanted to let you all know that we are very aware that Patrolling is the lifeline of the Association and we regret dropping the ball there. Roy still deserves so much credit for the job he has done over the years that surely, we can give him that one. I'd like to add that it was not entirely something that began and ended with Roy Boatman. It's a group effort and we just didn't have the participation that warranted the effort required for a 36 page newsletter. Every member who has never contributed a morsel of news, or an update of their life, or a joke, or a reflection of their experience, has to share some of the responsibility from time to time. Please try to communicate with your Unit Director and let him know what you want to see in Patrolling.

We also wanted to update and make some needed changes to our Constitution and By-laws to reflect our current situation in the world we live in today. I think that Rick Ehrler and I wanted to do this same chore 4 years ago when I was elected Vice President in Tacoma and hopefully the new regime will have an opportunity to address this during the next two years. It is not essential to our every day operation, but something an association like ours needs to do from time to time to stay current.

I'd like to take a moment to thank some folks who have supported me for the past 4 years. I'll miss some, but not too many. First of all, my two lovely daughter's, Cindy and Brandy. They have allowed me to use all of my vacation time and never asked me to alter my itinerary for them as I planned my attendance at nearly every Ranger gathering East of the Mississippi for the past 4 years. I've missed a few, but I have attended most of them and I have always been treated with the utmost respect and the courtesy that the President of our Association is due. I'd like to apologize to my Papa Company brothers, who sometimes didn't understand why I didn't spend more time with them at the reunions. Those days are over now and you will have the benefit of my wit from here on out as others make sure the party goes off without too much problem. My right hand and left hand, Roy Boatman, is the person most responsible for my successful term as President. I have no illusions that I could have been successful without him and his experience. I'm not going to

say I didn't take the bull by the horns for the past two years, but I valued his advice and I can't remember it getting me into too much trouble at all. You will all miss Roy Boatman more than you know right now. He's no angel, but I love him and his family and consider them as my own. Duke and Marion Dushane are names you all have heard before. I had the honor to serve with Duke in P/75th and have held him in high regard for 30 plus years. Nothing has changed in this man from 1969-70. Duke has gone out of his way for me so

many times in the Columbus/Ft. Benning area and represented this Association in so many ways, (RMF, Airborne Walk, RHOF Selection Board, member of the RHOF) in so many places, (RTB, LRSU, 75th Rgr. Rgmt., at every reunion) that like it or not, his name will always be remembered. Steve "Crabs" Crabtree is fighting an insidious disease right now, and he will

RETIRED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Terry B. "Rock" Roderick

be forever remembered by myself and many other Rangers for the efforts and dedication he had in making sure every KIA from the Vietnam LRP and Ranger units got memorialized in the walkway at the Ranger Memorial, and then some!!! Thank you "Crabs" for your spiritual insight and leadership of this effort, the most noble of our peacetime existence. Richard Ehrler has been such an inspiration to me over the years. How could I say no to a blind man who asked me to run for Vice President in 1996 ?? I was flattered that he would ask me, but I also had thought he was handicapped and probably not able to function very well and that I would have to do much of the work. Boy, was I wrong !! I have found a lifelong friend who is so much more capable than I, that it embarrasses me at times. I can think of no other person who I would rather just hang out with than Rick. There is nothing he won't try (all right, I know you guys are laughing, BUT he does draw the line....) from skydiving, scuba diving, skiing, sight seeing all over the world, and tandem biking to raise money for the American Lung Association. He has been the fuel for me on days when things didn't seem to be going so well. Roy Barley has always been there when I needed to bounce ideas off him. We've not always agreed on everything, but we have been able to continue our personal relationship and for that I am thankful. I feel like I'm part of his family when I'm around them and I know that scares the hell out of them. Larry Rhodes and Jack Werner, the money guys, have become new friends and Larry and I still communicate fairly regularly. Thanks to you both for your efforts. I'd like to thank all of the Unit Directors that worked with me over the years. You new guys get off your duffs and let's get 3 nominees for the Ranger Hall of Fame next year. We had only two this year, but they were doozies. Bill Butler and Ron Lesley can hang

RETIRED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

By Terry B. "Rock" Roderick

with any Rangers in the Hall of Fame and we have many more who are deserving and just need someone to take the time to do the paperwork. I want to thank John Burns for his friendship and wish him and his lovely young family the best in the years to come. Through John, I have had the good fortune to get to meet many of the Rangers who served in Bravo Company, 3rd Bn. in Somalia in 1993. I count many of their number as Ranger buddies now and I communicate with several of them fairly regularly. I hope we will continue to let the younger guys know we respect them and their service in the future. If you can't find one of the younger guys who reminds you of yourself as a young man, you just ain't looking very hard. They are the future and let's support them. Ralph Harter, thanks to you for the service you provide to the Association. Many of them don't know those plastic cards they treasure so much come from you and for free. Now if we can find a way to charge stuff with them.....!!!! Pete Neves has been a constant in my life also. His work as the QM and Webmaster are essential to the well being of the organization. I want to thank him for working with me and responding promptly most of the time. Walter "Sunshine" Buchanan has continued to provide free Miller Genuine Draft beer, the "Official Beer of the 75th Ranger Regiment" to us for years now, and I can assure you that is no small donation. The money we have saved over the years due to the generosity of Miller Brewing, plus the donation they made towards the Brick Project show they support us in many ways. I've had a great relationship with the other Ranger organizations over the years and that has made my job easier. I'd like to thank them all for their cooperation and friendship over the years. Many of the active duty folks have been great, but I am disappointed in the way the Ranger Tab issue was handled.

I know I'm missing some key folks, but I don't want to get a reputation for being long winded. I've been honored to serve you for the past 4 years. Blue skies and fair winds to you all !!!Rangers Lead the Way !!

Terry B. "Rock" Roderick

(TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By John Chester

Those of you that attended the general membership meeting in Savanna this July are probably aware of the changes that were contemplated in our quarterly publication, *Patrolling*. I have some experience in writing and publishing, and, more importantly, my brother-in-law owns a printing company. In spite of the fact that I'm sleeping with his sister, he gave us a price for printing the magazine that was significantly cheaper than the previous one so he got the job. I offered to help with the publication, and I really got the job. There are a number of things that I want to bring to the attention of the membership; the following are not necessarily in their order of importance.

Our goals are pretty simple; to put out a quality publication, on time & to be responsive to the wants and needs of our members. We are concerned only with looking ahead, not back. We are interested in what we can do right, and we want to be open to input & suggestions from any source.

We will begin to sell advertising (next issue). This will require us to mail 1st or 2nd class mail, which is more expensive than our present (non-profit). The good news is it's a lot faster & will get to everyone in a reasonable amount of time. This is where you come in. If any members of the Association have a business or service, we would love to have you advertise in our publication. If you know of anyone who would be a potential advertiser, please put him or her in contact with me (phone, fax & e-mail at the end of the column). The advertising revenue should offset the additional postage cost. Our goal is to publish and mail the magazine at no cost to the Association. We will print 2,000 copies this issue. We will send at least 150 copies to each of the active duty Ranger Battalions as well as Regimental HQ & the

RTB. With the 1,200 going to members, that gives us a circulation of at least 1,800. That should be attractive to potential advertisers. I would ask that each of us to use our advertisers when we can. If they support us, we should support them. While we're at it if you have any printing needs, consider using A Plus, the printer who gave us a hell of a deal on this magazine. Contact me and I'll put you in touch.

I was happy that most of the unit directors got their columns in on time. Each of us should be willing to assist our unit directors. Send them any info, photos, etc. that would be of interest to your unit or to the Association as a whole. Also let them know of any concerns or issues that you would like to see dealt with in the magazine or suggestions for articles or columns.

You will note that we are striving in this issue and future issues to offer information on health, legislative issues, Veterans Administration info, PTSD and Agent Orange info and claims process and any other items of practical value to our members. I am fairly familiar with the VA claim process, especially relative to PTSD claims, and was a lawyer in a prior life, so if any of you are having problems in that direction, give me a call. We will have some of the above as regular features in each issue. Again, suggestions as to subject and content are welcome.

They say that you can't appreciate a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes. I gotta tell you, I really appreciate what Roy Boatman went through to get this magazine published. And he wasn't sleeping with the printers' sister. Anyone who wants to gripe, I would invite to become the publisher.

I think that service to our organization is important. If

(TEMPORARY) EDITOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

By John Chester

you see something that needs doing, volunteer to help, don't assume that someone else will do it. We come from different units and different times, but we all share the same heritage, and there are damn few of us as it is. Let's focus on that heritage and not on the differences. My gratitude to this Association had a lot to do with my acceptance (temporary) of this job. I got in contact with five men that I was with in Viet Nam as a result of my membership. Buck Anderson, Oscar Mullinax, Frank Holmes, Mike Reilly, and Gary Howard. We've been to each other's houses, went on vacation together, to the reunions together and we talk on the phone all the time. Some of us went to the Wall together. Being with those men began the healing process and began to dissipate some of the anger. Any measure of peace that I have lately found has been because of those men and my association with them. They also talked me into the job. Thanks guys.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

By Emmett W. Hiltibrand

RETIRED PAY AND DISABILITY PAY ISSUES

Current law requires disabled uniformed services retirees to fund their own veterans disability compensation by compelling them to forfeit a dollar of their earned retired pay for each dollar of disability compensation received from the VA. This offset is inappropriate, because the two compensations serve different purposes. Retired pay is compensation for enduring the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a career of uniformed service. Disability compensation is compensation for pain and suffering and reduced earning power resulting from service-connected disabilities.

Under the current offset statute, many members who have served 20 to 30 years must give up most or all of their retired pay to receive the same disability compensation awarded someone with only a few years' service. This unfairly denies them the compensation they earned through decades of arduous service in uniform.

In 1999, Congress took two important actions in the FY2000 Defense Authorization Act that are relevant to this issue. The first recognized the basic unfairness of the current law by authorizing a small special compensation (\$100 to \$300 per month) for certain severely disabled retirees. But only very small numbers meet the stringent criteria for this very modest compensation, so most of the inequity still remains. Second, Congress also repealed dual compensation statutes that previously required many retired service members to forfeit part of their military retired pay if they took employment as federal civilians. The same principle (that compensations paid for different purposes should not require offset) applies to military retired pay and veterans disability compensation.

Section 666 of the Senate-passed version of the FY2001 Defense Authorization Act (S. 2549) would authorize full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans disability compensation. The House version of the bill contained no such provision. House and Senate conferees are now negotiating to resolve this and other differences between their respective bills.

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Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President

HEALTH

Our new president has once again imposed on his long friendship and asked me to write an article on health issues, particularly yours. He somehow thinks that because I am a Family Nurse Practitioner, I can give you all the solutions to all your ills. Now, we all know that we are still in the same physical shape as we were when we were twenty years old. However, there is that occasional morning when it is hard to get out of the rack because the back is just a little stiff. Bad news, men, we're getting old! Add in the penalties for a misspent youth, as well of the effects of Agent Orange on some of us, and PTSD on others, and you come up with the need to take care of yourself.

I'm sure you have all heard of the studies linking exposure to Agent Orange to respiratory cancers, Hodgkin's disease, skin diseases, and even Spina Bifida in the children of the men exposed to it. A recent study even links exposure to the onset of Diabetes. Granted, not every one of us who develops one of these illnesses can blame it on Agent orange, even if you were exposed. Some of us would have developed them anyway. However, there is a higher incidence in those who were exposed.

Many of you suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). During my studies for my Master's degree in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner, my thesis was on the subject of PTSD and its effect on Health Risk Factors (smoking, drinking, drug abuse) and the incidence of chronic illnesses (cancer, hepatitis, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.). My study was conducted on eighty members of Company F (Ranger), 25th Infantry Division, as well as 25th DIV LRRP and Company F, 50th LRP (Thank you all, gentlemen, for your time, effort, and honesty, in filling out those forms I sent you). As a group, we have a far higher rate of smoking, alcohol consumption, and use of drugs than the general population of the United States. We also have a higher rate of illness than they do, particularly heart disease, hepatitis, rheumatoid arthritis, and skin disorders. Those with PTSD have even higher rates of these illnesses. The rate for heart disease has been reported to be 50 to 150 percent more likely in combat vets than in non-combat vets.

For those of you who are thanking your lucky stars that you don't have PTSD, now comes the bad news. Of the eighty men in my study, eighteen (22.5%) had been diagnosed with PTSD. However, upon completing a questionnaire, thirty men (37.5%) showed high indications of PTSD, while some of those diagnosed with it no longer show signs of PTSD. Psychological care and counseling can work. However, more than 40% of us who have PTSD have never been diagnosed with it. They simply live with it.

