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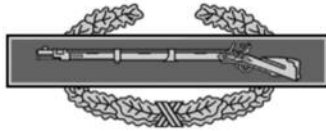
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**OUR MISSION:**

1. To identify and offer membership to all eligible 75th Infantry Rangers, and members of the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Companies, Long Range Patrol Companies, Ranger Companies and Detachments, Vietnamese Ranger Advisors of the Biet Dong Quan; members of LRSU units that trace their lineage to Long Range Patrol Companies that were attached to Brigade or larger units during the Vietnam War and the 75th Ranger Regiment.  
2. To sustain the Association. *Unlike the WWII Battalions and Merrill's Marauders, the 75RRA accepts members and former members of the Active Ranger Battalions. By doing so we are perpetuating the association. It will not "die off" as these two organizations someday will.*

4. To assist, when possible, those active units and their members who bear the colors and lineage of the 5307th Composite Provisional Unit (CPU), 475th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry (Ranger) Companies (Merrill's Marauders), 1st and 2nd Battalions (Ranger) 75th Infantry, the 75th Ranger Regiment, consisting of Regimental Headquarters 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ranger Battalions, successor units, or additions to the Regiment.

**WHAT WE DO:**

During the last five years we have provided financial support to the young men of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Each year, through contributions from our members and some outside sources, we have provided about \$4,000.00 to each of the three Ranger Battalions and \$2,000.00 to the Regimental HQ. These funds enabled the families of the junior enlisted men, (E-5 & below) to get certificates for toys for the children and turkeys for Christmas dinner.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:**

**SECTION 2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol**

- A. V Corp (LRRP)
- B. VII Corp (LRRP)
- C. 9th Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- D. 25th Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- E. 196th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
- F. 1st Cav. Div. (LRRP)
- G. 1st Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- H. 4th Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- I. 101st Abn. Div., 1st Bde. (LRRP)
- J. 199th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
- K. 173rd Abn. Bde. (LRRP)
- L. 3rd Inf. Div. (LRRP)

**SECTION 3: Long Range Patrol**

- A. Co D (LRP) 17th Inf.
- B. Co E (LRP) 20th Inf.
- C. Co E (LRP) 30th Inf.
- D. Co E (LRP) 50th Inf.
- E. Co F (LRP) 50th Inf.
- F. Co E (LRP) 51st Inf.
- G. Co F (LRP) 51st Inf.
- H. Co E (LRP) 52nd Inf.

- I. Co F (LRP) 52nd Inf.
- J. Co C (LRP) 58th Inf.
- K. Co E (LRP) 58th Inf.
- L. Co F (LRP) 58th Inf.
- M. 70th Inf. DET (LRP)
- N. 71st Inf. DET (LRP)
- O. 74th Inf. DET (LRP)
- P. 78th Inf. DET (LRP)
- Q. 79th Inf. DET (LRP)
- R. Co D (LRP) 151st Inf.

**SECTION 4: 75th Infantry Ranger Companies**

- A. Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- B. Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- C. Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf.
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- F. Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- G. Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- H. Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- I. Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- J. Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- K. Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- L. Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf.

We have funded trips for families to visit their wounded sons and husbands while they were in the hospital. We have purchased a learning program soft ware for the son of one young Ranger who had a brain tumor removed. The Army took care of the surgery, but no means existed to purchase the learning program. We fund the purchase of several awards for graduates of RIP and Ranger School. We have contributed to each of the three Battalion's Memorial Funds and Ranger Balls, and to the Airborne Memorial at Ft. Benning. We have bi-annual reunions and business meetings. Our Officers, (President, 1st & 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer), are elected at this business meeting. This reunion coincides with the 75th Ranger Regiment's Ranger Rendezvous, and is at Columbus, GA. (Ft. Benning). We have off year reunions at various locations around the country.

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1998-2000	Terry Roderick
2000-2002	Emmett Hiltibrand
2002-2004	Dana McGrath
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2005-2007	Stephen Crabtree
2007-2009	William Bullen

- M. Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- N. Co O (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- O. Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- P. Co D (RANGER) 151st Inf.

**SECTION 5: Vietnamese Ranger Advisors BDQ**

All units of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ).

**SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment**

- A. 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- B. 2nd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- C. 3rd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1984.
- D. 75th Ranger Regiment HQ's Company, activated in 1984.

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## MAGAZINE

I have said this so many times, I am despairing of ever getting this through to the people submitting material to the magazine, **PLEASE DON'T SUBMIT TEXT WITH PHOTOS OR ANY OTHER GRAPHICS IMBEDDED IN IT.** If you do, I can't use either text or photos/graphics.

A few people have stepped up and gotten some sponsors for the card ad section of the magazine. You will note the new spots. These really help us to cover some of the cost of the magazine, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please put them in touch with me. My contact information is to the left of this paragraph, or give me their address and I will send them a copy of the magazine.

## WEB SITE

The transfer of the website has been completed. I am working on reformatting the unit history pages while waiting for the balance of unit directors to update their message and forward the mug shots that have been requested countless times. For those who have already responded, thanks for your efforts.

A couple of the forms on the website were not operational (but they are now), a big thanks to Joseph Meinike for pointing that out! Now that the dates are set for the reunion I will soon be adding the capability for you to sign up and pre-pay through the website. A lot of folks used this convenience last time and appreciated how much time they saved during the check in process . . . it also relieves a bit of the load on the folks manning the tables (and permits them to enjoy the reunion with the rest of us).

Please don't forget to send reunion (or IN COUNTRY) pictures you would like posted and linked to your unit page . . . this goes for all members. Also, if there are any units that have their own websites that are not already linked to your unit page please let me know.

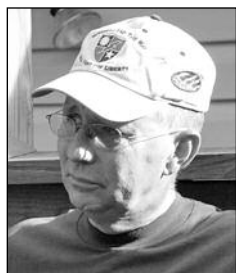
Remember, you can pay dues on-line as well as reunion/banquet fees without being a PayPal member!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Bullen

First off, "Reunion 2009" dates have been committed to by the Commander of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, to correspond with "Rendezvous". They are August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This is the earliest we've ever known the dates, which gives us a lot more flexibility for planning. VP Bill Postelnic is leading the project and has done a wonderful job thus far, Duke and Terry are along side to keep him in line!. We also need to also remember



**Bill Bullen**

Erica "Cummings" Newton, our present liaison at Holiday Inn, Manchester Hwy, Columbus, Ga

The very best part of being the President of the 75thRRA is the GREAT people you will meet. Some in the military others have retired separated short of retirement but most are successful and very interesting, good people. I have a few I'd like to highlight.

Don Zacherl former US Army Ranger [dzacherl@t3-tigertech.com], recently shared this information with me, it is just one more example of the success of fellow Rangers in the civilian arena.

Washington, DC 14 April 2008 –

Donald H. Zacherl, CEO, T3 Technologies, LLC was awarded the *Outstanding American by Choice Award* by the Department of Homeland Security, Citizen and Immigration Services, on 14 April 2008 at a ceremony in the central courtyard of the Pentagon. Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England presided. The award we presented by Dr. Emilio Gonzales, Director of Citizen and Immigration Services. Thirty military service members became naturalized US citizens at the same ceremony.

The *Outstanding American by Choice* initiative recognizes the achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens. Through their civic participation, professional achievement, and responsible citizenship, the recipients of honor have demonstrated their commitment to this country and to the common civic values that unite us as Americans. Initiated in 2006, USCIS Director Emilio T. González has recognized naturalized citizens who have made significant contributions to both their community and their adopted country. Previous winners of the award include Elie Wiesel, author, Gloria Estefan, entertainer, and Elaine Chou, Secretary of Labor, and GEN (ret) John Shalikashvili, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Zacherl was recognized as one of the 'Premier 100' IT Leaders by *Computer World* Magazine, and is an alumni of *Lead Virginia*. While on active duty in the US Army, Zacherl served in the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, on the Joint Staff under GEN Colin Powell, and Commanded 3<sup>rd</sup> 321<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery.

Additional information on the *Outstanding American by Choice* award and the presentation ceremony may be obtained by going to the Department of Homeland Security, Citizen and Immigration Services website at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/> and Department of Defense Public Relations website at [http://www.dodvclips.mil/?fr\\_story=FRdamp265776&rf=sitemap](http://www.dodvclips.mil/?fr_story=FRdamp265776&rf=sitemap)

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**FORMER SOUTHERN MISS FOOTBALL PLAYER CHOSEN AS DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON**  
By David Tisdale

**HATTIESBURG** – Mark Jones' service in the United States Army included a stint as Airborne Ranger, but he admits his military career didn't begin at such lofty heights.

The former University of Southern Mississippi football player left school to join the Army as a way to help his ailing wife with her medical expenses. His first assignment was as a cook, and jumping out of planes was the furthest thing from his mind.

"It's not because I wanted to jump out of a plane," said Jones, now retired from the Army, of his decision to make the move to the join the Airborne Rangers, which included additional financial incentives for its members. "Actually, I was terrified of heights, but it was the only way I could make ends meet."

A Biloxi native, Jones went from the mess hall to the Airborne Rangers, where he earned the nickname "Ranger" for his intensity and dedication, logging more than 3,500 airborne jumps. His experience and reputation make him the only person that former President George H.W. Bush's wife Barbara trusts to jump with her husband on his well-known skydiving ventures.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Jones rose to the heights in the military, with and without the help of an airplane. His sterling reputation and record of service helped elevate him to the position of top assistant to Gen. Henry Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs. Recently, he was asked by the Department of Defense to be its official spokesperson and was also asked to serve as host of a series of television shows that focus on military issues scheduled to air on ABC-TV.

He now heads his own company, Ranger Jones and Associates, which provides a variety of services, ranging from medical supplies to construction and security services. Jones also works to help veterans, both in Mississippi and across the country, through a variety of charitable ventures.

"I'm living a dream," Jones says when he answers his phone, ever grateful for the opportunities that have come his way.

But in the mid-1980s, his dreams bordered on nightmares as his wife faced an uncertain future after suffering from an aneurism. Jones gave up school and football at Southern Miss to join the U.S. Army to secure medical benefits for his spouse. Today, Jones is using his experience, connections in government and the entertainment industry, as well as a deep concern borne from his personal experiences, to help families of military veterans struggling with medical expenses.

A cameo appearance in the Civil War movie *Glory* provided Jones with an opportunity to become acquainted with some of Hollywood's top actors, including Denzel Washington, who he "recruited" in his efforts to help veterans. One of those efforts is supporting Fisher House Foundation, an organization that provides housing for the families of soldiers who are receiving medical treatment.

Jones took Washington on a tour of one of the facilities near Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, and after meeting some of the families that received assistance from Fisher house, the actor gave \$500,000 to help fund the facilities.

According to Jones, soldiers who are injured and need medical treatment lose their special active duty pay once they become inactive, putting a financial hardship on the soldier and his family.

Jones said, for example, if a soldier from Hattiesburg had to receive medical services at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., his or her family could stay for free at the nearby Fisher House facility, one of 30 of its kind across the country.

"It just doesn't make sense," Jones said of the situation injured soldiers face and why he is such a strong supporter of the Fisher House Foundation. "I had so much sympathy for the families of these soldiers because many was the day I had to sleep in my car when my wife was in the hospital because I couldn't afford a hotel."

Ironically, Jones is now working closely with a Southern Miss connection on a bidding effort to construct a veteran's hospital in Puerto Rico. Larry Harrington, who is with Yates Construction Company's government services division, is working with Jones on the hospital project. Harrington's father, Larry "Doc" Harrington, the former longtime head trainer and tennis coach at Southern Miss, was a mentor to Jones during his days as football player at Southern Miss.

"He ("Doc") was true blue to me, always encouraging me and being there for me," said Jones, who had the unfortunate luck of being behind former Southern Miss and Pittsburgh Steelers star Louis Lipps in the USM wide receiver lineup. Though his playing time was limited as Lipps' backup, he recalls his days as a Golden Eagle with pride.

"It's funny how things work out now that I'm working with his (Doc's) son on this project."

The younger Harrington said that Jones' company is acting as a teaming partner with Yates on the bid for the veteran's hospital. A military veteran himself, Harrington said Jones is a dynamic individual, a patriot who loves his country and home state.

Jones is also involved in a project to benefit veterans who receive services at Keesler Medical Center in his hometown of Biloxi.

"He's one of those guys who believes he's been afforded some great opportunities in his life and wants to give back, especially to veterans," said Harrington, a former Southern Miss football player who now heads the U.S. National Guard's 168th Engineering Group based in Vicksburg. "It's hard to find people like that."

Jones lives in what is arguably the center of world power in Washington, D.C., but Mississippi is rarely off his mind. And despite all he's accomplished, he hasn't forgotten about Southern Miss, where he remains just a few hours short of earning a degree -- which he is determined to obtain.

"My goal is to get my degree from USM and walk across that stage at graduation (ceremonies)," he said.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

### YOGA Director

Mary Anne College, Yoga PTSD director for the 75<sup>th</sup> RRA, though not a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> has been as involved more than most members being the wife and partner of John Chester. This has been a great accomplishment in itself.

Maryanne has been attending classes and achieving degrees of accomplishment in her field. A retired Inner-City Baltimore teacher, Maryanne knows what PTSD is, she has many stories to tell, and how do you ask someone to let you in? The point of the exercise is; John Chester, Maryanne's husband has been her case study. She has been, at her own expense, attending and participating in several clinical and educational seminars for just this purpose. For those of you who have attended Maryanne's Yoga classes at the reunions you know how therapeutic they are. I'm not asking you to subscribe to her classes but to say the idea is beneficial. Furthermore we should say thanks to her for her

contribution to our wellbeing. Maryanne will be holding several educational and therapeutic sessions at the next reunion. Ask around, a few of us have attended in the past and benefited from the experience.

Any Viet Nam ERA LRRP/Ranger, please send copy of DSC Award to Roxanne at the JFK Museum at Ft. Bragg, NC Phone 910-432-1533. There will be an honor wall with a KIOS below with the actual award to be retrieved and viewed.

In closing I like to ask all to stand behind our new Commander in Chief, and make this thing we call Democracy work, something most of us have fought and bled for some have paid the ultimate price to see such an historic event take place. Congratulations Barrack Obama and God Bless America!

Bill Bullen

## FIRST-VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Postelnic

### 2009 RANGER HALL OF FAME

Certainly, there is no shortage of LRPs, LRRPs, BDQ Advisors and Rangers deserving to be in the Ranger Hall of Fame. The Ranger Hall of Fame Bylaws, state that each Major Army Command and recognized association is allowed to submit up to three nominees each year. Additionally, Ranger Hall of Fame Members can each submit one nominee annually.



**Bill Postelnic**

Reviewing the nomination packets submitted to the Association and being able to select only three is a very serious and humbling undertaking. Fortunately, we have a committee of seven Association Members whose job it is to review all the packets submitted. This year's committee members include Roy Barley, Duke DuShane, Kevin Ingraham, Wes Jurena, Wayne Mitsch, Terry Roderick and Jim Waters. These men represent a cross section of our members from Vietnam LRRP and Ranger Units, BDQ Advisors and the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Battalions.

Instructions and sample nomination packets were sent to all Unit Directors in November. The due date for nomination packets is January 15 and the packets may be either e-

mailed or snail-mailed to me. Also, feel free to call with questions about nominations or regarding any matters relating to the Ranger Hall of Fame. As soon as the National Ranger Hall of Fame announces the Inductees for 2009, the information will be posted on our website and published in the next edition of Patrolling Magazine.

### 2009 ASSOCIATION REUNION AND RANGER RENDEZVOUS

Be there: August 2 through August 8... Fort Benning and Columbus Georgia... Literally thousands of LRRPs, LRPs, BDQs, Rangers – with service from World War II to the present – and family members converging during the week and culminating with the Association Banquet at the Iron Works on Saturday night. Make it easy on the Association, and particularly for Secretary John Chester, and convenient for yourself by registering for the Reunion on-line at the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment website.

We have reserved 150 rooms at the Association Headquarters Hotel, the Holiday Inn North on Manchester Parkway. These rooms will go quickly, and it will be hard to find rooms anywhere in Columbus at the last minute, so make your reservations directly with the Holiday Inn North, and do it soon. The rooms we have reserved are available at the group rate of \$79.00 per night.



## FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Planned Association activities include a Member Business Meeting, Unit Director Meeting, Sport Parachute Jump, Hospitality Room, Individual Unit Events, Guest Speakers, and Special Seminars. There will also be the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Change of Command Ceremony, National Ranger Memorial Service, 2009 Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Mass Tactical Parachute Jump, the new Infantry Museum, Demonstrations, and much more.

### THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD

For all of us, our military service as a LRRP, LRP or Ranger stands as a most significant chapter in our lives, representing some of the best times and some of the worst. Sharing those memories with others we served with, and with those with similar experience who served before and after us, helps us deal with the past and the future in ways we cannot do alone. It also provides a lot of humor and enjoyment. Just like it was way back when, we still need each other. There is nothing like the camaraderie of being with your own kind once again. Maybe it is a bit of sanity in an insane world, or it is a bit of insanity in a sane world. Probably it is both.

Brotherhood is where you find it, and a few years ago I found it on the internet on a website: ArmyRanger.com. It is a place where I have come to know LRRPs, BDQs and Rangers from all eras, even men serving today. The other thing I found is that a lot of the guys who frequent the site are also Association members, including Association Unit Directors and elected officers. Just about all the site administrators and moderators are Association members, as

is the owner of the site. Because of my participation on ArmyRanger.com, I have many more brothers of all ages than I otherwise would not have. When I travel on business, I can post on the site what city I will be in, and there is always someone who is willing to share a meal and a few beers with me, and even offer a place to stay.

The site has separate forums for Vietnam veterans and each of the three Ranger Battalions. There is a PTSD forum, a post service forum, political and news forums, health and physical fitness forums, a forum for wives and parents of Rangers and even a joke forum. The site also provides mentorship for young men who enlist to become Army Rangers. I have mentored a number of young men and can tell you that it is a very rewarding experience. Also, the vetting process to become a member of the site is just like the process for joining the Association. You have to be verified by another member. So there are no phonies. And there are no membership fees.

ArmyRanger.com is not the only site for LRRPs and Rangers. There is AirborneRanger.com, SOCNET.com, Military.com, TogetherWeServed.com and many more. Google "Army Ranger" and "LRRP" and see what comes up. Get on a site and communicate regularly with old and new friends. Join in the discussions. Give and get advice from men you can trust, who are like you. Camaraderie with your own kind can be just a click away.

R. L. T. W.

Bill

## SECOND-VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joe Little

It seems just like yesterday I was mentioning writing something for our quarterly Patrolling. Well, it was and now a few days later I am attempting to figure out the whirl wind ride I've been on for the last few months.



Joe Little

I just returned from D.C. after four days there with a group of Vietnam Veterans from Arizona part of a 21 year old project called "Operation Freedom Bird." A couple of things happened this time that I did not expect

or caused me to ponder on things said. I was in our second or third day at the "Wall" and was working with some of

those Veterans from Arizona. And Bill Mrkvicka, Joe Gentile, Jeff Sandell and David Regenthal were all together and someone asked if we knew each other. I mentioned we all served in the same unit and I believe it was Mark that made an interesting comment; not only did we all serve in the same unit we all were on missions together at one time or another and not just once. I've always considered us as brothers and there has been a special bond; however never thought about how special that bond was. Not only did we serve together, but were on missions together. One of my clients asked me later about the comment and he wanted to know since we went on missions if the bond was that much stronger and how he envied what we had. I guess he could see how we were

## SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

interacting with each other and of course Joe with his New York style of sarcastic humor with the subtle laugh that manages to get everyone cracking up. Yes, we are brothers something we all hold dear. We are able to laugh and tease one another about things that happened in-country many years later something some of us have taken for granted. By the time many get this issue some will be making plans on attending this year's re-union and I guess what I mentioned above is more of a reason to attend. We are a band of brothers serving in same units pulling similar missions and some breaking brush together and loading our wounded teammates on dust-off's as well. We can conjure up many lucky moments and embellish on what took place, but none can fake the kinship we all share.

At our banquet dinner we had many guest speakers Cindy spoke about "Wall Magic" touching the heart strings of many, especially me. We have known each other for many years about 10 or 12 at the time a certain event took place. We usually have a brief moment to say hi and share a hug or two. About three years ago we had some extra time and I asked about her late husband. She spoke of how he was in Tay-Ninh and was on top of some mountain. I mentioned Black Virgin and she said yes, but you would not have known him he was signal with Special Forces Group. After

she mentioned that she showed me a picture of him and I said "John" and she "I never told you his name" I told her we played cards together when our teams were stuck on top due to bad weather. Needless to say we hugged each other for a very long time. She had been searching for someone that knew of him for many years and we played cards. Yes, "Wall Magic" took place again; and she spoke of many such occurrences with others; she had everyone at dinner feeling the magic as all stood applauding her. After Cindy's talk a couple of seriously wounded soldiers that served in Iraq from "Wounded Warrior Project spoke briefly along with their mentor Vietnam Veterans. There message was praise to all the Vietnam Veterans, "We would not have what we have today if it were not for you standing up for what you never received; your voice was heard and we are reaping the benefits, you made sure other Veterans would not be treated the same." "Thank You Vietnam Veterans" We have changed and touched the lives of many let us not stop; let us continue to promote improvement in care and benefits for our brother veterans for they will be helping us some day as we are aging we will pass the torch to those that follow; for we are all brothers.

Joe Little, RLW  
2nd VP 75th RRA

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

By John Chester



**John Chester**

As I write this, I am languishing away in Boston. Mary Anne is attending a Yoga and PTSD seminar, and for whatever reason, I tagged along for the ride. I have never spent any time in Boston, so this is an opportunity to do a little sightseeing and generally look around an area where so much of our country's early history was made. I am impressed with the sense of timelessness that permeates the very fabric of this town. The Battle of Bunker Hill might have happened yesterday, Paul Revere's ride, a few days later. The sense of history is almost palpable. No matter how you feel about the last election, it is encouraging to be in a place that has been a witness to so many milestones in our history; no matter who is in charge.

Speaking of Yoga, most of you know that Mary Anne is a Yoga instructor, has been for several years. At the 2007

Ranger Rendezvous/Reunion, she offered free classes to the attendees, both LRRPS & Rangers, as well as spouses and family members. In the past several years there has been a great deal of research into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, (PTSD) and treatment modems for the condition. The Trauma Center at Justice Resource Institute, where Mary Anne is taking her 40 hour certification course in Trauma Sensitive Yoga, has conducted several medical studies confirming the positive effects of using yoga to treat combat PTSD. Some of the research has even been carried out by the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Department of the Army, both of whom found that the practice of Yoga yielded positive results regarding the symptoms of PTSD. Mary Anne will be offering free yoga classes at the next Rendezvous/Reunion, and these will incorporate the practices designed to address PTSD. There were quite a few positive responses from the last classes, so it will be interesting to see what the new classes bring. I know that for me, the practice of yoga, sporadic as it is for me, has helped me considerably. Not to mention that Mary Anne has her

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

own personal lab rat, (that would be me), as well as Fones, Jellyroll, etc. from time to time. She does inhabit, as far as PTSD is concerned, a target rich environment.

If you do suffer some of the symptoms of PTSD, and what you have tried hasn't helped a whole lot, you are welcome to get in touch with Mary Anne or I. We are trying to put together a resource list and hopefully can put you in touch with a trauma sensitive Yoga program. (See Mary Anne's article in the Feature Articles section.) Now a very good move would be for all of us to come to Mary Anne's yoga class with a few months of practice under our belts.

### Family Fund

There have been additions to each of the three Ranger Battalions. I am not going to go into details, but it is common knowledge that each Battalion has seen the additions of some Companies and ancillary units. For that reason, the Board felt that the money furnished for toys for the children of the junior Enlisted Personnel and for turkeys be increased. Accordingly, each Battalion was given \$4,000.00 for toys and certificates, and \$1,500.00 for turkeys or Holiday food certificates, both up from last year. I spoke with Shelia Dudley from 1<sup>st</sup> Batt, and she assured me that the money will be put to good use and will be much appreciated. (See invitation).

I think that this is one of the more valuable and thoughtful things that we do for the young Rangers and their families. It certainly sends a message that we are in their corner and support them during these times of multiple deployments and separations from their families. I will have some notes and photos from the activities funded in the next issue, as well as an after action report on the activities from each Battalion.

### 2009 Reunion/Rendezvous

We now have dates for the 2009 Reunion, which will be held in conjunction with the bi-annual Ranger Rendezvous. Bill Postelnic, the first Vice-President, has taken point on this and has arranged for a smooth operation and a good time for all. He was able to secure a room rate at the Holiday Inn North, the same hotel as last reunion, of \$79.00 per night. This is the same rate as Reunion 2007! That's a good deal. When has a price for anything stayed the same for two years? Now if Bill can get us gasoline prices the same as they were in 2007, I'd be very happy.

I am going to keep this short, this will be a full issue and I don't need to add too much to the word count. We wish every one a wonderful Christmas and New Years.

## Ranger Kid's Christmas Party

Our thanks to the individuals who are sponsoring  
this special party for our Ranger Kids !

