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Mogadishu Mile Virtual Event



The Mogadishu Mile Virtual Event is Three Rangers Foundation's annual commemoration of the heroic actions of Task Force Ranger and remembrance of the fallen warriors of Operation Gothic Serpent, Somalia, October 3, 1993. The daylight operations began the afternoon on October 3 and did not end until the final Ranger element departed the city in a running gun battle now known as the Mogadishu Mile the morning of October 4.

All proceeds from the Mogadishu Mile Virtual Event shirt sales benefit the Three Rangers Foundation. The Foundation directly supports active duty and former Rangers, their families, and Ranger Gold Star Families from the US Army's 75th Ranger Regiment, to include Veterans of affiliated supporting units.



Registration for the Mogadishu Mile Virtual Event is for the virtual event only taking place September 4 through October 4.



The participation can be a 1 mile walk, 5K, interval workout, or even a cup of coffee with a friend, to remember and honor those selfless servants. We hope you are able to join us virtually and even create your own local teams as well!

[Virtual Mog Mile — Three Rangers Foundation](http://www.75thrra.org)

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POSTMASTER

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Greetings Rangers. As is my custom I have waited until the last day to write my article. I have been praying for wisdom as to what to put down on paper, or electronic media, as the case may be. Many thoughts have passed through my pumpkin head in these last few months. We are in turbulent times to say the least. The Plandemia, pandemic, has shaken the confidence of the most of the world to the core. National and local politics trouble regions. Though far from the good ol' USA at this moment. I hear of the regional droughts, floods and hurricanes that pass through the land.

Most recently the condo that collapsed in Miami made headline news here in Paraguay as some of the President's wife's family were taken in that tragedy.

Then the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan has encouraged the Taliban to take much territory from the national forces. My son the Marine spent three of his multiple tours in that conflicted area of the world in the course of his career. So news hits us from every side and most of it is bad.

But as a famous general of ours once said, "Only five percent of information is true. The problem is to find out which five percent is to be believed." George C. , (Ol' blood and guts), Patton. I think that the man was close. Seeking to find out the black and white among all the shades of gray, and the mountain of menacing reports enough to make a grown man cry.

But maybe the uncertainty of life has a purpose. To move a thoughtful man or woman to consider the claims of a very old Book. The Author of which declares himself to be the God of Heaven and Earth. Who over at least fourteen hundred years sent messengers to communicate His perspective of man's history to earthbound creatures. Yes Creatures, Made, not evolved, And that goes against the 'science' often falsely so-called. More like propaganda spewed by people who just hate the idea of a Supreme Being with moral, ethical, and above all practical expectations for the conduct of said creatures. Remember Patton's five percent?

But as one who also, in my time on the battlefield had to try to make sense of often conflicting information in order to make some sort of rational decision in order to preserve the lives and physical integrity of those under my charge as an eighteen and nineteen year old Buck Sergeant in a Parachute infantry Regiment and in a Ranger Company. And one who since then has had a little family I very much care about, In addition extended friends and family and groups of Christian folk in the States and abroad whom I feel a responsibility to counsel as best as I am able, to bear up under the strain of the temptation to give up and throw in the towel. But especially to you. Some of which are my former comrades in arms. And those of you, who like my son, have had to confront our nation's enemies on foreign fields.

Last night I watched some 'Defense Files' on YouTube. Live footage of Gunships taking on enemy combatants from the air. Using advanced, for us who had to lug the "Starlight Scope" through the jungles of Vietnam, sharing one unit per company passed from platoon to platoon, That literally only worked on a clear starlit night. Yes, those were the days I fought in. But to see the ease with which from hundreds if not thousands of yards away, Men and machines of war were disintegrated in an instant. I was sobered as I watched bodies felled by explosive rounds. Just as I had watched, up close and personal, the aftermath of what weapons of war does to men and material so long ago. Bloodshed is different to those who smell and see it as it is shed. It is no antiseptic looking upon



from a distance. War is Ugly, and Death is final. Yet both are what soldiers must deal out, and deal with. And do we think that the God who gave men wisdom to invent these weapons of destruction cannot bring scunior down on the heads of his enemies? Wishing there were no conflicts is a pipe dream. The thing to do is to assure your self a place to stand when the battle is over. That is where faith in the goodness of God comes in.

So it is a comfort to find, in the Bible, a remedy for the fear and despair one senses just looking on the horizontal plane. God knew, when he planted the Garden in Eden that the Evil that sprung from the innermost recesses of the former anointed Cherub that covered made perfect but who chose to bite the hand that made him. Apparently one of God's angelic Bodyguards, if you will. The father of lies would spread that evil to humankind in that idyllic place. Using subtlety to deceive our first mother and so inducing our first father to disobey the only prohibition they had. Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So that they could be as Gods! Some kind of gods they became. Subject to a superior evil being. Believing a liar, they themselves fell into lying. To God, and to each other.

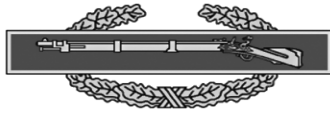
The layout of the world is really simple when you think about it. We either believe and love God, the Truth Teller, and learn to love Him, his Son, the Truth teller who came in the flesh to bear witness of the Truth. And learn to love ourselves, as He loves us, for his reasons, and not our selfish ones, along with the rest of mankind made in God's image and likeness and so deserving of respect and care. Or we believe the Liar, and destroyer of souls, who could not care less for any of us other than as a little kid who pulls off the wings of an insect in order to watch its sufferings. Who is so wrapped up in his illusion that somehow, someday, he will overthrow his Creator.

But he blew his best chance to destroy God when he killed the third person of the Godhead on Calvary. Instead he sealed his own final doom and brought light and immortality to life through the gospel. You just can't kill the Creator, and Author of life. When He rose from the dead, having endured all that creatures could inflict, he lifted up his hand and said "I live Forever!" Praise to the God who made us, redeemed us out of the hand of his, and our enemy, and who will oversee the destruction of the true bad guy who sets the children of men against each other. Having lived to see my seventieth birthday after being born in the middle of the twentieth century I am grateful for my Country, my fellow citizens and a measure of health and strength to drive on. We need not despair. Evil failed to conquer good over two thousand years ago. Jesus lives and so shall all those who love His appearing. The love of God has not been extinguished, nor can it be. "Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning."

Deu 32:39 See now that I, even I am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Deu 32:40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.

Joe Marquez, C/1/503rd,'69 N/75th, Juliet,'70 A/2/503rd,'70 Chaplain of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Face time 864 525 6941 Paraguay Cell/Whatsapp +595-971-147600 Serving those who served. Our lives are but for a moment, while what we do or leave undone will echo down through eternity.



WHO WE ARE: The 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc., is a registered 501©19 corporation, registered in the state of Georgia. We were founded in 1986 by a group of veterans of F Co 58th, (LRP) and L Co 75 (Ranger) Inf. The first meeting was held on June 7, 1986, at Ft. Campbell, KY.

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

Presidents

1986-1988	Bob Gilbert
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1996-1998	Rick Ehrler
1998-2000	Terry Roderick
2000-2002	Emmett Hiltibrand
2002-2004	Dana McGrath
2004-2005	Emmet Hiltibrand
2005-2007	Stephen Crabtree
2007-2009	William Bullen
2009-2011	John Chester
2011-2013	Joe Little
2013-2015	Bill Anton
2015-2019	Richard Barela
2019- 2021	Stephen Johnson
2021-	Art "Doc" Attaway

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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We Need a Volunteer UD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ART "DOC" ATTAWAY

Hello Rangers, my name is Art "Doc" Attaway, and I served in the 1st Ranger Battalion from 1974 to 1980 during my 1st enlistment. I am the recently elected new President of the 75th RRA, and humbled and honored to be so. I will be getting down to business soon for the Association, but for now I just wanted to introduce myself and tell you some of my history, general plans, and goals.

I reentered the Ranger world in 2014, after I had slipped away from my Ranger brothers over the decades. I was entering semi-retirement and decided to join both the 75th RRA and USARA, and USARA was active where I was living, in Michigan, and I began volunteer work for that Association. I served in several capacities, including the past 4 years as the Executive Vice President.

My origin is the Regiment, and I wanted to spend the balance of my volunteer years working with Rangers that had been in a Ranger operating unit, so I volunteered to run for the President of the 75thRRA. The election was 22JUL21 in Columbus, GA.

I now live in Dahlonga, GA and can have a constant presence in both Savannah and Columbus. I am heavily involved with the active-duty units, both training and operational, and also work closely with other Ranger organizations like the National Ranger Foundation, Gallant Few, and the Three Rangers Foundation. The Regiment has implemented a program for active-duty soldiers, named the "Ranger for Life" program, and these organizations are in direct support of that program. It is both a retention and transition program for these Rangers that have been deployed in combat for over 7000 days since 9-11-2001. I plan to involve the 75th RRA in that program and make it the premier association in the Ranger community of support organizations.



We will be front and center in and around the active-duty units.

All fraternal organizations that I am a member of have realized we have to develop younger membership if we want to be around another 40 years. I will work on membership development to bolster our ranks and make the Association stronger, and work on developing younger Rangers to be actively involved in the Association. I will work diligently to improve the financial stability of the Association through fundraising efforts

and expand our membership by setting the example for others to follow among the civilian support Ranger community.

I will also not neglect our current and well proven members that are the core of the organization, and proven hardened warriors. There are several targeted initiatives to focus on our current member needs, and I will elaborate more in the next edition of Patrolling. I will always Endeavour to uphold the Prestige, Honor, and Esprit de Corps of our Ranger Association.

Finally, I want to float a reminder that there is an annual Ranger Hall of Fame Board, and the selection will be made in the first quarter of 2022. To properly prepare these packets, we need to have submittals by 15DEC21. The complete preparations of a quality package is significant for success, and I encourage any Ranger that knows a fellow Ranger that merits this honor, please put their name forth. Please contact me directly and I will walk you through the application procedures.

