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WHO WE ARE

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc., is a registered 501 (c) corporation, registered in the State of Georgia. We were founded in 1986 by a group of veterans of F/58, (LRP) and L/75 (Ranger). The first meeting was held on June 7, 1986, at Ft. Campbell, KY.

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.

3. 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.
- D. Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- E. Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- 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.
- M. Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- N. Co O (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 software 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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2005-2007	Stephen Crabtree
2007-2009	William Bullen
2009-2011	John Chester
2011-2013	Joe Little
2013-	Bill Anton

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 Special Troops Battalion, activated in 2007.
- E. 75th Ranger Regiment HHC Company, activated in 1984.

SECTION 7: Long Range Surveillance: Any Long Range Surveillance Company or Detachment that can trace its' lineage to, or is currently assigned to a Brigade or larger element that was deployed to Vietnam as listed in section 2, 3 or 4 above.



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WEB SITE & MAGAZINE NEWS

I am certain that everyone that was able to attend has their own set of Rendezvous experiences or recollections. Mine include seeing a bunch of guys from my old unit, some of which I was seeing for the first time in decades. It was an honor to attend the Ranger Hall of Fame ceremonies and witnessing a crop of well deserving inductees . . . congratulations to each and every one of you, we are honored through our association with you.

There were unit meetings, company picnics, elections of new officers (more on that in a bit), a little beer, some HEAT, and the banquet. How is it that we keep looking older and our brave active duty RANGERS keep looking younger? Bless you RANGERS for all that you do for America and for the example you set for all.

Okay, now for the website. Our newly elected president (and 2009 RHoF inductee), William T. "Bill" Anton, hit the ground running. I'll not steal his thunder here except to say that he's already updated the official 75th Ranger Regiment Association logo and scroll . . . now prominently displayed on every page of our website. Bill shared his vision with me for the website going forward and other internet related activities that we'd like to see in play in the very near (or, his words, "immediate") future.

For anyone out there who hasn't already got the word . . . we've been adding past issues of PATROLLING magazine to the website. We generally run one issue behind in posting so that subscribers get to see theirs first. So for those of you that moved and missed your last issue (or let your annual dues lapse), or "the dog ate it" . . . whatever, just click on the Patrolling logo in the upper right of the main page and you'll find what you're looking for. Issues not represented their do not exist in electronic format or are otherwise unrecoverable.

I will tell you that we're hard at it re-working the forms and in particular the online opportunities to make a donation to the FAMILY FUND, pay annual dues (including multiple years), and a Quartermaster page. Advertising in PATROLLING now includes free exposure on the website. Patrolling has our advertising rate card near the back of the magazine (near or in the advertising section). We'll soon be duplicating this information on the web for your convenience. Advertising collections/payments should be made to the secretary but if you have technical questions about getting started with advertising you can always contact me via patrolling@75thrra.com (where both the magazine editor and website guy get it simultaneously) or just call: (239) 207-1145.

Just a reminder: The magazine comes out several times each year but important "hot" news is posted to the website and/or sent via e-mail in pretty much real time. I would encourage each member to provide a current e-mail address to us as well as any change in mailing address. There is a form for this purpose at the bottom-left of the main page.

I want to give thanks and a personal wish for the overall safety and well being of our RANGERS and their families through the coming holiday season.

Stay tuned.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Anton

Fellow LRRP/Rangers:



Bill Anton

Thank you for your vote of confidence to be your President. I accept this responsibility and will endeavor to give you my very best for our 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

Our elected Officers for 2013-2015 are:

1st VP: Kevin Ingraham

2nd VP: Scott Billingslea

Secretary: Tom Sove

Treasurer: Roger Crunk

All are fine men and will serve you very well.

We will move farther and faster like all Rangers. We are in the process of having an external audit conducted on our books. This will ensure that when we go further into fund raising, there will be no questions as to our solvency and dedication for accuracy. We will comply with all aspects of our Constitution and bylaws.

By time you receive this edition you will note that K/75 had a memorial dedication in Pennsylvania. Treasurer Roger Crunk is the Keynote Speaker, and 2nd VP Kevin Ingraham and Past President John Chester represented our Association. 75th RRA is a sponsor of the 1/75 golf tournament. Our Officers and members will attend the 2/75 Change of Responsibility ceremony on 19 September. Our Officers and members will attend the 2/75 Formal on 3 October and the 1/75 Formal on 10 October.

We are in the process of finalizing a vendor for our Association for Ranger shirts, T-shirts and gear. There will be a direct link to this vendor on our web page. We will expand our membership program to gain more new members. We are actively working on our sponsorship program to attract new sponsors for our association.

I have appointed the following Rangers: Donald B. Mansell to be our Judge Advocate. He is a practicing attorney and a former Judge. Jeff Struecker to be our Chaplain.

RLTW, Bill Anton

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Ingraham



Kevin Ingraham

Kevin Ingraham here, the cherry 75thRRA 1VP with my intro message. My basic CV is this: I was in 2d Battalion 1975-77 and RS class 9-76. I spent the rest of my army years in regular & reserve SF units. I've been a 75th RRA life member since the early '90s and the 2d Batt UD since about 2007. I'm pretty stoked to be taking this on at this time—

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you & working with you all.

This new board is looking at whatever can grow our association and maintain our position as THE pre-eminent association for LRP/Rangers who wore the scroll. Any suggestions, guidance and hard-won experience is more than welcome. Anything that might help make this a better association for every member and potential member, let's have it.

Along those lines:

Let the leadership know about any ranger activities; company reunions, local get-togethers and ranger-relevant events. This way we can plan ahead and get the word out to ensure max participation, grow membership, obtain sponsors, get input and articles for *Patrolling* and otherwise make our association known. Let us know of anything coming up involving your unit activities or from the greater ranger community (I might try to brow-beat you for *Patrolling* input but don't let that dissuade you).

We need volunteers for a finance committee. Not only is this in the bylaws, "outside eyes" helps to protect the individuals who volunteered to serve as treasurer and our Association as well. The board members are in the process of getting bonded as step 1. PLEASE step up and apply your skill to looking over the treasurer's shoulder.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Recruiting and growth; these are the keys to our survival. We are all the 'membership committee'! The Association will be showing its banner at every relevant event we can make a presence at, literally and figuratively. Events like Best Ranger and Ranger Rendezvous are prime hunting grounds, as are the awards ceremonies and unit balls conducted by the present battalions—your board members will be present at as many of these as we can swing. If you have a ranger scroll in the rear window, download some membership applications and keep them in the glove box—the old scroll decal on my truck has smoked some 'lone rangers' out of the wilderness.

What can I do to make your jobs easier and make this a better association? I'm always reachable; my POCs are in the usual places in *Patrolling* and on the website. That's my family phone number & we're in the Eastern Time zone. My wife will take your name & number if I'm not available—save the business for me. I only screen for telemarketers and so don't answer blocked numbers. Just be reasonably sober when you call or give me a chance to catch up first.

Rangers Lead the Way!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Billingslea

Rangers, allow me to introduce myself for those that don't know me. My name is Scott Billingslea and I have the honor of being the incoming 2nd Vice-President for the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the recent Rendezvous in Columbus, GA and for those of you that weren't able to make, you were definitely missed. In addition to serving in 3/75 in the early 90's, I have served as the 3/75 Unit Director for about 5 years now. When Bill Anton and Joe Little asked me to serve in this capacity, I was a little hesitant. It's not something I take on lightly. I can assure you that I will dedicate the time and effort to properly represent you and this organization.

One of the things I've been tasked with by the President is to develop a list of national events that we should have a presence at. As I expect that to be a living document, please send me information on any that you feel we should be aware of. We also need all of you to be thinking about nominees for next year's Ranger Hall of Fame class. If you think of someone that deserves nomination, please bring it to the attention of your Unit Director.

I'll be sure to keep you in the loop on what I'm working on in future issues, don't hesitate to reach out if you have thoughts or feedback. Our goal is to continue expanding the impact and membership of this organization, and every member is a critical part of that effort.

RLTW!

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

By Tom Sove



Tom Sove

For some reason many applications for membership still are coming in incomplete. Specifically, proof of service seems to be something that people love to ignore. I really don't know if it's because they simply did forget to provide proof, are phonies, are too lazy to dig out a DD-214 or an order, or figure it's my job to do the work for them. It's not uncommon to be told to "call Ghost, or Snake, or General Smith, they'll vouch for me." I'm sure they would, but I don't know that Ghost and Snake are still on the net. And you want me to call General who? Now, I am sure that neither Ghost nor Snake are members in good standing, so they wouldn't work anyway. It's your job to complete the application, which

includes providing proof of service in a qualifying Ranger unit. One fellow became incensed when I queried him, stating "I don't have to prove my service to anyone!" Well, that may be so, but you do have to prove your service to this organization if you want to join it. Oh, and please don't tell me that your service is still classified!

The protocol for completing the application process is that you have 60 days to provide everything: a completed and signed application, proof of service, and payment of at least one year's dues (\$30). After 60 days, the application will be returned and you would have to start everything over. This protocol was confirmed in July at the reunion by the Board. Please make note of it and if you know anyone contemplating joining it doesn't hurt to remind them of our requirements.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (Continued)

You may have noticed our updated advertisement about Association coins. They are produced quite quickly by our source, the quality is very good, and they are mailed directly to you. The prices are \$20 for bronze coins, and \$50 for silver coins. Additional charges are \$.10 per digit for engraving, \$6.00 to \$8.00 for mailing (depending on the value of the shipment), and \$30 for a bezel.

A bezel is an enclosure that fits around the coin and has a loop at the top so it can be put on a chain or neck ribbon. Bezels are not available for bronze coins, because bezels are silver. Although bezels are available, we haven't advertised them because, frankly, we can't imagine why anyone would want

one as the coins are way too heavy to wear on a chain and body oil from fingerprints and the chest would mark the coin. Also, being silver, their cost fluctuates as silver fluctuates so it's harder for our supplier to determine the cost. So we're sticking to \$30 for now.

Included in the basic cost is fabrication, enamel paint on the silver coins, and a capsule. All silver coins are painted (enamel), bronze coins are not. A capsule is a hard shell plastic the coins fit into for protection. They are very easy to open.

Ordering coins is easy. Just remember to declare if you want engraving, and/or a bezel.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By Roger Crunk

**Roger Crunk**

Greetings to my brother LRRPs and Rangers. I don't usually submit anything other than the balance sheet but some items of importance were discussed at our recent business meeting in Columbus.

First I would like to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in reelecting me as your Treasurer. My only wish is to be of service to my Brothers.

We will have an independent audit of our accounts in the near future to make sure that your funds are accounted for correctly. In consultation with our President and CPA emeritus Peter Stevens of Salt Lake City we will make this happen.

We will also be shopping for a tax account to file our IRS reports. We are currently paying \$750.00 to have this done. Our hope is to find someone that will perform this service as a donation to the Assoc. In turn we would provide advertising in Patrolling and on the website and of course it would be a tax deduction for them. If any member knows of a person or firm who might be interested in providing this service please contact my-self or Bill Anton.

I am also looking for volunteers to be on our finance committee. The committee consults and advises with the Treasurer on financial matters. If anyone with some financial background would be willing to do this please contact me.

**75th Ranger Regiment Association Balance Sheet
Accrual Basis as of August 14, 2013****ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
CD	26,590.53
Columbus Bank & Trust	3,442.95
Family Fund	40,652.37
First Community Bank	18,676.10
Total Checking/Savings	89,361.95

Accounts Receivable

<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	-5.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-5.00

Other Current Assets

<u>Undeposited Funds</u>	3,645.00
Total Other Current Assets	3,645.00
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	93,001.95

TOTAL ASSETS 93,001.95**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	97,343.80
Unrestricted Net Assets	-7,981.85
<u>Net Income</u>	3,640.00
<u>Total Equity</u>	93,001.95

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 93,001.95

GOLD STAR

By Jill Stephenson

Well here we are not quite a month past the Reunion and writing for the Fall patrolling. So let me take a second wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and the most Blessed of Holidays.



Sandee Rouse

If you weren't there for the reunion we missed you. If you were there it was, as always good to be with you. Bill and I were not able to attend the whole week but did get there for the CoC and the banquet on Saturday.

It was so good to see CSM (retired) Jeff and Kim Mellinger, General (retired) Ken and Mary Ellen Keen and General Joe and Michele Votel. All of who we have been friends with and had the pleasure of watching them climb the ranks over the last 24 years. We are so pleased to know we will be working with Colonel Chris and Kim Vanek for the next two years as they command and care for our Rangers and their families.

Shortly after the CoC your Gold Star advocates Jill Stephenson, Dianne Hammond, Jeff Mellinger, Bill and I had a working lunch at the Restaurant in the Infantry Museum before we attended a 3PM meeting at Ranger Headquarters with Col. Vanek, CSM Belick, the Regimental Chaplain and the Colonels support team. They wanted to address any Gold Star Issues we had and work on solutions to smooth out the notification and communication with the families when we have a Ranger down. Other G S families at the meeting were Roger and Tessa Dalke, and James and Mrs Regan.

The meeting lasted well over 2 hours and we left there encouraged by what lies ahead as the Colonels team puts together a plan. We hope to be updated at 30 day intervals over the next 90 days.

I was honored and pleased to address the membership and tell them that "Emmetts Dream" is alive and well. That is in no small part to each of you that have supported his dream over the last 12 years. You have stepped up whenever asked and answered



the call for whatever was needed so that we could assist and love our GS families when ever and where ever needed. For that I will be eternally grateful. The flowers Joe presented me with were beautiful and I love them. Thank you so much.

I reaffirmed at that meeting that it was the beginning of my swan song. Over the next 2 years I plan on handing over the GS duties to my dear friends Jill, Dianne and Jeff. I know they will serve you and the families with all the love and compassion they have and as only they

can. You are Blessed to have them and they you.

So as I start the count down to my last 6 Patrolling articles Let me say to each of you as always, It has been an Honor and Privilege to serve you. Until next time..

RLTW, Blessings, Sandee



Dianne Hammond

Hello my name is Dianne Hammond. My son Sgt. Alessandro L. Plutino aka "Sandrino" was KIA in Paktia Province Afghanistan on 08 Aug 2011. He was on the last mission of his 6th deployment when he was killed, just short of his 29th birthday. Previously he had served three deployments in Iraq and two others in Afghanistan. His death devastated our family including his fiancée Natalie who had been with him for 10 years.

It took me over 7 months to reach for help from Survivors Outreach to assist me in me in my grieving process. It is not an easy road, full of potholes and falls, I found I was going 3 steps forward and 5 back. Now thanks to SOS. TAPS and other Gold Star Families, I feel like I actually take 5 steps forward and only 2 back. I know first hand how important it is to be in touch with other families, especially Ranger families.

Rangers are a breed apart and while I still grieve everyday-I also have had blessings along the way. Two of them are Sandee Markwell Rouse and Jill Stephenson, also Ranger Moms. We share our stories and the one thing that all three boys had in

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common is that they WANTED to be Rangers and fought through the trials to become one. Two of Sandrino's proudest moments were when he got his BERET and then his TAB. He told me before he enlisted that only God knew when He would call him home, so fully knowing the hazards of his profession—he just was doing his job.

I am honored that Sandee thought me worthy of being a Gold Star Advocate for the 75RRA and I am hopeful the 75 Ranger Regiment will also see how important it is for us to be there for the future Gold Star Families(unfortunately there may be others). We owe the families our support, gratitude and continued inclusion in the Ranger Family.

THE HOME FRONT

By Mona Gurrobat

**75th RRA Reunion**

Through communication via our closed FB group, the women of F Company agreed that we wanted to make a statement at this year's Ranger Rendezvous, and we did! Sporting new RANGEL t-shirts that read we were "not just tagging

along" and with the 75th RRA allowing us space to set up alongside in the hotel lobby, we were able to hold a successful raffle.

Several wives/widows/significant others donated items that were handmade, products they produced, and memorabilia from their Ranger. The amazing thing is that once we got going, several others donated items for us to raffle - some from our own company and some from other companies! Through their generosity and the open pockets/pocketbooks of those who purchased raffle tickets, we were able to raise a significant amount for our Honorarium Fund.

Our women knew that F Company uses their "flower fund" to provide a gesture of sympathy at the funeral service of

departed brethren. We wanted to do something more lasting and meaningful that could be proudly displayed and passed down to future generations. The money raised at the raffle for our Honorarium Fund will be used for that purpose.

We will be crating a plaque in the shape of a taro leaf (aka electric strawberry) to represent the ties to the 25th Infantry. On it will be printed the name and other information of our departed veteran and mounted with a LRRP coin donated by Marshall Huckaby - each will be a one-of-a-kind memorial to life and service. The back side will have an attached sleeve to hold a printed history of F Company so family and future generations will know about their veteran.

We are currently sending out letters to last known family member survivors to let them know what we are doing; hopefully we have raised enough money to provide one for each veteran who died after country, if their survivor wants one.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed in any way towards us completing our "mission".

Aloha, Mona Gurrobat

Wife of Thomas 'Pineapple' Gurrobat, F Company 1968-1969

HEALTH ISSUES

DISCLAIMER

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.

Top 10 Things Your Combat Vet Wants You to Know

by Regina Bahten

I'm a psychiatrist. Every day I listen to my combat veterans as they struggle to return to the "normal" world after having a deeply life-changing experience. I do everything I can to help them. Sometimes that can involve medications, but listening is key. Sometimes a combat veteran tells me things that they wish their families knew. They have asked me to write something for their families, from my unique position as soldier, wife, and physician. These are generalizations; not all veterans have these reactions, but they are the concerns most commonly shared with me.

(Author's note: obviously warriors can be female — like me — and family can be male, but for clarity's sake I will write assuming a male soldier and female family.)

1. He is addicted to war, although he loves you. War is horrible, but there is nothing like a life-and-death fight to make you feel truly alive. The adrenaline rush is tremendous, and can never be replaced. Succeeding in combat defines a warrior, places him in a brotherhood where he is always welcome and understood. The civilian world has its adrenaline junkies as well; just ask any retired firefighter, police officer, or emergency room staff if they miss it.

2. Living for you is harder. It would be easy for him to die for you because he loves you. Living for you, which is what you actually want, is harder for him. It is even harder for him if you are smart and do not need him to rescue you, since rescuing is something he does really well.

3. "The training kicks in" means something very different to him. It is direct battle doctrine that when ambushed by a superior force, the correct response is "Apply maximum

firepower and break contact." Unfortunately, your tears are unbearable to him; they create explosive emotions in him that are difficult for him to control. Unfortunately, warriors frequently respond to strong waves of guilt by applying more "maximum firepower" on friends, family, or unfortunate strangers.

4. He is afraid to get attached to anyone because he has learned that the people you love get killed, and he cannot face that pain again. He may make an exception for his children (because they cannot divorce him), but that will be instinctual and he will probably not be able to explain his actions.

5. He knows the military exists for a reason. The sad fact is that a military exists ultimately to kill people and break things. This was true of our beloved "Greatest Generation" warriors of WWII, and it remains true to this day. Technically, your warrior may well be a killer, as are his friends. He may have a hard time seeing that this does not make him a murderer. He is a sheepdog, not a wolf. The emotional side of killing in combat is complex. He may not know how to feel about what he's seen or done, and he may not expect his feelings to change over time. Warriors can experience moments of profound guilt, shame, and self-hatred. He may have experienced a momentary elation at "scoring one for the good guys," then been horrified that he celebrated killing a human being. He may view himself as a monster for having those emotions, or for having gotten used to killing because it happened often. One of my Marines recommended *On Killing* by Dave Grossman, and I would pass that recommendation on.

6. He's had to cultivate explosive anger in order to survive in combat. He may have grown up with explosive anger (violent alcoholic father?) as well.

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7. He may have been only nineteen when he first had to make a life and death decision for someone else. What kind of skills does a nineteen-year-old have to deal with that kind of responsibility?

8. He may believe that he's the only one who feels this way; eventually he may realize that at least other combat vets understand. On some level, he doesn't want you to understand, because that would mean you had shared his most horrible experience, and he wants someone to remain innocent.

9. He doesn't understand that you have a mama bear inside of you, that probably any of us could kill in defense of someone if we needed to. Imagine your reaction if someone pointed a weapon at your child. Would it change your reaction if a child pointed a weapon at your child?

10. When you don't understand, he needs you to give him the benefit of the doubt. He needs you also to realize that his issues really aren't about you, although you may step in them sometimes.

Regina Bahten has been practicing medicine for the past 24 years; the first twelve were as a primary care doctor. She then cross trained as a psychiatrist. She has been honored with the friendships of many veterans over those years, whose influence led to her decision to accept a commission in the National Guard at the age of 48. For the past three years she has worked as an outpatient psychiatrist with the Veterans' Administration in Las Vegas, primarily with veterans of the current conflicts.

Ed note: This was furnished by Bill Eberhardt, via the internet.

Reunion

By Tom Reed

No longer young, they are old men now
With gnarled limbs and ashen brows
Yet, they come together from places far away
To spend a week, or maybe just a day

They gab of days a long, long time ago
When they stood strong against a wily foe.
They quaff their beer and sip their whiskey
And tell of missions that were mighty risky,

Of the time they nearly lost it all,
But fought on until the enemy's withdrawal
And when outnumbered ten to one
They were the ones that had to run

Before their banquet, as was planned,
For prayer and pledge the old men stand.
Then a roll call of those left in that far off land,
Youths forever, who once were members of their band.

With each name limbs appear once more to grow,
Skin to smooth, sunken cheeks to plump and glow,
Cloudy eyes seem once again to clear,
And time itself to ebb, year on year.

Once more together, yet alone in the crowd,
Each old man stands straight and proud.
Never do Veterans stand so tall
As saluting lost friends with a "Missing Man" roll call.

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 75th 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 75th 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, Bill Anton, President

DISCHARGE RULES CHALLENGED

DoD Lawsuit ~ PTSD VN

In the summer of 1968, John Shepherd Jr. enlisted in the Army, figuring that the draft would get him anyway. By January 1969, he was in the Mekong Delta, fighting with the Ninth Infantry Division. John Shepherd Jr. earned a Bronze Star in Vietnam but was given an undesirable discharge from the Army after refusing to go out on patrol. He now believes he had post-traumatic stress syndrome. Within a month, his patrol was ambushed, and Shepherd responded by tossing a hand grenade into a bunker that killed several enemy soldiers. The Army awarded him a Bronze Star with a valor device, one of its highest decorations. Yet the medal did little to assuage Shepherd's sense of anxiousness and futility about the war. A few weeks after his act of heroism, he said, his platoon leader was killed by a sniper as he tried to help Shepherd out of a canal. It was a breaking point: his behavior became erratic, and at some point he simply refused to go on patrol. "I never felt fear like I felt when he got shot," Shepherd said last week.

After a court-martial, the Army discharged Shepherd under other-than-honorable conditions, then known as an undesirable discharge. At the time, he was happy just to be a civilian again. But he came to rue that discharge, particularly after his claim for veterans benefits was denied because of it. Today, Shepherd, 65, is part of a class-action lawsuit against the armed forces arguing that he and other Vietnam veterans had post-traumatic stress disorder when they were issued other-than-honorable discharges. The suit, filed in Federal District Court, demands that their discharges be upgraded. The suit raises two thorny issues that could affect thousands of Vietnam veterans: Can they be given a diagnosis of PTSD

retroactively, to their time in service, though the disorder was not identified until 1980? And if they can, should recently instituted policies intended to protect troops with PTSD be applied retroactively to their cases?