**\*\*\*Please RSVP Yes response ONLY to Shelia at (912)308-1390 or  
email dudleys@soc.mil**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 2 – 4 P.M., Battalion  
HQs Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Bldg 405**

**Delicious Cookies  
from  
"2 Smart Cookies"**

**Free Photos  
taken with  
Magic Marc and  
Santa to send to  
Dad!**



**Special  
Appearance  
by Santa and  
his Elves**

**Gifts for all the  
Kids and  
something  
special for  
Mom!!!!**

**Special Appearance by TV Personality and Kid's Favorite Magic Marc!!!!**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### DISCLAIMER

**DISCLAIMER:** This series of articles entitled 'LEGISLATIVE HELP LINE' is meant to be an informative aid in assisting you in protecting your rights. It is also meant to keep you informed of the ever-changing legislative forum that may affect you. There is a caveat here. The 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association is not allowed to assist you in this effort. Our Constitution has a stipulation that forbids this. Article IV: Sec. 2. The Association shall not endorse any political candidate, platform or party. Sec. 3. Officers, Directors and Members shall not engage in any form of activity that implies or specifically relates the Association to any form of public activity without first obtaining approval from the Association. Therefore, no Officer, Unit Director, Advocate or Member may present himself as a representative speaking for or on the behalf of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association. Now, this does not prevent you from acting for yourself on your own behalf, I quote Article IV, Section 5: The foregoing does not restrict or prohibit members from engaging in activities which are the constitutional right of any citizen. As I said, this section is provided as a service to inform you. You must act on your own. Do not attempt to act on behalf of the Association. Thank you, William L. Bullen, President

### **BARCODE BASICS:**

A European Article Number (EAN) is a barcoding standard which is a superset of the original 12-digit Universal Product Code (UPC) system developed in North America. Check the barcode if you are interested in knowing the country that the item you are considering purchasing came from. The first two or three digits of an EAN-13 barcode identify the country in which the manufacturer's identification code was assigned. For example the EAN: 4 710088 412539 is assigned to Taiwan. This may or may not be the country in which the goods were manufactured but in many cases is. Following are some EAN identifiers of countries consumers might want to consider prior to making their decision whether to buy or not. For a complete listing refer to [http://www.makebarcode.com/specs/ean\\_cc.html](http://www.makebarcode.com/specs/ean_cc.html):

00 to 13 (USA & Canada)  
 400 to 440 (Germany)  
 45 + 49 (Japan)  
 460 to 469 (Russian Federation)  
 471 (Taiwan)  
 480 (Philippines)  
 489 (Hong-Kong)  
 626 (Iran)  
 690 - 695 (China)  
 867 (North Korea)  
 880 (South Korea)  
 893 (Vietnam)

[Source: The Barcode Software Center, Inc Nov 08 ++]

### **VA HEALTH CARE**

#### **FUNDING UPDATE 17:**

President-elect Barack Obama promised days before the 4 NOV election that his administration would support the idea of approving veterans' funding one year in advance in an effort to avoid disruptions in critical programs. His

pledge, made in a 28 OCT letter to the American Federation of Government Employees, puts him on record as supporting what a coalition of veterans organizations sees as the answer to a perennial problem: funding for veterans programs that comes in fits and starts — and, in the process, diminishing the quality of health care. "First and foremost, the way our nation provides funding for VA health care must be reformed," Obama says in the letter. "My administration will recommend passage of advance appropriation legislation for the [fiscal] 2010 appropriations cycle, instead of yearly continuing resolutions that lead to delays in hiring and facility construction. I will also work to fully fund veterans care." Nine veterans' groups, united in what they call the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform, have been calling for reform because only twice in the last 14 years — and only three times in the last 20 — has the Veterans Affairs Department budget been approved by the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1. This has been one of the years when the budget passed on time.

The nine groups proposed that Congress pass a budget for veterans programs a full year ahead of time, which would mean that in 2009 lawmakers would need to pass both a fiscal 2010 budget and a fiscal 2011 budget. Obama's letter indicates support for that idea. Delayed budgets hurt veterans because they make it harder for VA to plan capital improvements and buy major medical equipment, and also delays hiring, said Joseph Violante, national legislative director of Disabled American Veterans. Another benefit to advanced funding is that veterans programs would get a first slice of the federal budget, without having to directly compete with other federal programs, Violante said. The day after his election, Obama pledged as president to fully fund VA and establish a "world-class VA planning division" so that future budgets were more accurate, according to a



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transition agenda that was briefly placed on the president-elect's transition Web site. The transition agenda has since been removed.

[Source: NavyTimes Rick Maze article 12 Nov 08 ++]

### **VA/DOD RESUME REVIEW:**

Following is an excerpt taken from an editorial written by Bruce Coulter, editor of the Burlington Union and a retired, disabled veteran. He may be reached at 978-371-5775, or by e-mail at bcoulter@cnc.com. Reproduction in the Bulletin is to provide insight into some of the president elect's options related to veterans and should not be considered an endorsement of the content:

"During the course of a 21- month presidential campaign, President-elect Barack Obama said he would derail the amount of legislation passed on behalf of Washington, D.C. lobbyists, many of whom are former government officials. Although he's taken a step back from that posture, he hopes to limit the role and influence of special interest groups. Still, jobs, according to Politico.com, would still be available to lobbyists, but not within the sphere of their private practice. In other words, an energy industry lobbyist would not likely be hired to work for the Department of Energy. Given that position, Obama should take a hard look at Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Peake, who earlier this year proposed outsourcing the administration of new Post-9/11 G.I Bill benefits. The VA has since reversed course, announcing last month it would rely upon its own workforce to set up the information technology programs needed to implement the educational benefits of the G.I. Bill. The plan was not well received by veterans' groups, who loudly protested against the proposal. Peake was an executive with California-based QTC Management, Inc, a private corporation that provides compensation and pension examinations for the VA. The chairman of QTC is former VA secretary Anthony Principi. If Obama is serious about limiting the influence of special interests, he should consider nominating Tammy Duckworth, a decorated and disabled veteran of the Iraq War, and now, the director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. Duckworth was serving as co-pilot of a Black Hawk helicopter in Iraq that was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. As a result of the attack, she lost both legs and partial use of one arm. Despite what could have been a major personal setback, Duckworth has moved forward with her life, making an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 2006 and still serving as a major in the Illinois National Guard, despite being offered a medical retirement. Duckworth may also be a sentimental favorite as a

"hometown" pick given that she, like Obama, represents the Land of Lincoln. John Raughter, a spokesman for the American Legion, when asked for a comment regarding Duckworth's possible nomination, said the group's bylaws do not allow endorsements for any offices.

"So we always focus on positions, rather than personalities," he said. ... Other candidates being considered for the position is the incumbent, Peake, and Max Cleland, a former U.S. Senator from Georgia and a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War.

And while he's taking applications Obama should consider sending David Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness packing. Chu, a career federal service employee, is no friend of veterans. In a 2005 interview with the Wall Street Journal, Chu said Congress had gone too far in expanding military retiree benefits. "The amounts have gotten to the point where they are hurtful. They are taking away from the nation's ability to defend itself," said Chu. Now he's at it again. The Department of Defense has instituted a policy, based on a memorandum written by Chu, according to Disabled American Veteran Magazine, "Limits the number of injured and disabled servicemembers who would not have to repay their military disability severance pay before they could receive disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs." Chu's memo redefines what qualifies as a combat-related injury, despite the intent of Congress's passage of the 2008 Defense Authorization act, which allows combat-related special compensation for injuries received in a combat zone or duty performed in combat-related operations. In his memo, Chu defined combat-related injuries as "a disease or injury incurred in the line of duty as a direct result of armed conflict." In short, by changing Congress's policy, Chu has cheated a large group of veterans out of compensation they earned the hard way, including many who would be eligible for combat-related special compensation. By the way, the pensions earned by veterans after 20 or more years of service are likely to be dwarfed by the federal pension Chu will receive. It's time for him to update his resume..."

[Source: Concord MA Burlington Union editorial 10 Nov 08 ++]

### **DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM:**

Wounded service members leaving the military will have easier, quicker access to their veterans benefits due to the expansion of a pilot program that will offer streamlined disability evaluations that will reach 19 military

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installations, representing all military departments. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced 7 NOV the expansion of the Disability Evaluation System (DES) pilot which started in the National Capitol Region in coordination with Departments of Defense (DoD). The pilot is a test of a new process that eliminates duplicative, time-consuming and often confusing elements of the two current disability processes of the departments. The initial phase of the expansion started on 1 OCT with Fort Meade, Md. and Fort Belvoir, Va. The remaining 17 installations will begin upon completion of site preparations and personnel orientation and training, during an 8-month period from NOV 08 to May 09. "The decision to expand the pilot was based upon a favorable review that focused on whether the pilot met its timeliness, effectiveness, transparency, and customer and stakeholder satisfaction objectives," said Sam Retherford, Director, officer and enlisted personnel management, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. "This expansion extends beyond the national capital region, so that more diverse data from other geographic areas can be evaluated, prior to rendering a final decision on worldwide implementation."

The remaining installations to begin the program are: Army: Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Brooke Army Medical Center, Texas; and Fort Polk, La. Navy: Naval Medical Center (NMC) San Diego and Camp Pendleton, Calif.; NMC Bremerton, Wash.; NMC Jacksonville, Fla.; and Camp Lejeune, N.C. Air Force: Vance Air Force Base, Okla.; Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; and Travis Air Force Base, Calif. In November 2007 VA and DoD implemented the pilot test for disability cases originating at the three major military treatment facilities in the national capital region. To date, over 700 service members have participated in the pilot over the last ten months. The single disability examination pilot is focused on recommendations from the reports of the Task Force on Returning Global War on Terrorism Heroes, the Independent Review Group, the President's

Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (the Dole/Shalala Commission), and the Commission on Veterans' Disability Benefits.

[Source: VA Media relations 7 Nov 08 ++]



Submitted by Dave Walker. The cartoon illustrates the lack of knowledge on the part of the Wannabe Community. There were very few LRRP'S, LRP'S or Ranger Snipers during the Vietnam era, but there are a large number of posers who claim to be snipers.

## H E A L T H

## DISCLAIMER

*The following articles dealing with health issues that concern or could concern our members are presented for your information and should not be construed as an endorsement of any of the treatments, medications or procedures outlined herein. It should be understood that there are new medications and treatments being developed that are largely untested, and though they show promise in the treatment of a given illness or condition, they may not be effective or safe for all individuals.*

**HYPERTENSION UPDATE 01:**

The lives of nearly 8,000 black Americans could be saved each year if doctors could figure out a way to bring their average blood pressure down to the average level of whites, a surprising new study found. The gap between the races in controlling blood pressure is well-known, but the resulting number of lives lost startled some scientists. The study, released 10 NOV in the *Annals of Family Medicine*, is being called the first to calculate the lives lost due to racial disparities in blood pressure control. The lead author, Dr. Kevin Fiscella of the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry said he believes steps can be taken to erase that gap. But a second article in the same journal found that racial differences in blood pressure treatment persisted in England despite a national health system that provides equal access to care. Doctors may not be providing proper care, but some black patients may not be taking prescribed medicines or following medical advice, said Christopher Millett of the Imperial College of London.

High blood pressure — often called the “silent killer” because it has no symptoms — increases a person’s chances for heart disease, stroke and other serious problems. But it’s easy to check for and usually can be controlled through exercise, diet and medication. For decades, doctors have noted that a higher percentage of black Americans have high blood pressure than whites. The reasons for that include poverty and cultural habits. Both can prevent people from exercising, eating healthy foods and getting in to see a good doctor. The study suggesting 8,000 black lives are lost because of uncontrolled blood pressure is based on earlier research that finds that about 40% of black adults have high blood pressure, compared with about 30% of whites. Fiscella and his colleague, Kathleen Holt, made a series of calculations. They took estimates of how each point of increased blood pressure affects the likelihood of death, and put it in a formula that included the difference in black and white blood pressure readings. Those differences caused about 5,500 extra

deaths from heart disease and about 2,200 deaths from stroke each year. The second study, done in England, looked at the electronic medical records of about 8,900 patients in southwest London, who are covered by that country’s national health insurance system. Researchers found black patients with high blood pressure had significantly higher readings than white or Asian patients, even though blacks were prescribed more medications.

The researchers also looked at patients who were sick with one or more conditions like heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes. They found that blood pressure control was much worse in blacks than whites. Patients’ failure to regularly take their medicine may be one factor. Another may be that certain medications work better for blacks, but some doctors may be overlooking that difference, said Millett, a consultant in public health for Imperial College. Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher said changes need to be made to make sure minority patients can get good medical care when they need it. But there also needs to be more done to make sure patients understand medical directions and feel comfortable asking questions when they don’t. “It’s very clear we need to target our efforts to differences in” how well patients follow medical advice, said Satcher, who is now an administrator at Atlanta’s Morehouse School of Medicine.

Once hypertension develops, it becomes a lifetime condition. Hypertension is an increased pressure on the walls of the arteries when the heart pumps blood to the different part of the body. A sphygmomanometer is the instrument used in measuring the blood pressure aided by a stethoscope to check the sound from the arteries. A blood pressure is measured in “biphasic” number-e.g. 120/80. There are two phases when taking blood pressure readings. One is the systolic pressure in which the heart pumps blood from the left side of the heart to the major arteries. The other phase is the diastolic pressure or the pressure in filling up of blood in the chambers of the heart (ventricles). A normal blood pressure is below

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140/90 millimeter per mercury (mm/hg) in a sphygmomanometer reading. An increase in blood pressure connotes hypertension. Anything more than 140/90 mm/hg but less than 160/90 mm/hg is diagnosed as “borderline hypertension.” If the reading is more than 160/90 mm/hg, it is considered as “definite hypertension.” Being hypertensive can greatly affect the normal condition of the heart and circulation of the blood. There is still no known reason why this mechanism fails. [Source: CNN.com/Health article 10 Nov 08 ++]

## **A Web Site for Soldiers with post-combat stress**

If you're in your late teens or early 20's and your energies have been directed for a year or more toward dodging roadside bombs and ambushes, caring for horribly wounded comrades and, in general, killing before being killed, it can be difficult to readjust to a world of shopping malls, speed limits and polite conversation.

Returning to civilian life from combat is almost always difficult. Studies have shown that a third or more of the people returning from combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 300,000 men and women, suffer from mental health difficulties.

Many have experienced deep depression, and alarming numbers have tried or succeeded in committing suicide.

There has been an advertising campaign initiated by an advocacy group, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), to encourage veterans to seek assistance for their mental health problems. The ad campaign is titled “Alone”, and focuses on the sense of isolation so many veterans feel after they separate from the military. The television and print ads encourage the veteran to visit a Web Site, [www.CommunityOfVeterans.org](http://www.CommunityOfVeterans.org) as a place where they can share their experiences with other vets.

The site is filled with features and news updates on many topics and information on a wide range of mental health resources. The ads are very powerful and tend to illuminate the sense of isolation felt by combat veterans. Each ends with the statement, “If you are a veteran of Iraq or Afghanistan, you are not alone.”

If you are such a veteran, I strongly recommend that you have a look at this site.

Ed Note: This was excerpted from the *New York Times*, OP\_ED Nov. 22, 2008

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## *Will I Ever*

*I watched the war on t.v. every night.  
When will I ever forget?*

*My mom cried the day I left.  
When will I ever forget?*

*I helped load body bags.  
When will I forget?*

*I learned to kill from afar.  
When will I forget?*

*I saw many a friend wounded and killed.  
When will I forget?*

*I came home all alone.  
When will I forget?*

*These are important times to remember!  
A man should never forget!!!!*

*Michael D Monfrooe USA Ret  
August 2008*



## GOLD STAR

*First of all let me wish each of you the most Blessed Holiday Season and the Happiest New Year ever. May God richly Bless each of you this year and may His plan for your life become even more clear.*

*For the next several Issues of Patrolling I will be using this section to introduce you to the families and the legacies of some of our fallen Rangers. The first one I selected is Pat Tillman. I never met Pat but I have been in contact with his lovely wife Marie from the start of her walk as a Gold Star wife. I am so proud of her and the things she and his close friends have done through the Pat Tillman Foundation. While she flew below the radar of the media she has built a living legacy to the man she loved and stood by. Find out about the foundation at [www.patillmanfoundation.org](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org). My Shining Star award goes to Marie Tillman. You are a very special lady Marie and we salute you and your efforts.*



Runners, walkers, volunteers and spectators will participate in Pat's Run in Tempe, AZ on April 18, 2009 and in San Jose, CA on April 25, 2009. This 4.2 mile run/walk celebrates the life of former football star and Army Ranger, Pat Tillman. Proceeds from the race benefit the Pat Tillman Foundation and its *Leadership through Action™* initiatives.

Pat Tillman's friends and family created Pat's Run as a way to celebrate Pat's legacy while raising awareness and funds for the Pat Tillman Foundation. Perry Edinger, Pat's friend and former head trainer for Arizona State University, initiated and developed the concept of a 4.2 mile run/walk around Arizona State with a finish on the 42-yard line of Sun Devil Stadium (#42 was Pat's number while a Sun Devil). Perry wanted the event to be something physical, outdoors, and open to all saying, "With Pat's Run, people are motivated to exercise and do something positive for themselves, while honoring Pat's memory, sharing their stories and ultimately being an inspiration to others."

To get more information about Pat's Run and how you get can involved with the Foundation's premiere fundraising event, please visit [www.patsrun.com](http://www.patsrun.com).



### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY HALL OF FAME

ASU has announced that Pat Tillman will be among a class of eight inductees in this year's athletic Hall of Fame. On October 25, the inductees will be honored during the ASU vs Oregon football game at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. Joining Tillman in the 2008 Hall of Fame class is former ASU Head Coach, Bruce Snyder.

Also during the game, there will be a special announcement for this year's *Leadership Through Action™* Tillman Scholars including on-field introduction of the 17 students. ASU #42 Tillman jerseys are on sale for those interested in attending the game and supporting the Pat Tillman Foundation. A portion of the proceeds from Tillman jerseys sold through Sparky's Team Shop, will be donated back to the Pat Tillman Foundation. Sparky's Team Shop is located on the lobby level of Sun Devil Stadium.

### Walk For Pat - Rory's Journey Across the Country



On September 17, a Chicago man embarked on a journey across the country to honor his fellow Ranger and friend, Pat Tillman. Rory Fanning started in Virginia Beach, North Carolina with his backpack, his laptop and his determination to raise money for the Foundation. His initial goal of \$100,000 has now be increased to a goal of \$3.6 million to symbolize the amount of the NFL contract that Tillman turned down when he enlisted in the US Army. Rory's journey is being documented on his blog [www.walkforpat.org](http://www.walkforpat.org) with photos and stories of those he has met along the way as well as ways to contribute to Rory's monetary goal. Rory has become somewhat of a traveling celebrity, doing interviews in many of the cities that he passes through, increasing awareness about *Leadership Through Action™* and The Pat Tillman Foundation.

## FEATURE ARTICLES

### Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Operations in Europe: The Mission

By Bob Murphy

The primary task of the original DA authorized Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Companies in Europe was target acquisition. Or as VII Corps LRRP crests said, “Eyes Behind the Lines”.

Unlike the later Vietnam LRRP/Ranger companies V Corps and VII Corps LRRPs were designed to operate in a battlespace dominated by armor and quite possibly tactical nuclear weapons. Also unlike Vietnam air superiority was not a given and that made resupply and extraction of patrols problematic. The long and the short of it is that sending a C-130 in on a re-supply wasn't going to happen (though Army L-20 fixed wing aircraft were more expendable and thus far more suitable for insertions and resupplies).

LRRP missions against a Warsaw Pact adversary were one way trips because the front lines would probably have been somewhere in France within a week of hostilities.

Long Range target acquisition means behind enemy lines and given the 10:1 superiority in Warsaw Pact tank numbers (that's why US forces in Europe had recourse to tactical nukes, the great equalizer) it wasn't going to be hard to get there. They would come to us.

Preferred method of deployment was “stay behind,” to dig in close to the DDR (aka Inner German Border) or Czech borders and let them overrun the patrols lying dog.

Obviously sites like the Fulda Gap, the traditional East West invasion route through the mountains would channelise the Warsaw Pact armies onto a few highways and that is where LRRPs would be operating in a target rich environment. Both European LRRP Companies were under operational control of Corps G-2 which had direct communications links with Corps Artillery, US Air Force, the Luftwaffe and presumably the Canadian fighter bombers in Baden Baden.

In the response arsenal were also short and medium range nuclear-capable missiles.

The appropriate response to sightings sent in by LRRP Patrols was entirely up to Corps G-2 (Intelligence) and higher headquarters and might well have been tactical nukes. The primary LRRP mission of target acquisition/humint was more than sufficient justification

for the creation of the LRRP Companies but secondary missions were considered at higher level.

Like in Vietnam, operational headquarters for LRRP/Ranger Companies generally did not understand LRRP capabilities and limitations nor even the importance of letting them focus on recon to provide targets for all those otherwise constrained long range weapons delivery systems. Secondary missions considered in a theoretical sense for European LRRP Patrols included insertion of man portable SADMs (Small Atomic Demolition Munitions) nuclear devices which had the same basic warhead as the Davy Crockett. A lot of rumor has surrounded the possibility of such a mission and perhaps in some circumstances it might have been justified. However the need to safeguard the security of such devices and the possibility of being ambushed and having the weapon seized by the Soviets mark such a mission as unlikely. And it is hard to imagine why human insertion would be seriously considered when there were so many high speed, well controlled, highly secure delivery systems for similar and larger nuclear warheads. There was also some consideration to a LRRP role with engineers in emplacing SADMs and possibly MADMs as nuclear mines in the path of the Soviet advance. Why LRRPs should be involved in such a scenario and what they would have added to the mission is not clear at this remove.

Cutting back to the chase, Long Range Patrol missions against an armored and nuclear equipped enemy in Europe is an entirely different dynamic to Vietnam where air-superiority was assured, where extraction even under fire was usually possible on short notice and where patrols came and went without major difficulty (most of the time). In Europe it was a one way trip, the patrols were not practically retrievable and the farther the battlelines moved west and the farther behind the lines the LRRPs were the more valuable (and irreplaceable) their intelligence became.

The thing that was always going to defeat the Warsaw Pact was interdicting their supply lines which would become more critical and more vulnerable to aerial attack the longer they got. After the initial LRRP reports on troop concentrations, convoys, CPs and such like, after all those frontline units had proceeded West chasing NATO forces, the big targets would have been enemy supply lines and mobile missile launchers.

It is important to remember here that LRRPs in Europe had far better long range communications capabilities than Vietnam LRRPs because of their AN/TRC-77 Morse code radios and

## FEATURE ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

the LRRP mobile commo base stations, at least one of which was close by Corps G-2. It is those transmissions that would probably have betrayed the locations of the patrols once the on-air pandemonium of the front lines of both sides had receded west. It is a long standing grievance of many early LRRPs that their sister companies in the Bundeswehr the Fernspahkompanies had burst coders on their Morse Code radios (not to mention their silenced P-38 pistols). Burst coders greatly decreased transmission times and thus the chances of the Russkies successfully using radio direction finders to find patrols. In fact there were some burst coders stashed away in the safe in each LRRP Company and Jim Joiner from VII Corps LRRPs recalls training with them back in 1962. It took 3-5 seconds to transmit the message with a burst coder after establishing radio contact by hand (key). Most patrols never used or even saw the coders. I was in Killers for 2.5 years and never even knew the burst coders were there.

For the historical record here are the key differences between the European and Vietnam LRRP environments:

- No domination of the air
- Little chance of aerial resupply or extraction
- Operating against armored troops
- Tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield
- No Quick Reaction Force on tap if a patrol was compromised
- The longer you stayed in place the farther behind enemy lines you became
- A big chance of being compromised by your own CW radio transmissions
- Densely populated countryside



The Sikorsky H-21 Flying Banana was still in use in 1966 and we were jumping them with Fernspahkompanie 300 in Fritzlar. That shot might give a Vietnam era LRRP a shudder. Wild old beasts. I don't know how they stayed in the sky. But two big jump doors you could go out standing up.

It's no wonder most of us planned on going native when our batteries died. And no wonder we were always getting into trouble with the leggs for wearing sterilized and often foreign uniforms (there were no US issue camouflage fatigues for field use in those days). And no wonder many of us got our boonie boots resoled with German Vibram soles (which also made them lighter and gave you better traction) to make our footprints less identifiable.

Also for the historical record the USA LRRP Co (Abn) 3779 and 3780 secondary missions were to develop a LRP TO&E, which they did. That TO&E was issued in 1965 and that was when the companies were redesignated as Co D, LRP, 17<sup>th</sup> Inf and Co C, LRP, 58<sup>th</sup> Inf respectively. The mission remained exactly the same and both companies retained their unique company crests. They also continued to be commonly referred to as V Corps and VII Corp Long Range Patrol Companies. Even after the original LRRP Companies were Rangered in early 1969 A/75 and B/75 retained their original missions to LRRP for V and VII Corps in the event of war in Europe.

That is why they were never deployed to Vietnam.

Author's Note: "Article based on experience and input from senior people in both European LRRP Companies and the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment. Any errors are totally mine."

This article was written for the VII Corps DVD Vol VIII, available from the VII Corps LRRP Association. Bob Murphy



This photo shows the CH-34 which was the mainstay transport item for both European LRRP Companies the whole time they were in Europe. They had reciprocating engines so used Avagas. Flying Molotov cocktails. The Marines in Vietnam called them "Shuddering Shithouses". They aren't far wrong but they were actually good planes in their day.

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We also used C-124 Globemasters for jumping in those days. This is a great shot by Louis Bielma from V Corps LRRP take while hanging in his chute, a mean feat so soon after exiting that bad boy.



A photo of a LRRP Commo van in the snow. We would have had no long range commo without them. Absolutely indispensable. Our Commo Gods earned their keep.



We used L-20s for jumping quite a bit. Good old planes (tail draggers). The pilot would chop the power, the tail would go down and you would have to slide forward up the deck on your butt with the rucksack banging on your knees, swing your legs over the rip cord of the guy that had gone previous, avoid putting your leg through the external step and then let go. Fun.

### Veteran knew a different Tet

**TAMPA** - A Tampa resident who served three tours with the U.S. Army in Vietnam recalls the 1968 Tet Offensive.

**BORYILL** of The Tampa Tribune

The Americans knew the North Vietnamese Army had something planned for Tet, but the scope of the attack was a shock.

The North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong guerrillas in the South, a force of about 70,000, attacked South Vietnam's largest population centers, violating a truce for the Tet holiday while many of the troops from South Vietnam's Army of the Republic were on leave.

But U.S. Army units near the massive Bien Hoa-Long Binh U.S. military complex in the South were wary.

"We knew something was hot," said John Burke, 69, of Tampa. Burke was a sergeant with Company F, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol — known as Lurps — with the Army's 51st Infantry near Long Binh when the attack came in 1968.

"We'd had too many sightings and too many contacts, so we knew something was going on."

The Lurps, Burke said, patrolled the jungle for the troops stationed nearby and watched enemy movement for four to five days before returning to base. "We were in their back yard, and they never knew it."



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Tet was the largest Vietnamese celebration of the year. A 36-hour truce had been agreed to by the forces of the United States and South Vietnam, and those of the North. The Americans were suspicious because the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh had been under siege, and there were reports of communist troops moving south. The North Vietnamese had violated truces in the past and indications were something was about to happen.

**ON THE NIGHT** of Jan. 30, 1968, a five-man Lurp team led by a friend of Burke's, Sgt Richard Vincent, set up at a crossroads near Bien Hoa. In the early-morning hours, the team saw 150 heavily armed Viet Cong moving toward Bien Hoa-Long Binh. It was the initial thrust by the Viet Cong for what became the Tet Offensive, the most extensive campaign by the North to that point.

Vincent radioed his company commander, Maj. William Maus, and the team moved in behind the Viet Cong. Vincent followed them carrying a blue strobe light, which Maus could see from a helicopter above, and they directed Army gunships to the enemy.



"The VC were moving fast and not looking behind them," Burke said.

The air attack shredded the ranks of the Viet Cong, and when the survivors fled, they ran into gunfire from Vincent's team. The information from the Lurps allowed the military to prepare for attacks from other enemy troops closing in on the base.

"Everybody was on the berm at the base waiting for them," Burke said. "They buried 500 of the enemy outside the perimeter at Bien Hoa."