Finally, I can be reached at artattaway351@gmail.com, or 248.568.8232. I will have an RRA email address, in the near future, and will distribute that information soon.



1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Peter A. Dencker

Ranger Brothers,

I wanted to start by saying "thank you" for putting your trust in me for another 2 years, this time as 1st Vice President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. It's an interesting time in the Ranger Community with plenty of challenges - in particular creating a better awareness of the Association and its mission.... For young Rangers so they will recognize the benefits of being part of our organization at some point - now, or down the road, and to ensure it will become an important part of their lives during and after their time in the Army.

For the "old" and "not so young" Rangers - continuing to find



ways to recognize them for their service to their respective Ranger units. Lastly, to the Ranger community at large. It's a time for all Rangers to recognize the needs of their Ranger Brothers and their families some of whom are struggling with the after effects of service....some just struggling with life. I believe it's our duty as an organization and as a community to help them find peace and a good way forward.

Again – thank you for your trust!

Pete

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY TOM SOVE

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm EDT. Officers present were President Steve Johnson, First Vice President Roy Barley, Second Vice President Pete Dencker, and Secretary Tom Sove. Treasurer Roger Crunk was home on emergency leave. Unit Directors present were John McGee, F/75; Ron Bissey, substituting for Stan Jones, A/75; Bennie Gentry, H/75; and Duke Dushane, substituting for Jay Lutz, P/75.

The first agenda item was what to do with our heritage items. Johnson had a discussion with the curator of the National Infantry Museum. He indicated interest in getting our items for the Museum. McGee echoed concern about where the items would be going. Dencker indicated he would be the liaison for the Regiment. Sove shared his contact with the S-5 of 2/75, who are interested in displaying historical artifacts in their entry foyer. Consensus was to let Johnson, Dencker and Sove approach their contacts and make a report back to the next administration.

A side conversation revolved around the lack of participation by the active-duty rangers in our hospitality suite. DuShane talked about in the old days they came around to hear our stories, but now they have their own heroes. We need to get reconnected to them, maybe through the banquet. Johnson confirmed we have at least 30 meals available at the banquet this year.

Johnson appointed Gentry Sergeant-at-Arms for the General Membership meeting. All concurred and Johnson will present this to the membership for approval.

The next item was a problem with a time lag between when our Hall of Fame inductees were notified of when and where to go for the Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony. There was a short gap between the notification and the events, causing difficulty in making travel plans. Johnson will send a letter requesting improvement in this vital area.

Continuing on the Hall of Fame topic, we discussed giving complementary benefits to those Hall of Fame inductees who were nominated by the 75th RRA. We agreed by consensus to provide free registration and banquet for the inductee and his partner, as well as two additional guests, for four total registrants and banquet seats. In addition, we will provide free hotel accommodations for the inductee and his partner for two nights, the eve of the induction ceremony and the night of the ceremony. This will be presented in the General Membership Meeting for approval.

Discussion reverted back to connecting with the active-duty Rangers. Sove was directed to get an invitation to the regimental CSM that we were offering twenty free seats at the banquet for

Rangers of rank E-4 and below, plus their guests, for forty total seats. Sove was to contact Linda Davis to make that offer. (Davis was contacted and immediately relayed the invitation to the CSM. The feedback was the invitation was well received; however, there were no noticeable attendees from the regiment. Next year we should be more proactive and make the offer sooner, if we have available seats)

Johnson reviewed the slate for officers this year, confirming Art Attaway was running for president, Dencker for 1st VP, and Rick Merritt for 2nd VP. Treasurer Crunk and Secretary Sove were confirmed for running for reelection to their respective offices. No other candidates were forthcoming; however, open nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

Gentry brought up his displeasure of the maintenance of the Ranger Memorial, specifically the tall grass allowed to accumulate and the fact the lawn mowers drive across the bricks, stressing the foundation and cracking bricks. DuShane suggested regimental officer's wives might be tasked with taking charge of the Memorial maintenance. It was made clear the Memorial Foundation is in total charge of that, and they are well funded for it. Johnson indicated he and Attaway were meeting Thursday with the National Ranger Memorial Foundation, and this will be one of their agenda items.

It was then agreed to make a proclamation tasking the next administration to follow up on this topic and express our displeasure to the Memorial Foundation about the maintenance situation.

Sove reported the Roll Call was prepared and set.

Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:34 pm EDT.

Tom Sove
Secretary
July 27, 2021



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROGER CRUNK

75th Ranger Regiment Association

Statement of Activity

July 2021

TOTAL Revenue

4000 Program income - DNP

4002 Membership dues 11,275.00

4006 Reunion income 6,680.00

4010 Coin sales 235.00

4012 Bronze 120.00

4013 Nickel Silver 30.45

Total 4010 Coin sales 385.45

4015 Quartermaster sales 20.00

4020 Miscellaneous revenue 60.00

4021 Association Patch 45.70

Total 4020 Miscellaneous revenue 105.70

4050 Assoc. Patch Bumper Sticker -437.72

4052 Assoc. Pin 10.00

4060 General Donations 475.00

Total 4000 Program income - DNP 18,513.43

4100 Member donations - DNP

4102 Family fund contributions 4,529.00

4104 Goldstar contributions 1,220.00

4110 Operations contributions 3,130.00

4120 Scholarship 910.00

Total 4100 Member donations - DNP 9,789.00

4900 Interest income 47.69

Total Revenue \$28,350.12

GROSS PROFIT \$28,350.12

Expenditures

6000 Program expenses - DNP

6016 Reunion costs 16,401.64

6020 Website maintenance

Constant Contact 45.00

Total 6020 Website maintenance 45.00

6022 Intuit Subscription

Go Payment 20.00

Quickbooks Online 40.00

Total 6022 Intuit Subscription 60.00

Total 6000 Program expenses - DNP 16,506.64

6500 Operations - DNP

6502 Bank and merchant fees 311.46

6516 Postage and mailing service 376.57

6540 Postage-Secretary 47.85

6552 Treasurer Postage 30.60

Total 6500 Operations - DNP 766.48

Total Expenditures \$17,273.12

NET OPERATING REVENUE \$11,077.00

NET REVENUE \$11,077.00

Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2021

TOTAL ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1000 Affinity / Operations 35,029.30

1002 Affinity / Family fund 19,287.18

1030 Affinity / Savings 62,029.75

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1041 Legacy funds MM 8,016.26

1042 Life funds MM 27,334.84

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Total Bank Accounts

Accounts Receivable

1100 Accounts receivable

\$206,829.53

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Total Accounts Receivable \$0.00

Total Current Assets \$206,829.53

TOTAL ASSETS \$206,829.53

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Total Liabilities

Equity

3000 Net Assets - Unrestricted 181,218.60

Net Revenue 25,610.93

Total Equity \$206,829.53

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$206,829.53

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These are the myriad thoughts and feelings of a Gold Star Mom; today is 15 August 2021.

Ten years ago, plus 8 days my son Sandrino lost his life in Afghanistan. I realize I am just one of many. I am sure we are all struggling with our feelings today as we wonder why? What was it all for? I am sure many of you men have the same mixed emotions today. You, who raised your hands to defend your country; You, who loved and respected the flag; You, who may have been wounded, or lost buddies; You, who suffered serious bodily harm and still trying your best to get on with life; You, who suffer with the demons of war.

Me, I am angry! I feel betrayed by my government. The people who decided that it was ok to send my son to war with one hand tied behind his back. Remember the "Rules of Engagement" – we are sending you to a far-off place to wage a war, but make sure you do not shoot until you are shot at, or you may be disciplined.

My government decided they could not win this war, so they decided to cut their losses.



I am not surprised it ended this way; I am old. The government decided that Korea was no longer worth the effort. I made many trips carrying troops in and out of Vietnam from 1968-1973. Then the government decided that was no longer worth the effort.

I feel like 9/11 was just the first nail in Sandrino's coffin. I did not even try to talk Sandrino out of going, he was determined. It was his duty to support the country and the flag he loved. The minute he graduated

from college, he headed for the recruiter's office. He knew that I was apprehensive. He came into my room one night and told me he knew that I was worried that he may get injured. He said he could die in many ways. He told me that he did not want to die, but he believed that only God knew when He would call him home.

I miss him every day, but I think it hurts more today. I pray that all of you, who had skin in this insane game, hold your heads up. You are all heroes.

We parents raised warriors. We will NEVER FORGET them.



Sgt Jeremy A Katzenberger KIA 14jun2011 OEF Sgt Alessandro L. Plutino KIA 08aug2011 OEF 1/75



75th RRA Members attending NIM Colonel Puckett Dinner- Patrolling Photo/SOI

A couple months ago I stumbled upon a series on Netflix called 'Alone'. The show follows ten individuals who are dropped off in a remote wilderness location. The person who survives the longest wins \$500,000. Although they are spaced approximately five miles apart, the participants have no knowledge of the other contestants' whereabouts. With the exception of medical emergencies and periodic med checks, they have no contact with the outside world. They are allowed to choose ten items to bring along to aid in their survival and are required to film their daily journeys with camera equipment provided by the show. They are also allowed bare necessities of clothing and a sleeping bag, however, they must fend for themselves to find food and create a shelter. I have watched four seasons of this show. The locations selected are not friendly; the terrain can be difficult and top of the food chain wild animals are abundant. Bears, wolves, wolverines, mountain lions, wild pigs, moose and musk ox are among those whose territory these humans attempt to survive in. Typically they are dropped off in summer. This gives them time to get acclimated to their surroundings and prepare for the forthcoming winter.

The first show introduces you to the season's contestants. They have gone through a selection process and spent several days proving their survival skills to the show's producers. Characteristically, these folks have proven their mettle with their vocations or hobbies. They already possess survival skills at a higher level than most. Some live in remote or wilderness settings, some are skilled in plant identification and herbal remedies, some are skilled hunters, some maintain their own homesteads relying very little on the outside world. Many teach their skills to others. All of them became intrigued by the \$500,000 prize, believing their strengths could outlast nine others.