Shepherd's legal team, students with the Yale Law School veterans legal clinic, argues yes on both counts. In court papers, they assert that it is reasonable to assume that Mr. Shepherd and other veterans who were later given PTSD diagnoses began exhibiting troublesome symptoms while in service. Moreover, under rules put in place during the Iraq war, troops who say they have PTSD must be given medical examinations before they are forced out of the military, to ensure that problematic behavior is not linked to the disorder. If they are given a PTSD diagnosis, service members may still receive an honorable discharge. "Vietnam War-era veterans, in contrast, have been denied this opportunity for appropriate consideration of the PTSD," the students said in the complaint. But the Army says no. In a rejection of an earlier request by Shepherd to upgrade his discharge, the Army tersely rejected evidence that his misconduct 43 years ago was linked to PTSD and raised questions about whether his platoon leader was actually killed. A spokesman for the Army said the military has a policy of not discussing pending litigation.

The details of Shepherd's case aside, the suit could have a wide impact. The Yale team says that its review of records from 2003 to 2012 shows that 154 Vietnam-era veterans petitioned the Army to upgrade discharges because of PTSD, but that only two were successful. Yet the Army Board of Corrections for Military Records granted upgrades nearly half of the time for other cases. The students estimate that more than a quarter million Vietnam-era veterans were discharged

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under other-than-honorable conditions, and that thousands of those probably had PTSD. Their suit names as defendants the secretaries for the Army, Air Force and Navy. Vietnam Veterans of America, the veterans service organization, is joining the case as a plaintiff on 3 DEC. Discharges that are other than honorable can make it harder for veterans to find work and also disqualify them for veterans benefits.

In Shepherd's case, a Department of Veterans Affairs doctor in 2004 gave him a diagnosis of service-connected PTSD. As a result, the department will provide health care for his PTSD. But it will not provide him general medical care, unless he is found to have other health problems related to his service. Veterans disability compensation is also a problem. Shepherd's undesirable discharge was actually upgraded to a general discharge in the 1970s under a special Carter administration program. That upgrade should have made it easier for him to apply for disability compensation. But subsequent legislation enacted by Congress said that clemency upgrades like Shepherd's did not automatically qualify veterans for benefits. His compensation claim was ultimately rejected. Shepherd, who has been divorced twice and battled through alcoholism and drug abuse, lives in New Haven, getting by on Social Security and a Teamsters pension. (He drove trucks for years.) He could use the extra money from disability compensation, but what matters as much, he says, is removing the stain of his discharge. "I want that honorable," he said. "I did do my part, until I really felt it wasn't worth getting killed for."

[Source: The New York Times | James Dao | 2 Dec 2012 ++]

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

For anyone who served in the military between January 1957 and December 2001 (retirement from military not required) you may be eligible for additional Social Security payments. See below.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm. This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road.. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there...

FEATURE ARTICLES

H Company 75th Ranger / Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP) 1st Cavalry Division

BY: Robert Ankony

Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP) was attached to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam in 1967-68. On December 20, 1967, HHC Company (LRRP), 1st Cavalry Division, was redesignated Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP), and on February 1, 1969, it was redesignated 75th Infantry (Ranger). In November 1966 Major General John Norton, Commanding Officer, 1st Cavalry Division, ordered Captain James D. James, a Special Forces-trained officer, to establish a long-range reconnaissance patrol detachment, HHC Company, based on other all volunteer LRP units forming in Vietnam. Company E (LRP) participated in some of the most notable battles of the Vietnam War and as Company H, 75th Infantry, it became the most decorated and longest serving unit in LRP/Ranger history. Company H, 75th Infantry, also lost the last two Rangers of the Vietnam War: Sgt. Elvis Weldon Osborne Jr., and Cpl. Jeffery Alan Maurer, both killed in action June 9, 1972. In all, approximately 1,000 men served in this unit of which 45 men were killed in Vietnam and Cambodia and approximately 400 were wounded by enemy action or injured on combat patrols.

Company E was commanded by Captain Michael Gooding and his operations and intelligence section was commanded by Staff Sergeant Thomas Campbell. In January 1968 Operation Jeb Stuart commenced and Company E and the 1st Cavalry Division with its vast air assets moved north to Camp Evans, north of Hue and up to LZ Sharon and LZ Betty, south of Quang Tri City, near the coast in the I Corps Tactical Zone. Operation Jeb Stuart was conducted because the 3rd U.S. Marine Division and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) were engaged in heavy combat at the Khe Sanh combat base and along the DMZ. As a result, the 1st and 3rd Platoons of Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP) were based at Camp Evans to support the 2nd and 3rd Brigades, 1st Cavalry Division, while the 2nd Platoon was stationed at LZ Betty (Headquarters 1st Brigade).

Tet Offensive

In the early morning hours of January 31, 1968, the largest battle of the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive, was launched by 84,000 enemy soldiers across South Vietnam. In the 1st Cavalry Division's area of operation, the NVA and Vietcong

forces struck the Marines at Hue, south of Camp Evans. As the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, fought to cut off enemy reinforcements pouring into Hue, at Quang Tri City, five enemy battalions, most from the 324th NVA Division, attacked the city and LZ Betty. To stop allied troops from intervening, three other enemy infantry battalions deployed as blocking forces, all supported by a 122mm-rocket battalion and two heavy-weapons companies armed with 82mm mortars and 75mm recoilless rifles. At LZ Betty Captain Gooding and his 2nd Platoon, Company E, commanded by Lieutenant Joseph Dilger, directed mortar and artillery fire and led members of the platoon firing against charging enemy troops from on top the LZ's forty-foot water tower. After two days of intense fighting by the 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and the 1st ARVN Division (Mechanized), 900 NVA and Vietcong soldiers were killed in and around Quang Tri City and LZ Betty. However, across South Vietnam, 1,000 Americans, 2,100 ARVNs, 14,000 civilians, and 32,000 NVA and Vietcong lay dead.

Operation Pegasus: Relief of the Khe Sanh combat base

In March 1968 the 1st Cavalry Division and Company E moved west to LZ Stud, the staging area for Operation Pegasus to break the siege of the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh---the second largest battle of the war. All three brigades participated in this vast airmobile operation, along with a Marine armor thrust from Ca Lu along Route 9. B-52s alone dropped more than 75,000 tons of bombs on North Vietnamese soldiers from the 304th and 325th Divisions encroaching the combat base in trenches. As these two elite enemy divisions, with history at Dien Bien Phu and the Ia Drang Valley, depleted, the 1st Cavalry Division deployed Company E long-range reconnaissance teams to flank its airmobile advance as it leapfrogged west, seizing key hilltops as fire support bases along Route 9 so the Marines could continue pushing forward. At 0:800 hours April 8, members of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, linked-up with the Marines at the combat base, ending the 77-day siege.

Operation Delaware: Air Assault into A Shau Valley

On April 19, 1968, as the 2nd Brigade continued leapfrogging west to the Laotian border, the 1st and 3rd Brigades (about 11,000 men and 300 helicopters) swung southwest and air assaulted A Shau Valley, commencing Operation Delaware.

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Since satellite communications were a thing of the future, one of the most daring long-range penetration operations of the Vietnam War was launched by members of Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP) against the North Vietnamese Army when they seized "Signal Hill" the name attributed to the peak of Dong Re Lao Mountain, a densely forested 4,879-foot mountain, midway in the valley, so the 1st and 3rd Brigades, slugging it out hidden deep behind the towering wall of mountains, could communicate with Camp Evans near the coast or with approaching aircraft.

Operation Jeb Stuart III

On May 17, 1968, Operation Jeb Stuart III commenced in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces from Hue City up to the DMZ. By this date the 1st Cavalry Division had completed its mission in A Shau Valley, disrupting the flow of troops and supplies from North Vietnam through Laos, and resumed security operations in these two provinces. Operation Jeb Stuart III continued until November 3, 1968, when the division moved south near Cambodia in Operation Liberty Canyon.



July 26, 1968, LZ Betty's tarmac. Two 1st Cav LRP/Ranger teams standing shoulder-to-shoulder as always.

75th Ranger Regiment

In 1974 Company H, 75th Infantry (Ranger) colors and lineage was passed to the 2nd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Company E in film

Oliver Stones' movie *Platoon* (1986) was based on two soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Company E, 52nd Infantry (LRP). Specifically, S/Sgt. John Barnes portrayed by Tom Berenger and Sgt. Juan Angel Elias portrayed by Willem Dafoe.

Oliver Stone served as a rifleman in both the 25th Infantry Division and the 1st Cavalry Division. In April 1968 Oliver Stone volunteered for the 1st Cavalry Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol training, but was dropped from the course because "he was too aggressive and was not a team player." Nevertheless, Stone melds his line experience as an infantryman and the characters of Barnes and Elias through the eyes of a green young soldier, Charlie Sheen. The film depicts troops of Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment in 1967, who are often drug-induced and undisciplined, and divided between Sgt. Elias' integrity and the battle hardened, but heartless Sgt. Barnes---a dark portrayal of American servicemen and exaggeration of facts (the drug epidemic did not reach the battlefield till near the end of the Vietnam War).

Sgt. Barnes honorably retired from the U.S. Army as a Sergeant Major and Sgt. Elias was killed in action in Quang Tri Province on May 29, 1968, when a grenade he and his team were rigging as a booby trap on an enemy trail accidentally exploded causing the loss of his life and that of Pfc. Donald Robert Miller, and fellow team member, Sgt. Larry Curtis, to lose an eye.

Sergeants Barnes, Elias, and Curtis, served multiple combat tours and saw service during the two largest battles of the Vietnam War: the Tet Offensive and the siege of the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh. They were also key participants in one of the most daring raids of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Signal Hill in A Shau Valley.

FEATURE ARTICLES (Continued)**K/75 MEMORIAL**

By: John Chester

Sometime in June, 2013, I received a call from Roger Crunk. He was telling me that a member of K/75, Jim Bell and his wife Antoinette, had built a memorial for all the K/75 KIA's at his home near Pittsburgh, PA. He asked if we could come to the dedication in late August of 2013. At the time, I was hip deep in 2013 Reunion preparation, and that was just not possible to plan for at that time. We talked at the reunion, Roger was already committed to be guest speaker at the event, and Mary Anne and I own a house in Altoona, PA, about 90 miles east of Pittsburgh, so we decided to attend the dedication.

Roger Crunk was slated to be the keynote speaker, and the ceremony was initiated by a welcome by Jim Bell, a rendition

of the National Anthem by Jim Markel, (Pittsburgh's singing cop), an invocation by Chaplain Robert Strickland, remarks by US Congressman Tim Murphy, and the keynote address by Roger. It was quite a moving ceremony and I think all the attendees were impressed by Jim Bell's commitment to remember all our fallen Brothers.

The memorial it self consisted of a flag pole in the center of a small area surrounded at the back by a low wall. At the rear is a dedication stone and the entire memorial is paved with bricks containing the names of the KIA's themselves. After the dedication, a very appetizing catered luncheon was served, complete with a Ranger cake.

Photos by J. Chester & K. Ingraham.



Jim Bell, Roger Crunk and the cake.



Roger Crunk giving the keynote address.



US Congressman Tim Murphy.



Jim & Antoinette Bell.



Jim Bell's opening remarks and welcome.



The view from the Memorial site.



L-R Mary Anne, Roger Crunk & Roy Simpson.



One of mine; Ken Hess reported into E-58 LRP a few weeks before I left in September, 1967.



Members of 4th Div LRRP, E-58 LRP & K-75 Ranger who attended the dedication.



Dedication stone at the K-75 Memorial.

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A RANGER'S LIFE

By: CSM Eddie Nolan

As I turn in my rifle for the last time, I can honestly say that I have lived the dream. Spending twenty of twenty five years assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment has been the most rewarding experience that I could have ever asked for.

I have seen so many changes over the past 2 decades that it would take the entire edition of this magazine to list them all. I have watched many things change over the years like, 100mph tape to Velcro, 550 cord to zip ties, a compass to a Garmin, a map to a laptop, a beeper to an iPhone....the list goes on and on. It has been amazing to watch young Rangers take new concepts, tactics, and equipment and make it work in any environment. If you would have told me in 1989 that the Regiment would have the equipment, technology, capabilities and combat experience that it has today I would told you that you had lost your mind. To be fortunate enough to watch and be involved in what the Regiment has become is more humbling than I could ever explain.

The Rangers have undoubtedly led the way in the Global War on Terrorism. They have not broken contact with the enemy since the beginning of the war and their contributions to protecting this great Nation is unmatched. As impressed as I have been watching these Rangers take the fight to the enemy, I have been equally impressed with what the Regiment has done for the Army. The leaders of the Regiment are the most sought after leaders in all positions throughout the Army. They have lived Abrams Charter and taken their leadership out into the Army and been the bearers of standards since the Regiment was established in 1974. They have also pioneered and established standard operating procedures across the Army when it comes to things such as medical, mobility, marksmanship, physical fitness and small unit tactics.

For all these warriors have accomplished over the years, the core of these accomplishments is not about the tactics or technology. It is all about being masters of the basics, standards and discipline. For those who think that a lot of the standards have been lost, take it from someone who has lived it, they are not lost. It's not the high and tight or the color of the beret that make a Ranger, it's the man who wears it. Despite all that has changed the brotherhood of the Rangers is still as strong as ever and in many ways due to constantly being at war it is even stronger.

As I walk away from the uniform I can honestly say I have lived the dream. If I had to sum up a career with this amazing group of men in one word, it would be BLESSED. I have been blessed to have the greatest leaders in the world for my entire career. Men who have trained and mentored me and been the best role models any man could ever ask for. I have been blessed to have been able to train and mentor the nation's most precious asset. I have been blessed to be surrounded by the world's greatest warriors for over two decades. Those are men who live by a creed and who would rather die than let their Ranger buddy down. It is a group of men that does not accept failure. They don't understand defeat because they refuse too. I have been blessed to watch men who are severely wounded, take their injury as a challenge, never quit, and continue to do amazing things. It's the never quit attitude that is in every Ranger.

The Regiment is truly a family that reaches outside the brown fence that we work behind. It is a family that cares about other families and I have been blessed that they have taken care of my family in so many ways over the years. It is a family that reaches out to the families of those that we have tragically lost over the years and insure they know that they will always be a part of the Ranger family. If the rest of the world understood honor, loyalty and commitment the way that the men of the Ranger Regiment did, it would be a much better place to live. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with the most elite unit the world has ever seen.



**CSM Nolan
performing
his duties at
the 3/75
Ranger Ball**



**CSM Nolan
and family
at his
change of
responsibility.**

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With: Scott Billingslea

1. **When I posted a call for questions on Facebook, many of the responses seem to focus on the difference in skill sets between today's Rangers and those from pre-GWOT days. I understand that the Regiment has evolved with its mission, but do you ever see a need to go back to that kind of training?**

I believe that training doctrine will always be important to success of the Regiment. Unfortunately the enemy gets a vote in how and what the priorities of training are. I think where a lot of the confusion on how Rangers train now as opposed to say the late 80's early 90's is in the technology and equipment. The principles are the same.

2. **What was the very best part of being a CSM in the 75th Ranger Regiment?**

The PEOPLE. It was nothing I did or anything I personally brought to the table. It was the fact that I got to work and be surrounded by the Nations greatest asset. I had the honor and privilege to work with and for incredible leaders. The feeling of standing in front of 1,000 steely-eyed killers is the most humbling feeling you can ever imagine.

3. **I know one of the topics of conversation around some Ranger TV is worst jumps ever...where, when and what was your worst jump?**

Panama 1989 Operation Just Cause.

4. **What Ranger School class did you graduate from?**

Class 15-89 (November 7 1989)

5. **Like myself, the vast majority of our members are no longer in the service. What can we do to support the Rangers still in the fight?**

Support can be given in many ways. I think the best thing that those who have served in the Regiment can do to support the Regiment is to maintain the same quite professionalism that they had while they were serving. Remain a part of the brotherhood, but don't do anything that would bring discredit to the Regiment. Continue to live the Ranger Creed.

6. **Where do you see the Ranger Regiment in 10 years?**

Still the world's premier raid force the standard bearers for the Army, and the enemy's worst nightmare.

Command Sergeant Major Eddie Noland entered the Army in September 1988 attending basic training, airborne training and the Ranger Indoctrination Program at Fort Benning Georgia. CSM Noland was first assigned to Charlie Company, 1ST Battalion, 75TH Ranger Regiment where he served as a rifleman, machine gunner, team leader, squad leader weapons squad leader, and sniper team leader.

After service in 1st Ranger Battalion CSM Noland was reassigned to the 18th Airborne Corp LRSC, Fort Bragg North Carolina where he served as a RECON team leader. CSM

Noland was then assigned to 2d Battalion 58th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as a Senior Drill Sergeant

In 2001 CSM Noland returned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, serving as a Platoon Sergeant in B Company 3rd Ranger Battalion, Regimental Operations NCO, Ranger Training Detachment Assistant Commandant, Platoon Sergeant A Company 3rd Ranger Battalion, and as the Ranger Operations Company First Sergeant.

In 2008 CSM Noland was assigned to Joint Special Operations Command where he served as the J3 Operations Sergeant Major. In 2009 CSM returned to the Ranger Regiment where he served as the Regimental Reconnaissance Company Sergeant Major, Regimental Special Troops Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and most recently as the Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Ranger Battalion. CSM Noland has been selected to serve as a Brigade Command Sergeant Major.

In 2013 CSM Noland was inducted as an Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

CSM Noland attended the Airborne Course, Ranger Course, WLC, ALC, SLC, United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, Sniper School, SERE School, Jumpmaster Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Jungle Warfare School, and the Drill Sergeant School.

CSM Noland has served on numerous contingency operations to include Operation Just Cause, Operation Uphold Democracy, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device and five oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device and twelve oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal eighth award, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medals. CSM Noland has earned the Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge second award, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Service Star.

CSM Noland is married to the former Cindy Bonham of Clyde, North Carolina and they have two daughters Taylor 18 and Sierra who is 12 years old.

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2nd Ranger Battalion and the Panama Prison Riot of 1994



Members of 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company, 2nd Ranger Battalion. 1994, Panama.

Jack Murphy

(Ed. Note: From time to time we encounter bits of Ranger lore and legend that are worthy of inclusion in *Patrolling*. In 1994 there occurred an incident, while not of RVN or Mogadishu levels of drama and violence, it demonstrates Ranger flexibility and ability to perform to the highest standard to meet the Ranger Objective, however unpleasant the duty.)

There are certain Special Operations legends out there that are sometimes hard to make heads or tails of. One involves a little-known prison riot in Panama which resulted in a subsequent snatch and grab operation that the 2nd Ranger Battalion was involved in. The author first heard about this event from his Platoon Leader in a patrol base in Afghanistan with 3/75 back in 2004. Realizing that this event is under-reported, and parts of it completely unreported, this was clearly something that had to be written about.

As a part of Operation Safe Haven in 1994, thousands of Cuban refugees who had been trying to sail from Cuba to the US in improvised rafts and small boats were detained en route and imprisoned at the US military base in Guantanamo, Cuba, then transferred to Panama where they were set up in refugee camps. The program was overseen by the US military, and the refugees were told that they would be granted entry to the United States.

From the time the refugees were transferred in September, they waited in the camps in Panama, becoming increasingly frustrated with their delayed entry to the United States. By December, the situation reached a boiling point when

the Cubans were told that they would not be immigrating to the US, but rather would be repatriated to Cuba. On December 8th, 1994, the refugees rioted. The unit charged with maintaining the refugee camp was 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, and it fell on them to put down the riot. They were denied shotguns and tear gas, and sent in to deal with the mob with batons and plastic riot shields.

Some bright star had decided to use rocks instead of pavement for one of the pathways in the prison, and when less than a hundred American soldiers from Charlie Company, 5/87 Infantry entered the camp to quell the riot, they faced hundreds of rioters hurling rocks that rained down on their formation. Face masks and shields were smashed to pieces in the onslaught, limbs were broken, faces bloodied. "When I watch movies about the Civil War and men marching into fire, that's what it was... Everybody was hurt. Everybody got [messed] up," one of the American soldiers present told Stars and Stripes.

Rocks continued to pour down on C Co, forcing them to retreat. The problem was that the only gate available to escape the camp had been chained up. It could be forced open some, but only wide enough to permit one soldier to slide through at a time. Eventually, they got every man through the gap, but the unit took substantial casualties. Although no one died, this mission had more WIA's than any other since the Vietnam War. Approximately 200 soldiers had to be evacuated out due to injuries.

*"I was there with 5/87... I was one of the 200+ injured and 1 of 40 listed as WIA. Some have tried to get PHs for this but doubt that will ever happen. As for the fighting it was some pretty intense old fashioned fighting. Nothing worse than someone trying to kill you by beating you to death. I wouldn't want that. I have been involved in things far worse than that mission but that one sure was nasty."*zamis1210 comment at SOFREP.

The next day, one of the other refugee camps rioted. A Company 5/87 flew in on Black Hawk helicopters and was sent in to contain the situation, with some Air Force men, in full riot gear. The Air Force beat feet and left A Co in a nearly identical situation as C Company had been in the day before. This time it was approximately 300 Infantrymen facing off against 3000 rioters. The Air Force chained the gate shut, and it was with the help of a 7th Special Forces Group soldier that they were able to escape from the camp. Rioters pushed the gate open behind them and dumped 55 gallon drums of human excrement on the soldiers before escaping.

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One soldier involved spoke fondly of his battle buddy who came through for him that day, a veteran of The Battle of the Black Sea in Mogadishu, Somalia: "Gary Lewis was an 11C assigned to our headquarters platoon. He was also my best friend in Panama and we were always together. Normally during our operations we would not be near each other, but for some reason he was right next to me when I needed him the most. He carried me out of harm's way during the riot and possibly saved me from further injury, if not my life. He was a monster during those two days."

Before the riots were contained, it has been reported that 36 Cubans drowned in the canal. Some of those present report that this is inaccurate, and that these Cubans were shot and killed by the Panamanian National Police and by some US Marines who also showed up to help deal with the riots. How these rioters were killed has been impossible to confirm for certain while researching this article.

As US military commanders in Panama looked over the casualties and examined the situation, one thing became clear. It was time to escalate the level of violence. 2nd Ranger Battalion, then under the command of Lt. Col. Stanley McChrystal, was in Panama at that time conducting jungle training at JOTC.



**Rangers training at
Jungle Operations
Training Center,
Ft Sherman,
Panama, 1994.**

At the Jungle Operations Training Center, 2/75 had been training at shooting ranges, conducting jungle land navigation, riverine operations, and other training, all on the heels of a deployment to Haiti not long before. Once the Rangers got their warning order to move to the refugee camp, elements of 2/75 initiated their movement, which was about a three hour drive, while other elements of the battalion flew in on helicopters where they staged 2-3 miles away as a quick reaction force.

When the Rangers in their vehicles arrived at the prison their firearms and live ammunition were confiscated. Some have said that their battalion commander, LtCol. McChrystal, did not want his men going in unarmed and this caused trepidation amongst the brass. Some senior NCOs were later armed with shotguns, but the other Rangers were only issued with axe handles (some say they were actually pick axe handles because a pick axe handle is heftier than a regular axe handle) along with riot shields and face masks.



**2nd Ranger
Battalion prior to
breaching Cuban
refugee camp.**

While waiting for the green light to go into the camp, the Rangers conducted some minor training and were given a really half-assed class on how to contain a riot, then commenced with decorating their axe handles. Some carved designs in the wood, and others wrote messages to the rioters on them. Suffice to say that the boys were ready to "get some."