Now, what advice can I give you. It's simple. See your health care provider (Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant) for a checkup. At our age, and the youngest of us is in the late forties (and there are damn few off them), you need to have several things done. A general physical exam will check your general well-being. In addition, an electrocardiogram (EKG, for those of you get your medical knowledge from watching ER) will show if there are major heart problems. A chest X-ray will help evaluate your lungs. Next comes that long list of tests that you hear rattled off when they wheel in the Multi-trauma victim. "Get a CBC, PA-7, LFTs, UA, and a Lipid Panel. Add in a PSA, and update his Tetanus shot because he's probably lying if he says he's had one since he got out of the Army."

What does it all mean? A CBC is a Complete Blood Count. It is an indicator of the health of your blood supply, and thus, of your own general health. The PA-7 is a blood chemistry test which shows the level of certain chemicals needed for life (too much or too little can kill you), as well as how well your kidneys and pancreas are working. LFTs, or Liver Function Tests, tell how well your liver is working. While they don't tell whether you have any of the various forms of Hepatitis, they do indicate the possibility of problems. The Urine Analysis (UA) also tells about Kidney Function. The Lipid Panel measures your cholesterol levels and gives some indication of potential for heart disease. The PSA, Prostate Specific Antigen, test is an indicator of Prostate cancer.

That's the good news, now for the bad news. You're not afraid of needles, are you. You need several shots. Tetanus boosters should be every ten years. When I worked in the ER, if you had to think more than two seconds as to when your last booster was, it was that day. A Pneumovax shot to prevent Pneumonia is a good idea (particularly for you smokers). You get one every ten years. Add in a Flu Shot in the Fall. Don't wait till the flu season arrives - it takes a while to take effect.

Now for the really bad news! You also need a DRE, or Digital Rectal Examination, the dreaded Finger Wave, to check your Prostate Gland. Finally, if you are over fifty, you should have a flexible Sigmoidoscopy. This is to check your Colon for signs of Cancer or other problems by looking through a fiber-optic tube. Let's just say you want to say nice things to your health care provider so he or she (yes, she) gives you those good drugs to knock you out before they do it. Also, do yourself a favor and drink the whole prep like they tell you. And yes, I've had one done (last year). I wouldn't tell you to have anything done that I wouldn't do myself.

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MEDICAL HELPLINE

By Dan Nate

At the request of Emmett Hiltbrand, our new Association President, a firm decision was made at our Savannah reunion to include information for our own preservation in the next two years worth of Patrolling Magazine. I am attempting to include an informational guideline or outline that can and will benefit many of us, or may at least clear up some health questions that you and or your family members may have. The first of these bulletins will be concerned with a silent killer that many of us brought home, unknowingly, HEPATITIS C. This is a virus that if left untreated for many years, (as is true in our cases because the VA did not or could not test for it until it was isolated from non-A / non-B types and said typing having occurred in or about 1991-1993) can and will cause or bring about jaundice, severe chronic fatigue, abdominal pain and such a degree of liver damage as to contribute or directly cause the death. At the January count it was determined that approximately 4 million returning veterans are infected with it. These numbers are increasing daily as informed personnel seek diagnosis for the disease.

Hepatitis C is an emerging health issue among America's veterans who may be at a higher risk of contracting the virus than the general public. A recent Department of Veterans Affairs testing of 26,000 VA patients found that nearly 8% to 10% were indeed infected with Hepatitis C, according to a Center for Disease Control study of veterans with Hepatitis C. Vietnam era veterans account for approximately 64% of positive all HVC cases. U.S. veterans who came into contact with infected blood when handling wounded, dead or dying buddies or because they received blood transfusions or other blood products prior to 1992, or through needle-stick injuries, or even tattoos are at risk for Hepatitis C and should be tested.

Hepatitis C affects approximately 4 million people in the United States and often shows no signs or symptoms for up to 30 years. Almost 3 million of the approximately 4 million Americans infected with Hepatitis C will develop a chronic infection, which can lead to liver cancer or liver failure. Complications from this virus, called HVC for short, result in an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 deaths per year, with a death toll expected to triple over the next 10 to 20 years. HVC is the leading cause of liver transplants in the United States and one study found that more than half of the liver transplant patients are in VA hospitals, who have HEP C to blame.

But, we are not alone in the fight to conquer this disease. The VA along with the general public and even our own Rolling Thunder are doing all that they can to make veterans aware that (1) it exists and (2), though not curable, it is treatable with several products from today's pharmaceutical sources. New drugs are being tested daily in the effort to expeditiously identify, isolate and kill the virus. However late as it may be for many of us who have had this disease infecting our internal organs, and for some we are talking 30 or more years.

In Rolling Thunder's 13th annual 'Ride for Freedom' protest in Washington DC, they were accompanied by Miss Heather French, Miss America 2000. In an attempt to raise awareness about veterans issues, including this emerging health epidemic impacting US veterans. In recognition of the growing threat of this potentially deadly virus to the veterans, Rolling Thunder has officially made Hepatitis C part of its national agenda and a key issue this year. By participating, they and Miss French hope to encourage each and every veteran to get tested for HVC and to bring the national attention to the critical issues facing Americans veterans today. Thanks to the powerful political forum that Rolling Thunder has created, those who fought to protect our country will learn that they don't have to suffer needlessly from preventable and treatable diseases such as Hepatitis C. In addition to rolling Thunder, Miss French, together with Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and Veterans Aimed Toward Awareness (VATA) have been touring the country in support of a national disease awareness campaign entitled "Helping veterans fight a silent enemy, Hepatitis C". Terry Baker, a Vietnam-era veteran formed VATA after both he and his wife both were tested positive for Hepatitis C. VATA leads an ongoing nationwide effort to inform veterans that they may have been infected through blood transfusions or from other exposure to contaminated blood. This non-profit group has developed a Hepatitis C information web site at (<http://www.veteranshepaware.com>) and brochures and public service announcements are readily available.

In future issues we will discuss awareness, treatments, manifestations, problems and I will list many other sources for this and future important problems for which it seems the fighting veterans of America will encounter and must fight. Besides the enemy in front of us, there may be one inside of us. But in the meantime, get tested for HVC. Have all of your family tested for HVC and while doing so get the available immunizations now perfected against types A and B.

Mean time, stay tuned, get aware, get off your duff and get tested. Use your regional offices, local VSO's and VSR's (Veteran Service Offices and Veteran Service Representative). Really, what the hell are you waiting for when half of your ongoing/oncoming health problems may stem from this one recognized source, Hepatitis C?

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RICA MEMORIAL SUPPORTED

By Emmett W. Hiltibrand

Bob, today I had the unfortunate duty of having to call the wife of one of our dying comrades. He lays in a VA hospital bed in Tacoma waiting for leukemia to take the final remnants of his physical life. It was difficult I must say as the knot formed in my throat as we talked. It is the same knot that forms as I see the American flag raised each time or hear the Star Spangled Banner played. Each passing of a brother takes a little part of me.

It is totally amazing that colored threads of red, white and blue sewn together in a pattern can solicit such feelings deep within one so as to alter a heart beat or summon up tears. This is who we are. This is what we are all about and who we will always be 'til the day we die. Once a Ranger always a Ranger, rather Tabbed or not. No where else has a volunteer segment of any military society picked up the gauntlet of war, so many generations apart, and carried it so gallantly.

In my heart I was there with Benjamin Church in 1670 in the bloody Indian war known as King Phillips War. I was a Ranger in one of Robert Rogers's company of men who was trained by John Goffe and Dan Ladd in 1740. I was a Ranger who fought along side John Stark on Bunker Hill and at Bennington helped destroy the British hired Germans. I was a Ranger with Dan Morgan when he lead our us in the defeat of the British at Saratoga and at Cowpens which ended the British hope to conquer the American south. As a Texas Ranger I fought bravely in the Mexican War and stopped the terror of the Comanche warrior. I rode with John Mosby Rangers for the Confederacy on dozens of raids and raised havoc behind Union lines to disrupted communications and

transport. I scaled the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc on D-day 6 June 1944 with Earl Rudder Rangers. Captain Charles Carrier was my Ranger company commander in the Korean War, he was later tortured and killed because he would not give information to the Chinese. And yes Bob, I was a Ranger there in the security position with you in Korea. Maybe not physically but surely in my heart, I was there with you. I was a Ranger that served my country well in so many countless patrols and contacts in Vietnam that the history books haven't even caught us to us yet. I still feel the pain in my heart for every Ranger death during Grenada and Panama. I've died a thousand deaths for each of our Rangers in Somalia. I still serve today as a Ranger, ready to give my life for my country or my fellow Ranger, for I am the American Ranger. From beginning to now, I was there Bob. Maybe not in flesh but in spirit, in mind and my heart.

Inevitably, it comes time for each Ranger generation to say it final farewell. And as they do, leave a departing message for those who follow, to read. Your reminder to me of the Korean Rangers age and acknowledgement of its vulnerability saddened my heart all over again Bob. When we are all gone, who will read our messages? Who Bob? If it were not for your dedicated search for those messages now, we would not know the last actions and deeds of those great Ranger heroes who have preceded us. The great Ranger heroes of our Nation, who we so proudly like to align ourselves with. If they had only known that they were heroes, then maybe they would have placed their messages in a conspicuous place for us to find. Maybe they would have had the fore-

sight to have erected a monument to their fallen Ranger comrades. The friends and buddies that fought and died beside them. Surely, if they had erected a monument, they would have ensured that it would have been their choice of words that was left in their message. The final farewell message for all that come after them to see and read.

It is in this spirit Bob, that the 75th Ranger Regiment Association feels not only compelled but more importantly, proud to give the Korean War Rangers our support. We want to show our spouses and children the Korean War Rangers memorial stone etched with their accomplishments. We want to tell our generation that these were our older brothers in a different war and a different place. This is their legacy that they have handed down to us. I want every Ranger 'Past', 'Present' and 'Future' to see the continuous flow of heroism and bravery that is so richly associated with the Ranger tradition. Let there not be a break in this most precious chain in our history. We implore you to leave your message etched on your stone for all to read. We stand united with you in Ranger brotherhood.

Rangers Lead The Way,

Emmett W. Hiltibrand, president
75th Ranger Regiment Association

CHANGING OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

By Emmett W. Hiltibrand

At the 2000 reunion in Savannah the Association, in a General Membership Meeting, elected new officers for the next 2-years. The incoming officer's are President Emmett W. Hiltibrand of F Company; Vice-President Jim McLaughlin of L Company and Secretary Ron Edwards of L Company. The Treasurer Jack Werner was re-elected. The new officers are here to serve the Association in any manner, which is within their means. The outgoing officers are President Terry Roderick and Secretary Roy Boatman. David Weeks had resigned earlier in the year due to personal hardships.

When I began seriously considering running for this position, I got some good advice from several members and past presidents. I think them for seeding the thought in my mind. I then turned to the current President and Secretary for their input and assistance. In all reality this was probably the most eye opening experience that I'd had in a long time. Whenever a batter steps up to the plate to bat, no one really cares about whatever else is going on in the stadium. All eyes are on the batter. All kinds of critics immediately emerge as to batting strategy and umpire calls. I offer this meaningful poem to those who have served in the past, are serving now, will serve in the future and all spectators.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who knows great enthusiasm, great devotion, and the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

- Teddy Roosevelt

To Terry and Roy, my hat is off to you my brother's. Thank you for your devotion to duty, endless energy, personal sacrifice and the love you have shown for your fellow brothers. No man in this Association has given as much of himself as Roy Boatman has. In preparing for this job, Terry suggested that I begin by reading and re-reading all the past Patrolling Magazines. Terry, I did just that. It soon became apparent that Roy's name kept showing up time and time again. Few others seemed willing to jump up and pitch in as much as he did. Don't get me wrong, others have contributed much and in many other ways. From Bob Gilbert a founder and twice president, Billy Nix, Roy Nelson, David Lockett, Duke DuShane, Roy Barley, Rick Ehrler to Terry Roderick. Some of you don't even know who these guys are. Guys, these are just a few of the men amongst men who have made this Association what it is today and kept it going so all of us would have place to belong. They are our legacy. They are etched in our Associations history. They dared and dared greatly. They stepped up to the plate and took their turn at bat. We owe them much. Seek these men out and thank them for their efforts and contributions. Remember that this job is not a paid position nor does it carry any benefits other than self-gratification. Before you become a self-appointed critic, please obtain all the facts first. If you don't like the way things are being done then submit your name for one of the office's and get elected in at the next General Membership Meeting. Make a difference. Don't become a speed bump. If you're not part of the solution then your part of the problem. Fix it. Make it better. Remember when a team would get in contact and guys were fighting to be one of the ones allowed to go out on the reactionary force to help them. Join in and help in whatever way you can. Each, in his own way, has something to offer this Association.

There are several new Unit Directors in placed now. I want to thank all of them and a few others who have sought me out and have offered assistance. Your offer is appreciated and I will call upon you. No man is an island onto himself. We all need to pitch in and work together. Division amongst our ranks will spell disaster for our future.

Terry, thank you for the load you've carried for us and the many miles you walked. Roy, thank you for 12 years of service and more than can be mentioned here in print. Sua Sponte is our motto, it is Latin meaning 'Of their own Accord'. Well, you two are the epitome of our proud motto. I'd go to the field with you any time. Rangers Lead The Way.