When you are introduced to the contestants, you get to know what their strengths are. You see them in their daily life and learn why they think they have what it takes to win. You also learn what they intend to do with the half million dollars if they outlast the others. These are tough people. As you get to know their stories, you become a fan and get excited to see them show off their muster. Some are married with children, some are not. Some have small children, some have grown children. When they say goodbye to their loved ones, they are prepared to be gone for months, and believe they will be.

Once they are dropped off and embody the show's title of being alone, everything changes. Oftentimes it's raining and their entire surroundings are wet. Building a shelter and making a fire become a priority to stay warm and dry. In three of the four seasons I've watched the location was Vancouver Island, British Columbia, which receives twice as much rain as Seattle and boasts one the highest bear, and mountain lion populations in North America. Wolves also inhabit the island.



Curious bears or mountain lions have scared the bejesus out of more than one contestant on the first night. Scared them enough to make them quit - less than 24 hours after arriving with the belief that they could do this for months! Treacherous, wet and tangled terrain have also caused some of the toughest to throw in the towel within a few days. Some of them blew me away as I sat in disbelief that they couldn't handle what they signed up for. As I said, these people are supposed to be the toughest of the tough and they

couldn't even last one day or one week alone. ALONE is the key word here. When we are alone, we are helpless and vulnerable. Some of the early departed stated they missed their families/loved ones too much. Again, I was blown away. I understand missing someone. I have been missing my son for twelve years. These people were separated for 7-10 days from a living human and couldn't handle it. The \$500,000 prize money was a dangling carrot quickly tossed aside when emotions took precedence over endurance.

I have binge watched these shows. I get sucked in to see who has what it takes and who doesn't. In the first season, the few contestants that made it to the 30-day mark were already starving and typically had lost 20 or more pounds. In season two, two people made it to 57 days, but both were literally on the verge of death. They were so starved their blood pressure was dangerously low and their organs were close to shutting down. The number two contestant was pulled by the medical team, the other guy was notified the next morning that he had outlasted the others.

In each season I am floored by how weak the contestants become after only 30 days. THIRTY days, ONE month, is a push for survival when alone. My point in telling all this is not to say that I could do it. Admittedly, I don't possess the skills for the physical survival part and I would not volunteer to sleep amongst bears, wolves and mountain lions. I am not that kind of tough. However, I do possess the mental endurance to outlast 30 days being alone. I haven't been alone in the wilderness for 30 days, but I have spent so many hours and days alone over the last twelve years, it easily goes beyond 30 days. I learned to endure being separated from the person I loved the most in life because of something I didn't choose. It was never really a choice. I had to learn to survive or I wouldn't survive. Watching some of the contestants be so qualified to prove their strengths and then run away in the early moments of reality versus the staying power of others, brought to light the opposition of spirit, yet one thing remained common for all - WE NEED EACH OTHER. Some of us can't live more than a few days apart from our loved ones, some of us can withstand weeks, months or years. On the basis of this true reality show, even those who endured, were eventually released to their loved ones when they outlasted everyone else. At that point, almost all had run completely out of resources and were barely surviving. Being alone wasn't the only thing whittling away at their life.

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Most of us can call on someone if we are low on resources or have the ability to move on and find a place with better resources. Resources mean more than just food.

To survive, we need the human experience. We need to love and be loved. We need to be supported and cared about. We need to be hugged and we need our hands held once in awhile. WE NEED EACH OTHER.

Endurance is a good trait, ask my 76 year old father who still operates his own business building residential fences. Humility is also a good trait, ask my father who has a helper his same age! Both of these men also incorporated the help of a 17 year old this summer to speed up some of their jobs. The young man learned a ton from their wisdom and experience and they were able to complete more jobs.

Can my father do the work alone? Absolutely, but it would take a lot longer and he would tire faster making himself less available for future work.

For those of you who have endured life's adversities; the physical pains, the great sadness, losses, etc, alone, I stand with you and for those of you who had to call on others to help you get through, I also stand with you. Bottom line, WE NEED EACH other. Don't let the bears and wolves and mountain lions of life scare you, stand tall and call on someone to fight with you. No amount of money will ever replace your value to those who love you.



SPEAKER TOM MCGURN -LETTER TO THE 75TH RRA

To: 75th Ranger Regiment Association

I would sincerely like to relate to the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment my deepest gratitude for their invitation to be their guest speaker during the closing Banquet dinner of the Ranger Rendezvous on July 23rd, 2021.

To your now past President Stephen Johnson and his good friend Roy Barley thank you for that moment enabling me to see those men I have never met but have always kept in the highest esteem knowing their bravery, dedication, camaraderie, and yes BALLS!



Our youthful encounters are now just memories but as I spoke to the bravest of the brave that night, I could feel that Ranger spirit, that Ranger pride that has certainly been transferred to the younger Rangers of today. I wish all Americans could experience this inner strength our Rangers have and know the comfort which I feel that such warriors are constantly on alert protecting our great nation.

Then President Johnson gifted me a T shirt with the Ranger Re-

union emblem, and I would have never worn any item with the Ranger emblem knowing that respected badge is an earned privilege by those preeminent warriors, the best which our Nation has ever produced. However, with such a presentation I will proudly wear this shirt knowing some will ask the inevitable question "are you a Ranger" opening my opportunity to ex-

pound on my experiences with the iron soldiers and allowing me to praise this brotherhood and lineage of the US Army's American Spartans.

To all our Rangers I again thank you for allowing me to enter your special relationship world it was most certainly a life moment to experience your warmth and

friendship. Both myself and my wife Paula will always remember this with the fondness it deserves filling our hearts forever.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY

Tom & Paula McGurn



Circles have no beginnings and no ends and wedding rings have been a universal symbol to designate the unending love in a relationship, yet....those circles can break. Friendship's end. Parents disengage from children and children step away from their parents. Families sometimes disintegrate and over time, people end up alone and often are lonely.

So, how do we keep the relationships we have strong and meaningful, as well as fulfilling, and interesting? This is even more difficult when we have opposing opinions and beliefs personally, politically, religiously, and socially.

What are the characteristics of a good relationship? In *Secrets of Happy Couples* (InsideOut Press, 2011), Kim Olver's respondents reported the top five characteristics as: Communication, Respect, Trust, Quality Time/Companionship and Support.

Likewise, Kendra Cherry (<https://www.verywellmind.com/all-about-healthy-relationship-4774802>) cited Trust, Openness and Honesty, Mutual Respect, Communication, Affection, and Reciprocity, as characteristics of a healthy relationship.

In fact, most research on characteristics of healthy relationships posted similar conclusions. The important concept to remember here is that relationships take work. When people are committed to a relationship, they choose to do the work that it takes to make a relationship better and will act to make it better.

Dr William Glasser, (*Choice Theory: A New Psychology of Personal Freedom*, Harper Collins, 1998), posited that by using

caring habits, relationships may become stronger and more meaningful. The caring habits posited are: Respecting, Encouraging, Trusting, Supporting, Accepting, Listening and Negotiating Differences. These Caring Habits are key components of a good relationship. By incorporating some of these into present relationships, they may increase the quality of and improve any relationship.

Dr Glasser focused on the positive internal motivation in relationships by pointing at how our own behavior is all we can control. He used a circle on the floor (It could be any shape or any location) that you both step into that represents the relationship. By stepping into the circle, it creates a unified approach to solving an issue. Each person is prepared to do something to help the relationship, thus begins negotiation. By using the Caring Habits, or the characteristics of a good relationship, both people focus on what they can do that would help the relationship move in a positive direction. A technique he teaches is for the individual to ask themselves, "What am I willing to do to help the relationship that doesn't depend on what the other person will or will not do?"

Dr Glasser created another simple question to ask ourselves: **"If I say or do this right now, will it bring us closer together or will we end up further apart?"** (*Choice Theory: A New Psychology of Personal Freedom*, Harper Collins).

Any good relationship requires work. A deep, committed relationship requires even more work and dedication. Take a step back and look at what your values and expectations are. They might not align with your partner's expectations and desires. By stepping into the circle with your partner, you can find areas that you can build with them to achieve a mutual dream and ...eventually the success you both desire.

Dr. Janet Morgan

Article courtesy of Ben Stanfield, WTVM Columbus, Ga. published July 19, 2021



Ribbon Cutting: Tony Mayne cuts the ribbon officially opening THE ROC on July 19, 2021 at St. Luke Church in Columbus, Ga. as Rev. Thad Haygood, Nicole Mayne, and CSM Ret. Rick Lamb look on. Photo courtesy of Ranger Jaerett Engeseth.

There's a new partnership in Columbus to help Rangers establish a new chapter in life, life after their service in the army. The leader of the efforts is a group called GallantFew, a veteran service nonprofit organization. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Monday morning as the new center opens its doors.

Saint Luke United Methodist Church met a need in the community - one to help Rangers transition out of the army and on to what's next for them after leaving the military. Through significant volunteer efforts, the Ranger Outreach Center has come to life.

"This is a physical sign and a show of a commitment to the men who have been deploying for 20 years since 9/11 who have a long legacy here in Columbus in the Rangers," said Maj. Ret. Tony Mayne of GallantFew.

The center is designed to cover as much ground as possible to help Rangers overcome what could be a turbulent time in their

lives. There are decades of experience behind the project to make it successful. It offers an approach that rangers are very accustomed to: structure.

"You know, in the military, you have a structure moving forward, and then you get outside and it's totally different," Master Sgt. Ret. Rick Barela said.

From helping them with their faith, finances, to finding a job, it's an all encompassing endeavor.

"We know what resources are best from our nonprofit, Gallant Few, but paramount is faith and love. By having this building, we're going to be able to show that back out to the community," Mayne added.



Keynote Speaker: CSM Ret. Rick Lamb donned 5th Ranger Battalion WWII dress to communicate the legacy and psychology that builds today's 75th Ranger Regiment force. Photo courtesy of Ranger Jaerett Engeseth

"The ability now for Rangers and family members to come in the heart of where Rangers are made in Columbus, Georgia to receive detailed transition service. We care about their health, we care about their faith. It's so much more than just finding a veteran a job. This is Columbus, Georgia taking care of the Rangers."