Hue, the ancient royal capital of Vietnam, had been largely untouched before Tet because of its cultural significance. North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops poured into the city and held it for 26 days, until U.S. Marine and Army units forced them out in vicious house-to-house fighting. The remains of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians were found.

Despite its daring, the North lost the battle.

"It was well-coordinated by the NVA, but we annihilated the Viet Cong. They were out of action after Tet" Burke said.

The North Vietnamese lost 45,000 men and couldn't attack in force for the next two years. The U.S. and South Vietnamese forces lost about 6,000 men.

Yet the North won a victory in the minds of the U.S. public. U.S. and allied troops reacted quickly, but the attacks on military barracks, and on the Presidential Palace and the American Embassy, both in Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, caused Americans to question the war.

**THE RESOLVE** of politicians was shaken. President Lyndon Johnson announced on March 31, 1968, he would not seek re-election. In August 1965, 61 percent of the public supported the war, but by May 1971, that number was reversed.

During three tours in Vietnam, Burke was heavily decorated. He holds a Silver Star, Bronze Star and four Purple Hearts.

Without the technological advantage the United States had in the war and the air mobility provided by helicopters, Tet might have been different Burke said.

"If we were like them, on foot we couldn't have beat them," Burke said. "They were very good."

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### YOGA FOR WARRIORS

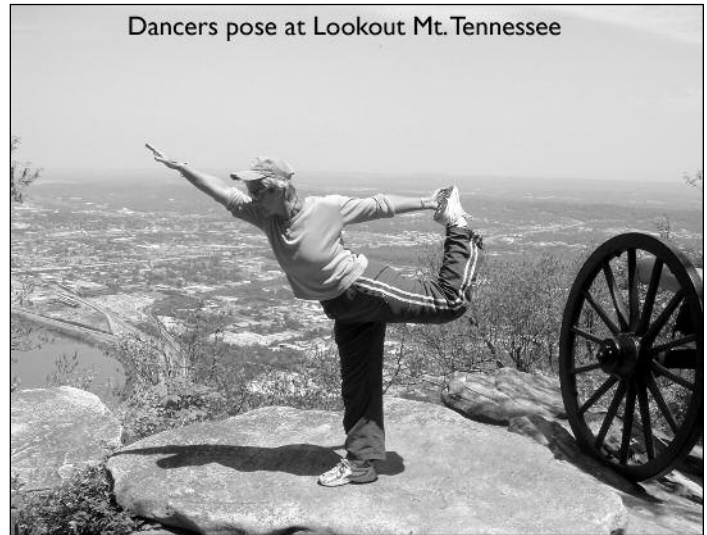
BY: Mary Anne Colledge

War can and does change people. While veterans are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and are reporting in record numbers symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, too many Vietnam vets have known this monster since their own war forty years ago. We all know the symptoms – anger, anxiety, chronic pain, delusions, denial, depression, dissociation, grief, guilt, loneliness, addictions and substance abuse, negative self-concept, paranoia, sleep disorders, nightmares, withdrawn behavior, emotional numbing, just to name a few. Until recently treatment for PTSD consisted mainly of talk therapy (individual counseling and/or group counseling) and medication. Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn't.

Recent brain research is proving that Yoga can make a difference for people living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. A leading researcher in the field of Trauma Studies is Bessel van der Kolk, a professor of psychiatry at the Boston University School of Medicine and medical director of the Trauma Center, a clinic and training facility in Boston, Massachusetts. Last week I completed a forty hour training seminar at the Trauma Center where psychotherapists and yoga instructors were trained to use Trauma-Sensitive Yoga techniques to address PTSD.

According to van der Kolk, therapists working with psychological trauma need to work with both the body and the mind. Psychotherapy works only with logic and cognition, but we cannot “think” our way out of an emotion. You cannot explain being in love or when someone gives you the creeps. The emotional part of the brain is different from the cognitive part of the brain.

He believes that the memory of the trauma is imprinted on the human organism and that it cannot be overcome unless one has a friendly relationship with one's body – not such an easy thing to do since the body was “the scene of the crime”, hence the traumatized person's desire to “disembody” and shut down completely so as not to feel either pleasure or pain. Instead of not feeling miserable feelings, traumatized people frequently deaden their bodies with alcohol and drugs so as not to feel at all. If you don't feel your body, then you can not feel your mind. He believes that trauma, at the core, is a physiological response in the



body and that traumatized people get stuck in the arousal or “fight or flight” response. The prefrontal cortex, that part of the brain which controls logic and analytical thinking shuts down in the traumatized brain. This causes a re-experiencing of the “fight or flight” behavior which is controlled by the oldest part of the brain, the reptilian part known as the brain stem.

Yoga teaches one to feel safe in their body which can be terrifying for traumatized people. Yoga teaches a total state of self-acceptance and a sense of security which is essential in order for the body to re-stabilize and return to a state of homeostasis. PTSD may cause one “to punch out” of their own life. But yoga can reverse that to help a person to feel secure enough to show up for his or her own life and be in the present moment, not frozen in time in 1968 or 1972. Yoga allows you to stop renting out space in your head for free and instead, allows you to live in the present moment. Van der Kolk believes that Yoga re-establishes the sense of time and that you begin to notice how things change and flow inside your body. Yoga teaches the “relaxation response” to deal with the “stress response.” One can learn relaxation and breathing techniques that can allow one to “self-regulate.” With yoga, you can learn to calm one's own self when you are triggered into a panic attack or flashback. Yoga helps us to recognize and make peace with our feelings. It gives us the tools to lower anxiety thresholds, increase anger management skills and increase the ability to self-calm. Our bodies store emotional issues and Yoga helps to release them by putting us in touch with our body. We can then understand and integrate those feelings.

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I could not help but to laugh out loud when I spoke with a psychiatrist at the Baltimore VA and inquired if I would be permitted to teach Yoga classes for PTSD there. His response was “No, because they could get hurt doing Yoga.” He failed to grasp the humor that war may also be hurtful. (I hate it when I resort to cynicism!)

Free Yoga classes will again be offered each day at the Ranger Rendezvous/Reunion in August at the Holiday Inn, Columbus, GA. Yoga Nidra (yogic sleep) will also be offered. Please, show up! You were already courageous

enough to volunteer to be LRRPS/LRPS and Rangers. Take the challenge to show up on a Yoga mat and welcome your own sweet self home!

If you have a yoga mat, bring it. If not, I’ll be bringing plenty of mats for everyone. If you cannot wait until August to begin your Yoga practice, please contact me (410.426.1391 or [ma.colledge@verizon.net](mailto:ma.colledge@verizon.net)) and I will help you find classes in your local area or suggest DVDs and books.

Take a deep breath. Now let it go. Welcome Om, Ranger.

### **Enhanced VA Mortgage Options Now Available for Veterans**

#### **Of Potential Benefit to Those in Financial Distress**

WASHINGTON (Oct.24) — Veterans with conventional home loans now have new options for refinancing to a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) guaranteed home loan. These new options are available as a result of the Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2008, which the President signed into law on October 10, 2008.

“These changes will allow VA to assist a substantial number of veterans with subprime mortgages refinance into a safer, more affordable, VA guaranteed loan,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “Veterans in financial distress due to high rate subprime mortgages are potentially the greatest beneficiaries.”

VA has never guaranteed subprime loans. However, as a result of the new law VA can now help many more veterans who currently have subprime loans. The new law makes changes to VA’s home loan refinancing program. Veterans who wish to refinance their subprime or conventional mortgage may now do so for up to 100 percent of the value of the property. These types of loans were previously limited to 90 percent of the value.

Additionally, Congress raised VA’s maximum loan amount for these types of refinancing loans. Previously, these refinancing loans were capped at \$144,000. With the new legislation, such loans may be made up to \$729,750 depending on where the property is located. Increasing the loan-to-value ratio and raising the maximum loan amount will allow more qualified veterans to refinance through VA, allowing for savings on interest costs or even potentially avoiding foreclosure.

Originally set to expire at the end of this month, VA’s authority to guaranty Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs) and Hybrid ARMs was also extended under this new law through September 30, 2012. Unlike conventional ARMs and hybrid ARMs, VA limits interest rate increases on these loans from year to year, as well as over the life of the loans. Since 1944, when home loan guaranties were offered with the original GI Bill, VA has guaranteed more than 18 million home loans worth over \$911 billion. This year, about 180,000 veterans, active duty servicemembers, and survivors received loans valued at about \$36 billion.

For more information, or to obtain help from a VA Loan Specialist, veterans may call VA at 1-877-827-3702 or visit [www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov) <<http://www.homeloans.va.gov/>

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# **RANGER RENDEZVOUS / REUNION 2009**

**AUGUST 2 - 8, 2009**

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**THE 75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
WILL HOLD ITS' BI-ANNUAL REUNION  
AND BUSINESS MEETING ON THE ABOVE DATES.  
OUR REUNION HEAD QUARTERS WILL BE  
THE AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN NORTH, ON MANCHESTER ROAD.  
WE HAVE A GUARANTEED RATE OF \$79.00 PER NIGHT.  
THIS REUNION WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
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AND CHANGE OF COMMAND.  
AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT HAVE A SCHEDULE OF  
REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIES, OTHER THAN THAT  
THEY WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE ABOVE TIME FRAME.  
THE MARCH, 2009, (SPRING) ISSUE OF *PATROLLING*  
WILL CONTAIN SCHEDULES.**

**THE 75TH RANGER REGIMENT, INC. BANQUET WILL BE HELD THE EVENING OF  
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**SPEAKERS WILL BE RETIRED FEDERAL JUDGE EUGENE SULLIVAN  
Janis Nark, Lt. Col (Ret.) served as a registered nurse in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam.  
Serving in the Army Reserve she was recalled to active duty for nine months during Desert Storm**

**WE WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS  
AND FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE:**

**\*\*\*BICYCLING ALONG THE RIVER WALK**

**\*\*\*HORSEBACK RIDING**

**\*\*\*INTRODUCTION TO YOGA AND STRESS REDUCTION FOR SPOUSES**

**\*\*\*INTRODUCTION TO YOGA & STRESS REDUCTION FOR VETERANS**

**\*\*\*SEMINARS ON VETERAN'S BENEFITS AND NAVIGATING THE VA.**



# UNIT REPORTS



## 1ST BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

Unit Director - Michael T. Etheridge

BY: Michael T. Etheridge

All is quiet in Savannah and Hunter Army Airfield. Once again the boys have been sent into the breach. Our thought and prayers are with them as they once again prove Freedom isn't free.

That doesn't mean that nothing is happening. Past members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion came together for the 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion of "Operation Urgent Fury". It is hard to believe that it has been 25 years since the members of the Battalion conducted that early morning, low level combat parachute jump into the island of Grenada. If you could have heard them talking you would have thought that only a few weeks had past. It is only when you look at them can you tell that time has marched on. Let there be no doubt they are still dynamically handsome Airborne Rangers. It just that there is a lot less hair than there used to be and most of that is streaked with gray. Rangers came from all over the country for the memorial service at the Ranger Memorial. They gave honor to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. While, I did not participate in "Operation Urgent Fury", I had the honor of serving with many who did. It is easy to close my eyes and remember their faces. Sgt's Randy Cline and Mark Rademacher I knew personally. You will not find finer examples of young Americans, Soldiers and Rangers than them. SPC Mark Yamane and PFC Russell Robinson and PFC Marlin Maynard I am sure were cut from the same cloth or they would not have been there. It is strange that at the sound of taps it is easy to remember those who have fallen. I pray they are at rest with the Lord.

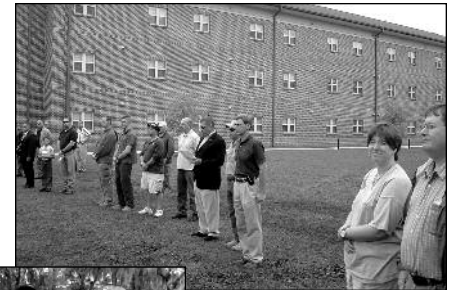
Once the formal part of the reunion was complete the good times began. Many notable Rangers were there like, David Barno, Jesse Laye, Clyde Neumann and Sammy Spears just to name a few. There were several social events, one down town and a picnic at Lotts Island. Good food, cold beer and good friends; what more can a Ranger ask for?

And low and behold a couple of lost (mis-orientated?) Rangers have surfaced. Rangers Mike Cook and Joe Madison have come up on the net. They are both alive and



well. Mike lives in South Georgia and Joe just move back the Pennsylvania.

Let's not forget the Plank Holders out there. If you made the ORTT way back in 1974 and you haven't come up on the net, please do.





## 2ND BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

Unit Director - Nate Smith

Greetings from Kabul Afghanistan,

There is nothing interesting to report from this side of the world. The air still smells like feces and everything makes you sick. I've had occasion to run into a few Rangers around the AO who are living out Abrahams' charter. In the contracting world you're often left out in the wind hanging, but whenever I see one of our brothers rocking a combat scroll, it's always nice to know that I walk up introduce myself and be helped out. Thanks brothers, for how you are and what you do. I've never been or will be in the leagues of the heroes that make up the Regiment, but it's an honor to stand in your shadow.

If all goes according to plan I'll be leaving contracting and returning to active duty after the first of the year. I plan to stay on as the unit director, but there will be some activities that I will no longer be able to conduct. If anyone is able to help out with special projects from time to time, let me know as I'll need your help.

In October we lost one of the greats. WWII D Co. Ranger Zeke Zyrowski passed in his sleep. Zeke was on hand to unfurl the D co 2/75 Guidon when they were reactivated last year.

SFC Shaun Curry of 2/75 wrote the following when he learned of Zeke's passing.

Sherry and Fellow Rangers,

The Curry Family is deeply saddened by the loss of Ranger Zeke; he touched our lives with his presence throughout the last year or so. My wife and kids are extremely thankful that they had the chance to meet him and hang out before he passed. Just knowing Zeke has changed my life forever! The conversations with Zeke and Sherry were a major reason for me to stay in the beloved Regiment. We regret to say that we cannot attend the services however I will have a few cold ones and remember my encounter with one of my heroes.

Though I be the lone survivor.

Very respectfully,  
SSG Curry, Shaun D.



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75th Ranger Regiment Soldier awarded Silver Star

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (USASOC News Service, Sept. 27, 2008) – What began as a mission to find and eliminate terrorists earlier this year in Iraq ended up being a life-defining moment for one member of 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.



Spc. Joe Gibson was on a secret night mission Apr. 26, 2008 when he placed his comrades' lives ahead of his while evacuating wounded American Soldiers and engaging in hand-to-hand combat with a suicide bomber. His actions that day saved the lives of fellow Rangers.

The attention brought from the awarding of the nation's third highest medal for valor makes Gibson feel slightly "uncomfortable," and is quick to point out the achievements of his brothers in arms. "I am honored to be here with those other guys that got honored," said Gibson following an awards ceremony for members of the unit. The medal was presented to Gibson by Adm. Eric Olson, commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command. With the stoic look many Rangers have from multiple combat tours, Gibson stood tall when presented the medal.

Before presenting Gibson and other Rangers medals for their actions in combat, Olson lauded the men of the 75th Ranger Regiment. "You are a special breed, we ask a lot of you and for that the nation and I thank you," said Olson. "Rangers are proven over and over again in battle. Rangers are glorified in Hollywood movies, but you aren't actors, you are real men

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who make real sacrifices” Olson added that Gibson’s actions during the mission for which he was awarded “exemplify and uphold the warrior culture of the Rangers.”

**THE CRUCIBLE BEGINS**

As the helicopter full of Rangers touched down that April night, Gibson and fellow Soldiers found themselves dodging enemy small arms fire less than 50 meters away. Gibson’s platoon sergeant said the enemy small arms and machine gun fire began “less than a minute” after the group disembarked the helicopter. “The contact was heavy where Spc. Gibson was,” said the platoon sergeant. “We took 2 casualties there.” He described the setting as “a very dark night, out in the middle of nowhere with no ambient light, chest high grass, deep irrigation ditches.”

Among the two casualties the Rangers sustained was a life threatening gun shot wound victim. “The guy that got hit is a real good friend of mine, and he called out to me,” said Gibson. “Me and another guy moved to him. I had the medical equipment, so I started getting that prepped while other people started taking care of him. We got him ready for (evacuation), patched him up and started moving him out.” Transporting the casualty over an uneven field with irrigation ditches and through enemy fire was a challenge for the Rangers. “Moving him out was horrible. It was the most ‘smoked’ I’ve ever been. It was physically demanding,” said Gibson.

The Rangers’ dedication to each other motivated Gibson to get his friend to safety. “It was my buddy, I didn’t want to quit,” said Gibson. “For a while, it was just me on one end of the litter.” Gibson’s actions are credited with saving the Soldier’s life. The Soldier returned home safely to see his wife and newborn.

**MAKING SURE**

After assisting in the medical evacuation, Gibson and the Rangers continued on with their mission. They began to clear a field with tall grass and canals near the helicopter landing zone. The Rangers knew enemy was still in the area even though most had fled when the Soldiers touched down. While clearing the field, Gibson stepped on a terrorist hiding in a ditch under some grass. “I really didn’t think it was a person that I stepped on because I thought it was just another part of the ground, maybe some trash or something,” said Gibson.

Initially, Gibson continued for a few more steps past the terrorist. Following his gut instinct, Gibson turned around investigate what he stepped on. The terrorist moved to kill Gibson and the Rangers. “He didn’t say anything other than giving his war cry,” explained Gibson. “He had an

advantage on me. I didn’t have a chance to get my weapon ready and I knew he was gonna shoot me, so I dived on him.” Gibson grabbed the muzzle of the terrorist’s rifle as the terrorist began to fire. Gibson wrestled the terrorist to the ground and gained positional control. He struggled and later stripped the terrorist of his weapon. After stripping the terrorist of the weapon, the terrorist gripped Gibson’s rifle. Without the ability to use a firearm, Gibson engaged the enemy with his hands. “Then he ripped off my helmet and all my (night vision) optics, so I couldn’t see all that well,” recalled Gibson. The terrorist then began to reach for something hiding in his clothing. “I stopped him ‘cause I thought maybe he was grabbing a knife to attack me with,” said Gibson. The terrorist was reaching for the detonator to his suicide vest. The terrorist screamed “bomb!” in English. “I thought at that moment that I was probably going to die,” explained Gibson. As Gibson worked to stop the terrorist from detonating his vest, the terrorist had maneuvered into a position that was cutting off Gibson’s circulation. Gibson, in an effort to save himself, began to hit the terrorist as hard as he could. His blows rendered the terrorist unconscious. “I got my weapon into his stomach and fired,” said Gibson. “And he came back to conscious after that, I knew I got him. I stood up and neutralized him.”

**DOING HIS JOB**

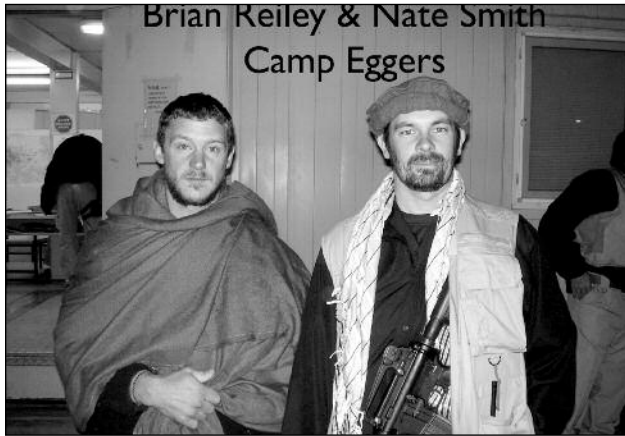
The native of Yale, Okla. explains that he was just doing what he was supposed to do and that he thinks he doesn’t deserve any special recognition. Gibson said he is honored to serve as a Ranger and have save his fellow Soldier’s life. Gibson added that he “can’t wait” to return to Iraq. Following the incident, Gibson re-enlisted to fight with the Ranger platoon he accompanied that night.

**RANGER RENDEZVOUS - 2009**

August 2-8, 2009 is Ranger Rendezvous at Fort Benning, GA. Look for info and updates on the Association web site, [www.75thrra.org](http://www.75thrra.org). Details can also be found at [www.army.benning.mil](http://www.army.benning.mil) or [www.armyranger.com](http://www.armyranger.com). Of course if you’re one of those Rangers that doesn’t like to use the, “television, typewriter thing, “give me a call. I hope to see you there.



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**3RD BN, 75TH RANGER REGT**

Unit Director - Scott Billingslea

*No Submission*



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Unit Director - Bill Bohte

**Moving on**

Well it finally ended and the damage is done. I can not believe that the BS continued for almost 2 years. That was the longest period of electioneering that I can remember. The money that was spent was astronomical and sure could have been put to better use for the good of the country than it was. Oh well I guess buying a president cost more now days than it used to. My grip with the whole process was the TV coverage. With all the advancement in technology in this day and age where you get a TV with the capability to set the v chip so you won't subject your children to sex and violence shown in regular programming. Why can't I get the ability to halt all political ads when I want? I had selected my candidates and propositions early. Why do I have to be subjected to all these ads that waste my time and add to the interruption of my programming? In my state you can vote early. I did and it was over for me. I done my duty and said my piece. Why can't I set a p chip in my TV sets that would eliminate all political ads from that time on and allow programming, as poor as it is, to go back to normal. Oh well it's over and now that the democrat party has advanced in this state we are already hearing about rolling back the vehicle tax to it's old rate and sales tax increases to help with the state



deficit. The powers that be have decided to spend 40-50 million of dollars to build a net under the golden state bridge to catch the 20 or 30 jumpers that attempt suicide each year.

The voters have spoken so I guess that is it or is it. Maybe not as the gay rights movement with their demonstrations and their attorneys say that the voters did not have the right to vote on a proposition that changes the state constitution to banned gay marriage. Many of you think that's just Californication but take a look at the red/blue division in your state and beware.

**On a sad note**

The 3779 lost one of our own this October 19th. Captain John Wilson who was a respected Lt in the V Corp 3779 LRRP passed to that better place. John had battled cancer for 7 years and it

finally won. He died at home with his wife Chris at his side as he had wanted. Chris Wilson is planning a spring interment at Arlington National Cemetery. Our prayers are with you Chris.

**Mini reunions**

On Oct 4<sup>th</sup> there was a brief get together in Ohio. Jack Moore and Don Funk stopped in to visit with Dan Parrot at his hunting lodge in Kimbolton. Dan and his wife Karen run the Whitetail Inn, a large hunting lodge in Ohio. Jack

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Moore lives about a 140 miles to the west in Richwood and Don Funk who has a home in Oregon and Ohio joined Dan at the lodge for a get together. Jack reports “We had a great time and BTW, a little Steinhager is great with coffee and doughnuts. For those of you interested in some prime Whitetail deer hunting you might try out the Whitetail Inn. You can check out their site at [www.whitetail-Inn.com](http://www.whitetail-Inn.com).”



**(L to R) Jack, Dan and Don  
discussing old times. I hope this was  
after doing any hunting.**

On Oct. 26 there was another mini in Georgia. A bunch of this Band O Bandits gathered at a little hide away of Henry Lightfoot in his Rutledge, GA. farm house. While all attending had nothing but praise for the event, John Simmons remembers most particularly the food. As John recalls the menu was as follows: Large, succulent, spicy, boiled shrimp, baked lemon-garlic flounder, hush puppies, sweet potato fries and coleslaw. Soup of the day was Santa Fe Medley. Dessert was Key Lime Pie, with choice of beverages, including wine & chocolates. The company was great to say nothing of the gracious host and five star accommodations. Those in attendance were: Ron Dahle, George Alan. Henry Lightfoot, Lee Farley, Stan Harris, Chuck Joyce, John Simmons, John’s wife Pat and John’s daughter Pam.



**(L to R) Ron, George, Henry, Lee, Stan  
(over Lee’s head), John, Chuck, John’s  
wife Pat and John’s daughter Pam.**

Then there was a nice surprise on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. I was just home from work sitting around in my skivvies cooling down when the phone rang. Glenn Rucker was in La Quinta. He had been down in San Diego visiting his kids when the girls

went out to do their thing, and left Glenn on his own. He slipped over to La Quinta to visit a cousin and called to see if I had any time to get together. I said sure come on over, I’ll even put some pants on. We got to sit and converse over a couple glasses of wine and Glen took my wife Sandy and I out for dinner. Since there was plenty of time to continue talking, Glen stayed the night and we were able to continue into the night.



**Glenn and I with a nice Sonoma Merlot.**

**Remembrance from Tom Brizendine**

Flashback to a time in history

TET 1969

Second Platoon, was pulled from the Rocket Pocket to go on a company size Recon in force into Dragon Valley (Death Valley). The LZ was expected to be hot, (incoming fire upon landing). We were reinforced with a platoon of ARVN (Army of the Republic of Vietnam). To our surprise and happiness, it wasn’t hot, and the ARVN’s were pulled out to celebrate TET in the rear. ½ hour after they left, we took our first casualty, the point man from 3RD platoon was killed while leading point for the company. Things started to go down hill from that point. The company was in file when snipers started firing on the company, 2nd platoon was caught between the jungle edge and rice paddy, and an embankment on our right. Automatic weapons fire was hitting all around the men, I remember thinking as I watched bullets hitting around the man in front of me, “Man I’m glad I’m not him”. When contact was broken off, the guy behind me said, “Man bullets was hitting all around you”. Automatic small arms fire continued as we progressed deeper into the valley and then mortar fire started. The Company Commander called for an air strike, a FAC (Forward Air Controller Aircraft) came in, did a barrel roll and fired off his marking rocket, RIGHT INTO 3RD PLATOON. The Company finally came upon an area with a small hill in the center, all of the trees had been blown down and an old trench work was there; the company took this position to use as our defensive position. Second platoon was trying to make a small recon to our front and got pinned down on a small trail on the side of the hill. Fire was coming in heavy at this time and the Co. called for Artillery support,

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with a danger close. None of the firebases could reach us, but the battle ship New Jersey could, and fired their 18 inch guns for us, those 2000 lb shells sounded like a freight train coming in. The company commander also called for an air strike. The jets finally arrived and came in so low that you could see the pilot and see the ejected shell casings from his cannons, they dropped 500 lb bombs and napalm so close to us that you could hear the shrapnel fly by you, the napalm was dropped so close that you could feel the heat and blast go by and suck back in. The enemy was still firing on us

throughout the bombings. Cobra gun ships came in and started giving fire support with their 40MM grenade launchers, rockets and mini guns. The next day we were able to break contact and make our way to a pickup zone. We found out later that we had run into one of our old foes, the 22nd NVA Regiment.