Strength and Honor
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Emmett

MSG WILLIAM E. BUTLER

MSG William E. Butler is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his extraordinary valor, forty-five years of dedicated service to this nation as a Ranger. MSG Butler's dedication to his Country began at age of 16 in 1946 when he attended basic Infantry Training, and lasted through 1989, when he performed his last jump at the age of 59. MSG Butler completed Basic Airborne & Glider training in 1946, and is a proud graduate of Class 2-51 of the United States Army Ranger School. Throughout his career MSG Butler has mentored and trained Ranger troops during peacetime and war, as well as performing acts of valor while engaging the enemy in combat. MSG Butler was assigned as a mountaineering instructor in 1948. During his first of two tours in the Korean War, MSG Butler was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Purple Heart. His fire team spotted an enemy element trying to cut off the unit's line of withdrawal. He moved his team to a more effective position and brought the platoon-size enemy element under automatic fire. Though wounded twice in the engagement, then-Corporal Butler moved from position to position to direct accurate fire upon the enemy. Disregarding enemy fire and his own safety, Corporal Butler directed air support on the enemy element until they broke contact and fled. He then led his small fire team out of the enemy area to safety. During his second Korean tour he instructed water and air insertion & extraction to the South Korean Army, and was an instructor for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. During training for Vietnam at Fort Benning, he was awarded the Soldier's Medal when he saved a soldier from drowning during a river crossing exercise. While in Vietnam he was awarded his second Silver Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Purple Heart. His team spotted two enemy soldiers moving in the area. After an hour and a half of observation, the enemy element increased in size to over thirty troops. Suddenly the enemy soldiers moved into an assault formation and began advancing toward the five-man team. As the hostile troops began firing small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, then-Sergeant Butler, disregarding the enemy fusillade, opened fire with his rifle. Though wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade, he maneuvered forward to effectively engage an enemy rocket-propelled grenade team. An accurate burst from Sergeant Butler's rifle hit and detonated one of the grenades, killing both members of the enemy weapons team. Twice MSG Butler was the key trainer for new airborne ranger units of the Indiana Army National Guard (first in 1965, and again in 1986), and assisted in the preparation of Field Circular 7-93, Long Range Surveillance Unit Operations, and ARTEP 7-93 Mission Training Plans. His devotion to the Rangers would bring him to take a voluntary administrative reduction in rank in order to remain the Operations Sergeant for the LRS detachment that he organized, and trained in 1986. His military education includes Basic Infantry, Basic Airborne & Glider, Ranger, Special Forces, Pathfinder, Underwater Demolitions, Jumpmaster, and Jungle Warfare. His awards include Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal (2d Awd), Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, WWII Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Star, Korean Service Ribbon with 2 Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Stars, NCODP (4th Awd), Army Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Indiana Long Service Medal, National Emergency Service Ribbon of Indiana. MSG Butler's badges and tabs include Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Master Parachutist Badge, Glider Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Jungle Expert Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab. Unit Citations include Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Korean Presidential Unit Commendation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation.

MILITARY WIVES

Emmett asked me if I was interested in submitting something pertaining to the women you Rangers have loved and/or lost along the way. At first, I thought there was nothing I could contribute to "Patrolling" along these lines that any of you would find interesting. Then, the email came. This was passed along to me by a dear friend and veteran and I'll bet any of you who spent time married while in the service will recognize your wife in at least some, if not all of the following. I bet you give it to her to read too. -Julie Edwards

"A Tribute To Military Wives" (dedicated to my mother)

A military wife is mostly girl. But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing a youngster's bike, that she begins to suspect she is also boy.

She usually comes in three sizes: petite, plump and pregnant. During the early years of her marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

"It was in England that the children had the chicken pox..... In Texas, Paul was promoted...." At least one of her babies was born before or after a transfer was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the military providing for a man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

A military wife is international. She may be a Kansas farm girl, a French mademoiselle, a Japanese doll, or a German fraulein. When discussing service problems, they all speak the same language.

She can be a great actress. To heartbroken children at transfer time, she gives an Academy Award performance: "New Mexico is going to be such fun! I hear they have Indian reservations... and tarantulas... and rattlesnakes." But her heart is breaking with theirs. She wonders if this is worth the sacrifice.

An ideal military wife has the patience of an angel, the flexibility of putty, the wisdom of a scholar and the stamina of a horse.

If she dislikes money, it helps.

She is sentimental, carrying her memories with her in an old footlocker.

One might say she is a bigamist, sharing her husband with a demanding entity called "duty." When duty calls, she becomes No. 2 wife. Until she accepts this fact, her life can be miserable.

She is above all a woman who married a man who offered her the permanency of a gypsy, the miseries of loneliness, the frustration of conformity and the security of love.

Sitting among her packing boxes with squabbling children nearby, she is sometimes willing to chuck it all in until she hears the firm step and cheerful voice of the lug who gave her all this.

Then she is happy to be..... his military wife.

--Author Unknown

This is a poem about British soldiers and the shabby treatment they got, by Rudyard Kipling. Tommy Atkins is the British version of GI Joe. I think this will ring with everyone who's been in the military...

TOMMY -
By Rudyard Kipling

I went into a public-house to get a pint o' beer,
The publican 'e up an' sez, "We serve no redcoats here."
The girls be'ind the bar they laughed an' gig-gled fit to die.
I outs into the street again an' to myself sez I:
O it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy, go away";
But it's "Thank you, Mister Atkins," when the band begins to play,
The band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to play,
O it's "Thank you Mister Aitkins," when the band begins to play
I went into a theatre as sober as could be,
They gave a drunk civilian room, but 'adn't none for me;
They sent me to the gallery or round the music-halls,
But when it comes to fightin', Lord! they'll shove me in the stalls!
For it's Tommy this, and Tommy that, an' "Tommy, wait outside";
But it's "Special train for Aitkins" when the trooper's on the tide,
The troopship's on the tide, my boys, the troopship's on the tide,
O it's "Special train for Aitkins" when the trooper's on the tide
Yes, makin' mock o' uniforms that guard you while you sleep
Is cheaper than them uniforms, an' they're starvation cheap;
An' hustlin' drunken soldiers when they're goin' large a bit
Is five times better business than paradin' in full kit.
Then it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, and "Tommy, 'ow's yer soul?"
But it's "Thin red line of 'eroes" when the drums begin to roll
When the drums begin to roll, my boys, the drums begin to roll,
O it's "Thin red line of 'eroes" when the drums begin to roll.
We ain't no thin red 'eroes, nor we aren't no blackguards too
But single men in barracks, most remarkable like you;
An' if sometimes our conduct isn't all your fancy paints:
Why, single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints;
While it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, and "Tommy, fall be'ind,"
But it's "Please to walk in front, sir," when there's trouble in the wind,
There's trouble in the wind, my boys, there's trouble in the wind,
O it's "Please to walk in front, sir," when there's trouble in the wind.
You talk o' better food for us, an' schools, an' fires, an' all
We'll wait for extry rations if you treat us rational.
Don't mess about the cook-room slops, but prove it to our face
The Widow's Uniform is not the soldier-man's disgrace.
For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Chuck him out, the brute!"
But it's "Saviour of 'is country," when the guns begin to shoot:
Yes, it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' anything you please:
But Tommy ain't a bloomin' fool - you bet that Tommy sees!

A/75 - D/17 LRP - V CORPS LRRP

The Ranger Reunion has come and gone at Savannah. VII Corps LRRPs (aka Co C (LRP) 58 Inf, aka B/75) actually fronted and only three of us were there to witness it.

That after years of operating in their old AO in the South of Germany and never seeing them.

Only Bill Bohte and his wife Sandy, Garlon M Rogers and Terry Roderick made it to Savannah and Terry was there for other reasons.

Bill reports having a real good time and was adopted by a bunch of guys from K/75 including "Mark" who was holed up in the same caravan park as Bill, on his honeymoon but that "didn't matter" and he went to the Reunion anyway. Well done, Mark. We owe the K/75 guys a couple of beers at the next Reunion. Bill plans on making the next one in 2002.

There are only a few A/75 people still on active duty including SGM Rick "Red" Herman who is back in the "real Army" at Ft Campbell with the 101st. He stopped in and saw Stan Jones and Mark (Ranger Nate) Ross on the way through. The three of them enlisted together on the same day 27 years ago. They all went in to take four and Ranger Nate ended up signing for three...Stan is still giving him a hard time about it, and Nate deserves it.

Al Gonyea who was in the company at Ft Hood from 1972-74 recently retired from the Airborne Committee at Ft Benning and is living at Phenix City, Alabama. Texas beckons for Al who will probably be travelling soon.

New 75th Rgr Regt Assn President Emmett Hiltbrand is looking for an A/75 scroll. "I have every scroll from the Vietnam era, WWII Ranger Bn., Korea Ranger Infantry Companies even the blue diamond of the WWII guys plus the current scrolls. What I don't have is an A/75 scroll. I plan to place all in mounted frame and place on loan in Regimental HQ. Can you help?" Can anyone spare a scroll for Emmett? Post it to him at Association HQ or e-mail me on bobmurphy2@compuserve.com and I'll let him know and get you an address.

I got an e-mail from Carl Mancini who came to the Company in '66 and was there well after I left in January 67. Carl recalls a "levy" of the company for Vietnam later in 1967.

"When Khe Sanh got hit (Marines and 173rd) they had a levy come down for airborne personnel. The CO at the time was a neat guy by the name of Charles E. Wertenberger. West Point, Ranger etc. He got the entire unit down to the theater and told us what was going on. He made the married personnel and the people who were short leave. That left about 60 guys and they need 50 so he asked for volunteers. He got killed after about three weeks in country but to me he was a great guy. I looked him up at the wall."

Chet "Skinny Injun" Smith recently got a computer and has e-mailed some great company pics from the 1963-66 era. They are too big for the company listserver and I haven't been able to switch formats to .jpg yet to reduce the file size. If anyone wants copies, e-mail me on bobmurphy2@com-

puserve.com.

Chet is still skinny, don't know how he does it, and has met up with Bill Bohte a couple of times and been in touch with old mate Hans Zaglauer by phone and e-mail. He's a working artist and the detail of some of his sculptures is just amazing.

Hans had a back operation a couple of months ago and it worked real well. He's up and about and fighting fit, recently took a pistol championship shoot in Montana where he lives and has gone bush for the summer.

Eric Weber has been living in Pasadena working on a big job which went so well the company is trying to con him into moving to Indiana to do more. Eric doesn't want to know about Indiana but it's not because Mark Ross lives there.

John Jersey is the second guy from the company to crash one of those four wheeler motorcycle thingies. Ranger Nate did his knees and back, JJ tried to do a PLF with his toy on top of him and it didn't work. Broke four ribs but it only hurts when he laughs.

We're still looking for William A Maxwell who was in the company in the early 60s. He might have stayed in but dropped out of sight to the rest of us in the late 60s. Does anyone know where he is? Please let us know.

A couple of the guys who I will not name for their own protection report that "Duke" Snider is now known by his "real" name of Earnest. As Nate puts it "I mean WTF...ERNIE! Duke would have kicked our ass if we even thought of calling him Ernie. Gary Crossman says he still has pics of him and Duke in the PKU Force in SE Asia. "No one ever called Duke by his first name. No No No." SGM Red says "I never called him that". Gee, what's happened Earnest? Your buddies want to know.

Geno Karnish is up and about after a heart bypass and still firing off rockets. "I am building a shuttle launch system that has the dimensions of 28ft. long x 2ft. diameter and the shuttle is 7ft. wingtip to wingtip and the fuse is 9ft long and 1ft. in diameter." Jeez, Geno. Is it heat seeking?

Mike Martin says Everett Grady is doing well and visited him for four days last month. Grady gave Mike a photograph of 1st platoon at Wildflecken. Mike, who has just finished a book on the Vietnamese Marines and their US Advisers and refuses to get a computer and get on the net, has forwarded the photo to Gary Crossman to scan in. Will send it in with the next Patrolling Column. C'mon Mike! You could handle a TRC-77 and you can handle the net.

Mike joined the Army in 1956 and says he hasn't thrown away a document or photo since. As for every body and his brother claiming to be the first LRRPs, Mike says the Ranger 6th Company went to Germany in 1951 when the other companies went to Korea and ran LRP training in Europe from that time. Furthermore the 11th Airborne Division (aka Flying Red Assholes) had a full LRRP Company operational in Europe in 1956.

Ex Wildflecken LRRP Col Bob Murphy got together

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with Andy Markivich after a Vietnamese Airborne Advisers reunion in D.C. recently.

And Cleve Kendall (aka The Field Marshal) looked up Leon Roy in Florida.

And Charlie Worthy is alive and well. Mike Martin was leaving the Riverboat Casino in Metropolis, Illinois when he and Charlie recognized each other on the street. Charlie was wearing a 555 "Triple Nickel" RCT T-shirt. Sometimes it pays to advertise. Mike says he didn't recognise him at first because Charlie had lost weight from his Army days. Tell us the secret, Charlie. Seeing as you live in Clarksville, could you chase down Virgil Craft for us?



then

"Mark Ross, Stan Jones & Richard 'Red' Herman on the eve of their enlistment 27 years ago. Nice flares Red."

