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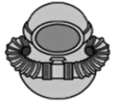
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

BY JOE MARQUEZ

Greetings Rangers. Today I write from a Missionary House provided by the Overbrook Gospel Chapel in Greenville, SC. I am State side for a little while to attend to some health needs and to visit with family and friends.

As the Pandemic has taken its toll here as it has in Paraguay I am moved to think of what the Prophet Isaiah saw in Chapter six of the book written by him. He saw God sitting on his throne, high and lifted up above that throne stood spirit beings, Seraphim, and one cried out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, holy, is the LORD of Hosts, (that is heavenly armies), The whole earth is full of his glory." The power of that statement was such that the doorposts of the Temple of God were shaken and the house filled with smoke. The impact of this vision was humbling to Isaiah. "I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people just like me! But I have seen the King, the LORD Jehovah of Hosts!" He recognized that he was very small, deeply stained by lying lips, as were his people. Against the dazzling brilliance and power of that vision of reality he felt his unworthiness to speak. It was a live coal from that heavenly altar, which applied to his lips, took away his injustice and purged his sin. Only after that could he volunteer to be sent by the Lord and speak boldly to a people still hardened and stained by that from which he had been cleansed.

We as men and women on this earth are cut from the same cloth. We all have used our lips to lie. To God, to one another and to ourselves. Our wives and our children have been hurt by our blatant hypocrisy, as have our fellow citizens. A sad state of affairs surrounds us. Morally we are weak and powerless to stand against temptation. But the hope set before humanity is that the Character of Almighty God does not change. He is holy, and can clean both lip and heart of that one who will look up, above this dismal earth and its doings, and perceive who really is in charge, the Commander in Chief who doesn't depend on our approval. Quite the contrary, we all depend on His approval.

So whom does God approve? Those who quit flattering him by lying words, those who are humbled in the presence of such a Mighty One, who can see the unseen, and are willing to be sent by that Holy one who requires that we be holy as well. True holiness is a divinely empowered ability to live clean lives acceptable to God. Perfection, no, but a heart willing to be made willing to do God's will? Yes! Men can and will accuse such a person of 'judging them'. But we need to take stock of the ultimate consequences of refusing to come clean in the sight of Him who sees right through us.

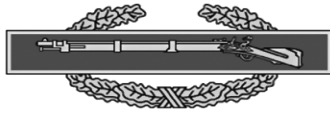
"Here am I, send me." "Lo in the volume of the Book, (the Bible) it is written of me... I come to do thy will, Oh God." So said the Lord Jesus knowing that those He was sent to save would try to do away with him, yet came to seek and to find us who had strayed so far from our heavenly home. A patriot goes at the request of his nation, perhaps to live, perhaps to die. A Christian following in the steps of His Master does the same thing. A warrior fallen in battle receives a ceremonial burial; a tombstone or bronze plaque and our nations flag to memorialize the ultimate sacrifice. My Mother received these acknowledgements when my Brother Julian was KIA fifty years ago this 15th day of February this year. That is all that mortal men can do to recognize those who put themselves in harm's way so that others might live.

Is it not then fitting that the Son of God be recognized as the Creator who laid down His earthly life and poured out his soul, for those for whom he prayed for while on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He didn't feign compassion; He lived, and then died to prove it. Then was raised again by the same One who sent Jesus to save us all from ourselves and from the hand of the Wicked one.

In my yard in Valle Pucu I have some 'paradise' trees that were near a brush pile that was burned. While young they were scorched by the flames so that the bark was burned off. But eventually the tree grew back. The scars of the fire remain, but so does life, and so it continues to grow. Such are men. All have been burned by the evil around. All bear scars. But we cannot sit around and cry woe is me, and live in self-pity the rest of our days. There are those who depend on us to defend them. Whether we are appreciated or not is not the point. The One who sends is also the One who commends.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Matthew 25:23

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OUR MISSION:

1. To identify and offer membership to all eligible members of the 75th Infantry Rangers and those who served in the Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Companies, Long-Range Patrol (LRP) Companies and Detachments, Vietnamese Ranger Advisors of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ). Also eligible are those 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 members of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

2. To sustain the Association. To promote and establish *fellowship of the Special Operations ranger community by recruitment and encouragement of active duty and recently separated Rangers to become members. The association provides a special "No Cost Membership" to all personnel while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.*

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, 3rd, STB, and MIB Ranger Battalions, successor units, or any additions that are activated and assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

SECTION 2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

- V Corp (LRRP)
- VII Corp (LRRP)
- 9th Inf. Div (LRRP)
- 25th Inf. Div (LRRP)
- 196th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
- 1st Cav. Div. (LRRP)
- 1st Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- 4th Inf. Div. (LRRP)
- 101st Abn. Div. 1st Bde. (LRRP)
- 199th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
- 173rd Abn. Bde. (LRRP)
- 3rd Inf. Div. (LRRP)

SECTION 3: Long Range Patrol

- Co D (LRP) 17th Inf.
- Co E (LRP) 20th Inf.
- Co E (LRP) 30th Inf.
- Co E (LRP) 50th Inf.
- Co F (LRP) 50th Inf.
- Co E (LRP) 51st Inf.
- Co F (LRP) 51st Inf.
- Co E (LRP) 52nd Inf.

Section 4: 75th Infantry Ranger Companies

- Co F (LRP) 52nd Infantry
- Co C (LRP) 58th Infantry
- Co E (LRP) 58th Infantry
- Co F (LRP) 58th Infantry
- 70th Infantry DET (LRP)
- 71st Infantry DET (LRP)
- 74th Infantry DET (LRP)
- 78th Infantry DET (LRP)
- 79th Infantry DET (LRP)
- Co. D (LRP) 151st Infantry
- Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co O (RANGER) 75th Inf.
- Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf.



WHAT WE DO: The 75th Ranger Regiment Association participants in a variety of events that support our members and the active duty regiment. Each event is reviewed by the Board of Officers for merit and how it will promote the Association. Our current projects include; awarding scholarships (to qualified individuals) through our coordination and with the support of the National Ranger Memorial Scholarship Foundation. We also provide support to the Best Ranger Competition and any other events the officers regard as beneficial to the association ethos.

We hold biennial reunions (in conjunction with the 75th Ranger Regiment Rendezvous) and business meetings. The association officers, (President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer), are elected at the biennial association business meeting. This reunion is held at Columbus/Fort Benning, GA
Subordinate units hold off-year reunions at various locations across the United States per their unit schedule

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2019-	Stephen Johnson

SECTION 5: Vietnamese Ranger Advisors BDQ

All units of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ)

SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment

- 1st Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1974
- 2nd Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1974
- 3rd Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1984
- 75th Ranger Regiment HHC Company, activated in 1984
- 75th Ranger Special Troops Battalion, activated in 2007
- 75th Ranger Military Intelligence Battalion, activated in 2017

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.

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FREE MEMBERSHIP- NOT A RENEWAL OFFER

NEW MEMBERS FREE OFFER*

The 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc. is embarking on a membership drive specifically aimed at veterans of the 75th Ranger Regiment. The 75thRRA is offering free one-year memberships to those who qualify as a Regular Member as defined in Article VIII-Section 2 of our By-Laws, and only to those who served in a qualifying unit as defined by Article V-Sections 6 & 7. Our goal is to acquire 500 new Regiment members, and the offer will expire only when that goal is reached. *

ARTICLE VIII-SECTION 2: Regular membership

Regular membership is afforded to any individual who served honorably in any of the predecessor or successor units, or who is presently serving in a current or successor unit listed in ARTICLE V of these Bylaws. Regular active members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership, to include the responsibility and the right to vote on all issues and matters presented to the membership, which include elections of all Executive Board Officers of the Association and changes to these Bylaws. Only members afforded Regular membership status may hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. Applications for Regular membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

ARTICLE V-SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment

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MEMBERSHIP CONTINGENT UPON PROOF OF SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY OUR BYLAWS: orders, or have two current members provide testimony of your service in an eligible unit as designated by our Bylaws. We are not just a Vietnam era veteran's organization. Service in all units of the 75th Ranger Regiment is eligible for membership.

Greetings, Everyone!

It seems that every issue we have names for those that have served with us going to be with the Big Ranger in the Sky. This time is no different, with former P/75 Company Unit Director and friend, Terry Roderick. I remember talking with him while he was doing his unit report for the December issue; he was in pain and between his determination and the help with his daughter, Cindy, he completed the mission with not one word suggesting his pain. That is Terry!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STEPHEN O. JOHNSON



The 75th RRA is an entity that now involves itself within a coalition, all working for the benefit of the Ranger Community.

We are not a rivaling faction, but rather choose to collaborate with the entire Ranger Community in meeting its needs. This goes beyond supporting the traditional earmarks of the benevolent funds that we continue to support. Not only are we doing that, but we are also moving forward through recognizing and supporting others and their programs within the Ranger Community as well.

This past summer, the Ranger Community non-profits met at the National Infantry Museum conference room; maybe the first time that this has ever happened. No one had an agenda of their own other than to get a better understanding of each association or nonprofit and looking at how needs of the Ranger Community could be better met. One way that the 75th RRA stepped forward, we offered *Patrolling* magazine space-available ads for any nonprofit supporting the Ranger Community. Everyone at that meeting recognized *Patrolling* as the voice of the community. I was impressed.

We continued those meetings via Zoom and once the effects of COVID have *gone by the wayside*, we can continue to meet and become more effective in recognizing needs of the community and to better align and support them. Face-to-face meetings with meaningful purposes work best for me. I don't know about everyone else, but I am feeling the effects of *Zoom fatigue*!

This past fall, the 75th RRA executive officers worked with the Regiment Chaplains and organized a Christmas *support package* to all battalions that hopefully will grow and continue. Contact the Regiment Chaplain and see if you can help individually if you want to, or support our benevolent fund and earmark your donation for that purpose.

The 75th Ranger Regiment, Ranger for Life Program, started in 2019 and is a transitional program. COVID has not helped move this program forward and all of us in the Ranger Community have to work together to help with this. Not just one Ranger Association doing this alone as an undertaking, but rather to meet, plan, and become an effective force working together as a coalition. This is possible and we will be a part of that force; moving forward together!

Our 75th RRA is made up of those who have served in a recognized Ranger Unit or it's lineage. That is what makes us so unique, because no other Association has that as a prerequisite. In order to change that bylaw, we would have to have a two-thirds majority. That happening is not even slim; but rather, "No way in hell!" Rest easy, Ranger. RLTW!



As you read the article submissions, there are several Rangers who have preceded Terry to the Big Ranger. We are all in line, somewhere, to join them and so be it; we'll complete the mission but not before doing other chosen work for our creator.

New unit directors include Charles "Chuck" Reilly for L/75th and Jay Lutz for P/75 replacing Terry. Welcome and we thank you for stepping forward and volunteering; a true Ranger tradition!

2021 75th RRA Elections-

From what I know, Roy Barley (his article on the next page) and myself are not running for any office position in the upcoming elections during our 75th RRA General Membership meeting. That will be on Thursday during the Rendezvous at the host hotel in the hospitality room, 10:00 a.m. Pete Dencker, Roger Crunk, and Tome Sove are incumbents who are on the ballot. Also, we have two other Rangers running for office. Art Attaway for president and Rick Merritt for a vice president position. If you are planning to run for an office of the 75th RRA, please let me know so we can share that within the June *Patrolling* issue. Candidates are welcome to do a write up about themselves (please refer to the bottom page 22 for information).

Moving Forward-

As your president, performing my duties with the "cloud" of COVID ever present, life goes on. The officers have been a helping force in maintaining and improving the image of the 75th RRA. We have learned from the past and proactively move forward into the future. This is by choice!



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Well, here it is 2021 and it cannot be as bad as 2020. This last year saw cancellations and now we are full speed ahead. Some of us are full speed ahead, as I am lucky to just move long. As some of you may know I had a bout with congestive heart failure, and it kicked my ass. This happened at the end of August and it has taken a lot of rehabilitation to get to where I am today, but it does limit my activities.

Again, we have learned of the passing of one of our best. Hilan Jones passed away on Feb 15, 2021 and he will be sorely missed by the unit. Hilan was a very strong and courageous individual who led many missions in both III and IV Corp and truly was a legend in the 9th Inf Div. LRP. His steady support and guidance will be missed. Another strong Ranger passes on.

This year we will not have a bike to raffle off. Harley, like a lot of corporations took a hard hit this past year. We will revisit this in two years and so we should be able to offer a Bike. The people at Harley are good people and very pro-military. The following is an email from Harley-Davidson:

*Hi Roy,
I apologize for the delayed response. As you know, Harley-Davidson's roots with the military run deep and I also personally served which makes this message difficult to send to you. As you can imagine, the last year has been a very challenging for us and accordingly our discretionary budgets reflect the challenging times. Unfortunately, that means we are not able to support the 75th Ranger Regiment Association and the 2021 Rendezvous. As stated, I cannot offer any corporate support of the event; however, I will commit to reaching out to the local dealer to see if they are able to participate in any way. If you do not mind, I would like to pass your contact information along to the local dealer. Please let me know if that is ok. I sincerely apologize that we cannot support the event this year and do hope that you have a successful event.*

Thank you.

Tim Budzien

Marketing - Experiential Operations Manager

1st VP REPORT

ROY BARLEY



Elections are coming up this year and I will not be part of it due to my Congestive heart failure. The travel and such

are too much for this "old boy" to handle. Our current President and former President have put forth a name in the Ring. Art Ataway. I will not endorse him. Art is involved with USARA, which is a rival organization to the 75th. We have been accepting ads from USARA and I have no idea why. When I was President of this organization (94-96) USARA would not accept LRP's as full members of USARA and they would only accept the men who were in the lettered Ranger companies. I met with the President of USARA and a couple of others and

we got the rule changed and until a few years ago it was fine. Then its ugly head was raised again and quickly put down. I have had a conversation with Art and explained my position on why I believed he should serve in a VP spot first.

To hand our organization over to someone who has had no active involvement in the organization is simply wrong. Art is a nice guy, but should we hand our treasury over to an individual who has had no active involvement in this organization? No. A lot of good people have worked long and difficult hours making this what it is today and I for one do not want to see it all go to hell. We need to have another leader who will step up and preserve our legacy. Being the friend of a former President does not qualify someone to be President, unless that former President wants to maintain control. Perhaps it is time for the Viet Nam Veteran leaders to turn over the reins to someone else, but I feel it does need to be one who was involved in the workings of our organization like Pete Dencker. Pete has served as a VP for two years and certainly earned his right to the title of President. We do not need to reach outside our organization to get a new president when we have someone in house who can do the job.

Roy

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EMPOWERING VETERANS, GOLD STAR FAMILIES AND AFFILIATES OF THE 75TH RANGER REGIMENT TO ACHIEVE LIFELONG SUCCESS

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Statement of Activity

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4000 Program income - DNP	
4002 Membership dues	650.00
4020 Miscellaneous revenue	
4022 Association Sticker	11.90
Total 4020 Miscellaneous revenue	11.90
4052 Assoc. Pin	10.00
Total 4000 Program income - DNP	671.90
4100 Member donations - DNP	
4102 Family fund contributions	50.00
4106 Member fund contributions	150.00
4115 Legacy Walkway	50.00
Total 4100 Member donations - DNP	250.00
4900 Interest income	49.09
Total Revenue	\$970.99
GROSS PROFIT	\$970.99
Expenditures	
6000 Program expenses - DNP	
6022 Intuit Subscription	
Go Payment	20.00
Quickbooks Online	40.00
Total 6022 Intuit Subscription	60.00
Total 6000 Program expenses - DNP	60.00
6500 Operations - DNP	
6502 Bank and merchant fees	11.15
6504 Business registration fees	30.00
6540 Postage-Secretary	31.60
6552 Treasurer Postage	1.20
Paypal transfer/Benevolent	100.00
Paypal transfer/BenevolentLegacy	50.00
Total 6500 Operations - DNP	223.95
Total Expenditures	\$283.95
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$687.04
NET REVENUE	\$687.04

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 Affinity / Operations	9,184.49
1002 Affinity / Family fund	10,343.18
1030 Affinity / Savings	76,887.43
1040 Benevolent funds MM	49,805.91
1041 Legacy funds MM	7,700.75
1042 Life funds MM	27,280.37
1050 Paypal funds	703.51
Total Bank Accounts	\$181,905.64
Total Current Assets	\$181,905.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$181,905.64
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3000 Net Assets - Unrestricted	181,218.60
Net Revenue	687.04
Total Equity	\$181,905.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$181,905.64

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Ranger Hall of Fame and Vietnam Ranger (LRP) CSM Jimmy Broyles quietly and unexpectedly passed away, leaving a tremendous legacy.

2015 Ranger Hall of Fame inductee and Texas National Guard, State Command Sergeant Major (USA ret) Jimmy Broyles passed away peacefully, but unexpectedly, in his home in Kerrville, Texas on the morning of 8 February 2021. His wife, June, was at his side at the time of passing. Jim is obviously survived by his wife June; his son, SGM Jason Broyles, who is also a Ranger; his daughter Christine Love; three grandchildren Gracie, Taylor, and Trent; his sister Debbie Broyles Eoff and Jim's mother Alma Broyles. Jim's father is the late Johnny Broyles.

Command Sergeant Major Broyles received his induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2015 following a distinguished military career of over 30 years. Young Ranger Broyles found himself, in Vietnam, as a Ranger Team Leader in L Company Rangers, 101st Airborne Division; and H Company Rangers, 1st Cavalry Division. Many of you recognize the names of Jim's "TOP" in country: 1SG Neal Gentry. Perhaps you might also have heard of his platoon leader: 1LT David L. Grange (BG (USA ret)).

Years later, about 45 years later, Jim and I were at the Best Ranger Competition. We bumped into LTG (USA (ret)) David E. Grange, father of Jim's former PL. Jim shared this story with the General:

Jim's Ranger team, while deep in enemy territory, had gotten into what one might call a shit storm. The dark of night rapidly approached. With extraction impossible, they radioed for the Quick Reaction Force. Soon a bird landed and out jumped 1LT Grange, alone with rifle in hand. When Sergeant Broyles inquired as to the location of the other birds, he discovered, Grange was the QRF. Stunned, they asked the plan. The LT said, "you're still the Team Leader, I'm merely an extra gun." The LT had been hovering in the area. His sole body was all that could get in due to the weather. I share

that story because that's the type of leaders who influenced the young Ranger at 19 or so years of age. From that moment on Broyles had the utmost respect for Grange, whose father was their brigade commander at that time and didn't need to take such risks.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Broyles found himself accosted by military police at Sea-Tac airport as a poser for wearing a CIB, 2 Bronze Stars with V device, an ARCOM w V device and a Purple Heart. The MPs escorted the young Sergeant to their captain. The MP captain asked young Broyles, who looked all of 17, from what unit he returned. Upon hearing "the Rangers", the cap-

tain, who had recently returned from the 1st Cav, politely excused the distinguished Ranger while retaining the MPs for further discussion. Sergeant Broyles would find his skills pertinent as a member of B Company Rangers both at Fort Carson, Colorado and subsequent unit movement to Fort Lewis, Washington. As fate would have it, the young buck sergeant found himself summoned to a formation with only other Ranger NCOs. The familiar face of Neal Gentry, now sporting CSM stripes faced the younger NCOs.