At approximately 3AM in the morning, 2/75 Rangers and soldiers from 5/87 Infantry skirted through the wood line and breached the outer perimeter fence with wire cutters. The Rangers established a security perimeter for what was a cordon and search operation, particularly of the tents where the chief antagonists behind the riot were thought to be. The non-injured members of 5/87 were simply out on a mission of revenge. Some eyewitnesses have reported that they got their revenge about ten-fold on the rioters who had previously beaten their unit to a pulp.

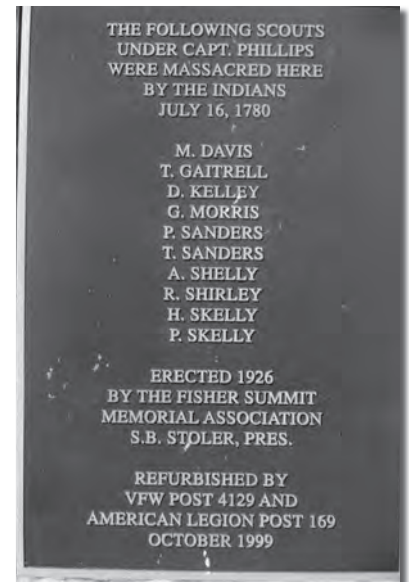
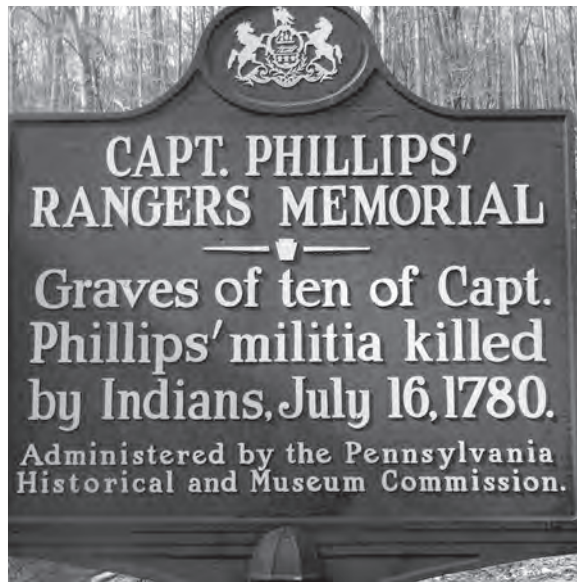
Others were simply flexcuffed and led off. Some Rangers had the unfortunate task of having to search a tent which was known to be filled with HIV-positive transvestite prostitutes, and had to be issued goggles, surgical masks, and latex gloves. Tons of cigarettes were also found as they were being used as currency inside the camp. All told, they were not in the camp all that long. After a rock or two breezed through the air, Sergeant Major Magana decided it was time for the Rangers to get out of there before another riot broke out.

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"I was an Intel Analyst with 2/75 - HHC. We were doing night jungle land nav when they pulled us out and put us on trucks. We hit the first camp at like 4am like the biggest group of ninjas (with wooden swords) you have ever seen. We cut the wire and SOUNDLESSLY entered the camp and surrounded the tents. With a roar worthy of Valhalla we erupted and pummeled them into submission. The next morning we hit another camp - they were docile like lambs, having heard what happened the night before. It was quite the experience." DWHanks at SOFREP.

In the end, the post riot prison infiltration was somewhat anti-climatic, but makes for a cool story. It was 5/87 Infantry that literally bore the brunt of the prison riots and suffered severe casualties, but it is cool that 5/87 Infantry and 2/75 Rangers were awarded a Humanitarian Service Medal for helping to clobber a bunch of rioting Cuban refugees.

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UNIT REPORTS



1ST BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

Unit Director - Steve Cochran



Steve Cochran

Hello Rangers,

It's been three months since the last issue of Patrolling Magazine and the Bn remains vigilant in honing their skills and fighting the war on terror. The recent awards ceremony for COL Harmon's promotion to COL and others that received awards happened recently, and I was unable to obtain pictures. Pictures will be forthcoming in the next issue. I want to thank each and every one who submitted information and pictures to me, as the magazine remains a team effort.

For anyone who served with me between the years 76-78, I would appreciate them contacting me at: rgrbco175@gmail.com or srcochran55@hotmail.com to let me know what has transpired in their lives since their days as a Ranger.

As for myself, shortly after leaving the Bn, I ETS'd and started a construction company, and spent my life involved in a number of different sports at a professional level.

RLTW, Steve Cochran, 76-78

There was a Promotion Ceremony for Col. Harmon on August 1, 2013 conducted by Col. Vanek, (The Regimental Commander) and immediately following that there was an awards ceremony.

SSG Albert Brady; was awarded the Bronze Star with V Device; SFC Christopher Sizelove; SSG Drew Piper and SGT Ian Austin were awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal with V Device; and PFC Caleb Sellards was awarded the Purple Heart. Following that; several soldiers were awarded the Bronze Star for Service. SGT Dan Moses also received a Bronze Star.



Heroes 101:

So many people can name the top 2 paid NFL players, but can they name the 2 most decorated soldiers? Meet Sgt Craig Warfle, another amazing hero! sofrep.com/12841/ranger-awarded-distinguished-service-cross/

Family Readiness Group Volunteers were recognized by the Commander; Command Sergeant Major and Commander/First Sergeant of each Company. Without the wives; and the support group; the Rangers could not complete the mission.

It was great to see all the supporters of 1/75th Ranger Battalion out in force on such a great day.

In June; Marsha Henry Goff (daughter of a Darby's Original - LT L. Lew Henry; RHOF) and her husband, Ray Goff; were at Fort Stewart for the reunion of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion; WWII. This unit provided 4.2inch mortar support to 1st Ranger Battalion. Speaking of several of the WWII Veterans; they had fond memories of the friendships they had made with the 1st Battalion during WWII.

Ranger Brown recently had a rendezvous at his farm where a force of Rangers attended for food fun and other activities. Here are some of the guys that were in attendance: Steve Hawk, 1SG Romo, BG Joe (Smokin Joe) Stringham, Attaway, Steve Caldwell, Winget, Steve England, Nells Nelson, John Edmunds, Steve Murphy, Wayne Lott, Host Roger Brown. There are two Rangers that were too ugly for me to remember.

Savannah Ranger Breakfast is held every "FIRST SATURDAY" of the month; 0900; Perkins Restaurant; I-95 and Highway 204. Spouse/significant other/family invited. All Rangers of all Eras are invited to attend.

Grenada Reunion is scheduled for October 24-25th, 2013.

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Another note: Gail Earnst's wife Joni is running for US Senate seat from Iowa, she is a BN Commander in the Iowa National guard deployed to Irag as a Company Commander, and is currently serving as a From her district State Senator. She will be a refreshing change to the National scene if she wins the election.

Roger Dahlke is the Gold Star Dad of our SSG Jason Dahlke. He and his wife, Tessa (Stepmom to Jason) are great Ranger supporters and do events that help fund the 1/75 Sua Sponte Foundation. Roger and Tessa found some time to get a little skydiving in. From the look on their faces it appears they had a pretty good outing. Congratulations and Thank You to the amazing Mrs. Tessa Dahlke who once again walked over 1,100 miles last year to honor her son, SSG Jason Dahlke. Words can not express how much the Dahlke's have come to mean to us.

*You are cordially invited to attend the Ranger Ball
1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment*

*Thursday, the Tenth of October,
Two Thousand Thirteen
at Five thirty in the Afternoon*

*Savannah International Trade
and Convention Center
Savannah, Georgia*

Please R.S.V.P. No later than September 23, 2013

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Heather & Dan Moses



Ranger Brown's Rendezvous



Mrs. Tessa Dahlke



Rangers Lead the Way!!



All suited up and ready to go.



I did it!



COL Harmon & family.



2ND BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

Unit Director - Kevin Ingraham



Operation Urgent Fury Y+30.

Thirty years ago this month, the United States invaded the island of Grenada to protect its Latin American and Caribbean interests

against a perceived Cuban threat. On October 25th, elements of the 1st and 2d Ranger battalions capture Point Salinas International Airport in the first ranger combat parachute assault since the Korean War. On October 26, 2d Battalion elements conduct a heliborne insertion into the True Blue medical school campus to evacuate American students. The next day A Company does an air assault onto Cuban positions at Calivigny Barracks. Three UH-60s collide and crash on the LZ and three Rangers are killed: Phil Greiner, Kevin Lannon and Stephan Slater. Medic Estaban Trujillo is awarded the military's first Silver Star medal since Vietnam for his actions on the LZ that day. Despite the potential loss of almost half the assault force during the first lift, A Company captured the position, killing or capturing all of the defenders. The Battalion receives the Valorous Unit Award for the Grenada operation. The success of the ranger battalions during this campaign validated the concept of a rapid-reaction force to perform strategic raids and forced entry operations. Once the foothold was achieved to enable follow-on forces to land, Rangers continued to lead operations in the southern half of the island as follow-on missions were identified and executed. Among other significant reforms at the national and DoD levels as a consequence of Operation Urgent Fury, a third ranger battalion was authorized and a regimental headquarters formed to train and lead the largest Ranger force since 1944.



SGT Kevin Lannon, KIA Grenada, 28 October, 1983.

Welcome Home 2d Battalion!

As this is being written, our Rangers have completed their return to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, their place in Afghanistan being taken by 3d Batt. From the whispers that have reached me, the Taliwhackers were made to feel pain. While Rendezvous was going on in Georgia, a senior NCO was WIA but was expected to pull through, no word about other wounded or injured, if any. We are spared any fatalities this deployment, 2d Battalion's **seventeenth** since 2002.

The formal presentation. MSG Kevin Nelson and Richard Foster, VII Corps LRRP Unit Director, with the monies raised for the Pont du Hoc memorial foundation. July 25, 2013.



Hooyah VII Corp LRPs!

The B/75 and VII Corps LRRPs challenged their members to raise money for our 2d Battalion memorial by donating through the Pont du Hoc Foundation. They met the challenge and raised over \$1,000 dollars in just a few months. That's an impressive effort, especially for guys who served a decade or more before 2d Batt was raised in '74!

MSG Kevin Nelson, then of D Company, accepted the donation on behalf of 2d Battalion and the Pont du Hoc Foundation. The actual money will be submitted directly.

I believe this originally appeared in the old Ft Lewis post newspaper.

The Rangers are identified as Tony Thomas, Mike Cameron and Al Bishop.



The first three Army Rangers, members of the 2nd Battalion, 75th Rangers, to be honored by presentation of the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge receive the award.

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Present from L to R: Jeff Mellinger, MSG Kevin Nelson D Co., Richard Foster, Kevin Ingraham, Larry Jordan. Jeff and Larry joined 2d in 1974 and I arrived in July, 1975.

Upcoming unit activities

By the time you see this column, CSM Daryl Theis will have passed responsibility for 2d Battalion to CSM Bernie Folino on September 19. The annual ball is (or was) on October 3. President Anton, (former CO of our antecedent H-75th Rangers) will be attending and will submit an AAR. The next public awards presentation will be on 20 December. We anticipate awarding two Soldier's medals, some valor awards—no details on that yet—and Purple Hearts. The Tacoma newspapers usually cover that ceremony and I forward the web link to those 2d Batt members on my email list. What? Not on that list? Email me at 1vp@75thrra.com or oldscroll275@gmail.com with the address you wish to receive 2d Batt items of interest (NO spam, jokes or politics ever, also "BCC" to protect your privacy). I don't transmit often, just timely.



Sound AO, it would be great to link up. My contact info is in the officer's page, on the RRA website and I'm in 2d/75th-specific pages on Facebook.

Speaking of Facebook, there are a number of 2d Battalion pages, some quite large with hundreds of members spanning the entire life of the battalion while others are very specific to time and subunit. If you're on FB, just search for various permutations of "2/75", "2d Rangers" and so forth and the pages will start to appear. You will be expected to show your credentials as FB is the den of phonies, so just pony up your proofs. If you were in Batt any length of time, there'll be members who can vouch for you. In my first few days there, I

was back in touch with more Battboys from my long-ago era than I'd met in years of regular Ranger websites and reunions. I've made a fair number of new ranger buddies through Facebook from around the greater ranger community and have met many in person. FB can be a great way of linking back to 'the day' and for keeping that Ranger Attitude alive.

Admin note

I have a lot of photos in my files that I have gathered over the years, long before I started writing for publication. I used two for this article although the source and proper credit is long lost to me. I'll be pleased to provide proper credit for and corrections to any material presented here.

The day after tomorrow, I'll be flying out to Ft Lewis for CSM Theis' handover, I hope to meet a lot of you there!

Other News

I've been elevated to VP so I'll be wearing two hats this term. It's only been a few weeks and I've discovered that there is a lot more going on behind the scenes to keep a large, active association like ours running. Personal finances permitting, I'll be visiting the Quad as much as I can this term. Anyone who lives in the Puget





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Unit Director - Travis West

I can remember sitting behind the desk while on CQ duty as a young Ranger, brand new to the unit,



Travis West

leafing through the pages of *Patrolling Magazine* and feeling both awed and inspired by the stories of the men who had served before me. It is truly an honor to now have some small part of that tradition as the incoming unit director for 3/75. This initial submission will provide a brief introduction and briefly recap some of this summer's events.

I enlisted in the army in 2000, after spending about five years working in the Wisconsin State Senate as a staff member in the Sergeant at Arms office. After working my way through Infantry OSUT, Airborne School, and RIP I arrived at 3/75 in March 2000, just after the Battalion had moved out of the old barracks and into the then-new facility. I was in Pre-Ranger when the Twin Towers fell and subsequently graduated Ranger School as part of Class 02-02. Over the course of my time at 3/75 I served in the line, in support roles, and on the S-3 staff, holding down positions as varied as 240 gunner, RTO, rifle team leader, arms room NCO, and Battalion Schools NCO. As with most who have served in the Regiment since 2001, I deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and I can truly state that the men I served with were the finest fighting force on earth. I returned to Wisconsin and obtained my law degree following my ETS from the army in 2004. I currently live in Madison, Wisconsin with my wife Ryan and our two children Alex and Julia.

This past summer the 75th Ranger Regiment inducted twelve Rangers as Distinguished members of the Regiment. As you will recognize from the class list below, among the inductees were a number of men who served in 3rd Battalion. The list included CSM Darrin J. Bohn, CWO Billy Frazier Jr., MAJ Scott M. Gilpatrick, SGM Michael T. Kennedy, CSM Bobby G. Lane, CSM Eddie L. Noland, COL Frederick O'Donnell, CSM Philip S. Pich, CSM James D. Pippin, CWO Dionisio Rivera-Lugo, SMG Kenneth M. Turner, and CSM Bradley K. Meyers.



Not to be outdone, the Ranger Hall of Fame also inducted a who's-who of Rangers this year, including a number of former 3rd Battalion veterans. The sixteen inductees were SGM Matthew J. Berrrena, MSG Thomas A. Bragg, LTC James F. Dabney, CSM Robert F. Gilbert, CSM Douglass M. Greenway,

SGM Patrick R. Hurley, CSM Joseph L. Mattison, CSM Andrew McFowler, MSG Vincent Melillo, MSG Howard H. Mullen, GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, CSM William M. Smith, LTC Frederick L. Spaulding, LTG Gary D. Speer, MAJ Carleton P. Vencill, and CSM Charles P. Williams.

The induction ceremonies for both sets of honorees were held in conjunction with this summer's Ranger Rendezvous, during which the 75th RRA once again hosted its Reunion at the Holiday Inn on the North side of Columbus. The event was well organized and well attended. For those that have not been able to attend in the past, I cannot encourage you strongly enough to attend one in the future. Even if you elect not to participate in any of the planned events – which is not uncommon – the opportunity to informally reunite with old Ranger buddies as well as meet new ones is worth the experience alone. No one can understand a Ranger quite the way that a fellow Ranger can.

The Ranger community is starting to see surge of events, which has been facilitated by the confluence of a number of factors. One of these appears to be the influx of new Ranger veterans in numbers not seen in the recent past (there are more slots in the Regiment with the addition of RSTB and the creation of additional companies within the three line Battalions, and thus more Ranger veterans). Second, the development of online media, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and more online forums than I can count, has served as an invaluable tool to unite the Ranger community in a way that could not have been possible in the past. As a result, I would also encourage you to be on the lookout for Ranger-oriented events in your local area. For example, there has been a largely successful effort to re-initiate the monthly Ranger Breakfast tradition, which is a tradition that goes back at least as far as to those Rangers returning from WWII. Additionally, although this is not an exhaustive list, various Ranger organizations such as the Mountain Ranger Association, the Lost Patrol, USARA, The Darby Association, H.O.O.H.A. and many more have been holding small events

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across the country that are typically open to any Ranger, not just their own members. These events are perfect opportunities to stay connected to the Ranger community.

Of particular note to those of us who served in 3/75, this October 3 will mark the 20th anniversary of battle in Mogadishu that has come to be popularly known as the Battle of the Black Sea or – as a result of the book and movie – simply the Blackhawk Down Battle. To commemorate the anniversary the veterans of Task Force Ranger will be hosting a reunion from October

3 – 5 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The reunion is being conducted as a charity event with the intent to raise money for wounded Rangers and SOAR members and their families through three charitable organizations, two of which have direct connections to the Ranger community: GallantFew, The Lead the Way Fund, and the Night Stalker Association. If you're interested in more information about this event please feel free to shoot me an email or give me a call and I will put you in touch with the organizers.

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

Unit Director - Ron Dahle

No Submission

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

Unit Director - Mark L. Thompson

Dick Foster, President
VII Corps LRRP Association

Now that I'm just about recovered, and getting back to routine, I'll try and give you AWOLers some highlights of our bi-annual 75th Ranger Regiment Assoc reunion and a VII Corps LRRP Assoc update.

Except for the rain and the ensuing jump cancellation, the reunion came off without a hitch. Joe Little and his crew did a great job of planning and organizing it and everyone seemed to have a good time visiting with each other, again. I thought the group was relatively small compared to past reunions, and our group was no exception.

Rick Hathaway (Fatback), Ed Yarbrough, Tom Forde, and John Fisher got held up a day by a plane malfunction at LaGuardia. Larry Fee and his son Joe, Richard Black (Bluto), Bill Mathiak and his wife, Bruce Falconer, Paul Carlisle, Gary Baura, John Fisher and I took up their slack. All in all, not a bad showing considering Stan Harrell, Dave Clark, Zeke Evaro, Sam Storey, and Chuck Straehl had to cancel due to personal concerns.

Tom Forde, Larry Fee, and I attended the Change of Command



ceremony at Ft. Benning. We used that as an opportunity to present our check for \$1,000, on behalf of the VII Corps LRRP Assoc, to Kevin Ingraham (Unit Director) and a 2nd Battalion representative, to the Pointe du Hoc Foundation. Look for Kevin's photo of that in Patrolling. The money will be used to enhance and upgrade the Ranger Memorial at Lewis-McChord joint base in Washington. The ceremony was impressive, but for Tom's unfortunate experience with the airline. Another reason why Theo refuses to fly, among others. The 2nd Battalion expressed their gratitude and I personally want to thank those of our ranks who stepped forward and contributed a hundred

dollars each.

When Tom left New York, he was asked to hand over his carry-on bag to be stored below. Unlike Bluto, Tom complied and was rewarded with an airline scum bag thief who stole his GPS. When he went to make out the check, he discovered the son of a bitch had also taken the company checkbook. It took Tom about 45 minutes to contact his wife Kitty and put a stop on the account. Sgt. Forde opined that if someone can steal from a bag that has already gone through security, why then couldn't they put a bomb in just as easy. Damn good question! But we don't have to worry because we have guards from TSA to look out for us. Yeah --- right!

B/75 - C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP (Continued)

Several of you have asked about company challenge coins. Gary Baura had some made, but was not able to bring them to the reunion because of shipping problems. If I remember correctly, he's selling them for \$5 or so, plus shipping.

If you're interested, give him a call at 321-917-7646 or e-mail at freefallgb@aol.com. This is a great price for a coin that normally sells for \$10, but Gary's doing it as a public service to all VII Corps LRRPs/C-58 LRRPs. Contact him for details.

As per our Constitution, we held a nomination and election convention that consisted of a majority of those present. Since no one nominated wanted the Presidency, I agreed to continue in that role, unless someone who wants it comes forward. So, speak up before January, 2014. Unbeknownst to many of you, Bill Hill resigned as Vice-President. Zeke was nominated to replace him by a unanimous vote. And finally, since I am damn near clueless about posting photos of our membership, Bill Mathiak volunteered to do so, and was therefore appointed Secretary. Barring a mass outcry or Mideast-like Spring revolt from the dues-paying membership, this election shall stand for another two years.

Speaking of dues: While our treasury is certainly not hurting, owing in part to the tight-fisted Tom Forde, your \$30 annual dues for 2014 are due in January, unless you are unable to afford them. Send your pesos to Tom at 80 Carolina Dr, New City, NY 10956.

During the above election, we discussed next year's reunion. Two sites were selected, one of which will be determined by a majority vote of you, the membership. They are Tampa, FL and Savannah, GA. Information will hopefully be forthcoming, but, in a nutshell, both have a Spec Ops connection. MacDill AFB in Tampa is home to the nation's Special Operation Command and close to many tourist destinations. Savannah is home to the 1st Ranger Battalion and Hunter Army Airfield and it, too, has a variety of attractions. So, there you have it. We tried to designate places that were family oriented, in case your significant others or your you have grandchildren. Dates have not been set, but that, too, you are to vote on. We're looking at Spring Break, Summer, or late December. More info will follow as needed. PS: If you are not likely to attend either, you might consider abstaining from voting.

By now, most of you know that Don Taufer and Verlon Johnson have passed away due to natural causes --- old age. God called them to make that final jump and they did. Our condolences go out to their families. On a likewise sad note, Theo and Lucy Knaak's daughter, Nancy, also passed away of complications. She was 48 and leaves behind three children, one of whom is fortunate to have Theo and TSO take him under their loving wings. Her other two children, both daughters, are grown and

smart enough to avoid being near Theo. Who wouldn't? On a side note, Theo wanted to thank all of you who cared to call to see how he and Lucy were doing. He also wanted to publicly thank Tom and Kitty Forde and Rick Hathaway for attending Nancy's memorial. May God go with Theo and his family during this extremely trying time.

Along with this attachment are several photos of our past reunion:



Hathaway, Mathiak, Forde, Falconer, Carlisle, Fisher, Black, Foster, and Fee. Absent are Yarbrough and Baura.



Bill Mathiak and Quentin Waite, 92 year old member of Merrill's Marauders, honored guests at the 75th Ranger Reg Assoc reunion.



**B/75 Rangers
Unit Director:
Marc L. Thompson
President, VII Corps LRRP
Association: Richard Foster**

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Kevin Ingraham and I drove down together and roomed at the LaQuinta (walking distance from the Holiday Inn).together. I made the decision to attend both the RRA and USARA functions this time, so was jumping back and forth between the Holiday In and the Doubletree depending on the day and the event. We stopped to visit some people on the way down and the trip back, both, so it turned out to be almost a 2-week trip.

Bill Scanlan had planned to attend the reunion, but his house suffered some severe storm damage that week. He was trying to get it repaired and get to the RR despite that, but was unable to get the damage repaired in time. He called me a few times during the week to update us on his status, and when he finally determined that he would be unable to attend, passed his apologies and regrets on to all of you.

Mike Moser wanted to attend, but was scheduled for knee surgery that week. It turned out that he wasn't able to have the surgery because the day he went in to have it done, the doctor discovered that he had an infection which needed to be treated before he could have the surgery. So Mike stayed home, and wasn't able to attend the RR either.

Rick Benner came from New Jersey, and had the opportunity to meet quite a few of the guys he hadn't seen in a few years.