The Ranger Outreach Center is located at 1022 2nd Avenue, next to Saint Luke United Methodist Church in Columbus.

Walking is free, easy to do, and easy on your muscles, joints and bones. It is also very healthful: preventing heart disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes, back pain, loss of bone mass and mental decline while improving circulation, mood, weight loss, muscle strength, sleep, heart strength, joint flexibility, breath, mental clarity and longevity in general. Man was designed to walk in an upright position as his skeleton attests. The more the skeleton is exercised, the more flexible it remains. All of us are approaching the Autumn years of our lives and are confronted with enough challenges. A healthy walking program will help to minimize our natural decline and allow us to age gracefully. It allows us to remain much fitter, stronger, happier and live longer than becoming a couch potato does.

Walking is an aerobic exercise, which stimulates and strengthens the heart and lungs, thereby improving the body's utilization of oxygen. With improved utilization of oxygen comes enhanced mental clarity and cognitive function. One is able to think faster, more accurately and complexly and for longer periods of time. With the added improvement in oxygenation, comes lowered risk of blood clots because the calf muscles act as a venous pump, contracting and pumping blood from the feet and legs back to the heart, reducing the risk of both heart attack and stroke. It also is an investment because with it one gains: increased lung capacity, lower cholesterol levels, reduced body fat and improved blood sugar levels – less chance of diabetes. The risk of cancer is also reduced due to the lowering of hormones, such as insulin and estrogen, as well as certain growth factors associated with cancer development and progression.

In addition to the above, oxygenation helps to prevent obesity and decrease its harmful effects. More specifically, the development of insulin resistance by reducing inflammation and improving immune system function. Exercise in general alters the metabolism of bile acids, resulting in decreased exposure of food products during digestion to gastrointestinal carcinogens. Walking a couple of miles helps your body tap into stores of fatty acids to fuel its exercise, more so than if you exercised vigorously for jogged the same distance. Here is a case where slower is better, in the long run – no pun intended.

Walking is a much lower impact event than running. You can walk away from most back pain and you can enjoy other great benefits as well such as improved muscle tone, strengthened hip muscles, legs, ankles and feet as well as core muscle groups. It also helps provide better stability to one's spine. While at the same time helping to increase circulation in spinal structures, draining toxins, and pumping nutrients into surrounding soft tissues. Pain often restricts mobility. Walking often helps to improve range of motion and flexibility. You will find that posture improves along with your mood. A stronger body and increased flexibility help to prevent injury as well. The effects of suffering a routine fall won't be nearly as deadly as it would be for someone else for a number of reasons: 1) you are much less likely to break a bone 2) you are more likely to manage the fall more proactively 3) you will land in a cushioned manner with more resilience 4) your attitude will be much better 5) you will be able to recover yourself without the aide or assistance of others.

Walking improves circulation. It also wards off heart disease, brings up the heart rate, lowers blood pressure and strengthens the heart. "Women who walked 30 minutes a day reduced their risk of stroke by 20% and by 40% when they stepped up the pace according to researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston." At the same time "the more steps taken during the day, the better their moods" were according to a study done by California State University, Long Beach. And the reason becomes obvious when one realizes that "while walking the body releases natural pain killing endorphins – one of the emotional benefits of exercise."

3 Ways to Build a Strong Body and Heart:

Walk faster: Take more steps during the same period of walking exercise as it will enhance all of the functions previously discussed. Older adults capable of walking 2.25 mph or faster consistently lived longer than others within the same age group.

Walk uphill: Because you build balanced leg muscles, burn more calories, boost your heart rate, and improve your core muscles.

Add bodyweight fitness exercises: Bodyweight exercises are those you can do while out walking; no need for special gym equipment, your body will provide all the resistance necessary for a fit, firm, and strong body.

Walking also leads to weight loss at the rate of 200 calories per 30 minutes session. Over time, calories burned is equivalent to pounds lost.

Walking tones your leg and abdominal muscles and even arm muscles if you pump them as you walk. This increases your range of motion, shifting the pressure and weight from joints and muscles, which are meant to handle the weight, helping to lessen arthritis pain.

Walking also improves sleep according to the Hutchinson research center in Seattle. Women who took morning walks of approximately 1 hour who were aged 50 -75 were more likely to relieve symptoms of insomnia than those who didn't. Sleep helps our body repair organ systems including our muscles, immune systems, and other hormones. Our immune system benefits as T-cells utilize our sleep time to conduct vital repairs. Our body requires long periods of sleep to restore, rejuvenate, grow muscle, repair tissue, and synthesize hormones. Sleep also plays a crucial role in our memory system, helping us to retain what we have learned during the day. Our brain takes in a tremendous amount of information throughout the day and processes it during sleep hours, placing it into filing systems for future recall.

Walking supports our joints. Since the majority of cartilage has no direct blood supply, it gets its nutrition from the synovial or joint fluid that circulates as we move. The impact that comes from movement or compression, such as walking "squishes" the cartilage, bringing oxygen and nutrients into the area.

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If you don't walk, joints are deprived of life-giving fluid, which can speed deterioration.

While walking, breathing increases, causing oxygen to travel faster through the bloodstream, helping to eliminate waste products and improve energy levels - the ability to heal. Breath is an important weapon in your healthcare arsenal. Proper breathing as related in one of my previous articles is as important as food is to the rest of your body. In fact, proper breathing is more important because it is the source all other effective bodily functions. It delivers oxygen!

Walking slows mental decline. As previously mentioned in the Hutchinson study, exercise and learning go hand in hand. In fact, research now suggests that the reason humans are primed to exercise is to support brain health. A number of studies have shown that aerobic exercise can increase the size of the hippocampus, that part of the brain responsible for learning and memory. As well as the growth of a protein called 'brain-derived neurotrophic factor' (BDNF), which promotes the health of nerve cells and seems to have a role in improving memory.

Walking and the Superconscious Mind. Walking activates the Superconscious Mind by giving you the time to think and recap the physiological benefits that improve your health. Superconscious mind operates under two very diverse operating conditions. #1) When you are 100% focused and concentrating on a specific problem or goal you have in mind. #2) When you are enjoying your surroundings and NOT concentrating on a specific mental task or goal, a neutral time if you will. So, you are actual-

ly solving problems when you are both thinking about them and NOT. What better place to solve life's challenges than walking

Several studies have shown the benefits of walking at least 15 minutes every day can add seven years to your life.

How To Start A Walking Program: Put One Foot in Front of the Other

Some simple suggestions for beginning a walking routine:

- **Head up**, looking forward (keep the ground in your peripheral vision)
- **Stay relaxed** (especially in the head & shoulders)
- **Feel the sensation of your arms swinging:** One of the great benefits of walking is the cross-patterned swing of your arms and legs; it's actually activating both sides of your brain.
- **Breath!** (in through the nose, out through the mouth – a deep belly breath which should prove relaxing and good for your overall health.)

Roll your feet from heel to toe: This simple movement will propel you onto your next step.

Note: The majority of this article was extracted directly from the work: Walking for Health and Fitness, ([HTTPS://WWW.WalkingforHealthandFitness.com](https://www.WalkingforHealthandFitness.com)).



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Ages of six remaining Merrill's Marauders range from 97 to 100 years old

The remaining Merrill's Marauders are: **Rocco DeLuca**, 98, CT; **Russell Hamler**, 97, PA; **Gilbert "Gil" Howland**, 98, NJ; **Gabriel "Gabe" Kinney**, 100, AL; **Raleigh Naves**, 98, WI; and **Robert "Bob" Passanisi**, 97, NY.

created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen

Marauder James T. Collins died June 23, 2021 in Tampa, FL



The ashes of James Timothy Collins, 97, were interred Aug. 12, 2021, at Florida's National Cemetery in Bushnell. Collins fought on Red Combat Team, 1st Battalion in Burma. He was interviewed earlier this year for the WW II Foundation's PBS documentary on Merrill's Marauders

Red Memorial Day carnations placed on 100 Marauder stones at National Ranger Monument

COL Charles N. Hunter, longest-serving Marauder commander, was among 100 famed 5307th CUP commandos honored with red 2021 Memorial Day carnations.



**RANGER
CHARLES N. HUNTER
MERRILL'S MARAUDERS**

Marauder Birthdays



During Ranger Rendezvous, Marauder "Bob" Passanisi was presented with a 97th birthday cake from his son, John.

(BELOW - L-R)

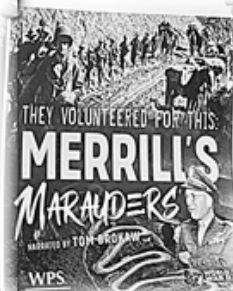
Raleigh Naves, 99, on Sept. 8, 2021, Rocco DeLuca, 99, Sept. 5, 2021



GA. Retired Ranger Tony Mayne, (C) Gallant Few-Darby Project, is ROC director.



Marauder "Gil" Howland waves to the crowd at the 100th anniversary of the July 4, 2021, parade in Glenside, Abington and Cheltenham, PA. It is America's "longest running" July 4th parade..



**THANK YOU
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Challenge coin and gorkha knife raffle sales raised \$2,045 for the non-profit WW II Foundation to continue production of its Merrill's Marauder PBS documentary. **PLEASE - DONATIONS are still needed!!!**

Marauders (L-R) "Bob" Passanisi and "Gil" Howland attend Ranger Outreach Center Grand Opening July 19, 2021, in Columbus, GA. Retired Ranger Tony Mayne, (C) Gallant Few-Darby Project, is ROC director.