CSM Gentry approached SGT Broyles and informed the young buck sergeant,

that Ranger Broyles had just voluntold to take a plank holder role as Squad Leader, 3rd Platoon, C Company, 1/75th Ranger Battalion. Hearing that story long ago from Jimmy brought back memories of meeting Mrs. Gentry in the mess hall at Fort Stewart. Four of us PFCs popped to Parade Rest as our CSM addressed his new Rangers. CSM Gentry formally introduced his wife to us. We did not move, just said, "nice to meet you ma'am". This deep booming voice sounded, "My wife shakes hands!" Obviously, Parade Rest got modified to meet the demands of the real world. Yep, Jimmy got voluntold but loved and admired CSM Neal Gentry, we all did. I could see the resolve of Gentry and the strength of Grange in Jim throughout life.

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Right- CSM Jimmy Broyles with his son, Jason



After departing the active Army roles, Jim found a new home as an NCO in the Texas National Guard, Broyles served in escalating NCO ranks during Desert Storm, Bosnia, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. In Kosovo, CSM Broyles served as the CSM of Task Force Houston and subsequently CSM the Texas Army Guard. He would retire as the State Command Sergeant Major of the Texas National Guard. Only the Sergeant Major of the Army oversees more NCOs. Additionally, Jim retired as a Deputy Sheriff from Denton County Sheriff's Department after serving on the SWAT and Search and Recovery Teams. If the Sheriff's Department awarded Purple Hearts for being shot, Deputy Broyles would have a couple more Purple Hearts. He had many more awards than noted. But you get the idea.

The night prior to Jim's recent surgery, Jimmy spoke of us planning more of our adventures whether it be hunting, scuba, shooting, or fishing. On average we would spend about eight weeks together, per year. Although we both had long marriages, we enjoyed and could not resist our adrenaline junkets. June and Sara, his wife and mine, respectively, understood the importance of our friendship. Ladies, thank you for all the time you gave us. Getting back on track, on preop night Jim confided, "every day since Vietnam has been an unanticipated blessing." A favorite and now prophetic line of Jim's replays "if no one is bleeding and you're not being shot at, it's a good day." He also reflected that "Everything happens for a reason; I have to believe that." The next day, Jim entered the surgery and proceeded into post op recovery with calmness in his heart and faith in God. Within 72 hours of surgery, Jim was bleeding. He shattered our world by answering God's calling. Don't second guess God; embrace the suck.

As a friend of Jim's for 47 years, which led to a loving bond for the past 8 or so years, I learned a thing or two from the mythical and legendary Warrior. His strength emanated from love of

people. Jim genuinely reached out and touched the souls of everyone he met. His courage came from faith in God and from love for the person alongside of him. Ranger Broyles preferred peace and kindness.

Jim's keen sense of the needs of others stayed with him for life. The NCO in him mentored Soldiers of all ranks from privates through generals. After retiring, Broyles found himself immersed in the Ranger Brotherhood. In the Ranger community, Ranger Broyles would call fellow Rangers daily, not once in a while but daily. He called to ensure their well-being. He made sure no one was mentally left behind.

In helping others, Jim worked closely with three nonprofits. Through those organizations, he created opportunities for a couple of hundred Veterans; Jim worked tirelessly to get Veterans engaged in life and active with other Veterans. Our Brotherhood didn't develop by chance; it developed through the efforts of Jim Broyles and others like him such as the nonprofits of Dan Currah's Hunting With Heroes; Mike Smith's Staurolite; and Gary



Bartels' Oath. Through these organizations and Broyles' efforts, the legendary Warrior created peace in the hearts and minds of numerous Veterans.

Debbie Bunch, whom Jim has known since her birth some 60 years ago, summed up Jimmy this way from the lines of Lonesome Dove: Gus McRae: "By God, Woodrow; it's been one hell of a party." "Here's to the sunny slopes of long ago." For those of us remaining behind, we must pick up the torch and follow the lead of a true legend of our time: Jimmy Broyles - who was so much to so many. May you live forever in our hearts and minds. Rest in Peace, Brother.

RLTW!

Martin "Marty" Patterson, CPT (USA ret), Brother/Ranger Buddy/
Dive Buddy

Let's talk about relationships....

All around us there seems to be endless media chatter that can be overwhelming. It distracts us from what is important, our intimate relationships.

The **Golden** rule states that we treat others the way we want to be treated. The **Platinum** rule shifts the focus and posits that we treat people the way they want to be treated.

(<https://smlr.rutgers.edu/content/building-relationships-platinum-rule>)

Platinum Rule

The ability to build rapport and good working relationships is a fundamental skill to effective leadership. In addition, it is a skill that will help us in everyday life.

We have all heard of the 'Golden Rule', which states "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Many people strive to live by that motto. However, I ask you to think to about that. This rule implies that other people would like to be treated the same way that you would like to be treated. Is that really the case? What about the premise that we are all different? We all have different needs, wants and ways of doing things. With the Golden Rule, we run the risk of creating conflict rather than rapport, because we are focused on what is important to us rather than what others need and want.

I suggest that you forget the Golden Rule, and consider the 'Platinum Rule': "treat others the way they want to be treated." There is quite a difference. The Platinum Rule considers the feelings and preferences of others. There is a fundamental shift in our focus from "this is what I want, so I'll treat everyone this way" to "let me first understand what you want, so I can act accordingly."

As leaders, our focus should be to achieve productive relationships with those around us. Even in our personal lives we need effective relationships. Building rapport with people based on the Platinum Rule requires a lot thought and effort, but it can be the most rewarding and productive way to interact with people. This means that we need to understand what drives people and recognize our options for dealing with them effectively.

We send out signals revealing our personality and behavioral style. Behavioral Style is a particular pattern of observable behavior or habits that have developed over time. Such as, the words we choose, our body language, how we dress, how our office is organized, how fast we walk are all signals. We also send signals by how openly we share our feelings, and how quickly we make decisions. The signs are many. If we learn to recognize these signs and interpret them, we can then recognize the behavioral styles of the people we interact with. Here are some steps that will help you build more effective relationships.

First, it is important that you understand your behavioral style and how it impacts how you work and interact with others. How are these behaviors useful in your work? Are there trouble spots caused by your style?

Secondly, recognize and interpret patterns of behavior for those who you interact with. By understanding their behavioral style and how that may align or conflict with your style, will help you determine what approaches you may need to take to build effective relationships.

Lastly, understanding how to flex your style in different situations and with different people is important. It does not mean that you have to change your personality or who you are. You are only flexing your style in order to increase your effectiveness and improve the working relationship.

Each of us can improve our relationships by learning to understand the behavioral preferences of the people we deal with, as well as your own. As a manager, this will enable you to build stronger and closer working relationships, and boost the commitment and performance of those on your team.

Either way, the foundation that relationships are ignited points to the other person, not us. And, to build that relationship, we must get to know the other person. A great way to do that is to ask questions about the other person's beliefs and ideas about everything! How do we know what to ask?

Jerry Seinfeld, the famous comedian, had a special trick to asking questions that helped him start conversations. In his hilarious web series, *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, he's schmoozing with Amy Schumer and he reveals his tip for chatting with people:

"Here's my trick for talking to people — numbers! "Ask them questions to which the answer is a number."

There's always an answer. This is Seinfeld's stealthy technique to starting a conversation — 'How long have you lived here? What time do you start work? When did you do that?'

Although that may seem like a great way to begin a conversation, the conversation may end with a one- word answer and you may be stuck trying to move forward from that point. And, you may know little about the other person to build on having a conversation.

My job as a Professional Counselor has taught me a great deal about the art of asking open-ended questions to get to know more about the person with whom I am engaged. Questions are a significant part of my profession and I love hearing great questions because they lead to insightful answers where a person reveals much about themselves. Timing is important as well. Some intimate questions must be put aside for a time, until the person is more comfortable sharing certain details about themselves. In building relationships, there are some useful questions that will help create intrigue, such as:

What have you been doing for fun lately?

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How have you and your family kept connected during the COVID-19 pandemic?

How have you adapted to the changes in lifestyles since the pandemic?

What are your favorite meals to eat when you go to restaurants?

These are good opening questions because as you listen to the answers you can build on them. The difficult practice here is to build on the answers you hear and not respond to the answers about yourself.

For example: The answer to the first question may be something like: “Well, at first I was so isolated that hiking trails in the woods was the best feeling in the world?”

Instead of responding with some activity that you have done (A Tit-for-tat conversation), keep the focus on the other person. “So, the isolation was really tough?” OR “What are some hikes you have enjoyed the most?”

Dr Bob Wubbolding, Reality Therapy and Self-Evaluation, American Counseling Association, 2017, devotes Chapter Two to Human Motivation: Why Do People Do What They Do? In this chapter he posits that “As people interact with the world

around them, they develop specific wants, or pictures, related to each need. This collection of wants is referred to as their quality world, a world that resulted from evaluating their experiences (that is their interactions with the world around them). Questions that point to quality world pictures help us learn what people are striving for, what makes them happy.

From this I have learned that people have unique and specific belief systems and the only way for me to get to know them and what they want a like in the world, is to ask them questions. I occasionally work with couples and one of the first questions I ask each partner is, “How did you meet and what attracted you to him or her?” Dr John Gottman, American psychological researcher, postulates that “happy marriages are based on a deep friendship.” His research led him to write his most recent book, Eight Dates, Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love, Workman Publishing, New York, 2018.

The internet has lists of questions you can ask each other (<https://lifehacker.com/dont-make-small-talk-ask-questions-instead-1465544922>) and there are loads of games you can purchase that focus on conversations (<https://www.tabletopics.com/>). Those are only two resources, but internet searches will offer many choices.

So, what have you done for fun lately?

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Garry Notlon

On November 12 of 2020 I had a stroke while I was detailing my wife's 1995 Lexus 400. She had been asking me to do hers ever since she saw how my 1996 Toyota 4 Runner had come out. So, while we were up at our cabin in Magalia, just a mile north of Paradise-the community that burned to the ground two years ago, I decided to give her car a little attention. After a good washing and cleaning I clay barred it in final preparation for polishing, waxing and buffing it out. About half way through the process I could tell my right leg was becoming numb and I was catching it on the driveway pavement. I knew something was wrong immediately but like most RANGERS I drove on. After a good night's sleep I continued the job of detailing her car the following day. Little did I know that my life was about to change, and not for the better. By the time I finished the car, my lower right leg was numb – couldn't feel a thing, or move it. I mentioned to my wife that I thought something was seriously wrong and that we should head home. I never even thought about calling 911 locally or going to a local hospital in Chico just down at the bottom of the hill. I drove all the way down to Woodland, a good 110 miles, and the next day checked into the ER at Dignity Health.

Dignity Health recognized the signs immediately. Suited me up in ER attire, stuck a few needles in me and put me in a private room for the night. That evening while I was still conscious the room filled with attendants as my blood pressure tanked out. I literally keeled over while sitting up and everyone went into an emergency mode – don't remember much after that aside from seeing my body laying on the bed and everyone scurrying around me. The next morning I awoke to Dr. Laughlin standing by my side and asking me how I felt. I said "fine". He said, "We almost lost you last night." I said, "Not my time yet, still have some more work to do". That was the beginning of what would amount week one intensive care and two more weeks in Dignity Health Acute Rehabilitation over in Sacramento. Three weeks total, with a complete staff of doctors, nurses and orderlies caring for me. The first night I got up at around 1AM, rounded up my clothes and tried to check out – got labeled a "runner" which stuck with me in my records for the next couple of weeks. Did the same thing after being transported over to Sacramento Dignity Acute Rehab. Just packed up all my clothes and decided to leave the first night. Got caught, obviously, but ended up with a room just outside the nurse's station-could have been a lot worse. It had a great view of Sacramento during fall; golden/red leaves falling every day as groundkeepers kept blowing them into piles for collection. I had all the attention I could ask for, aside from the fact every day started at 0600 with a wake up bed check, breakfast at 0700 and exercises at 0800 – hospital boot camp! But, all things considered, Dignity Health has one of the Nation's top ratings for stroke care and rehabilitative treatment. I had occupational, mental health and physical therapists visit me daily. Some of the therapists were like drill sergeants giving orders and never cutting me any slack on any rehab activity. Their credo was something like "assist them only when they really need it, otherwise, anything they can do for themselves let them." From putting on clothes to brushing teeth, it was all an individual effort under close scrutiny subject to correction and

redo. I hadn't felt like that since being a plebe at the military academy.

The food, however, was excellent. Three squares a day ordered from a daily menu with special consideration for dietary considerations, doctor's guidance and some personal preferences. It was healthy, nutritious and plentiful. All in all it was a great dining experience. Friday and Mondays was a special Mexican menu with enchiladas, rice and beans well seasoned and plenty of it. Exercise was mandatory and the morning's schedule was a lock-in. By the time afternoon came, I was ready for a nap and my wife's daily visit. In fact, I was often so tired by the time she came, I'd fall asleep on her – much to her dismay. By 2030 I was in bed asleep waiting for the next day of training rehab to begin. Afternoons were usually reserved for social activities of one sort or another. It wasn't until I got home and had a chance to really think about my Dignity experience that I recognized how complete it had been. All the attendants were experts in their chosen field. All were skilled in handling stroke victims. All understood Dignity's standards of healthcare and supported one another to that end – from Doctors to orderlies. It was a first class militarily-run organization. I would strongly recommend them to anyone who may suffer a stroke of any type in the future.

Now for some hard-core stroke information.

Stroke recovery is an ongoing process that runs as follows:

- Skilled nursing facilities
- Rehabilitation hospitals
- Outpatient clinics

Home therapy – **the rest of your life!!!!**

Types of stroke: Bleed (hemorrhagic) – Block (ischemic). The first type is brain related, the second heart related. Brain strokes result in brain tissues being damaged with partial paralysis somewhere in one's body – that's what I had. Heart-related are more along the lines of blockages commonly referred to as heart attacks. Both are deadly serious.

Signs of stroke include: 1) Physical / Tingling sensation in extremities: hands/feet; blurred vision; short term memory loss; can't smile; unable to raise hands and arms above head; dizziness/loss of balance; can't read; slurred speech; 2) Loss of recollection of proper names, places, things, processes, groupings, 3) Loss/impairment of motor skills – walking, handwriting, shaving, brushing one's teeth,spasticity. 4) Simulation divergence: can't repeat simple tasks, remember simple things, or conceptualize like before.

Recovery: Virtually any type of stroke can be recovered from. The key is to find tasks that are repetitive, new/challenging and personally meaningful. Make sure they are measurable, flexible, encourage self-reliance and include both short and long-term goals. Be able to compare today vs. yesterday, last week vs. this week, last month vs. this month:

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- How quickly can something be done
- How long can something be done
- Observation – through a mirror, or third party
- Video tape various tasks
- Audio or videotaping speech
- Counting repetition
- Measuring distance
- Task – specific measurement
- **Take blood pressure & pulse** –before/after; hemorrhagic vs. ischemic; critical information for medical review.

Neuroscience can help stroke survivors and should be the focus of recovery goals. Recent findings in neuroscience have revealed that:

- Behavior changes the brain; brain rewires according to behavior, mental and or physical.
- The average human brain has 100 billion neurons; 1.2 billion are damaged during a stroke (1.2%) – stroke rehabilitation literally rewires the brain.
- Enriched environments those with a lot of social interaction

facilitate stroke recovery.

- If done within the first ten days intensive rehab efforts can negatively impact “bad side recovery”.
 - Too much intensity of rehab during the first seven days after a stroke can hurt overall function.
- Over exercise during the first 7 days adversely impacts neuroplasticity; however, when conducted from days 14 through 20 is increased.

There are some basics to stroke recovery. The next couple articles will elaborate on them and offer real life examples of recovery success after stroke. How is success measured? That’s an individual criteria. For me it is recovering to at least the same level of physical performance as pre-stroke. In fact, the book Stronger After Stroke by Pete L Levine discusses how to become better & stronger than before stroke. That’s my personal goal and one that I would suggest every reader of this article adopt. There’s no time to feel sorry for your-self. A stroke is as threatening as the “bad guys” were 50 years ago. P P P P P – remember the 6 P’s? As RANGERS we were prepared to meet the enemy – we all survived. The next few articles will help you prepare to combat a stroke and survive as well.

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GallantFew's Ranger program, formerly known as The Darby Project, continues to assist active duty Rangers in their transition from military service to civilian life. We nest our efforts with Three Rangers Foundation to best serve our Rangers now and in the future in concert with the principles outlined in the Ranger Regiment's Phalanx and Ranger for Life programs.

James Richardson. The intake to the GallantFew Ranger program is the Azimuth Check. The Azimuth Check is a 25-question self-assessment that primes a Ranger for his initial conversation with a transition assistance specialist. The Azimuth Check is also used for volunteers or "guides" desiring to be part of the growing community of mentors to Rangers and veterans nationwide. Take the Azimuth Check at www.gallantfew.org/azimuthcheck.

We are pleased to announce that as of Jan. 1, the Ranger program is operating out of The Ranger Outreach Center (The ROC) at 1022 2nd Ave, Columbus, Ga. Through a generous commitment from Saint Luke United Methodist Church; the Ranger

had a grit that just seemed to stay with him."

Thankfully, the 5th Ranger Training Battalion was able to provide active duty representation for the New Year's Eve graveside memorial. Also represented were the Regiment's Honorary Sergeant Major CSM Michael Hall, USA, ret. and fellow Ranger Hall of Famer MAJ Michael Wagers, USA, Ret.

James Collins. On January 20, Merrill's Marauder James Collins was interviewed at his home in Tampa by a film crew supporting the World War II Foundation's documentary of Merrill's Marauders. Assigned to 1st Battalion, Red Combat Team, James recounted his memories beginning with leaving Buffalo, N.Y., training in Mississippi, and volunteering for the Marauders. When asked why he volunteered, he responded, "Why the hell not? There was a war going on."

The documentary aims to feature interviews with all remaining Marauders. A planned release date has not been announced.



Richardson Memorial: CSM Hall and MAJ Wagers are bookended by 5th Ranger Training Brigade leadership at the graveside memorial for Merrill's Marauder James Richardson on Dec. 31, 2020



Documentary: Merrill's Marauder James Collins (left) recounts his World War II experience to Ranger veteran Tony Mayne (right) during a Jan. 20 filming for the World War II Foundation

program will conduct a grand opening of its facility during Ranger Rendezvous at 9 a.m. ET.

On Dec. 27, 2020, we lost Merrill's Marauder James E. Richardson of Jacksboro, Tenn. due to a respiratory illness.

"I felt like dad never thought he was quite going to die," Richardson's daughter, Judy Robinson, told The Associated Press. "He



Seven Merrill's Marauders welcome 2021 & hope Marauder documentary can be completed this year

created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen



Marauder James Richardson dies Dec. 27, 2020 in Tennessee at 99



Bad weather didn't stop family, friends and Rangers from James' final farewell Dec. 31, 2020, in Jacksboro, TN. Ranger Tony Mayne took the photo below of Camp Frank D Merrill commander (R) LTC Derek Johnson & (L-R) SFC Jon Taylor, CSM Michael Hall and MAJ Michael Wagers.