Jim Broyles drove in from Texas with Herbie Baugh and Greg Pollock. It was great to see him since we hadn't seen each other since 1975, although we have been corresponding for the past few years. Jim's Ranger son is a still-serving SFC.

Bill Mathiak coordinated bringing Quentin Waite, on of the original Merrill's Marauders, to the reunion from Michigan. I'm sure there will be other info in this issue on the Merrill's Marauders attending (one of the inductees into the RHOF was a Marauder – Vince Mellilo.

John DeCosta's Indianapolis Adult Baseball League made a generous contribution to the funding to bring those original Marauders who were in need of assistance to the reunion.

Attending

Eldon Bargewell	Rick Benner	Jim Broyles
Paul Carlisle	Dave Cummings	Bruce Falconer
Larry Fee	John Fisher	Tom Forde
Dick Foster	Jim Jackson	Gerry Laviano

Steve Lengel
Steve Murphy
James Parker
Ed Yarbrough

Manfred Lewis
Gary O'Neal
Don Purdy

Bill Mathiak
Gary Olson
Larry Rapp

(This is a partial list because not all the attendees signed in on the unit signin sheet).

Please contact the Unit Director if you need new or updated contact in formation for a particular person who attended the RR.

From my observation, everyone seemed to have a good time at the RR, and were appreciative that we were all still here to get back together.

SAM WENTZEL

Dave Cummings sent me a photo of Dave and Doc Wentzel's son (SFC Wentzel) together with the following notation: On a Poker run with Killer Mans Sons, the 75th's M/C, at the club house.



**SFC Wentzel and
Dave Cummings**

RANGER BREAKFAST

I don't remember who started it (although I suspect it may have been Bill Acebes and his wife Brenda), but within the last year a lot of Rangers have started organizing local "Ranger Breakfasts" across the country on the first Saturday of every month. For those of you not on Facebook (there is a group there listing all the local "breakfasts"), contact one of the other guys who is on FB and have them relay the information about a local one, if you are interested. I just got invited to a local one on September 7th.

B/75 COINS

Leo Starkey had a bunch of B/75 coins made at his own expense. We included photos of the front and back of the coins in the last issue. If there is enough interest in more of the coins, Leo might be able to be convinced to have more made. You may order as many of the coins as you like. The cost is \$13.50 each which covers the cost plus postage. Believe that he has twenty still available as of this writing. I'm sure if the

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demand exceeds his supply, Leo would be glad to have more made, if there were enough orders that he would not be left holding the bag, so to speak.

HEARD FROM

Rick Benner	Jim Broyles	Paul Carlisle
Richard Cole	Zeke Evaro	Stephen Foote
Tony Harley	Bill Hill	Gerry Laviano
Tim Leadbeater	Bill Mathiak	Mike Moser
Gary O'Neal	James Parker	Greg Phillips
Larry Rapp	Jeff Rice	Bill Scanlan
Leo Starkey	Howard Stokes	Richard Stutsman
John Henry Voyles	Doc Wentzel	Bob Woolstrum

John Henry Voyles

Ranger Voyles still lives in Lakewood, WA, with his wife Jane, but they were unable to attend the RR. Jane has had some back issues recently, and goes in for another round of surgery on 3 September. Will keep you updated on how she's doing in the next issue.

Doc Wentzel lives in Hickory, NC. If you want to contact him, his cell phone number is: 828-216-9501.

Please keep in mind that Doc is now a single father to a 16-year-old daughter, as well as two sons (one is an E7 in the Regiment, the other is in college). In other words, please don't call him at 0300, cuz he has family responsibilities to discharge. Doc's wife passed away suddenly from cancer a year or so ago, so he is raising his children on his own.

Don Bruce (who now lives in Las Vegas with his wife Claritza) attended the Special Operations Association convention this year in Las Vegas (where they meet every time). He posted photos on FB with a lot of the legends from his MACV-SOG days with CCN, including Joe Conlon (our old Company S-3 Officer, from B/75).

Larry Coleman

Larry couldn't make it to the RR due to all the folks coming into town to visit him. He still lives in Wyoming, and send out highly informative email to all of us on at least a weekly basis. If you don't receive them yet, please get in touch with him at: lwcoleman@hotmail.com

Greg Phillips

Greg is still retired and in Myrtle Beach (I think) with his wife, Min, and their dog, Ziggy. His most recent cancer checkup was good, so keep him in your thoughts.

Leo Starkey

Leo has moved to Texas, but is still active in the Facebook group. Shoot me an email if you want his new address.

Mike Moser

Mike and his wife Bonnie continue to run Moser's Pheasant Creek. If anyone is interested in holding a hunting outing, please contact Mike at: www.moserspheasantcreek.com, (660) 848-2621, 502 County Road 327, Franklin, MO 65250



Gerry Laviano forwarded me this photo of SSG Selix (he was KIA in Vietnam after he left B/75).

SSG Selix in RVN**FACEBOOK GROUP**

The Facebook group has been pretty effective in allowing us to keep in touch with each other. If you are on Facebook and not a member, send me a message (My ID is: Marc L. Thompson) and we'll get you added into the group.

The author's schedule may be a little more "freed-up" now that RR is done, lacrosse season is over, and my son was delivered to college this month (August). The lacrosse team went 8-10, not bad considering that they ranked us in the basement before the beginning of the season. We would have been happier with 9-9 or better, but lost two of the games by one point, including one which we should have won. Our head coach was voted coach of the year by the league (I am the JV head coach and assistant coach for the varsity). Now that the six-day-a-week lacrosse drill is over, I may actually have some time. My son is at Temple University in downtown Philadelphia, and seems to be enjoying that.

PLEASE NOTE THE UNIT DIRECTOR'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS, BELOW:

Some of the members of the unit should edit their address books to correct my email address. My old email address no longer works. So please check your email address books. I don't want to miss anything coming in from all you guys.

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Until next time:

High Speed, Low Drag, & Keep Your Head Down.

(Especially all you guys still working in the Sandbox, the Rockpile, or elsewhere).

Marc L. Thompson

Unit Director

Email: mthomp@ptd.net

PLEASE NOTE THE UNIT DIRECTOR'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS, ABOVE:

**C/75 - E/20 LRP**

Unit Director - Del Ayers

The 2013 Gathering of Warriors was a great success due to the excellent planning and execution by Bones Benton and Milt Hendrickson. Having the Korean War Rangers joining us on their 60th anniversary was truly a great experience. WAR was also well represented. A very diverse and energetic group assembled through common cause and experience.

Wednesday we had the privilege to attend the Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony where our own Tommy Bragg was a most deserving inductee. Congratulations to Tommy for this receiving this honor.

Thursday we had a day to engage in catch-up with friends and comrades. Those who chose to visited the Doubletree/USAR and the Holiday Inn/75 RRA to visit with friends.

Friday we participated in our "Forever Young" warrior remembrance at the Ranger Memorial. After lunch the auction was held with great financial success for the association thanks to the numerous donations of great items. The day ended with another bus ride and a great meal and entertainment at the Ranger Training Brigade.

Saturday morning the business meeting was called to order to conclude the reunion. The election of officers was a unanimous vote to retain the existing board to a second term. The 2015 reunion will be held to coincide with the Ranger Rendezvous in Georgia. There was also a vote to hold a mid-year Gathering of Warriors on the west coast in Oregon in 2014. "Big O" Gary O'Neil had a supply of his book American Warrior on hand and held several impromptu book signings to autograph copies. Gary was also the featured speaker at the 75 RRA Banquet held Saturday evening at the Iron Works.

We wish to extend a special thanks to Bob Stein for extensive photo documentation of the activities and candid pics of the participants.



The Wingate has once again proven to provide stellar hospitality. The staff was professional and gracious and that is the reason the 2015 Reunion will return to the Wingate for a third consecutive Rendezvous. If your travels ever take you to Columbus between reunions please consider staying at the Wingate to say "Hi", support our friends and enjoy a great Hotel.

As with every reunion it is always important to end on the most important note, that all of us made safe journeys home.

Del Ayers

I SAT WITH HEROS

Donna and I just got back from our second Charlie reunion. It was truly a beautiful three days. For me, reunions are pretty cool; especially military ones. My dad would always try to make the 6th Armored Division reunions. When we'd go as a family, it truly was a family affair. I remember the one in 1964 in Washington DC. I was twelve. Almost all of you guys were just a couple of years of entering into what was to be either the best, or the worst of time of your life. Probably the reality is that it was a combination of the two. But I was there in DC, around all of those WWII guys and their wives and kids, and I got to meet a lot of people like Gen. Robert Grow, the division commander. All the dad's were bringing their kids, mostly the boys, up to meet him and shake his hand. The General had all the time in the world for us – for everyone really. I was in a room full of heroes and I loved it! What's a hero some might ask? To me they were all heroes. If they didn't feel like they were...I sure did.

In '64 Vietnam wasn't even a point of conversation to most Americans. But that changed within a couple of short years didn't it? Many of you were on your way there or almost ready to be deployed there. I was just into high school, and Vietnam was on the nightly news every night. We only had one TV, but I would have watched those news reports anyway. I knew

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where Vietnam was. I knew what communism was. I had read Dr. Tom Dooley's books about how he went back into Laos as a civilian medical doctor after he got out of the navy in the late 50's. The French were beaten and the communists had taken over. He went back to try to give the Laotians some simple medical training so that people wouldn't be dying from things which could be prevented with simple medicine. He did what he could but it got dangerous for him and his team, and of course the communists would have no part of an American doctor healing their people. Better to let them die. Well like I said – I read his books. I knew what communism was and at 14 I hated it.

Year '67 came. I entered the tenth grade. My high school had its first casualty. His name was Sgt. Richard Teevens. He was with the 5th Special Forces, and he died on Nov. 17 1967. I did not know him. But our high school was small and I got to know him. A football trophy case was vacated to make room for his memorial photo and bio. The next one was Rick Zop. He dated my sister and came back without use of his legs.

'68 found me in the 11th grade. It was September and got a job working at the Kroger grocery store at Northland shopping center. It was actually a big open mall. I'd walk the two miles up to work after school and my dad would pick me up at 9:30. Well – one day in that '68 September, when I got up to the mall there was a big crowd gathered in the bus stop area. There was yelling and chanting...something about LBJ and Vietnam and whatever else they were yelling and there was a fire. They had lit an American flag on fire. I had just pushed my way through the people to see and old man stomp the fire out and pick up what was left of the flag and hug it to himself to the jeers of the crowd. If that had happened today they probably would have killed the guy. Thank God for that old man! I couldn't believe what I had just seen. I was already late for work and didn't want to go to work. I wanted to go down to the recruiting station. That would be two years later. And that incident – by the way – well that was the work of Tom (Mr. Jane Fonda) Hayden... I had just found out who and what the SDS was. About a week after the flag burning we got word that Larry Jaworowicz was killed. He was with Co.C 503 inf. 173rd. He was the brother of Nancy; a really sweet girl with whom I had gone to grade school. There were others – but then you know all about them.

And here it is forty two years later; I'm sitting with heroes once again, and loving it just like I did when I was 12 years old. This time it was my turn to remember and to be with old friends and to listen to the stories. And so I did listen to many

gifted story tellers recount those days of long ago in a place far away. And for three days I didn't want to do anything else or be anywhere else. And that's what I did. Once again I sat in a room full of heroes. Then, one more hero showed up. I had never met this one, but I had read about him in a previous issue of "Patrolling." His name – Trinh. He happened to sit down at the table and then another story starts to unfold... almost in the Vietnamese language but very much English. I'm sure all of you can hear it. You know the diction – the cadence. It's almost magical in a way because its sound can instantly transport you back forty plus years. We all listened. I listened. I wanted to understand everything that he was saying. Here sat a man who had spent eighteen years in a reeducation camp and a new economic zone. The first of those he was continuously chained at the ankle to another...FOR ONE YEAR! He said that he wondered all of those years if we remembered him. At our business meeting Trinh spoke some closing remarks. Things like "I never forget all of you – I always think if Vaughn Chuck, Pope Daniel, Eder John still alive – I wonder if you ever think of me – Many years in reeducation camp I not sleep well...Always have dream of Charlie Ranger – You always in my heart." I will always hear his words just as he spoke them. I don't think that there was a dry eye in that room. Mine weren't. And as I kind of looked around I could see that I wasn't the only one. Trinh really touched some hearts that Saturday morning.

I know that this fine man saved many lives. I think that Rocky could probably attest to that fact. He lived to be back with us; to tell us that he loved all of us and that he'll be back at all of our Ga. reunions. I'm sure that he will be there but if something happens and he can't, then I'm happy that when I was sitting in that room of heroes – he was one of them. Next year Trinh will become an American citizen. If for no other reason, this was worth fighting for. Welcome Home Trinh! Welcome Home My Brothers!

Joe Hayes

Congratulating Kenneth Taylor

Ken is an original member of E Co. Long Range Patrol 20 inf ABN. Serving in Vietnam with E Co Sept 67 to Sept 68. He is also an active participant in E 20/C 75 Association. Ken is an inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame for 2013, named by NYS Senator James Seward. The Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes and honors veterans who are active in the community and dedicate valuable time and effort in continuing service and support of active service men and women, veterans and community.

I quote in part Ken's citation.

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"Sgt. Taylors longstanding commitment to these Veterans organizations highlights how deeply he cares about the men and women who have served our nation. The breadth and depth of his contributions epitomize what *continuing to serve* has come to mean."

I stand with all your peers of E20/C75 to congratulate you and recognize the earned honor of your continued citizenship. Your induction along with the other inductees into the

2013 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame clearly demonstrates the quiet contributions veterans make all across this great country.

Thank you for your service! Welcome Home! Your recognition of commitment to community and veterans is a clear example to all veterans of this nation to never stop serving their community.

Kudos from all and I am fortunate to have served with you.

**D/75**

Unit Director - Richard "Herd" Nelson

Thankfully we get an extra month to write and submit our fall articles after the association reunion since it takes me longer to write and submit my article. It was a good reunion even though it was smaller than the others I have attended in the past. This was partly due to the fact that with the sequestration funding cuts the Army was not able to fly our current Rangers in from around the country for the mass tactical jump. Also some of us older Rangers had to cancel for medical reasons. We had three from D Company 75th that were still healing from joint replacement surgery. We also had some that were not able to attend when at the last minute they had very close friends and or family member who needed them.

First I'd like to talk about the fact that all of team 3-5 was able to attend this year it is only the second time in 43 years that we were all together. Tom Delaney and his wife Jan, Jan's sister, and Tom and Jan's Granddaughter arrived on Sunday, the day before the reunion and so did I. Tom and I spent a lot of time together reminiscing and attended the Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the first sergeant we had when we were transferred to L Company was inducted this year. Bill Fitzgerald and Ken and Linda Dern all arrived on Thursday it was great to all be together again. Some of you other Rangers with PTSD will understand this, but I feel safest in my life when the four of us are together, even though I do feel safer when I'm around other rangers, the four of us have had each other's backs in combat.

Another great event that has happened at the last two reunions is the D-151, D-75th Bar-B-Que where Billy Faulks kills and butchers a hog and brings it down to Columbus with a huge



Bar-B-Que grill and cooks it on Friday during the reunion. On the day of the Bar-B-Que several of us go out and get the fixings such as potato salad, Cole slaw, corn on the cob, watermelon etc. and have a huge feast when the pig and corn on the cob are done. We also always invite other rangers and their families to join us. This year since we didn't have as many of our D-151 or D-75th families there it was a little disappointing but a lot of the young rangers we met during the other days and nights earlier in the reunion did show up and helped make up for that.

We also had several of the Vietnam veteran rangers who didn't have dinner plans with their units on that night join us. So all in all it was a huge success, it didn't hurt that Billy is such a great cook. I have talked with Billy a few times since the reunion and he and his wife Doris are doing well. When I talked with him while writing this article he was in northern Georgia helping a family member put an addition on their house, and plans to come down to Florida next week for a golfing weekend in Naples.

Gary Olson and Richard Lowes were both in attendance, Gary stayed at the camp grounds on Ft. Benning in his camper. He was doing well and we had a great time. He didn't stay for the whole reunion and left on Friday. He had something else going on at home he had to be back for. When I talked with him to see what he has been up to since the reunion he said that his Brother-in-law has had a heart attack and was in the hospital, and that he and his wife Alice had been spending a good deal of time visiting him. He has been moved from ICU to rehab now. Richard Lowes stayed at the hotel and also had to leave early due to a family reunion back home, but we all

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had a great time while he was there. When I talked with him during the writing of this article he said that things were going S.O.S. (Same Old Stuff).

Roger Barbe had spent a few days at Billy Faulks home prior to coming to the reunion and arrived at the reunion with Billy. He only stayed for a day or two and then left. I didn't find out why but I know that some of the people he usually spends a lot of time at the reunions with were not there, one of which was Steve Meade. I wasn't able to get in touch with Steve before submitting this article, so I'm not sure what happened with him.

Mike and Sharon Warren arrived on Friday and we had a great time together. The Dorns and the Warrens went to check out the Infantry Museum together, it was the first time for all of them and they all had a great experience there. I have talked with Mike several times since the reunion and they continue being busy with their grandchildren.

Jim and Donna Owen drove up from Sarasota Florida in their Camper with their car in tow. They stayed at a campground just down the street. We all spent a lot of time together and when the other people from D-151st arrived later in the week they joined with us. For the people that aren't familiar with the relationship between D-151st and D-75th. D Company airborne Ranger 151st infantry was a ranger unit out of the Indiana National Guard that all trained together and transferred to Vietnam together. When the time neared for all of them to transfer back to the states many of us who were regular army were transferred in to fill the unit and be trained in their operational activities so when they left there would still be a ranger unit to continue operations the their area. Those of us who transferred in were actually officially attached to D-151. When they came home D Company Airborne Ranger 75th Infantry Reg. was activated. In my case I was only with D-151 for 17 days, others were attached for longer periods of time. Some of the D-151 Rangers stayed and were attached to D-75th to finish training us. At the Banquet on Saturday night we got three tables all next to each other so we would be close for those festivities.

I have talked with Moe Lamphere several times since the reunion to see how he has been doing, he had to miss the reunion because he had a hip replacement surgery and wasn't able to make the trip yet. As of the writing of this article he says he is back to being almost perfect. He is back to work and since people have found this out and want fences up before the winter he is real busy. He was also elected as Vice commander of the Battle Mountain post #71 of the American Legion in

South Dakota where they live. We also discussed coming up with the dates of our get-together out there next year so I can post them in our next article.

Frank Park was also not able to attend as he had planned; he said he was going to to come down and spend some time with his son Frank Jr. and then come down to the reunion but he couldn't make it at that time. He is however going to spend the next 8 days down in Dahlonega with his son. Frank Jr. is an instructor at Camp Merrill near Dahlonega, Georgia during the Mountain phase of Ranger training. Frank Jr. served with the 10th Mountain Division for quite a bit of his career. When I talked with Bear Papp he said that he and his wife have been doing the same as the other times anyone has talked with him. Their son Willie was there this weekend and helped Bear bring in about eighty bales of hay. He said to tell everyone hello.

Don "Vic" Viccaro said he wasn't able to make the reunion this time because his two daughters and their families came in from New Mexico the same week and his son also came up with his family. They all stayed with Vic and Mary Jane, so there were 16 people staying in the house. Vic said that since the rest of the family knew they were coming they decided to have a Bar-B-Que and there were about 50 or 60 family members in attendance at that event.

Mike and Vicki Jaussaud had to cancel their plans to attend the reunion because Mike had a knee replacement surgery and hadn't healed enough to make the trip. I talked with him after the reunion and he was disappointed he wasn't healing faster. They stopped by my house this week when they were coming through Orlando on their way to Georgia but they weren't able to wake me up. I am so sorry I didn't hear them knocking on my door because I really enjoy spending time with them. Sometimes I get my days and nights mixed up.

Carl and Rosie Norris are doing well; they also had to cancel their plans to attend the reunion. One of their dearest friends became ill and they didn't want to leave her. She lives in Phoenix and they are still making the trip there to visit her. Ed "Maddog" Krause called me the week before the reunion to inform me that they also had to cancel their plan because his parents needed them. Ed and Onecia Mercer also had to cancel for medical reasons, I haven't been in touch with them but Richard Lowes told me he had and things were moving along as expected and Ed should be back to his old self soon. Since I have been home I have hooked up with some Rangers who live in Central Florida who meet for breakfast the first Saturday of each month and I really enjoy that. The first one

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was in Lakeland Florida the exact geographic center of the state and there were several rangers who lived in the Tampa, St. Pete area as well as Orlando and Lakeland. The next one was scheduled to be in Tampa but the Orlando rangers decided to have their own here in Orlando because one of us couldn't make a trip that far. He will turn 81 soon. He is an honorary member of the Ranger Hall of Fame. We are also going to meet again on the 21st of Sept. at a Cigar Bar in downtown Orlando where we can all smoke cigars together. The rangers who live here in Orlando also get-together sometimes and go to a shooting range to fire their pistols.

The pictures I have elected to submit are all from this year's reunion there is one of team 3-5 with Mike Warren. Another is of Gary, Donna, Jim, Herd, Richard and Tom in front of Hotel. I have also submitted one of Richard Lowes, Billy Faulks, Jim Owen and part of the Delaney Clan showing off Billy's homemade wine. As you can see they were also sampling it. The other photo is of Billy Faulks and other members of D-151 holding up the new LRRP book which has a lot of pictures of Billy and some other members of D-151 in the field in Nam. It looked like it was a really well put together book and the author said he plans on doing another one so for you rangers who have some good photos that can be scanned in High Definition we can get the author in touch with you.

He is also looking to take photos of any souvenir's you may have from Vietnam. These books are pretty expensive because he is self-published and needs to recoup his expenses.

RLTW, Herd



Team 3-5 with Mike Warren.



Richard Lowes, Billy Faulks, Jim Owen and part of the Delaney clan at the Reunion.



Gary, Donna, Jim, Herd, & Tomin front of hotel, Reunion 2013.



Billy Faulks and other D/151 members with LRRP book.

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Unit Director - Rick Stetson

E Company had representatives from all points of the compass attend the 75th Ranger Regiment Rendezvous in Columbus, Georgia this summer. Bob Copeland came down from Canada, Bob Hernandez and Ron Tessensohn made it in from California and Jim Godbolt came up from Florida. They enjoyed meeting Bill Anton, the new president of the 75th Rangers and were able to witness the induction of a very impressive class into the Ranger Hall of Fame. E Company was proud to be among the many outstanding units represented at the 2013 Ranger Rendezvous/Reunion and the 75th officers are to be commended for putting on another good show.



E Company is preparing to host our next unit reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. John Masick is the reunion coordinator and he has been working hard to come up with an agenda for the week that will include a variety of activities that will be of interest to E Company Rangers and their families (see schedule below.) A complete "after action report" will be presented in the next issue of Patrolling. We are hoping for a good turnout of E Company Rangers to the Bluegrass State where the horses are fast and the bourbon goes down slow.

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Ron Tessensohn, 'back in the day'.



E Company all present or accounted for at the 2013 Ranger Rendezvous. L-R: Incoming 75th President, William Anton, Bob Hernandez, Bob Copeland, Ron Tessensohn, Jim Godbolt.