2020 RANGER HALL OF FAME



Two representing Merrill's Marauders inducted into RHOF during 2021 Ranger Rendezvous

Francesca Richardson, daughter of 2020 RHOF inductee Dave Richardson, was presented with her Dad's medallion by (L) ARTB commander COL Antwan Dunmyer and CSM Eric J. Buonopane. 2021 Honorary RHOF inductee Jonnie Melillo Clasen (Center) holds her framed citation and photo, which includes her RHOF Dad Vincent Melillo, while standing with Marauder "Gil" Howland. (RIGHT L-R) The widow, Anne, of Richardson is with WW II Rosie the Riveter and Gold Star widow Eleanor Stark, whose 5307th CUP replacement husband, Luther "Buck" Bagley, was KIA July 25, 1944, in Burma and is still MIA. Eleanor is still waiting.



Rangers Doc Attaway and Steve Caldwell, of OnPoint 1-1 (a 501 (c) (3) non-profit), collaborate with the National Ranger Foundation at the National Ranger Monument on Fort Benning, at Building 4, to repair and restore the Monument to Ranger standards.

NRM Repair

After 30 years of wear and tear, and a shifting foundation, that has suffered from the effects of weather and erosion, the Monument had many broken and cracked stones and an uneven substrate.

We needed to act quickly to bring this back to an acceptable condition that represents and upholds the “prestige, honor, and esprit de corps” of Rangers.

The first step was leveling the foundation so new damage would stop or be greatly reduced before we began replacing stones. With the approval of General Stringham, the Foundation Chairman, we located and hired a professional leveling company out of Atlanta, GA named Aquaguard. Their efforts look to have paid off, and the foundation is as level as a 30 year-old structure could hope for.

Step two was breaking out old stones that were cracked, and replacing them with brand new, already engraved stones. We had these produced in a shop near Dahlonega, GA where there was a controlled environment and we could reduce overall cost by not sandblasting onsite.

Collectively, there were approximately 100 grey stones (4” x 12”) and 80 red stones (12” x 12”) that were chipped or cracked and could not be repaired. To accomplish this we had to make several trips to the Monument and audit all broken stones, record name and unit citation exactly for the reproduction, produce the stones, then remove the old and install the new.

This required close coordination with Blair Brown, the Executive Director of the Foundation, and Ken Leuer (yes, the grandson of General Leuer, our very first BCO at Ft. Stewart in 1974 when the 1/75th was formed).

Additionally, to further control cost we decided to replace broken, but not yet engraved red stones, with pre-engraved new stones that were made from the new purchases during 2020 and 2021. This reduced labor and materials cost through efficiency.

The next step was engraving onsite new stones where the purchaser had requested specific, location placement, such as near

another Ranger buddy. Both new purchase special requests for 2020 and 2021 are included in this program.

Finally, after May 1st, the RHOF Board determined the 2021 RHOF inductees. We will engrave the 2020 and 2021 RHOF inductees and the most current “Friends of Rangers” (donors that help maintain the monument), and we will repaint all the unbroken, but faded, grey stones where the paint has deteriorated over the years.

Due to multiple factors, such as the complexity of gathering information and coordinating work and base restrictions due to C-19, this has been a project that has been in process for well over a year. But we see mission success in the near future, and hope Rangers will visit and enjoy the Monument, where over 6000 Rangers have their personal Ranger legacy permanently “etched in stone”.

Other Memorial Update

At a recent board of directors meeting of the National Ranger Memorial Foundation, Chairman Stringham recognized Tony Mayne (GallantFew) who successfully solicited for volunteers for the brick restorations. Also recognized, were Rangers Doc Attaway and Steve Caldwell for all their hard work with



Rangers Doc Attaway and Steve Caldwell

engraving.

A point of concern brought up at the meeting, was driving onto the pavers by mowers. The bricks were never intended to be driven on. Right now, there are temporary barriers in place and a more permanent barrier is in the works. As protectors of the Ranger Monument, we were asked by Chairman Stringham to ask someone in the act of driving onto the pavers to stop. If they continue, please contact the MP's and let them deal with it. No tread marks depressing bricks on our Ranger Memorial, please!

The foundation's website has been updated and prices of bricks are now at \$350. The new challenge coins are \$20, and if you have a brick, you can purchase a framed, coined, picture of your stone for \$379. Friends of the Rangers is a minimum of \$500.

Ranger Up and check it all out.

<https://nationalrangerfoundation.com/>



1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT

Hope y'all had a great summer as the ball-parks reopened to full capacity and we celebrated yet another Independence Day this year in our nation. We salute the many Rangers & their families throughout our nation's history whose dedication of service has kept us free. We will never forget your sacrifices.

My family and I enjoyed returning to Fort Benning for the Ranger Rendezvous late July, or as I like to call it "Fort Beginning", as our children cut their teeth there after the Army finally issued me a wife back in 2002, thank you 1st Batt!

Well it was surreal to look across the parade field at the change of command ceremony reflecting back two decades earlier, the last time our Regimental & Battalion Commanders were together at a Rendezvous since our continuous combat deployments after "9-11".

Congratulations to the much deserving inductees of the Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) and as Distinguished and Honorary Members of the Regiment. Those selected with prior service within our 1st "Imperial" Battalion are listed below.

RHOF 2020 Inductees:

MSG (R) Richard S. Barela
COL (R) CHAP Steven Barry
MSG (R) Alan Buford
COL (R) Arthur Kandarian
COL Patrick Stevens
LTG (R) Robert W. Wagner

RHOF 2021 Inductees:

MG (R) Jeffery L. Bannister
MSG (R) Lester B. Cook

2021 Distinguished Members of the Regiment:

BG Marcus Evans	CSM Michael D. Albaugh
BG BG John Rafferty	CSM Martin "Gunny" R. Barreras
BG (R) Ronald F. Rokosz	CSM Craig A. Bishop
BG Brandon R. Tegtmeier	CSM (R) Jay A. Brimstin
COL (R) Jerry R. Barnhill	CSM Christopher D. Clapin
COL (R) Henry L. Eisenbarth	CSM Joe C. Davis
COL Joshua Fulmer	CSM Joshua D. Horsager
COL Michael F. Kloepper	CSM Alexander Kupratty
COL Sean P. McGee	CSM Adam S. Nash
COL Robert M. Shaw	CSM (R) Timothy D. Simpson



LTC Ryan T. Irwin

CSM (R) Aaron T. Tottenham-Lancaster

LTC Timothy J. Sikora

SGM (R) Al Brashier

SGM Bryan H. Valentine

2021 Honorary Members of the Regiment:

SFC Jeffery Dawson, 28th EOD (A)

Mr. Stratton Leopold

Now for some news

from our Rangers at Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF).

The Battalion returned from their combat deployment to Afghanistan this past July, completing the final Ranger deployment to the country. This represents the completion of almost twenty years of continuous Ranger operations in Afghanistan. While overseas, the Battalion focused on honoring the service of the Rangers who came before, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice. An American flag was flown in honor of each member of the Battalion that has been killed in action in Afghanistan since 2001. The flags will be presented to each Gold Star family at the earliest opportunity.

Over the past few months our Rangers at Hunter Army Airfield have been hard at work improving the Battalion's footprint and training areas. Significant additions have been made to the Battalion's dedicated training area, providing the Rangers the opportunity to conduct realistic and complex training without having to leave HAAF. Additionally, the Battalion is constantly improving buildings and facilities within its area, providing our Rangers with the best possible living conditions and fitness facilities.

After completing a few weeks of well-deserved leave, the Battalion is now eager to jump back into training. The cycle will begin with Expert Infantryman Badge and Expert Soldier Badge testing, and is set to culminate with a trip to the National Training Center early next year.

Looking ahead:

Although not locked in yet but we anticipate their annual military ball taking place early December before the holiday schedule rolls around. Please feel free to contact me if interested in attending as I gain more information when the 5 W's are released; I anticipate it being held downtown along the Savannah River, pending the city's COVID protocol at that time.

The Battalion has a project being developed for the concept for their 1/75 Hall of Heroes Project. I am working closely with Sheila Dudley, Sua Sponte Foundation, for its completion. *Next Page*

The location will be in the Battalion Headquarters and we would appreciate any support our Association members can offer - please connect us with other interested parties or groups as well.

They will also have an artist's portrait for each of our fallen. Their intent is to raise funds for each, acknowledging your generosity. The portraits are approximately \$2600 each. They are working closely with our "Ranger Support Network" in general to finalize this project.

If anyone would like to make a general donation or sponsor a specific "Fallen Hero", please contact me at remerritt75@outlook.com.



Regimental Change of Command Ceremony- Heavy



Our monthly Ranger Breakfast, notice their "Ranger smiles"☺.



Photos of Rangers Frank "Doc" Walker and Andy Wilbur at Vic Power's birthday

We appreciate your continued support to our Rangers.

I recently attended our local monthly "Ranger Breakfast" here in the Savannah area; come join us each third Saturday of the month at 0900 located at Perkin's Family Restaurant along GA-204 (Abercorn Street) & I-95S.

For others across the nation, send me your photos & war stories from your Ranger Breakfasts in your little towns or big cities and I will share your brotherhood. I should note, "nothing ruins a good war story like an eye-witness"☺. I was surrounded around Rangers sharing great memories from their time in combat....a few of those stories took place a decade before I was even born, needless to say, they had a captive audience! We had a variety of Ranger veterans & their spouses attend from the Korea, Vietnam, Desert One (Iran), Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm (Iraq-Kuwait), Somalia, Haiti and GWOT eras.

Feel free to contact me with any news you would like to share across our Association and if anyone out there would like to get more involved with our Association I am looking for my replacement as the 75th RRA Unit Director for 1/75.

Although I will not step down until someone comes forward I feel I should not monopolize my role in our Association holding two positions at the same time as I was recently elected as our 2nd Vice President for our association; anyone wishing to volunteer can contact me.

Lastly, for all of our Association members, the Battalion is looking to spruce up their Ranger history & war artifacts along the corridors at the entrance to their Headquarters building. If you come across any war memorabilia they can add to their various eras of Ranger history let me know. They will add a display card explaining the artifact and who donated it to them for display.

God bless to all and our Rangers deployed in harm's way.

RLTW!