WW II Foundation goal is to finish Merrill's Marauder documentary by end of 2021

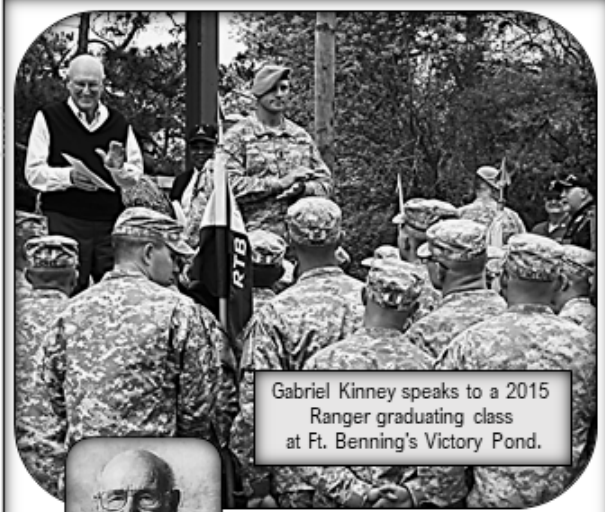
Veteran TV newsman Tom Brokaw will narrate the WW II Foundation's PBS documentary about Merrill's Marauders. A second \$10,000 must be raised for the 2nd phase – research and purchase of historic archival film – to finish the documentary in 2021.



ALL 10 Marauders alive in 2020 signed Cory Rensburg's 1st RGR BN banner



In 2009, Cory Rensburg was seriously injured by an IED explosion on his 10th Afghanistan combat tour. The signatures were a long-time goal. Marauder Raleigh Naves holds Cory's banner **ABOVE**.



Gabriel Kinney speaks to a 2015 Ranger graduating class at Ft. Benning's Victory Pond.



Marauder Gabriel Kinney turned 100 Feb. 2, 2021

Gabriel Kinney's 100th "Birthday Greetings" in Daphne, AL arrived from all over the world. He was the sixth Marauder to become a centenarian. He and his wife, Elena, 94, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in 2020. The last of his 12 siblings, Patrick, also a China Burma India Theater veteran, died at 107 in 2020.



Merrill's Marauder Congressional Gold Medal being designed by U.S. Mint

Completion of the Congressional Gold Medal is expected in the first half of 2021.



Three Merrill's Marauders made final roll call in 2020

Lester Hollenback, FL
Aug. 24, 1922 – July 16, 2020



Fred Randle, AR
Dec. 11, 1922 – Nov. 23, 2020



James E. Richardson, TN
July 22, 1921 – Dec. 27, 2020



10 WW II Merrill's Marauders 2020 greeted 2020

LEFT COLUMN: James T. Collins, 96, FL; James Richardson, 99, TN; Russell Hamler, 96, PA; Rocco Deluca, 98, CT

RIGHT COLUMN: Gilbert Howland, 97, NJ; Gabriel Kinney, 100, AL; Bob Passanisi, 96, NY; Fred Randle, 97, AR; and Lester Hollenback, 97, FL

CENTER: Raleigh Naves, 98, and his wife, Betty, 92, WI, who daily visits through his facility window.

NOTE: Fred Randle unfortunately died right after he was identified & added to the survivors' list last Fall.





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A RANGER?



Jeff Wright, Secretary
U.S. Army Ranger Association

USARA president Travis West recently addressed an age-old rivalry that has recently resurfaced publicly: “Who is a Ranger?” which can be found at ranger.org/Who-Is-A-Ranger. Perhaps as important as defining a Ranger, is recognizing what it means to BE a Ranger. The earned title of Ranger includes specific (and everlasting) responsibilities. To be a Ranger means that one holds himself to higher standards. Far beyond any patch, to be a Ranger means a higher set of expectations: higher expectations of self and from others. To be a Ranger is not a trophy, but a calling and an identity. To be a Ranger requires honoring a distinguished history that spans eras, wars, and unit designations. A history that demonstrates excellence. To be a Ranger means to choose excellence over comfort. This is not limited to the training to become a Ranger. It is a requirement to *continually uphold the values we are sworn to*.

These values are summarized in the Ranger Creed. Simply stated, to be a Ranger is to *live by the Ranger Creed*. The Ranger Creed begins with the pronouncement of choice in its First Stanza. A Ranger exhibits the selfless service of volunteering multiple times: for military service, to exit an aircraft, and for rigorous Ranger training. The self-sacrifice involved with these pursuits is simply the start and foundation to be a Ranger. *Upholding the prestige and honor of the Rangers does not end upon departing any training, a unit, or military service*.

The Second Stanza continues with the acknowledgment of higher expectations. As General Abraham’s Charter states, “Wherever the Battalion goes, it must be apparent that it is the best.” This is because a Ranger moves further, faster, and fights harder than any other soldier. This applies to a Battalion and an individual Ranger alike.

The Third Stanza is possibly the most applicable to all areas of life. Never failing my comrades is *absolute and imperative*. A Ranger can always be relied upon. “Never” and “Always” are forever and all-encompassing. Above and beyond the profession of warfighting, this credo establishes a continuously higher standard to *all areas of oneself*: mental, physical, moral. Volunteering to enter the Ranger Community is not enough. We swear to do more than others in *all things*: 100% and then some. If the start of the Ranger Creed is an affirmation of military excellence, the third stanza (at least) endures beyond military service. When I meet a Ranger, I know this about them. While I know they have elite training in operating weapons, leadership, tactics, and physical fitness, I know *more importantly* that they hold themselves to higher personal and professional standards. *And will continue to do so*.

The Fourth Stanza continues with a similarly timeless declaration to set the standard for others to follow. And gallantly: courageously and heroically, which underscores selflessness.

The Fifth Stanza re-emphasizes the initial purpose of defeating our nation’s enemies all while highlighting the resolve to do so. It also includes the most definitive promise of the creed: to never embarrass my country.

The Ranger creed ends with the re-assertion of resolve described as the “fortitude to fight on to the Ranger Objective and complete the mission...” *No matter what*. The Ranger Objective is to live by these higher standards as we have publicly and privately sworn. To be a Ranger is to exemplify the values of the Ranger Creed. *All Rangers past, present, and future have the opportunity and the obligation to uphold the values individually as well as together*.

Often retirees ask, why, in many cases is the amount of VA Disability received by the retiree, offset and deducted from their retired pay.

There are two programs that were created by Congress to allow eligible military retirees to recover some or all of the retired pay that retirees waive for VA disability pay.

The first program, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP), is a monthly payment to restore retired pay for those with service-connected disabilities who waive retired pay for VA disability pay. You do not need to apply for CRDP. When DFAS is notified of your VA disability compensation pay, if you are eligible for CRDP, they will process and pay your CRDP on the regular monthly pay schedule.

The second program, Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC), is a special entitlement for combat-related disabilities. You must apply to your Branch of Service to receive CRSC pay.

1. Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)

Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) allows military retirees to receive both military retired pay and Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation. This was prohibited until the CRDP program began on January 1, 2004.

CRDP is a "phase in" of benefits that gradually restores a retiree's VA disability offset. This means that an eligible retiree's retired pay will gradually increase each year until the phase in is complete effective January 2014.

You do not need to apply for CRDP. If qualified, you will be enrolled automatically; however, retirees cannot receive both Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)

CRDP Eligibility: You must be eligible for retired pay to qualify for CRDP. If you were placed on a disability retirement, but would be eligible for military retired pay in the absence of the disability, you may be entitled to receive CRDP. CRDP is taxable!

Under these rules, you may be entitled to CRDP if,

- A. You are a regular retiree with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater,
- B. You are a reserve retiree with 20 qualifying years of service, who has a VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater and who has reached retirement age,
- C. You are retired under Temporary Early Retirement Act (TERA) and have a VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater,
- D. You are a disability retiree who earned entitlement to retired pay under any provision of law other than solely by disability, and you have a VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. You might become eligible for CRDP at the time you would have become eligible for retired pay.

For more information: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp/>

2. Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

CRSC is a federal program and not a VA benefit. It is described on the VA official site as "monthly compensation that is intended to replace some or all of their retired pay that is withheld" when the retiree receives VA compensation.

The disabilities covered under this program must be related to combat rather than overall military service. CRSC includes funds for medical issues directly related to combat operations. This also includes "hazardous service, in the performance of duty simulating war, and as a result of an instrumentality of war" according to VA.gov.

The amount of this benefit is directly related to an evaluation process assigned to combat-related disabilities. The benefit received under this program must not exceed the amount of retirement pay withheld from the veteran as a result of VA disability compensation.

CRSC Eligibility: You may apply for Combat Related Special Compensation if you meet the VA criteria for this benefit:

- A. Military Retirees with 20 or more years of service are eligible to apply, including Chapter 61 Medical Retirees, National Guard members or Reservists with 20 years of service,
- B. Veterans with a combat-related VA disability rating of 10% or higher, and
- C. A VA disability directed related to the receipt of a Purple Heart

Because CRSC is not run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, but rather via the DOD, service members must apply by submitting a completed DD Form 2860 via the veteran's branch of military service.

The Army has trained CRSC "Ambassadors" to assist members with applying for CRSC. In applying for CRSC, wording of the disability is "extremely important"!

Remember, CRDP is automatic if you are eligible, however you must apply for CRSC.

Marshall Huckaby,
25th ID LRRP, 1966-1967



1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT

Happy New Year Rangers from the 1st Ranger Battalion's home of Savannah; our holiday weather was mild and once again without a white Christmas! I hope you are warm with your cho-liner wherever your patrol base may be across our nation.

Sad to announce the St Patty's Festival has been cancelled again this year in Savannah, however since the 1st Batt will be re-deployed to combat the events are not quite the same without our Imperial Battalion marching throughout the historic squares... I predict lipstick sales will drop drastically!

Now for some news from Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) since our article last fall.

The Rangers completed Task Force Training validating TTPs, new and future equipment, in preparation of their combat deployment. During the events Companies executed multiple Platoon Raids with a 12Km foot infill. During their deployment preparation the Sua Sponte Foundation (SSF) catered lunch meals for the Rangers that were quarantined before they deploy. The Rangers greatly appreciated this morale booster.

I was humbled to attend their Valorous Awards Ceremony conducted on 22 January 21 at HAAF.

The Joint Special Operations Command Team, LTG Scott Howell (USAF) and his Command Senior Enlisted Leader, CSM Bishop (former RSM & 1/75 CSM) recognized 40 Rangers and Airmen for their service and actions while deployed in combat environment. They presented two Silver Star; nine Bronze Stars for Valor; six Joint Service Commendation Medals for Valor and 21 Purple Hearts.

SSG Ryan Davis was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. I recently watched a moving video of him taking steps during physical therapy in the hospital with his new prosthetics, his spirit and determination is inspirational to all. Ranger Davis continues to LEAD THE WAY!

Silver Star SGT Ty Able and SSG Charles Bowen

Bronze Star Medal with Valor (six of nine listed) SFC Carl Dyess, SSG Miguel Perez, SFC Joseph England,



SFC Benjamin Slater, SGT Jacob Larive, TSgt Dylan Gibson, and MSgt Joseph Hauser

Joint Service Commendation Medal for Valor SFC Salgado Benjamin, TSgt Nicholas Donley, SPC Charlton Clark, SSG Austin Petrenchack, SSG Kyle Kristy, and SFC Shawn Sessions

Purple Heart MSG Michael Smith, SFC Carl Dyess, SSG William Brauneis, SFC Joseph England, SSG Ryan Jahner, SSG Kyle Kristy, SSG William Moyer, SGT Kyle Montgomery, SGT Daniel Kenyon, SGT Jonathan Alston, SGT Lukas Feury, SGT Hunter Delisle, SGT Murphy Lorraine, SGT Andrew Gearhart, SGT Jackson Sinnott, SGT Jacob Larive, SGT Martin Verret, SFC Jeffery Dawson, SGT Vincent Dangelo, PFC Ryan Carey, and SPC Travis Deal

Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart SSG Ryan Davis

A few weeks after the ceremony I joined a group of patriots from the Sua Sponte Foundation and volunteers from the Forest City Gun Club, several which were ole batt boys, in Savannah, with 50 young Rangers while shooting sporting days.

I thought I was going to have a chance to troop the line in a gold cart and share some war stories with the Rangers, however powers above me instead tasked me to coach a team of six with my Assistant Instructor, Vic "Shotgun Daddy" Power, 1st Battalion and Regimental Honorary Ranger. I may have upset a club member or two by having our men fire much more ammo at each station than briefed but we were not keeping score, we were simply killing all the clay pigeons we could while firing all our shotgun ammo and we had plenty! Guess I do not follow orders as closely now that I am retired but I did publicly apologize for adapting to my own accord.

The Battalion has since returned from their pre-deployment bloc leave, completed their mandatory quarantine and will be out conducting combat operations by the time you read this article...

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Dinner with Gold Star Parents of SGT Plutino, 1/75 KIA



Coach "Shotgun Daddy" and a Ranger shooter at the range, Pull!

God Speed to our Rangers, our prayers are with them and their families as they find themselves once again in harm's way.

Now onto our veterans of 1/75. We have had good turn outs at our monthly Ranger Breakfast in Savannah. I strongly encourage all our members to reach out in your neck of the woods to attend the closest group of Rangers if you are "COVID capable".

If you do not have one to attend perhaps you can socialize other 75th RRA folks in your area and start your own. We not only enjoy the camaraderie but also look after each other while keeping our network strong; bring along your spouse and enjoy a cup of Joe on us. Sheila Dudley, our former forever BN Secretary, 1st Battalion and Regimental Honorary Ranger, will gladly pay! Our local breakfast group has enjoyed the event so much they want to include meeting for dinner every third Saturday of the month.

I hope many of you can make Best Ranger Competition in April or the Ranger Rendezvous in July (if COVID permits) at Fort Benning or Fort Beginning as I smilingly refer to my old home. On a serious side note, if our southern forts names are changed, I hope they are renamed after Medal of Honor recipients.

Roll Call This will be my first Rendezvous without my Ranger Big Brother, Terry Roderick, Papa Company, 75th Rangers, Vietnam. He supported our Rangers very much and I last spent time with him as he attended my retirement ceremony during

the 45th reactivation anniversary for 1/75 at HAAF. I first met him when I was a young SSG in B Co 3/75. Over the years we visited each other many times, I always went down to Coca Beach for March Madness to watch the final four and championship game with him. I watched his daughters grow, marry, and make him a happy grandfather. He attended my wedding and the baptism of our children as well as going to my parent's home while I was serving in Korea for almost four years. My wife spoke to him the day before he passed as we were checking up on him and planning yet another trip to see him. It was the last time we spoke to him as he died shortly after. We will attend his memorial when his daughters are able to have one due to COVID and will be present as he is laid to rest in Arlington. May he rest in eternal peace as he has joined our Big Ranger in the Sky.

Lastly If anyone out there has any news or stories you want to share in our Patrolling Magazine please send me your input as per my contact information listed under unit directors.

V/R, Ranger Merritt RFL RLTW!



Our team, the "Six Shooters" at the gun club, HHC 1/75 Rangers.

Art Attaway- President Candidate Message

Rangers, my name is Art “Doc” Attaway, and I am volunteering for service at the 75th RRA. My personal Ranger legacy began at the 1st BN (Ranger) 75th INF and this was my sole duty station during my first enlistment, 1974-1980. I served as 2nd Platoon Medic, -B Co, Company Medic - C Co, and BN Medic in HQ Co. After many years of being a civilian, seeing the benefit I received from my years in the 1st BN, I realized it was my time to give back to the community that formed me as an adult and was responsible for the way I lived my adult life. At the BN I was surrounded by the some of the most significant people in the Ranger world, and in my life. My entire life was formed by my early experience as a Ranger, and I attribute all of my successes in life, on every level, to the man I was formed into by that experience.

It has been my honor to have been serving the Ranger community at large for the past 10 years. I have served at USARA as a Regional Membership coordinator in the MW, Deputy Regional Director in the SE, and as the Executive Vice President nationally. I am proud of the work we completed at USARA. However, I want to complete my volunteer service to the Ranger community at the origin of my Ranger roots, the Regiment. That means the 75th RRA.

I work closely with the National Ranger Foundation, of which I am a Board member, the USMRA where I am an active member, the Darby Project, the National Ranger Foundation, the National Ranger Association, Worldwide Army Rangers Association, and my own non-profit focused on the Ranger Veteran Community. I have focused on Membership development, Scholarship programs, Membership benefits, and the Three Rangers Foundation that is focused on Transition Programs for current Rangers. I have worked closely with Steve Johnson and Rick Barela for the past 4 years.

I believe the 75th RRA is bookended by the very best warriors in current history, with the War hardened Vietnam veterans that trained me in 1974, and the GWOT warriors of the current times. Those of us that came in between did so with great honor, and a readiness to step up to the task. I want to “shoulder my share of the task, 100% and then some”, at the 75th RRA.

Note: The 75th Ranger Regiment Association endorses no candidate for the position of any office of the 75th RRA. Anyone wishing to run for an office in the upcoming 2021 75th RRA election held during this year’s Rendezvous, will be provided one column in the June Patrolling Magazine edition to introduce yourself and make your intentions known.



75th Ranger
July 19-23,

Regiment Schedule-
2021

Monday, July 19

1200	Static Display	Fryar Drop Zone
1400	Airborne Assault	Fryar Drop Zone

Tuesday, July 20

0600	RPAT	Honor Field
0630	Endurathon	Fort Benning
0800	Stress Shoot	Farnsworth Ranger
0900	State of the Regiment	Marshall Auditorium
	Distinguished and Honorary	Members of the Regiment
1300	Team Sports	Stewart Watson/Smith Gym
1700	RHOF Dinner	Location TBD.

Wednesday, July 21

0930	2020 RHOF	Marshall Auditorium
1330	2021 RHOF	Marshall Auditorium

Thursday, July 22

1300	Team Sports	Stewart Watson/Smith Gym
1530	Boxing/Combatives Finals	Smith Gym
1700.	No-Host Barbecue	Location TBD

Friday, July 23

0900	Change of Command	National Infantry Museum
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3rd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—TONY MAYNE

Members of 3rd Ranger Battalion returned home from another deployment rotation over the winter. We thank God for the grace that no U.S. service members fell due to the work of the enemy in Afghanistan over the last year.

Congratulations to 3-75 alumni Travis West. Travis was elected to serve as the United States Army Ranger Association's (USARA) president for a second time. Under Travis' leadership, USARA began a Distinguished Speaker Series. Former 75th Ranger Regiment commanders GEN Joseph Votel, USA, Ret. and BG Craig Nixon, USA, Ret. have both appeared as guests.

A former 3-75 commander, BG Nixon made news recently in response to ongoing public confusion of who in the military may call themselves a Ranger. In a Jan. 25, 2021 interview with Hugh Hewitt, BG Nixon stated:



"So on one hand, it's a school. It's the best leadership school in the Army. And upon graduation from that school, you are considered an Army Ranger. At least I consider myself an Army Ranger. The 75th Ranger Regiment and the three battalions associated with it are a unit that is comprised of only people that are Ranger qualified. So

that's the confusion. But I mean, it's the confusion particularly as it relates to this discussion, I think it is frankly a little bit ridiculous."

"I think, you know, if you really want to understand this, there's one Ranger Hall of Fame, and that Ranger Hall of Fame is comprised of two different groups of people – people that served in the Ranger Regiment and the battalions, and people that are Ranger qualified. So clearly, the Rangers who created the Ranger Hall of Fame believe they're both inside that umbrella."

NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition. 3d Ranger



Toy Drop: Rangers jumped for a purpose other than proficiency during their Dec 8, 2020 airborne operation on Fryar Drop zone. Toys were collected to provide a better Christmas for local children as part of the annual "Toy Drop".

Battalion alumni and supporters are encouraged to support the Battalion's best with award recognition for the Battalion's NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition this spring. Please contact Tony Mayne at tony@gallantfew.org if interested in providing a gift to participants and awardees. All gift submission will be presented to the command for approval before acceptance in keeping with standing Army gifting regulations. The Battalion for this event made no solicitation or request for support.

Connect

3d Ranger Battalion's official Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/3dRangerBattalion/>

3d Ranger Battalion's official Instagram account is @3d_ranger_battalion

3d Ranger Battalion alumni group Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/112604044797/>



MoH: SGM Thomas Payne visited with 3rd Battalion Rangers in November after receiving the Medal of Honor on September 11, 2020.



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UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

I ended the last article with A Company being Covid free as far as I knew. Well, that changed rapidly. Just a day or two after sending in the article, I learned that Doug Nolen had been in the hospital and recovered. He did not need to go on a ventilator, but Tiffany said it was scary for a while. He had a relapse a few days after coming home and went back in for a couple more days, but has since recovered. On Thursday after Veterans Day, I had surgery on my mouth to remove some bone to make room for a lower partial. On Friday, I began to feel bad and Saturday, I was knee-deep in COVID symptoms. On Sunday, my wife started showing signs. By the time we got tested on Tuesday, we were both feeling better. Funny thing was Michelle tested positive and I tested negative. But the doctor said I was a false negative, which I already assumed. December 1st, we came out of quarantine and on December 3rd, I was admitted to the hospital with a bleeding ulcer. After 5 days and 5 units of blood, I was back home again. Michelle and I now know what others have gone through with these Covid restrictions as they treated me as a COVID patient, even though I tested negative in the ER; Michelle was not able to visit at all. Phone calls and a couple of video chats helped, but I was a little too close to checking out for comfort. Now the vaccine is out and some states have crazy restrictions and some don't. Hopefully by spring we will be heading in a better direction. We now have a President and I am still worried about the direction of the country.

At the Tipton Veterans Day Ceremony, I acted as the guest speaker. My speech was titled "All because I met a man named Mark." If you go back to the Summer 2018 issue, you will find most of the speech included in the story. It's amazing how many people we come in contact with that fit into that "6 degrees of separation." After the ceremony, I had 6 people come up to me that were from the Tompkinsville-Red Boiling Springs area. Two had just returned from Moss, TN., just around the bend from Mark Carlisle's hometown.

Also, in the last edition, I made a tiny weenie, very small, very minute typo, for which I was corrected many times and I attempted at least one push-up on several occasions. My error, the A Co reunion in Waco is scheduled for 2022, NOT 2021 as I indicated. Hopefully this did not cause any concerns for anyone or unannounced visitors at Jim Savell's house.

Most of the rest of the article seems to be bad news. Received a message from Donna Brizindine that Tom's lung cancer had returned. Keep him and Donna in your thoughts and prayers.



From Steve Johnson: Terry Roderick passed away on December 12th. I talked with Terry's daughter, Cindy, this morning and funeral arrangements are in the process for Arlington. The family is planning a Florida memorial service sometime in March. When I get the specifics of that, I'll let everyone know. In the meantime, cards can be sent to:
Terry Roderick Family
25 Carleton Drive
Cocoa FL 32922-7003

From Bill Boh-te: Terry committed a lot of time to the



association and Ranger activities. He went all the way back to the LRRP company. RIP Terry. Bill also included a photo of Terry

Terry also served in A Co while it was at Ft. Benning. I remember meeting Terry the first time I went to the Rendezvous at Benning in 2009. We talked for a bit and he said follow me. We went to his car and he got a Papa Company t-shirt out of his trunk and gave it to me. All he had was a large and I said it wouldn't fit but he gave it to me anyway. Still hangs in my closet. And years later he mailed me a Papa Company coin, which is on display in my Army/Firefighter display cabinet. Terry was the Unit Director of Papa Company for several years.

Sad to report that CSM(R) Luis Palacios, a <2> plank holder and former CSM at 5th RTB and a great friend to many passed away December 18, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. He will be missed. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 AM Monday, December 28, 2020 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Dahlonega. Father Matthew Dalrymple will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Anderson-Underwood funeral home. A private interment will follow on December 29, 2020 at the Georgia National Cemetery. CSM Palacios was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2011. From his RHoF induction: Command Sergeant Major Luis Palacios, United States Army, retired, is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame after 30 years of service. He deployed to and conducted combat operations in Vietnam and Grenada. During his esteemed career, CSM Palacios served from Private to Command Sergeant Major, and held every enlisted leadership position from rifle team leader to Battalion CSM.

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For his service in peacetime and at war he received a multitude of awards, some of which include the Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. CSM Palacios was hand-selected to stand up the 2nd Ranger Battalion, where he served as one of the original Platoon Sergeants. He was the Company First Sergeant of two Ranger Companies, and Command Sergeant Major of three Battalions. Of his 30 years of service, 19 years were spent on airborne status, and 18 years in Ranger units. He continued to care and support Soldiers by deploying overseas to train our Soldiers for combat, and help our veterans through multiple charity organizations. CSM Luis C. Palacios lived the Ranger Creed and is an inspiration to all Rangers, past, present, and future. CSM Palacios was also a member of A Co 75th at Ft Hood TX in 1973/74 time period.

From Jeff Ellis: This is terrible news. CSM Palacios is one of the great legends and heroes in the Ranger community. I have such wonderful memories of serving with him and how of a tremendous role model he provided. We are all better as individuals and professionals to have known and served with him. My/our best wishes are to him and the family. If there is anything that individually or as a "family" we can do, please let us know. May he be in peace if he's moving on to "The Ranger Objective." Best to the family at this tough time. RLTW! Upon learning of Luis' passing Jeff added, "So very sorry to hear this. I remember him very well. I have a picture of him and the platoon down at Camp Bullis that I've never forgotten the wonderful look on his face. He will always be remembered as such. Please pass on my best wishes and condolences to the family. I'm sorry I can't be there at the funeral."

DJ DeJarnett said he was his squad leader when he first got to A Co. DJ was able to attend the funeral. A picture of SSG. Palacios preparing for a jump with A co and the picture from his obituary are below.



From Jim Savell: I have been crocheting Afghans of AIRBORNE/SF/RANGER patches. These are examples of what they look like. Proceeds will go to Reunion expenses. Each is hand-made by me & different prices, I can add RANGER/SF tabs. I couldn't show all I have ready to sell. I can make almost any patch/tab... but it takes about a week

to crochet one. The ones I have ready for sell now are: SF- Patch only, Tab only; RANGER.SF tab; 1st Cav with AIRBORNE/RANGER tab; V Corps- AIRBORNE tab / AIRBORNE RANGER tabs;

MACVSOG
SOG...CCS; 82nd Airborne- AIRBORNE tab / AIRBORNE RANGER tab; 101st Airborne Division; 173rd Airborne; A/75th - A/75th/ RANGER tab; 1st Ranger Bn / RANGER tab; 2nd Ranger Bn / RANGER tab

My fellow A/75 are getting 1st dibs on these treasures. If interested contact me for prices/shipping etc. Phone 254 640-2290. See everyone in one year three & a half months in Waco. SAVELL

Also, from Bill Bohte: We have lost another one of our brothers. Col. Bob Murphy was one of the two Murphy's in the V Corp LRRP Company.



Bob was one of the first Lt's in the company when it started. I posted an article of an interview in the June 2011 Patrolling that Bob T Murphy had done. Col. Murphy is in the Ranger Hall of Fame inducted in 2012. Unfortunately, there was not any history in the Obit so I do not have much. We met at many of the reunions over the years and one that I remember was in Aug. 2005 at the Ranger BBQ. I was standing with Glenn Rucker when this gentleman approached us and introduced himself as General Wayne Downing. I knew the name and we talked briefly and he moved on. Later I was talking to Col Murphy and I mentioned that we had talked to General Downing. Bob became alert but did not spill a drop on the beers he was holding in both hands. He said where is he and I pointed over to General and Bob left us and hurried to the Wayne. When he got there, he set his beers on the ground and I thought oh shit trouble. When Wayne turned around words were spoken and they embraced. Turn out they both had been company COs at adjacent companies in Nam but had never met.

This is all his Obit says:

Col., Robert Carroll Murphy, US Army, Ret.

December 31, 2020

Col., Robert Carroll Murphy, US Army, Ret., age 81 of Fernandina Beach, FL passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Baptist Medical Center-Beaches in Jacksonville Beach, FL.

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I was able to locate the following obituary: Robert Carroll Murphy December 30, 2020 Robert Carroll Murphy, 81, of Fernandina Beach, Florida passed away due to natural causes on December 30, 2020. Robert graduated with honors from Syracuse University and went on to become a career Army Officer, earning numerous distinctions as a result of his service. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame. In his spare time, he loved restoring and flying World War 2 aircraft, among others. He was a fun-loving person who was demanding but made those around him feel special. He is survived by his wife, Chong; son, Michael (Joy) and grandson, Brom of Clovis, NM; brother, Richard (Norma) of Palm Beach, FL and sister, Paula Trudell of Liverpool, NY. Due to the impacts of Covid-19, the funeral service will be postponed until July 2021 at a to-be-determined location. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to <https://509th.org/donate> WORDS OF COMFORT MAY BE EXPRESSED AT TJPFUNERALHOME.COM

I have attempted, with a lot of help from Pete Parker and at his request, in setting up a MeWe account as a substitute/

alternative to Facebook and our email server, but so far not much activity. If you do MeWe look up A75 Ranger Listeserver and send a request to join. Pete wants to take down our email server, as it is a lot of work and not much on there. We have a large email list of A Co members, but not much from V Corps and D17. I know you guys pass your own info around and I try and keep Bill Bohte in the loop. If you want to stay in touch with email, let me, Bill or Roy Bissey know and we can continue to communicate with email without the server.

I have also changed the day and location of the Mid-Indiana Ranger/SF Breakfast. We will now be meeting at the Lincoln Square Restaurant in Westfield, IN. 46074 on the first, Saturday of the month at 10am. Date and move was to hopefully increase participation.

That's about all for now. Send me some stories!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stan Jones



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

Greetings and Salutations:

Hello again, fellow Rangers, LRRPs, and Jayhawks!

Stay safe... stay healthy...

TAPS

FROM: June Broyles: 13 February 2021/ 1120hrs. Jim Broyles last Facebook post by June Broyles: Jim died in my arms Monday, 8 February 2021 at approx 0200 hours! He is now happy with his Ranger buddies that also left us too soon! He would not want us to be sad but to celebrate his life! Love your family and friends like there will be no tomorrow!!!!!! Please, no flowers, but cards are welcomed!

FROM: John Repecko, Jr.: I apologize for not letting you know earlier but the widow of John Repecko, Cheri Repecko, passed away January 28th. I know some of you knew her from the reunions.

FROM 2015 Ranger Hall Of Fame Induction: Command Sergeant Major Jimmy Broyles served in Vietnam with multiple airborne Ranger units, then left active duty to pursue a career in law enforcement before joining the Texas Army National Guard. He deployed to the Balkans as CSM of a Guard unit before retiring at age 60 in 2011 with 30 years of combined service. Command Sergeant Major Jimmy L. Broyles served admirably in both his military and law enforcement careers. In 1970 he served with Co. L 75th Inf. Abn. Ranger, 101st Abn Div, VN. He volunteered



for a tour extension, and was assigned to Co. H 75th Inf. Abn. Ranger, 1st Cavalry Division VN. He returned to CONUS and was assigned to Co B, 75th Inf. Abn. Ranger, Seventh Corps. Broyles was an "Original" member of the Co. C, 1/75th in 1974. His active duty career saw service in III Corps and Ft. Hood, NCO Academy, and Co A 1st Bn. OSUT 1st Student Training Bde. Upon retirement, Broyles served in the transport of nuclear weapons. He served with Texas Law Enforcement at both the County and Federal levels, and was recognized as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the FBI. Broyles enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard with Co. C 3;144th Inf. TXARNG (1SG), continuing duties as 1SG with Co. B 1/143rd Inf. Abn. TXARNG (returning to Airborne Status), then

to Co. C 3/144th Inf. TXARNG (1SG), and as Texas adopted the Abrams Tank to HHC 1/112th Armor TXARNG (1SG), and JJC 3rd. Bde. 49th Armored Division TXARNG (Opns SGM). When the nation initiated Operation Enduring Freedom, Broyles deployed to the Balkans as the CSM of 3rd Brigade, 49th Armored Division, TXARNG, performing admirably with Task Force Falcon. CSM Broyles retired November 2011 at age 60. He retired as the last active duty combat Ranger from the Viet Nam War, with 30 years of total service.

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(From) Donald Bruce: Yesterday took me to my knees and stunned me by the death of my Brother Jimmie Broyles. He is more than a Ranger Bud; we always addressed each other as My Brother!! I am not going to re-say what others have. Jimmie will be in my heart and memories forever as he will be for so many of us. I am going to do what is best in my old view, tell some stories and smile and laugh as we always did in many different exploits through our many years together. I was with Jimmie first in Vietnam for about two hours and we never addressed each other. This is my first story of my

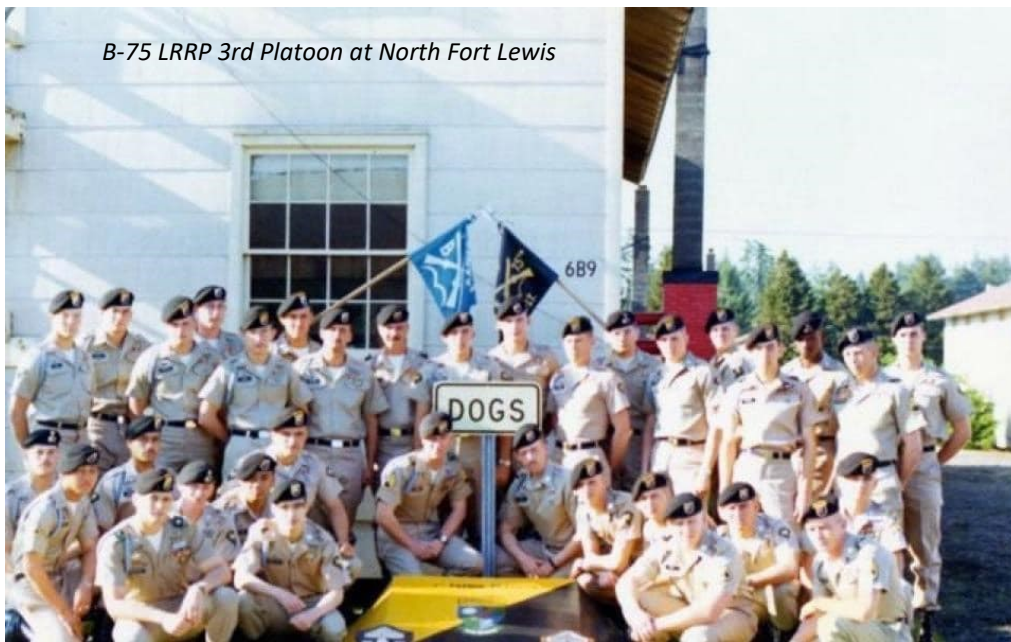
brother Jimmie Broyles. We served in two different units. I was in CCN MACVSOG, Jimmie in Lima Co. Rangers 101st. In his unit their Operations Sergeant in 1971 was Medal of Honor recipient from MACVSOG SFC Fred Zabitosky, a legend in SOG. He knew they needed some better equipment and some training. So he came to our compound in Da Nang and he brought SGT Jim Broyles with him. That evening I was sitting at the bar in the NCO Club when a bunch of them came in with SFC Zabitosky and one of them sat next to me. Being a very young SGT I kept to myself out of harms way with so many senior NCO's. SFC KU (our Club manager) was behind the bar, and I and the guy next to me asked for a beer at the same time. SFC KU laughed, and asked in a very loud voice for the entire club to hear: "YOU TWO KIDS OLD ENOUGH TO DRINK?!!!" The entire club burst in laughter. I did not say a word and turned red as a beet and so did this really young looking SGT next to me. 45 years later I was on a phone conversation with Jimmie when he talked about his visit to CCN and he told how this old SFC had embarrassed him and another SGT at the bar. I busted up over the phone and said Jimmie that was us!!! Damn we laughed hard, because both of us early in our careers were both so young looking... but Jimmie as I always joked with him, made me look old LMAO!!! We never even spoke that evening in 1971, and the following year we both were in B Co. Rangers, 75th Inf. (ABN) at Fort Carson, CO, where we would start our Brotherhood for Life. Over the years we would always end our conversations with I LOVE YOU BROTHER!! I LOVE YOU MY BROTHER!!!!

(FROM) GREG PHILLIPS: Seems like yesterday, but it was 47 years ago, ugh! I still have so many vivid memories of those days gone by. Many lifelong friendships from that Company. Sadly, many of our brothers aren't with us anymore. Jeff: Here's 3d Plt

B-75 LRRP at North Fort Lewis. I am sure that you'll see some familiar faces in here, including Jimmy's. What an honor it was to serve along side these giants as a young soldier. They helped lay the foundation for both my successful military and corporate

careers. Like you, I feel that I was blessed beyond belief. RLTW!

(FROM) Donald Bruce:
02/12/2021. I am writing this with a smile on my face, because Jimmie Broyles and I had a lot of fun together, but let me set this up. B/75 was one hell of a great unit with a cast of characters that at that time were the best guys you could



B-75 LRRP 3rd Platoon at North Fort Lewis

want to ever serve with. Our training was simple: 14 days a month in the field from downrange to the Rocky Mountains always doing Long Range Patrols of one sort or another. You jumped a minimum of twice a month up to over 6 or 8 times. The time in the company area was classes everyday and hard PT. Or you were in a school on post or a great deal of schools at Fort Benning, and we once deployed as a Company to Fort Greeley, Alaska for the Northern Warfare Training course. I got there and immediately went to Ranger School, but prior to that we went through the very first Pre-Ranger course ever given under RV Voyles and his hand picked cadre. That is where Jimmie and I connected, he was already a Ranger and was part of the cadre, on our Berets we wore our Ranger Tabs above our unit flash. Jimmie came up to me and said, how come you are out of uniform? Oh!! You're not a Ranger!!... but you will be when we are done with you!! He was so damned baby faced, it was funny. After Ranger school we had a change of command and new First Sergeants The new 1SG Jack Schmidt was a stickler for career orientation. So he sends me, Jimmie Broyles, and Gary O'Neal to the 4th Division Iron Horse NCO Academy (a four-week school on post). All is going well by the end of the second week, Jimmie and I are in the running for Distinguished and Honor grad, we are 1 and 2 out of a class of 40 competing hard with each other. Middle of the third week the senior Instructor comes into the classroom and says: "The Division CSM and the Commandant have decided that the top two grads will be held here and re-assigned as instructors at the Academy". They had never had Rangers there as instructors, so they were going to keep us. He released us for a break. We were panic stricken! Jimmie says, with wide eyes, Don... what the HELL!!!!?