Company 2013 Reunion Itinerary**MONDAY, OCT. 21 - HOSPITALITY DAY**

Get re-acquainted with fellow Rangers. View some of downtown Louisville's amazing sights, like: the nationally-acclaimed Waterfront Park; the multi-media "Kentucky Show!"; and the trendy "NuLu" area with its shops and restaurants;

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - French Lick Experience or the General George Patton Museum

Two options are available for the day. The side trip to French Lick, Indiana includes a choice of these activities: a Vegas style casino,

golf, world-class spas and more. The second option is a visit to the General George Patton Museum, located in nearby Ft. Knox.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

A visit to Frankfort, Kentucky to see the Vietnam Memorial, followed by lunch at the state headquarters of the Kentucky National Guard. In the afternoon, a visit to Woodford Reserve Distillery, a National Historic Landmark.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Tours of the Louisville Slugger Museum and Bat Factory and the Frazier History Museum, the only place outside of Great Britain to permanently house Royal Armouries artifacts.

Friday, Oct. 25

Tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum and historic Churchill Downs. In the afternoon, tour of Brown-Forman Cooperage, one of the world's largest producers of whiskey barrels. In the evening, cruise on the Belle of Louisville, the oldest operating steamboat in the United States and a National Historic Landmark.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Activities for the day include: a meeting of E Company; Memorial Service; and dinner with special guest speaker at Hurstbourne Country Club.

Looking forward to seeing you in Louisville. RLTW

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Unit Director - Tim Walsh

Aloha, y'all!

Before I get into the details about this year's 75th Ranger Rendezvous Association



Tim Walsh

(75th RRA reunion), I'd like to clarify my contact info. As many of you know, my wife, Theresa, and I moved twice last year. Sold our old house (on the market for only

9 days!) and had to move into a rented condo until our new house was completed.

Well, we're in the new house and it's just

dandy! I had the builder add a room in the garage to house



my homebrewing activities. Just dandy, indeed! My new address is: 9558 Pine Knob Dr., Carleton, MI 48117. My new email address is: twalshx2@charter.net. My cell phone number remains the same: 313-590-6673. Please feel free to contact me at any of the above numbers. And if you're ever in the Detroit area, stop in for a homebrew!

Now about the reunion. What can I say.., it was terrific. Co. F once again had one of the highest turnouts with about 38 guys (many with families) and several other family members of fallen brothers.

It was particularly satisfying to meet those

family members. The wives, sons and sisters of our fallen

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brothers came to the reunion for various reasons, but mostly to find out more about their departed loved ones. I hope it was worthwhile for them to talk to us. I think we did our best to welcome them into the Co. F family. Ronnie ("Fat") McKinney's widow, Emily, and son, Ryan, seemed to fit right in. They provided ample opportunities for us to share their favorite adult beverage..., or two..., or three. What the heck was that stuff, anyway? Catherine Tinney Rowe (sister of Don Tinney – KIA 4/14/1970) was also in attendance.

Here's a list of the guys who signed the roster at the reunion. A couple of guys arrived later in the week or might not have had the chance to sign the roster, I apologize if I omit their names. I'm only going to list the Co. F guys, but as I said, many came with families/wives/significant others. Joe Little, George Timmons, Tim Walsh, Phillip Davis, Joe Gentile, Chuck Boyle, Bill Eberhardt, Robert ("Bobby") Byrd, Tom ("Pineapple") Gurrobat, Fred Stuckey, Rick Ellison, Colin Hall, Ron Hart, Dave Regenthal, Tom Finnie, Gene Lintner, Ted Miller, Dennis Petersen, Joe Cassilly, Gene Reilly, Tim Rowbotham, Mike Turner, Nick Demongeot, Francis Jarvis, Marshall Huckaby, Scott Cook, Vivian Yeisley, John Harris, George Flannery, Mike Martens, Rick Benner, William Evans, Rod Porter, John McGee, Don Purdy, Phillip Norton and Billy Thornton. Some of these guys were attending their first reunion, many have been to multiple reunions. I hope that y'all will continue to attend. But I heard from several guys & wives that they won't be coming to Ft. Benning reunions any more. I can't blame them, it's pretty much the same old thing every time. We've seen enough Change of Command Ceremonies to last us a while. And if one of our guys isn't being inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame, I don't have a burning desire to go see that, either. One of the reasons for some of the guys not wanting to come back to Benning is that it's a long way for some West Coast (and Hawai'i) guys to travel. So there was a lot of talk about how we can keep guys coming to reunions. I brought this up at the Unit Directors meeting. That'll teach me. I "volunteered" to be on the committee to evaluate off year reunion opportunities for the 75th RRA. The 75thRRA Ranger Rendezvous (reunions) will be held at Benning for the foreseeable future on the odd years (2015, 2017, etc.) to coincide with the Regimental Change of Command. The committee will try to come up with reasonable off year (2014, 2016, etc.) reunion locations for the 75thRRA. More about off year reunions in a bit.

While there was some dissatisfaction with the 75thRRA reunion activities, Co. F always finds a way to keep it interesting. We usually plan a company sized incursion to the Mikata Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar, and several of us make it a point

to go to the Cannon Brewpub in Downtown Columbus for lunch. But this year Marshall Huckaby organized a Co. F BBQ at a beautiful picnic area on Ft. Benning. Marshall has missed his calling. He cooked up some terrific BBQ and we all enjoyed every bite. A HUGE thanks to Marshall for putting on the picnic and to the assistant chefs and ladies who helped pull it all together. Since we were all together, I took the opportunity to have a "Co. F business meeting". We held the election for Unit Director, and after a tough campaign I was reelected for another two-year term. One of our brothers made a sizeable donation to the Co. F fund. More about that in the next Pointman which you should have by the time you get this issue of Patrolling.

At the business meeting we also discussed off year, Co. F reunions. One of the suggestions was to hold a Co. F off year reunion at the next $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav reunion. Quite a few (around 40) of us took advantage of the long standing offer from the folks at $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav and went to their reunion in 2012 in Nashville. I'm sure I've mentioned it before, but the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav folks really know how to throw a reunion. I was a little nervous going to "somebody else's" reunion, but the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav guys welcomed us with open arms. It was terrific to talk to the old pilots and door gunners from the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav. These are the guys who flew us in & out of the s... And they think WE'RE crazy for doing the kind of s... we did! Their next reunion is Sept. 17-21, 2014 at the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. Theresa & I will be there, hope you will be as well. The $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav website has some more info about their reunion, but they suggest that you might want to make your reservation sooner rather than later. If you want to pre-register, call the Holiday Inn directly (210-224-2500) and ask for Lisa or Lindsay and tell them you're registering for the $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav., 25th Inf. Div. reunion. The reunion room rate is \$85.50 per day and is good for three days before and three days after the reunion. Oh, and of particular interest for those of us who attended the last $\frac{3}{4}$ Cav reunion... there will be NO organized tours and NO buses! San Antonio is famous for its Riverwalk and the Holiday Inn is right on the river. Plenty to do without the buses.

Another suggestion for a Co. F off year reunion was to meet in Branson, MO sometime around Veteran's Day, 2014. Gene Lintner and Fred Stuckey are working up the details for that reunion and I'll be letting you know more about it as information becomes available.

A word about the Ranger wives. Many wives are reluctant to come to a reunion thinking it's a "guy thing". If you asked any of the wives who attend reunions my guess is that they would say that they have been surprised by the effect it has had on

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them. I'm certainly not going to speak for the wives (I'm not **THAT** crazy), but speaking to several of them, I get the sense that they have found a support group they never knew existed. I heard one wife say she found out, after talking to several of the wives, "we're all married to the same man". Well, after a few years of talking about that same man they have formed a ladies-only Facebook group. Mona Gurrobat has provided more detail and contact info in this issue of Pointman. Any of the ladies wishing to join the Facebook group can contact Mona or Lynne Eberhardt at lae51@earthlink.com. The "Rangels" (Ranger angels) organized a raffle at this year's reunion. They raffled craft goods, books and various other donated items. The goal of their raffle was to provide a means to recognize the widows of our fallen brothers. With the funds they raised at the reunion, they will be able to give each of the widows a special plaque remembering their husband.

I have always urged y'all to send me stuff to put in Patrolling and Pointman. The following is from Tim Rowbotham:

The 2013 Ranger reunion was a wonderful gathering of friends, both old and new. A special thank you to everyone that helped organize the activities. Also thank you to the women that organized a raffle that included many items such as books and crafts. The profits will be put to good use for F Company Rangers and families. Since this was only my third reunion, I still enjoyed talking about our days in Vietnam and reconnecting with fellow Rangers. I hadn't seen Rod Porter in 44 years. Seems like a lifetime ago.

This reunion was especially eventful for me thanks to a young graphic designer from Ohio with a passion for all things military-especially LRRPs. Jay Borman became enthralled with G. I. Joes as a child and now Jay, his twin brother Chris, and their dad, Gary, are reenactors for WWII and Vietnam

events. Four years ago Jay started working on a book about LRRPs and the final product was unveiled at the 2013 Ranger reunion. The book includes pictures, captions, and stories from interviews from over 20 LRRPs and photos from the National Archives.

I was fortunate enough to meet and become friends with this awesome and very talented young man through my brother, Karl. Jay found out that I was in LRRPs in Vietnam between 1968-1969 and interviewed me. I shared many pictures and stories with Jay along with items from my Vietnam days. Needless to say, I am more than honored and proud to be a part of Volume I of the LRRP book. Jay was able to have 40 artist copies of the book available at the reunion, which all sold out and there is a waiting list. Volume I previewed to rave reviews and positive comments about the pictures and eye-catching design. For those of you fortunate enough to view the book or even purchase a copy at the reunion, it is probably the greatest collection of LRRP material I have ever seen. If you are interested in purchasing the LRRP book, contact Jay at JAY@PLANBTOYS.COM or LRRPPHOTOS.COM. Only 500 copies were printed and will be available in mid-September. You can also contact Jay if you have photos or stories to share as he is presently gathering material for Volume II.

Thanks to all that attended the Ranger reunion and hope to see everyone in two years, if not before. Tim, thanks for your submission.

That's it for this issue of Patrolling. I'll use this info to publish an issue of the Co. F newsletter, Pointman, to all of you and to all the other Co. F guys who aren't members of the 75th RRA. Thanks for your support. Tim Walsh

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

Unit Director - Steve Johnson

**Steve Johnson**

This is my first year as Unit Director for G Company Ranger, E-51st LRP, and the 196th LRRPs. A special thanks to Stephen Crabtree for his duties prior to me coming on board. I am looking forward to my new position with the 75th RRA.

Paul and Babe are standing tall on Lake Bemidji waterfront. Poor Babe lost his male unit when the good

ladies of Bemidji thought he looked inappropriate to the tourists. I was very vigilant standing near Babe and Paul looking for suspicious women with chisels.



This is my last year as president of G 75th serving a tad bit more than 3 years. I would like to thank the Association for

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their support and especially the board and officers of the Association.

The Ranger Rendezvous in Ft. Benning, GA was most enjoyable. Chuck Williams and Thomas Bragg both served in our unit, Chuck from 69-70 and Tom up in Da Nang in 71. Congratulations to both!

I was invited to attend the dinner for the inductees and was fashionably an hour late because of two car accidents and being somewhat misoriented at Ft. Benning. I still managed to see Chuck and Tom there and had a pleasant time.

The next day, both were inducted into the RHOF at a ceremony that was also attended by Tom's family and friends, Chuck's Roberta and their two children and their spouses. Sitting together for the ceremony were members including: John Sausville, Steve Grimm, Lee and Greta Kenner, Richard and JoJo Corkan, Danny and Marcel Jacks, and myself. I apologize if I missed someone else.

After the ceremony, there was a BBQ at Freedom Hall. A super time with the Ranger Battalions, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, WW11 Marauders, filling up all the hotels in Columbus; huge turn out!

The 75th RRA sponsored a BBQ at the Holiday Inn on Thursday and D Company had a pig roast the following night. Had a chance to talk with Steve Lemire and lots of other guys who were with our unit.

While waiting for a connecting flight to Bemidji from the MSP airport I had two beers. I was ready to pay and leave but this military guy who served with the 3rd Ranger Bat said he bought my beer after seeing my reunion t-shirt. Sua Sponte was the parting phrase.

Remember when you came back from Nam and how you were treated by others. I would like to forget and am still reluctant accepting a "thank you for serving" but I am becoming more used to it, especially if they pick up my beer tab!

I will continue working with our G 75th editor, Michael Chu, and will publish it from Bemidji as usual.

Sit back and enjoy the featured member Darrel Wasson, the Chaney HOF for Valor held in Ohio, poetry for the 95 year old Marauder who was inducted into the 2013 RHOF on his birthday!



Tom & Sharon Robison

Featured Member

Darrel Wasson is this quarter's Featured Member. Darrel is a civilian employee at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV. Darrel was the Association's on the ground coordinator for both reunions held at Las Vegas.

After high school I enlisted and went to basic and AIT at Fort Jackson. Then to Fort Gordon to visual tracker school, then it was off to Vietnam. I was assigned to the 4th Inf div where I volunteered for K Co. Three weeks of recon school then out to the bush. K Co. stood down in late Nov so off to the 23 Inf. There me and Nat walk down to G Co, and volunteered. I went to team Texas. I think Nat went to Iowa. I left the Co. in April due to back problems.

When I returned to the states I was assigned to Fort Hood where I met the first of three wives. The third time's a charm. I have 7 kids between the three wives mine, hers and ours group of 9 grand kids and 1 on the way. I tried college after I got out of the army but it was not my cup of tea. In the first two years out I went thru 8 jobs. I think that caused divorce number one. From 1979 till 1988 I was a mess. Two kids in 88, one in Jan and one in Dec. I eventually applied for a job at Nellis AFB and I have been there ever since.

This is a great job. I get to work with these young Airman, teaching them what I have learned over the years working on vehicles. They teach me how to use all the new phones and tablets. I got to take my family to Germany with this job. Me and the boys loved it and had a lot of fun. Wife number two didn't go for it.

In 2006 I met (GLO GLO). Gloria understood me like she had been looking thru my eyes. She got me to go back to the VA. I had not been there since 78. I had a bad experience with

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them. But like all things, the VA has change and I am glad I went back. I go to anger management and PTSD class.



I look at my children and grandkids and smile. Life has lots of ups and downs but they make the downs better and the ups great.

**Darrell &
Gloria Wasson**

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AWARD OUTSTANDING DISABLED VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Nomination Letter 2014

Department of South Carolina

By Stephen Crabtree

SGT Tom Robison successfully led his Long Range Reconnaissance Team in excess of thirty missions in enemy territory in the Republic of South Vietnam. Although enemy contact was frequent, his team suffered no casualties. In February, 1969, as his tour of duty was winding down, he was preparing to return to the United States. However, due to his commitment to his teammates, and in order to ensure a smooth transition of his team to a new team leader, he volunteered to accompany the team on one more mission as Assistant Team Leader. During that last mission on February 6, 1969, an enemy land mine was detonated and three members of the team were seriously wounded; Tom being one of them. Regaining consciousness in a field hospital he discovered that he had been blinded; his left leg had been traumatically amputated; his right leg had been fractured in four places; he had several severe puncture wounds in his lower body; and upon stabilization, he would be undergoing additional surgeries. After subsequently being airlifted to an Air Force Hospital in Japan, Tom learned that his kidneys had failed due to excessive amounts of whole blood and the chance of saving his right leg were at best, minimal. He refused to accept this prognosis and refused amputation of his right leg. His sight started returning after about four weeks. During the next nine weeks, Tom underwent and endured no fewer than 20 major surgeries along with weekly dialysis. Tom was then transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he had additional surgeries. His right leg remained

seriously infected and on repeated occasions amputation was suggested. Each time Tom refused. He spent the next year on his back bedridden. His weight dropped from 175 pounds to 109 before his health started to improve. The physicians attending him advised that he would never walk again and he should begin to acquaint himself with a wheel chair. His focus, motivation and determination to repair his broken body to the extent possible and to resume a normal life are indicative of the special and deep character of this man. Eighteen months after being wounded Tom was able to walk from the VA Hospital under his own power with his right leg intact.

A year after he left the hospital Tom married Sharon Furtwangler, whom he had previously dated. He returned to college and graduated from Michigan State with a major in Political Science and a minor in History. During college Tom developed an internship with his local Congressman, Bob Carr, and worked in the Congressman's local office earning college credits in the process. After graduation, Congressman Carr asked Tom to consider relocating to Washington, DC, to work in the Congressman's Capitol Hill office. Tom agreed and worked in Washington for six years before returning to Michigan to attend The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. While in law school, Tom began clerking for Congressman Carr's law partner, George Economy, and eventually purchased the practice when Economy was appointed Judge. Rather than entering a commercially lucrative field of law, Tom dedicated his professional career to assisting the youth of Michigan. Tom practiced law privately for ten years during the 1980's.

Through George Economy, Tom met another judge who then hired Tom as his court Administrator/Attorney Referee in Eaton County, Michigan. Tom has used his influence to have the records of many juvenile offenders expunged so they could join the military. He urged the use of the GI Bill for education among other veterans after their service. He helped build a juvenile treatment and detention center; hired the center's staff and directors; developed treatment programs; and maintained responsibility for the center (which is still in operation) for over ten years. He has raised over \$800,000 to develop a day treatment program for those not requiring detention. He has presided over thousands of hearings involving delinquent youth as well as cases involving neglect, and both physical and sexual abuse of children. In this capacity, Tom ensured that interests of abused children were always protected, removing them from unsafe homes when necessary and moving them to safer conditions. He has received the personal thanks of many whose lives he has touched over the years, including many youthful offenders who are now living productive lives.

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	Vice President South Lansing Lions Club
	President South Lansing Lions Club
	Sight Conservation Chairman
	South Lansing Lions Club
1986	Lion of the Year
1987	Executive Director, Great Lakes and Water Resource Planning Commission for the State of Michigan
1989-1999	Eaton County Probate and Juvenile Court Administrator Attorney Referee
1990-Present	Corporate Council, G Company Ranger Association
1999-2001	Court Administrator for the Michigan Court of Appeals
2001-2007	Court Administrator Tuscola County, Michigan
2002-2007	Adjunct Professor of Law Thomas M. Cooley Law School
2005	Inducted into United States Army Ranger Hall of Fame
2005-2007	Vice President, 75 th Ranger Regiment Association
11/01/2010	Authored: <u>Wounded In Action</u>
09/28/2012	Authored: <u>Enemy of My Enemy</u>
12/26/2012	Authored <u>Operation Duck Hook</u>

Respectfully submitted, Stephen C. Crabtree
President (2005-2007) 75th Ranger Regiment Association

Stephen Chaney inducted into the 2013 Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor

By Joe Meinike

On May 3, 2013, Stephen Chaney was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor during the annual ceremony conducted at the Ohio State Capitol in Columbus, Ohio. The Lieutenant Governor of Ohio was present at the event and took part in the presentations of the Awards.

Tim Lyons, who grew up with Stephen and has continued to be a friend to members of the Chaney family, accepted the Award on behalf of the family. Tim Lyons later presented the Award to the family. A total of forty-three family members and friends of the family were present at the event at the State Capitol.

The day before, on May 2, 2013, Robert Wheeler, Jerry Howard and his friend Carolyn, my wife Dinah and I, attended a reception at the Stephen J. Chaney V.F.W. Post No. 7201 in Marion, Ohio. The reception was attended by a huge group of family members, friends of the family, and Stephen's childhood friends along with one of Stephen's former high school coaches.

During the course of the evening Bob, Jerry, and I had the opportunity to chat with many of Stephen's childhood friends and family members. And I believe we walked away realizing that he loss that they have been feeling all these years is the same loss that many of us who served with Stephen have felt. Stephen is still missed by many.



Joe Meinike, Jerry Howard, and Bob Wheeler standing at the podium next to the official Chaney Post 7201 V.F.W. Banner.



Chaney's Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.



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

Unit Director - William T. Anton



Robert Ankony

Fellow Rangers,

LTC William Anton (ret) of our company, and U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame inductee, was recently elected President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

LTC Anton's dedicated military service, diligent efforts in the cause of past and present Rangers, and his ongoing endeavors to advance Ranger history are a tribute to our unit and the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. It is my honor to serve as our new Unit Director. Like Bill, my



focus is advancing the history of our unit and all Rangers. Please see the article in this issue for a brief history of H CO 75th / Co E, 52nd Infantry (LRP), Robert C. Ankony, PhD.



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Unit Director - David Flores



Hello to all. Here we are again and we have enjoyed another reunion. This June, we all gathered in Washington DC for our twentieth reunion. That is a pretty good run for anything! We had a darn good turn-out and everyone had a ball. Buzz & Sharel did an outstanding job of organizing the whole thing. Thanks you two, it was much appreciated by all.

The weather proved to be in our favor as it nice and mild and NO humidity! We all enjoyed going to the different monuments in DC. Dave Hill and I went to the 1st Division Memorial; Dave said he knew right where it was. Well, we finally broke down and asked a guard at one of the buildings we passed by a few times, no luck there. We finally found it and had a good laugh at our diminished skills on finding the target.

Our trip to the Wall was special; we placed red roses at the base of each panel where our fallen were listed. We spent a little extra time at each panel, to silently say a few words to our brothers in arms.



We had a couple of guys that were FNG to the reunion, all though we treated them like old vets. Vaughn (chief) Isaacs and Larry Cuff; both of these guys were in the company in the late 67; early 68 time frame. It was really great that they could attend. We also had Jim Ryan attend, a FAC Pilot. He was at Lai Khe in 68 and spoke about working over some of the teams. He was also very glad to finally meet those brave crazy guys that were down there on the ground.

The banquet dinner was great, with a cake at the end with Happy 20th written on it. The cake was a surprise from Sharel, thanks! Lots of talking back slapping and laugh. We all went back to the hospitality room to continue the fun.

So on to the news. The 2015 Reunion will be held Reno, Nevada. We are planning for the late part of June. We hope this will work better for everyone. John & Debbie Douglas will be hosting a Mini-Reunion in Fort Worth, Texas. Date will be announced later. One topic we talked about was how

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we would like to see you guys from late 68 and on at these reunions. We see a lot of your pictures on our web-site and we would like to see you and shake your hand. Hopefully we will see many of you in 2015.

I did not send in all the pictures I had, I hope you like the ones I picked. It's hard choosing which pictures to send in. As always, I really enjoy seeing all of you at these reunions and hopefully, we will all be able to continue as we have in the past. Take care.

Dave Flores, Unit Director

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Twenty-Nine Roses

Inspired by Sharel Busby/Written by Danny Wiggins

(F Co. 52nd Inf. LRRP/I Co 75th Inf. Rangers)

*Twenty-nine roses we take to the wall
Twenty-nine roses, our tribute to you all
Your death will forever be etched in our life
And those days when you made that great sacrifice
Tears have been many but they'll never pay the debt
May we remember forever, never let us forget
For that road of freedom you've helped to pave
You gave us your life but that's not all that you gave
We thank you for your courage and honor your name
Our lives are forever empty as we feel the pain
Such a very small tribute for those who gave so much
Twenty-nine roses and your names on the wall we touch*

*Thanks to the 29 men of the 1st Infantry Division LRRPs/Rangers
who gave their lives for this great nation.*

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

Unit Director - Rodger T. Crunk

Greetings to all,

Another reunion has come and gone. I for one had a great (although) busy time. It was wonderful to visit with my Brothers, their wives and families again. Having been on the road for three weeks it was nice to get home again. Now I'm trying to catch up on the yard work and the farm work. I need a hired hand but Janice says I'm it...

I was once again elected as the unit director. I think (railroaded) might be the appropriate term. But I appreciate the trust and confidence my Brothers place in me.