Tom

Tom Brizendine Co. A, 75th Rangers Vietnam

66-67/ 68-69/ 71-72



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(not sure which one to use for Bob)

Since I passed on John Henry's admonition about all of us being storytellers, I have been deluged with items from a lot of people, Mike Moser, Bill Scanlan, Stan Harrell, and Wild Bill Ramsdell among them.

Mike Moser and Bill Scanlan (both of 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon) both contacted me and expressed interest in renewing contacts with their old Ranger buddies and possibly attending the reunions also.

Joe Griese left a message on the guestbook at the website also:

Looking to contact any of the men I served with on Ft. Carson, in 1970-1971

Joseph Griesi (jag7314@aol.com)



**From Mike Moser:**

Hi Mark, My name is Mike Moser I served with B Co after I returned from Viet Nam in the early 1972. I had the Honor of serving in CSM Haugh's platoon when CSM Schmidt was 1ST and Captain Wentzel was CO. I helped move the Co. to Fort Lewis and stayed with them until I was almost killed in a motorcycle accident in late fall of 1973. Because of my injuries I was forced to join a leg outfit at Fort Hood. I spent another three years there. I was an instructor with Jim Broyles at PNOC in Fort Hood. I could not stand being in a leg outfit and left the Army to return

home here in Missouri to farm.

Bonnie and I own and operate a 400 acre hunting preserve in Franklin Mo. On occasion we have some of the Rangers hunt here. It was from one of these Ranger that I heard about the 75th RRA. The only contact that we have had with members of B Co is a Christmas card from Judy Faught (Clarence Faught's Wife).

I would like very much to have the addresses and phone numbers of the guys so I can contact them. I was sorry to hear that CSM Schmidt and CSM Haugh had passed. I would like to know where to send a donation.

I would like to say it was a Privilege and an Honor to have served with those Rangers in B Co. There has not been a day when I have not thought about those times. I was proud to have played a small part in carrying the torch to help keep the Ranger tradition alive. The Rangers of B Co kept the tradition alive at a time when it was not popular to do so. I look forward to going to the reunion and seeing the guys. Mike Moser, Rangers Lead The Way.



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I served in B/75 from October '70 until the company departed for FT. Lewis in 1973 and was a squad leader (SSG) in 3rd platoon under Samuel J. Haugh. I recently joined the 75th Ranger Regiment Association and have been reading your articles. You mentioned in your last article if we don't recall unit history it will soon be forgotten. Although the years have caused a certain amount of fog in my recollection, I still remember many details of the old days of B/75. I started writing down names of the soldiers of that era and was surprised when I completed my memory roster which is as follows:

CPT Jimmy Hess	CPT Kenneth Kubasic
CPT Sealon Wentzel	CPT "Odd Eye" Henderson
1LT Aguliar	1LT Huggins
1SG Joe Gooden	1SG Jack Schmidt
PSG Samuel J. Haugh	SFC "Iron Mike" Reda
SFC John Voiles	SSG Bobby Henderson
SSG Jim Moran	SSG Bradley Erickson
SSG Johnny Laurence-KIA	SSG Sealex-KIA
SSG Meflin Tichenor	SSG Grover White
SSG Signor	SSG Frank Grimes
SSG Bob Hensley	SSG Bill Ramsdale
SSG Randell	SSG Charlie Wright
SSG Bobbie Beard	SSG Larry Coleman
SSG Lacroix	SSG Sam Snyder
SSG CD Smith	SGT Don Purdy
SGT "No Toes" Hannah	SGT John Toney
SGT Houseman	SGT Prerio
SGT Jim Coughlin	SGT Joe Colvin
SGT Cantu	SGT Bump
SGT Al Hill	SGT Spencer Edwards
SGT Hosea Amos	SP/4 Luckett
SGT Bill Walters	SP/5 Terrize Jeans
SP/5 "Doc" Shanks	

I have no idea how many of these guys are still alive and would like to find out, if possible. I remember many "colorful and possibly quite interesting" times in the old company. As I recall the only way to get 100% muster was on pay day, when the company went to the field or a parachute operation. The company in the early days was a place we waited for return orders to Viet Nam and was rather loose though it progressed as training actually became training. (NCO calls were quite frequent at the Wagon Wheel and Black Stallion and Dog House in the early days.) I remember when we were issued the black berets, the removal of the CG's Christmas lights, 1SG Gooden racing the racial harmony council out of his orderly room for having "balloon head" haircuts and when

Hannah lost his toes, the Terryall Bear killer, CPT Kubasic, when we built the Volar rooms in the barracks, and the list goes on and on.

I left the company to go to OCS when it went to Ft. Lewis. That is another story. I retired as a SGM (11B5VW8) in November '92. I guess when I saw Leo Garcia had passed away got my attention. I did work in the FL Ranger Camp with many of the old B75 NCO's. (Bobby Henderson, Jim Moran, CPL Herrin and George Nick) to name a few.

Sincerely,  
William D. Scanlan

**From Wild Bill Ramsdell:**

The article in Patrolling for beginnings of B Company really started in 1970. In Mar 1970 I was the Ops Sgt of the company down 60% in strength figures. SFC Wendell Peck and 1SG Jones left. I wrote the Company Airborne SOP and was the only qualified jumpmaster in the company until 1SG Joe Gooden and SSG Mifflin Tichenor came on board. SFC Smith was acting Top then and we were assigned to the 5th Army and assigned to the 5th Inf Div, 4/12th Cavalry for admin and logistics. We went under the 2d Brigade 4th Div, December 15th 1970 and Pappy Voyles was not in the unit.

Now I need to cherry pick some of Pappy Voyles statements.

1. Captain Kubasic was already a Ranger and he came from SF where he and I were E6's together.
2. 1972 was our hey-day year and we did everything. I had a working deal with G3 Schools to send to the Ranger Company all of the quotas that division refused. We filled them all and Rangers were in school everywhere in United States. I designed the pocket patch that we wore on our greens and the beret flash now used by the ranger school at Fort Benning. We got the beret approved for wear on post. I was again in on the beret issue and we got them from Dorothea Knitting Mills in Canada, the same place we got them when I was in SF. We were the best unit on post for the last quarter of 1972.
3. I went to Pathfinder school and when I returned SFC Voyles was the Ops Sgt and I was the Asst Ops Sgt, Larry Coleman was our Training NCO. I was the one who instrumented the Ranger packet for 40 personnel to attend Ranger school with Opns SGM Robert Gilbert - he and I did duty together in the 3rd SFG. Captain Harris was the CO. SFC Haugh was the packet leader and after we ran the RIP course, it cut our attrition rate to 20% and the only casualty I remember was Nieswanner who broke his leg and had to be recycled.
4. The reason we were accepted and respected on post was

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the fact that the whole of Fort Carson was run by Ex-Special Forces/Ranger personnel 1971-1974: General Bennett/BG Vincent de Paul-SF/Rgr Major Donlon-CMH winner-5th SFG/G3 Operations Captain Frank "Gronk" Stewart SF-B/75th CO-1969-1970 Captain Kenneth Kubasik-1972-SFTG/7th SFG-White Star, Laos Colonal Puckett-2d Brigade Cmdr-DSC 8th Rgr Co Korea I served with him in 1960-10th Special Forces \*Captain Wentzel came from Brigade Operations Section 1973 SGM William Tapp Post SGM-my replacement E-7, SWC as Gen Yarborough's Ops Sgt 1963 SGM Albert Fontes-Recondo School-Training NCO-3rd SFG-1963-65 SGM Billy D. Lewis-Artillery Brigade-my friend, S3 Ops Sgt of 3rd SFG-1963-64 SGM Bennett-Engineer Battalion-my bud from Intel School Fort Holabird-1958 ISG Cornelius Clark-Engineer Company 307 Engrs,82d Airborne Division-1964 SFC Morrissey Brigade Dispensary-5th Rgr Co-Korea/10th SFG SFC Ruffener-Supply Sgt 46th Company Thailand MSG Montgomery-Medic-from 5th SFG Vietnam MSG Johnson-1st SFG SFC Croudy-5th SF/B-75-4th Div Admin Co 1SG-my bud from 5th Group MSG/SSG Ramsdell-SF 10th, 7th, SWC, 3rd, 8th, -Bad case of Alcohol poisoning. Rtd to military duty 1966-5thSFG-Mike Force, 4thBn, 173d Bde Jun-Dec 67-Dak To,129th HAC, Jungle School-199th LIB-RVN B/75th-Mar 1970-May 1973.

And if my memory serves me right-we had six in the company moi included: Snyder, Fanning, Hensley, Wittwer, Thompson and Ramsdell I know our memories get short and we forget but I am a historian and researcher and I put down what I research.

**VII CORPS REUNION**

Kirk Gibson reports that the VII Corps reunion in San Diego went well, and his article covering that appears in this issue also.

**2009 75<sup>TH</sup> RRA REUNION**

The information about next year's reunion at Fort Benning August 2-9 will appear elsewhere in this issue under its separate section. Please refer to that section for information about the reunion.

**PAT FUSCALDO AND COMPANY T-SHIRTS:**

**Please don't** contact Pat about the T-shirts I referred to in the last article. That was a misunderstanding on my part, and he doesn't need the email clogging up his inbox. Again, Pat, sorry about that! Again, my bad...

**OLD SCROLLS:****1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion Plankholders:**

I noticed on the website guestbook that Joe Mattison posted

in August a message about the original members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Joe says that Sherry Klein is representing MG Leuer and Col. Nightingale in attempting to build a roster of all the original plankholders who served at Fort Stewart in 1974 and participated in the qualifying Road March (foot march) in December 1974. They are attempting to develop a roster of names, email addresses, postal addresses, and/or telephone numbers as all who qualify as plankholders" of 1/75. If you were one of the original members of 1stBatt, or know of any members who do not have email or ordinarily read the guestbook/message board at the website, they ask that you please pass on this information. Advise the Ranger to register with the National Ranger Memorial Foundation Ft. Benning, GA. (NRMF) ASAP!

Further (according to the guestbook) actually all Rangers are requested to register, either by email, phone or snail mail. Support all our Ranger Brother Associations and Web Sites, to encourage the brotherhood.

I talked to CSM (ret.) Bill Acebes, and he thought it would be a good idea to put this information in our unit section in the Patrolling magazine, since so many of us from B Company Rangers were some of the original members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

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**HEALTH:****Chondroitin and MSM for aches and pains**

Richard Stutsman reports an interesting medical find on his part. He has been suffering arthritic-type pain in various areas, and began taking daily doses of (pill form) Chondroitin and MSM (available in various combinations from many pharmacies and health food stores). He said that after a couple months of this, he is now able to sleep through the night (a full eight hours), where before he started this therapy, he was only able to sleep 4-5 hours at a time before he had to get up due to pain (gee, why does that sound familiar). Yours truly is therefore going to start taking this same preparation and I'll report the success (or lack thereof) that I encounter in the next article (due out in March). Bill Acebes reports that he is using this also, and it has helped his hands a lot.

**MORE UNIT HISTORY:**

From Stan Harrell: I just got my copy of Patrolling. The article you wrote sure brought back some fine memories. I do recognize some faces in the photo, but like Theo says "I recognize more but can not think of the names. I had to be in that photo some where. If memory serves me right I think

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Red Lewis and another young trooper were horsing around in the jeep, pulled the pin on a blasting cap and the other one picked it up to throw it when it went off and he lost part of his hand. Theo, Patty, Kirk, I'm I right on this quote.

From Patty: You are correct. The guy that lost his fingers was A polish name. We called him Ski something like Lizinski orwadjahouski or something like that. I remember he took off running through the woods screaming Airborne! some one tackled him so the medic could get a bandage on the hand. That was the last we saw of him.

From Kirk Gibson: Gary Lisowski, I think.

From Stan Harrell: Marc, next time you talk to Ranger Voyles, ask him if he remembers talking to one of the company members in the hospital ward when they brought him in, it was me. They had me hooked up to IV's and everything in the world, that is why I didn't make the move to Lewis. I also was Joe Conlan's ranger buddy for the city phase of that Ranger Class. Dam, that brings back memories, thanks Marc.

## WEBSITE:

Just so you know, if you go to <http://www.75thrra.com>, you will not see the guestbook, you will have to go to <http://www.new75thrra.com/gbook/guestbook.html> in order to see it, as well as other functions not yet transferred to the [www.75thrra.com](http://www.75thrra.com) old site.

So if you think you're not seeing something that you should be, check the other site first.

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## VII CORPS LRRPS

Greetings, all. We have news to report!

Rowe Attaway received a call one evening and heard, "Are you the same Rowe Attaway who lived in Jacksonville?" Turns out he was, and the bells rang for him and the girl next door from his youth, Barbara. Nuptial vows were exchanged in May, and they have settled into a riverfront condo near Jacksonville.

And Dave Clark has remarried as well, to an old family friend, Sylvia. She is a keeper, and actually enjoyed her first LRRP reunion!

And Rick "Fatback" Hathaway finally took the plunge with Melissa. This year was her second reunion with the LRRPs, and it seems that she, too, can tolerate us (or is she just keeping an eye on Fatback?).



**Rick and Melissa  
Hathaway**

## 2008 Reunion After-Action Report

The following personnel straggled into San Diego, during the week of 7 September, for the 2008 VII Corps LRRP Co. (ABN) reunion, hosted by indigenous personnel, the Allens:

Bob "Shakey" and Jean "The newest retiree" Allen; Tom and (the ever-suffering) Diane Lake; Rick "Fatback" and Melissa (**His WIFE!**) Hathaway; Stuart "Workhorse" and Diane Lane; Dave "Walking Wounded" and Sylvia (His new Caregiver) Clark; Kirk and Sally "The Bat" Gibson; Jim "Lawman" and June (His Warden) Whitwell; "Easy Ed" Yarbrough; Joe (The Goat Lover) Touchon; and Bruce (newest AWOL returnee) Falconer.

Numbers were down this year for several reasons including family matters, school, conflicts, late notice, etc. We missed those of you who could not come, — but we had a good time anyway.

Fatback and Melissa served as the advanced party to ensure that Shakey Allen was on post. He was. He greeted us at the motel with a huge cooler of beer and wine, and Tom Lake brought some of his home made, freshly vintaged and barely aged spirits, lest we lack for hydration or cough control. Newest member Bruce Falconer was a great addition to our group. He brought fresh LRRP stories, and listened attentively to our same old reruns. Fatback Hathaway and Dave Clark inaugurated their new brides to the LRRP (ABN) Assn., and both performed admirably.

Joe Touchon brought a chrome plated steel pot with ripcord grips attached, which makes a great prop blast vessel. It is currently in the care of Workhorse Lane, who volunteered both to model it to drive it home to Arizona with Diane, for safe keeping. Although we did not have a jump this year, I'm sure it will come in handy in the future.

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**Stuart Lane in Uniform**

Highlights of the trip were a very pleasant tour of San Diego, which included an “interesting” multi-vehicle side tour of the city (reminiscent of the LRRP navigation of Washington, DC a few years ago!) while just trying to locate the origin point of the tour trolley. We had lunch at the harbor, where Joe Touchon unsuccessfully displayed his skills as a pole dancer to Sally Gibson, hoping to collect a few dollar bills in his drawers.

**Touchon – Needs a Brass Pole!**

We also spent a day at the famous San Diego Zoo (where Touchon spent a lot of time admiring the goats and red-assed hyenas). We were all together Wednesday for a delightful dinner and evening at the country home of our reunion hosts, Shakey and Jean Allen.



**Whitwells, Fatback, Clarks, Falconer**

The motel, while inexpensive, was convenient and comfortable enough and provided us with all the essential amenities (ice, drinking glasses, hospitality room).

The group started breaking into one- and two-member patrols on Thursday morning and dispersed to parts unknown, leaving a small rear guard of the Clarks and Ed Yarbrough to police the area. CSM Clark managed to stay longer than planned, while investing in a replacement key for his rental car.

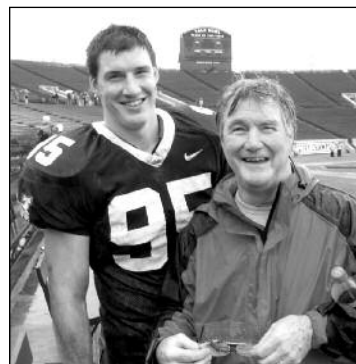
The discussion about next year’s reunion revealed that if anyone has a suggestion for a good LZ for 2009, and would be willing to serve as point man, please let us know so we can start the planning process earlier than we did this year. Florida was the consensus choice. Any volunteers?

**Mini-meetings**



**Richard “Boss” Foster and Zeke Evaro met up in July in Spring Lake, NC to display their fancy headgear to the locals**

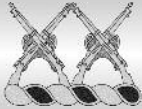
**Kirk Gibson and Dick Roach met in October near Lake Ontario to reduce the Canada Goose population by 19. Further reductions will be made by Thanksgiving.**



**Rick Hathaway, Kirk Gibson and their wives, traveled to New Haven, CT to watch Rick’s son, Joe, play football for Yale University. Joe, a four-year player and star defensive lineman, enjoyed a 14-0 victory in his final home game, against Princeton. At 6’5”, 256 pounds and good looking, it’s hard to believe his dad is our LRRP friend. Anyway, here’s a proud dad and his son.**

**Please submit pictures and articles, stories, memoirs, etc for the next issue. As you can tell, I’m running out of ideas.**

That will be all.  
Kirk out



## C/75 - E/20 LRP

Unit Director - Chuck Vaughn

### Ranger Profile:

This issue's profile is on CSM (ret.) Cravis Tabron, better known as "CT".

I personally met CT at the 2003 convention. He was selling embroidered gear, hats, shirts, jewelry, and other Ranger memorabilia (a business he got into after retirement). We made friends right away.

More than a few of our guys made a career of the military after serving in Nam, and CT is one of them. Most everybody in the outfit knows CT because of the neat Ranger, LRP stuff one can get from him, which is so hard to find else were, unit patches, and so on.

CT is one of those guys who doesn't seem to age. He says he continues to run to stay in shape, and it shows.

It is a credit to our unit, that soldiers like Command Sergeant Major Tabron got their start at Echo/Charlie Company.

"CT, it is an honor to know you, and to have served with you."

RLTW,  
Chuck Vaughn

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Cravis Taybron, Jr. dedicated over 28 years to the U.S. Army. He entered the Army in October 1969, where upon completion of Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and jump school. In May 1970 he was assigned to C Co/ 75th Ranger Company in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam in June 1971 he was assigned to Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, in the position of Squad Leader. His next two assignments were that of Drill Sergeant with Charlie Company, 4th Training Battalion, 1st Training Brigade, Fort Polk, Louisiana from September 1974 until May 1976 and from May 1976 until January 1978 he was a Drill Instructor with Bravo Company, 15th Training Battalion, 4th Training Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In January 1978, CSM (Ret) Taybron was assigned to Charlie Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade in Germany and in June 1979 was given the First Sergeant/Senior Tactical Sergeant position with Bravo Company, Seventh Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Bad Tolz, Germany. His next assignment in January 1981, took him to the University of Tennessee, where he served as the Senior Instructor with



the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), where he remained until December 1983. From December 1983 until October 1984 he was assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In October 1984, CSM (Ret) Taybron was assigned the position of First Sergeant, Combat Support Company/Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he remained until July 1987. In July 1987 he became First Sergeant of Bravo Company, 3d Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d

Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

From July 1988 until January 1989 CSM (Ret) Taybron attended the Sergeants' Major Academy in Ft. Bliss, Texas. From February 1989 through April 1990, CSM (Ret) Taybron was the Operations Sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In April 1990 he was assigned as First Sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and departed that position in January 1993 to become the Battalion Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina a position he held until July 1996. In July 1996, CSM (Ret) Taybron became the G5 Sergeant Major, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Dragon Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a position he held until his retirement in March 1998.

Throughout his career, CSM (Ret) Taybron continued to further both his military and civilian education and training. He received an Associate Degree in Business Management from El Paso Community College and is a graduate of the Basic Airborne Course, Management and Supervisor's Course, Jungle Operations Training Course, Air Movement Operations Course, Jumpmaster Course, Drill Sergeant School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeant Course and the United States Army Sergeants' Major Academy.

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His awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2d Award), Air Medal (3d Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3d Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2d Award), Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

CSM (Ret) Taybron is currently the Scholarship Chairman of the Samuel Council Chapter of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association Ft Bragg, NC.

**D/75**

Unit Director - Richard "Herd" Nelson

As of the writing of this article the holidays are approaching rapidly, and everyone I have been in contact with is doing well. We have been contacted by another D Company family member. His name is Hal Whiteman; he was the platoon leader of the first platoon. He lives in Tampa Florida and we got to meet face to face at the Tampa VA Hospital. I had to take a friend of mine over there for a doctor's appointment and Hal had contacted me a few days earlier, so we arranged to meet there. He brought me some pictures he had taken while in Nam and I'll add one of those to this article. After D Company deactivated he ended up at N Company 75<sup>th</sup> with the 173<sup>rd</sup> (The Herd). Prior to Nam he was in the 10<sup>th</sup> group (Special Forces), and after he returned from Nam he went back to the 10<sup>th</sup> Group and later was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Group. After he retired from the military he went into the restaurant business and sales. Hopefully he can join us at the next reunion at Ft. Benning this coming August.

When I talked with Bear last week he was doing great and Fitz had just left for Arizona. He and his wife were going to meet at the airport there and they were going to spend some time with one of their daughters who lives out there. Fitz had flown down to Texas and he and Bear spent six beautiful days reminiscing and hunting. Both of them had gotten wounded on the same mission as D Company was in the process of deactivating. Bear said that Fitz shot an 8 point buck on his last day there. I had also talked to them



both a week earlier right after they had gotten in from hunting one evening. I had called to let Bear know the dates of our next reunion. They both told me what a great time they were having. When I told Fitz the dates of the reunion he said he may not be able to make it because one of his daughters is getting married around that time. He also said depending on the dates of the wedding he may be able to fly in for a day or two either on the way to the wedding or on the way home.

I talked with Carl and Rosie on Election Day while we were all watching election returns. They were in the process of resting up from a visit from some family members that had come over from Germany to see them. It is always nice to spend time with family or friends we don't get to see very often anymore. I know that I try to spend as much quality time as possible during these types of visits and then I have to spend several days trying to rest up afterwards. We spent most of the time on that phone call discussing what we were seeing happen during the election.

The last time I talked with Richard Badmilk he was going through several medical test, as he had had a few insinences of chest pain. They didn't find any problems at the time of the tests though, so they will just keep an eye on him for now. He was feeling alright at the time I talked with him. I do hope he and his family can join us at Benning in August. Although I got to spend some time with them last May, I know that there are other D Company



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members who would like to see them and I'd certainly like to spend more time with them.

I called up to New York to see how Psycho & Julie were doing, but psycho was not at home at the time. Julie told me that he was at his Tree Stand/Condo as deer season was opening the next day. I am also including a picture of his tree stand with this article so you can see why it is also called a condo. He likes to hunt in comfort.

Ken and Linda Dern are both doing well in Jacksonville Fl. Linda has been healing from the surgery she went through a few months ago, Ken says she is doing very well. As of the writing this article our Jaguars aren't having a very good season. We have so many injuries in the offensive line that I just don't see us going anywhere this season.

Maddog and Janice are also doing well. Maddog has heard again from Leo and said he may go down to Kansas City to visit him for his birthday in February (Valentines Day). He and Janice were leaving to go to a fish fry after I got off the phone with him. He is also trying to gear up for Deer Season there in Wisconsin (Gun Season). He has already been out during Bow Season. He says also that they hadn't gotten any measurable snow yet this winter.

I talk with Mike Warren once or twice a week. He, Sharon and the grandkids have been doing well. He said that they were enjoying the last few warm days before winter set in. He is becoming a real short timer in the reserves as he is set to retire on February 20, 2009. One of his sons (David) has gotten two Deer so far this season.

When I talked with my old team leader (Tom Delaney), he and Janice were doing well. He has been getting in some fishing time the last few weeks. This is one of his favorite leisure activities. He said he will be retiring in a few months, which should provide him with more fishing time. I know we will be able to see them at the August Reunion.

I am also adding two more photos from the South Dakota Get Together with this article. One is a picture of The Ranger Wives at Crazy Horses Memorial, from left to right in that photo are Deb and Granddaughter (Badmilk's wife), Julie (George "Psycho" Christenson's wife), & Cindy (Moe's Wife). The other is of the Buffalo Bar-B-Que we had on Sunday. From left to right are Cindy, Julie, Moe, & Psycho. The photo I submitted from Hal Whiteman shows him on the right hand side of the picture. The Ranger on the left is John Cziprusz.

RLTW  
Herd



**Cindy, Julie Moe & Psycho at the Buffalo Barbecue.**



**Cziprusz and Whitemen back in the day.**



**Deb, Julie & Cindy at the Crazy Horse Memorial.**



**Psycho's tree stand (Condo).**



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

Unit Director - Rick Stetson

As you will see in the message below from Bob Hernandez, things are shaping up for an outstanding, fun-filled reunion in San Diego next May. Bob along with Tess, Marshall, Greg and the other West Coast reunion committee members have been busy coordinating with the Navy and the staff of the Mission Valley Resort to make sure everything goes smoothly when E Company arrives in town. As with any reunion, an advance “head count” is needed, especially when making preparations for our banquet, so be sure to let Bob know if you plan on attending.

The registration fee for the reunion is \$50 which will insure the hospitality room is continually stocked. The banquet fee is also \$50 (that will cover the cost of the banquet room and the dinner.) You can send your checks to Bob Hernandez at: 4424 Rock Island Drive, Antioch, CA 94509.

I'm sad to report that Bob Maushardt lost his wife this past summer. They had been married for 50 years and all of E Company sends our sympathies. Bob Hernandez reports that Top is still going strong at 92 and he and Tess will make sure our first sergeant is present when we fall in at our reunion. If Bob Maushardt can make it to the next E Company reunion, there is no reason all of E Company can't be there as well. No excuses accepted. Be there or be AWOL.

I have had several members of E Company ask what we can do as a unit to support our soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. My recommendation is that we continue to support the Ranger Family Fund as our contributions will go directly to the family members and next of kin of our special ops soldiers. E Company has a tradition of providing great support to this fund and I hope that can continue this year in spite of a less than favorable economy. Checks can be made payable to the 75th RRA and sent to: P.O. Box 10970, Baltimore, MD 31234. Thank you in advance for remembering the families of our Rangers serving so far from home.

Best wishes as we head into the holiday season. Stay safe, stay well and always remember: Rangers Lead the Way.

Rick



The resort features cable TV, in-room movies, video games, free Wi-Fi, voice mail and free parking. We also get free use of the 28,000 sq. ft. health and fitness club. The resort will also provide free transportation to and from the championship golf course that is less than a mile away. There are also two shopping centers located within two miles of the resort.

For the fisherman in our group, a wide variety of deep sea fishing is available from 6 hours to three days, at Point Loma Sportfishing.