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!!!? I am not leaving B/75, and I said me either! We talked to the Senior Instructor, and his simple reply was both CSM's out-ranked our 1SG. Damn, what a slap in the face for doing so good and setting the example for all those legs. Jimmie and I only talked about what the HELL are we going to do?!! We looked at the board that had the scores posted for all the tests we had taken and where everyone stood. It hit us at the same time!! It was simple LOL. We just had to bomb the final test and screw up our final instruction presentation. So we did. When we messed up our presentation the senior Instructor did not notice we had slipped in the standing a bit. Then on the final exam I got a 72 and Jimmie a 75 and we came in 4th and 5th in the class. Damn!!... did we get an ASS Chewing from the Senior Instructor, and he said you two were going to be our first two Ranger Instructors... Get out of my OFFICE!!! We went outside and I turned to Jimmie and said, "the most important word he said was..." and before I could say it, Jimmie with a huge grin said loudly "WERE!!!" We busted up laughing for a good ten minutes. We had escaped and evaded two CSM's as SGT's, LMAO. That started mine and Jimmie's Brotherhood forever!!! RLTW MY BROTHER !!! I LOVE YOU!! REST IN PEACE!!!

FROM MARC THOMPSON: I try not to interject myself too much into some of the coverage of various events, but this is different. Jimmy Broyles and I were manifested next to each other on so many sequential jumps in B/75 that he decided that I was his

good luck charm (since he was never injured on any of those jumps). It was probably a typewriter-era version of cut-and-paste that allowed the clerks to duplicate the previous manifests, which resulted in the two of us checking each other's equipment on so many jumps, no matter the aircraft, or the type of jump. We were in the same platoon (Daddy Haugh's Third), jumped with one of us in front and one behind for years, and spent the entire company-wide trip to NWTC in the same 8-man tent on Gulkana glacier. RIP, Jimmy... see you in the tall grass.

JOHN HENRY'S SITREP: Ranger Voyles called with a report on the West Coast folks. Bob Lund and his son are doing well, as is Chris Christopherson, Tony Richardson, Bill Walter and his wife Karon, Ed White, and others. He reminded us that Doc Jeans had passed, as have others. RV and his wife Jayne continue to do their battles at Madigan.

VII CORPS

We did not receive an update from Dick Foster regarding VII Corps, so we'll try to make up for that the next time.

Until next time...

Respectfully,

Marc L. Thompson

Unit Director



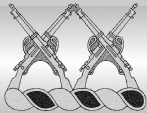
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UNIT DIRECTOR—JOE HAYES

I just got the “Month Out” notification from Steve so for me; it’s like getting the “Stand up, Hook up” signal. I am happy that he gives the reminder as I do at times; tend to let things go until the last minute.

It is always nice to hear from folks after Patrolling comes out. I received two nice calls. One was from Norm Phillips, and the other was from Mike Daukus, and had a pleasant conversation with both. Norm worked for years as an aircraft mechanic at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. He’s doing well. Mike, now retired, was a Chicago police officer for thirty-five years – one of the few, the proud, and under-appreciated. After watching the news all last summer, I have a renewed respect of what police must deal with. I think that I took them for granted, but not anymore! I do not know how many of our guys entered law enforcement (quite a few, I think). I’ve got to hand it to you: Like I told Del, “you guys traded one uniform for another and too many times the dirty jobs that went along with it. To give credit to just a few I acknowledge Del Ayers, Parker Johnston, Michael Rubenstein, Conrad Hansen and Mike Daukus. There are not enough thanks, which can be expressed. And Mike Daukus, best wishes to you and your wife and family on your daughter’s wedding coming up this summer.

As I write this article, I am thinking of you young veterans who are now in the process of coming home or getting ready to transition back to the civilian world. I am sure that you look at what has been going on the past year across the nation and thinking how crazy it all seems. There you were in some forsaken hell-hole where people were killing each other over a pile of cinder blocks only to come back and see stores and businesses being literally destroyed while nothing was done. I know! It is crazy.

We came back home fifty years ago and, I might add, not to open loving arms. None of us lined up for a quarter of a mile outside a civic center to get a free government phone. The only thing we wanted was a piece of turf on the national mall to put up a memorial to honor our fifty-eight and a half thousand fallen brothers and sisters. We did not expect any favors, and it was years before we got a “Thanks for your service”. I do not recall a whole lot of public outreach and support to a struggling Vietnam Vet. It’s not sour grapes. I am just telling you the way it was. I



exaggerate little when I say that we were pretty much painted as a bunch of psychopathic killers. Oliver Stone surely did not do us any favors even though he himself was a Vietnam Vet. Well, what can I say – to portray us, as anything else would have put a dent in his pocketbook. And then, not too many years ago, another Vietnam Vet Senator from Massachusetts compared us to Genghis Kahn (burning and pillaging) – I guess that is what he was getting at. Someone told me that he was in the North Vietnam Hall of Fame. I took it as a joke, but I think that the guy was serious. Anyway, the former senator still has the medals that were awarded to him. He bought other prop medals to throw over the White House

fence back in a 70’s protest march. Hey...he made a good career out of it and, he is still there.

Yes, we came home to a pot-pourri of mayhem back then: Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale’s Black Panthers, Mr. Tom (Jane Fonda) Hayden’s SDS which splintered into such various groups like the Weatherman who liked to build bombs and blow up government buildings. And let’s not forget the KKK who also liked to blow things up like school buses in Pontiac, Mi., just north of Detroit where I am

from. That was in 1971. Then there were the generic Flag burners who were probably too stoned to know what they were doing. But time passes – The cause is always there and pretty much stays the same (take down America) but the instigators get old and move on. They went into government, got killed in police shootouts or, how about this: In 1998 Bobby Seale wrote a cookbook – Barbeque’n with Bobby Seale. It was a book on how to make marinades for meat. I’m thinking that the ANTIFA and BLM guys probably read the cover of Seale’s book and saw some secret message to burn down stores and buildings and attempt to burn U.S. Marshals alive. Crazy stuff eh?

This is just a smidgen of what we returned to. And, as hard as it may have been for many of us, we picked up where we left off. That is what Don Ericson; co-author with John Rotundo of “Charlie Rangers” told me in 2015: “I just picked up where I left off.” He went back to his construction business and did quite well.

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God rest his soul. We became husbands, fathers, writers, teachers, police officers, design engineers – Bones designed theme parks around the world that made millions of people around the world happy. How many people can do that? We became lawyers and civil office holders. Our Duncan Hunter served three decades in the U.S. House and was a candidate for President of the United States. We became active in our communities and churches. Some, like Rocky Stone became involved in the V.A. for no other reason than to help make things better for the Vets that came after him –struggling with issues like PTSD. Some like Cal Rollins devoted their valuable time to various vet organizations to both honor and serve veterans. A few went to work for the DOD and many others made careers in the military. More than a few, although working civilian jobs, re-enlisted in various Army, Navy, Marine or Air Force units where, thirty years after Vietnam, they were still serving this great country after September 11, 2001. Mike Donaho comes to mind.

It would have made my life easier in my youth, if I had realized one thing: And that is that the world is what it is. There is the world the way you would like it to be, and the reality of what it is. There is nothing new under the sun as the saying goes. If one or two or more tours of a United States Soldier in a combat zone could have changed that then we would have been living in a utopia for a couple of hundred years. But I do think that our service has given millions of people around the world some sense of hope that the rubble that they are fighting for is not just rubble. It is THEIR HOPE of life, liberty, and freedom; a sense that they are not alone in the fight. NO HOPE – NO LIFE!

So, I say that it really does not matter what people either

thought or still think of us (or even you young guys). The record will speak for itself. The world is a crazy place. It always has been. You can take what you have learned through your unique experience and continue to use it to perpetuate that hope. We need it at home now more than ever! Somehow you will navigate your way through the sledge because that is what you have learned to do. THIS IS WHAT WE DO! Fifty years from now you to will be looking back remembering all the problems that you are witnessing. You will take a picture like this one, which was taken, of us at a 2017 (I think) Benning reunion. You can probably title it “The Old Survivors” or “The Old Psychos” or whatever you want. But there will undoubtedly be a young vet in need of advice. You will know what to say. But one thing is for sure: By that time, you will definitely have earned the right to have a good laugh at all the stupidity that is out there so learn to have a good laugh. I have a lot of confidence in you young guys. To paraphrase an old friend, “Fight the good fight, finish the course and finally – keep the faith.” We will be ok.

As for me, I put my faith and trust first in the God who gave me the right to life, liberty, and my pursuit of happiness. Second, when I look at all of you fine young patriots - and I do not use that word lightly – I trust that all of you will continue to protect those rights now and into the future. I believe that I am in good hands. And, as I get a little older and a little more worn out as the years go by, who knows; I may just sit down and write a cookbook.

See you in May.

Joe Hayes



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—ROBERT HERNANDEZ

I am deeply saddened to notify you of the passing of a true warrior. Hilan Jones or "Jonesy" as many of us called him, passed away Tuesday, February 16. After successfully fighting his bout with the Covid-19 virus he took a terrible fall at the Veteran's Home where he lived. A CT scan at the hospital showed he fractured his back, and his kidneys were shutting down. Also, a chest x-ray from the hospital last December was flagged for lung cancer. With the COVID-19 and the transferring back and forth from the Veterans Home to the hospital that information was somehow missed to the family.

Due to the COVID-19, there will be no service for the general public; however, the family is planning to hold a celebration of life at the Veterans Home where he lived. Jonesy was very close to the other veterans. Poncho and I are going to put together a collage of photos to send to the family to share



with the Veterans Home and you are all invited to add a remembrance that you would like to share with the family. John Stenmos from D troop Aero-Rifle Platoon said it best in his remembrance of Hilan "Rambo was only a movie...Jonesy was the real thing".

Please send all your remembrances to my e-mail (bobh4424@gmail.com) and I will pass them on to the family.

The passing of Jonesy and all the other rangers we have lost in the last couple of years only reinforces the idea of doing everything we can to preserve our unit history. Please

send me your stories and pictures so that we can somehow preserve them for our families and for history. We owe it to ourselves.

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The dates for the 2021 LRRR Rally in Branson are June 9th-13th, 2021. Hopefully, most of the traveling restrictions will be lifted and we will be back to some sort of normalcy. The three hotels taking reservations for this event are the Spinning Wheel, the Twelve Oaks and Dutton Inn. I would suggest that you make your reservation as soon as possible because we are expecting a huge turnout after the COVID-19 virus lock down. The phone numbers to make your reservations are.

Spinning Wheel 800 215 7746

Twelve Oaks 800 336 7340

Dutton Inn 417 332 2772

E50/E75

The E company unit reunion in Mobile, Alabama will be held in October 4-9, 2021. Mobile is a historic city and the true site of the original Mardi Gras.

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, located downtown and central to most museums, specialty stores, bars, and restaurants. If you like to golf, or go deep sea fishing, it will be available. The Holiday Day Inn is available for reservations (215-694-0100) Just tell them you are with the Ranger reunion. There are two room options available,

Room Rates

1) King or Double \$102 per night, plus tax

2) King or Double \$116 per night, plus tax includes breakfast buffet for two

They will probably tell you the \$116 rate, but if you do not want the breakfast buffet, they will accept your choice of \$102. Any problem, ask to speak to Aron Watz, general manager, if he is not available, let Howard know and it will be resolved. Howard Munn, (215) 895 1936).

Remembering Ray Hulin

Ray Hulin was one of the original members of the 9th Division's long range patrol. he was a prize-winning rodeo rider before entering the Army, but he had a quiet demeanor and never bragged about his many championships.

Instead, he volunteered to lead dangerous patrols, like the night his team was inserted by boat on a place in the Delta called, for good reason, VC island. There, Hulin and his team were met by automatic weapons fire as they waded ashore. The navy commander threw the landing craft in reverse as the patrol members scrambled back on board, all except Hulin, who had managed to grab some bar armor as the boat

backed away with all aboard returned fire. As the boat picked up speed, Hulin could no longer hold on and dropped off in the middle of the Mekong River. He was struggling to stay afloat while trying to get rid of a heavy pack that held the team's radio when a member of the E Company reaction force dove into the river and swam to assist the patrol leader until the boat could come along side and pick them up.

Hulin survived that patrol and numerous others and his team brought back valuable intelligence about enemy activity in the division's area of operations. His leadership was evident from the day E Company arrived in country and he was the first in the unit to be promoted to sergeant and be designated as a patrol leader.

When he was discharged from the Army in 1968, Hulin resumed rodeo competition and started an equipment company that manufactured his specially designed bareback riggings. Unfortunately, he was thrown from a horse in 1981 while in a rodeo and his back was broken, paralyzing him from the neck down. Doctors gave him less than a ten percent chance of surviving and he was placed on a respirator to breathe. Hulin defied the doctor's odds and despite being confined to a motorized wheelchair and enduring constant pain, he lived for more than a quarter century after his accident always displaying the most positive of attitudes. He was inducted in the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Hall of fame in 2005 died in 2007. His sister Shirley DeCuir said "Where he got the courage to do what he's done, I don't know. His strength, determination and courage are a legacy of a great man admired by many."

Back to the attempted patrol insertion on VC island in 1967. The Ranger who swam to assist Hulin that night was Howard Munn, the coordinator of E Company 2021 reunion. Howard lives near Mobile, Alabama and has been busy conducting recons and preparing for what should be an outstanding reunion. There is a lot to do in the Mobile area and Howard has enlisted the support of city officials and businesses. At the Montana reunion he passed out folders with information about Mobile and the unit voted unanimously to hold our 2021 reunion in that city. We wish that Rangers like Ray Hulin could join us there but he and the others who are no longer with us will be remembered and never forgotten. They are part of the tradition that "Rangers Lead the Way."

Bob Hernandez

Unit Director

E50/E75 Rangers

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UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN MCGEE

Well, here we are again writing an article for Patrolling and feeling like Bill Murray in the movie 'Ground Hog Day'. Have we flattened the curve yet, and when does Dr. Fauci finally retire and fade from our collective memories?

Alas, I digress, so on with the article. I hope everyone is making reservations for the upcoming Ranger Rendezvous. I for one am looking forward to attending. As I said in the last issue every year, as we Vietnam Veterans get older these reunions become more and more important. During the last issue, I asked any of our members that had not received a Company keychain to get in touch with me and I would send them one. I am glad to report that 10 members of our unit that had kind of lost touch reached out to me to receive their keychain. It was great talking with these guys and bringing them up to speed on what has been going on with the unit. A couple of the guys I know are planning on attending the Rendezvous.

One of the issues that I have focused on in these articles is telling our stories. I believe that it is important that what we did as LRRPs/LRPs/ Rangers in Vietnam should not be lost in the annals of military history. With that in mind I am posting with his permission an article written by one of our own, Phil Mayrand.

Vietnam Army Ranger Tales

By Phil Mayrand

"Not All that Happens in War is Sad/Grim/Ugly



In 1969 while I was in Co. F, 75th. Inf. Rangers, several Ranger LRP (Long Range Patrol) teams were sent TDY (temporary duty) to Tay Nihn. We were treated like "redheaded stepchildren" with regard to facilities from which we would deploy Ranger Teams in that AO (area of operations).



We were billeted in an area aboard Tay Nihn (a.k.a. "Rocket City") that had a few old hooches, no bath or chow facilities, water, or electricity. Our "acquisitions man" soon came up with a spare generator for electricity. We had an elevated wing tank for showers, but no water. We had to beg for chow in various chow halls and make up the rest as we went. Right beside our tiny compound was a fairly large Army Signal (communications) group...they lived and worked in air-conditioned bunkers and had complete facilities including a chow hall.

After my first mission from Tay Nihn, a group of us on stand-down were having a few beers and came up with a solution to our problems. We had a fairly large supply of CS gas grenades, the wind was just right, so we quietly lined up on the perimeter of the communications compound and proceeded to gas the heck out of them!

We ran like hell, laughing the whole way back. We were all in the command hooch passing a bottle around and telling lies. The senior NCO in charge of us was an E-7 named Karobowski. Shortly after that, the first sergeant of the communications unit knocked on the hooch door and asked who was in charge.

Karobowski spoke up. The communications first sergeant announced with a growl: "Sarge, we're having a company picnic tomorrow and we want ya'll to come. We have a great chow hall you can use anytime, as well. We have flush type toilets and hot showers that you are welcome to use. In fact, you guys can have practically anything you want from us as long as you'll promise not to gas us again!"

On another TDY assignment, several Ranger teams were sent to a tiny Navy PBR (Patrol Boat, River) base called Tra Cu that was very remote and only accessible by helicopter or by water. Again, we were "low men on the totem pole" and had very little in the way of needed facilities. Begrudgingly, the Navy fed us and housed us in a couple of old hooches.

The problem was they didn't want to sell us beer when we came in on stand-down between missions. The Navy had a little screen room beer bar that we used even though the reception by the Navy guys for us was cold. My Ranger Buddy, Bob Newsom and I cooked up a solution. We defused a 28mm grenade (and, for safety, tested it to make sure it was safe), and then reassembled it by putting the "spoon" and pin back in place.

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So Newsom and I went to the bar for a few beers. After we had consumed a few, we proceeded to feign an argument about one owing money to the other. We kept ramping the "argument" up until the entire bar was watching the LRP's (pronounced "lurps") as we were the only ones in camouflaged fatigues and were considered crazy to begin with.

Newsom holds the spoon down and pulls the pin out and puts the grenade on the table and says if I don't pay up he'll throw the grenade. At that point, I said, "Hey, I don't care, I carry a half case of grenades to the field on every mission...go ahead and throw it!"

At this point, all the Navy guys' eyes are as big as saucers. Newsom then "pops the spoon" and throws the grenade into the center of the room. The Navy guys almost tore the screen room down trying to get away from the grenade. After that, we never had any problem getting all the cold beer we wanted from the Navy!

Phil Mayrand, Jr., Co. F, 75th. Inf. Rangers (Airborne), LRP (Long Range Patrol), class of '69



This is our first issue of "Patrolling" for 2021 and unfortunately, our lives are still limited and restricted in some ways. I hope that you are all aggressively seeking opportunities to receive the COVID vaccine for you and your families. It appears that some states have done better than others in the administration and disbursement of the vaccines available. My home state of North Carolina got off to a rough start but seem to be doing better now. My wife and I will have completed our shots the first week in February and we plan to start traveling soon after. We have learned in our travel plans that if you leave the country you must make plans to have a COVID test showing "Negative" prior to returning to the States. Most resorts and large hotels in the tourist industry are already set up for this but, be aware and plan ahead if you are leaving the country.

Speaking of leaving the country, we all did that some 50 years or so ago, headed to a place that most of us knew little about before we went. Before going to Vietnam, I did find it on the map, read a few DoD pamphlets that were handed out and I believe I may have read a couple of books about the war before deploying. Frankly, I knew damned little about Vietnam, it's history or our politics of getting into the war. Like every soldier, I had the training of course that told us who the sneaky "Charlie Cong" was and how there were booby traps behind every tree and what would happen to you if you fell asleep on guard duty but I really knew very little about the people and culture and what to believe or how to act.

Like most, I trained, went, did my time, had my experiences, some good, some not so good and then came home to a country very divided by the war. Returning home with what was still a rather narrow perspective of the war based upon my experienc-



es, I decided to attempt to make some sense of it by reading almost everything I could get my hands on about the Vietnam War. Over the past 50 or so years, I have read probably 300 books about the war. Of course, I read everything I could find about the Rangers and experiences of the various Ranger Companies, which often differed, based upon the location and terrain of their assigned areas of operations, but I also dug deeper into the politics, anti-war issues and a wide range of opinions on what and why we were there.