Also there were two proposals for our K-Co reunion next year. Harry Phair volunteered his services to the members to host it in the Tampa area, perhaps on the beach in Clearwater. Ray Bailey proposed Nashville and his services as host. The vote was to go to Florida in the spring or fall when it's not so hot. Seems people are tired of summer in the south. I have to agree. I have every confidence that Harry will put together a great reunion for us. I'm thinking I might have to make a trip down there in January to help Harry work on this. What do you think?

Good idea? Thanks to Ray for volunteering

to host also. It takes a lot of work to get it put together.

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On my way home I stopped off in Kansas City to visit with Reuben Siverling and his wife Bonita. He asked me to have breakfast the next morning at his Businessmen's Club meeting. Well, he dragged me kicking and screaming to the podium and introduced me to this group of prominent North Kansas City businessmen. I spoke briefly about K-Co. Rangers, the Div. and Brigade LRRPs who came before us, about the type of missions we conducted, the sacrifice and loss of so many Brothers. I was humbled and embarrassed when they gave me a standing ovation. But that ovation was for you my Brothers. You have reason too be proud of who you are and the service you freely gave your country.

Next week Janice and I will travel to Pennsylvania for the dedication of our KIA memorial that Jim Bell of Romeo-1 built at his own expense of time and money. It is a beautiful monument and we can't thank Jim and Antoinette for their sacrifice. I have been asked to be the keynote speaker. I am humbled and appreciate that honor and my wish is to present our KIAs in the light that they so richly deserve.



I was informed recently that one of our own passed away August 4th, 2012. He served with the 2nd Brigade LRRPs 1966-1967. He was one of our first who sacrificed and help build the knowledge base that K-Co Rangers was built upon. I had hoped to have a picture and more info before my deadline but have not received it. Needless to say our condolences go out to his family and we mourn his passing from among our ranks.

We got some flack from 4th Inf. Div. Assoc. regarding separation of LRRP Chapter funds from K-Co funds. Apparently it has to be in a separate account under their tax exempt number. The chapter is reimbursed \$ 5.00 for every member of the Chapter so we are not talking about a lot of money. Wayne Mitsch has opened a new account and has transferred the funds into that account. Thanks Wayne. The K-Co account should be about \$2,600.00 after that transfer so we are in good shape. I'm sure we will incur some expenses setting up the reunion.

Hope to see everyone in Tampa; I know it will be a good time.



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Unit Director - Gary Linderer

*No Submission***M/75 - 71ST LRP - 199TH LRRP**

Unit Director - Robert Q. Tate

No Submission**N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP**

Unit Director - Robert "Twin" Henriksen

**Hello to all 173rd Airborne "Herd"
LRRPs/LRP/RANGERS.**

Yes, I have been voted in again, at the July Reunion, as your unit director for the next two years. Having served as director from 2009-2011, I'm back to get us more organized and record / document our past history and to plan our present time activities. Also get team members to communicate between each other and find ones not currently active with our group. Thank you to David Cummings for his two years as Unit Director.

Our unit document "Master List" file shows about 700 names who served. Document constantly being updated and names verified. Another document I maintain is the active "Members Contact List" which has member's names, years in unit, team they ran with, email, mailing address and phone number. The Master List of Who Served and Members Contact List is available upon request, just contact me.

Anyone wanting to take on a task to assist me with our unit getting better organized, please contact me. Unit photo album has many photos of members who need to be identified and also the year, place and action in the photo. So, I'll be sending out one or two photos with each email I send out to get our pictures ID and organized in the file folder called "Album" I'm also gathering mission stories from different team members to place that story with a team photo. I'm always available if you need any information from our unit.

Robert "Twin" Henriksen, Unit Director
(360) 393-7790

**LRRP/LRP/RGR Reunion
during 2013 Ranger
Rendezvous, Columbus/Ft.
Benning, GA. July 2013.**

We had a great turn out for the gathering of LRRP/LRP/RGR. The number of members from our Unit in attendance was about 53 with family members and friends of the unit, the total was 87. The weather was rainy at time with thunder, but most of the time it was much cooler then past reunions. The highlight of the event was the induction of Carl Vencill (66-67) into the Ranger Hall Of Fame. Especially his speech, as he gave credit to those whom he served with and that they had volunteered, coming from

different MOS (clerks, mechanics, supply, MP, infantry and other positions) to become Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol members. Congratulations to Carl as we all believe it was long over-due. Unit members gathered at the Ranger Memorial on Tuesday to surprise Carl with his own Memorial Brick.

The BBQ at Ranger Roger and Linda Brown's ranch was as always special as members gathered to recall the old days and discuss what they have been up to. Thanks to Roger and Linda for putting on the BBQ each and every reunion.

Company dinner on Thursday at the Fort Benning Officers Club was also a great event put together by David Cummings. This time we got the use of the main-hall at the club and having good food, computer photos of our past on a large screen and listening to music from the past. Many got to visit the Infantry Museum and experienced other activities on Fort Benning.

N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP (Continued)**Rogues Gallery at Infantry Museum.****Rogues Gallery at the BBQ: Flynn, Brown, Valkie, Schoonover, Williams, Lange, Potter, Thomas, Sid Smith.****And at the Ranger Memorial.****Members, Spouses, Family and Friends of Unit who attended:**

Pat "Tad" Tadina, Robert "Twin" Henriksen, Mike & Pam Flynn, Sam & Sherry Schiro, Roger & Linda Brown, David & Sherill Cummings, Carl & Linda Vencill, Tony Schoonover,

Rudy Teodosio and Friend, Allen & Harriet Lohmann, Bart & Eileen Stamper, Tom & Ingrid Zaruba, Gordon & Sherry Baker, Art & Carol Silsby, Herbert Baugh, Mikey Potter, Butch Nery, David Lange, Terry & Marlene Ziegenbein, Fletcher Ruckman, Don & Virgie Bizadi and their grandson, Larry & Shelley Cole, Ron Thomas, Jeff & Marsha Horne and their son Joshua (C Co. 3/75), Chuck Moseby, Larry Bockus, Sid Smith, Eddie Reed, Jim Glenn & Donna Lohn, Chris & Linda Simmons, Allen Valkie, Hal Hermann, Roger Bumgardner, Mike & Jeanette Swisley, Gerald & Norma Turner, Joe & Ramona Marquez, Bobby Colston, Martin & Pam Masitto, Tony Foster, Jim Folwer, Bill & Shellie Wilkinson, Rickey Nesmith, Freddie & Karen Williams, Cathy Saint John (J. Blake's sister) & Robert Thornburn, Frank Bonvillain, Tony & Hope Novella, Robert Tingdale, Mary (Mike) Hines, Jay Borman and his father Gary, Joseph & Toni Master, Fred & Tresina Stuckey and two sons, Britt Collins and Friend,.

**173rd Lurps at PSG Roger Brown's BBQ.****Ranger Carlton Vencill is presented at the Ranger Hall of Fame.****"Wilkie" and Shellie Wilkinson.****Mike and Jeanette Swisely.**

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I would like to thank everyone again for their support and efforts in getting me inducted to the Ranger Hall Of Fame. To me, as an old soldier and Ranger, there is no greater honor. I am extremely proud of the fact I was recommended by the men I served with in Vietnam 40+ years ago. There are several of you that pushed hard, for several years, to get me this honor, thank you. Just when I thought things could not get any better, they did. My wife Linda, Tom and Ingrid Zaruba decided they wanted to go to the Ranger Memorial. When we arrive at the Memorial, it was raining. There were many old Rangers and their wives standing in the rain waiting on us to see my name on the The Ranger Walk with a Brick with my name, 173rd LRRP 1966-67. This caught me completely off guard. I did not expect this but I sincerely appreciate it. Thanks for all of the efforts to pull this all together and waiting in the rain for all of us to show up. I have always been proud of the 173rd LRRP's and November Company Rangers. I remember when we started forming the 173rd LRRP's there were very few of us that had experience in LRRP tactics or techniques, we had a shortage of equipment and radios, and our men came from just about every different MOS you could think of. What we were not short of was men with a lot of guts, a can do attitude, and a strong desire to learn. You quickly formed a reputation of tough, aggressive, and brave men who could always be counted on to do what was asked of you. You were true professionals.

Robert, congratulations, you coming back as our Unit Director.
Carl Vencill

**"Mikey"**

enjoyed seeing old Brothers in Arms for the first time in almost 47 years. The troops came out of the woodwork for this Reunion. From as far away as Alaska, Guatemala, California and some places not quite so far. For me a 7 hour drive from Tampa, FL. Hopefully the next one will be as good. Thanks to all who organized and worked their butts off to make it a success. To all the 65-66 guys, it was truly a joy to see Y'All. This gathering of LRRP's made my year. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Carl one more time. It is an Honor that was way overdue. Airborne

Allen Valkie – 173rd Airborne LRRP 66-67

I will start by describing the experience with one word "FANTASTIC"! I want to thank all the people that put time and effort into making such an event possible and rewarding. I have to especially thank Larry Cole who searched me out. Joined by Tom Zaruba, they pulled me out, stood me up and helped me reach out and join again the Brotherhood we all are so privileged to share. Again, thanks to all for the continued efforts and support and friendship. As good as the Ceremonies were, the Memorial, seeing the "old grounds", the real stars of the show were guys we all served with. The opportunity to see and talk with you all again was priceless and much needed by this old fart. As I wrote to Larry Cole about my trip back to my boat, I was glad that I had a window seat. It gave me the chance to stare out the window, reflect on things and keep with me the warm memories of my Brothers.

**Carl and Linda Vencill****Carl, Cathy Saint John, and Twin****Member's Reunion comments:****Mike "Mikey" Potter – 173rd Airborne LRRP 66**

This was my second Reunion and was much better then the first. I attribute this to Carl Vencill being inducted Ranger Hall Of Fame. I was wounded on 10 Dec. of 1966 and had not seen most of the folks I had served with since then. I thoroughly

**"Schoonie"****Tony "Schoonie" Schoonover – 173rd Airborne LRRP/RGR 66-68**

I attended the 2013 Reunion to celebrate the induction of Carl Vencill into the Ranger Hall Of Fame, which I felt was long overdue. I also enjoyed reconnecting with the men that I have served with. Looking forward to the Unit Reunion in Las Vegas in September, of next year.

**Tony and Hope Novella****Tony Novella – 173rd Airborne Ranger 70-71**

This was my very first Ranger Reunion I have attended. It certainly will not be the last. My wife, Hope and I flew from El Paso, TX to Atlanta, GA rented a car and drove to

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Columbus. I met many fellow Rangers from all the companies, especially "N CO". Several of us drove to Fort Benning for the 21st Annual Ranger Hall Of Fame Induction ceremony. Really enjoyed listening to the thank you speeches from the numerous Ranger inductees. After the ceremony, we stopped by to see the Ranger Memorial, dedicated to all Rangers and took some pictures. The barbeque, at Roger "Hog" Brown's ranch and the Saturday night 75th RRA Banquet was delicious. A good time was had by all. Throughout the week, we gathered in the hospitality room, talked, exchanged member information, took pictures and viewed Army Ranger scrapbooks. We both had an enjoyable and memorable reunion. A big thank you to Dave Cummings and Robert Henriksen for setting up all the arrangements and getting all these LRRP/RANGERS together.

Karen Williams - Spouse of Freddie Williams 66-67

My experience at the Reunion was a good one. I think that these guys were never allowed to celebrate a home coming, nor talk very much of what they endured in Vietnam. Perhaps if they had been treated differently at that time, there wouldn't be so many with issues such as PTSD. Anyway, it was good for Freddie to see some of those he was able to be with at a previous reunion. The Brotherhood network that has evolved through email, Facebook, and websites for the organization has been a tremendous help to many. The guys that I saw at the reunion were from all walks of life, different parts of the country, and varied life experiences. But when they were together, they were able to catch a glimpse of the 20-something boys they were back in Vietnam. Their laughter, sharing of stories, and good ole hugs helped me to know that they were going to be OK – even 40+ years later. Wanted to give you a short perspective from a bystander's eyes.

Cathy Saint John – Sister of Sgt John Blake

Reunion Reflection: As a Canadian, and sister of the late John W. Blake (75th N. Company) also Canadian, I am deeply honored and privileged to have attended my first 75th Ranger Reunion in Columbus, GA. It was truly a unique experience for me in witnessing and understanding the endless bond of brotherhood, mutual respect and understanding, which thrives amongst the Rangers. The privilege of meeting so many warriors; many of whom, my brother wrote about in his diary of Vietnam 69-71, was more than I could have dreamt. The many conversations that we shared and the continuous reinforcing statements that my brother was a "skilled and caring Warrior" were inspirational. The massive poster, on display during the reunion, of John holding his M60 while in Vietnam was impressive and signed by the many Rangers who attended the reunion; a gift that I will treasure for many years to come, thank you Robert.

Ranger Robert "Twin" Henriksen, Unit Director, was absolutely the most wonderful host and guide; ensuring that I became well educated regarding the Ranger Memorial, Ranger Hall Of Fame, plus the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. The Ranger Memorial is where my brother's name and many other Rangers names, dead or alive, are honored and inscribed on the many Bricks, which paved the vast entrance into the Rangers Memorial Hall Of Fame is simply stunning. Fort Benning was where my brother completed jump school as part of his training prior to Special Forces; it was humbling for me to have walked where he had walked.

Fort Benning is steeped in history and the museum was an excellent experience – especially with the renowned Patrick "Tad" Tadina, Hall Of Fame member, as part of our entourage. We had so much fun when Tad was discovered at the museum and people began to capture pictures of him, which at that moment, Tad often exclaimed, while pointing at his Hall Of Fame display, "that was when I had hair!" He and I shared many enriching conversations; I was thrilled to have finally met Tad, the Warrior who had trained my brother as a LRRP, many decades ago in Vietnam.

The Rangers are a strong, courageous, and riveting force reinforced by their silent partners – the women. The ladies who stand alongside their Rangers are the silent force of strength and success. They work endlessly in promoting understanding, compassion, and remembrance for the brave men and women who served their country. Today, I still marveled at the sisterhood which exists among the ladies of the Rangers. Hats off ladies – you gals are awesome!

I will be forever grateful to the 75th N Company Rangers for opening their hearts to me both in Vegas 2012 and Georgia 2013. My brother, John W. Blake died in 1996, as a result of PTSD. Many times during the reunion, I would often observe my surroundings, especially the Rangers and think, "If John had survived, he would be so very proud of his brothers". Reunions are healing, see you in Vegas 2014. Hooah! God speed.



Cathy is writing John W. Blake's life story based on his memories, if you have any stories or photos you would like to share, please contact her at cathysaintjohn@yahoo.ca

John Blakes signed poster presented to Cathy.

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Once again November Company had a good turnout of folks attending our bi-annual reunion. For those unable to attend, there were 16 nominees to the 2013 RHOE. So the ceremony can be a bit lengthy as each nominee delivers his acceptance speech. 15 nominees gave nice little speeches thanking those that helped them be successful, and, you know, other stuff about themselves. One nominee, Carl, gave a very brief acceptance speech in which he didn't say a single word about himself. He simply told a story of one mission conducted by one Team of the 173rd LRRPs. I looked around and you could have heard a pin drop through the whole auditorium as everyone was transfixed, wondering if that team was going to make it out of there alive. I myself was caught up in the thrilling, death defying exploits of these LRRPs. Then I remembered, we used to do stuff like that.

I would like to mention Sid Smith who epitomizes the Ranger spirit. Sid has been in a long running fight with cancer. He won some battles gaining remission but recently found out its back. But unless you talked to him about it you would never know. He was bright and smiling and partied well. See you at the next reunion Sid.



**Team extraction
from the
An Lao Valley
(Beam me up
Scottie.)**

LRRP – Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Book by Jay Borman

Jay and his father, Gary arrived at the reunion on Thursday, as guest of our Unit. He was invited to be guest speaker at our Company Dinner. He brought 40 copies (author proofs) of the 11X14 book he has worked on for so long to record our history. Book contains history / photo / documents / items and individual LRRP personal items, which he took pictures of. The books were sold out in one day and the 500 limited edition books will be available in September. Many of our unit members contributed to the book and our section from LRRPs to the change to Rangers is displayed from page to page. Myself and other members are already assisting Jay with the next edition as our collection of photos and items we have brought back is many in volume. Thanks to Jay for the time he has spent to record our history.



**Patrick "Tad" Tadina
displays his page in
the LRRP book. Tad is
back gunslinging in
Iraq as you read this.
Stay safe buddy.**

In Memoriam: Ranger Bob "Red" Stouch

While at the Reunion, members received sad message that one of our own, Ranger Bob "Red" Stouch passed away. He had long time medical problems (Hepatitis C and liver failure) but that did not stop him from constantly communicating with members by phone. He would always talk about his family and especially his daughter, Page. He told me at the 2007 Reunion that he wanted to hang-on until she graduated from high school, she did. Next, to be able to see her graduate from college, she did. Bob was not able to hang on for her marriage, which was three days after his passing. But, Bob fought for his country and fought for his life. He always had a smile on his face and especially fought for the Veterans Memorial in his home town of Pottstown, PA. Myself and others served with Bob in 75th N/CO Rangers and remember him as a very-good RTO and always listening to those who had mission experience in the company. Bob contributed to the LRRP book by Jay Borman by sending him his two very good photo albums and spent many hours on the phone with Jay to assist him in the creation of the book. Jay hearing of Bob Stouch passing away, gave me a LRRP book to give to the Stouch family.

Members, Fletcher Ruckman, Joe Marquez and I drove to Pottstown, PA after the Reunion to attend Bob's funeral/memorial service. We got to see the awesome Veterans Memorial Bob had worked so hard for. Bob will be remembered as a fine soldier and a man with a big heart.

Robert "Twin" Henriksen

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Red's eulogy is given by Joe Marquez.



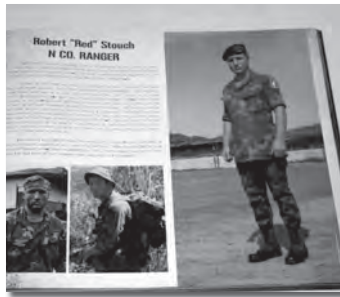
In early 1983 we got into a helicopter crash in the German Alps with our A Team. I suffered a broken back, Ted also had a broken back after being thrown out of the helicopter but he came back to pull me out of the wreckage.

During our search at Arlington for our brothers a car stopped and a lady came out and said she noticed our colors (vest) had Ranger tabs on them. She I.D. herself as Jill Stephenson, the mother of CPL Ben Kopp that was KIA in July 2009 with 3-75. She is from MN and happened to be visiting him the same time we were visiting our brothers at Arlington. She found out that we all served with the Rangers in one form or another and that we were a "mature" group a few generations from her son's service with the Regiment. We exchanged thoughts and hugs and gained a new friendship among the many Mother's of fallen sons.

It has been a tradition of our group to get rubbings of the names of our fallen from the "Wall" and tape them on our bikes for the parade ride on Sunday through Washington DC. We urge all our brethren that have a bike to ride with us on Memorial Day to Washington DC on Rolling Thunder Run... Lest We Never Forget.



Bob Stouch contributed much time and effort in getting this Veterans Memorial built in his home town.



Red's page in the LRRP book for which he provided much assistance.

Rolling Thunder 2013

23 May, Thursday morning O dark thirty, four Ranger brethren linked up at Euharlee, GA saddled our iron horses for a 14 hour journey to Falls Church, VA to pay homage to our brothers that went before us for the Memorial Day Run of Rolling Thunder from the North Pentagon Parking lot into Washington DC. Our small party consisted of "Big" Dave Cummings, Bill "Wilkie" Wilkinson, and myself Rudy Teodosio from November Company, and Bruce Cleveland (Old Scroll 1-75). Another brother from the company, Chris "Smoke Stack" Simmons linked up with us. We all ride with the Sons of Mosby Motorcycle Riding Association whose membership consists of US Army LRRPs/Rangers. This was our first national get together with members from all over the country assembling in DC for Rolling Thunder.

This year the weather was a bit cooler than prior rides we had the past three years. So us old Rangers wrapped ourselves with a little hawk gear to help brave the cool frosty winds and rain of VA. One of our personal missions was to ride to the Garden of Stones (Arlington) to visit our brothers from the Unit, Dave Dolby MOH and Michael "Doc" Creamer, and a former Special Forces team mate and team SF Medic of mine Ted Jernigan a combat veteran of Panama.

Rudy Teodosio



Dave Cummings, Wilkie Wilkinson, Rudy Teodosio visiting with Doc Creamer.



Mike Creamer at Ft. Campbell 1971.



Rudy waits in the Pentagon parking lot for the ride to start.

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Among Dr. Roubideaux's many talents is that of artist.



Quiz: For those of you that operated from LZ English. What is the name of this AO?



LRRP Art by Roubideaux.

Ok Rangers, this magazine belongs to you, it is your voice. I know some of you have something to say. Next deadline for article submissions is 15 November, so send your stories (and pics) to me or Robert "Twin".

Dave Cummings - davidf4f4@mchsi.com

There it is, time for a cold one.

Tome and Rudy (They look like they are from the same tribe, but not sure).



Vaughn in the Ranger Lounge.

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Unit Director - Michael L. Feller

Greetings, It's August and time for another episode of Oscar Ranger. Hope all is well and ya'll are taking your meds (as prescribed , or have at least studied up on the correct way to misuse).

A local chapter of Rolling Thunder and a couple of VFW's sponsored a Vet Ride at the casino in Manistee and I chalked up my first Vet ride . Two miles of motorcycles is an impressive sight but not the riding I enjoy, still not fond of crowds, guess I'll always be just a Vet with a bike rather than a biker who's a Vet.

Terry (wife) held a get together for the ladies in here group all went well. She wanted me to remind all that if



any wives that may be monitoring need an assist with starting a local just drop a line.

For those of you that recall Craig Campbell he called the other day and stopped by for a few beers. He now lives in Va. Speaking of the long lost, present at the F Co Reunion were Lambert, Barney and Wallie. A gent by the name of Larry Lee was also there and it seems that he is working to put together a reunion. So mark down the last week in September 2014, 3-5 days in northern NC Somewhere around Greensboro.

Suggestion when you are finished with this magazine drop it off at a local vet watering hole, who knows who may pick it up, we've had more than one call that way. Later, Feller



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Unit Director - Terry B. Roderick

It's always very hard to start out an article reporting another loss in our company. Peggy Ann Reese Burnette was the wife of Sammy "Brother G" Burnette and we lost her on June 22, 2013 from an apparent heart attack at their home. It was totally unexpected and a huge blow to the Burnette family and the entire Galax, Virginia community where they lived and were raised. She quickly became a company favorite with her warm smile and cheerful demeanor. She loved Sam deeply and they raised two sons together, Timmy and Jaime. Timmy lives nearby and Jaime lives and works in Cape Coral, Florida. Her loss will be felt by so many as Duke DuShane, Eddie Johnston, Jim Testerman (4th ID LRP), and Steve and Barbara Nash, and I found out at her viewing the day before her services in Galax. The visiting hours for the viewing started at 7:00 P.M. and was supposed to run until 9:00 P.M. The lines began forming in this small part of Americana well before the 7:00 P.M. starting time and the family was unable to leave until right before midnight. The line of people who wanted to say good-bye to her or offer support to the family just kept going on and on and on the entire night. This is not a large town but one of the lovely small farming communities many of us forgot existed. It was



Sam & Peggy Burnette

one of the most moving and unbelievable things I have ever experienced and the longer we were there, the more we understood the loss everyone was feeling. We found out that Sammy and Peggy (this is how Brother G told me everyone pronounced their names..... together) were both members of the local Rescue Squad and had been for over 30 years in addition to running their ranch and working regular jobs before retiring. There is so much more to say about Peggy and Sammy both that we never knew, but I'm personally honored to have had her for a friend. Rest in peace...Peggy Sue.