V/R,

Rick



1SG (R) Steven Dillinger's retirement ceremony at the 1/75 Memorial with his family and SGM Joshua Peterson, BN OPS SGM and CSM Brett Johnson, FBGA Garrison CSM. They both honored his service with their presence and by speaking at his ceremony.



3rd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—TONY MAYNE

Change of Command. LTC Kitefre “Kit” Oboho assumed command of 3rd Ranger Battalion from LTC Graham White at the



unit's change of command ceremony on July 14, 2021 at Fort Benning, Ga.

Operation Gothic Serpent Award Upgrades.

The Army has upgraded 60 medals for special

operators involved in Operation Gothic Serpent — 58 are being upgraded to Silver Stars and two are being upgraded to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

“At this time we are not releasing the names or units as we are still working through the notifications and are able to confirm that the soldiers would like their names to be released to the public,” said Bonita Riddley, a spokesperson for Army Special Operations Command.

The upgraded awards will be presented later this year — the 28th anniversary of the mission — in separate ceremonies, according to a press release. Each service member will be hosted by their former units. Once 3rd Ranger Battalion's awards ceremony is announced we will publish the details to Ranger alumni.

The awards were upgraded following a directive issued in October by former Secretary of the Army and 75th Ranger Regiment veteran Ryan McCarthy to re-evaluate the actions taken during the mission.

Mogadishu Mile Events this October. There are two great ways to remember the courage and sacrifice of Task Force Ranger this October. The Battalion and Three Rangers Foundation are offering in-person and virtual opportunities to pay tribute to the 19 fallen warriors of the Battle of the Black Sea in the way we find most fitting -- through arduous physical training.

The Mogadishu Mile 5k will be held in uptown Columbus, Ga. on Sat., Oct 2 at 6 pm. Register for the in-person 5k or virtual race on Run Sign Up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Columbus/MogadishuMile>.

Three Rangers Foundation's Mogadishu Mile Virtual Event takes place Sep. 4 - Oct 4.

The participation can be a 1 mile walk, 5K, interval workout, or even a cup of coffee with a friend, to remember and honor

those selfless servants. In Columbus, Ga., Uncommon Athlete is offering a free Mog Mile Memorial workout beginning at Oct. 2 at 8:30 am. Grab your virtual event shirt from Frago Out at <https://fragoutcc.com/collections/mogadishu-mile>.

Connect with your Ranger Buddies.



75th Rgr Rgt NCO of the Year - SGT Brandon Young 2nd Bn

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/>



3/75 Change of Command: LTC Kitefre “Kit” Oboho assumes command of 3rd Battalion during a change of command ceremony on July 14 at Fort Benning. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jonathan Bryson, 75th Ranger Regiment Multimedia Specialist



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UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

Well, I was hoping by now we would be getting back to normal, what ever that is, but the numbers are rising again and I see a civil war on the horizon if a lockdown is ordered again. Hopefully, it will run its course again and we can all make it to Waco in March. I received word today that Eddie Alexander has been admitted to the hospital with Covid pneumonia. He had been sick for a week or so and was getting better but just couldn't turn the corner. Heard from Roy Bissey that he and Robin picked up Covid at the Rendezvous, but Cantrell avoided it.

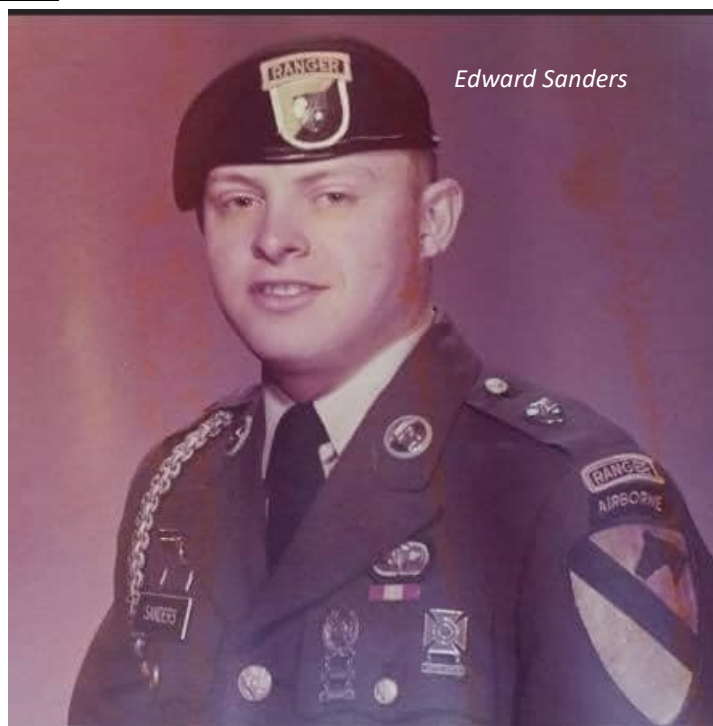
The Reunion in Waco next March is rapidly approaching. Roy Bissey has made the call and a block of twenty rooms has been set aside for us at the Springhill Suites hotel in Woodway and we will have a hospitality room for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The hotel is just a few miles from the property of Jason and Jim Savell who will be hosting the main event on Saturday. The room rate is \$149 per night plus tax, available for the 24, 25 and 26th of March. This is the same hotel we stayed in for the last get together in 2019. They took really good care of us and we expect the same or better as they remembered us and are looking forward to our return. You can enter this link <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1623769831872&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call them directly at (254) 732-7979. Eddie Alexander is collecting contributions to fund our party and you can donate to this effort by check or money order at the following address: Eddie Alexander 235 Weoka Ct. Ellijay, Georgia 30540. If you have a Pay Pal account, enter 404-545-6533 as friend or family to donate by this method. Please advise Eddie by email at alexanderej@bellsouth.net and copy Roy Bissey at r_bissey@yahoo.com when you make a donation. This will ensure accountability and also help track down anything that might get lost in the mail. Many thanks to those who have already contributed over \$2,000 toward a great time. The Savell's, Eddie Alexander, Ed Thurman, Bill Bowman, Stan Jones and Roy Bissey are heading up this event and we expect it will outshine the 2019 reunion. Mike Drumheller is working on art for a t-shirt especially for this get together. There will be an expanded collection of items for a raffle which will be held on Saturday at the Savell property. A/75 challenge coins are still available from Bissey. Ed Thurman is burning another batch of the DVD movie and data disks with pictures sent in before the 2019 reunion and I still have a few copies in my possession. If anyone is still missing out on these excellent compilations of our history and memories, contact me at r_bissey@yahoo.com or Ed at ethurman01@gmail.com for your copy. Ed will also have a new DVD with pictures and video from the 2019 gather, available soon. If you still have pictures from the past that you have not shared, you can send them electronically to Ed for inclusion in the library. We're down to nine months men, only one more



winter to suffer through and then we put on our party boots. He who hesitates is lost. Seize the day and make your reservations now for the best time you will have in 2022. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. rh1h.

Sadly, I must report the passing of two A Company Rangers: Eddie Sanders and Gordon Sparling

"Edward Lee Sanders, 67, of Ingram, passed away July 1, 2021 in Ingram. He was born in Kerrville to the late Henry Edward Sanders and Lila Frances Sanders on October 19, 1953. He graduated from Tivy High School in Kerrville. He worked as a medical administrator for



Edward Sanders

Kerrville Veterans Administration for 23 years. He served as a sergeant in the Airborne Ranger 75th infantry of the First Cavalry Division. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Army Accommodation Medal, and the Ranger Tab. He enjoyed flying planes as a pilot and skydiving. He loved his family and friends dearly. Edward was preceded in death by his father, Henry Edward Sanders; and brother, Richard Glenn Sanders. Survivors include sons, Eric Edward Sanders and Adam Edward Sanders and his wife, Charity Sanders; mother, Lila Frances Sanders; brother, Randy Sanders and his wife, Joyce Sanders; sisters, Brenda Sanders and Beverly Wilkes and her husband, Jerry Wilkes; grandchildren, Destinee Giron, Taylor Cartwright, Breanna Sanders, Ashton Sanders, Shelby Sanders, Brayden Eric Sanders, Tristan Grier, Emily Grier and Elliott Grier. *Next Page*

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM, Friday, July 9, 2021 at Grimes Funeral Chapels. Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM, Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Colbath Cemetery, with Pastor Joseph Fegenbush officiating. Pallbearers will be Lee Bugar, Randy Sanders, Adam Sanders, Scott Kott, Tristan Grier and Kameron Sanders. The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to nurses, Velda Waliky and Louisa Hernandez.”. Jim Ducharme was able to attend and represent A Co. From Eddie Alexander: A good friend and a great warrior has left this realm. RANGER Eddie Sanders was in A Co. 75th Infantry with me and a lot of guys that volunteered to fight the spread of communism in a time when some were burning their draft cards or moving out of the US to avoid fighting for their country. He was one of many of the toughest guys I knew. There is a big Canadian guy out there somewhere with some scars from finding this out the hard way. I never saw him treat anyone with anything but respect and kindness, but he took no crap off anyone. Just an all around great guy. I went through Mechondo school with him. He maxed out their PT test and they cheated him out of it somehow. We still had a 12 mile March with full backpack to do. He was so mad; he ran the whole thing and smoked their standing record. I’ve prayed for him every day since I found out he had terminal cancer. This was a real punch in the gut today to find out he is gone from this Earthly realm. He had a huge heart and he gave it to JESUS at some point in his life. I will see him again. May GOD bless his friends and family. Rest In Peace, warrior. Your work on this Earth is done and you will be missed by many. You will live on in our stories, our hearts and minds.