NOW

"Red, Nate and Stan."



B/75 - C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

By Stanley Harrell

The VII CORPS LRRP held their first reunion in 35 years in conjunction with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association reunion. We would like to thank the President, Terry Roderick and Secretary, Roy Boatman for their help and support to make this reunion a great success for us.

A great time was had by all that attended. We elected to become a Chapter in the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. We elected our first Chapter Officers at the reunion. Joe Chetwyn was elected President, Jim Jackson was elected Secretary, and Stan Harrell was appointed as Company and Unit Director to represent us to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

This was a time of renewing old friendships and getting together with old buddies and vowing to make our Chapter meet at each of the coming 75th Ranger Regiment Association reunions. We urge all ex-members of VII CORPS LRP, C Co. LRP 58th Inf, and B Co. 75th Rangers to join our chapter. The reason for the three unit designations is as follows. We started in 1961 as VII CORP LRRP, in 1966 this was changed to C Co. 58th Inf., and later to B Co. 75th Ranger. Any and all members of any of these three units are urged to contribute their input toward our unit history.

C/75 - E/20 LRP

By Worth Bolton

By the time this gets to all of you summer will be winding down and fall will be upon us. We hope everyone got some "down time" to be with family and friends this summer, travel to see an old comrade-in-arms, or just hang out in your own backyard. Is it me or does summer seem and come and go faster these days??

Our Unit Association has been honored by the nomination of Ranger Dan Pope as the 99'-00' Airborne "Man of the Year" back in the spring and most recently by the Ranger Hall of Fame acceptance of Ranger Ron Lesley for induction on October 4th, 2000. The stated purpose of our Unit's Association is to remember all Rangers, past & present, and to work to preserve our Ranger heritage and legacy, so it is very rewarding for all of us to see members of our Unit be so recognized. Dan is known for his work to establish our Unit's Association and Website and Ron joins Ranger Dave Dolby as the second member of our group to enter the elite Ranger Hall of Fame. Hoo-aahh!

We did not have the attendance at the 75th Ranger Regiment Association Reunion in Savannah (July 5-8) that we had hoped for but it was good to see Sam Agner, Ken Taylor, John Rotundo, Don Ericson, Dan Pope, Alden Richardson, John Mynatt, Worth Bolton, Mario Guerra, Skip Resch, and Smokey Wells to name a few (sincere apologies to those I have left anyone out but this is from memory). Many brought family and the hot Georgia sun made the pool a popular place during the day. The hospitality room was made kept lively by the young First Battalion Rangers who came over each evening to share a story and a beer. And if you haven't seen our modern day Rangers make up a batch of "Ranger Punch" like they did at the Ranger Ball on Friday

night you have missed a great presentation of the history of Rangers through both uniform and available brew!! Following the Ball, Kevin Barry's bar down on the River was a great place to be, it is truly a "Ranger's Bar".

We still continue to get "FNG's" through hits on the web-site and Lazar Lazarov works with Dan Pope to track down and make contact with all inquiries. Dan worked with the 3rd Battalion Rangers to insure that all of our KIA's were properly honored on Memorial Day at our Memorial at Benning. Laz has also gotten a E/20th-C/75th challenge coin minted that will be available soon at a reasonable price so look for more info on that. We will be having our Unit's Reunion in Columbus in July 2001 so mark you calendar now and make plans to be there!! All of you should have received or will shortly additional information on the Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony that will be held October 4th, 2000 (1630) in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Korean War Rangers at Ft. Benning (10/4-8/00). Realizing that the middle of the week in October may not be good timing for many of you, we hope to have our Association Board of Directors and as many members as possible to be there for this special honor for Ranger Ron Lesley & his Family. A "dutch treat" dinner is planned immediately after the ceremony for our Unit so contact Worth Bolton NLT 09/01/00 if you plan to be there and want to attend the dinner.

Pursuing new members, contacting family members of our fallen comrades, and updating our web page are ongoing projects for our Association. We look forward to supporting the new Board Members of the 75th RRA and appreciate the support the past Board has given to us over the past two years. RLW! Worth Bolton, Unit Director-C/75th

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

By Bob Copeland

The 2000 75th Reunion has past and it was a blast as always! Good times were had by all and the event was well attended. Four of our unit attended, namely: Rick Ehrler, Jeff Webb, Marshall Larsen and myself. Although we were short in numbers, we did our best to make our presence known at all the gatherings and special events. We did a little sight-seeing in the downtown Savannah area and it was of course, spectacular. Savannah is a City of history and old southern hospitality. Marshall and I attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and paid our respects. The Memorial is in a park area not far from River Walk and City Hall and opposite Factors Walk in a very scenic and historic area. The people of Savannah are to be congratulated on the placement and construction of such a fine Memorial to the Vietnam Veterans. The City of Savannah is indeed a Class Act!! We visited many other monuments in the multi square area of the historic downtown area of the city and I must remark that everything was in excellent repair and the streets and parks clean and well kept. Rick Ehrler attended the Battalion CSM Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony were they installed the new CSM Doug Greenway as the 1st Batt. CSM. Good luck from all of us in your new duties Doug!! The second event attended by your unit buddies was the Battalion Fire Team Competition. Fire Teams (4 Rangers in each) competed in a number of athletic feats around Hunter Army Air Base including chin-ups, a five mile run, a rucksack orienteering course, a poncho raft race and a sand-bag relay. The weather must have been close to 95+ and you can imagine the added difficulty this heat made in completing the challenges at hand for the contestants. Well hot or not these Rangers of the 1st Batt. completed their tasks without complaint and in the finest tradition of the Airborne Ranger, Hooah!!!!!!

Well done Rangers of the 1st Batt.!!!!!!RLTW!!!!!!

Naturally we left after the competition with only the sweat on our brows, caused by the heat while standing in the shade and observing the Rangers give their all, but we did leave also full of pride and praise for these fine young Officers and Men of the Ranger 1st Batt. who proudly carry on the tradition of those who went before! Hooah!!!!RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!!

The SUPER SUPPER was a gourmet delight and the Batt. provided the meal in a Dining Facility second to none. Our compliments to the Chefs and all those who made this feast the dining event of the reunion! Hooah!!!!

The final event of the 75th Reunion was the RANGER BALL at the Civic Center and what a thoroughly enjoyable evening it turned out to be.

BG(R) Grange made a great guest speaker and the night was topped off with the Regimental Punch Bowl Ceremony. A Ranger dressed in period dress, depicting each era of the Ranger back to Revolutionary times, approaches the punch bowl on the stage and identifies the period he represents along with a few words describing the exploits of the period and then after sampling the alcohol identified with that period, he pours an ample sum into the bowl. The Vietnam period was identified by beer and I believe, correct me if I am wrong, was the drink of choice to quench ones thirst in the hot climate of South Vietnam. After all periods were represented, the last Ranger stirred the brew of multiple blends of alcohol and drank a cup from the bowl. Pitchers were then taken to the stage by designated Rangers from the tables and filled from the punch bowl. The toasts were then made from glasses containing the Ranger Brew. Following the formal activities, a sumptuous meal was enjoyed by all, followed by a

dance. Many then retired to Kevin Barry's Irish Pub on River Walk for a night of continuing fellowship.

The hospitality room at the Holiday Inn Midtown was the centre of many enjoyable hours of reminiscing, singing and good times, enhanced by Miller time. Many of the young Rangers made their way to the hospitality room and lead us in song and engaged us in conversation. It is always the highlight of the 75th Reunion to be in the company of these dedicated young Rangers who show us Respect and Courtesy and the Pride and Respect we feel for these young RANGER WARRIORS goes beyond that which we have words to describe or express!! Hooah!!!!RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!!

I was fortunate to stay on in Savannah for an additional week and enjoy the sites. It was also my good fortune, to be able to attend the Change Of Command Ceremony for the 1st Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment at Forsyth Park, in Savannah, for the outgoing LTC Joseph L. Votel and the incoming Commander LTC Tony Thomas. Colonel P.K. Keen, 11th Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment was present as the Reviewing Officer. The 1st Battalion was resplendent in its dress, demeanor and drill at all times and especially while Passing In Review. It was indeed an honor to be present on this momentous occasion.

On behalf of our Unit I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to LTC Joseph L. Votel, the Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, for the warm welcome and courteous treatment, that was extended by you, to our membership, throughout the 75th Ranger Regiment Assoc. Reunion, in Savannah. We also wish LTC Votel success in his future endeavors at the War College and bid welcome and success to LTC Thomas in his new duties as Commanding

9TH DIV LRRP/E 50TH LRP/E 75 RANGER (ABN) (CONTINUED)

Officer of the Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment. Hooah!!!!RLTW!!!!

As you are probably aware elections were held at the reunion business meeting and new Officers have now been installed. I would like to take this opportunity, to thank our Past President Terry Roderick, for all his hard work and faithful service to the 75th Assoc. and wish him a well deserved rest. I would also like to thank our Past Secretary Roy Boatman who has also provided hard work and faithful service to the 75th Assoc. and to you Roy we also wish you a well deserved rest. To the other retiring Officers I wish to express our thanks and appreciation for your commitment. To the new President Emmett Hiltbrand, we wish you success and congratulate you on your election and commitment to the 75th Assoc. To all the other newly elected Officers we congratulate you on your election and wish you success.

In closing I would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Dan and Barbara Pope for all there efforts and hard work in organizing the recent 75th Assoc. Reunion in Savannah and thereby being instrumental in the success of this event. Without their dedication this event would not have taken place. Thanks again! Hooah!!!!RLTW!!!!

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I hope to see you all there! Keep the
faith and have a great day!

Bob Copeland
Unit Director

F/75 - F/50 - 25TH DIV LRRP

By Thomas Cahill

For those of you who missed the reunion in Savannah, GA, you missed a great event. There were a number of new faces, several of whose names, regrettably, I don't have. Suffice to say they were in on the founding of the Company as the 25th DIV LRRP. Included in the group was CPT Ponzarella (Sir, forgive my attempt at phonetic spelling), who was the first Company Commander. Welcome, gentlemen, and I hope we will see you all again.

UNIT OFFICERS: In our unit elections, I was re-elected as Unit Director and John Rowland was elected as Unit Treasurer. Bill Mrvicka will continue to publish "Rear Security". Bill and Joe Little will act as alternate Unit Director and Treasurer, respectively, if John or I are not available for any reason.

TREASURER'S REPORT: With the \$315 collected from our members at the reunion, as well as the \$240 given by the Association for publication of our newsletter, we have a total of \$1242.44 in our checking account. This will be used primarily to finance the newsletter, as well as to provide seed money for other projects as they are thought up. One idea developed at the reunion was a Company coin. If anyone has any ideas for a design, please forward them to Bill Mrvicka or myself. It should reflect the tie to the 25th ID as well as the various identities of the company from the founding to the folding of the colors in 1971.

75th RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION: At the meeting, it was announced that we, as a unit, have the largest number of paid up members in the Association, one hundred and twenty. As a result of this, we received a donation of \$240 towards the publication of our newsletter (\$2 per paid-up member). Remember that the Association represents us to the Army and the Ranger Regiment. They also do all the coordination for the reunion every other year. Your support of them by maintaining your membership is very important. Keep it up and if you know of any other Company F Men who are not members of the Association, talk to them about joining. There should be a membership application in this newsletter, and no one will charge you with copyright infringement if you make a dozen or so copies.

WHERE ARE YOU: If you decide to move, as we sometimes do, please send in a change of address to me and to the Association. Then, we can reach you and you won't get a headache from elevated blood pressure because you didn't get your newsletter. The Post Office does not forward newsletters sent out in bulk mail, and takes a long time in returning them to the sender. By the time it is returned, the next issue could be on the way to the old, and wrong, address, and your blood pressure is even higher.

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

By John "Gunner" Starnes

Our original flash was invented in April, 1967. At the start, the unit was called Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Detachment (Provisional), assigned to the 196th Infantry Brigade (Separate). There was no way to confuse the detachment as anything other than Airborne in a straight Infantry Brigade. Although the men of the detachment did not wear the Airborne tab they managed to get away with wearing a LRRP tab over the DSI of the 196th Infantry Brigade. The decision for not wearing the Airborne tab was an arbitration at the Headquarters staffers. This was done to maintain uniformity throughout the entire brigade. The ruling was, however, an illegal order, based on Army regulation that governs special skills units. The regulation states that Airborne capable units are authorized to wear the Airborne tab above the major command DSI. However, the Airborne tab will be separated 1/4 inch from the DSI. The following elements located in non-airborne organizations are authorized the Airborne tab; Parachute Rigger Detachments, Pathfinder Sections, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol and/or Ranger Detachments/Companies.