On August 22, 2013 I got a phone call from a voice I had not heard in years. It was Wayne Kalbaugh, the son of Virgil "Cowboy" Kalbaugh. He called to tell me that his Dad has passed away from cancer issues on August 21, 2013 and that he would be planning services and let me know. They held



the service in Edmonds, Oklahoma on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Many of you who attended the first Papa Company Reunion in San Antonio in 1995 met Wayne when he was a very young man. He's married now with 3 kids and making his way in the world. I had not heard much from Virgil since we first met in 1995 and don't have much additional information about him to report.

Fred Tompkins and Ed "Carney" Walters had a mini-rendezvous in

August and linked up with an old teammate, Zeke Rasmussen, in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Here is Carney's missive on their experiences that week. As a prelude to this, let me remind or inform those of you who do not know that these 3 Rangers, along with Team Leader SSG Leonard Valeen, Frank Pickton, and SSG Larry "Jesse James" Mandrell were hit with two 175mm "friendly fire" artillery rounds on the night of March 5, 1971 around midnight. Carney told me that he and SSG Valeen were the only two not wounded by the rounds. Zeke Rasmussen lost his right arm in this incident and as you might expect has kept his distance in the past in general. It makes me feel good that these guys can get together and share their memories together. That's what all this is about anyway, right? Here's Carney's words about the week...



Fred Tompkins, Carney Walters & Zeke Rasmussen, August, 2013.

TEAM 1/4 P/75TH ROCKS OLD KATHLEEN RANCH

WOW! That seems like such an understatement! I think I can speak for everyone that was here & say last weekend was AWESOME! From the beginning – the town of Cripple Creek, Colorado has just put on their 21st Annual Tribute to Veterans. The entire town & weekend is dedicated to veterans. Saturday starts with a POW-MIA motorcycle ride from Woodland Park into Cripple Creek following the Veterans Parade. This year was special because the 18 mile stretch from Divide to Cripple Creek has been officially designated as the POW-MIA Memorial Highway for Colorado. There were 4 past POW's there to cut the official ribbon. It

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Carney Walters giving Papa Company coin to Lowell G. Freeman, former Darby's Ranger.

was also very special for us because the Grand Marshal this year was a Darby's Ranger Lowell G. Freeman. He was put in for the CMH but received the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism. Fred & I made a point to meet him & present him with a Papa Company coin.

But I digress, back to the beginning. As some of you know I had an open invite to come join us for the event & I planned a big party at my house. The most significant part of the whole weekend was the Wednesday before. If you didn't know, Fred Tompkins & Zeke Rasmussen were lying beside each other on March 5th 1971 when Team 1/4 got rudely awakened by our own artillery. Not to get into that, the thing is, those two have not seen each other since that night! I'm not sure who was more excited about the reunion, them or me!

Leading up to the event & knowing both of them, I expected them early, it was only a matter of which one was getting here 1st. It was Fred. He actually got here Tuesday & went to a campground to catch his breath from the trip and didn't call me until Wednesday. The other thing Wednesday was my youngest brother & sister were on the way in from North Dakota and would be in the Springs around dinner time. Having not heard from anyone else yet Mary & I headed for town to do some last minute shopping & meet them for a nice dinner before coming back up the mountain. As I came through Divide my phone rang, it was Fred. When he told me where he was & I had just driven past him. We turned around immediately and found him at a gas station. After a little visiting in the parking lot we decided to go gather his stuff at the campground & take him to our house.

Mary & I got to talking on the way home, we were so excited because for us the event had officially started with the 1st arrival. I mentioned to her the only thing that could top off the day would be to get home & find Zeke in the driveway. As a side note, we had woken up one morning in Texas to find Zeke sleeping in his lawn chair in our driveway. Yes you guessed it, as I came around the last corner to where I could see my driveway there was Zeke's car. I have an old GP Small & I had set it up for the weekend, mostly for looks. I also put a couple old canvas army cots in there & that's where Zeke was resting waiting for someone to get home. Needless to say there was a significant emotional moment when we all said hello!

The weekend grew from there. Friday night we had live music on our deck provided by some very good friends and even had a food vender parked in the driveway feeding everyone all weekend so Mary didn't have to cook. A lot of our local friends came by and we had a grand time. Saturday Fred & I rode in the POW-MIA run with my brother Mike & as I mentioned in the beginning got to give challenge coins to a very special Ranger. I don't exactly know how to relate the emotions that I felt throughout the weekend but I've re-written this sentence like 4 times. To say the least having half of our team here for an outrageous time will always be one of the highlights of my life! RLTW, Carney

It's hard to beat a story like that. The Ranger Rendezvous/75th Ranger Regiment Association Reunion has come and gone. We didn't have a lot of folks come this year, but Tom and Wendy Sherman came out of the woodwork from Kentucky again and it's always good to see them. Ted Tilson, Eddie Johnston, Duke DuShane, and I spent a lot of time together as we were there for the whole time. Terry Bishop came in for a couple of days and Thomas and Gaynelle Wilson stopped by. We appreciated them even taking the time out for us after their loss of a family member just prior to the Reunion. Bobby Hampton drove over from Nashville and spent a few days with us before he had to head home. I feel like I missed someone but can't find my notes so if I did, I apologize ahead of time.

After the Rendezvous was over, I followed (actually "kept up" with his lead foot) Eddie Johnston home to Jonesville, Virginia for a few days relaxing at his new home. He and Kitten have built themselves a beautiful retirement home on the top of a mountain in western Virginia that anyone would envy. The views are magnificent if I do say so and it was cool seeing the fog in the valleys a couple of mornings. The views from their home are breathtaking and they've worked hard for a long time and deserve every bit of it. After a couple of days and before I wore out my welcome, I headed east across Virginia and stopped in Marion, Virginia to visit my buddy, Jim Testerman, a 4th ID LRP, and his wife, Sandy. I left there and headed into Galax, Virginia to check up on Brother G and see how he was doing? He was unable to make the Rendezvous since nearly everyone in that part of the country was having difficulty getting enough rain free days in a row to get their hay into their barns for the winter to feed their livestock. I left Galax and headed south to my daughter's home in Charlotte, N.C. I would be attending the annual Homecoming at the Presbyterian Home for Children where I was raised at Barium Springs, N.C., which is near Statesville, N.C. for a couple of days and she lives about 45 minutes south. I got to meet up with some of my classmates from those days in my life and there were 7 of us who endured the times and went on with our lives. After that, I headed over to eastern North Carolina

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to link up with Mary Murphy and Joyce Boatman for a day or two. They missed the Rendezvous due to Joyce and Roy's daughter, Carol, who we all met in Nashville, having more cancer surgery up in Virginia where she lives. Mary was leaving to go back to Melbourne, Australia a few days later. I got home about two weeks after I left to go to the 2013 Rendezvous.

Prior to the Rendezvous, Ted Tilson and I flew to New York City to join our friend, Jim DeSalvo, and some other friends of the late MOH recipient, Dave "Mad Dog" Dolby for a few days of fun. Jim has been putting this gathering together for 3 years now since the passing of his close friend, Dave. We met up with Ranger Gary O'Neal and his son, Sean, and Sean's girlfriend and spent 4 days of fun together. One of the highlights was meeting two brothers at a bar, called appropriately enough, Duke's Bar, in downtown Manhattan. Matthew and James



**Matthew & James
Catanzaro.**



LT Matt Catanzaro.

Catanzaro stopped by for lunch that day and we ended up spending the day together. Matt, is a New York City fireman and also in a Reserve Special Forces unit where he is a Lt. His brother, James, is a Doorman at the Hudson Hotel in downtown. We now have two good friends in Manhattan that can handle any issues we have if we are ever there again. We had a personal tour of the oldest fire station in New York City, the Lower East Side, where Engine 28 and Ladder Truck 11 reside. They gave us t-shirts, hats, and some other goodies and I reciprocated with the latest edition of our t-shirts when I got home for all of the firemen in that station. I might add that a Papa Company Challenge Coin now is prominently displayed there too.



Lower East Side fire station, July, 2013.



**Heather Harris & Terry
Roderick, NYC, July 2013.**

We met up with Heather Harris, the youngest daughter of Sandy and deceased 3rd Bn. Ranger, Glenn Harris. Glenn was the 1st Sgt. of Bravo Company, 3rd Bn. in Somalia in 1993 and died in a night training jump at Fort Benning in 1994 when he landed in the Chattahoochee River and drowned. I first met Glenn along with Jay Lutz and Mike Williamson at the 1992 Ranger Rendezvous that we all first attended. I've been friends with the family since we first met and watched the two girls grow up into lovely young ladies. Unknown to Ted and I and the rest of the group that week, Keni Thomas, a Somalia Ranger veteran and Nashville recording star, was in town to sing God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch at the new Yankee Stadium on Saturday. It was the day the Special Operations Warrior Foundation is honored annually by the Yankees and the Steinbrenner family, and Heather was a Guest of Honor since she was one of the first recipients of their scholarships and support. We decided to go and we all bought the "cheap seats" for \$23.00 at the top of the stadium down the right field line. The good seats were over \$100 but we were there to see the new stadium for the most part anyway. It was too chaotic to try and get down



**Gary O'Neal, Terry Roderick & Ted
Tilson, Yankee Stadium, July 2013.**

to see Keni and meet up with Heather at the game, but we had a nice visit there. Heather lives in Hoboken now and works in Manhattan. We rode the cabs, buses, subways, train, and the Staten Island Ferry while we were there. We stayed at the Soldiers, Sailors, Coast Guard, Marines, and Airmen's Club in downtown Manhattan for \$45.00 per night. Spartan accommodations, but all you need unless you want to stay in your room. We didn't. It was a good time but the pace too fast for me after living in Paradise for so long.

I have a lot more to say but probably have taken up most of the space they'll allot me. We still don't have a Reunion spot for 2014 and looking for someone to put it together. Duke, and Dave and Sheryl Gates getting ready for their trip to Israel in October. I hope Duke don't start some sort of international event. Blue skies and fair winds to you all. RLTW!! Terry Roderick



D/151 LRP/RANGER

Unit Director - Tom Hughel

On April 14th more than twenty members of the unit gathered at the gravesite of Robert Smith in the Morristown Cemetery to honor his ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. This is something we do annually in remembrance of Bob and all those who were killed in action and those that have passed since our return. After the brief graveside ceremony we adjourned to the Morristown American Legion Post for camaraderie and a short meeting.

In May of this year the association planned a group trip to the Wall in Washington, D.C. and the following article was published in the July, 2013 issue of the National Guard Magazine covering that trip:



received 537 decorations, including 18 Silver Stars and 101 Purple Hearts.

The visitors to the Wall also paid their respects to a helicopter pilot who was killed while carrying Rangers around the country. Meeting another group of veterans from the war, the old soldiers, strangers to each other, embraced and whispered, "Welcome home, brother."

An informal ceremony was organized by a family of one of the Rangers who had an American flag that had flown over the U.S.

Capital presented to the group. "It was the least we could do for them," said Carla Towns, daughter of Indiana Ranger veteran, Marvin Bell who lives in the D.C. area and surprised the guys when he met up with them at the Wall.

"Sleep well, brothers," said retire Lt, Col. Jim Johnson as a list of the deceased Rangers was read as part of the Ceremony. The old Rangers shared stories and tears. As they left, they walked a little slower that they did more than 40 years ago, but they all remained "Indiana's Finest."

The following is a commentary on the Wall Trip by our Ranger Association vice President, Bob McIntire:



Heading to Washington, DC.

Brothers Still: Rangers Honor Fallen Comrades

They came with their brothers to pay tribute to their brothers. Almost 44 years after arriving home to Indiana from Vietnam, the Indiana Rangers made a pilgrimage of sorts in May to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., where they touched the names of six of their fellow soldiers who never came home. Forty-five Rangers, veterans of D Company (Ranger) 151st Infantry (Airborne) the only Army National Guard infantry unit to serve in Vietnam, visited the memorial known as the Vietnam Wall in late May during a two-day visit to the nation's capital.

"These are our brother," said Chuck Wallace, the veterans' association president. "Some of the guys (on the trip) have not been here, but they all remember." The association holds reunions regularly, but had never traveled as a group to Washington. "We're starting to lose some guys and this was the time to make the trip," said retired Maj. Ron Himsel. The unit served in Vietnam for almost a full year in 1968 and 1969. It



Indiana Rangers at the park.

Coming Together Again

It was a fine May morning back in 1968 and I was again going to get together with some fine, strong young men. We were getting together in a place not far from Greenfield, Indiana. This time some of our sons, a step son and a son in law and a brother were also with us. We could have been going for a

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ride on a duce and a half but instead we were going on a charter bus driven by Sidney. I had been working at an electronics manufacturer and I was single again back in 1968. This time we were going to Washington D.C. to gather at a memorial dedicated to those men and women that had made similar trips back in 1965 thru 1973, but for them it was a one way ticket. Their names are etched on black granite now and it was a place to remember them and the heroic actions they had taken 40 some years earlier because it is now May of 2013. We were traveling from Greenfield, Indiana in a time warp on Sidney's bus.

We were less chiseled now than we had been then and maybe a little slower, but we had come together again for another adventure, another mission with capable friends, a mission of remembering. Not only remembering those heroes of the past who sacrificed their lives for an ungrateful country which we love, but to remember each other and to celebrate our still being together some were with us in person, some with us in memory and some with us as the next generation.



Indiana Rangers at The Wall.

Some had made the pilgrimage to the "WALL" before and some had not, some were fearful of going to a place like that. It's a place where our brothers were lifted, in memorial, to a place forever peaceful and quiet. A place where people to go to again remember who they were and who we were. It's a place where we had to face our own mortality. We had come together again to joke with each other, to share stories both past and present, to visit with close friend and friends we had not seen for years in some cases. We were sharing our story and our lives with each other. In some cases we were sharing with our sons, step sons, son in laws and a brother. They were the generation who would not exist if we had had our names on the "WALL". We were a large group and we were solid. We would spend the trip laughing, talking, remembering and crying. We would do this openly without fear of being chastised for showing all of our emotions. We were Rangers again and forever. We were the first National Guard Infantry Company in the United States to go to combat as a group. We were the test group that would show how we could succeed where others could only see failure.

We were riding a bus together, to an adventure. The adventure we were on and the events we were sharing were some of the most memorable we would take for the rest of our lives. We shared it with Chuck Eads son Todd, with David Bradley's step son, Kurt Wilson, with Chuck Wallace's son in law Greg Stewart, with two of Mike Riesmen's sons David and Steve, my son Casey and Wes Klieber, young brother of George Larry Klieber. Welcomed on our adventure were three other Viet Nam Veterans that were not in Company D for a total of 44 men. These next generation young men had never been where we were taking them. We had never shared our stories with them and had never let them see first hand who we were, who we had been and who we had lost. They got to catch a glimpse of us as youths of 19 and 20 year olds that were fearless and wild and crazy and soldiers in a war. We were P.F.C.'s Specialist 4/5's, we were Sergeants and we were Officers, we were one body again and it was the greatest feeling in the world. We were alive and young again, none of us were gone, none of us had died, we had been restored we were among heroes and we were together again.

The next scheduled association event is September 8th – Klieber's Memorial at Crown Hill in Indy at 2pm. After that it's September 13th, 14th and 15th at Robinson's Whitewater River Campground hosted by our own Dwain Robinson. There will be camping, fishing, golf, hog roast and entertainment. Not to be missed. Then on November 9th is the Evansville Veterans Day Parade at 1pm and following on November 11th the Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade at 11am. To us and those like us... damn few left.



**Robert Smith
gravesite.**

**Rangers arriving
at Robert Smith's
gravesite for
the ceremony.**





F/51 LRP

Unit Director - Russell Dillon

I'm sorry that I have missed a couple of issues in Patrolling. Things just got busy and I kept missing the deadline for articles.

I want to thank Keith Morris and Tom Thomas and their wives for putting on a good reunion. Everyone had a good time visiting and seeing the sights of Louisville KY. Our next reunion is going to be hosted by Dick Moyer in Las Vegas NV. Dick is back in Vietnam for the second year with Global Habitat for Humanity. They are helping build a couple of houses for those that need a home.

(LERP Replacement)

My First Mission as A LERP

This is Dick Moyers account of a replacements experience as a first time LRP.

I arrived in Vietnam during the final throws of the infamous Tet Offensive. I had just come off of three weeks of leave after completing Jump School at Fort Benning. We landed at Bien Hoa Air Base at night. The base was being probed by enemy mortar fire, "Welcome to Vietnam"!!

We were transported to a Replacement Center by buses, once the "all clear" warning was issued. I spent about 5 or 6 days at the center waiting to be assigned to a unit. I assumed I would get assigned to one of the airborne units that was currently deployed in "Nam".

I was pulling guard duty near the food storage area when an NCO came and got me telling me I had been assigned to "F" Company, 51st Infantry Airborne Long RANGE Patrol, a "LERP" company. I thought, "What the hell is a "LERP?" I and another replacement were driven by jeep to the company area. We were driven down a road that led to the gate and a gate guard. A sign over the gate read, "Welcome to Camp Linsey, Latin." The whole compound had a high brick wall built around it. The driver said, "Good Luck... these guys are crazy bastards!" As he dropped us off at the Company Office. We were introduced to the first sergeant and the executive officer and assigned to a platoon. I was assigned to first platoon where



I was directed to a hooch and a bed, and then I went to the supply room where I was assigned bedding and my field gear.

After getting settled in a little, we went to the mess hall for dinner. After dinner, I was free to kind of roam around the compound and check things out. I introduced myself to several other men in the area. They had a little enlisted men's club at the end of the platoon area where you could get a soda or a beer and some chips or other snacks. They even had a makeshift movie screen. At night they

would show a movie if they were able to get one.

The next morning I started to be trained on what they did and how they did it. I was first given a refresher course on first aid, you were required to be able to dress wounds, flush eyes, give albumin through an intravenous catheter to help replace blood loss during major bleeding, and morphine surets for pain. There were no medics assigned to "F" Company.

I was then instructed on what was expected of me and how I was to rig my own equipment that I would carry in the field. Then I was told what our mission was. A 5 or 6 man team would be inserted into enemy territory to collect intelligence. We were to do this hopefully without being detected. I was thinking, "Holy shit!! What the hell have I gotten myself into?!" Then I remembered what my Dad had told me as I was boarding the plane headed to Fort Dix where I would be leaving the States to be deployed to "Nam". Dad's exact words were "Do not volunteer for anything!!"

A few days passed before I was assigned to a team. There were several duties that you would be assigned to while you were not in the field. Guard gate, TOC, guard duty, fill sand bags, rebuild and reinforced our ammo bunker, etc. I was assigned to a team and the next afternoon we were briefed on our mission. We would be inserted by helicopter into an area that had been hit by an airstrike. We put on our camouflage jungle fatigues and painted our faces with camo sticks. We boarded the helicopter and were whooshed off to our landing zone (LZ). The chopper whooshed down tree top level and we flew several meters before the chopper dove into LZ that

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was selected. We were out of the chopper before it touched ground and then the chopper immediately took off again. We ran for cover into the thick jungle. We moved very stealthy through the jungle after assuring ourselves that we had not been detected. The team leader moved us several meters from the LZ and we set up our defensive perimeter and waited to observe the area.

At this point I realized that my jungle fatigues were soaking wet from sweat. Night was coming fast from the dense jungle that surrounded us. As the darkness closed in around us, we could hear rustling and then voices. We came to the ready, and as we did so, an enemy soldier ran right past the edge of our perimeter. A team member quickly dropped him with a burst from his M-16. The radio operator advised headquarters that we had made contact with the enemy. We were instructed to see if the enemy soldier was alive, and if so, be prepared to bring him to the LZ and he would be extracted with the team. The soldier was alive but gravely wounded. We were instructed to start heading for the LZ. It was now pitch black and we are trying to get through the jungle, carrying the wounded soldier.

We made it to the LZ and the team leader handed me a strobe light and told me to turn it on and hold it straight up. As I stood straight up and reached high into the air I turned on the strobe and wondered how long it would be before bullets start flying at me. We heard the chopper coming and swooped down and we ran to it as quickly as possible. We were flown to a med evac unit where we delivered the wounded enemy soldier; he was alive but barely. We were then flown back to our company area to be debriefed. After debriefing we went to our hatches, cleaned up a little, and went to the mess hall they had opened up and gave us some hot chow.

We went back to our hutch and tried to settle in for the night. As I lay there on my bunk I thought, "This is going to be a very long tour, and will I survive it?" From that point on, I made sure I listened to the men that had been doing this for 5 or 6 months and were still alive. My father's words came back to me again, "Do not volunteer for anything!" And to this day, I don't remember volunteering to be one of these crazy bastards!!

Dick Moyer

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Unit Director - Michael McClintock

No Submission

**ARVN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)**

Unit Director - Bill Miller



Bill Miller

**Fellow Rangers
and Co Vans:**

**SIT REP:
New Books**

CSM (ret) Mike
Martin has informed
me he has three new

books to be published within 2013/2014. These books are Co-Author by Tom Weber. The first titled "Four Above the Stars." The second "MAY THE TRUTH SET YOU FREE" "The Vindication of Tony Herbert", and the third "Colonel Arthur D. "Bull" Simons" "Extraordinary Exploits of a Revered U. S. Army Officer"



**"Four
Above
the stars"
Courtesy
of Mike
Martin**

**How I Found Mike Brown**

By Bill Miller

In March of this year I and my son-in-law went to my Condo on Hilton Head, SC to remodel the living room. We worked Friday afternoon and it became apparent that I would need to make a trip to the local Lowes for additional material.

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On Saturday morning I went and purchased the supplies and headed back to the Condo.

On the way back I remembered we had no beer so I decided to stop at the local Piggly Wiggly grocery and pick some up. Mission accomplished, I headed back to my car when I noticed an SUV with a State of Maine license plate. My wife and I still have a cabin in Maine so I decided to wait a few minutes. After about 10 minutes I looked at the license plate again and then I noticed it was incased in a holder that read "1st Vietnamese Ranger Group."

Well I couldn't wait any longer and went back into the "Pig" and had them page the owner of the SUV. About one minute later a man and his wife came up to me thinking I had run into their car in the parking lot. He introduced himself and his wife as Mike and Ellen Brown of Perry, Maine. He then noticed my Vietnamese Ranger baseball cap and I introduced myself. I asked if he knew of our organization and he knew nothing about it. I informed him about the organization and he stated he would like to join. He was with the 39th Bn in I Corp (70-71). Mike stated they were wintering on the island and would be going home the end of March or first of April. I told him I would be back on the island in two weeks with my wife and would like to have lunch with him and Ellen.

Two weeks later I returned to the island with my wife and called Mike to make plans to have lunch on Saturday. In the meantime I called Jerry Devlin who lives in the area and invited him and his wife to join us. We met at the "Market Street Café" with the men at one end of the table and the women at the other. While eating and talking I again asked Mike what Battalion and years. He restated the 39th Bn, 70-71 and then told me his SA's name. Capt Sam Conn. I was stunned and asked him when the last time he had talked to Sam and he said 1971 just before he left country. I then asked if he would like to speak to him when went back to my Condo.

We finished our lunch and went up to the condo where I called Sam and told him I had something that would make his day, and I had someone who wanted to talk to him. They spoke for about twenty minutes. Sam and his wife live in Easley, SC which is in the upper northeast of the State.

As it turned out Mike and Ellen made plans to take a detour on their way back to Maine and drove to Easley for their visit. I spoke to Mike a little later and he stated that when they went to leave they spent about two hours in the driveway before then left and told me Ellen felt as though she had know Fran all her life.