On Sunday the early arrivals can gather in the fully stocked hospitality room and latter head for Old Town San Diego for some Mexican food and margaritas.

Monday morning after breakfast we will head down to Miramar Speed Circuit. It is one of the finest indoor race tracks in the US. It is the perfect place for anyone who wants to race wheel to wheel at 40 mph. You can race for your own best time or race against the other drivers. Next we'll head over to Belmont Park, a Coney Island type park. The park is home to the Giant Dipper, an old fashion wooden roller coaster with 2,500 feet of track, and 13 heart pounding hills. There are many other heart pounding rides as well as shops and restaurants. The park is rated one of the best beach side parks in the country.

Tuesday is the perfect time to see the San Diego Zoo, home to some of the rarest and most endangered animals in the world. The zoo is located in Balboa Park, famous for its 15 museums and art galleries. You will also find many restaurants, shops and walking trails. It is also “free Tuesday”, so some of the museums will be free!

On Wednesday we can explore the USS Midway. A self guided audio tour of the aircraft carrier will guide us from the 4 acre flight deck down to the engine room. In the afternoon we'll head up to Cabrillo National Monument. The park is named after the famous Portuguese explorer, the first to explore this region. The park is at the top of a peninsula and the perfect spot to watch the gray whales migrate south. You can also see San Diego Bay, downtown San Diego and even Mexico if it's a clear day.

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Thursday it's time to get a little wet watching Shamu the killer whale perform his act. Sea World is home to Shamu and many other performing giants. At this park you can even rent a wetsuit and interact with the dolphins. There are many other activities at the park including the shark tank, penguin counter, a comical sea lion, water rides and a simulated jet helicopter motion ride over the arctic! After all this excitement we'll head over to Old Town for dinner and margaritas.

Friday we will visit Coronado Island, home of the U.S. Navy SEAL's. Here we will split into two groups. The first group will attend a history of the LRRP and SEAL's relationship in Vietnam. It should be very interesting! You will also get to see the SEAL's train at the Bud school. The second group will get a ride on San Diego Bay aboard the mach 5, an official seal assault boat. When both groups are done, they will switch. We tried to set up a live fire demo. But due to the 2 wars, the SEAL's are very short handed, but they still promised to take good care of us.

In the afternoon we will go over to the world famous Coronado Hotel for a cocktail. Built in 1888, it is now a National Historic Landmark. The hotel has many restaurants, shops, and a beautiful ocean front beach.

On Saturday, the memorial service will be at 10 am, followed by our meeting. There will be free time until the banquet at 7pm. We hope to have a SEAL as a guest speaker who served with us in Vietnam.

This schedule of events is just a small sample of all the things to do and see in the San Diego area. I am sure some will want to go off on their own and see the things that interest them, and that's fine! The main thing is to come and keep the spirit of our great friendships and our history alive. I hope to see you all in San Diego!!

Bob Hernandez

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

Unit Director - David Regenthal

Ranger Rendezvous 2009. Wow, is it that time again already? Seems like only yesterday we were sweating our \*\*\*\*\* off at Fort Benning at the last one. Ha, ha, just kidding—what would we do if it was cold . . . build snowmen or go tobogganing? I'm ready right now. I missed a couple (Savannah, and Fort Carson), and I am not ever going to make that mistake again!

I'm looking forward to seeing some of the same old faces, and hopefully a few of those that we haven't seen in a long, long time. If you've not attended recently one thing you may not be aware of is how many of the guys are bringing their kids or wife along with them. It's become as much of a family affair as it is a plain old good time for us. There's stuff for the gals to do too—just ask any of our newly minted lady airborne types . . .

While I'm sure you'll see it elsewhere in this issue of Patrolling, let me remind you that reunion information will be posted to the association website as it becomes available between issues. You'll soon be able to sign up, and prepay, through the website. Start making plans to attend now—give one of your teammates a call . . . maybe you can travel

together or share accommodations, saving some expense. If you're going to rent a car, sharing is a good idea because, frankly, you're only a short distance from the airport and probably won't use it that much.



We've still got a stack of shirts and ball caps from the last reunion. It is my intention to put something up on our own LRRP.COM so that you can place an order if you so desire. I've got to work out the logistics but you can send a shirt or two anywhere in the continental U.S. via Priority Mail for around five bucks so getting this done isn't rocket science . . . stay tuned to the website for further developments on this.

Joe Cassilly had some pretty snappy embroidered shirts done that you can order direct. I will communicate with Joe to be able to get the details up on LRRP.COM very soon. I should add that if any of you, be it out of the kindness of your heart or whatever motivates you, have something you wish to offer to the rest of the unit (shirts, caps, license plates, novelty items, etc.), just send me an e-mail or give me a call with the particulars and I will get it up on our website. There is no charge for this service and I think that everybody can benefit.

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Speaking briefly about LRRP.COM, it's your website. If you have something you want to post . . . a picture, a story, whatever, just whup it on me and I will get it up there for you. We've not had any recent photo additions, so how 'bout getting the old scanner out and share some of those pictorial memories?



Company Reunion. We always talk about doing an "off year" company reunion. The only time we had one was when Mike Rohley broke his butt, did all the work and had a bunch of you turn up in Colorado Springs. To this day I regret not making that one. There have been a lot of suggestions, i.e., Atlantic City, White Water Rafting, Return to Vietnam (my personal favorite), etc., etc. Fact is it takes "boots on the ground" or one heck of a lot of coordination to make something like this happen. If we're to pull something like this off we'll need to make a decision and get started well in advance of the time to actually get together.

While my purpose is primarily to generate conversation (and solicit for volunteers), I'd propose we consider having a Unit Reunion in Washington, D.C. during the early or mid-summer of 2010. Why do I think that's a good idea? Simple. It's a great place to visit if you've never been, are a returning visitor, or once lived or worked there (as Corky and I did 12 years ago).

One of the more obvious attractions is our own Vietnam Veterans Memorial. If you've not been to "the Wall" I can give you a long list of names of our guys that have made their first visit in the company of others in the unit—making it an easy and even more enjoyable experience. But even if we didn't have that, honestly, you could spend a week in the nation's capital and not come close to seeing everything that you might like to see. It's a great place to bring kids and/or your significant other, there is plenty of lodging and transportation. This is a place that sees and accommodates large groups of people 365 days of the year and manages it with style.

You could literally spend an entire week seeing the coolest stuff and never leave the national mall (area). The Korean War memorial is pretty awesome, the World War II Memorial defies description . . . they really did it right. One of my newer favorites is the FDR Memorial—you just

have to experience it, there is a section for each of the four terms he was elected to office. Got a better idea? —let's discuss it . . . clock's ticking!



Unit Video Project. Many of you know that I've been hiding behind the lens for some time now. I'm getting better at it (much better than I've done as your unit director). I am at a crossroads so to speak . . . Yes, I have to do more sit down interviews if we're actually going to be able to tell a story but what I really need are your In-Country photos in order to put this thing together.

I know I don't have to tell you that no one is going to want to sit down and watch an hour (or longer) video of a bunch of "talking heads." I don't remember a film crew following us around in the bush so still photographs are the only practical solution (I'm not in to doing re-enactments). So if you want to help, here's how (there are really only two options):

Send me your pictures or,  
Get your pictures out and scan them (for me).

Scan your pictures in color (even if they are black & white). They will need to be larger enough so that I can present them full-screen . . . I can make them smaller than what you send me but if I blow them up they will lose detail (and I know that a lot of them already suffer from age and focus so that won't work). Usually, scanning at 300 dpi will do the trick. Do not crop, straighten, or color correct them with your software . . . let me do that at this end. It would be a good thing if you could make a list of your scans and submit something about your pictures (names, places, etc.). Burn your scans to a disc and mail it to me. Simple, isn't it?

Mark Ponzillo is going to facilitate getting the 66-67 guys together for a filming session, and round up their pictures. Don't wait to be contacted because you are being contacted now, by me. If you have any intention of helping out with this please e-mail me so I can know to count on you for this. Thanks in advance of your efforts!

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Veterans Day 2008. I almost didn't go to D.C. for Veterans Day this year. But, I got a call from Joe Little asking if I would do some video work for his Operation Freedom Bird folks out of the Phoenix Vet Center. Interestingly, my trip to the Wall this year marks the 24th anniversary of my first visit (see MEET ME AT THE WALL at LRRP.COM). In short, I had the time of my life and would be happy to be associated with Operation Freedom Bird in any capacity in the future.

If you don't know anything about OFB, I can tell you, in brief, that they bring 50 Vietnam Veterans from the Southwest to the Wall for their first visit. It is their 21st year, sponsored in part by SouthWest Airlines and made possible through donations both public and private. I got to spend a couple days with these, our fellow veterans, and it was indeed a pleasure to be a part of their experience. I not only shot the video for them but got to spend enough time with the guys that it reminded me of my first time as well.

In the time I lived in D.C., and made the pilgrimage there when I didn't I had been to the Marine's IWO JIMA Memorial any number of times but had never witnessed the placing of the wreath and all the goings on the accompanies the ceremony. It was the Marine Corps 233rd birthday, complete with the Marine Band, the secretary of the Navy, Marine Corps Commandant, and other dignitaries. The Marines do things their way and I have to tell you, they do it right!

We made a number of trips to the Wall, two of which were at night . . . which is really my favorite time to go. There was a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and a swell banquet with some excellent speakers. My knees got a little tired lugging the camera, tripod, and various pieces of gear around but had a great time, albeit a little on the cool side, and . . .

This year was the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the Women's Memorial, and I also got to see my favorite nurse!



Janis Nark, Lt. Col (Ret.) served as a registered nurse in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam. Serving in the Army Reserve she was recalled to active duty for nine months during Desert Storm. Janis is a professional ski instructor, multi-published author, and internationally known motivational speaker. More importantly (to me), she is my friend.

I was lucky enough to find that Janis was available for a late night visit to the Wall on Saturday, the evening before the OFB folks got into town. We walked the Wall, sat and talked on a bench by the Women's Memorial until almost midnight when the chilly air chased us in for the evening. I met her through my wife, Corky, at a Son's & Daughter's In Touch function in Arlington, Virginia some years back. Even if you didn't know any of her background you would still be struck by what an exceptional person she is. You can have Bill Mrkvicka, Joe Gentile, and Jeff Sandell to confirm that . . . we had the honor of going to dinner with Janis along with Sandy's wife on Tuesday evening (Veteran's Day) before leaving town. Just knowing that there are people on the planet like Janis Nark makes me happy to be a member of the human race. We, Bill, Joe, Sandy & company, also got to see our favorite Red Cross personality (and Park Service Volunteer at the Wall), Nancy Smoyer.

And hey, the really good news is that I had received permission from the 75th RRA, Inc. board to invite Janis to speak at the banquet next summer, and that she has accepted the invitation. I'm really looking forward to that!

#### THE CU CHI TWO STEP OR THE TWENTY FIVE METER RUN OR WALK AS THE CASE MAY HAVE BEEN

Let me begin by making a few detours.

Detour number one: Slit trench. A hole dug about 6 inches wide, 2 feet long and 2 feet deep. It was surrounded with Engineer tape.

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Detour number two: The shower. Three 55 gallon drums with the top cut out and placed upon a stand. Filled with water heated by the sun and with a faucet that had a handle you could pull with a chain. When pulled the water cascaded down into a coffee can with hole punched in it and then you had your shower head. 25 meters from our tents.

Detour number three: The latrine (toilet – three holer. A building built with three holes in the platform about knee high. We had a toilet seat and cover for all three holes and there was a space about three feet wide behind the holes. One would defecate in the hole and it would fall into a half of a 55 gallon drum that had some diesel fuel inside it. There were handles welded on two sides for easy extraction. From below and behind the building there were flaps of ply wood with hinges so that you could raise them and remove the half drums when they were full enough. There were also two piss tubes on each end of the building. They were artillery canisters buried in the ground and covered with screen wire so as to keep cigarette butts and debris out of the tubes so they would not fill up. Now if you were on the favorite list of First Sergeant Roland Petty. You were selected to burn this concoction. Diesel fuel was added as needed and then it was stirred. You then had to light it: at which time it sort of exploded and covered you with soot from the mess inside the container. Also you were to clean off the screen wire from the piss tubes. 25 meters from the latrine.

The LRRPS had two GP medium tent kits approximately 25 meters from the shower and from the shower it was another 25 meters to the latrine. We also had a small building that was our headquarters and commo shack. Each of these buildings was sandbagged up about four feet around the outside to protect us from mortar fragments and small arms fire. We were in the D Troop  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cav area of the 25th Infantry Division.

My folding cot was on the end nearest the door and closest to the latrine. I was laying in the cot one day when I was overtaken with an intestinal gas attack. As I expelled the gas I also expelled some defecation by accident. I went to the shower and cleaned up. Fortunately there was nothing on my cot. This was becoming a routine adventure for me but I was having difficulty making it to the latrine or shower as the episodes increased. Finally it became too difficult for me to make it to the latrine. So Jerry Spicer and Hugh Howerton two of my team mates dug a slit trench for me behind some bushes near the shower, I would dash to the slit trench and then take a shower and go on to the latrine. This became too difficult also so I made the decision to camp out in the latrine, laying behind the three holes and rolling over onto

one of them when the need arose. I actually staked out one of the holes as my very own.

Now you must understand that I thought this was to go away soon. After two days my team leader Howerton said I needed to go the hospital. I refused and espoused that I would be OK soon. He went to the headquarters and told the OX 1st Lt. Traxler that I needed to be taken to the hospital. Captain Mark Ponzillo the LRRP Commander was away visiting the 1st Infantry Division LRRPS coordinating some future recon patrols in both of our areas of operations. When Jerry Traxler came to me I refused. He then went to the Division surgeon Captain Casberg and said that he needed to come and see me. When Dr. Casberg said He would the next day Lt. Traxler said no it needed to be now. Dr. Casberg saw the disturbed look on Lt. Traxler's face and took two medics and jumped into an ambulance to see me. Upon arrival Dr. Casberg came in the latrine to see me. His first words were that he had never made a house call to a latrine before. The medics and Lt. Traxler laughed but I was not humored at all. My eyes and cheeks were sunk into my head and I was extremely weak. After examining me he said I was off to the hospital. My response was that I was not leaving my team to which he said I was no good to them in this condition. I said I would be better in three days, I knew I would, Dr. Casberg gave me some monster pills called LOMOTOL. They were about the size of three grains of sand; He said no water as they would go right through my system. I would have to place them under my tongue where they would dissolve and get right into my blood stream because of all the blood vessels under the tongue. They were some of the most potent pills I have ever taken especially for their size (so small but effective). He farther said that they would taste like sh\_t. Well I said I was used to that smell and taste because of the environment I was staying in. He said if I was not better in two days he would have me forcibly removed to the hospital. Upon leaving me Dr. Casberg told Lt. Traxler to have the CQ check on me every thirty minutes and to call him if I got worse. I did not think I could get any worse. The CQ check as instructed and my team members was there with me nearly all the time.

Well in two days I began to slowly recover. After a week I was fully recovered. The entire episode took around two weeks to run its course. This was in September 1966. I wish to thank all of the folks that took care of me and especially the men of D Troop  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cav who came to use the latrine and had to do so with me lying right behind them.

Eugene G Tucker, Sgt E-5, 25th Div LRRP 1966





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

Unit Director - Clifford M. Manning



### The Passing of Sam Day

I had the opportunity to serve with Sam, as First Sergeant of Company G Ranger 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vietnam 1969. Sam was an outstanding soldier and a proud Ranger. He always performed his assignments in an outstanding manner.

Regrettably Sam Day passed away on 31 July 08. He died of cancer in the hospital in Gainesville, Florida. There was a memorial ceremony for Sam at the Florida Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on 29 August 08. Sam was cremated and his remains were placed into the wall at the Florida Cemetery along with a plaque. In Bushnell, Florida George Beech went to the Memorial services.

Sam served with Company G 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Airborne Rangers in 1968 to 1969. I believe Rangers don't die they just go for a long sleep and much needed rest. Then they wake up in a place full of love and peace with all of the other Rangers that have gone on before them. I believe Rangers that have passed on are welcomed with open arms, saying "Welcome Ranger" to this Ranger Company where you will live and be a Ranger forever.

Rangers Lead The Way

Clifford M. Manning  
Unit Director



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

Unit Director - William Anton

*No Submission*



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

Unit Director - Julian Rincon



Once again I would like to remind all of our fellow LRP's that have attended past reunions and especially those that have never attended one of our company reunions to please join us in making the one in San Antonio, Texas a success. Here again is the information for the reunion in San Antonio, Texas for 2009. You can also find the information on the reunion on our web site [www.f52i75.org](http://www.f52i75.org) this site will give you more details.

### COMPANY REUNION INFORMATION

Dates: June 11, 12, & 13 2009  
Place: Radisson San Antonio  
Downtown Market Square  
502 W. Durango  
San Antonio, TX 78208  
[www.radisson.com/sanantoniotx](http://www.radisson.com/sanantoniotx)



THURSDAY – JUNE 11  
3:00 pm Check in Lobby  
3:00pm to? Hospitality Room Open  
6:00pm to 7:00pm Welcome Reception  
Hospitality Room  
FRIDAY – JUNE 12  
10:30 am to 11:30am Company Meeting  
1:30 am Hospitality Room Open or  
Sightseeing and shopping (on your own)  
SATURDAY – JUNE 12  
11:30 am Hospitality Room Open  
5:00pm to 6:00pm Cocktails (cash bar)  
6:00pm to 10:00pm Texas Barbeque Buffet ( \$36.00 pp includes tax & gratuity)  
SUNDAY – JUNE 14  
Check out...Have a safe trip!

As I sit here and write one of the last few articles I have left as a director for my unit I am forever grateful to have this

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opportunity to represent such a fine and honorable group of men that I have had the pleasure to serve with. My only regret has been not being able to write a story about each and every one of you. I cannot see everything that you have seen through your eyes or felt everything that you have felt and describe it the way you would have described it. I have only seen through a small window of some of my own and some of others experiences. I also know that our next unit director will continue adding to all of our experiences because in the tapestry of war our experiences are woven together like a fine cloth.

It has been a wonderful experience for my wife Diana and I to meet some of our fellow company members and their lovely wives in our past reunions. Getting the chance to know all those that have attended our past reunions has brought great joy to my wife and me over the past years. The first time I went to my first reunion and got to see some of the men I served with I was so overwhelmed I literally cried. First of all to see Busby alive was totally unbelievable the last I had heard was that a chicom grenade had killed him. Imagine my shock some 30 years later to find out that he was still alive and kicking. To see my teammate assistant team leader Danny Wiggins after all these years, Bill Crawley, Juan Tapia, Tex, Lt Jerry Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Carl Cook, John Candiloro, Barry Crabtree, Flores, Goshen, Newcombe and Harry (Frenchy) Suire just to name a few was just overwrought with excitement. I know all of you out there know that these were men that you served with that you and would probably never see again, since you had not seen nor heard from since separating from the service. I am glad that Gene Newcombe found me and started to write to me and began telling me about the great reunions that the company was having. It took me a few years before I had the courage to attend, I just did not know what to expect or if I was ready for just an experience. Ten years later I am now part of the experience and am happy I made the choice to go, the same way I am asking all of you that have never attended or that have

dropped out to go to these reunions and enjoy the company of a few good men and wives. Think about it how much longer you have on this earth and did not go to one if these reunions. I have a short story to share with the readers and I know I am not alone. After going to a few of the reunions I got to see some of the men that were on my team still I kept missing some that had been on my team and I had not seen. Dan Carter from Wyoming Bill Crawley who was originally from California and had moved to Oregon many years ago and Glen Ellis who was from the Makah Nation in Washington State. I kept saying to myself that I would try and contact them but I kept putting it off. Finally I went to visit my wife's aunt in Bellingham, Washington and from there went to the Makah Nation to look up Glen Ellis. I met his sister Rita who told me that Glen had been killed in an auto accident on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. On that same trip I went to look for Bill Crawley in Oregon but had no success. Finally before our last reunion, which was a cruise, Dave Flores got hold of Bill Crawley by phone and gave him my phone number, I talked to Bill and stayed in contact until the cruise. We had a chance to bond and talk over good old times. He told me that he had just retired and planned to spend a lot of time with his grandkids who he loved dearly and of his beloved USC football which we both had in common. He also told me about Dan Carter how he had seen him in school in Oregon and how he and Dan planned to get together again. He said that a few years later he gave Dan a call at the number Dan had given him it was Dan's mother house, Dan's mother picked up the phone, he ask for Dan and she told him, "Don't you know Dan passed away". I was in shock Bill said, "Dan Carter was the state wrestling champion for the state of Wyoming before he went to the service he was always in good shape I just could not believe it, he was in shape when I saw him last". So I made sure that I made plans with Bill to see each other again and even made plans to go fishing in the near future. A FEW MONTHS LATER I GOT A CALL FROM ONE OF BILL'S KIDS, BILL HAD PASSED AWAY!



**Robert Busby kneeling, Standing L to R  
Julian Rincon, Danny Wiggins.**



**Wildcat 7 from L to R Blankenship, Dan Carter, Danny  
Wiggins, Dave Flores, Bill Crawley, Julian Rincon.**

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Glen Ellis



Ranger Reunion Jennings LA April 2005.



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

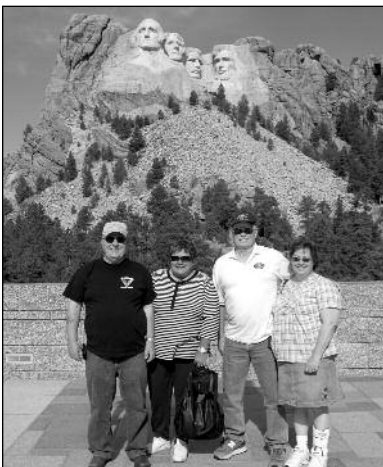
Unit Director - Rodger Crunk

Greetings to all my Brothers,  
I hope that all are well and enjoying life,  
I do not have a lot of news to report,  
everyone must be staying under the radar  
which is what I do most of the time.

In September Janice and I traveled to  
Rapid City, South Dakota and met up with  
Bob and Cathy White for a great visit  
along with Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy  
horse Memorial tours. A great weekend.



L-R Hank Alderson, Roger Crunk

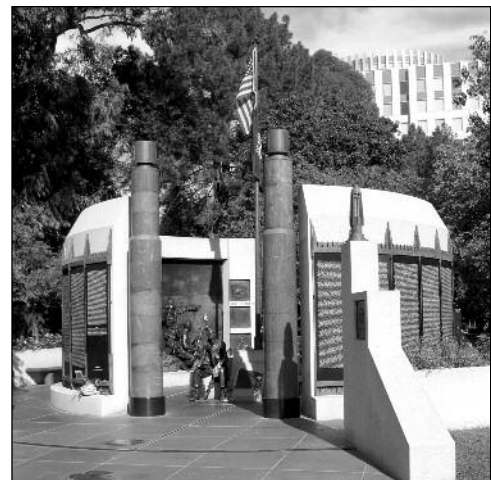


L-R Robert White,  
Cathy White, Roger  
Crunk, Janice Crunk.

I am currently on the road  
again returning home from  
a trip to California and a  
Veterans Day visit with

Tom Sove, Wayne Mitsch, and Rick Noble. Thanks guys for  
a wonderful visit, especially Tom and Cass for hosting us.

On the drive to CA. I stopped overnight in Carson City,  
Nevada for another great visit with Hank Alderson, former  
K-Co platoon leader and operations officer. Thanks Hank  
and Judith for the bed & breakfast.



Vietnam War Memorial

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**Lake Tahoe**

Wayne tells me that he has received several hundred dollars in donations for the Christmas Fund. Thanks to all who donated. Remember all who donate to the fund or to the K-Co fund will receive a t-shirt.

I sent out e-mails to remind everyone about the Christmas fund but quite a few were bad addresses so take a minute to send me your new e-mail address.

**MINI- REUNION**

I would like to share some reunion news and a photograph with *Patrolling* readers.

Since the early 1970s a group of five K-75<sup>th</sup> LRRPs who were together in Vietnam have been gathering for their own reunion every few years. They have been, with some exceptions, unable to attend the annual K-75<sup>th</sup> reunions since those reunions began, but have not failed each other for their own reunions.

Over Labor Day weekend 2008 this group met again. They are Dennis Ferguson, Gary Shellenbarger, Stanley Craig and Roy Simpson, LRRPs, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, K-75<sup>th</sup> and Ronald Paffhausen, LRRP, K-75<sup>th</sup>. This year recently located K-75<sup>th</sup> LRRP Bill Postelnic joined the reunion.

Thank you for allowing me to share this story of brotherhood with all of you.

Krys Simpson



**L-R: Denny Ferguson, Nebraska; Bill Postelnic, Stan Craig, Gary Shellenbarger, Ron Paffhausen and Roy Simpson, all of Michigan.**






**L/75 - F/58 LRP - 1/101ST LRRP**

Unit Director - Jerry Gomes




*No Submission*




**M/75 - 71ST LRP - 199TH LRRP**

Unit Director - Steve Houghton

Greetings everyone from the frozen north. I'm 3 days into Michigan's Holy season..... it starts November 15 and last all month, its called... Deer Season! Actually we've been hunting whitetale since October 1st, with bows, but the real traditionalist consider Nov15th to be "deer season" as it's been the firearm opener for many years. I've only missed opening day twice. I was drafted Nov15 1967, and Nov 15th 1968, I was serving with the 71St LRP. I raised my family on venison, and the way the economy is going, or not going, here in Michigan, we



may be relying on venison a lot to get us thru what appears to be a long winter in the making. I'm really not looking forward to this winter as the economy just plain stinks, with the worst to come I'm afraid. I hope this article finds you doing well.

I'm including a story sent to me by Bob Sampson. He's titled it, "The Last Mission". It's pretty much why he's down to one real leg. Here it is for your reading pleasure.

**M/75 - 71ST LRP - 199TH LRRP (CONTINUED)**

**THE LAST MISSION  
JANUARY, 01 1970**

CO to TL, Team One-One, "I've got a easy mission for you, this will be your last mission before your re-assigned to TOC".

JANUARY, 02 1970

0900 hrs: RVN, Team one-one inserted into LZ.  
0930 hrs: C&C "You are out of position, they inserted you into the wrong LZ"  
0945 hrs: C&C "You're 3K south"  
1045 hrs: Team one-one "scouts report 50-75 NVA moving in our direction"  
1050 hrs: C&C "continue mission"  
1130 hrs: Team one-one locate NVA camp, estimate Battalion size  
1140 hrs: C&C: "continue the mission"  
1630 hrs: Team one-one "scouts report more activity. We're surrounded"  
1730 hrs: Team one-one "request extraction"  
1745 hrs: C&C "Negative on extraction, no cold LZ in area. Establish a good defensive position"  
1750 hrs: Team one-one "NO SHIT"  
1800 hrs: Team one-one coordinate arty  
1815 hrs: C&C "sorry, your out of the artillery fan. Establish a good defensive position"  
1817 hrs: Team one-one "NO SHIT"  
1750-0800 hrs: Long f---ing night...but we're in a good defensive position(all 6 of us).