The flash that appeared in April was a way of quietly stand out from the rest. The detachment was elite and the soldiers were Reconnaissance Commandos trained by US Army Special Forces Operational Detachment Bravo (SFODB-52) and patterned after the LRRPs in Italy and Germany. All LRRPs elements were reformed from Ranger Infantry Squads TO&E to smaller undetectable scout observer teams stemming from British Special Air Service (SAS) Scout teams. At any case, the flash was sewn to a camouflage beret and later a black beret. Surprisingly, no one objected. This occurred during a time when gray areas were used to our advantage. No one really knew about Ranger-type LRRP elements except the LRRPs. Sometimes others would pass us (specially junior officers) asking: "Are they authorized to wear berets and camouflage fatigues?" The other officer would say the LRRPs in Italy wear them- but I really don't know? The flash was first worn on the black beret in April, 1967 in Vietnam. The Para wing oval and tab with the black beret was started in Italy by SETAF LRRP Detachment. LRRPs and Special Forces wore berets in Europe. When the green beret was approved in 1960-LRRPs were still wearing the black berets until the detachment close out. The beret resurfaced in 1965 in Vietnam as well as the Ranger Department in Fort Benning Georgia. By 1969 many LRRP units sported the beret. All this was an effort to bring back Ranger traditions and uniforms which the LRRPs had associated themselves to the RICA Rangers.

The importance of the beret flash in Vietnam was an eye catcher and we used it to get the attention of the volunteer. It was as if we were promising him a piece of the elite action if he could hang with our crowd.

From the time the unit closed out in December 1971 we had used five flashes to identify our company or Detachment. The Army would say none of them were authorized except the flash of Company E (LRP) (ABN), 51st Infantry. (Food for thought) The Company was Airborne, the Infantry Regiment was not. So, how did the 51st Infantry manage to become airborne?

1st flash: three equal stripes running from top left to bottom right surrounded with a red outer border. top stripe is golden yellow, middle stripe is royal blue, and bottom stripe is red. what does it mean? the golden yellow is Reconnaissance Scouts, the blue Aviation and Infantry Support, the red is Artillery and Naval gun support the red border LRRPs out in the unknown. The DUI is a medal 196th Bde DSI with LRRP tab affixed above.

2nd flash: same as above minus 196th DSI w LRRP Tab. Instead the silver and blue 23rd ID DSI w LRRP Tab affixed above was used.

3rd flash: Red outer border, top right blue field; middle is a golden strip running from top left to bottom right; bottom field is blue. DUI is the 23rd ID Headquarters Company w LRRP Tab at top of DUI. What does it mean? LRRP Soldier is qualified to wear LRRP device after completion of Recondo School at company level. colors of the 51st Infantry and the red border is Active Airborne Status black beret means Ranger-type troops. Ranger or Airborne tab worn above flash.

4th flash: Royal blue outer border, top field is yellow, middle stripe is royal blue and, bottom field is yellow. colors reversed by teams in Duc Pho, South Vietnam. Both 3rd and 4th flashes were being worn at the same time frame. The US Army adopts the 4th Flash officially for the 51st Infantry Long Range Surveillance (LRS) Companies E and F.

5th Flash: outer border thick Khaki, flash is quartered as the original DSI. Top half= blue and green, bottom half= green and blue. The top left quarter has a letter "G" above the 75th Infantry DUI. What does it mean? The Khaki means the uniform for soldiers in the tropics the quartered fields of green represent the jungles of Vietnam, Burma, India, the blue quarters mean US and Chinese Allied the lighting bolt mean deep penetration into enemy held territory by both US Marauders and LRP Rangers in both combat areas. The "G" is self explanatory.

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association wears the active duty flash. Should we not think of designing and wearing an Association flash for our guys rather than continuing this practice?

Even the SF Association sports their own flash separate from the active duty Group flashes.

John "Gunner" Starnes
Company G (RANGER)
Rep to the 75th RRA

H/75 - E/52 LRP - 1ST CAV LRRP

By Stan Freeborn

Greetings One and All!

The past year has been a very busy time for H Company. Our web site has continued to expand due to the tremendous amount of effort that Bruce Judkins puts into it. With all of the links that we know of now in place, any Ranger should be able to reach any company within the 75th organization.

August 9th-13th we will once again assemble as a chapter of the First Cavalry Division Association in Fayetteville, North Carolina. This will be the 14th reunion of the LRRP/Rangers that served in what is now known as H Company during the Vietnam War. For those of you who have not attended any type of reunion for whatever reason, let me be the first to say that I myself have always had a love/hate relationship with these reunions. I always have a good time and have continued to meet a lot of great people over the years, but I also have great difficulties dealing with some of the thoughts and emotions that these reunions seem to illicit. I choose to go because the good has always outweighed the bad. Putting my service in Vietnam in perspective has only been accomplished by my involvement with our organization.

As with any organization, we have had our ups and downs this past year. We have lost several members but the good part is that we have found a lot of those that we have been seeking for several years. Our initial list of those attending the next reunion continues to grow and first time attendees are always a special reward for all of our hard work.

On our agenda for the next business meeting will be the issue of providing input for this magazine on a more structured basis. This is another new venture for us that we are excited about. It is our hope to be able to provide more service to the 75th Ranger Association.

Take care, and take the time to get in touch with one another.

RLTW

Stan Freeborn
Chapter President
LRRP/Ranger Chapter
First Cavalry Division Association

Added Info:

H/75 had its annual meeting in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Newly elected Officers for our Unit for 2000-2002 are:

President: Sam Dixon

Vice President: Larry Curtis

Secretary: David Klimek

Treasurer: Doug Matze

Board of Trustees:

Stan Freeborn

Forrest Decker

Lawrence Curtis

Doug Parkinson

Rangers from the 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment joined us. 2d Ranger Battalion was activated using the H/75 Combat lineage and honors from Vietnam. It was great to have the "old guys" :-))) meet our heirs and all had a great time.

Our next reunion will be held in Killeen, Texas in 2001.

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

By Robert Stack

Fellow LRRP's, LRP's and Ranger members of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association: First of all, sometime ago some learned person said something along the lines of "Change is Good" but, in the case of the recent changes in leadership for the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, I would take the position of saying "Change is Excellent"! By that I mean we have a whole incoming cadre of officers, including President Emmett Hiltbrand, Vice-President Jim McLaughlin and Secretary Ron Edwards. Dr. Jack Werner has also agreed to remain as the 75th RRA National Treasurer and he's a K/75 guy as well. The new officers are all retired COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR (CSM's) from "The Green Machine" and they all appear to have the very best interests of the 75th RRA in mind for their next two years at the helm of this ever expanding organization! I also applaud those very great efforts made over the years for the 75th RRA by the outgoing officers, especially Past Secretary Roy Boatman and Past President Terry Roderick. With a mind boggling schedule of 75th RRA responsibilities these guys had to adhere to for at least the last two years, they have done a fantastic job keeping this organization together and "on point".

There have also been numerous "behind the scenes" situations which have reared their ugly heads and these two Rangers, among others, have been there to put out the brush fires and stay the course. As the Navy would say to them all for a job well done, "Bravo Zulu" guys!

As the newly elected Unit Director for K/75, this is my very first article for Patrolling, so bear with me. I'll attempt to cover most of the relevant events which occurred at the recent 75th Ranger Regiment Association Reunion in Savannah, GA July 5th through July 8th as they apply to us. At last count, K/75 had 102 members of 1080 as a whole, one of the larger units in the 75th RRA and, with your help, GROWING EVEN BIGGER! By this I mean that I'm asking for your help by going up to your attic or down to your basement and hauling out that footlocker with all your RVN stuff to find ANY SETS OF ORDERS for the CIB, the Purple Heart, the Silver or Bronze Star, etc. you received to check for OTHER TEAMMATES NAMES listed there. If you find any who aren't current 75th members or who you can't locate, please give me a call or email me with their information. This should include the correct spelling of their first, middle and last names and, hopefully, have their Social Security Number alongside. If I get this info, I can then run them through an informational database we subscribe to and try to find them for you, and us! I am listed under "Find Teammates" on Ron Coon's great website at <http://www.4thdivrangers.com> and I only charge the nominal fees that I incur for each search. My office telephone is 415.459.2030 and my email is icu@pac-bell.net.

Annually, there are only three (3) nominations available for the Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) and, last year, only

three Unit Directors bothered to submit any names. At this year's K/75 Unit meeting, Bob Crawford nominated SSGT Charles Britt (KIA/RVN), Bill Bullen nominated Jim Doss (KIA/RVN) and John "Festus" Gibson nominated Wallate "Rat Man" Thibodeaux (KIA/RVN) for this fitting honor. It was the consensus of Unit opinion that SSGT Charles Britt be the K/75 nominee and plans are in progress towards this goal. Another motion was made regarding the expenditure of Unit funds for

- 1.) locating our missing brothers and
- 2.) for buying memorial bricks to be placed at the Ranger Walk at Ft. Benning to honor LRRP, LRP and Ranger KIA's.

To the best of my recollection, it was decided that 60% of our funds would go to locating (after administrative costs) and 40% to Buying memorial bricks (\$240.00 apiece). This is not to say that the more well heeled members of our Unit could not sport for a brick on their own dime, as the K/75 coffers are not exactly bulging at the seams right now. This leads me to another suggestion and that is, if you are financially able to make a donation of whatever amount to the Unit, please feel free to do so, as it would be gratefully accepted. If so inclined, please contact K/75 Treasurer Wayne Mitsch, 826 Lakeshore Drive, Berkeley Lake, GA 30096, 770.446.3892, his email is wmkma@bellsouth.net.

The 75th RRA has also agreed to reimburse the individual Units \$2.00 for each PAID UP MEMBERSHIP, so please send in your dues and keep the Secretary up to date on your current home address, telephone, email, etc. so that they don't have to spend more bucks in U.S. Post Office fees.

As to the Reunion, this one was sort of "ho-hum" as reunions go, and I've been to the last five of them every two years! It was stated to me that, because of "legal liability restrictions" combined with the fact that there are "budgetary limitations", there would be NO LIVE FIRE EXERCISES, and there weren't unfortunately. The high points, and there were a few in my estimation, was seeing 2nd Brigade LRRP CO Captain Tom Garnett and his XO Lt. Sherwood Hall and Chester Mundy after 33 or so years and, of course, my perennial buddy "Festus" and none of them have changed a bit (yeah, right!). Another was the "Super Supper" which the 1st/75th Rangers put out for all, and I don't ever remember having Alaskan King Crab legs, huge chilled shrimp, T-Bone steaks, barbecue ribs or a selection of about 20 different deserts either in Basic Training or in AIT or ever being served in the chow line by an Army Captain. The Ranger Ball was equally impressive and, despite the downsizing of the military in the last few years, it was absolutely great to see that this country is still well represented militarily by these polite, extremely well trained and eager young Rangers and their officers. My kudos to C/75 LRRP Dan Pope for a yeoman's job in pulling this Reunion off. Regarding the next Reunion in 2002, I made a motion on

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the floor of the general membership meeting that it be held at Ft. Lewis, WA, as there are many "West of the Mississippi" LRRP's who would love to go to that Post, however, this motion failed by just a COUPLE OF LOUSY VOTES because some of the K/75 members were AWOL. Their voting presence would have swayed this vote and we would be in Ft. Lewis in 2002 instead of Ft. Benning. Oh, well, we'll try again in Benning in 2002.

Finally, as I'm running out of space here, it was really great meeting some 2nd Brigade predecessor LRRP's like Mike Lapolla, Tom Tilley, Bob Smyers, Camet Hawthorne (get a computer, Cam), Jim Zweibel and Emmett Mulrone, who is on the mend after suffering a mild heart attack near the end of the Reunion, and seeing the same LRRP faces from Reunions past ("Ichabod", Stacey says hello).

Finally, there was a presentation by Stephen Maxner of Texas Tech University about their great, and growing, Vietnam Archive which is going to feature an exclusive LRRP, LRP and Ranger section. Their POC is given below.

Well, that's about it for now, troops, so I hope this finds you & yours in good health, prosperous and content in the absolute knowledge that you are "America's Best". Sua Sponte (Of Their Own Accord) and RLW.
Out here.

L/75 - F/58 LRP - 1/101ST LRRP By Randy White

Gentleman,

A short introduction is called for first. My name is Randy White and I was a member of L company in 1970. I've taken over the position of unit coordinator for the 101st members and will do my best to keep you informed of any news relevant to our people. If you have anything you would like to pass on, please feel free to write or call me about inclusions for this section.