Gordon D. Sparling, 71 formerly of Bellaire, OH, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021. He was born December 21, 1949 in Parkersburg, WV to the late Eugene and Josephine Sparling, Gordon retired from the US Army having served for 22 years includ-

ing two tours of duty during the Vietnam War. He was a highly decorated Airborne Ranger and Special Forces Green Beret having earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Valor. Gordon was a member of the Special Forces Association and was the 22nd person to be inducted into the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame. He was proud to serve his country in the US Army. Gordon also retired from the US Postal Service and enjoyed traveling. He was a force to be reckoned with and considered himself a ladies man. In addition to his parents, wife, Dawn Marie Sparling, and brother-in-law, Jeffrey Tiger, preceded him in death. Gordon is survived by his children, Jennifer (Shannon) Sparling-McDonald, David Eugene Sparling, Caitrin Marie Sparling and Kiera Renee Sparling; grandchildren, Tyler Blake Sparling, Ashley Mikayla Sparling and Elliott Elayne Thomas; two great-grandchildren; sister, Tamara Jean Sparling-Tiger; brother, Stacey H. (Dr. Wendy) Sparling; numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held FRIDAY, March 5, 2021, 9:00am at the Swigart-Easterling Funeral Home. Burial is with military honors at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Gordon's name can be made to PKD Foundation, P.O. Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187; Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or plant a tree in his honor. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Gordon David Sparling, please visit our floral store.

Jim Savell has been busy putting fingers to keyboard and sharing some stories on Facebook. I do my best to catch them and will share as many here as I can get room to print. To hear these stories in person, show up at his ranch in March. Jim's stories: Take it to your grave: In 1974 A/75th Rangers at Ft Hood, TX were being disbanded. The reasons things happened I have lost in memory but the overall story is correct. The company drew weapons & marched over to rehearse a ceremony???? We returned to our barracks & kept our rifles because we were doing the actual ceremony that afternoon. I was sewing things in one of the rooms & remembered I needed parachutes returned to the riggers. I went to the room where the chutes were & left one person to guard the rifles while the others loaded the chutes. When we fell out for moving to the ceremony...the Platoon medic came to me & said he couldn't find his weapon. I will call him "Doc". I went to the platoon's formation & announced that someone had Doc's weapon. There was a bunch of "Hee Hees". OK guys, who has his rifle? Hee Hee. If ya'll don't give him his weapon I will turn this over to the First Sergeant. Hee Hee. I felt the platoon was playing a joke. I told 1SG Carpenter. He came over & said quit playing around...give Doc his rifle. HEE Hee. The Company commander was informed. Each squad leader checked to verify no one had 2 rifles. We then filed in & turned in our rifles...Uh...missing one. No more Hee Hees. MPs & CID pounced on the Company. The barracks was searched & cars. Nothing. Not being in the know I don't know the exact details. Can't remember time lapse...but a sergeant stopped me & wanted to speak in private. He told me that the person that had stole the rifle had taken him to his secret hiding place out in the woods. He said that this was bigger than people knew & didn't want his name mentioned. I agreed. I met the Company Commander in the hall & asked to see him personally. *Continued on next page*



He got the XO & maybe 1SG...can't remember. I said I could name the thief but not say who told me. Agreed. I gave the name. The CID staked this soldier out & followed him to his site. He had his finger prints on everything there. He assumed the CID just got lucky following him. He sang like a bird. A very large smuggling/drug ring was rounded up immediately. Til now I have never told the ID of that brave Sergeant. RIP Sergeant Eddie Sanders. Another from Jim Savell: Strap Hang: This is a term used in the military. It is when someone is added on to an operation. Once you are "Airborne" qualified.... you must parachute every 3-month period to draw "jump pay". There are times that an individual may become a "pay hurt". Many factors can attribute to a person needing a "jump". In my early airborne days (Late 1960s) there was always some unit at Ft Bragg having an Airborne operation. Usually, the individual's unit would coordinate him "strap hanging". There are a lot of things that happen pre-jump & they must be present. There is a manifest of jumpers & one is usually given to the "strap hanger". Now my story: I was retired & teaching JROTC in Wichita Falls, TX. Early 1990s my oldest son, Jason, attended Airborne school at Ft Benning, Ga. In your 3rd week is when you actually jump from a plane in flight. Connie & I drove to Benning his last week. I wore my BDUs & "Green Beret" because I was planning on jumping with my son as a "strap hanger". I went to the operations NCO & he said I was retired & was not eligible. Needless to say we had words. Others had arrived to "strap hang" with students. In the end I didn't get to jump but they knew I was there...hee...hee. My son graduated & at the ceremony to pin "wings" on I showed up in my uniform. When I had retired about 10 yrs. earlier you were allowed to sew on foreign wings. Regs had changed & only US awards were worn. I still had my Vietnamese wings sewn on. I was minding my own business waiting for the ceremony. Someone came up to me & said that, "you better not let Sergeant Major so & so see you with those on he will rip them off". I kinda grinned & said, "That's when the fight will begin". What a proud day to watch Jason become a "paratrooper".

From Bob Allchin: I, Robert Allchin was the platoon SGT in A/75 RGR unit. I can remember during a training mission in the White Sands area in New Mexico. This actually happened. One of my Ranger wannabes got snake bit one early morning. I heard him yell loudly and noticed his Ranger was laughing. We got our medic (SSG Brown) to give first aid. SSG Brown came to me say-

ing there was no swelling that occurs when snake bitten. Cpt. Nolen summoned a medivac for Jose. Upon landing, I informed CPT Nolen of my thoughts about the snakebite. CPT Nolen went to the ER at the hospital at Fort SAM. I told the CPT of my doubts. When the surgeon approached Jose and said I Must Amputate that leg. When hearing this Jose jumped from the bed and ran from the ER. Stan is factual and can be verified by members of my platoon and others. PS: ask Cantrell (witness)

The 2021 Rendezvous at Ft. Benning is in the books. We, A Co, V Corps LRRP and D/17 LRP were represented by: Roy and Robin Bissey, Pete Rothrock, Fred and Tresina Stuckey, Leslie (Willy) Williams, Herbie Owens, Al Stewart, Kid and Janie Rivers, Ted Tilson and Mike Cantrell. Thanks to Roy Bissey for attending the Unit Directors and General Membership meetings and standing in for me. And thanks to Robin Bissey for keeping Cantrell entertained while Roy was busy. Several items of discussion in the general meeting including the loss of the Harley Davidson sponsorship and the hope they will return next year. Dick Foster, VII Corps LRRP, made a suggestion to commission a commemorative Henry rifle engraved with Association logo/information as a raffle item to raise money for the Association. Dick even volunteered to purchase the rifle himself and donate if it would be helpful. Suggestion was greeted with enthusiasm and Foster is to get the ball rolling. So, look for that to materialize in the near future. Art Attaway is the new Association President. Check the next edition for a list of all the officers. Herbie informed the group that he had lost a sister to the Covid and Henry had been sick but survived. A good friend of Kid Rivers, Major Michael Wagers joined the A Company group. Major Wagers is a member of the 2018 RHOF Class. The banquet was held on Friday evening at the Iron Works in Columbus. The guest speaker was CW4 Tom McGurn, a chopper pilot with a book out called "Check Ride".

I could sure use some new material. If Jim Savell hadn't sent in all his stories, this would have been a short article. I know you're out there and have a story. Put fingers to keyboard, pen to paper and send it to me via email @ stan6542@yahoo.com or US Mail @ 2192 S 500 West, Tipton IN. 46072. Or if you're in the neighborhood, stop in. Always have cold drinks in the fridge and the coffee pot can be turned on anytime. So Stand Up, Hook Up and Shuffle Out The Door and get that story out there for everyone to remember.

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UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

Greetings and Salutations:

Hello again, fellow Rangers, LRRPs, and Jayhawks! Stay safe... stay healthy...

There is a lot of information of which I was suddenly the beneficiary. I am including the most time-sensitive portions here, and will bump some to the next issue (like the long information of the Nine Lives of Jack Luse of VII Corps LRRPs).

NOTE: CONTACT UNIT DIRECTOR FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS. WE DO NOT POST THEM IN THE CLEAR.

REUNION & SIGN-IN SHEET

I was unable to attend the Ranger Rendez-vous this year, but the attendees who signed in on the unit sign-in sheet were: Tim Leadbeater, Gary O'Neal, Dick Foster, Toby Ivey, Larry Fee, Joe Chetwynd, Tom Forde. Dick Foster provided an extensive AAR on the Reunion (in the VII Corps section). Thanks, Dick!

DOC JEANS: Another correction. Doc and his wife live in Las Cruces, NM. Good thing I am not delivering anyone's mail! Contact me for phone number or address.

TONY RICHARDSON INFO

Had a long phone call with Tony Richardson... The short version... he is still kicking, still contracting off and on, but called me from Bob Lund's compound in Chehalis, WA, and was preparing to go elk hunting. He also provided additional contact information regarding John Toney's family. Tony's contact address is: P.O. Box 5343, Chehalis, WA 98509.

Contact me for phone number and email (and I will post it in the Facebook group).

JIM BROYLES MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MOSER'S PHEASANT CREEK

Mike will be hosting a Memorial Service for Jim Broyles at his place in Missouri on 22-24 October. Memorial Service on 23 October (Saturday). Mike has cleared all this with Jim's family and his son (recently-retired CSM Jason Broyles). There will be a "Once an Eagle" ceremony, and Taps. It will be the same sort of celebration Mike has held in the past, with 15-20 able to stay in his bunkhouse, overflow accommodations available in local hotels, and there will be the opportunity, as usual, for hunting and fishing during this celebration of Jim's life. Mike did get his new barn built. One of these days I may even get enough room to post a picture of it. During our call Mike reminded me of the time in Washington State when he had his leg in a cast out on Puget Sound, and all his brilliant Ranger buddies put two life preservers on the cast. If anything had happened, he would have been upside down in the Sound. Ha! Think alcohol was involved?