JANUARY 03, 1970

0800 hrs: C&C "move 4K west to extraction point, link up with team one-two"

0830 hrs: Team one-one "scouts report NVA patrol on our tail"  
1000 hrs: C&C "NVA patrol between one-one and LZ"  
1010 hrs: Team one-one "request LFT to cover E&E"  
1015 hrs: C&C "negative on LFT, all gun-ships are supporting infantry operation"  
1100 hrs C&C "move to secondary LZ, stay off trails, lots of enemy activity"  
1105 hrs: Team one-one "NO SHIT"  
1600 hrs: Team one-one moving out from good defensive position. All hell breaks loose, two men own!! TL hit 3 rounds of AK, radio hit  
1610 hrs: Team one-one "we're hit! We're hit! Two men down"  
1615 hrs: C&C "we'll send help, get in a good defensive position"  
1618 hrs: Team one-one "NO SHIT"  
1700 hrs: C&C "you've got to move to a small clearing, your under triple canopy"  
1715 hrs: Gun-ship "negative on move to clearing, it's hot"  
1730 hrs: C&C "LFT reporting heavy incoming fire from 75-100 NVA in your area. Low on ammo"  
1745 hrs: Team one-one "we're low on ammo, TL is bleeding out, but we're in a good defensive position"  
1800 hrs: C&C "it's getting dark, dust-off can't get in, we'll drop you ammo, pick you up in AM"  
1810 hrs: Team one-one "@#&\* NO WAY!! We'll be KIA in a matter of hours"  
1830 hrs: Gun-ship "hang in, we'll get you out"  
1845 hrs: Dust-off extracts team with jungle penetrater

All team members out alive, and the CO was right, this will be my "last mission"

Till next time  
Steve Houghton

		<b>N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP</b> <b>Unit Director - Reed Cundiff</b>		
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unfortunately did not receive much for this issue and am putting in photos that didn't make it last time.

Got the following from Rudy Teodosio. He has ordered new shirts, caps and coins.

Rudy has suggested that we obtain before and after photos of everyone who is willing to show the cruel ravages of time and we start out with Rudy. Should probably send these to Robert Henriksen and Regan Kelly. As noted in last issue, Regan has put together an on-line photo album of later N Ranger times. It can be accessed at [regankelly@mac.com](mailto:regankelly@mac.com)



**What is quite unfair is that he has more hair than any two of us had in our 20's.**

**N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRP (CONTINUED)**

Bradda,

Here they are the new and improved designs for Polo, Long Sleeves Polo, T-shirt, Baseball Caps! With this early order deal you can choose your SIZE, Polo Shirt, Long Sleeve Polo, T-shirts, COLOR on any items except the coins and belt buckle. Every month (until 4th July 2009) on the third week all orders coming in will be put in one hulk order for all individual's orders. It will a week or so then I will mail it all out y'all that had orders.

Now just a REMINDER that the last order prior to the Ranger Rendezvous is the 4th July 2009. I will be traveling light during the reunion (what is left of the Unit Coins, Caps, extra shirts and 173rd LRRPs items). But I will take orders for those just coming out of the wood line for the first time and mail them out after the Rendezvous! Make your reservation ASAP and get a room, information has put out prior email messages, spread the word to our "lost Brothers" out there!

See y'all at first light!

Sua Sponte, Bra

Rudy

Charlie Team

70-71



There is also a Ranger Sua Sponte emblem but I was not able to download at this time since I don't have the software to do it (\$87 for the software for one picture).

Rudy has also written that:

Rangers,

Now there a number of team members that hasn't made it to one our "Ranger Rendezvous" and it is a big event for all our Rangers from WWII to the present! Number of brothers asked about information to the hotel for the first time? I will step up to the plate since I am PATHFINDER qualified and light up the LZs/DZs for you all, but it is the duty of y'all to spread the word to those not into the 21st Century tech like email and such...we still have the USPS for those that still like the taste of stamps!

Some Brothers has made some voice that you all may want to stay in one hotel of our own... like our sister Company C-75 does or stay at the main hotel where the TOCs is for all Ranger events?

Personally this is just ME... I' am staying next to the TOC because number of us has served in more than one Ranger units other than with the Herd! The flow of people that sign up will have roster of units they served with and we got some first timer coming through the door that haven't seen us in almost 40 years! Some one has to greet those lost teammates and in-process their fourth point of contact to our directions! HOO-Ah [www.discoverourtown.com/hotel/17310.html](http://www.discoverourtown.com/hotel/17310.html) Holiday Inn-Columbus 2800 Manchester Expressway Columbus, GA 31904 706-324-031. Don't forget to mention you are a part of the Ranger Rendezvous 2009 and get a discount on your room!

Sua Sponte, Bradda

Rudy

Charlie Team/N-75

70-71



**N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRP (CONTINUED)**

Received the following from Robert Henriksen

*Rangers,*

*Just talked to Herbie Baugh who is returning from Washington DC today. His close friend just went to a funeral of a friend Robert A. Blankenship whom he didn't know that he was a Ranger (he never talked about his military service). At the funeral there were pictures of Robert A. Blankenship from his service with N Company Rangers. Robert's sister will supply us with his service information / photos / other things. It's sad to lose another member of our Ranger Family. As information comes in from Herbie's friend on Robert, I'll pass it on to all of you. Herbie will find out through his friend if the family wants us all to communicate with them.*

*Herbie Baugh was able to find all the names on the Wall except Cameron T. McAllister. Photo Disc will be made of all the names taken by Herbie. I want to thank Herbie for his effort to keep the information of our Unit alive.*

*RGR Robt 'twin' Henriksen 1970-71  
360 778-1305*

Dave "Varmint" Walker sent the following excerpt from his forthcoming book "Cyclops in the Jungle", written in his typical laconic, politically correct and restrained style. Hey, wait a minute, I went over with 4/503rd!

### **LZ English Steak House Late 1970**

*As in F/58 LRP, the 17th Cav. provided our food. A better alternative was located down the hill at the Brigade's "Steak House." Gooks ran the place, and the charcoal broiled "ribeye" steaks (probably water buffalo meat) were a welcome change. The Steak House was also where I'd meet our arch enemies, the 4th Bn. 503rd Inf. The "batboys," as we called them, had us pegged as prima donnas, while we in turn identified them with the black power and white counterculture freaks. Most disheartening were the few whites emulating blacks with their pink tint granny glasses, vacant drugged out stares, and knuckle-dragger gaits. And as far as the drug problem was concerned, all one had to do was look on the ground littered with used plastic (98% pure) heroin vials ("caps"). If smoking dope was your preference, the gook locals were more than happy to furnish monster-sized heroin-laced marijuana joints known as "Bong Son Bombers." All that said, druggies were the exception rather than the rule with beer, wine, and booze being the main vices.*

*Inevitably, squabbles originating at the Steak House between Rangers and line doggies escalated to much*

*higher levels. By self-proclamation, the Rangers had designated a set of ideally situated bench seats (for watching the gook bands) as verboten to line company personnel. This of course caused hard feelings with the bat boys, and so occurred what would infamously thereafter be known as "The Night of the Steak House Riot." It began with two Rangers forcibly ejecting two line doggies off our "reserved" benches. One had been stupid enough to wear a white tee-shirt with the anti-war phrase "We are the unwilling...sent by the undecided...to do the unnecessary...for the ungrateful." boldly printed in black laundry marker—not in line with the Ranger philosophy. This fueled a punch-out free-for-all commencing in the club and eventually working its way up over a 2 hr. period to Ranger Hill. Aside from the typical scrapes and contusions, the altercation had generated a number of more serious injuries such as brain concussions, broken bones, etc. In the end, all were losers as the Steak House was closed for a week due to required repairs.*

*As a measure for minimizing fights with the line company personnel, N/75 had its own little plywood and 2x4 shack of a club for post-mission winding down called the "Ranger Lounge." With its dark and grungy atmosphere, including a slowly rotating ceiling fan, the place could have been the original movie set for Casablanca, and I instantly fell in love with it. In keeping with the swankiest 5-star stateside nightclubs, an off-duty Ranger could guzzle all of the quarter-priced shots of booze or 15 cent cans of beer he could puke while luxuriating at the 12 ft. width plywood bar. Much safer and less taxing to low-crawl a mere 25 meters or so to one's hooch than negotiate the ¼ mile line doggie gauntlet from the Steak House back up the hill in a blackout.*

I had a conversation with Rich Baker (Edgewood, NM) this last week and he well remembers this night. Rich says he has dropped 70 or 80 pounds recently and is now a slim and svelte 250 pounds.

There was an altercation at the BDE NCO club at Bien Hoa in 1966 which didn't turn out so well for LRRP. My team mate in Finance (my shameful pre-LRRP past), Manny Gomes, was a semi-pro heavyweight from New Bedford, Massachusetts who was about 230 pounds and 6'4" and he worked as the bouncer at the NCO Club. He broke up a fight between a couple of LRRPs and some gunners. Two punches from a trained heavyweight and the fight was over and not to our advantage. Manny was getting letters every week or so from college football coaches asking when he was getting out.

**N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LPR (CONTINUED)**

I believe that the CAR-15 that Wolf is holding had been hit by a round.

I received Bob Stowell's account of Team 3's patrol a day late to get it into the last Patrolling. John Chester said he had already put the Fall Issue to bed but would be glad to have it in the next issue.

The words in italics are Bob's:

*Thanks for the stories about the LRRP's. Your stories brought back a wave of memories. You recall meeting us at the LZ, but may not recall that I was only there a very short time as I was hauled off to at Hospital shortly after landing. Unfortunately, I was not able to enjoy the euphoria with the remainder of my team, and missed out on most of the debriefing as they decided to put me to sleep for awhile and carve on me a little bit. I know it is hard to piece together events that happened under combat so it is interesting to bring these stories together all these years later. As you may recall, we were operating in the Parrot's Beak and had the goal of getting behind a 10,000 man force before it withdrew into Cambodia. The second battalion and the LRRP were scheduled to jump, but the LRRP got pulled off the jump at the last minute to put a couple teams in to reconnoiter the DZ and a couple of battalion sized landing zones. We were inserted March 3, 1967 and as we were working toward the landing zones, the day before we were hit, another LRRP patrol had heavy contact with the enemy.*

*I think the air support they called in was pretty effective because when we holed up under some heavy thickets the night before our ambush (on March 6, 2007), we heard the NVA dragging bodies by us within a few feet of our position. I remember one of the guys sat up and whispered, "Sir, they are right there"! Our response was to pull him back down into the prone position and to not say another word. The next morning we took a quick look at an opening in the jungle which was our target for the battalion sized landing zone, then pulled back to a trail we had crossed to attempt to get a prisoner to really figure out what was going on in that area. Three NVAs walked into our kill zone and when Lotze blew his claymore, two were killed and one was stunned. Right after we sprung the ambush, the three of us in the kill zone got up to go out and try to capture the stunned NVA. As we stood up and started to move toward the kill zone, we heard a series of commands given in Vietnamese and we knew we were in the middle of a lot of trouble. Those commands came from the opposite side of the trail not far from our kill zone. It was at this time that I received three rounds which must have been from an M2 Carbine because they didn't tear up my liver. One round went one inch below my heart and lodged in my liver; another went through my right pectoral muscle and a third went through the front of my shirt but didn't actually hit me. One of them took a chunk out of my ranger notebook. It was while we were moving to try to get the prisoner that we heard Gilmore engage on our left flank. It was pretty noisy by the time we got into the kill zone to see what we had and we decided we wouldn't be able to take a prisoner out and make it ourselves. The NVA who had an AK 47 was put down, and we searched the bodies and took what we could from the kill zone. We called for Liebersbach to come in from where he was protecting us on the right flank.*

Liebersbach was unable to immediately join since 10 NVAs were running in column towards him and the kill zone. As they came around an S-turn, he was able to move onto the trail and engage them directly head-on with aimed fire at flash burn range. It was like a falling plate exercise at an IPSC combat pistol match. All 10 went down. Each round could have penetrated two to four NVAs.

*We then started leap-frogging back toward the LZ we had previously scouted. As we started to move, Gilmore and I both had our M 16s jammed (we had each fired approximately 300 rounds and our rifles got to hot) and we were using our cleaning rods to extract the spent casing. I got mine out but when I kicked it out, the bolt released and jammed the casing back into my chamber so I had to start over. Right during that time, a machine gunner and two ammo-bearers came from the north and the machine gunner*

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*was laying his machine gun over one of those huge ant hills when Gilmore calmly pulled out his 45, shot the machine gunner and threw a grenade and got the ammo-bearers. I think Gilmore probably made a great police chief in Maryland as he was pretty cool and calm. When we reached the landing zone there were four machine gunners laying down a steady wall of green and white tracers from across the LZ toward our position. The jets had expended everything they had and so did the gunships. The slicks which were to pick us up either expended all their ammo or had the machine guns jam. One of the tracers fired up the panel Gilmore was holding to mark our positions.*

Lotze placed a Claymore at the tree-line and got tangled in the detonator wire, decided to hell with it and fired the mine and was knocked flat on his face.

*As I recall, the pick-up ship flared off because of the heavy fire, and it was absolutely correct in doing so. I do not remember whether the slick that came back to get us was the primary or the alternate pick up ship. I do remember that the door guns were jammed and our only covering fire was the co-pilot firing his 357 Magnum out the window to give us a little covering fire. I honestly do not remember whether we had artillery firing in support of us in addition to the gunships and the jets or not, however in the write up for my DSC my recollection is there was an indication that artillery was also firing for us, but I really do not remember that. Whoever wrote up my DSC may have embellished the description a bit by including artillery! Ha! When we were pulled out, we each had one magazine and one grenade left. Actually, I did not have any grenades left and later the guys told me, "Sir, you never threw your last grenade".*

*When I went to the hospital I was told that I would have to stay in the hospital 30-45 days. As I lay in the hospital I saw guys get sicker everyday that they were there and they needed drugs to sleep at night. One Spec 4 who was in a bunk next to me had to have Demerol every night for flack in the back that did not seem very serious so I became determined to get out of the hospital. I went to see my doctor in his Hooch and I promised him that no one would put me on shit detail if I went back to my unit so after eleven days he let me return. That might have contributed to my being a little pale when we went for our, "water training" on the twelfth day after I had been cut long, wide and deep in several places.*

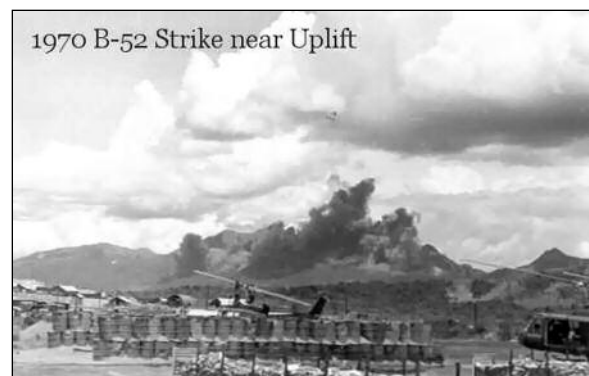
Captain Phillips had managed to get us booked to use the swimming pool at Train Compound for "amphibious training" which was a grand title for drinking beer and splashing around the swimming pool. I overheard the conversation when someone mentioned to Bob that he

looked a bit pale and he rejoined that three weeks in a hospital might ruin a manly tan.

*I did not realize until I read your email how many hits the other guys in the patrol had actually taken. It was truly a miracle that we all survived.*

I remember meeting the team when they landed and they were euphoric on absolute adrenalin rushes. Reality set in the next day when they realized how close it had been. It is very likely that the team had been spotted and the three poor SOBs that were ambushed had been sent down the trail to draw fire. Most of the team had bullets through pack, hat, rifle etc. .” Gilmore had a round through the sole of his boot from the NVA MG as well as the “friendly” round that set his cerise panel on fire, Wolf had a round through his bush hat and the left shoulder pocket of his tigers, and one had a bullet go through the buffer assembly of his M-16 as he was firing. I was talking to Kendall as he was taking his pack apart to clean and do maintenance on the PRC. He had mentioned that he thought he had been hit during the fight since he felt warm liquid flowing down his back. He pulled his canteen out of the left pocket of his RVN pack and there were two bullets through it. He then pulled the PRC-25 out. There was a round in the metal frame between the radio and the battery. An inch higher and it would have taken out the radio and an inch lower it would have taken out the battery, either of which would have meant no commo in a very hot fight. Of course, two inches further forward and it would have taken out his spine. Wolf said that he twice saw assault lines of 10 to 15 NVA’s coming out of the smoke from the team’s identification grenades, firing from the hip in classic marching fire. He said he emptied a magazine at full auto both times and everyone went down, mainly ducking but slowing down the assault. The team got credit for over 20 confirmed and almost as many probables. The end result was that the team received one DSC, three Silvers and two Bronzes, probably the most decorated team action in RVN.

Varmint Walker sent an interesting photo of a B-52 strike near Uplift. I would choose not to be that near a B-52 bomb run.



**O/75 - 78TH LRP**

Unit Director - Michael Feller

*No Submission***P/75 - 79TH LRP**

Unit Director - Terry Roderick

I arrived in Papa Company in early November of 1969, along with a young Sergeant named James Dean. We were moved into the "Transit Hootch", where the new and the old guys stayed as they exited or entered the company and it was occupied by one individual before we got there. He was a wild, wonderful, and crazy guy named Steve Printz, who later was my ATL on Team 15, and who was "attached/assigned (I never did figure that one out!!) to our company" along with Ronald Muehlhauser. They were both artillery FO's from the 5/4 Arty Bn. and fit right in with us and were just a regular part of the teams and the company landscape. They did everything with us and were an integral part of our unit. Since neither of them were Airborne qualified, they caught a lot of flak from us since the rest of the company was Airborne qualified at that time, even though we were not jumping out of airplanes then. Later on we began to get people in the company who were not "parachutist" qualified, but it never was a problem on the job. There were times when it was not possible to get airborne personnel in an Armor Brigade like the 5th Mech, as we called it. All of those guys served on the same high level as the guys who jumped out of airplanes, so maybe people who jump out of perfectly good airplanes aren't so crazy after all.

The very next day after my arrival, a tall, smiling, good looking, young Sergeant joined us and his name was **Harold Sides**. Harold seemed a bit "green" or young to be a Sergeant so I assumed he had graduated from the NCO Academy that they ran back in our days to provide the Army with new leadership that was lacking in many places, and especially the Infantry, where the losses of experienced NCO's in Vietnam caused an Army wide shortage. One of the first differences I found out about a combat Ranger unit in Vietnam and a Ranger unit in the states is that the NCO's were more down to earth in Vietnam so far and helpful instead of looking for bad things for us lower enlisted slugs to do all the time. James Dean was on his 2nd tour and therefore a combat veteran already. Harold and I were new to all this and not sure what to expect or what was going to happen next?? We went to the

chow hall together, to the PX, joined anyone in the rear in the Club at night, and generally hung out for the first week or two doing whatever we could to contribute to the efforts around us in any capacity. After about a week or 10 days, both James Dean and Harold were moved out and they joined already established teams and their experiences and education about what the Papa Company Rangers were all about began in earnest. I continued to try and stay out of the way and keep my eyes and ears open and figure out what they were going to do with me. Usually, a new guy in the company would go outside the Camp Red Devil berm and pull a short 2-3 day "training mission" to gain some

insight into what the teams did and the responsibilities of each member. It was a short introduction and a chance to gain some confidence and a chance for the Team Leaders to see how you might react in a fairly safe environment. Due to a shortage of available men about two weeks after I arrived, I was told to get a rucksack ready and that someone would be over to help me and show me what to do. I believe it was retired CSM George "Dave" Gates, who took me out the first time and it could not have been a better TL for me, in retrospect. He was all about helping me and getting me ready to go and without all the browbeating and harassment that I was used to stateside. I don't think James or Harold either one went on a training mission back then because of operational commitments we had at that time. I came from another 75th Ranger unit, A/75th, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and had been in the Commo Platoon as an O5B (Radio Operator) and figured I'd be coming over to Vietnam and probably just man a radio for a year. At worst, at a relay site that would be well protected. I didn't know I was going to be involved in becoming a member of a Hunter/Killer team as our teams were called at that time. Our company call sign for our radios was "Killer" and then the number of the team. I liked it and felt it was appropriate for our unit and what we were doing.

All three of us went our separate ways and I was moved around from team to team for a month or so before I was permanently (for a while anyway) assigned to Team 15, SSG Linvel "Sgt. K" Karres' team. Steve Printz, the FO I



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mentioned before, was now the ATL on Sgt. K's team, so that made me feel somewhat more comfortable. In the meantime, Harold was doing his thing with the team he went to and I would see him from time to time when we were all in the rear area, but we spent very little "quality time" together after that. I would be remiss if I did not mention the high quality of Team Leaders we had back then and it was a fairly stable time in Papa Company as far as TL's went, in my opinion. We had SSG Terry Bishop, SSG George Gates, Sgt. Rick Auten, SSG Lynn Karres, SSG Thomas Dowd, and others like SSG Duke DuShane, Sgt. Daniel Hobson, Sgt. Rodney Mills, and a few others who were ready to take teams when their turn came. For me, it was a period of comfort due to the experience and leadership of these men and the ones I may have inadvertently failed to mention. Please excuse me if I omitted you.

It was shortly after the time we all separated that we lost our Team 16 (Dowd's Dirty Half Dozen) on December 21st, 1969 and the Huey they were on due to enemy machinegun fire. Sgt. James Dean was on that team and he did not survive that day, just a few short weeks after his arrival in Papa Company. We had one survivor, Larry Smith, from Team 16 that day, and one of the aircrew survived. It was a major and disastrous blow to our company that day. We're so glad that Larry survived and is still with us today in many of the activities that we do. Over the years, I've felt we have done about as much as we can to honor and remember Dowd's Dirty Half Dozen and felt that maybe we needed to do more for Harold Sides' team, Killer 18, in the same vein. By that I mean we've never really told their story and published photos of them in Patrolling to my knowledge. That is the true purpose of this article in this issue of Patrolling. I want to spotlight and help us all remember a "young" team that never got the chance to mature and spread their wings completely as an intact team of warriors.

Their story sort of begins with the influx of new, young, eager Rangers who were being assigned to our company in the June/July 1970 timeframe. We had a lot of guys whose time was up in that timeframe and many experienced guys and TL's were going home after serving their tours and we were getting in a lot of new guys and many were not experienced like the ones they replaced as you might guess. This led to several new TL's taking over teams and the guys like myself who had been there a while now beginning to have to step up and take more responsibility and teach the things we were taught to the new men who were joining us. It was a bit of a strange transition time because it seemed like it came so fast and we were losing some real solid performers and excellent leaders. We trusted and respected these guys who were leaving and now it was up to the new TL's like Harold Sides, Troll Lloyd, Dave McNulty, Steve

Printz, and others to step up and lead. And they did it and the beat went on.

Killer 18 was a team comprised of **Harold Sides** as the Team Leader, with **Ray Apellido** as the Asst. Team Leader. In September of 1970, the rest of the team was comprised of **Glenn Ritchie, Tony Gallina, David Slone, and Dale "Doc" Gray**. From photos I have, somehow I see Panfilo Martinez with these guys a lot so there was some connection there and I think it was with Team 19. Except for Harold and Ray, this was a young team and they had been together just a short time before their team was shot down during an insertion on September 20, 1970. We lost the entire aircrew and all of Team 18, except for David Slone, who was the lone Ranger survivor that day. No rhyme or reason for his survival, but just the way it went down that day. No way to explain fate, but I'm sure David cannot help but wonder about the how's and why's and there are no answers for those questions. Larry Smith knows the feeling and I know how much he has suffered over the years trying to figure that one out too. Believe me, those of us who listened helplessly that day as the radio traffic began to intensify, were so thankful that we had anyone survive that terrible incident. For those of us who had been there when we lost Team 16 it was a cruel version of déjà vu again. Again, our company was dealt such a severe blow and at times it became very difficult after that for me personally to view our presence there, doing what we were doing, as a smart thing, or even as appreciated by our leadership outside the company. I'm sure many of us had the same thoughts, but we were professional enough to continue to do our jobs and keep getting on those choppers and going out to who knows where and do the job we were tasked with. That's one of the things about being a member of Papa Company that always made me PROUD and let me know I was in the company of special soldiers and warriors. I've been in touch with Dave Slone over the years and he expressed to me that part of his reluctance to join us is the fact he felt like his not returning to the field after he lost his team was in some way not up to par. I think I speak for anyone who sees this that his reservations are way out of line and his experiences are way different and severe than anything I saw. I know it's all part of "survivors guilt", but I always try to assure him that he is off base a bit and we all would be honored and blessed to have him join us again. To me, he and Larry are way braver than I'll ever be and I'm honored and privileged to know THEM and to have served with them!!

Several years ago, a fellow associated with the Society of the 5th Division, contacted Bob Dowd concerning the events on September 20, 1970. His initial inquiry had to do with Dale "Doc" Gray. **Here's what David had to say in July 2001 about that day.....**

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Hi, Carl. My name is David Slone and I am the sole survivor of that UH1H that was shot down on September 20, 1970. This is what the After Action Report said that I obtained many years ago...At 0840H vic YD113725, an UH1H, while inserting a ranger team, was shot down by enemy fire. A/1-11 was inserted and linked up with A/1-61 to secure the ship and search the area. At 1128H, A/1-61 received an unknown number of 82mm and 60mm mortar rounds. Gunships and artillery were placed on the suspected enemy locations with unknown results. I don't personally recall much. We were low-leveling prior to insertion, then next thing the Huey was hit (I understand a .51 caliber shot took the rear rotor out because we sort of spun in the air for a bit.). I remember clinging to a skid and then I guess I landed in a bomb crater full of water that more or less broke my fall. I believe Lt. Roger Bergh was in the C&C chopper above and he came down, and I think put me on a chopper to head back, or maybe there was a Medevac, I don't think I ever knew. They took me to I think Phu Bai to stabilize me and then down to Cam Ranh Bay. I spent a few weeks in the hospital there and then was returned to the unit. I kind of hung around the camp for awhile and then transferred out not too long after that. If you are interested in a full description of that event I would try to track down Lt. Bergh and get the full low down. He was there and must have seen everything. Also, I believe "Troll" Lloyd's team was in the field and saw some of this, if I'm not mistaken. We had tried an insertion the day before, but had taken ground fire, and returned to base. I knew something bad was going to happen the second time around. I had just had my 19th birthday on September 6 and two weeks later my life as I knew it was upside down. My son just turned 19 and I cannot imagine having him live through that experience. My actual birthday I spent in Khe Sanh, and just as we were inserted rounds started chewing up the ground all around us. I thought it was RPG's or something, and learned on our return that we had set off a sensor or something and it was our own artillery. About then I thought I was just buying time until something worse happened. And it did. I don't know how you knew Dale but he was my hooch-mate on team 1-8. Didn't know him much, to tell you the truth.....**David Slone**...That was 2001 and when I recently contacted him for something for this article he very graciously responded with the following.....