I attended two reunions this summer that our members might like to hear about. The first was held June 7-11 at Fort Campbell during the "Week of the Eagle". It was the 101st Division's annual reunion and was an open post affair. The TOC for all LRRP/LRP/Rangers was the Quality Inn in downtown Clarksville, with approximately 35-40 attendees and their families. The current 101st LRSD treated us to a barbecue at their compound on post Friday, and the beer and bull flowed freely. Thanks guys, the steaks were great! We got the chance to take a look at all their equipment and saw a demonstration of their use and got answers to our questions. These are a fine group of individuals that our country and all former 101st members can be proud of. The interaction between the

old and new was a heart warming thing to see, and many new friends were made. On Friday was a 101st Division Review and a change of command, then we were treated to an air show and display at Outlaw Field on Saturday. I talked with a few pilots from the current 2/17, including their commander, and was pleased to learn of the awareness by these people of their history and our part in it. On Saturday night was a banquet with the guest speaker being none other than Lt. Gen. David Ohle, former company commander of L company and current Deputy Chief of Staff For Personnel, U.S. Army. It was a pleasure to see him again and know that he still has a deep commitment to all his former patrollers. The General went to great pains to rearrange his schedule so he could attend and on behalf of all...THANK YOU. General Ohle will be retiring on July 20th after 32 years and I'm sure we all wish him the best of luck in his new life as a civilian. It might take some adjusting!

The big news of the Campbell reunion was the forming of a new Association for all members of the 101st patrolling community. The following is a letter from Ron Bourne, the Association President:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn. I'm Ron Bourne, president of the new LRRP/Ranger Association of the 101st Airborne Division. This new Association was organized in June of this year at Fort Campbell, KY. It is open to anyone who served in a Lurp or Ranger unit in the 101st Airborne Division from the 1st Brigade's deployment to Vietnam in 1965 to the present day Long Range Surveillance Detachment at Fort Campbell, KY. We have also included members of the 3/506th Long Range Recon Platoon, who were detached from the 101st division at Phan Thiet.

I served as the Commo Sgt. for the LRRP platoon of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne in Vietnam from September 1965 to June of 1966. I also served as the radioman on a Lurp team in the 7th Corps LRRP Company located at Nellingen Barracks, Germany from 1961 to 1963.

We encourage anyone who served with the 101st Airborne Division as a Lurp or Ranger to come and join our association. We plan on having our reunion at Fort Campbell, KY. again next year. Anyone wishing

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to join can contact me or Randy White, the Representative for L Company 75th Rangers. My E-mail address is BDG101lrp@aol.com and my home phone is 1-405-964-2054.

The second reunion this summer was in Savannah, at Hunter Army Airfield. This was the 75th Ranger reunion and I'm sure there are more details in this issue. Suffice it to say, we have a Vice President and Secretary from L company as officers. Jim McLaughlin is the VP and a retired Sgt. Maj., as is Ron Edwards the new Secretary. I went on mission with both these guys and I know that L company has a strong voice in the affairs of the 75th. Ron is the host of the L Company web site, and if you haven't been there, it would be worth the effort to type in this long address and take a look. You'll love the trip down the Clarksville Road to Eagle. Here's the L company web site address:

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/7239/lco75th.html>

There were about 30-35 members from the 101st at this reunion, scattered around three motels and it was great to renew old friendships and meet new people. We spent the afternoons sitting around the tables and talking about old times and killing our thirst. The phrase most

often used was... do you remember...yes.. but just barely. Billy Nix came in on Thursday with 4 boxes of new black T-shirts, with the L company scroll and Eagle on the left front breast. They look wonderful... and Billy has some left for sale. I was a hog and bought 5 for myself and my family. Contact Billy at: 637 Dover St., Marietta Georgia 30066 or call him at 770 926-9677 to purchase one. Also, a special thanks goes out to retired General David Grange, the guest speaker at the Ranger Ball on Friday night, another former L company alumni who made the trip to be with his people. The city of Savannah is a beautiful old southern town, and Old Savannah is a place I hope to go back and visit with the wife and spend some time exploring. A real change from the north woods where I live.

Now a plug for my pet project. I've been collecting the records for 2/17 Cav. and L company for the years 1969, 70 & 71. I've amassed around 9,000 pages and I'm in the process of building a mission list for all missions run during this time period. I can I.D. any mission by call sign, insertion and extraction dates and map grids, up to August 1970 at the present time. I have the team debriefing reports for many missions and the information the daily logs

and other records contain. From members, I'm collecting stories and team members names for these missions, and hope to put together a complete unit history. If you would like a copy of the records for a mission you were on, and are willing to write a couple paragraphs about what you can remember, contact me for details. All I need from you to pull up the mission is something significant that happened during the mission, or a call sign or date. Bob Guy and General Ohle have agreed to help fill in information, as have other members of L company. This is for all of us, and I hope you'll help by adding your story, after your memory has been jogged by the records I'll send you.

Well I guess I'm getting a little long winded so I'll close for now. Keep your membership renewed and your address current if you move. It helps everyone stay in touch and assures you get your issue of patrolling on time. I'm out'a here.

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N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP

By Dave Gowen

This is my first report since assuming the duties of unit director. I succeed Roy Boatman who has been our Director for most of the tenure of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. In addition Roy has served as Secretary of the Association and Editor of the Patrolling Newsletter for many years.

As members of our company we share two common links. During the war, one would be Pat Tadina. Virtually everyone who served with the company knows Tad. Since the advent of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, our one common thread has been Roy Boatman. I commend Roy for several jobs well done and I think I speak for all of us when I wish he and his wife Joyce all the best in the future. I know that he will continue to be one of our most active members.

For his efforts, Roy was presented with a .22 cal rifle at the Reunion. The membership was consoled to learn that this poses no liability to the organization, as Roy can't hit shit!

As for our other common link, Pat Tadina. Efforts are currently underway to publish a book and/or a movie about him. I will be interviewing Tad prior to issuing my first team's newsletter and hopefully will have more information on this. Anyone with any stories that relate to Tad, humorous or serious, are urged to write them up as source material to the potential author. Stories relating to Tad's romantic relationship with Tango however should be left to Tad to explain.

I attended the Reunion in Savannah and I will be reporting on that, in detail, in the next Teams. A couple notes for this report on the Reunion.

1. We were joined at the Reunion by Cindy Pangburn and her daughter, Jenna. Cindy is the sister of Raymond S. Reeves, Jr., KIA 11/19/68.
2. Attendance at the Reunion by our company members was light. The next Reunion is in Columbus, GA and I intend to make a pain in the ass out of myself to improve that. A list of our members who attended will be published as soon as I get my hands on it.
3. The Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade is holding its 2005 Reunion in Australia. I'd like to hear from our members, if there is any interest in putting a special effort into fielding a large contingent for that Reunion.

I hope that members will continue the tradition of calling or writing to me, as they did with Roy, so that I have news to print in both newsletters.

Dave Gowen Unit Director

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O/75 - 78TH LRP

By Rickey N. Hogg

Hi guys, its been a while since I have submitted anything to this magazine partly because I was in the hospital about 8 months in 1999 and partly because I had resigned as your Co. O unit director. I am doing much better now and because no one else has volunteered to take this job, I have decided to stay on at least as long as my health allows or somebody else volunteers to do it.

As all of you know, Co. O was a small company. We have 116 on the Vietnam roster. Of those 116, 5 were kia in Vietnam, 8 have died since the war ended, 12 have moved and left no forwarding address, and 14 have not been located at all. The Alaska Arctic Rangers have 223 on the existing roster and I am sorry to say that only 5 have been located. We will continue to search for these guys but it is very time consuming. If any one wants to help find them get in touch with me. Your help is needed and would be appreciated.

I recieved an e-mail recently from Speedy Gonzales that delivered some sad news. According to Speedy we have lost another Ranger. Gilberto Chairez passed away in 1998. That is all the details I have at the present time. I did not know him but many of you did. I will try to find out more and put it in the next Ovation newsletter.

The 75th Ranger Association has a new President, Vice President, and Secretary. All three are retired Sergeant Majors and I believe they will make some changes that will greatly improve the Association. If you are already a member, I hope you will continue to be one. I would like to urge you guys that are members to help by trying to persuade other O Co. Rangers to join us as members of the 75th Ranger Association.

In the next article for this magazine I will profile another Ranger from the past in a Then and Now portion of the article. I didn't have the information or the time to do one this time. I will also continue to get a O 75th web site up and running. Its more difficult than you might think. Please remember our sick and disabled. I thought I would share the list below. Humorous but very true. Til next time Ricky Hogg

Bill Gates' Rules For Life

Rule 1: Life is not fair; get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn it.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have a tenure.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for flipping; they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents generation, try "delousing" the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answers. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you will end up working for one.

I believe all of us know somebody that this applies to, especially if we have teenage children and up.

P/75 - 79TH LRP

By Riley C. Miller

I guess I should start this column by telling you a little about your new unit director. I was a member of Team 1-5 from October 1970 to June 1971. I enjoyed the beautiful spots most of saw like the Rockpile, Khe Sahn, and other touristy places like that. When P Company folded its guidon for the last time, I went to the 101st Airborne Division where I was kidnapped by 1SG (later CSM) Neil R. Gentry. Gentry persuaded me to do two things. First, he persuaded me to cut my mustache that I had cultivated so proudly for the time I was in Quang Tri and recommended I get a haircut. I'm not sure which was more painful. He then convinced me that I needed to join the proud men of L Company Rangers.

I stayed with L Company until that company was disbanded in November 1971. After a brief stay flying with D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, I went to H Company Rangers in Bien Hoa and stayed until April 1972. That was the total Vietnam Ranger time I spent. I loved every minute of it and would do it all over again (if I could be twenty years old again). The 75th Ranger Regiment Association reunion in Savannah was a resounding success from my perspective. It was well organized by the Association leadership and well hosted by the members of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. It was an honor to walk and talk with some of the young men who serve today. They have all the pride and enthusiasm we had so many years ago.

The first night after dinner at Hunter Army Airfield, most of the folks who attended ended up in the Hospitality Room. It was a time of introductions, reintroductions, and renewing old times. We also caught up on what each other was doing on the home front.

It's always a hazard to name names because invariably I forget someone. To that one person, I apology now. But, here are the people I remember attending the reunion. Terry Roderick and his daughter Brandy, Tom Perry, Gregg Gain, Larry Smith, Mike and Mary Rossi, Terry Bishop, Gary Norton, Tom and Wendy Sherman, Richard Foringer, Tom and Gaynelle Wilson, and Steve and Linda Loggins.

It's sad to see Terry leaving the office of Association President. He did a great job for the Association as he climbed the ladder from Unit Director for P Co to the Vice President of the Association to finally the Presidency of the Association. He represented the Association in myriad events in the Ranger community. My hat's off to him for his efforts and dedication. P Co. will have its company reunion in Mississippi in July 2001. I talked to Jerry Yonko about the reunion and he suggested one of the last weekends in July. He also suggested that we have it in one of the resorts along the Gulf Coast. In that way, we can enjoy a little fishing, gambling, entertainment, gambling, golfing, gambling, and other activities. There is plenty to do and the challenge is to pare the list from all the things that are available to a manageable task list of things to do as a company and with our families.

We would like to invite all of you to propose a weekend in July. Route your suggestions through me so we can tally the votes. I'll forward them to Jerry and Mitch. They are running a heavy team effort on making sure that we have a memorable time.

Dues go up next July 1. We voted to raise the dues for the Association at the last business meeting. That means that we will go from \$20.00 per year to \$25.00 per year effective July 1, 2001. Now is a good time to check your membership card and make sure that you are current. But, as important, now is a great time to make the commitment and change your membership status from an annual member to a life member. It's only \$250.00 and you don't have to worry about renewal every again. Think about it. That's only ten years dues at the new dues rate. It makes sense to me because I plan to live to be a hundred and make my wife miserable. I converted after I did the math. Now I have more beer money.

Jim Femiano did a great job the last two years as our Unit Director. He kept us informed about the things going on in the company and the Association. He also showed me the many things that the unit director does. I hope all of you will take the time and send him a note or letter expressing your appreciation. He deserves it.

In closing, thank you for your confidence in me. The emails have been overwhelming and humbling. When you want to get in touch with me, write or call. I'm here for you.

My snail mail address is: PO Box 311284, New Braunfels, TX 78131.

My email address is PcoGypsy@cs.com. And, my phone number is 830-560-1896.

For the moment, I'm OUT.

D/151 LRP/RANGER

By Tom Blandford

If you missed the 75th Ranger Association reunion in Savannah, you missed an outstanding time. You missed the fellowship with other LRP/Rangers from Viet Nam and you missed the respect and admiration of the current Rangers.

A few years ago the Indiana National Guard commissioned an artist to paint a series of pictures commemorating the 38th Infantry Division's involvement in several war time actions. One of which was of the "Indiana Guard in Viet Nam". Larry Rhodes had one of the prints of that picture framed and we presented it to the First Battalion of the 75th Rangers. It was presented during the "Ranger Ball" attended by the current Rangers and their wives or dates, along with past Rangers and the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. We had received permission from the First Battalion's Sargeant Major Grenway to present the picture at the banquet. We did not realize the size of the crowd that would be attending, probably over 1,000 people dressed in their class A uniforms and dates and wives in formal gowns. Twelve of us from D Company 151st were called onto the stage with the picture to present. Larry Rhodes explained to the audience who we were and that we would be honored if they would display the picture in their mess hall. I expected a polite applause, but we were all shocked and honored to receive a standing ovation from the audience. It was amazing to see the entire audience stand up and with smiles on their faces applaud us, (very humbling since we didn't even want to go to Nam in the first place.) It was a very honoring and humbling experience. That standing ovation was meant for

all who served in D-151, even though you didn't attend, you should be very proud of the acknowledgement given to us at that event. Be very proud.