I will tell you that I wanted very badly for it to be a just and necessary war. I wanted to believe in the Domino Theory and that our service and efforts were critical to the long-term existence and good of our nation as well as that South Vietnam. I wanted our service to be something good, something to be proud of. After years of reading and thousands of pages of opinions, facts and lies, I have determined that we can be proud of the people with whom we served in Vietnam. Our friends and brothers we met and served with laughing, drinking, cry-

ing and sometimes dying.

Misguided as our country, politicians and leaders were with questionable goals and often secret reasons to continue prosecuting a war they had no intention to win, there is plenty of evidence from the Kennedy administration through the Nixon administration (I give Truman and Eisenhower a pass for their involvement in the formative years of this long conflict) to show this war was doomed from the beginning.

Ho Chi Minh (or Uncle Ho as he was often called) was the George Washington of French Indo-China and having been screwed by the United States in Roosevelt's promise of independence from France

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France for his support of our war with Japan (does that seem like a pattern by our government....screwing other nations....American Indians, Mexico, Kurds, Kurds and yes, Kurds again) he began fighting the French and then us and our allies. Do you realize that we have now been in Afghanistan going on 20 years!


As much as I read about the "Pentagon Papers", "Decent Interval," "Fire in the Lake," and hundreds of other books both pro and con on our continuous Viet Nam adventure from the Tonkin Gulf Resolution to the "Peace with Honor" withdrawal, I know we were mushrooms....kept in the dark and covered with shit.

The last truly definitive and probably the most informative book I have read on Vietnam was "Embers of War" by Fredrik Logevall. It is a well-researched and eye-opening account of our involvement in the war that I highly recommend.

Another book I read recently that provided a ton of very interesting information of which I knew nothing (there is a lot I know nothing about....just ask my wife) is "The Rise of the G.I. Army" by Paul Dickson. It is another great read regarding our pitiful

Army after WWI and how General George Marshall almost single handedly saved us in WWII by re-building our military from the ground up, determining our tactics and needs (we were still using horse cavalry and carrier pigeons) and purging the Army of old or useless commanders. I promise you will enjoy this story.

So, after my rants and raves regarding Vietnam.....do we have something to be proud of after having been a part of the Vietnam experience? Easy, simple answer,....we damned sure can be proud of our service. At 18 years or so of age, how in hell do we know if our politicians are telling the truth or even if they know what they are doing? Our country calls and young men (and now, women) respond. That is what saved the world in WWI and WWII. It will probably happen again sometime in the future. As fractured as our country is now, it is still the greatest nation in the world. When our country called, we served. Right, wrong or indifferent, we answered the call for our country.... To do otherwise would be shameful. I am proud of my service in Vietnam and proud of having served with you. Our own "Band of Brothers." I toast you all...."To us and those like us, damned few left."

 **H/75 - E/52 LRP - 1ST CAV LRRP**
UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker-Writer

Ranger Brothers,

The good news is the Best Ranger Competition is a "go" in April and to the best of my knowledge the Ranger Rendezvous will take place in July, both at Ft Benning. Just saw the H

Company newsletter and it looks like we'll get together in September in Killeen for our Company reunion, which will again be held in conjunction with the 1st Cav reunion.

I'd like to thank those who've been in touch over the last month or so – the help in putting these articles together is much needed and the only real input comes from all of you. Thanks again!

I had a chance to have lunch with Bennie Gentry our Unit Director a week ago just prior to what is a long overdue and very serious back surgery. By the time this goes to print I'm sure he'll be well on his way to recovery – but if there's anyone who wants to give him a call, I'm sure it will be appreciated. I don't want to publish his number – but if you don't have it and need it – email or text me and I'll send it to you.

This month's memorial section is dedicated to Lon Michael Holupko. Lon was born on October 16th, 1948 in Detroit MI. He entered the service in 1968 and began his tour in Vietnam on January 19th, 1969. Lon's sister sums up his early years best.



Lon Michael Holupko

In order to have a clear profile of Lon you have to journey back to the 50's and 60's. A time when we had four TV channels, telephone on the kitchen wall with a party line, no need to lock your house or car. When the Vietnam conflict started to heat up there wasn't a question in Lon's mind. He needed to sign up and serve his country without hesitation, just as many members of his family had done in the past. Continued on the next page

After high school Lon had planned to attend business college, he also had a special girl, who to this day remains unmarried. He left behind a full life, loving parents, two siblings, a slew of cousins and many friends. In the short time he had he was able to have a motorcycle and a 442 red Olds. We all remember his good nature and kind temperament. A handsome young man who loved football, number 22 on the field, and the camaraderie gained with teammates, many from our Detroit neighborhood. Maternal Grandparents migrated from Italy, paternal from Austria. Both settled in PA to work in coalmines, John Holupko was killed in a mining accident at age 32. Lon's parents worked in a gas mask factory during the World War II. They latter decided to move to Detroit for employment. The day Lon left for Vietnam is burned in my memory. Detroit Metro Airport 1968. Lon carried Jill, his only niece at that time, all the way from the parking structure to the departure gate. I wouldn't allow myself to think this may be the last time I see my brother. I'm sure it was pure agony for our parents. "Nothing Breaks Like a Heart"

When two service men came to my parent's door, no words were needed. We were crushed. You can never recover from a loss under these conditions, at best you learn to cope, try to keep a brave front with the hope it may help others dealing with the immense grief.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friend.

We later learned that as a Ranger Lon was on a reconnaissance mission when his life was taken. Jumping out of a helicopter into a jungle at night caught in a firefight. We were told he came to the aid of his brothers' during this mission. During this era some in our county took on a new perspective. The "me" generation. Sex, drugs and rock n' roll. If it felt good do it. Of course, it is our right as U.S. citizens to express our views. Some did disagree with our involvement in the Vietnam War. However, this should not have been reflected in treatment of our returning young men. Men like Lon who believed in love of God and Country. These actions were a terrible blow to our family, not only did Lon give his life to serve, but now to suffer unconscionable words and acts from heartless self-serving individuals. Thanks to the Vietnam Memorial Wall many of Lon's friends and family members have a venue to honor his memory. None of us will ever forget. My faith in God gives me the comfort to know one day I will see my brother again.

RIP Brother Lon

I want to highlight a mission during the Cambodian invasion and to send out a special THANK YOU to Robbie Beasley (Charlie Robinson Beasley Jr) for sharing his experience from the spring of 1970. Robbie has put together an entire book of his experiences during his tour along with his commentary – this is one chapter of the book. I realize I ask a lot of all of you – asking to remember things we'd rather forget, to relive experiences that we wished never happened, remembering our brothers who were not lucky enough to make it home, reinforcing the guilt we all feel because we're here and they're not. So again, thanks Robbie.

Cambodia - LZ David (Written by Robbie Beasley, edited by Pete Dencker)

The Cambodian Campaign was a series of 13 different military operations conducted by US and ARVN troops in eastern Cambodia (officially a neutral Country) in the spring of 1970. The purpose of this invasion was the defeat of what was believed to be approximately 50,000 NVA and VC troops that had traditionally used this area as a "safe zone" where they could establish support bases and initiate operations in South Vietnam. At the time the US was leaning on its Vietnamization policy as a way to the future and wanted to eliminate the threat to the eventual success of Vietnamization. Coincidentally a change in the Cambodian Government that resulted more pro-US leadership helped make this plan a reality.

"The First Air Cavalry Division built an outpost or fire support base in Cambodia in the spring of 1970 that was designated LZ David. This base was built about four miles inside eastern Cambodia and was a critical location for supporting American infantry units currently operating in Cambodia. President Nixon had just ordered the push inside Cambodia to disrupt enemy supply routes to the south. The Ho Chi Minh trail was actually a network of trails some of which came through eastern Laos and Cambodia. Prior to the move by President Nixon, NVA soldiers had been able to avoid contact with U.S. troops by moving through Cambodia while bringing supplies to Viet Cong in the south.

I recently read an internet article about LZ David written by David Adams in 2016 and he described the firebase just as I remembered when I was there. He described a base on a hill in a strategic location, because there was a clear field of fire for hundreds of yards in all directions. He talked about the rolling grassy hills and ravines surrounded by jungle in the distance. The article talked about how the First Cav typically built a firebase by creating a dirt berm. Strategically located round the perimeter of this berm were heavily fortified bunkers or fighting positions where the Infantry Company from that Battalion that was not working an AO around the firebase was pulling base security. Inside the berm was typically a TOC, a mess hall and artillery support. A few yards outside the berm they constructed a barrier of concertina wire with trip flares that would warn them of encroaching enemy at nighttime. The concertina wire was razor sharp and hard to penetrate.

The artillery on this base included 105 mm howitzers that could be used to support infantry units working in AO's around the firebase who might make contact with enemy forces. The 105's could also be lowered so that they could fire directly into the wire using fleshet rounds when the NVA or VC attempted to attack and overrun this type of firebase. Eastern Cambodia was important to NVA as an area for storing weapons and supplies as they were moved down from the north. LZ David was becoming a thorn in the side of the NVA as our troops disrupted their operations. The article also mentioned that the bunkers around the perimeter of the base were fortified with 50 caliber machine guns.

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The guns were manned by Echo Company commanded by Captain Michael Crutcher manned the guns. Delta Company was also located there for the purpose of performing guard duty.

In early June 1970 there were reports of enemy troop buildups in the jungle surrounding LZ David. H Company 75th infantry was asked to work a surveillance mission around the base to verify this intel. The First Cav wanted to be prepared for enemy troop buildups and a potential attack. As usual our mission would involve locating trails and other signs that would verify whether there were large enemy forces congregating in the area. I was nervous when thinking about our upcoming mission where it was likely that our team would be in close contact with large enemy units. As usual if our team was detected we would need help in a hurry.

Staff Sergeant Farrow was the TL of the Ranger team that arrived at LZ David on or about June 7, 1970. On my last trip into Cambodia our company lost one team member, (Donahoo), who at the time was in a hospital in Japan. The Team landed on this base about midday and there was a limited chance to look around before our mission. There was a group of young GIs wearing only pants and combat boots as they battled the midday sun and worked to finish their fighting positions around the base. I thought to myself what a great location that was chosen because enemy could not advance undetected. Little did I know that this advantage could be lost if weather conditions deteriorated over time.

This mission was different from any previous or subsequent mission that a Ranger team would perform during my time in Vietnam. Our team was told that we would not be inserted into the jungle by helicopter. We were to walk off this firebase into the jungle in the middle of the night. The reports in recent days were that elite NVA units were amassing all around the firebase and our five-man team was to walk across several hundred yards of open area to the jungle. There was a feeling of tension as we listened to the proposed plan. Even though it was nighttime our team's survival would depend to a certain extent on luck as much as anything. Ranger teams would prefer to have more control over upcoming missions. Sweat was pouring off me as we made our way toward possible danger not knowing what might await us. When our team reached the jungle edge, we immediately found cover and set up for the rest of the night. Luck was with us again and I was wondering if it would last.

From the first day we found trails that showed heavy recent use by what appeared to be large enemy units. On day two we were set up monitoring a trail that was more like a small road. We were on high alert because this area indicated a lot of recent activity. Suddenly there was a noise that alerted the team. We heard what seemed to be a faint click of metal on metal from our right warning us that we were about to have some company. There was an instant rush of adrenaline as the point man rounded a curve in the trail and came into view. Time seemed to stand still as one after another passed by our location, heading north. These soldiers were what we considered the real deal and our five-man team was hoping they would pass without noticing

we were here. These were elite North Vietnamese Army troops wearing pith helmets and carrying Chinese made AK-47 weapons. Spread out through the line was an occasional soldier carrying a machine gun with an ammo belt slung over his shoulder. We were frozen in place hoping that as each soldier came into view, he would be the last. After what seemed to be an eternity the last man passed by our location and all was quiet again. Our team was extremely lucky because a few minutes before we had been on the trail dropping propaganda pamphlets. Our job included dropping fake letters written in Vietnamese. They would appear to be from a Vietnamese girl from back in the north telling her soldier friend that she was dropping him for another man. The obvious intent was to demoralize the NVA troops.

We were aware that there were helicopter gunships airborne in the area, but we were not on their frequency and had no contact with them. Team Leader Farrow called our relay Yankee to inquire about making contact with the gunship pilots. Once in contact with the pilots, Farrow reported the large enemy unit and the direction of their movement. The pilots wanted to know our location. We were located on an elevated area overlooking the trail and there was an opening in the canopy. By placing a mirror inside a hat, we were able to signal our location. The reason for placing the mirror inside the hat was that the flash could only be detected from above. About an hour later the gunships could be heard firing rockets into what turned out to be a bunker complex to our north.

A short time had passed when what appeared to be the same enemy unit came by our location headed south. When the NVA had passed by us headed north, they were disciplined not making any noise except for the sound of metal rubbing metal as they passed. This time as they headed south, they were walking rapidly and chattering loudly and seemed to be agitated. Team leader Farrow reported the movement to the south and it was not long before we heard the gunships working again. The pilot had found another bunker complex to the south and rockets were being used to pound the enemy.

We were in monsoon season so for two days the rain began midmorning and pretty much lasted until midnight. Everyone seemed to be taking cover as the rainfall was even heavier than normal. Our team was once again relegated to sleeping partially submerged in water.

It was about nine pm on night number four when we heard a single gunshot to our north. Almost immediately there was a single shot from south of our location. It was not unusual for enemy elements to signal each other in this manner. A short time later our team was alerted by what seemed to be hushed voices to our north and instantly we could make out the image of a point man as he came down the trail. This turned out to be a company size element and minutes seemed endless while they passed. Common sense said that our team was not likely to be discovered at night but there was always a chance that a team member might cough or sneeze. Tension was elevated for those few minutes. The last thing we wanted was a confrontation with these troops at night. *Continued on the next page*

When our mission was over, our team walked from the jungle to LZ David in daylight this time. Farrow had alerted the base that we were coming in. Our team leader went in to be debriefed and he gave Commander Crutcher his opinion that there was definitely a buildup of enemy in the area. I think his exact words were, "If you are spending the night on this base, you had better sleep light." Our team left the base on or about June 12, 1970.

I read an article from Stars and Stripes Newspaper by Spec 4 Seth Lipsky that was written on June 16, 1970 that talked about what happened in the early morning of June 14, 1970 on LZ David. On Saturday, June 13 a mist had been falling all morning and by noon, fog was settling on the firebase. The NVA knew that the gunships could not fly in dense fog. Unknown at the time, there were elite elements of NVA congregating in the ravines around the base, completely undetected because of the fog. At two am on Sunday, June 14, an enemy soldier attempting to penetrate the concertina wire set off a trip flare on the east side of the perimeter. The light from the flare revealed NVA soldiers in the wire and began what turned into a two-hour battle resulting in close quarter fighting. At almost the same time there was an attack on the north perimeter that was turned away by Delta Company using M-60 machine guns. Back on the east side, the NVA had penetrated the wire in a few areas. The result was enemy on one side of the berm and Americans on the other. Even cooks and enlisted clerks joined in the battle. The NVA could be heard yelling Chieu hoi (pronounced choo hoy) and calling for the Americans to

surrender. When daylight came, there were 28 dead NVA on the base, with many of them between the wire and the berm. Our forces had numerous wounded, but by some miracle, no fatalities. These guys should be proud of the way they fought that night. What we should remember most about this incident is that this base contained a group of infantry veterans, most of which seemed to be still in their teens. It is truly amazing how such a young group could be so professional and courageous when it really counted.

In October 2019, I spoke with Commander Crutcher about that night in 1970. He had reached out to our Ranger Company about our Ranger team and any warnings that we had given. He thought that he remembered our team telling him that the NVA were only forty-five minutes behind us. Like others before him he wanted to reconstruct the events of that night. He can be proud of how his Echo Company performed during the battle."

Thanks again Robbie Beasley!

Get well Bennie!!



Lon and Michael

For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know....

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15 APRIL 2021
DAY 0 EVENTS:
 1000 *DMDB Induction Ceremony (Ranger Hall of Fame)
 1300 *Ranger Golf Tournament (Maple Ridge Golf Course)

16 APRIL 2021
DAY 1 EVENTS:
 0545 Opening Ceremony (Camp Rogers)
 0730 Ranges (Duke Road)
 1900 *Teetotaler

17 APRIL 2021
DAY 2 EVENTS:
 0800 Day Stakes (Todd Field)
 1700 *Cocktail Hour
 1800 *Best Ranger Competition Donor Social

18 APRIL 2021
DAY 3 EVENTS:
 1430 Final Buddy Run
 1500 Finish Line
 1600 *Best Ranger Competition Supper

19 APRIL 2021
AWARDS DAY:
 1000 Awards Ceremony (Marshall Auditorium)
 1300 *Cadre Picnic

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Warriors and Wannabes

A problem with war is that all warriors are not the same. Most unit encounters for Combatants in war are on the same battlefield, the same City streets, the dense Jungles, the hot deserts, or the envelopes and cliffs of mountains and other god forsakes places in the Air, Land and Sea. Shoulder to shoulder the warriors are often the same members of a "Team, Company, Battalion, Squadron, etc" but the memories of the fighting engagements with enemies is often registered differently in the compartment of the brain of the Warrior.

Sit with a group of warriors today and you will often hear a battle explained in many different ways. I have come to the conclusion that War is like Art. Combat is mostly in the eyes of the beholder and experiences are often seen differently. The common denominator is that most

battles all have differences in the recollection of those that have fought the battles. The same battle with the same enemies are remembered differently as soldiers share memories around a bar room table, a friends house, a hospital bed or in the privacy of a warriors dream.

A rush of adrenaline or fear often creates the so-called "fog of war" within the engagement. It is for this reason that Armies past and present have more than one participant of the battle to document or witness a conspicuous, courageous action and to recreate what will come to be known as "Valor in Combat". The events or war often take on a life of their own and sometimes become military legends. One of the most unusual competitions in the history of the world is man hunting fellow man and this is magnified in an action called War.

As centuries of warfare moved onto modern times the experiences of the participants were reflected on the uniforms with Valor ribbons and badges reflecting that the warrior has "been there-to the War Zone ". However, many regional wars, tribal wars, border wars and skirmishes have been fought around the world at the same time resulting in the actions of many individual warriors not being recorded. It seemed the experiences of Armies Victories or defeats "the Winner or the Loser" were the only history that was maintained. The actions of the individual Warriors were often lost or became part of folklore. All of the advances of technology (metal, gunpowder and advanced weaponry) were all useless without the Warrior.

The French General Napoleon commented something like he could get his armies to be aggressive with simple bolts of material and pieces of bronze to award medals to those that fought. Many young men thought of going to War as a passage to Manhood. The badges, pins, medals, etc brought forth many men through the years - the battle decorations became some of the tools that countries, regions and tribes used for raising warriors to wage war. Honor was often bestowed on the returning Sol-



diers and stories were soon to follow along with jealousy and Con Artist (make believe Warriors). Yes, we have all experienced "wannabe warriors" dressed in some costume (usually part of an old military uniform and they add badges and medals. Some of these "Posers" as they have been recently termed are old men and men suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. These type individuals can often be found at patriotic celebrations or parades. Most honorably discharged Veterans can spot a "Poser" and most ignore.