I will probably see Mike and Ellen on my annual visit to my cabin and if I don't I know we will get together on the island. And that is how I found Mike Brown 39th BDQ (who is now a proud member of our organization) and how Mike Brown found Sam Conn after 42 years.

Feature:**PREFACE: THE EARLY YEARS (RANGERS)**

By CSM (ret) Mike Martin

The following is an excerpt from "United States Army in Vietnam, Advice and Support, Center for Military History, by Ronald H. Spector:

As the seriousness of the insurgency became more apparent during the early weeks of 1960, American and South Vietnamese leaders began to consider what new measures might be adopted to deal with the deteriorating security situation. President Diem had his own ideas. On Feb 15, 1960, without consulting General Williams (Commander Military Assistance Advisory Group) or any other American, the president began a new program by ordering commanders of divisions and military regions for form ranger company's composed of volunteers from the army, reserves, retired army personnel, and the civil guard. Trained in anti-guerilla warfare, each company was to have 131 men- an 11 man Headquarters, and three 40 man platoons. The military regions and divisions were expected to organize 50 company's by early March. Of these 32 would be attached to the various military Regions and 18 to the divisions.

Brigadier General John T. Quinn's (deceased) after action report on "Operation Phi Hung" and his time with the 20th Ranger battalion provides and insight into the Advisors role and the newly formed Vietnamese Rangers-Biet Dong Quan. General Quinn served three tours in South Vietnam; I included his report in my book, "The Black Tigers

A Senior Advisor's Report Vietnamese 20th Special (Ranger) Battalion II Corp, South Vietman Operation Phi Hung
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This will appear to be a rerun of an old battle, but it is really my way to salute and thank the many people, who, during Sep-Oct 1962, made great contributions—in a tough arena—and to whom I am personally indebted in many, many ways.

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The good Lord, of course, will thank them in the way that counts. Americans and Vietnamese, it was an honor to be with them, and by the good Lord, we tried.

Having arrived in Saigon in June, 1962—an infantry captain with ten years service—I was assigned as senior advisor, ARVN 20th Special (Ranger) Battalion. After four days of orientation in Saigon, with MAAG Chief Maj Gen Charles Timmes, a superb officer and a D-Day Bn CO with the 82d Airborne Div, I flew up country by Caribou. I reported to the battalion in June, at their lean-to base camp between Dak To and Ben Het, about 35 miles northwest of Kontum—in the Highlands of II Corps. Captain Vo Huu Hanh, Vietnamese Military Academy '51, was the commander. US Army LT Tom Moore and SFC Eugene Melton, had arrived as advisors several weeks prior.

In this report, I will relate the status and operations of the battalion during the very significant period of Sep-Oct, 1962. Background covering previous dates will be used to clarify and describe the period of the report. My wife, Kay, organized and retained many photos I sent to her, in 1963—from my miniature camera—that depict some of the events of this report. Unfortunately, picture taking was a very low priority for me, and therefore “action” shots are scarce. I did try to document “people”, but never during a crisis.

The 20th was one of three Ranger Battalions in Army of Vietnam (ARVN)—the others being the 10th and 30th, of I Corps and III Corps respectively. Later, many battalions were formed. The four Ranger Companies of the 20th—203, 303, 304 and 305—completed company training at Trung Lap (near Saigon) before I arrived. Moore and Melton had been assigned to Trung Lap. The 22d ARVN Division, headquarters in Kontum, had operational control of the 20th, but Ranger Command in Saigon retained command. Logistically, they were supported by a Ranger Support Company in the far off coastal town of Qui Nhon. The 42d Regt of the 22d ARVN Div was Tan Canh (Dak To), but had no responsibility for the rangers.

After we returned from a battalion operation west of Ben Het (near Cambodia) in late June, it was decided that the 20th would move its base camp to permanent buildings in Kontum. At that time, Capt Hanh, Capt Julian Smith (22d Division Ranger Advisor—and a great man) and I traveled to Qui Nhon, on the coast, to convince the logisticians to move the Ranger Support Company to Kontum. Surprisingly, we succeeded.]

When I first passed through Kontum in June 1962 en route to the 20th Battalion, LTC Bob Sweet, 22d Div senior advisor, greeted me by saying he did not like the rangers, nor did his Div Cmdr, nor did the Province Chief! I told him I did not know any of those gentlemen and that I only wanted to get to my unit. I also asked him for a carbine, but he said the rangers would supply me. Weeks after I arrived in the Highlands, I learned that Sweet's G-3 advisor, Maj John Evans, was my rating officer and Sweet was my indorser. My contact with them and their successors was minimum, and, being gung ho and naïve, it did not bother me. I had the utmost respect for Major Evans, and I liked him as well. He was replaced by Major Lancelot Krueger, an old soldier who may have been effective in his day, but of whom I can say nothing positive.

Lt Moore and SFC Melton were fine soldiers, and I was fortunate to serve with them. They did not appeal to the 22d Div advisory staff. They did their jobs, took the risks and lived a most primitive life—a life unknown to most of those in places like the Kontum Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) compound. They knew the weaknesses of the 20th Battalion, but fortunately they worked to make progress, and not to berate units and leaders. A number of other advisors worked on our advisory team, but not during the period of this report. To name several; LT Vanek, SFC David McNerney (Medal of Honor recipient, 1967), SFC McQueen, SGT Alligood, and Master Sgt John O Baker. Also, a radio operator—PFC—whose name I can no longer recall, but whom I will always remember and love.

The 22 Div Ranger advisor was Captain Julian Smith—one of the best soldiers I have ever known. He had great credibility with the 20th Rangers, and the Americans and Vietnamese in Kontum. As a result, our rangers' supply in the field and in “garrison” improved. He was the brains and brawn of our parachute resupply. In addition, he spent most of his time with the separate ranger companies of the 22d Div. He also was a wonderful source of help, strength, ideas, logic and fun for me.

Last, but most important as far as background is concerned, is Captain Hanh, the 20th CO. In addressing him to you, I may not have been the smartest guy in the advisory business, but in this Army business you will never be trained to perfection—you need common sense—and the Army stresses just that. I felt very confident, and, looking back I had reason to be confident. Having commanded TO&E infantry and airborne-infantry companies for five years, a '53 Ranger School grad, and a '62 C&GSC grad, I knew my job—and I understood people. Yes, I would have opted for language school, but

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that was not an option. Captain Hanh did a good job, in my opinion. I say that, considering that even General Giap would have had major problems in Hanh's shoes—no stable government; President Diem spies in his unit; animosity by Kontum Hq for this “bastard” unit; deplorable logistics as compared with non-ranger units; nothing but war behind him—and in front of him; tough missions that brought casualties—while many other ARVN units avoided combat; and, finally, some advisors who found it easy to criticize from within their MAAG compounds—or during a brief (day light) trip to the field.

No, he was not the epitome of the doughboy commander, and yes, he and I fought each other at times like cats and dogs. On the other hand, he can only deal with one advisor—not field critics from Saigon. He and I had good days and bad days, but I decided in the beginning that I would work with him and through him and that I would not end my effectiveness, though we were worlds apart. I think the rest of the battalion respected me for respecting Hanh as the CO—even though I really twisted his arm—and they knew it. Did our senior civilians reform President Diem? Did the senior ARVN staff ever run the army to our senior leaders' satisfaction? Did the corps and division commanders ever do it the advisors' way? Of course not. I felt we could get just so much from Capt Hanh, and something was better than nothing.

[He was a colonel in 1975 and was KIA near Ban Me Thuot as CO, 44th Special Tactical Zone. I suspect he deserved better than he was described by Dave Hackworth in one of his books. His whole adult life was combat—he seldom saw his wife and young son, “Ranger Man”. When it was all over, Vo Huu Hanh was dead, and Hackworth and the rest of us “never hurried the East”.]

Our battalion operation in Sep-Oct was by direction of the 22d Div—and probably cleared with Ranger Command Saigon. Their reports indicated that the area 20 miles west of Kontum (beyond the north-south Poko River) was used as a logistical base and training area for Viet Cong (VC), and possibly North Vietnam Army (NVA), forces. The plan called for the battalion to cross the north-south Poko River (using poncho rafts) near Plei Ha Hor, southwest of Kontum; move along two separate routes; control the area of Polei Trong Nong, destroying any enemy forces and supplies located; and call for air support using the crude, hand-generated AN/GRC-9. We would then cross the east-west Ya Krong Bolah (river), 12 Km west of Yali Falls; continue the offensive mission east to Plei Mrong; and then move to Pleiku for transportation back to Kontum.

Other than a district chief and a small RF/PF force near Polei Krong (NW of Kontum), there were no “friendlies” west of the river. The RF/PF secured both east and west ends of a “gravity” bridge at Polei Krong. It was a cable anchored at both shores and there were several flat barges that you would pull across by means of the cable. Each barge would hold about 15 people. No one really tracked the Montagnards, so the friendly situation was always vague at best. (After we opened up the area west of Polei Krong, the US Special Forces established an A Team in 1963-4 at Polei Kleng—across the ferry site from Polei Krong. That was a foolish move, since a static position, with an unfordable river separating possible reinforcements, is vulnerable to attack—and the attackers need not be supermen. Polei Kleng was overrun in 1964-5, and good soldiers died—because leaders used poor judgment in situating it.

Prior to the operation, the rains were very heavy, and rivers were swollen. The operation plan was prepared, without my knowledge, by the 22d ARVN Div. I had but several hours to input my ideas to Capt Hanh. The day before we moved out, two US officers from Saigon arrived to accompany us as observers. One was Major Daniel L. Baldwin, from Ranger Command. I believe he worked for US Army Brig Gen Gerald C Kelleher (a Big Red One legend in the WWII 1st Div, he later fought in Korea—and was a former director of the Ft Benning Ranger School), the senior US officer in Saigon Ranger Command.

The second officer was Capt Doug Honma, a tactical communications officer. He was the type of observer we really needed, since our commo was a major problem. I decided, with Capt Hanh's concurrence, that Major Baldwin, LT Moore and SFC Melton would go with Capt Tien and 203 Company. Hanh and I and Capt Honma would go with 305 Company—initially.

On about Sep 21st, when we arrived at the Poco River, beyond the leprosarium and near Plei Ha Hor, the river was raging and was about 150 meters wide. Knowing that Capt Hanh and many rangers could not swim, I told him we would have to go north to the cable bridge at Polei Krong. However, Capt Hanh allowed a ranger volunteer to swim a rope across. He tried, but the river was too fast. Major Baldwin then made a similar attempt, but was unsuccessful. He was a brave man to try, but the odds were too great. We then trucked back to Kontum, remained over night, and then trucked north to Polei Krong. When we finished our crossing at Polei Krong, the companies moved west and southwest. The plan was to reinforce any company that had significant enemy contact. We would

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regroup on day 5, get an aerial resupply west of Polei Wak, and then continue the mission west and south. Initially, we had no contact, but encountered acres of punji stakes and tension-rigged bamboo arrows and swinging mace-like obstacles. The area was obviously hiding something. After two days, 303 Company had a fire fight—including VC 60mm mortar fire. There were casualties on both sides. VNAF AD-6 aircraft were called in and a training camp of VC LT Li was destroyed. It was also the seat of a VC “Military Tribunal”.

On Day 5, Sep 25th, 203 Company moved to and secured the resupply area. They captured a prisoner with a French MAC 9mm pistol. The battalion was not very professional in securing the new assembly area—poor security, working without weapons, poor light discipline, and butchering water buffalo before securing the area. Major Baldwin was very upset with Capt Hanh (as I was), and he berated him in the presence of his troops. I was almost convinced that I should get Major Baldwin out of the area—he was counter productive. Next morning, Sep 29, after a successful parachute resupply, two US H-21 choppers came in and the PW—in excellent physical condition—and some Rangers, were flown out. (The next resupply would be on Oct 4th).

After the aerial resupply, 203 Company again moved out to the west. They had a fire fight with a VC platoon on day 7 and the CO, Capt Nguyen-Van-Tien was seriously wounded. They carried him back to the assembly area the following day, but he died en route. He was a great leader—our best—and he was part Montagnard. Many in his company were Montagnard. Major Baldwin continued to berate Capt Hanh. Comments I received from Rangers and advisors—and my observations—plus Major Baldwin’s comments to me—convinced me that he had to go. Therefore, that evening, I sent a message to Kontum asking that he be extracted. In a prompt return message, Lt Col Sweet (surprisingly—and I appreciated that one thing he did for me) agreed. I told Major Baldwin of the decision that night. He was very upset with me, naturally. Two H-21’s came in at first light and he left (day 6 or 7), along with some rangers and Capt Tien’s body. Unknown to me, Major Baldwin had confiscated the pistol that 203 Company had taken from their PW. Capt Hanh was livid, since the Province Chief paid a bounty for weapons, and the money went to families of rangers KIA.

The bright spot was the rice etc resupply for the Bn. Major O’Rahilly, a fine officer from Kontum, surprised me with some letters from Kay and the boys, a can of peanut butter, a loaf of bread and several cigars. If I recall correctly, he also told

me a young, lean heavy-weight named Cassius Clay defeated the burly/surly Sonny Liston.

Meanwhile, Ranger patrols continued to search out the area, but most of the small Montagnard villages were empty and had been burned earlier. A few small fire fights, but no large forces. We were definitely disrupting a large base area. Prior to moving south to the Krong Bolah River, Capt Hanh ordered LT Ai and 303 company to recon that area. In retrospect, I should have gone—or sent an advisor—with him, but I did not. LT Ai was to recon and give a report concerning the river, to include crossing sites. His radio message on or about day 8 reported no enemy and many crossing sites at the river. In fact, he said that some of his rangers had crossed the river and he was building rafts!

The Bn then followed the 303 company route and, after about a mile or so, we saw the area where 303 had obviously bivouacked the proceeding night. After another mile, we found 303 company, resting. LT Ai said he had just returned from the river. We passed through 303 Co with LT Trang and 305 Company. Just short of the river, we (I was with 305 Co) came upon an elaborate but recently deserted base camp that was probably used by 50-75 VC. Then, reaching the river, we saw it was raging at flood stage—about 175-200 meters wide. The sound was deafening. LT Ai had lied to Capt Hanh—he never covered the last three miles to the river. Sporadic firing came from across the river and from the west. Capt Hanh suppressed that fire and then, raising his hand, he said to me, “We must to cross the river like the ranger men of the ‘Guns (Gunge) of Navarone.” It was Oct 1st, 1962.



1960, The original class of Vietnamese Rangers at the Trung Lap Ranger Training Center. Photo courtesy of Mike Martin

ARVN RANGER ADV, (BDQ) (Continued)

Advisors to the Vietnamese 20th Special (Ranger) Bn 1963. 1st Row: SFC McQueen, SFC Eugene Melton, SGT Alligood, SFC David McNerney (Medal of Honor Recipient) 1967: Standing CPT John Quinn, Lt Vanek, and Capt Julian Smith 22nd Division Ranger Advisor.



To be continued in the next issue of Patrolling.

RANGERS:

After borrowing the flag from our Washington, DC BDQ brethren for many years, we finally have been able to obtain one of our own. The photo does not due it justice, the color is a rich maroon. We added the insignia of the Australian Army Training Team, Viet-Nam (AATT-V) to honor our brethren from Down Under. Plan to see it for yourself at the next gathering at Fort Campbell.

Biet Dong Quan Sat!!!

Jim Waters

TD42BDQ

Sit Rep: Articles

Once again I have to ask you to please submit an article or two. A copy of any photo you might like to have published. I know you guys have photos.

Quote:

"Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free"

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mu Nau

Bill Miller, Unit Director

**MERRILL'S MARAUDERS**

This Page Dedicated to the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), Merrill's Marauders, Our 75th RRA Lineage.



HQs 75th Ranger Regiment and Special Troops Battalion (STB)

Hooah Rangers of HQs 75th Ranger Regiment and the 75th Special Troop Battalion, If you missed the Ranger Rendezvous which was held in Columbus GA from 22-29 July, then you missed a really great time where Rangers past and present gathered together to celebrate and remember those who have served and those now serving.

For those who do not know me let me provide you some background. I started my Ranger career in Aug 1974 with A Co 1st Bn Ranger, 75th Battalion at Fort Steward Ga. Yes that was before the regiment and the old battalion days and present for the activation and presentation of the colors. I then did a transfer to 2nd Bn in Fort Lewis in both HHC and C Co. After a short tour as a Drill Sergeant, I volunteered again for 3rd Ranger Bn at Fort Benning. Again I was present as part of the new battalion was presented their colors. After a tour to Johnston Island I volunteered for HQs 75th Ranger Regiment as the Regimental S4 NCOIC from 1988 through 1990. After that I spent the rest of my military career supporting SOF operations in Germany with 7th SOSOC, 10th SFGA and SOCEUR HQs. Now I am retired and working for Lockheed Martin in Lexington KY as the subcontracts manager supporting the Special Operations Forces-Contractor Logistics Support Services Contract. Again in the Big Rangers wisdom I am supporting Rangers again.

As the unit director, I am the interface for both the HQs 75th Rgr Rgt and the STB to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. So please keep in touch with news from either unit. To the members of the STB, You are members of the best fighting unit in the world. The Ranger Creed is something to live by. You are proud members of the Regiment and have a very important task at hand. I know from past experience as a supply sergeant, Bn S4 NCO and Regimental S4NCOIC, the job to keep them in the field and at tip of the spear is in your hands. Drive on to the Ranger Objective

The ceremony and glitter of the Ranger Rendezvous is over until 2015 and time to get in the swing of supporting our great organization of Rangers past and present. My first action is to welcome the new officers of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association; William (Bill) Anton newly elected president and former unit director of H Company and a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame. Next the 2 new VP's Kevin Ingram and Scott Billingslea who will be an awesome team supporting Bill.

And last the new Unit Director for the 3rd Bn, Travis West. Congratulations to all and remember Rangers Lead the Way!! In talking the President of the association (Bill Anton) he and the VP's are putting together a plan and list of activities that the association wants to get involved in for the next couple of years which will bring the association into the forefront of Ranger activities; such as more events for the Ranger rendezvous, the Ranger hall of fame, company reunions, Regimental and Battalion events. Yes they are even trying to get the Ranger Quartermaster back in business.

As a member of all 3 battalions and the Regimental HQs I have a strong kinship to all rangers, so I am encouraging each and every one of you to get out there become members of the association and gets your teammates and ranger buddies to join. The bigger we are the more voice we have.

To those current and active members, there is a proposal to have your copy of the Patrolling magazine sent electronically to your email address. If you think this is up your firing line let me know and can pass the information off to the secretary. In the long run this saves postage and funds that can be used in other viable interests in support of the association.

Well enough said. If you want to contact me here is my information and keep me posted with what is happening in the Regiment and the STB. I will be proud to provide space for any articles you would like posted in the Patrolling magazine.

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Ranger Lead the Way.

Question: What did a group of old rangers from the LRP and ranger battalions' state at the last ranger rendezvous?

Answer: The Rangers of today are still leading the way and are a powerful force to be reckoned with. From and unknown Ranger talking about Rangers now and then.

What is a Ranger Veteran - Someone who, at one point in their life wrote a blank check Made Payable to 'The United States of America, ' for an amount of 'up to and including their life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this great country of ours who no longer understand anything about honor."

STATE ADVOCATE PROGRAM

It was a pleasure to once again meet with the LRRPs and Rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association in Columbus, GA at the 2013 reunion.

To me getting together is a means of sharing valuable time with those who have “walked a mile in your shoes” and have an understanding of what you have gone through on active duty and what you are now going through in your later years. I had the opportunity to speak at the 75th RRA business meeting about the State Advocate Program and the very valuable service it offers to the families of Fallen Rangers. I provided copies of my 75th RRA contact card to those in the meeting and pointed out that on the back is information which can be used by families to let us, your friends and comrades, know when you can no longer answer the roll call. If you did not get one of the cards, please point out the location of the “Fallen Ranger” link on the 75th RRA website.

I appreciate those of you who have stepped forward in the past and who stepped forward at the meeting to offer your services to the State Advocate Program.

In the meeting I emphasized that very often we receive late notification of services for the Fallen Ranger and sometimes we have to “broadcast” the news hoping someone can make the service. This was the case for Ranger Chuck “Preacher” Keith’s service.

Rangers David J. Manges Sr, Harry Wimbrough, Kurt Radtke, and Curt Edwards were able to attend the service for the Fallen Ranger. I know it was a comfort for Ranger Keith’s family to have fellow warriors at his service.



Left to Right: Rangers David J. Manges Sr, Harry Wimbrough, Kurt Radtke, Curt Edwards

It is the dedication of men like these that makes our association and brotherhood like non other, and one that I very pleased to be a member of.

75th RRA and USARA State Advocate Program

Due to the similarities of organizations and the fact that many 75th RRA members are also members of the US Army Ranger Association also, it was felt that we should assist each other in providing representatives at the services of a Fallen Ranger regardless of his association membership. As this becomes more developed, I’ll provide additional information.

State Advocate Roster

I am working on an updated State Advocate roster with contact information. As soon as I can get it updated, I will provide a copy to the 75th RRA Officers for dissemination as them deem appropriate. While we do want the information to be available, we do want to impose on the privacy of any of the State Advocates.

If I can provide assistance or further information of this program, please contact me.

Marshall Huckaby
National Coordinator

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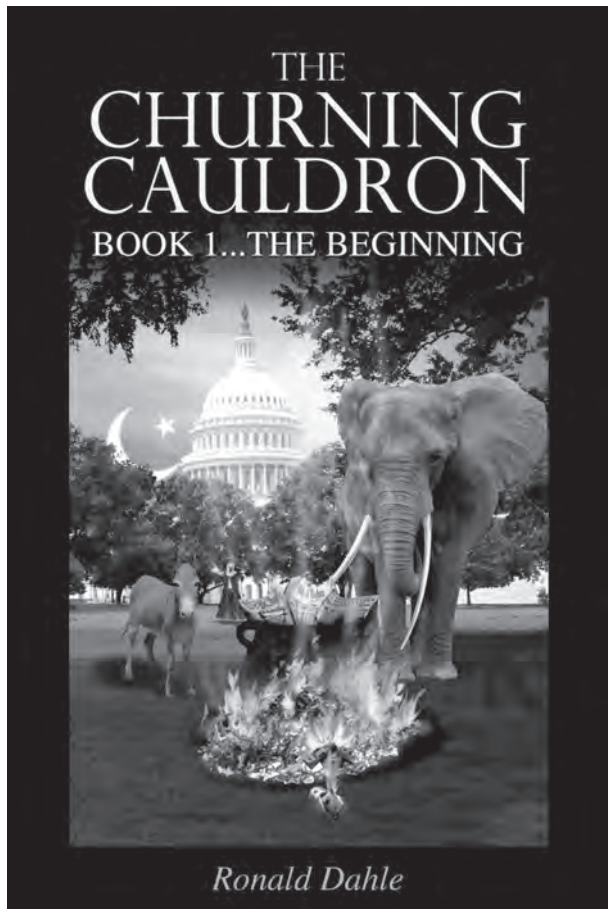


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Party goes at the Banquet; L to R Sid Smith, Brian 'Jellyroll' Radcliffe, (one of mine from VN), Mary Anne Colledge, and our keynote speaker, Gary O'niel. Photo by J. Chester



No one wanted to sit with me at the Banquet, so I recruited my own posse of young Rangers. They are Christina & Guillermo Gonzalez, Leroy & Amanda Rogers & Mark Boisclair. All those good looks surrounding Chaplain Herb Reichel. Photo by J. Chester



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