It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Ranger William E. Butler to the Ranger Hall of Fame. Bill has certainly earned this distinct honor by his valorous service to his country during times of war and his long time service and dedication to the Ranger Community at all times. Ranger Butler has made extraordinary achievements and contributions to the Airborne and Ranger communities during active duty and since retirement. The induction ceremony will take place on Oct. 4, 2000 at Fort Benning. It would take a supplemental issue of Patrolling to list all of Bill's accomplishments and awards but to list a few are: Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal for service in Korea; Soldier's Medal, second Purple Heart, and second Silver Star for service in Viet Nam; Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance in recruiting duties. He has been a founding member of the Ranger, Special Forces and Long Range Surveillance units. We are proud of you Bill, thanks for all your outstanding service.

Kudos to Bobby Ross for his article "Memorial Day" in the last Patrolling, a very thoughtful and inspiring piece.

Thanks to Terry Roderick and Roy Boatman for their service to our association. Congratulations to Emmett Hiltbrand on becoming our new President, good luck.

Rangers Lead the Way - Tom Blandford, Unit Director

2ND BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

By Rich Hecht

Hi guys,

For those of you who don't know me, I was in Bco from 4/88-9/91. I started out in 2nd Platoon and spent my last year as company training sergeant. I graduated from Ranger school class 13-89 and made the jump into Rio Hato. I stayed in the Northwest after ETS'ing am now living about 40 minutes away from Ft. Lewis which should make regular contact with Batt. much easier. Let me take the time to thank outgoing unit director, Mir Bahmanyar, for all his work in keeping things together and for his work as Assoc. historian. Good luck Mir. Here are some of the things that I would like to see happen: First, every member needs to go out and recruit AT LEAST one new member. Most of us know other ex-Batt. boys that are not paid members. Take this issue of Patrolling, copy the membership form and pass them out to your buddies. Highlight that the dues are still only \$20. Maybe we can have some sort of contest to see who can sign up the most new members for 2/75 and then challenge the other Batts. for membership supremacy! Second, start thinking about what direction you want this association to go in. It is yours. I would like to see a more organized network of ex-Batt. boys. Think about when you got out, would it not have been great to be in immediate contact with HOOAH's that can hook you up with work, peer support, etc. Third, support the current crop of HOOAHs. Come to Batt. when they have an open house, reunion or you are passing through. When I spoke to the S 5, Lt. Yancey, he mentioned that he wanted to create a library of hooah books. I donated almost 50 books to him to start things out. If you want to find a good home for all those old books that your wife wants you to get rid of, contact me or Lt. Yancey. In future issues I plan on doing a now and then feature. If you have a cool new job or are doing something that no one thought you would, send me a picture of you in Batt. and a picture of you now. Also, I will try and do a longer article on the current state of Battalion, their equipment, missions and deployments. If you have not seen some of the new stuff, it is pretty cool! They are looking more and more like the special ops unit that they are supposed to be. Look for updates from me on the Association's web site Jump Log. RLTW, Rich.

75TH RANGER REGT

By Peter Squeglia

th and spirits.

Terry Roderick fair skies and following winds. I have come to know him personally and more importantly a caring Ranger. He's done an excellent job. Terry has been instrumental in helping to recruit many new members. He personally got me interested and involved a few years ago. He's about the Rangers who have joined and growing the Association. I think he deserves the time and commitment he has given us. Next time he's done that for us many a time.

The new officers who will lead this organization into the coming years.

Everyone stop reading this article, get down and start doing push-ups. Somebody get the SGTMAJ a tin of

3RD BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

By Peter Squeglia

Rangers,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits.

First let me take the opportunity to wish Terry Roderick fair skies and following winds. I have come to know Terry over the last two years as a quiet professional and more importantly a caring Ranger. He's done an excellent job as our President of the 75th Ranger Association. Terry has been instrumental in helping to recruit many "younger" Rangers from the 1980's and 1990's. He personally got me interested and involved a few years ago along with many others. Terry truly does care about the Rangers who have joined and growing the Association. I would be remiss if I didn't give him the accolades he deserves for the time and commitment he has given us. Next time you see him buy him a beer, God knows he's done that for us many a time.

In the next breath, let me congratulate the new officers who will lead this organization into the coming years.

Emmett W. Hiltibrand- President

Jim McLaughlin-Vice President

Ron Edwards- Secretary

Jack L. Werner- Treasure

Holy shit, Emmett's a retired SGT MAJ. Everyone stop reading this article, get down and start doing push-ups with your feet elevated. Roll over, do mountain climbers. Now somebody get the SGTMAJ a tin of Copenhagen! Gentlemen, congratulations on your new roles and positions in the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I speak for all 3rd Batt. Rangers when I say we have confidence in your leadership. Enough of the brown nosing, on to other subjects.

First I am requesting the help of preferably active 3rd Batt. Rangers in writing a quick article on the happenings with in Batt. itself. Most of the time my notes are about former Rangers, what they are up to, a synopsis of the reunions or how fat and out of shape I have become. I'm sure you are sick and tired of hearing about my fat ass and frankly most former Rangers have become bums, no inspiration there. So I'm asking any and all to send me a quick email through out the year to let me know how things are going with in Batt. Remember, OPSEC, however let me know how life in Batt is these days, whose getting promoted, how's PT, are they still training Rangers in that Brazilian jujitsu, testing new equipment, etc....Again OPSEC is the key word here.

Secondly, a couple of lines on a few Rangers and what they are doing presently. Kevin Matthews is at Benning for the Officer Basic Course. WO1 Aaron Weaver will be graduating from flight school September 8th and flying 58D's not sure where he'll be stationed yet. Chief Pyatkowski is also back at Benning for Jumpmaster Course. He will then go back to his NG (D/151st LRS) unit in Indiana. 1SGT Merritt is still hanging tough all these years now at 1st Batt.(How many joints will Rick have replaced with plastic and metal by age 60?) Tim Moynihan and his wife are living down in Palm Beach, FL and just had a baby a few months ago, Congrats Tim! Former PFC McKroskey, now 1LT, is 3rd PLT's PL down in good ol B Co., that's pretty damn cool!! Matt Eversman has left the Battalion, Matt is now stationed at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. Last but not least both Sidman and Phipps have returned to good ol Bco., they couldn't get enough ...

I'd like to end this article with two great quotes, one an old Irish saying and other from Somalia.

"May all your ups and downs in life be in between the sheets"

"We few, We Happy Few, We Band of Brothers" -GEN. Garrison quoting Shakespeare after the Battle of Mog, October 3rd, 1993.

RLTW,

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of us, and not just the memories of war. Vietnam contains some of the most scenic beaches and even more scenic mountains. The land abounds with markets you may find a menagerie of these such as lemongrass, lime leaves, and in minerals; it is a country rich in arable land, forests, fisheries, and in minerals; it is a country whose history is so old that has been paid for many times in blood; a country whose history is so old that still holds many of us after all these years

union will will be history and a new regime will have replaced the 75th Ranger Association. Since there were no assassinations, riots, religious animosity, con- (Qs) will wholeheartedly support the new Officers of the association...we can renew your membership prior to this year, so renew your membership prior to this year (several are life memberships), but ed their memberships by 95% in the past year (several are life memberships), but sign up a fellow team member or anyone you know who served with the Biet-

member Karl was with the Vietnamese 2nd Ranger Group (Medal of Honor) and has an articulate memory of the Group's Advisors, Ranger Alfred Hill has become a mem-

LRRP DETACHMENT - 3RD ID

By Michael McClintock

3rd ID LRRP Detachment
Bad Kissingen, W. Germany
(1961-64)
Mike McClintock, Unit Director

A heartfelt thanks goes to Terry and Roy for their good work for the Association over the past couple of years. And congratulations to Emmett, Jim and Ron, as our newly elected officers. They've got some big shoes to fill. But I know that they are up to the task. Emmett has already called me at 0815 on a Sunday morning asking where my article for this issue of Patrolling was! So here I am at 0830 trying to organize my thoughts after attending a Saturday night wedding that has left my brain even more foggy than usual. Please forgive me if my comments are not completely coherent this time around?

In our conversation, Emmett noted that there was no one from the 3rd ID LRRPs at the July reunion in Savannah. He was right. There were several reasons for this, but none are satisfactory to my mind. I believe each unit should do all that it can to support the Association, and I've got a lot of work to do in this regard. But, let's face it. Lurps are about as individualistic and idiosyncratic a group as you can find. Especially my unit, since, like the V Corps and VII Corps LRRPs who also served in Germany in the early 1960's, we missed the 'Nam experience. But unlike our brothers of V Corps and VII Corps (now A/75 and B/75) we don't have a historical link with the 75th Ranger Regiment. As a result, my guys are inclined to want to do their own thing. Like I said, I've got a lot of work to do. This year, the unit's second reunion

was held on July 19-22 at the Airborne Inn on Fort Bragg. Our host unit was F Company, 51st Infantry Long Range Surveillance. F/51 is assigned to the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion (Tactical Exploitation) (Airborne) which provides the XVIII Airborne Corps with long range reconnaissance and surveillance support. Many thanks to CPT Miller and the men of F/51 for a thoroughly enjoyable reunion. These young airborne troopers represented what we aspired to be back in the early 1960's, and, judging by the number of CIBs, EIBs and Ranger tabs I saw, they have nothing to prove. We were impressed by everything we saw, from their state of the art equipment to the fast-roping demonstration and the jumps from the CH-47 over the St. Mere Eglise drop zone. The unit even provided a color guard for our reunion banquet.

At the banquet, our first CO, COL Ed Jentz (Ret.) read a list of the awards and decorations earned by members of our detachment since it was disbanded in August 1964. There were 11 CIBs, 5 Silver Stars, 6 Bronze Stars for Valor, 5 Legions of Merit, 14 Purple Hearts, 16 Meritorious Service Medals, and 3 Army Commendation Medals. There were also numerous airborne wings, Ranger tabs, and Vietnam Service Medals and other awards from the RVN. Good Conduct Medals abounded, for which Ed Jentz was surprised, as pirates are not usually awarded such. Not bad for a leg infantry unit which never had more than 100 men total who served with the unit, and that wasn't even for all of our members which also included WWII and Korean War combat veterans.

Among our more distinguished members present were Sergeants Major (Retired) Ken Bowyer, Kent McMichael, and Mike Tardif. Ken Bowyer spent six of his 24-year military career in Vietnam where he served mainly with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He alone accounted for seven of the Purple Hearts listed above, and all were for traumatic combat wounds (gunshot, etc.). He also had the Silver Star and 5 of the Bronze Stars mentioned above. Kent McMichael doesn't say much about his time in Vietnam, but I saw a picture of him in his dress blues at his retirement ceremony. At the time of his retirement he was the senior Infantry SMG on active duty. I was impressed. SGM Tardif was a former ISG with N/75 in Vietnam and spent much of his career with the 82d Airborne and the 173rd Infantry. It was good to be with these old warriors, who represented the best that our unit, and the U.S. Army had to offer.

We also honored our fallen comrades who could not be with us, including: SSG Cliff Mize who was killed while serving with the 4th ID near Pleiku; MSG Jack Gamey who did five tours in Vietnam; ISG Bernard Frantz who passed away in May of this year; and Rob Evans who was one of the original old Lurps. We miss them and will always remember them as they were in those heady days of the early 1960's when the Berlin Wall had just gone up and it was our turn to be ready to lay our lives on the line.

Damn, I love reunions!

ARVN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

Sublime visions of Vietnam continue to haunt many of us, and not just the memories of war. Vietnam contains some of the most beautiful features and interesting geography in the world. It has scenic beaches and even more scenic mountains. The land abounds in edible fruit, plants and herbs; in many of the local markets you may find a menagerie of these such as lemongrass, lime leaves, betel, lotus root, jasmine, melons and coconuts. The country is rich in arable land, forests, fisheries, and in minerals; it is a country which is spiritually alive--filled with legends. It is a land that has been paid for many times in blood; a country whose history is ancient and honored and whose culture is rich; it is a country that still holds many of us after all these years

By the time you read this article the July 2000, Reunion will be history and a new regime will have replaced the 75th Ranger Association Officers, as noted in this issue of Patrolling. Since there were no assassinations, riots, religious animosity, conspiracy or attempted coups, the Ranger Advisors (BDQs) will wholeheartedly support the new Officers of the association...we can start by helping the organization to grow; all memberships expire on June 30, of each year, so renew your membership prior to this date and get new members. The BDQs have increased their memberships by 95% in the past year (several are life memberships), but there are many of our Co Vans who have yet to join--sign up a fellow team member or anyone you know who served with the Biet-Dong-Quan.