But there are other groups of "Posers" that never served in military service. This group is despised for many reasons. Yes, they steal valor and dishonor serviceman/veterans. I will give you an example - I was telephoned by a woman that lost a family member in the Army. She had a brief encounter with a person holding a sign at

a traffic light ; he was holding a sign that said "Veteran need food for family." the woman quickly grabbed a few dollars and gave it to the man asking where he served. He replied that he never served and he was not a veteran "this is just a job for me " he shouted as the woman quickly drove off. Understandably she was upset and called the police. After her work day she drove the same road home and saw the same individual but now he was holding a sign "need food for dog"? These type people are frauds and should be reported because they disgrace men of honor. What is the answer to these type situations?

There are some individuals that feel public shame is the answer to phony veterans. This may be the case for phony/poser individuals that are abusing the honor of Service to Country but what about legitimate Service members or Veterans that may be sick and in need of help?

May 1996

Jeremy Michael Boorda Commits Suicide

I was coming out of Bosnia from a mission for the US Congress with Sgt Major Larry Jordan of Allied Forces South when we noticed the half masted flags surrounding the Military base in Naples, Italy. We both questioned each other? And we both had similar answers that it must have been some old justice from the Supreme Court. Little did we know it was the Navy's top Admiral known as Michael Boorda, the US Navy's top ranking officer. He was the first and only Admiral to go from Seaman E-1 to the rank of 4 Star Admiral. He shot himself in the chest because the news media was going to publish an article stating that he was wearing two medals that implied that he had been in combat. Conversely, Admiral Zumalt stated that upon review he would have given full authority to Admiral Boorda for the wearing of these ribbons. Note - they were considered two of the lower ranking valor awards. These are personal valor awards for doing something heroic although the medals *Continued on next page*

medals in question may be considered lower ranking; they are important to those that experienced the sting of battle. (note- Admiral Boorda REMOVED the awards a YEAR before he committed suicide). Also important, is the fact the Admiral committed suicide around the same time he was to be interviewed by the media about the above award ribbons. A question often arises about the issue of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and could the Admiral have been suffering from this medical issue?

Hence, the US Navy in Admiral Boorda's honor established the Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda Award in 2003 and first awarded the same year. The award recognizes a Navy Military or Navy civilian individual who has made significant contributions towards Navy personnel readiness.

I do not condone wearing of unauthorized medals but could this have been handled differently? Ask. Was there a medical issue or a communication problem with the Boorda Case? And, we must ask if other suicides through the years have been the result of someone seeking to get ahead by shaming an honorable man? I have published the issue of "Tab Ranger vs. Scroll Ranger" in *Patrolling Magazine*. Question, Could the issue of insulting a fellow Ranger ever result in the suicide of one of our brothers?.

No? Not possible, you say! We should have healthy interservice rivalries but I wonder if any Ranger has been shamed into suicide?

Hurting our Brother

I know of many qualified military members that have been put through the assaults on their Service to Country. A military Veteran or a Servicemember should have a dignified procedure to question someone's honorable service. Today, you can go on social media and witness individuals screaming "STOLEN VALOR" on YouTube and it only takes ONE person to plant the seed of doubt. We need a NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE DATABASE to confirm or deny any potential claims of Valor. I would like to share with you a quote often used by President John F. Kennedy.

"Poor is a nation that has no Heros, but
Beggard is a nation that has and forgets, "

Captain David A. Christian added a phrase to the above quote

"Wretched, wretched is a nation that has heroes and mistreats!"

I can mention Real Heros attacked on Social Media- the question is why? It is important to note that if an individual military clothing such or full uniform or fake medals after the Vietnam War they may be shunned or termed crazy because the War was so unpopular within the civilian population of American society. Display of military medals could bring contempt and unwanted debate of the soldier. However, we must ask if Veterans are now seeking adulation and glory today by dressing in fake uniforms? And is this hurting the legacy of legitimate Veterans with the "stolen valor" concept. The answer is YES and what action can be taken? Think!

We do not want to incriminate a true war hero!

We do not want to hurt a mentally sick veteran!

However, we want to deter the fake veteran. We must have a deterrent to the "Wannabe" person that is often wearing partial or full uniform with fake medals?

We cannot judge by the wearing of military uniforms. Uniforms and regulations have changed many times. As a Unit Director writing for *Patrolling Magazine*, I have experienced numerous telephone calls and or emails stating that a person is a fraud. Some people have inquired about the wearing of military medals only to discover that the individual in question has earned the badge or medal. Also, people complain about the order that the medals are presented on a military jacket and they discover that the wearing of medals has changed many times. Now, badges or medals have been introduced. Individuals have questioned what is a LRRP/Ranger scroll? I politely point out that the LRRP/Rangers of Vietnam are the concrete foundation from Vietnam of the Ranger Units standing today. We are not stopping fake veterans with the attacks on real Veterans.

I will point out a half dozen Veterans that have been called into question either on social media or telephoning to my house. A few Warriors names follow:

SF Col James "Bo" Grits (Ranger Tabbed- a multi tour real hero of Vietnam) They object to a photo of him wearing his full medals.

Shelby Stanton, Ranger tabbed and SF qualified with multi tours in Vietnam - question his service in Vietnam.

Ronnie Imel - Member of Ranger Hall of Fame- question was the appearance of Ranger Imel in a motorcycle jacket.

Captain David A. Christian, Question age of commissioning, and improper uniform wear from a 40 year old photo. LRRP/Ranger status. (Again, uniform and regulations have changed in past 40 years)

Staff Sergeant Gary Linderer- member Ranger Hall of Fame - question about his "badges".

Sgt. Bob Delzell - challenges over the years of Bob's 2 Silver Stars that he posts on Social Media.

All of the above individuals' attacks were dismissed. All of the above men experienced the "Sting of Battle" and are heroes of war.

The Fake Veterans? Again, we may be dealing with a mentally sick combatant or a service member that has a communication issue with their personnel files and has or is serving honorably. Is SHAME the answer in this situation? What about the pain of real heroes of War? There is no constitutional "Due Process" to protect against wrongful attacks - there are libel laws but chances of you getting any "character" in court is remote.

The National Personnel Records Center does not seem to have the answers as to Valor. All Veterans Organizations should be calling for a National Database for military service members. Most have National Conventions where they address the organization business and the members at the conventions often pass resolutions for Congress to address. It is at these committees that we need to write and pass a Resolution for a National Database for past, present and future military members.

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A COTTAGE INDUSTRY DEVELOPS

"Wannabe Historians"

But the most unusual development was "wanabe historians". These individuals often seek to gain the status of "being important". They often do so at the expense of individuals that served. And today, in the year 2021, we have people planting seeds of doubt with reference to a Veterans exploits under the guise of "historians."

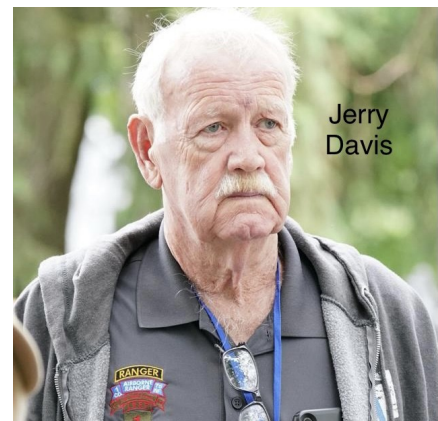
Yes, there are about a dozen legitimate information sites and military historians to help verify Veterans or their military status but there are literally hundreds upon hundreds of individuals operating independently as "Valor Policemen". They often have no personal history. They hide behind a computer screen on late night missions. Some of these individuals think they are some sort of detective but if they hurt or cause the suicide of one of our Ranger Brothers or honorably discharged Veterans what action can be taken. The "detective/historians" operate with an

allegation of "Poser" until proven innocent - no constitutional "Due Process". This philosophy is against our US Constitution to which all military members took an oath to uphold. Some of the individuals in the "wanabe historians" group have misinformation and are often certain that they are in the right in asking for "Cat Cards, Service Numbers, duty stations, etc. Note - you do not have to participate in their game. There are laws that are on the side of military/veterans and we will use the laws we fought for to protect our Brothers ! Again, as the Past National Commander of the Legion of Valor, an organization made up of the 1st and 2nd highest medals for Valor awarded to American Military from combat, I ask that we be pro active and establish a National Military Service Database. The time for excuses is over.

In closing, I contacted two noted military historians and a professor of Military History and all concluded that in order to protect America's Military History and with the use of modern technology we can and should have an information Database. Finally, Professor Conley (a former high ranking Special Forces NCO) states that,

"Those who seek to "out" and those they deem to be guilty of stolen Valor are no better than stalkers."

The above article and issues raised are very important and should be discussed with National, Unit Officers and unit members. As the unit director, I'll ask our national officers for input for a resolution to be voted on during our next National Reunion/Rendezvous. Please forward any questions or suggestions to www.davechristian.com (via contact page).



Suggested Problem Answer

National Military Service Data Center which can be accessed by one's mobile phone and notification procedures can be established for the person in question. This would protect true veterans and help law enforcement address fakes.

Officers report

Unit President Dave Flores asks that all members be careful during this COVID Crisis.

Unit Vice President Dave Hill reports that most golf courses are open.

Secretary Tom Mc Mahon is active in social media for comments.

Treasurer Mick Wise continues to update the Unit Webpage.

National Ranger Reunion 2021 Monday July 19-Friday July 23rd - Information is throughout "Patrolling Magazine" with registering for the reunion this year. Please note that States, regions and airlines are changing their policies as to how groups may get together on a daily basis. I suggest that you register for the reunion with the understanding that it may be canceled because of the CoronaVirus restrictions and quarantine regulations.



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UNIT DIRECTOR—ROGER CRUNK

Greetings once again to my Brothers,

It is my hope that you and your families are weathering the “storm”. Depending on your particular situation you can insert your own definition on that word.

Several of our Brothers and their families have contracted COVID-19 over the last few months but all those that I know about have recovered and I am thankful for that.

Our youngest daughter works in a youth correction center in Nevada so her potential exposure is high but so far so good. From conversations with her they do a very good job keeping the risk low. Our middle daughter is a nurse and takes care of Covid patients from time to time so that is a very big concern for us but like all in the medical field they go to work every day to help those in need. Our oldest daughter is the manager of a large regional retail store but again they are doing a very good job keeping the risk low. I know that the rest of you are dealing with similar circumstances. As LRRPs and Rangers we know no other way but to drive on through. Hopefully we have instilled that attitude in our children and grandchildren.

So many times lately I find myself thinking about the unity that our country needs so badly now. I think about our time in the mountains and deep in the jungles of Vietnam. We found ourselves, (even though by our own choice) just four or five guys and sometimes two or three deep in enemy territory, many times at the limit of timely or effective support when the proverbial fan “got splattered” It didn’t matter our politics, it didn’t matter our religion, it didn’t matter the color of our skin, it didn’t matter our background nor all the other differences that made us individuals. We were all Brothers, in a desperate struggle for our lives, doing our best to protect each other. I’m sure we’ve all witnessed our cadre grab their weapons and race to the choppers to rescue a team in a desperate situation. How many of you grabbed your weapons and pack to stand in front of the operations shack as volunteers for a reaction force, with no thought of your own safety, to help Brothers in need. I love and appreciate each of you, whether before or after my time for having my back. I hope you know that I did my best to have yours. In the intervening years we may have changed some of our beliefs or changed our attitude on any given issue. In the end we are still the Brothers we were so many years ago. That unbreakable bond still stands.

I firmly believe that this country desperately needs the kind of unity that we share. And that is all I’ll say on the subject.

Elsewhere in this issue there should be info about the upcoming reunion hopefully a registration form. By the time you read this it should be on the Association Website also.



Here are a few pictures that I gleaned from albums on our website for a trip down memory lane. I do that a lot. Remember; if you want to write something or have pictures that you wish to see in this place please send it to me. Your servant always, Roger

Do any of you 2nd Brigade guys remember whom this service was for?



Billy Estill-Died 02/08/2001

Danny Lingle-Died 10/07/2004



Hwy. 19 Bridge. What engineer thought it was a good idea to wave this red flag?



Tornado about to happen



Camp Enari HQ. It says it al



Old Ranger Barracks (Camp Radcliffe) looking toward the Golf Course



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



I would like to introduce myself to the members of our unit as this is my first submission to *Patrolling Magazine* on behalf of “L” Company 75th Infantry Rangers and F Company (58th Infantry) LRP and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division LRRP. My name is Charlie Reilly and I served with “L” Company from late October of 1970 to early July in 1971. As many of you know, during our entire history as a unit, our company suffered through difficult times and was involved in some very serious operations all over the I Corps province. That may be the main reason why former members of our unit have remained a close-knit group through all the decades that have followed those bygone days. We’re a true Band of Brothers now, and I know that everyone who was a Ranger and/or a LRP/LRRP with the 101st Airborne Division is extremely proud of their service. No one has to remind us that we were an elite unit and exceptional soldiers. I believe it is of the utmost importance for all of us to remember that fact—and especially now.

One of the more noteworthy operations during 1971 that the 101st Airborne Division was involved in was the invasion into Laos known as LAM SON 719. The U.S. part of the operation was called Dewey Canyon II which was a takeoff on an earlier operation into Cambodia in 1969. In coordination with several other units, most notably the 2/17th Cavalry, the Rangers were assigned to a difficult mission in the heart of the A Shau Valley as part of the overall operation. This turned into a fight for survival for members of our unit and other support groups on what was designated as Hill 809. This April of 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of that operation and all former members of “L” Company, as well as our LRRP brothers, are invited to attend our next reunion in Moline, Illinois. We had a previous reunion in this city and it’s a fantastic location for such an event. John Perez, another “L” Company Ranger, will be hosting the reunion as he did back in 2015. He did a great job then, and I’m sure he’ll be up to the task this time around. The Mississippi River is nearby and the last time we gathered here we were able to take a nice leisurely riverboat ride to go along with some fine dining. The city has a very “Middle America” feel to it and you couldn’t find a friendlier place if you tried. It’s well known in the business world as the home of the John Deere Corporation, world famous for its farming equipment. Moline also has a “Heroes” Street dedicated to veterans of all wars. The reunion is scheduled from April 21-25. To make a reservation, please contact this address and phone number:



HYATT PLACE, 111 Bend Blvd., East Moline, Illinois 61244. (309) 755-6000.

Returning to the fight on Hill 809, and without going into a lot of unnecessary detail, suffice to say that it was a hellish three days for all involved and nearly everyone in “L” Company participated in it, one way or another. We lost some men during this time as did the Cavalry units along with the 326th Medical Battalion. But under the leadership of our fine officers and platoon sergeants, the men of “L” Company stuck it out together and gave it their all, rescuing every man where it was humanly possible. There are a lot of memories from those days that will never go away—and maybe they shouldn’t.

The anniversary of the fight on Hill 809 is one of the focal points for our latest reunion, but it certainly isn’t the only reason for our get-together. Let’s face it; we’re not getting any younger at this late stage in the game. The former Rangers of “L” Company along with their LRRP brothers have been attending reunions since the first big one in 1986 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. We were mostly in our mid to late 30s back then and relatively young men. This April, things will be slightly different. Most of us are retired

now and trying to process the recent events that have shaken this country including the national election and the pandemic. Whatever side of the political aisle one is on, the 75th Ranger Association has always prided itself on being an “apolitical organization” that does not endorse one party over the other. Hopefully, that standard will not change. We represent all Americans and when we wore the uniform, we fought for all Americans. My opinion is that we are still an elite group of veterans and always will be. It’s important that we continue to set an example for others to follow. No one can ever question our patriotism and love of country. We have the scars to prove it.

And now for some good news. A hearty congratulations to retired Lt. Colonel Robert “Bob” Suchke who was elected to the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame last summer. Due to the Covid-19 virus, he is awaiting his induction at a later date. As a lieutenant with “L” Company and also with the 2/17th Cavalry, Suchke distinguished himself in the field of battle and had an outstanding and rewarding career until his retirement in 1997. He has been an officer in the U.S. Mountain Ranger Association for many years now and has attended several of our past reunions. There’s no question he is very deserving of the honor and I hope to see him in Moline in April.

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Two of our former Rangers have had to battle the Covid-19 virus, but I'm happy to report that both John Perez and Al Parada have recovered nicely and they are breathing a sigh of relief from their ordeals. I would also like to inform our members that the long-time Unit Director for Papa Company Rangers (1st/5th Mech), Terry Roderick, passed away several months ago. As many of you know, our unit was closely aligned with Papa Company, which was stationed in Quang Tri near the DMZ, and we pulled many missions in the Khe Sanh area in the late months of 1970 with the support of that unit. When Papa Company was dissolved in June of 1971, the remaining members ended up with us at Camp Eagle. Terry was a great guy whom I had the pleasure of knowing. He will be missed by all.

I noticed in the last issue of *Patrolling Magazine* that retired CSM Riley Miller had passed away. Although he spent the majority of his Vietnam service with Papa Company Rangers, he also was with "L" Company in the last few months of his tour. He had an outstanding career and was later the top enlisted man for the U.S. Army in Germany. I attended NCO School and Ranger School with him in 1970 and knew him quite well. I was sad to hear of his passing.

I have been in contact with our former Unit Director, Gary Linderer, and he was kind enough to send me an article written in **Stars and Stripes** way back in 1968 concerning the LRRPs. Here it is in its entirety.

LONG RANGE PATROL

"The men I am writing about could well have been the boy next door or the gentle blond-haired kid from the corner supermarket of not so long ago. The "boys" are bound together by trade. They are all volunteers. There are in the spine-tingling, brain-twisting, nerve-wracking business of Long Range Patrolling. They vary in age from 18-30. These men operate in precision movements, like walking through a jungle quietly and being able

to tell whether a man or an animal is moving through the brush without seeing the cause of movement. They can sit in an ambush position for hours without moving a muscle except to ease the safety off the automatic weapon in their hand at the first sign of trouble. These men are good because they have to be in order to survive. Called LRRPs for short, they are despised, re-

spected, admired and sometimes thought to be a little short on brains by those who watch on the sidelines. But these men can also take a baby or small child in their arms and make them stop crying. They share their last smoke, last ration of food, and last canteen of water. They are kind in some ways, and deadly in others. These are men who believe in their country, freedom, and fellow men. They are a new kind of soldier in a new type of warfare. They may even look the same as anyone you may have seen in a peace march, draft-card burning or any other demonstration--- but they are different. Just look in their eyes.

Better yet, just ask them.

These are men who stand out in a crowd of soldiers. It is not just their tiger fatigues but also the way they walk, talk and stand. You know they are proud because they are members of the Long Range Patrol."

Author Unknown

Michael Herr's famous book "Dispatches" was one of the first to mention "LURPS" and he classified them as elite jungle fighters who stood out among all the soldiers in Vietnam. He also stressed that these guys were markedly different

from everyone else out in the field. They had a look and an attitude that was all theirs. The Long Range Patrol companies passed into history on February 1, 1969 when the U.S. Army deactivated them and changed their designation to "lettered" Ranger companies as part of the 75th Infantry. The transition period went relatively smooth. The name of the unit had changed, but the mission was basically the same---and it was as dangerous as ever. *Continued on the next page*



On the previous page, I have included several photographs. Both are from a reunion we had in Columbus, Georgia, back in 2017. The group photo was taken outside our hotel and was a good representation of all who attended, although there were several Rangers who left beforehand. The other photo shows five Rangers who were involved in the fight on Hill 809 and the subsequent rescue operation. They are L-R Herb Owens, Fred Behrens, ret. Maj. Fred Karnes, ret. Lt. General David Ohle, Marvin Duren, Dave "Muldoon" Rothwell and Adam Macias. Although not a former member of "L" Company, Fred Behrens has always been considered an "Honorary" Ranger and he certainly went above and beyond the call of duty during that very trying time as a Dust Off Pilot for the 326th Medical Battalion. He is more than welcome at all "L" Company Rangers reunions and I hope he makes it to the next one in Moline.