Terry, To tell you the truth, not much happened in the field from late June to September, when we were shot down. All I can tell you is that Harold was one very cautious and protective team leader. His goal was to get us into and out of the field with the least amount of contact. Period. No heroics. And he did that extremely well. And what happened in the end had nothing to do with him. Just damned bad luck (or worse, mis-management from the top - they knew we were going back into a hot A.O. because I believe we

attempted to go in the day before and it was hot, then, and the mission was aborted). Is that the day Martinez was shot in the butt - round went through the chopper floor?) All he cared about was getting home to his family. Other than that our missions were pretty monotonous - hot, cold, rainy - and a couple of anxious extractions - but no direct confrontations with the enemy. Once up in Khe Sanh we picked up by sound a large party of NVA and blew claymores and shot wildly and had a crazy night extract, but that's pretty much it. Funny, even though in the same hooch, didn't spend much time with Tony, Glenn or Dale. I know this doesn't help much, but it's really I all I've got. Harold was a good man and I looked up to him, and he would have made an outstanding contribution to his family and his state and country had he survived. Probably more than I have. Wow, that hurts to say. The first time I've ever said that to anyone. And probably something I've felt for 40 years. Anyway, I've got big tears falling. Sorry for Harold, and all the guys of 1-8. **David**

\*\*\*\*\* I'd like to add a personal note here and say that David has had his kids participating in the National Spelling Bee over the years, so you just know they're great students and citizens, and he and his wife have done great things with their family. He goes to work and takes good care of his family and I know that his teammates, and especially Harold, are bursting with pride over what he has done with his life. From what I know, he has done an outstanding job and he should NEVER feel that way. Enough said on that subject..... Sometimes I wonder how badly I disrupt Dave's life when I contact him and bring this forgettable part of his life back up, but I must admit, he has always been gracious and respectful to me and for that, I thank him. He is a major piece of our Papa Company history and I continually try to remind him of that and coerce him into joining us one year at a reunion.\*\*\*\*\*

**Gregg "Spud" (aka "Chilly") Gain** was with Sgt. "Troll" Lloyd's team already on the ground nearby and he remembers the day like this..... Team 1-8 was doing a flip-flop with team 1-5. They were inserting 1-8 about 2 clicks south of our position. The team bird actually did an over flight of our position as the pilot wanted to locate us himself. They were low enough we waved at the team and I flashed my panel for the pilot. He came on the radio and said he'd pick us up in a few minutes and to standby. One of the pilots was 1Lt. Albert Finn. His dad ironically was a flight instructor at Ft. Rucker for helicopters. 1-8 proceeded to their LZ. I saw them go on final and for some reason looked away. Sp/4 James Williams Jr. (later KIA on March 1, 1971) said "Oh Shit!!" or something to that effect out loud. I looked up with the rest of the team and saw the smoke from the crash and then we all heard about 8-10 rounds of 51 cal. Probably took that long for the sound to travel that distance.



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The C&C bird immediately went down to look for survivors. From what I was told, David Slone was walking around the crash site in a daze and the CO, Capt. Johnson, and XO, 1Lt. Bergh, for some reason were on the C&C together. The crash site immediately came under mortar fire wounding both Bergh and Johnson, but they managed to get Dave on the bird and headed back to 18th Surgical Hospital. 1-5 was told to E&E back South of the DMZ and link up with friendly forces. An ARP platoon from some track unit (A/1/61) then came in to secure the crash site and recover the remaining team and helicopter crewmembers. The ARP's also came under mortar and small arms fire I believe, and they took at least two KIA and some wounded. They retrieved most of the KIA in the chopper, but had to go in the next day to retrieve one more crewman who was trapped underneath the bird. There was always a question of whether the bird was shot down or crashed due to pilot error. I honestly believe they were definitely shot at and maybe the pilot trying to avoid the fire hit the ground. WO Carson of the D/158th AHB Redskins said he saw no fire coming toward the Bird, while the other gunship said he saw the pilot's windshield explode with incoming rounds. I believe enemy fire caused the crash in one way or another. Cpt. Johnson sustained a head wound and was medivaced out to the hospital ship and 1Lt. Bergh returned a couple of weeks later to take over command until he was promoted to Capt. and went up to HHC. Cpt. Johnson never returned. Capt. Ross Goode delivered the eulogy at the memorial service as he had been reassigned only a short time before and we had no commanders left who knew the team. Team members on 1-5 that day were Troll Lloyd, Paul Smielewski, James Williams Jr., Larry Norris, Albert Mulkey, and myself as I recall. They can probably shed more insight as well. Troll took down 1-8's team sign and put it in the Club next to 1-6's when we got back I think. One other note on Finn, his dad actually came to the company and wanted to find out more about the crash. He wanted to go up to the DMZ to see where his son had crashed. They didn't let him and I think he was also trying to clear his son's name of any pilot error. Teams 1-8 and 1-5 were really close as Tony Gallina and Glenn Ritchie came in about the same time as I did and of course Sides and Apellido were liked by everyone. Doc Grey was a quiet guy, but was also well liked. That's the way I remember it. Hope that helps...Spud...

From SSG **James "Peach" Gill**, another of our TL's, I got this recent message.....Rock, I was 18's Team Leader for a while and Harold was our ATL. When I left, Harold was the obvious and smartest choice to take over. Harold always thought well of all company members, especially his fellow team members. He was very conscientious in mission preparedness and execution. I don't believe he had a negative bone in his body, always positive, even with some of the

crazy things we were asked to do which made no "common sense". During many, especially evening, conversations it was apparent he truly loved his wife and family. I have several stories (and pics) and one that stands out: We were sitting on a FSB hilltop (believe across from Khe Sanh... sorry but don't remember the infinite details), trying to figure out how to get to the bottom and when. Our mission was to determine if soil and terrain was such that the armor/infantry could sweep the valley. SSG Anthony Link's team was going down one end of the mountain, 18 the other. Harold and I sat there watching the sunset not saying a word, when all of a sudden all hell broke loose..."mad minute". This is the test firing of all weapons surrounding a firebase before guard duty begins for the night time hours.....First time either of us experienced that, certainly first for me! We jumped in a foxhole and started laughing when we figured out what it was. After that was over we both agreed we would be at the bottom by nightfall, next day! Well, 4 days later, 3 nights of tying ourselves to trees so we didn't roll down the hill in our sleep, we made it to the bottom. Not sure if this is correct, but, seemed like SSG Link took 5-6 days. After a contact in a creek bed of 12-15 NVA we ended up w/one KIA, and POW thanks to help from tracker dogs. Jim Gill.....

**Jose Dominguez** had this to say recently about Dale "Doc" Gray.....Hi Terry: I don't know if this works but it's about Dale Gray. We were starting to become close. He was teaching me this board game from a company named Strategy & Tactics. It was a Civil War game. The game was very involved with a large three part folding board, lots of pieces representing different units and a book of rules. It took one to two days to play one game. He used to beat me on a regular basis. I remember talking to him about his volunteering to be on a Killer team. He originally came to P/75 to be the company Medic, you know handing out pills and putting on bandages. He told me how bad he felt seeing the teams go out and coming back exhausted or teams missing guys that got hit. He felt guilty wearing a Ranger scroll and not going to the field. I understood how he felt. I know his request was turned down a couple of times but he finally made it to Team 1-9. We were in the middle of a game when he and his team went out that day. I was winning for the first time and I couldn't wait for him to get back. We never finished.

Jose ....RLTW!!

**Jay Lutz**, who got to know Harold Sides and Ray Apellido pretty well told me.....Terry, I hope I'm doing this right. I had some info on Harold from his hometown newspaper. He has a brother, John, and a sister, Jeannie. I didn't know if you knew that. About Ray, he used to tell me of how he rode with the Hell Angels in California and wanted to get out, but that wasn't going to happen, so at his age (born in 1940... he was a bit older than most of us) he

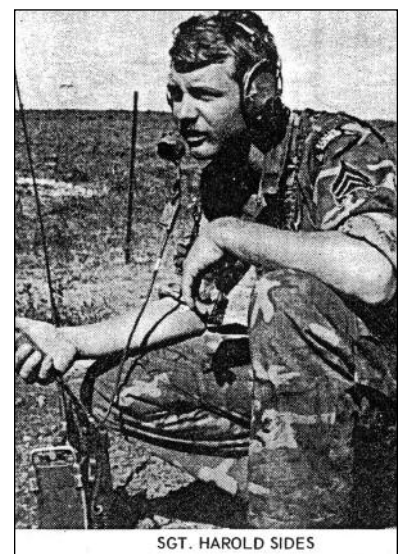
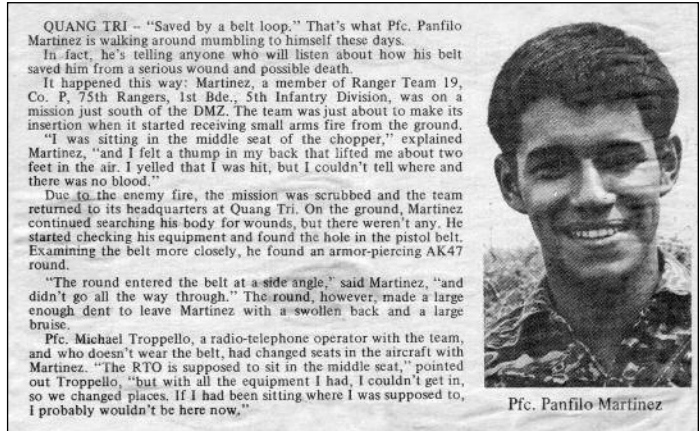
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volunteered to get drafted so he could disappear into the service and come back with a clean slate and not return to that life. I sent Harold's team CARE packages almost every week when I finally got home. Ray and Harold would write me and tell me how the company was going. I had asked Ray if he would send me a camouflaged beret because I had lost mine in transit after being wounded in June 1970. I sent him 5 bucks and I still have it and it's one of my personal treasures! He sent back the 5 bucks! After being notified that they were killed I stopped sending CARE packages. Ray was a jokester and didn't let anything keep him from making a grin and making his eyes pop wide open! I know it's not much. RLW!! Jay

I wish I had more space and more time because I could go on and on about these guys. When I started this article, I was worried that I might not have enough to say to fill up the space they allocate for me in Patrolling. Now I see that they will have to be accommodating for me to get what I have here already. I remember those newer, young guys named Gallina, Ritchie, and Gray, but not like I did Ray and Harold. David Slone rang a bell for me when I saw the photos of him, but honestly, we have had more communication since 1996 or so than we did in Papa Company in 1970. That is due to the pace and responsibilities that we all had to our own teams back then and nothing else. He is every bit a Papa Company Ranger in my eyes regardless of what he thinks about his time with us. We're proud of him and his team. While I'm on such a positive roll, I have to mention Harold's wife, Chris Sides. We finally got to meet her in Cherokee, N.C. at our reunion in 2006. She was so gracious and accepting of us and it was an absolute treat to have her come from Texas join us for the first time after so many years. We hope she will become a regular in the future. We see that Harold had a good eye for the girls too after meeting Chris. I'm sure you'll all agree. She was as sweet as she was pretty. It's such a shame that they were not able to share their lives together. A real tragedy and one of too many from our generation.

Larry Smith was recently honored as the Distinguished Honored Guest at his high school reunion in Asheville, NC. At the dinner, he and all the veterans from his class were honored, but Larry was singled out for his service and contributions to this great country of ours. It was heartwarming and very touching for Larry to be recognized in this way by his classmates after all these years and he was moved deeply by their recognition of his sacrifices defending this country we all enjoy. On a side note, Larry ran into the girl he first kissed as a youngster at the reunion. Her name is Kathy and she remembered their first kiss in Mrs. Crayton's class, 6th grade, West Buncombe School 1961. They seem to have found some common ground so it looks like I'm going to have to get "The Suit" out and get it cleaned and ready for a mission possibly!!

Wish I had more room and time because I'm on a roll now. Rick Williams recently contacted me and he sounds good. He's in Michigan in Grayling. Sgt. K.....thinking about you. Hope all is well in your AO!! Rangers Lead the Way!! Terry B. Roderick





## D/151 LRP/RANGER

Unit Director - Leon Moore

Hello Rangers and LRS

Well the leaves are gone and winter is here. Another year is almost over. This is the time for old Rangers to reflect on the year past. We had a great reunion in August and enjoyed old friends and renewed friendships from 40 years past. We regret the loss of brothers who will remain in our hearts and minds until we meet them again. Some of us are retiring from jobs, some have already retired and enjoying life and some are still working, but all of us are still Rangers and fighting our own battles every day. Some days we win, some days we lose and life goes on. If you're in need of help on the day you feel like you are losing call a brother and he will help you through it. If you don't know who to call, call me at 765-874-1996. As brothers we may not be able to solve your problems, but some times just listening helps more than you know. We were over there with you and with you we will stay.

### Continuation of 40 years ago:

#### December 1968

Company D has been given a leave to go home and say our good-byes and put our affairs in order before shipping out on December 28 to Viet Nam. Most of us got back to Ft. Benning by December 26<sup>th</sup>, not all but most of us. We said our good-byes to our loved ones who came back with us to get moved back to Indiana on December 27, 1968. Company D loaded on three planes and off to Viet Nam we went. First stop Alaska. Refueled and froze our asses off getting off and on the plane. Next stop Japan, refueled and the last stop Viet Nam. The flight over was great; box lunch sitting on cargo equipment or a few web seats on the side walls, which pretty much sucked all the way over!

#### December 28, 1968

We landed in Long Bin airport, get off the plane and life as we knew it would change forever from that day forward. Well to be blunt, the country smelled like someone took a big shit. I was trying not to throw up from the smell as we walked off the plane. I noticed Sgt. Eads was taking a deep breath with a smile on his face just knowing he had the shit detail job in the bag. At first glance the women we saw were well, let's say for the most part short, wrinkly with black teeth or no teeth. The men were short and walked around holding hands or squatting and talking with black teeth. As we walked to the buses to go to our new home the



smell seemed to get worse. On the ride to our camp through town the smell got even worse. Hundreds of ugly people were walking or riding bikes. As we were going through the town, I realized why it smelled like it did. We saw people squatting on the sidewalks and taking a crap when and where ever they wanted. We got to our base camp and the smell got a little better or I am just got use to it.

#### January 1968

Company D started to settle in with "in country" training. Marching up and down on the road in front of our base camp with sand bags in our packs. I remember one day we got on a bus and went to the 199<sup>th</sup> for training. We got off the bus and this Sgt. came out of the door and told us to start doing jumping jacks. He started to jump up and down and we just stood there watching him. He stops and yells at us saying what are you guys a bunch of NG's? We yelled back yes we are and we turned around and got back on the bus and went back to our base camp. At about this time, we found out that Cap. Himsel was not going to be our Company Commander because it required a Major's slot. So we got Major Heckman from F Company. We started training with members from F Company going out on somewhat secure areas. This lasted for a few weeks until we were ready to go on our own. At this time the few members of F Company that were left were fused into our company. I don't remember when, but we went from three to four platoons and Sgt. Ellis became the fourth platoon Sgt. I think this was do to the need of more teams in the field at a given time to support 2<sup>nd</sup> field force. Around this time we went from LRP's to Rangers. Company D also sent a total of 28 men to Recondo School over the next three months.

#### February 1968

By this time we were going on patrols as regular teams on five-day missions as 5 man teams or as (heavies) consisting of up to 12 to 15 man teams.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> Company D's worst fears came true. We lost our brother Charles Larkins in a heavy firefight while he was calling in gun runs on the radio and returning fire in an exposed position. This allowed the remainder of the team to assume better defensive positions until they could be picked up. He was fatally wounded. Do to the rest of the teams wounds, and heavy enemy fire it was impossible to get Charlie out. The

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following morning we were able to go in and retrieve Charlie's body. To the amazement of the Rangers upon finding Charlie, the whole area was burned except a perfect circle where Charlie laid. Now with Charlie gone, this war became very personal for many of us. At this time, I personally changed, as did others. We all grieved in different ways. I know it was the start of my withdrawal from getting too close to anyone new in the Company, and those I didn't know that well already in Company D.

Company D continued the average five-day missions with contacts and without contacts. The missions without contacts were in many ways more difficult, do to lying there just waiting and waiting for something to happen. After a while, I wanted someone to come by just to break the silence and to be able to move my legs and make a noise. As for me yet today, I can not take the silence for very long before I start to shut down and return to Viet Nam.

Well this brings us to March 1969. We will pick up where we left off in our spring issue. The pictures are from Company D, 151 LRP in 1967 in Greenfield, Indiana.

Until we meet again. May God be with you and guide you.

Signing off.

Sgt. Leon Moore

**F/51 LRP**

Unit Director - Russell Dillon

**OPERATION TOAN THANG PART 7**

This continuation covers from May 7, 1968 until May, 1968. From April 25<sup>th</sup> until April 29<sup>th</sup> F/51 LRP was under operational control of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and was operating out of Cu Chi and worked in the area South of Duc Hoa in the Pineapple and Orange operational areas. From April 30<sup>th</sup> through May F/51 LRP were under operational control of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and operated once again in the "Catchers Mitt" area in the operational areas of Upshur II, Los Banos, and Los Banos East. The general missions consisted of trail, canal, and rocket watch and to detect enemy movements.

**Team 43** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1436HRS (2:46 PM). At



1503HRS (3:03 PM) Team 43 reported movement 35 meters approximately Northwest of the teams location. At 1505HRS (3:05 PM) Team 43 reported 6 Vietcong were moving in on the teams location. At 1506HRS (3:06 PM)

Team 43 reported movement 50 meters approximately North Northeast of the team. At 1520HRS (3:20 PM) the gunships were on station and were supplying suppression fire on the enemy. At 1521HRS (3:21 PM) Team 43 reported considerable movement to the teams North. At 1535HRS (3:35 PM) Team 43 was extracted and at 1546HRS (3:46 PM) the team was reinserted into a different area. At 1907HRS (7:07 PM) Team 43 reported hearing a .50 caliber machine gun fire 400 to 500 meters West of the teams location. At 1945HRS (7:45 PM)

Team 43 reported seeing 2 Vietcong heading South on a trail 60 meters approximately Southwest of the teams location and also that they had movement 50 meters East of the team.

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At 1950HRS (3:50 PM) Team 43 reported that the 2 South bound Vietcong had left the trail. At 2007HRS (8:07 PM) Team 43 reported seeing 1 Vietcong 50 meters West of the teams location signaling with a flashlight. On May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1317HRS (1:17 PM) Team 43 reported hearing a radio 30 to 40 meters approximately East of the teams location. At 1345HRS (1:45 PM) Team 43 reported hearing metallic clicks 30 meters Northeast of the teams location. At 1645HRS (4:45 PM) Team 43 reported hearing radio signals and movement 40 meters approximately East of the teams location. At 1620HRS (4:20 PM) Team 43 reported that they had movement 20 to 25 meters from the teams location. At 1634HRS (4:34 PM) Team 43 reported that contact was about to happen. At 1645HRS (4:45 PM) team 43 reported that they had about 7 personal 40 meters approximately East crawling towards the teams location. At 1650HRS (4:50 PM) Team 43 reported more movement 30 meters approximately East Southeast of the teams location which was between the team and the LZ. At 1703HRS (5:03 PM) Team 43 reported Vietcong to their East and Northeast, and had 1 Vietcong who may have turned one of the teams claymores towards the team. At 1713HRS (5:13 PM) Team 43 reported seeing 1 Vietcong in a brown uniform running East of the teams location to the South. At 1716HRS (5:16 PM) the gun-ships began making their gun runs. As the gun-ships made their runs they reported receiving heavy gunfire from all directions. At 1728HRS (5:28 PM) Team 43 reported receiving heavy fire from their North. At 1733HRS (5:33 PM) Team 43 was extracted. The extraction slicks reported receiving heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from all directions and estimated that the enemy strength to be approximately company sized. After the extraction artillery and the gun-ships fired up the area.

**Team 25** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1443HRS (2:43 PM). At 1628HRS (4:28 PM) Team 25 reported hearing a bell ring twice 150 meters North Northeast of the teams location. At 1915HRS (7:15 PM) Team 25 reported hearing 2 rockets being fired 200 meters North of the teams location. On May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1229HRS (12:29 PM) Team 25 reported hearing and seeing 1 Vietcong 50 meters approximately South Southeast of the teams location. At 1502HRS (3:02 PM) Team 25 reported finding an old foxhole. At 1533HRS (3:33 PM) Team 25 reported finding footprints in the area of a B52 bombing. At 1544HRS (3:44 PM) Team 25 placed its first movement device. On May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1554HRS (3:54 PM) Team 25 placed its second movement device. At 1704HRS (5:04 PM) Team 25 reported finding caches and bunkers. At 1808HRS (6:08 PM) Team 25 was extracted. Team 25 was reinserted to check out an area where 4 detainees had been picked up earlier with negative results.

At debriefing, Team 25 reported finding a number of old trenches and bunkers and a large trail that had recent boot and sandal use in both directions.

**Team 44** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1712HRS (5:12 PM). At 1830HRS (6:30 PM) Team 44 reported hearing 2 Vietcong 35 meters South Southwest of the teams location. At 1919HRS (7:19 PM) Team 44 reported movement coming towards them. At 1928HRS (7:28 PM) team 44 reported seeing 3 flares 500 to 600 meters Northwest of the team's location. At 2008HRS (8:08 PM) Team 44 reported seeing flashlights 35 meters South Southwest of the teams location. On May 9<sup>th</sup> at 0837HRS (8:37 AM) Team 44 reported hearing pounding noises 60 meters Northwest of the team's location. At 1400HRS (2:00 PM) Team 44 reported smelling food cooking to the South of the teams location. At 1401HRS (2:01 PM) Team 44 reported they had 1 Vietcong heading North to within 25 to 30 meters South Southeast the teams location and then headed back towards the South. At 1956HRS (7:56 PM) Team 44 reported seeing 1 or 2 Vietcong 25 to 30 meters South Southwest of the team and were moving South. On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 0515HRS (5:15 AM) Team 44 reported seeing 4 Vietcong coming from the South and heading West 25 to 30 meters from the teams location. At 1755HRS (5:55 PM) Team 44 reported movement West of the teams location. On May 11<sup>th</sup> Team 44 had negative activity in the area. On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1033HRS (10:33 AM) Team 44 was extracted.

**Team 46** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1432HRS (2:32 PM). At 1500HRS (3:00 PM) Team 46 reported passing through an what appeared to be an old Vietcong base camp where the team found pottery and bowls laying around. At 1646HRS (4:46 PM) Team 46 reported hearing small arms and automatic weapons fire 800 to 1000 meters Southwest of the teams location. At 1855HRS (6:55 PM) Team 46 reported hearing a .50 caliber firing 800 meters approximately South Southwest of the teams location. At 1900HRS (7:00 PM) Team 46 reported hearing chickens and voices 700 to 800 meters approximately South Southwest of the teams location. At 1955HRS (7:55 PM) Team 46 reported seeing 2 Vietcong returning to the base camp and stopped 50 to 75 meters West of the teams location and took out flashlights. The team also heard hammering 300 meters approximately North Northwest of the team's location. At 2044HRS (8:44 PM) Team 46 reported that the flashlights disappeared and the sound of a large force moving back into the base camp. At 2045HRS (8:45 PM) Team 46 reported 15 Vietcong 75 meters approximately South of the teams location. On May 10<sup>th</sup> from 1946HRS (7:46 PM) through 1953HRS (7:53

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PM) Team 46 reported hammering coming from various locations 600 to 800 meters approximately South and North of the teams location. At 1959HRS (7:59 PM) Team 46 reported hearing mortar rounds being fired 2000 meters East of the team's location. On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 0016HRS (12:16AM) Team 46 reported seeing 5 Vietcong enter the Southern part of the base camp. At 1935HRS (7:35 PM) Team 46 reported hearing hammering 700 meters approximately North of the teams location. At 2021HRS (8:21 PM) Team 46 reported hearing 3 mortars being fired 700 meters South of the teams location. At 2022HRS (8:22 PM) team 46 reported 8 more mortar rounds being fired from the same location. On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2320HRS (8:20 PM) Team 46 reported hearing hammering 700 meters Northeast of the teams location. On May 13<sup>th</sup> Team 46 was extracted.

**Team 22** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1458HRS (2:58 PM). On May 10<sup>th</sup> Team 22 reported hearing movement 30 meters South of the teams location. On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 0748HRS (7:48 AM) Team 22 reported that they had 1 team member that was sick with possible appendicitis. At 0810HRS (8:10 AM) Team 22 requested a medivac for the sick team member and at 0846HRS (8:46 AM) the team member was extracted. At 0945HRS (9:45 AM) Team 22 initiated contact against 2 Vietcong in black PJ's and carrying AK-47's that were 40 meters South Southeast of the teams location with unknown results. At 1007HRS (10:07 AM) Team 22 reported finding 2 Vietcong KIA (Killed In Action) that appeared to have been dead for about 36HRS. At 1011HRS (10:11 AM) Team 22 reported seeing 1 Vietcong on the trail in black PJ's 100 meters North of the teams location. At 1450HRS (2:50 PM) Team 22 was extracted. At debriefing Team 22 reported that the Vietcong were carrying AK-47's and were moving East to West in the brush along a creek.

**Team 23** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1819HRS (6:19 PM). At 1945HRS (7:45 PM) Team 23 reported hearing a fire fight 1000 meters approximately East Southeast of the teams location. At 1955HRS (7:55 PM) Team 23 reported finding

small trails that appeared to be 1 to 3 weeks old. On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1830HRS (6:30 PM) Team 23 reported hearing mortars firing 500 to 600 meters Southeast of the teams location. At 1943HRS (7:43 PM) Team 23 reported hearing voices 400 meters Southeast of the teams location. On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1235HRS (12:35 PM) Team 23 reported passing through an old area that C 2/506<sup>th</sup> INF had been at. At 2056HRS (8:56 PM) Team 23 reported hearing a .50 caliber machine gun firing 3000 meters South Southeast of the teams location. Team 23 reported again at 2059HRS (8:59 PM) of hearing .50 caliber machine gun fire coming 3000 meters to the Southeast of the team. From the after action report it was thought to be ARVN's near the village of Thai Hung. On May 12<sup>th</sup> Team 23 reported negative activity in their area. On May 13<sup>th</sup> at 0931HRS (9:32 AM) Team 23 was extracted.