Karl Fee joined the association in July as a life member. Karl was with the Vietnamese 2nd Ranger Group (Medal of Honor recipient Gary Littrell and General William Steele served in the 2nd Group), and has an articulate memory of the Group's Advisors, also many photographs that he is going to share with all who attend our November reunion. Ranger Alfred Hill has become a member; he is a Ranger of the "old school" and a good friend.

EVENTS, WARNING ORDERS AND SITREPS

Reunions: The Vietnamese Rangers (BDQs) held their annual national reunion in Dallas in late July...some from the U.S. and other countries are planning on attending the Ranger Advisor and Biet Dong Quan Reunion and Memorial Ceremony in Washington, DC on Veteran's Day Weekend 11-12 November, 2000. All Advisors should urge their counterparts to attend. Time is short, contact the Double Tree Hotel-National Airport at 703 416-4100 for reservations or Bobby Jackson at 202 463-2620 or bjackson@nma.org for information.

Received a call from Richard Wandke; he was wounded with the BDQs in the Delta in 1965, and "turned out the lights" at the Ranger High Command as the Americans left country. Richard was also in command of a U.S. LRP company; he received the DSC fighting with an American unit--he has made plans to attend the reunion.

The 50-year anniversary of Camp Merrill--the old mountain camp--will be held at the camp (Dahlonga, GA.) in conjunction with the annual Open House in May 2001. Many of our BDQs served there as Ranger Instructors. For info on the US Mountain Ranger Association see their web page: <http://lmountain.armyranger.org>.

Vietnamese Awards: The best source for info on Vietnamese Decorations and Medals, hardback book, is from Medals of America at 1-800-308-0849 or visit at WWW.USMEDALS.COM. The owner is C01 (Ret) Frank Foster, who served with the 173rd in Nam. Frank has supported us and is dedicated to supporting all veterans.

History: The August 2000, issue of VIETNAM magazine has an informative article on the early Vietnamese cross-border trail watchers (1959) and counterintelligence unit, the 1st observation Group. They became the chief action arm of the Presidential Liaison Office (PLO). By midsummer 1961, they had 15(14-man) teams and in addition, the 1st Airborne Ranger and 2nd Airborne Range Companies for assault forces. The article is written by Ken Conboy and James Morrison.

Illness: BDQ Walter Gunn is doing great (heart) and so is BDQ Henry McNeal (heart); we failed to mention McNeal in the last issue of Patrolling. LTC Ho Van Hoa (Bn. Commander, 35th BDQs) is home from the hospital (major operation-cancer). We give his

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counterpart BDQ Bob Reitz, a "salute" for his support of the family during this period. CSM (Ret) Richard L. Childers is dying of cancer, even as I write this article. Childers is a born soldier; LTC Anthony (Tony) Herbert said "Dick Childers is the best soldier that I've served with." Dick served in Korea with the 187th RCT, in Herbert's Ranger Platoon in the 505th Airborne Battle Group in Germany, in the 173rd in Vietnam, and as the Command Sergeants Major of the Mountain Ranger Camp in 1972. He was recommended for the Medal of Honor--as a First Sergeant--while fighting with the 4th Inf. Div.; it was downgraded to a DSC. BDQ Bill Piere (42nd BDQ) is by Dick's side and providing full support. B Company, 2nd 75th Ranger Battalion will provide the Color Guard and Firing Squad when needed. "Fly with the Angels" my friend

Down under: Received a great book, The Mad Galahs by Brigadier General George Mansford, from BDQ Robbie Robinson. Mansford enlisted as a Private in the Australian Army, and forty years later retired as a Brigadier. He served as a Ranger Advisor(BDQ) at the Duc My Ranger Training Center in 1966. Several of our Australian mates were Advisors to the Biet Dong Quan.

"The breeding ground was crowded with excited young birds preparing for their first journey. Soon they would depart for the distant mountains, and the old, too weak for travel, would screech a final farewell."

-- The Mad Galahs 1999

"SHOOT LOW-I'll see you on the High Ground."

Mu Nau Mike Martin, Unit Director

EDITOR'S NOTE

I REGRET TO REPORT THAT WE DID NOT RECEIVE UNIT REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING UNITS/REPRESENTATIVES.

- D/75
- I/75 - F/52 LRP - 1st DIV LRRP
- M/75 - 71st LRP - 199th LRRP
- F/51 LRP
- HQ, 75th RANGER REGT
- 1st BN, 75th RANGER REGT
(Directors position vacant)

PLEASE HELP YOUR UNIT DIRECTORS. CONTRIBUTE YOUR STORIES, ANECDOTES, PHOTOS, NEWS OF CURRENT EVENTS, ETC. TO THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN GET IT IN TO US. THIS ASSOCIATION BELONGS TO ALL OF US, AS DOES THE MAGAZINE. LET'S MAKE THEM ALSO BE MARKS OF EXCELLENCE.



AT PAU, FRANCE: FRENCH ARMY FREEFALL SCHOOL:
LEFT, SPT TOM SULLIVAN; RIGHT, SGT. CHET SMITH.
(NOTE: LRRP PARACHUTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FRENCH
JUMPSUITS, 3 FRENCH PARACHUTES) --- AUG 3 SEPT. 1964

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Ralph "Skip" Resch Jr.

WHO'S YOUR POINT MAN?

I recall the selection of my Point Man was very important. He had to be somebody I could trust, was loyal to the team, not haphazard and could keep his cool and not over-react when he spotted the enemy.

Everyone on the team relied on the Point Man to spot the danger, before the danger spotted the team. I remember Chief (that's what we called him), he was an American Indian, he wasn't a Chief at that time but he was the Chief of his tribe before his death last year. He was a great Point Man!

As we travel the trails of life, we again have a choice of selecting another Point Man. He is someone we can trust, loyal and wants to keep us from danger! His name is Jesus, he is leading us down the trail that he wants us to follow, however there are many times that we get off the trail he is on and we get into very dangerous situations. The Enemy is just waiting to Ambush us!

The Enemy Ambushes us with Immorality, Dependence on Drugs or Alcohol and the way we treat our fellow human beings. How do we get back on this trail when we have lost sight of the Point Man?

First, is by realizing that we have gotten off the trail we are suppose to be on and that we are all sinners and need to ask God to forgive us our sins. Second, by trusting and believing that God has forgiven those sins. Third, by believing that Jesus our Point Man took the enemies fire (dying on the cross) that was intended for us (that we deserved for our sins). Fourth, by now living our lives in repentance (which means change our hearts in the way we live). Fifth, by placing God as your primary mission (you can never go wrong when you place God first!) Sixth, by conducting continuous Commo Checks with God through Prayer and Reading the Bible.

It is Never To Late to get back on the trail and get behind the Ultimate Point Man "Jesus".

Ralph "Skip" Resch Jr., 1SG Ret.
Team Ldr., E. Co. 20th Inf. (Abn) LRP
Association Chaplain, 75th Ranger Regiment

NEW MEMBERS

Benjamin Agee	1st BN RR	William Mathers	B/1/75
Christopher Arne	2nd BN RR	Jeffery Merenkov	1st BN RR
James Bell	K/75	Ralph Merritt Sr.	
Richard Black	VII CORPS	Rick Merritt	1st BN RR
Tom Brandli	1st BN SUP	Pascual Meza	101 ABN DIV
Eugene Carline	F/75	Thomas Monohan	C/75
David Clark	VII CORPS	Chester Mundy	4th DIV LRP
Joe Czik	4th DIV LRP	Luis Nieves-Munoz	
Mike Daugherty	VII CORPS		HHC 1st BDE
Tom Garnett	2 BDE	Gary Patterson	H/75
Greg Gile	BDQ	Darel Pitman	B/1/75
Patrick Graham	F/75	Vic Power	
Steven Grzesik	F/75	Steve Printz	P/75
Robert Griffin	VII CORPS	Robert Reitz	BDQ
James Hagan	D/151	Alden Richardson	C/75
Rick Hathaway	VII CORPS	William Schrage	BDQ
Gene Karnish	A/75	John Schumaker	BDQ
Jon Key		George Sitar	VII CORPS
Theo Knaak	VII CORPS	Frank Trifaro	A/75
James Lockhart	C/75	James Umberger	2nd BDE
John Manuel III	F/51	Russell Wegl	N/75
Robert Makino	I/75	Daniel Wilcox	3rd BN RR
Andy Markivich	BDQ		

Editor's note: I received the above just prior to printing time, and did not have sufficient time to confirm all the units, etc. Rather than leave it out, I ran it as I received it. New members are the life blood of our Association, and I want to welcome each addition to our organization. If I got your unit wrong, the fault is entirely mine. Drop me a line & I'll fix it next issue.

THE BLACK BERET

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

WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL IS HARD TO SAY;
SOME JUST LEAVE IT TO THE BLACK BERET.
THEIR NOT IMMORTAL NOR TEN FEET TALL;
WE KNOW INSIDE THEY WILL GIVE THEIR ALL.

MANY HAVE DIED IN BATTLES LONG SINCE PAST;
THEIR MEMORIES LIVE ON, TO FOREVER LAST.
WHENEVER YOU TALK OF THOSE THAT HAVE DIED;
THEY WERE AMERICAN RANGERS,
TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE.

THEY MEAN A LOT TO ME, THE RANGER BERET
AND SCROLL;
AS DO THE MEN HONORED ON THAT WASHINGTON KNOLL;
THEIR NAMES ENGRAVED IN MARBLED STONE;
FOREVER TO BE REMEMBERED, NEVER TO BE ALONE.

Charles Edwards Lee, Sr.

veteran of VII Corp LRRP, D/75, B/75

"MAY GOD GRANT THIS RANGER THE PEACE OF THOSE
WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL!"

Thomas Garrett Keane

veteran of 3rd Battalion, 75th INF

"MAY GOD GRANT THIS RANGER THE PEACE OF THOSE
WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL!"

Dick Childers

veteran of Ranger Regiment

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WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY HONORABLY AND WELL!"

"The above members have died in the past few months. The deceased member's membership number is carried in perpetuity and will not be issued to a newly applying member. Honoring our dead is a responsibility that we all share. We lose not only a member, but a brother that many of us have fought beside and endured the hardships of being a soldier with. They are not forgotten! They will be remembered by this association and discussed whenever we gather."



She gave you her phone number. It's actually hers.



Never miss a genuine opportunity.

EDITORIAL:**AN OPEN LETTER**

To the President of the United States:
Mr. Clinton:

I saw recently that you will travel to Vietnam shortly to make peace and to normalize relations. I had a few thoughts that I felt compelled to share with you on the subject. I don't expect any changes or results from sharing these thoughts, but it will make me feel better and perhaps, in the long run, there will be consequences that I cannot estimate.

I have long suspected that 'Honor', (used as a noun or a verb), is a word that escapes the consciousness of most politicians. I suppose that one could explain the lies that you have told your wife, special prosecutors, both Houses of Congress and the American People in the Monica matter a matter of political expedience. Perhaps they don't have courses in ethics at Yale and Oxford, although when I was in a local, run of the mill law school, legal ethics was a required course. Maybe at the top of the food chain, ethics becomes less important, and the 'spin' that can be imparted to any set of facts controls, (what does 'is' mean?). It is clear to me that you have raised the avoidance of honor to an art form, or that you never knew what it was in the first place.

When I was in the military and in Vietnam I learned about honor the hard way. A leader, especially a leader, must be most conscious of honor, (both the verb and the noun). An honorable leader always tells the truth to the people he leads, he never asks anyone to do anything that he is not prepared and able to do himself, he never does anything that he does not want his people to do and he leads from the front, by setting the example. He protects his people, insulating them from the folly (sometimes) of his superiors, and prepares them to face the enemy, picking the most advantageous times and places to engage them, and avoiding the times and situations that would favor the enemy.

As Commander in Chief of America's military forces, you have violated those duties in Somalia, in Bosnia and in your general attitude toward the military. You have committed troops with no clear mission, with insufficient assets with which to accomplish the assigned tasks and with no appreciation of what would be required of them and of what they would endure.

Perhaps, in retrospect, it was ill considered for the United States to enter the war on the side of the South Vietnamese. It may be that you were correct in avoiding service in the military. It is even possible that you were motivated by your convictions and not by fear. It is certainly true that peace and normal relations are long overdue between the Vietnamese people and the people of the United States. Communism, that great specter of the Cold War, (for some of us, not so cold), has been proven to be a toothless dragon. It simply doesn't work. Given enough time, it will topple of its own accord, tumbled by its own immense bureaucracy and ineptitude.

All of the above being said, you do not deserve the honor of playing the role of peacemaker. Peace should be the instrument of warriors, for only they know the terrible price of the alternative. But, of course, if you possessed any honor yourself, you would know that. The dichotomy, of course, is that only the honorable recognize dishonor. Surely there is someone that you can send in your stead, someone who was in the war, someone who has acted honorably?

Signed:

John Chester



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