Living in the sprawling Los Angeles area (i.e., Manhattan Beach), I am in close proximity to other Rangers who served in "L" Company. Kenn Miller lives in San Gabriel, about 25 miles from me. He has written several well-regarded books about the company including "Six Silent Men: Book Two." Retired Colonel James Montano lives in Huntington Beach in Orange County. I'm sure all of you remember "Lieutenant" Montano as he was a well-regarded platoon leader during his time with the Rangers in 1971 and had an outstanding career before his retirement. Bruce Black lives in the West Covina area, which is right outside of Los Angeles. One of his last jobs in Vietnam was as our "L" Company Ranger recruiter at Camp Campbell. Finally, Dave Quigley, one of the more popular members of the company, has been a resident of San Bernardino County for many years. I am looking forward to seeing all these gentlemen in attendance at our next reunion. And if one more Ranger shows up in the area, we'll have enough for a six-man team. I am very open to hear any stories from my fellow Rangers and LRRPs and would be

happy to receive updates from all of you regarding just about any relevant topic. My email address is: charles.reilly.aol@gmail.com My mobile phone is: (424) 408-9894. As I am recently retired as of last September, I can be reached just about any time. I hope you are all in good health and spirits and staying safe in these difficult times.

Lastly, I received a poem from Michael Monfroee, a former "L" Company Ranger that I would like to share.

"TODAY I SAW A SOLDIER."

Did he have dreams, to serve, he put them on hold?
 Had he seen combat and by fate proven to be bold?
 Was he a clerk or a grunt, does either carry more weight?
 Was he a hero or coward, determined by fate?
 Was he airborne, a soldier from the sky?
 When faced with hard decisions, did he wisely ask "Why"?
 Was he single or not, did he leave a family back home?
 Did he read his mail more often when he felt alone?
 Did he have a good buddy, held him as he died?
 Could he ever forget, no matter how he tried?
 Today I saw a soldier, my heart filled with pride.
 My wife took my arm as she stood by my side.
 Today I saw a soldier, no finer American to be found
 Today I saw his coffin, lowered neath the ground.



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UNIT DIRECTOR—JEFF HORNE



Greetings fellow 173d Airborne Brigade LRRPs, 74th Long Range Patrol (DET), and November Company Rangers,

Old Man Winter seems reluctant to leave this year as I write, but “Spring should be Sprung” by the time you receive this issue of PATROLLING. Some of our members have fought the COVID virus over the past months but they have gotten over the hump and are on the mend. Obviously, we all wish the best of health and/or recovery as our “age group” seems to get closer to our “sell by” date. On a positive note, the Veterans Administration is doing a fine job of administering the vaccine to our Nation’s Veterans. I have talked to a number of our unit that have received both shots ahead of any State mandated priority groupings. Personally, the Cleveland VA called me at home and scheduled me the following day (my wife is not so fortunate and spends each morning trying to get on a list to schedule when available). I’m glad to hear such positive reports on the Veterans Administration’s aggressive vaccine endeavor....but then the Army has always been “big on shots”. The Virus has limited our travel and gatherings, but telephone calls, EMAIL, and various chat groups have kept contacts steady and affirmed.

The consensus of our members is that they are anxious to reunite at the July 75th Rendezvous; especially with the availability of the vaccine and those we have all missed one another’s good company and brotherhood. No one can predict the Army’s virus protocols for FT Benning in July and availability of support or exhibits (but that has always been a concern given World events and Force Readiness...so keep your fingers crossed). I hope to see you there.

I am sad to report the passing of Command Sergeant Major (R) Jim Broyles of Kerrville, Texas. He was not a member of our Unit but befriended many of our unit over the years and frequently



CSM JIM BROYLES, HERB BAUGH, JEFF HORNE



attended our gatherings at the 75th Rendezvous’. I am confident this issue of Patrolling will have mentions of his loss as he served with L Company 75th, Hotel Company 75th, B Company 75th, and was a 1st BAT original. Once again, our Patrol Base gets larger in the tall grass.

Juliet Team TL Bill “Wilkie” Wilkinson shared the following 1971 RVN action.

“I had been the TL for Juliet Team for several months and had a fine group of hard-nosed and savvy Rangers, with plenty of Rodeos under their belts. A sister team had encountered a large NVA base camp aside a stream on the edge of a mountain ridge. They engaged an enemy element and were extracted. We were simultaneously inserted as the team was extracted and laid low to ensure the enemy believed the Rangers had left the area. Several

hours later we moved to the stream where we observed NVA moving along the stream carrying dead and wounded to the base camp (their movement splashing in the stream alerted us). I was walking our team’s point, Clancy O’Neil was my Point Slack, Jeff Horne was RTO, and Doc Creamer & Mullins were Rear Security and Rear Security Slack respectively. We had good observation from about halfway up the hillside. We were well outside US artillery fans, so Jeff called for TONTO FAC and within an hour a “Push-me Pull-me” prop plane and two F4s arrived on site. Jeff guided the TONTO FAC’s white phosphorus round into the center of the basecamp and then the F4’s expended all their ordnance. As dark was approaching we went into our night lagger and laid low. Shortly after dark the sounds of generators and chain saws filled the air. We could see floodlights, flashlights and the NVA clearing trees and rubble from their encampment. I coordinated another airstrike for the next dawn. Once again, my RTO talked the pilots onto target and we regressed further up the hill. We stopped alongside a trail that led to the top as the jungle transformed into a boulder strewn hilltop. O’Neil started to take off one of his boots and open a LRRP ration. As I told him to put his boot on “this isn’t break time”, we heard NVA conversations coming up the trail. I told Jeff to get the team to the top of the hill and form a tight perimeter. I told him when he heard a claymore blast to be alert for my immediate arrival. I then set up a claymore facing the downhill trail and set out two of my grenades. I saw the first group of dinks, blew the claymore and threw two grenades, then ran to the team. Jeff was already on the radio calling for air support as a swarm of NVA took us under fire.

Two Bravo Model Gunships were enroute and arrived as the NVA tried to develop the attack. I’ll left Jeff finish the story as he remembers this part better”. *Continued on the next page*

So here is the funny part and the “Happy Ending”: Wilkie told me to get under a rock ledge and he climbed on top of me protecting the radio. I was detailing our position to the gunships and Wilk said to tell them we were popping smoke and to rocket and mini-gun 360 degrees around the smoke. He then popped the smoke and laid it beside us (he will tell you that he rolled it down the hill, but that is not true). The Gunships rocketed the area with HE, then one came to a hover above the smoke and let loose with its mini gun. A rocket had exploded on the rock above us and Wilkie hollered and grabbed his neck...I rolled him off of me and saw a huge blister on the back of his neck (apparently a hot piece of shrapnel fell on his neck). I told him it was just a burn blister and no blood. As God is my witness Wilk looked me in the eye and said “Next time, Mother F@@@r, you get on top”. That is one of the many reasons I loved Wilkie as my TL. The Gunships returned to their LZ and the firing ceased. We spend a tense night in the rocks without further engagement and were extracted at dawn.

Although some travel has been curtailed, many Rangers including Rudy Teodosio, Sam Shiro, and CSM Purdy attended CSM(R) Palacios’s funeral in Dahlonga, Georgia this past year. The brotherhood remains strong even in a Pandemic.



CSM Palacios, Rest in Peace



Top Photo-Sam Schiro and Rudy Teodosio



SGM (R) Teodosio and CSM(R) Purdy

Stay well and hope to see all in July 2021 at the 75th Ranger Rendezvous. Travel safe!



P/75 - 79TH LRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—JAY LUTZ

Terry, I'll never do you justice in this article. We lost him December 11, 2020 (12-11-20). People knew him by different names: Terry, Rock, Bear, Dad, Grandpa and many more.

I first met Terry in Company P, "PAPA" Company 75th.INF. 1st BDE. 5th INF. DIV. (MECH) in the Republic of Vietnam. Motto Sua Sponte, "Of their own accord", an all-volunteer company.

It was in 1969. He had just volunteered for "PAPA" Company and I was walking to the showers just wrapped in a towel and wearing flip-flops. Most of you know about my scarred back that looks like Napalm had burned it. He told me later he had seen it and thought, what had he volunteered for now?

I went out on two or three missions with him but never really connected with him in "PAPA" Company.

I reconnected with him in 1992 for the 75th Ranger reunion in Fort Benning, Georgia. I had sent him Christmas cards for three or four years before, but never got a response back. I contacted him about going to the reunion and he suggested we go by RV. I took a bus over to the East coast of Florida, and the story of Terry and I started again. I brought my picture album from Vietnam and reconnected with my Ranger brother.

Terry's number one love is and always will be his daughters, Cindy and Brandy, and his granddaughter, Macie. How he would tease her!

His second love was his Ranger family, us guys. He was our unit director from the beginning, those long letters he would send to us, past President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association from 1998 thru 2000. In 1992 we met Rick Merritt, a Buck Sergeant at the time. Terry would watch him become a Command Sergeant Major; how proud he was of him. Rick would help Terry through the years.

Terry helped many of us with our V.A. claims, writing support letters, showing us how to untangle the red tape of the V.A., kept us focused and would not let us give up and throw our hands up in frustration. He never would give up on us!

He was bashful sometimes and blunt, most of the time. He was a dual veteran, serving in two armed forces, the Army as a Ranger and the Navy as a crewman on an airplane locating enemy submarines, which started a rumor while he was in the Navy,



Jay Lutz and Terry Roderick



that he was a Navy Seal. He rode that rumor for a while.

He could hobnob with the best! Like General Downing, General Lutz (no relation to me), whom I used him as my uncle a few times, and the Honorary Ranger of 1st battalion, Miss Sheila Dudley, the lifelong battalion secretary. He would stand up for "stolen valor" and take it on with a vengeance! Yet he had bend down and give you a hand, (I'd always ask for a left one, ha! Ha!), if you needed it.

He loved his time riding his Harley Davidson soft tail through the mountains of Georgia and the Carolina's.

One of his proudest moments was when his whole family came to the Critter Cookout at the United States Mountain Ranger Camp at Camp Merrill, Dahlonega, Georgia. How proud he was showing off his Ranger family.

He always tried to keep us informed on what was going on and what was coming up. He wrote his last article in *Patrolling Magazine* with the assistance of his daughter, Cindy, even though he was suffering badly. It

was his last to us and I believe he could sense it. I talked to him the day before and he told me his condition was really bad.

His accomplishments were many; the one that stands out to me was getting all our KIA's bricks on the Ranger Memorial Walk. We were the first company to accomplish that mission, thanks to his hard work.

I've gone to many funerals with him to support our deceased Ranger brothers and their families, not only in our "PAPA" Company family, but the families of the 75th Ranger community.

Now it will be his time. I will contact all of you when his daughters decide when and where. His wishes were to be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

I'll sign off for the last time like he would. Until later we'll all hook up with you and the rest of our Ranger brothers in our camp in the heavens. Love you Terry our Ranger brother!

RLTW!!
Jay Lutz

Thanks go out to our President, Stephen Johnson, who helped me format this article

ARVIN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

UNIT DIRECTOR—BILL MILLER

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

Due to the length of this issues feature it will be in two parts.

Feature:

1st Ranger Group-Lam Son 719 Operation

The 1st Ranger Group was an I Corps unit based in Da Nang

The Group Headquarters with the 21st and 39th Ranger Battalions were tasked to support Operation Lam Son 719, a multi-division raid by South Vietnamese forces into Laos beginning February 8, 1971 and ending on March 25, 1971. The concept of the operation was for the Army of South Vietnam (ARVN) main force to advance along Route 9 to the village of Tchepone on the Ho Chi Minh supply route. The objective was to disrupt North Vietnam (NVA) supply operations and to destroy as many supplies as possible.

The operation was launched from the former Khe Sanh combat base in northwestern Quang Tri province near the Laotian border.

Prior to the beginning of the operation, engineers built Fire Base Phu Loc and other Fire Bases along Route 9 about 25 kilometers West North West of Khe Sanh on an east-west ridge line on the border of Laos. The firebase was for the Ranger Group Headquarters and to provide fire support for the battalions in Laos. Gun pits for two 155mm howitzers and two 105mm howitzers were constructed as well as covered bunkers for personnel and a US Signal Corps Radio Teletype van. Two helipads, upper (near the Group and advisor command bunkers), and the lower on the eastern perimeter were also constructed. The advisors for the 21st and 39th Ranger stayed there since US ground personnel were prohibited from entering Laos because of the Cooper-Church Amendment enacted by Congress on Dec 29, 1970. A US Air Force ground forward air control element was also at Phu Loc.

The fire base Phu Loc almost immediately came under frequent daily fire from North Vietnamese mortars and 122mm and 130mm guns which had longer range than the American 155's and 105's. The 155's and 105's were quickly rendered inoperable and their ammo bunkers were blown up.

On Feb 8th the Ranger battalions were airlifted into Laos. Their mission was to serve blocking positions to the north of the main advance along route 9. The 39th established firebase Ranger north and the 21st established firebase Ranger South. The battalions conducted recon operations until they met major NVA units advancing from the north. By Feb 18th the 39th came under heavy fire. US medivac helicopters made repeated sorties to



extract wounded Rangers. One medivac Huey crash-landed into Ranger North during these operations. Two crewmembers were rescued by another helicopter, but the crew Chief, Sp4 Dennis J. Fuji wasn't able to be rescued and stayed at Ranger North. He then assisted the Rangers with medical help and direction air strikes. By the afternoon of Feb 20th the battalion had been reduced from 500 Rangers to 323 men. The 39th was forced to withdraw after 1-½ days of heavy fighting with great losses to Ranger South, six kilometers away. Sp4 Fuji and other Rangers were evacuated from Ranger North, but their Huey was hit by enemy fire and was forced to auto rotate in Ranger South. The crew was rescued but again Sp4 Fuji wasn't and remained with the 21st Battalion and the remnants of the

39th Battalion. Only 109 rangers of the 39th reached Ranger South by nightfall. The NVA continued their advance and soon launched attacks on Ranger South. After 3 days of fighting the Ranger units retreated to FB 30 nearer to Route 9. Fuji was finally evacuated on Feb 22nd along with 122 wounded Rangers. Fuji was initially awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions which was later upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross. The NVA attacked FB 30 and remaining Ranger personnel were airlifted under fire by helicopter to FB Phu Loc. The US Hueys often lifted off with 20-30 Rangers on board. The Vietnamese commander of the 21st was so sensitive about the competence of ARVN soldiers that he made a point of handing the breach-block of the 90mm recoilless rifle they had to abandon to the advisors as soon as he landed at Phu Loc.

In the meantime and until the base was vacated, FB Phu Loc continued to receive heavy periodic artillery and mortar fire. The Vietnamese Rangers lost 1-2 killed or wounded a day until Phu Loc was vacated. No American Rangers were wounded or killed despite the fact that they were often out in the open repairing the commo wire to the RTT van and other duties required.

Shortly after the battalions were air lifted to Phu Loc the senior advisors for the Headquarters and the 21st Battalion were relieved and sent to the rear for reasons unknown to their replacements. At the same time one of the senior ranger NCO advisor was medivaced for nervousness. Major John Schumacker, SA of the 79th Border Ranger Battalion at Thoung Duc and Major Hank Jeffrey at another Border Ranger Battalion were alerted to report to I Corps Chief of Staff Da Nang for immediate reassignment to replace the relieved advisors. After a briefing at I Corps, Majors Schumaker and Jeffrey were airlifted I Corps forward for further briefing. The Majors were told of the dire situation and low morale at FB Phu Loc and then sent forward. As Jeffrey was senior in rank, he designated as the SA to the Group and the SA for group-

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and Schumaker designated as the Deputy SA to the Group and SA to the 21st Battalion. As a measure to address the reported low morale the two majors decided to arrive at Phu Loc sans helmets of flack jackets, but wearing the Ranger beret.

To be continued:

Quote:

“Being loved is life’s second blessing; Loving is the greatest”.

Jack Hyles

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Mu Nau

Bill Miller

Unit Director

The Best Ranger Competition 2021, is the 38th annual celebration of this grueling competition, starring the best soldiers of the world, our United States Army, RANGERS! The Best Ranger Competition was started in 1982 after Dick Leandri found a way to honor his personal friend, Lieutenant General David E. Grange, Jr. The 2020 event has been cancelled due to COVID 19, but the 2021 event planning process is underway, with a planned execution 16-18 April 2021. Our thoughts and hopes are with our entire team of Supporters, Competitors, and community that make the entire Team Ranger come together every year!

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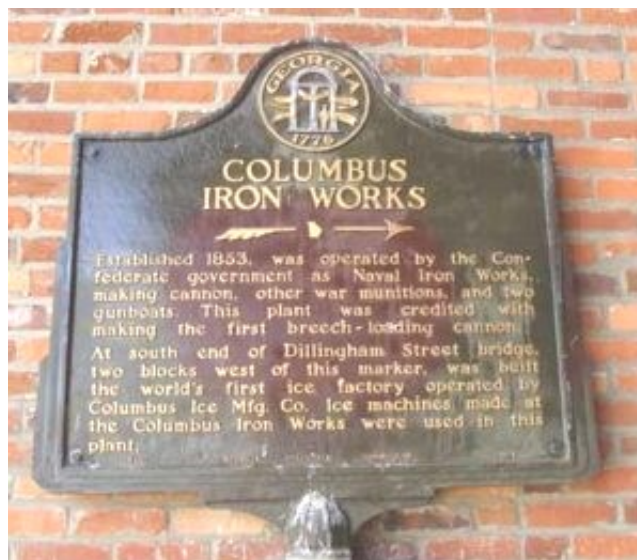
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Host Marriott, Phenix City AL-75th RRA Hospitality Room



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Iron Works— Banquet Friday July 23, 2021

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REGISTRATION \$40 PER PERSON: NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

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DO YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING: ABN OPNS, FRYER DZ(Mon) _____

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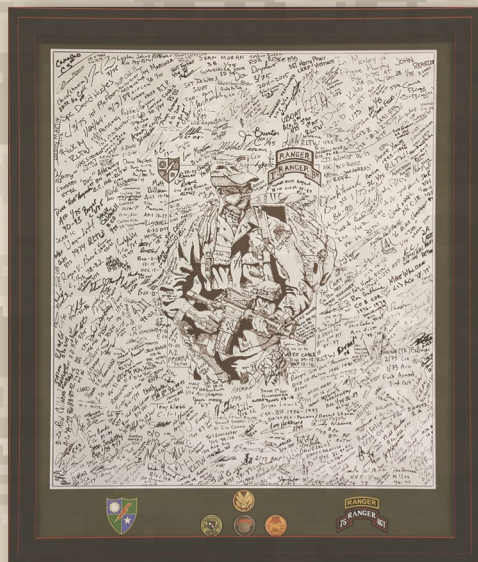
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