**Team 21** was a 6 man light team that was inserted into their area of operation on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1430HRS (2:30 PM). At 1519HRS Team 21 reported finding an old bridge that was still in usable condition 35 meters South of the team's location. Team 23 also reported that the swamp to the teams North had 6 small trails leading down to a watering point that was being used every day. On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1010HRS (10:10 AM) Team 21 reported to the C&C helicopter that the team was receiving ground fire 200 meters South of the teams location. At 2025HRS (8:25 PM) team 21 reported hearing mortars being fired 500 meters South of the team's location. On May 12<sup>th</sup> at 0655HRS (6:55 AM) Team 21 reported hearing a large truck 400 meters South Southeast of the teams location. At 1215HRS (12:15 PM) Team 21 reported movement of 2 to 3 people to the rear of the teams LZ and sent 2 team members to cover 2 new trails that were to their rear. The trails were 25 meters East of the team's location. On May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1547HRS (3:47 PM) Team 21 reported hearing movement 40 to 50 meters South of the teams location and coming towards the team. On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 0154HRS (1:54 AM) Team 21 reported that artillery that was being fired had set off a secondary explosion 4000 meters South of the teams location. At 0928HRS (9:28 AM) Team 21 was extracted.

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Unit Director - Michael McClintock

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## ARVN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

Unit Director - Bill Miller



### Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Martin for his 12 years of service as Unit Director of the ARVN Range Advisor (BDQ). I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill. I look forward to serving each and every one of you and for your assistance from time to time. Please write articles and send photos of your units and personnel. All photos will be returned. I wish Mike and Hilda all the best and hope they now will have the time for other pleasures. Thank you, Mike, for a job well done.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Donald S. "Don" Lassen Sr. Dead at age 86

Don Lassen, the highly respected and liked publisher of the internationally acclaimed "Static Line Newspaper", died August 8, 2008 while recuperating for recent spinal column surgery. Shortly after returning home following the surgery, he had to again be hospitalized due to a sudden onset of serious internal complications involving heart and lung ailments which ultimately claimed his life.

He will long be remembered for his great love of paratroopers, glider riders, and those serving in today's airmobile units. Writing in the April 2008 edition of the Static Line he had this to say: "Airborne guys are a special breed. They are independent and highly motivated. Even into their old age. They haven't changed much over the years, just gotten a little older.

Don made three night combat drops, one in Sicily, one into Salerno and the other on D-Day when he jumped into St. Mere-Eglise. Don also made a daytime combat jump into Holland. Don never, ever, wrote nor spoke of his battlefield heroics, preferring instead to shine the spotlight of publicity on other members of his unit.

At the conclusion of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's first reunion held during 1947 in Chicago, Don began writing and mailing out a 1-page newsletter, titled the E Company Poop Sheet, to all the old Company E wartime buddies he met at the reunion. This eventually evolved into the all airborne encompassing 25-plus page "Static Line" newspaper we all know and enjoy today.



Don leaves his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by us all, and we look forward to that day we link up with him on the other side.

Gerard M. Devlin, Airborne Historian

### RANGERS LAMENT OVER THE LOSS OF A LEGENDARY WARRIOR

My friend and Chairman of the International Vietnamese Ranger Association, Colonel Nguyen Than Chuan, died from a fall upon his arrival

in France from the United States, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2008; - his remains were returned to California on the 2nd of November 2008; our Co Vans (Advisors) "Salute" his service to his country and the assistance he provided to the allied forces in South Vietnam.

I think it is only appropriate to mention that to me-and others-Colonel Chuan emphasized that intangible thing called "the BDQ Spirit," but I know that spirit emanated from him; it was his own staunch character and leadership which permeated the BDQs and all else with which he associated....In the next issue of Patrolling, there will be photos and honors from his peers at his memorial service.

Colonel Chuan's father (a Doctor) was killed by the Viet Minh. Chuan attended the French College, Lycee Chasse Loup Laubat, in Saigon; he graduated from the National military Academy at Dalat, in 1952. He was with the French forces as a member of the Vietnamese Airborne (Battalion Parachutiste Vietnamien) from 1952-1960. From 1963-1970, he served as Commander of Vietnamese Special Forces (Luong Dac Biet) in II, III and IV Corps, and the Commander of the LLDB Training Center at Nha Trang. Colonel Chuan was with the Biet Dong Quan (Rangers) from 1971-1975, serving as the Commander of the Rangers in III Corps and as the Ranger Commander of the defense of the An Loc Front/Binh Long.

We all believe in a personal invulnerability but death, with unmerciful clarity highlights our limited life span, accomplishments, and the passing of an era....

By Mike Martin

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**L to R: Colonel  
Nguyen Thanh  
Chuan and  
Mike Martin. Col  
Chuan designed all  
of the BDQ  
(Vietnamese Ranger)  
Distinctive Unit  
Insignia in 1960, also  
the Vietnamese  
Parachute Badge  
(Jump Wings).**

**US MARINE-RANGER ADVISOR**

In 1967, during my first tour in Vietnam, I served 11 months as senior advisor (co-van) to the 21<sup>st</sup> Vietnamese Ranger Battalion in the I Corps tactical zone. From its southern boundary just south of Quang Ngai to the DMZ in the north, I Corps remained a hornets' nest of Viet Cong (VC) and North Vietnamese Army activity throughout the war.

Early in my tour, the 21<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion was part of an extensive U.S.-South Vietnamese Army operation in southern I Corps that was designed to encircle and destroy VC Main Force units. I was a Captain at the time and a true believer regarding the righteousness of the U.S. commitment to South Vietnam (as I am to this day).

For several seemingly endless days and nights, we trudged through thick woods and swampy areas in our assigned sector, the enemy always ahead of us, never quite in our grasp. We pressed on and on, only to be picked off by snipers and shattered by the explosion of a huge mine that killed seven Rangers. This loss was especially disconcerting because familiarity with the fields and hamlets of their homeland usually gave South Vietnamese troops a better chance against mines and booby traps than their U.S. counterparts.

Marine helicopters arrived to evacuate the growing number of dead and wounded as the VC continued to slip away. In helping to load the casualties on choppers, I became increasingly frustrated. I was infuriated by our inability to come to grips with an elusive enemy who was, in my mind, slowly tearing us to pieces. Judging by their expressions and what the Army's Vietnamese language course had taught me, I gathered the Rangers were equally furious.

In the midst of groping through a thick patch of woods, Captain T., the battalion commander, informed me that one of the lead companies had captured a VC soldier. I was elated—

in part because he had only rarely seen fit to tell me anything more complex than “we go now” in Vietnamese.

Captain T. and I had not gotten on well. I disliked his frequent and harsh physical abuse of his men for all disciplinary infractions, major or minor. I felt he disliked me because I was yet another crude co-van sent to him to learn about war at his battalion's expense. The French-speaking veteran of many battles looked down on me as a neophyte—rightly so, as it turned out.

I moved forward from the battalion command group to see the prisoner for myself. When I got there, the battalion intelligence officer was interrogating him. He had deserted the South Vietnamese Airborne Division with his newly issued M-16 rifle and was plainly terrified.

I had not slept for days, owing mostly to nightly mortar attacks and tension related to my new-guy combat inexperience. Completely wired on C-ration coffee and cigarettes, I was exhausted. My mind raced: numerous casualties while unsuccessfully pursuing the enemy through the muck and mire, Rangers armed with inadequate M-2 carbines dating from World War II, and a detestable deserter who had made off with the newest military rifle America had to offer at the time.

I convinced myself the “whining rat” probably shot some Rangers with the stolen rifle, and I became increasingly filled with hate. Towering over the prisoner, a mere youngster, I locked and loaded my rifle and offered repeatedly to shoot him on the spot—preferably right in the face. Noting my rage and constant manipulation of my weapon, the captive appeared to be pleading with his interrogator. Disconcerted by my erratic behavior, the battalion officers, who were junior and afraid to intervene, stood back. My radio operator, an Army enlisted man, eyed me warily.

Suddenly, Captain T. appeared and a staff officer quickly briefed him on the situation. Reverting to the English he knew well but almost never lowered himself to use with his U.S. advisors; he stepped in front of the prisoner. Responding to my offer to kill him, he simply said, “I cannot do that. I am a Catholic.”

Immediately and utterly diminished by his intervention—as a Marine and human being—I shrank back, stunned. I will never forget that moment for the rest of my life.

I am unsure of the precise moral of this story. Certainly, the experience did not make me a better man. I still despise the North Vietnamese Army and VC of that era because of their murderous treatment of the South Vietnamese population,

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which I witnessed countless times. As a Marine, however, the incident served me well. Captain T.'s admonishment kept me from committing a crime I would have come to regret for the rest of my life.

Moreover, it reinforced on a practical level what I had been taught in Marine Corps and Army training: Decisions made under stress are likely to be flawed, but leaders must rise above pressure and strive at all times to set the proper example. I remain painfully aware of my failure to meet the mark on that occasion.

Later, under a new battalion commander, we captured a VC soldier who participated in a widely publicized ambush that lured a Marine patrol outside its supporting artillery fan and killed every man. The captive, an older man, said he took a wristwatch from one of the dead Marines, but his company commander confiscated it for his own use. (So much, I mused, for the tales of exclusive South Vietnamese Army corruption.) God knows how I longed to kill the grizzled veteran. But I walked away.

No doubt, the nearly tragic incident with Captain T. exerted a positive effect, as had more field experience. I was less apt to fly off the handle. Not least, while combat hardens a person, it also can impart a curious sense of magnanimity toward a tough and skillful enemy.

Soon after the earlier incident with Captain T., a U.S. helicopter evacuated the deserter-turned-VC and delivered him to a POW camp near Danang. Toward the end of the year, the enemy staged an impressive rescue operation at the same camp and freed hundreds of prisoners.

I sometimes wonder if our captive that fateful day in February 1967 broke out and survived the war. If so, I hope he is eternally grateful the commander of South Vietnam's 21<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion—an edgy but morally well-grounded officer—saved his life.

I know that I am.  
Gordon W. Keiser

**SITREP:**

I want to thank all those who have contributed to the BDQ Memorial Fund. I realize that two other monuments have already been placed, however those monuments included the Vietnamese. This monument is in recognition of the US Army Ranger Advisors. Contributions are steadily arriving and the following is a list of contributors thus far. Thanks again for your support in this endeavor. Contributions are still arriving and below is a list of contributors thus far. Remember all donations are fully tax deductible within the

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**SFC Bill Harden Sr. NCO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Group  
Advisory Team 21 at a Fire  
Support Base, Dalat 1968.**

**CONTEMPLATIONS:**

As I sit here in front of my laptop on this Veterans Day I want to thank each and every member for their service to our great country. I want to close with a quote;

"Pessimism never won any battle"

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mu Nau Bill Miller, Unit Director

# STATE COORDINATOR – ADVOCATE

## BEHIND THE SCENES, YET IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ASSOCIATION:

### Phil Bruno

On September 30, 2008, I had the privilege of representing the 75<sup>th</sup> RRA during the service for Phil Bruno at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside County, California. Phil Bruno was a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association, having served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division LRRPs in Vietnam. Ranger Bruno passed away suddenly on August 5, 2008.

They say that a man's legacy is reflected by those he left behind. Phil Bruno's legacy is sure to make an impact for years to come. Born in New York, on September 30, 1946, Phil is survived by two daughters, Jessica Bruno and Tanya McCormick, son-in-law, Kurt, and two grandsons, Riley and Chase.

Phil's cremated remains received full-military honors. An honor guard made up of volunteers from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter presided over the firing detail, folding and presentation of the American Flag to the family. An Eagle Scout played Amazing Grace and TAPS while members of the family and friends were gathered in remembrance of Phil. A Catholic priest gave the rites of the final sacrament and Phil's daughters placed some family pictures and mementos and then sealed the urn.

On behalf of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association, I presented an engraved silver coin to each of his daughters as a small token of his service and passed along our heart-felt sorrow for their loss.

I did not know Phil, but from listening to the family talk and reading Bryant Middleton's remarks, I came to appreciate Phil's love of family, friends and Country. Philip Joseph Bruno now rests at the Riverside National Cemetery and lives in the memories and hearts of his family and friends. I was truly honored to represent the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association.

Rest in Peace Phil. Rangers Lead the Way!

RLTW!

Eduardo Tinoco

Zeke Zykowski:

**Mike Wood** State Coordinator for the state of Illinois represented the 75<sup>th</sup> RRA at the funeral of Zeke Zykowski

on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2008. There were 5 generations of Rangers at Zeke's wake and funeral. The pall bearers were from Ft. Lewis Wash. Zeke was the WWII ranger who jumped at the last Benning reunion and walked around for 4 days, till he went to the hospital and found he had a broken neck. The 75<sup>th</sup> RRA sent a silver coin to Zeke's family.

Thanks to Eduardo and Mike for representing our organization.

**Please inform us as soon as you know about a departed LRRP, LRP or Ranger. Please give us the warning order and point of contact early. The more time we have the more we will be able to assist the family.**

## NOW THAT IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

**Please consider being a State coordinator for your state. As you can see our volunteers do a great service for the families, and the association. You may contact me at the email address below for more information.**

If you attend any services or events representing the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association please let me know so we may recognize your efforts.

## FIELD COORDINATORS

**John Chester has certificates for the mothers. Be sure to request them when needed.**

**I (Gene Tucker) will be able now to provide silver coins that you may present to the families of our departed brothers. Please notify me as soon as you know what you want engraved on the coins and the address to have the coin sent to. You may have 14 letters including spaces engraved on the first line and 4 or 5 on the second line.**

**Be sure to visit any wounded, injured or ill brother also.**

**Now is the time to step up and be counted as all the State Coordinators have been doing, we all appreciate their unselfish giving for their fellow LRRP's, LRP's and Rangers. !**

Gene Tucker  
State Coordinator – Advocate  
75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Association  
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# TAPS

## Nguyen Thanh Chuan

Chairman of the International Vietnamese Ranger Association, Colonel Nguyen Than Chuan, died from a fall upon his arrival in France from the United States, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2008; - his remains were returned to California on the 2nd of November 2008; our Co Vans (Advisors) “Salute” his service to his country and the assistance he provided to the allied forces in South Vietnam.

Chuan attended the French College, Lycee Chasse Loup Laubat, in Saigon; he graduated from the National military Academy at Dalat, in 1952. He was with the French forces as a member of the Vietnamese Airborne (Battalion Parachutiste Vietnamien) from 1952-1960. From 1963-1970, he served as Commander of Vietnamese Special Forces (Luong Dac Biet) in II, III and IV Corps, and the Commander of the LLDB Training Center at Nha Trang. Colonel Chuan was with the Biet Dong Quan (Rangers) from 1971-1975, serving as the Commander of the Rangers in III Corps and as the Ranger Commander of the defense of the An Loc Front/Binh Long.



## Richard Lee Williams

Papa Co. died November 21, 2008 due to self inflicted gunshot. I worked with Rick while he was incarcerated in the early '90's and ever since to get his VA benefits and just be his friend. He was very proud of Papa Company and the time he spent with it.

More info may be obtained from Channel 10 news, Traverse City, Michigan  
Ben Webster,

## Don Lassen

The highly respected and liked publisher of the internationally acclaimed “Static Line Newspaper”, died August 8, 2008 while recuperating for recent spinal column surgery. Shortly after returning home following the surgery, he had to again be hospitalized due to a sudden onset of serious internal complications involving heart and lung ailments which ultimately claimed his life.

Don made three night combat drops, one in Sicily, one into Salerno and the other on D-Day when he jumped into St. Mere-Eglise. Don also made a daytime combat jump into Holland. Don never, ever, wrote nor spoke of his battlefield heroics, preferring instead to shine the spotlight of publicity on other members of his unit.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEMORIAL

I have returned from being out of the country for four months, thus we have an extended report for forty-seven names added to the Special Operations Memorial during the past two reporting periods. Our sincere condolences go to the families of the following special operations forces (SOF) losses through killed in action or killed in training include:

## **Civil Affairs**

Captain Robert D. Lindenau, 98th Civil Affairs Battalion, was lost in combat on 20 October.

## **Marine Special Operations Command**

SSGT Edgar A. Heredia was lost on 16 June, and Captain Garrett T. Lawson was lost on 4 August. Both were assigned to the 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion.

## **Special Forces**

SSG David Textor was lost on 15 July from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne).

The 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) lost SSG William R. Neil Jr. on 21 March, and SGT Nicholas A. Robertson on 4 April.

SSG Jason Brown, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was lost on 3 April.

Losses from the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) included SSG Travis G. Hunsberger, DFC Jeffrey M. Rada-Morales, MSG Shawn K. Simmons, and SGT James M. Treber all during 27-28 June. On 29 September a second major tragedy occurred when three more losses included CPT Richard G. Cliff Jr., and SFCs Jamie S. Nicholas and Gary J. Vasquez. SGT Nicholas A. Casey was lost from the 3rd Battalion on 27 October.

The 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) lost Special Kevin R. Dickinson on 2 August.

SSG Frank J. Gasper, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was lost on 3 April.

## **Rangers**

The 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment losses included SFC David L. McDowell on 29 April, Specialist Christopher Gathercole on 26 May, SFC David Nunez on 29 May, Specialist Thomas F. Duncan III on 9 June, and MSG Mitchell W. Young on 28 June.

The 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment lost SGT William P. Rudd on 5 October.

SSG Christopher M. Rouland died during training on 13 August.

## **US Army Special Operations Command**

SGM Patton was killed on 15 October resulting from a parachute accident

## **US Navy Special Warfare Command**

On the day before Valentines Day, 13 February, Navy Special Warfare Command lost SOC Thomas J. Valentine, and on 6 March, SOC Lance Varccaro.

PO3 Michael A. Monsoor was added to the Medal of Honor recipient section for his actions on 29 September 2006, earning him the Medal of Honor.

US Navy Special Warfare Development Group lost three personnel; SO1 Joshua T. Harris on 30 August, and SOC Jason R. Freiwald and SOCS John W. Marcum both on 12 September.

The following non-killed in action or killed in training names were added to Legacy Section of the Special Operations Memorial:

An engraving was purchased for LTC Craig Robinson, USA Special Operations Command, who died in 1994.

Engravings were purchased in February for SGT M. Hasenfus, SGT Andy Stay, and SFC C. Strickland, all formerly with Operational Detachment A-325, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and SSGT William Felton, PJ with the 54th ARRS.

James A. Poole, USN, formerly assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command was added in March.

During May three engravings were purchased for SOF legacy personnel. The first for the late Robin Moore, the only civilian to attend and graduate the Special Forces Qualification Course prior to visiting Vietnam and writing his book (later movie), The Green Berets. The second was purchased for the late BG Donald Blackburn who conducted guerilla warfare on Luzon during World War II, Commanded MACVSOG during 1965-66 in the Republic of Vietnam, commanded the 77th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during the White Star Mobile Training Teams to



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEMORIAL (CONT.)

Laos; and oversaw the initial planning for the Son Tay Raid into North Vietnam.

The third engraving was for former Ranger Felix Ganz.

Specialist Gary L. Barnes a former Sniper, lost in the Republic of Vietnam was added on 3 September; and Colonel John C. Woolshlager, formerly with the 3rd, 5th, and 10th Special Forces Groups (Airborne), and USSOCOM was added on 26 September.

Additions during October included LT William R. Pechacek, formerly SEAL Team 1 in the Republic of Vietnam; Captain Gunnar Sønsteby, the most decorated special Operations soldier in Norway during World War II (currently 90 years young, and a recipient of the USSOCOM Medal); and the late CW4 Alan R. Childress (PhD), former Special Forces.

### Donations

Meeting Matters Plus who organizes the annual International SOF Convention in Tampa, Florida, donated \$10,000 to the SOF Memorial; John and Leslie Osterweil were also added to the major contributor section of the Memorial for their donation of \$1,000; and Stephanie Wolf added for her \$1,000 donation.

The annual Veterans Day memorial ceremony was held at the Special Operations Memorial on 10 November complete with the USSOCOM Para Commando parachute team demonstrations, and an unveiling ceremony for two Navy SEAL Medal of Honor Recipients, PO2 Michael A. Monsoor and LT Michael P. Murphy was held on 17 November.

Geoff Barker  
Vice President  
Director of Memorial Site Operations

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## *A Warriors Stare*

*As we got off the plane, hardened veterans passes us by.  
I thought, had they seen too much war, saw to many die.  
At first I thought it strange, perhaps they didn't care.  
A sgt. explained, called it "The Thousand Mile Stare".*

*It's hard for me to tell why I had to come over here.  
I grew up with "Freedoms and Choices", things I value dear.  
Me and my buddies, we talk all the time of home.  
These men are like brothers, I never feel alone.*

*Most under twenty, in ways, old beyond their years.  
There exists a warm feeling in my heart, like a mothers tears.  
My dear mom and dad, you have given me so much.  
Dad, my sturdy backbone, mom, my gentle touch.*

*Dad, you always said, war time friendships were forever strong.  
It's like a special club, an honor to belong.  
We learned so many things, trained to fight and survive.  
Old timers, some younger than I, taught us how to stay alive.*

*When I come home will I have friends, will I love or even care.  
I can't help but wonder, will I have that dreadful stare.*

*Michael D. Monfrooe USA Ret.  
17 August 2008*

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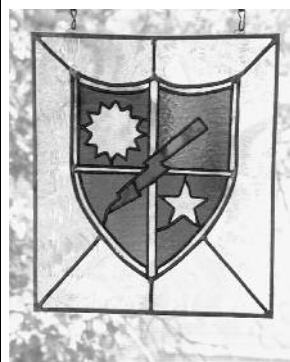
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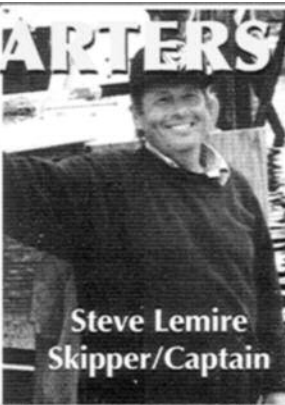
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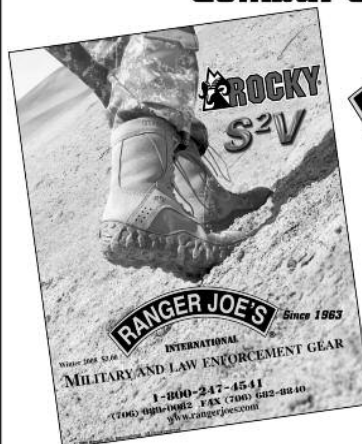


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*Mass tactical jump,  
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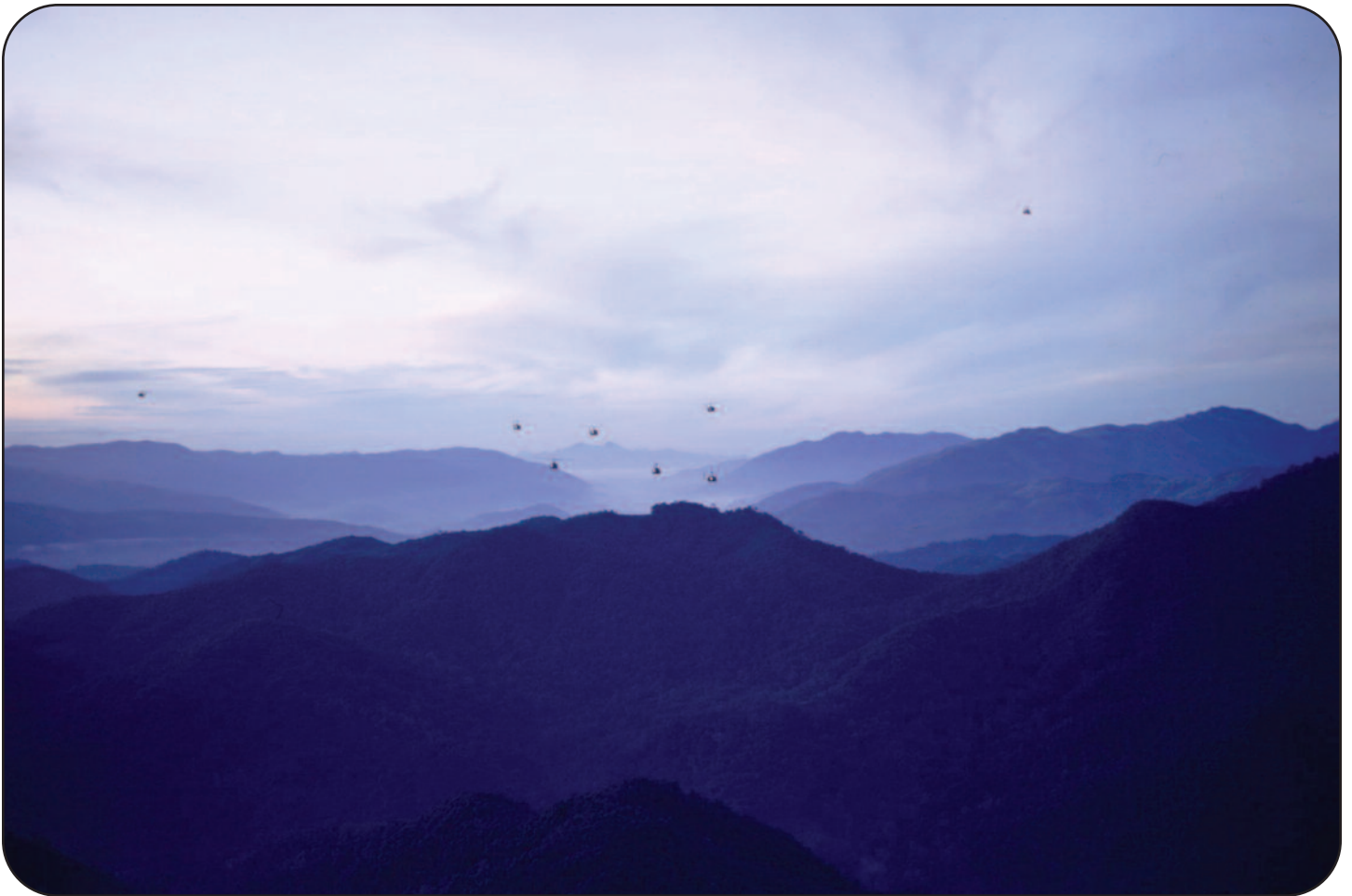




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*Combat Assault at dawn. Taken from a LRRP over night location. Photo by Brian Radcliffe.*

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