JOHN TONEY MEMORIAL IN NEVADA

Info from John's Family: Family and friends: we are doing a military service and celebration of life on 22 October 2021. The service will be held at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr., Boulder City NV, at 1400 (chapel time 2-2:30), then stepping outside for flag and guns. After funeral we are going to have a celebration of life at Gordon Biersch (restaurant), 3987 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas NV at 4pm til? In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to Susan Toney. There will be a donation box at the restaurant and funds will be donated to one of John's favorite charities. We would like for you to let Christine Toney know if are able to go for a head count

for the restaurant. If you are not able to go and would like to still send Susan a card please contact Christine Toney for she can give you an address. Thank you for all the support and love everyone is sending. We appreciate all of you. NOTE: Links and directions are posted in the Unit's Facebook Group. Contact the Unit Director for any information you require that is not available here or in the Facebook Unit Group. CONTACT ADDRESS: 3591 Fiesta Drive, Lake Havasu, AZ 86404

P.S.: If anyone knows the ins and outs of the VA system for survivor's benefits, Tony Richardson says Sue could use some assistance. Contact me for telephone numbers, please.

MG ELDON BARGEWELL DELTA PARK CHALLENGE COIN (FUNDRAISER)

Greg Phillips posted this to the Facebook group: I was just informed about this coin. For us that served with him it is a must have in his honor. (NOTE: Coins are available). <https://sogsite.com/2021/07/20/mg-eldon-bargewell-delta-park-challenge-coin-fundraiser-2/?fbclid=IwAR20zD0mZemb-SVvniDLK0IB9EOohQlyC5hlp7KYpCl1VMxCONTizVs8dw>

With permission from MG Eldon Bargewell family and the MG Eldon Bargewell Foundation (EBF), Special Operations Group (SOG) www.norbay.com – History of MACV-SOG, www.sogsite.com, has minted the MG Eldon Bargewell Challenge Coin. The coin profits will be donated to the MG Eldon Bargewell Foundation (EBF) to assist in the completion of the Delta Park project. The coin will be mailed out July 1, 2021.

The coin is 1.75" with a diamond twist cut. One Side MG Bargewell picture, the other side MG Bargewell's units and commands. Years that he served enlisted and years as an Officer with the United States Army. The cost of the coin is \$20.00, \$15.00 of which will go towards the Delta Park project. \$5.00 used for coin cost and admin. As of date, \$120.00 has been raised to help build the park.

The purpose of the MG Eldon Bargewell Foundation (EBF) is to honor Hoquiam native Major General Eldon Bargewell USA (ret.) by building Delta Park. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 to erect a statue of Eldon and three plaques showing his service to our country, his leadership and the honors he earned, including the Distinguished Service Cross (our nation's second highest award for valor), 6 bronze stars (3 with V for valor and 3 for his service), and 4 purple hearts. Donations will also be used to landscape the park and provide a fund to maintain the park in the future.

100% of donations go to the Delta Park Project and are tax deductible.

You can purchase this coin on this website or www.norbay.com

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FROM TIM LEADBEATER:

Subject: Our 16 day Motorcycle Ride in the States of Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho from June 11 through 26, 2021

Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2021. From: Tim Leadbeater

The name of this ride was "Learning Curves Encore Ride - The Wild Wild West". Five couples including Barb and I departed Orem, Utah Friday morning, June 11 headed for Jackson, Wyoming. This was the 20th Learning Curves ride for Barb and me since our first one in September 2009. And, sadly this may be the last since Roy the founder/owner of Learning Curves (a continuing dental education company) will be 80 in the fall and is in process of closing Learning Curves down. He has been doing this since around 2000 when he sold his dental practice to his son and "retired". I've learned a lot about how to "retire" from Roy.

For this trip Roy and his wife, Glenda, were in a three-wheel Vanderhall. He has sold or given all his Harley Davidson motorcycles (around 13 I recall) to family members. All five couples participating in this adventure had, like us, been on many previous Learning Curves continuing education rides. We left Orem with five couples on four motorcycles (3 Harleys and my new 2020 Indian Challenger) and a Vanderhall. When we reached Jackson, WY later that afternoon, one of the Harleys (a 2013 CVO Road King) was "limping" with a throttle body issue.

Saturday morning the "limping" Harley Road King "died" so we left our friends, Dennis and Janet, in Jackson not sure if we would see them again on this ride. They needed to take care of their Harley issue and figure out whether they could continue with the trip or have to go home. We were now down to two Harleys, my Indian and the Vanderhall as we left Jackson Saturday morning and made our way circuitously to West Yellowstone.

When we arrived in West Yellowstone later that day we were pleased to see Dennis and Janet already there waiting for us. After having their Harley Road King picked up by a towing company and taken to the Harley dealer in Idaho Falls (two hours

away), they had rented a Toyota Forerunner SUV in Jackson, WY and headed directly to West Yellowstone. When we departed West Yellowstone the next morning (Sunday, June 13) our travel formation consisted of a Toyota Forerunner, a three-wheeled Vanderhall, two Harleys and our Indian grateful that all five couples were still together on the adventure that had been two years in the making.

Our travel formation changed again on Monday, June 14 when after a stop at Monmouth in Yellowstone National Park, my Indian Challenger refused to start. It only had 2500 miles on it when we left Utah on Friday, June 11 and had been serviced just before I shipped it to Utah for our ride. While we figured out what to do, the three couples in the Vanderhall and two remaining Harleys left Barb and I and Dennis and Janet (in the Toyota Forerunner) and continued on to the next hotel in Red Lodge, Montana via the Beartooth Pass. The plan was for the four of us to meet them there after resolving the issue with my Indian.

My Indian issue was resolved by employing the services of two different towing companies, one to get the Indian towed out of the park to the town of West Yellowstone and second to have it picked there by the same company that had picked up Dennis and Janet's Harley Road King in Jackson, Wyoming and delivered it to the Harley dealer in Idaho Falls. Our "broken" Indian was delivered to the Indian dealer in Idaho Falls for repair...total towing charges of \$1,100. We transferred our luggage and gear from the Indian to Dennis and Janet's rented Toyota Forerunner...glad that they had rented an SUV and not a 2-seat sports car in Jackson. The four "former" motorcyclists then headed for Red Lodge, Montana via the Beartooth Pass in the Toyota Forerunner as the Indian motorcycle faded from view headed in the opposite direction for Idaho Falls on a tow truck. After only four days, this adventure was getting at least interesting!

Tuesday morning, June 15, we left Red Lodge, Montana headed for Helena, Montana with six of our gang of ten on two motorcycles and a Vanderhall and four of us in the Toyota Forerunner. This formation continued until Friday, June 25 when the four of us in the Toyota split that morning from the rest of our group and headed to Idaho Falls to pick up the Harley and my Indian. The other six headed directly to Alpine, WY where we would all be spending Friday night. My Indian had a simple issue that was fixed by the Indian dealer after locating a needed part from another dealer. The problem was the result of an oversight by my Indian dealer in Tallahassee when they had serviced my motorcycle just before I shipped it to Utah for this ride. That dealer reimbursed me for the \$2,600 in costs I expended getting my Indian towed plus our share of the rental costs for the Toyota Forerunner. The Indian dealer in Idaho Falls successfully put in a warranty claim for its repair of my Indian. Dennis and Janet's Harley Road King had more persistent issues although the Harley dealer in Idaho Falls believed it had resolved them when Dennis and I left Idaho Falls shortly after lunch Friday and followed Barb and Janet (in the Forerunner) back to Jackson, WY to drop off the rental car and finish our 16 day trip on the motorcycles.

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After dropping off the rental vehicle, the four of us mounted the two motorcycles and followed the beautiful Snake River from Jackson down to Alpine, WY where we rendezvoused with our other six "team" members.

Saturday, the next morning, the last day of our adventure, we headed south from Alpine to Afton, WY on U.S. 89 for breakfast in Alpine. After an excellent breakfast we prepared to depart Afton for the 4-5 hour ride back to our adventure starting point of Orem, UT. Alas, fate decided to intervene one last time before our trip ended. The Harley Road King's throttle body issue once again re-appeared and intruded on our expectations and hopes for a smooth final leg of our journey back to Orem. The Road King was once again "dead in the water". Dennis called a tow truck and the other eight of us left for Orem, UT aboard two Harleys, my Indian and the Vanderhall. As we approached Orem, a tow truck with Dennis and Janet cramped in the front seat and the Road King on the truck bed passed us and beat us to the Harley dealer (where the motorcycles were being dropped off for shipment back to our homes). "All's well that ends well!"

And, so ended our excellent 16 day adventure (10 days in the Toyota and 6 days on the Indian). It wasn't exactly how we planned it but we adapted and everything worked out amazingly well. We wouldn't have missed it for the world...twists and turns included! The things we saw were amazing but even better was the opportunity to spend so much quality time with those we love and care for. [NOTE: See attachment for our itinerary. (Contact Unit director for a copy, or see in the Facebook Group)].

HEALTH AND WELFARE

As far as I can determine, the rest of you rascals (and the families who put up with you) seem to be doing relatively well, and/or recovering. If there is anything you would like to report, either for yourself or others, please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email.

Until next time... High Speed, Low drag...

V/R...

Marc L. Thompson

Unit Director

VII CORPS LRRPS REPORT

PRIOR TO RENDEZVOUS: EMAIL FROM FOSTER. 6 July. To date, commits from me, Ivey, Forde and maybe FatBack. Maybes are Lengel and some in non-communicado. Touchon's out. Storey's out. Can't get Lake or Jackson. Still trying to contact others. Don't expect Southwest and West coast renegades. Yarbrough is a try-to make it status. Dealing with his bad leg and hernia operation. Don't expect Mr Clark or #7PL Evaro to show due to health slow downs. SF vets got rode hard and put up wet like some of our Nam warriors. Sam's making progress, but it seems VA et. al. are giving him LEG treatment; bastards! We may have to start a Donate page, but don't know yet. Chetwynds in contact with Sam's niece and wife. If \$s are needed, I'll send 1K; anybody want to match it or try, if needed? We'll be in touch.

RANGER RENDEZVOUS AAR FROM FOSTER

Hola y Buenos Dias, Trooperos.

I hope your day is a good one, as well as the many to follow, given the time we're allotted. Be strong until you're called. That brings me to the AWOL factor, it applies to the great majority of you, but certainly not to Tom Forde, Larry Fee, Joe Chetwynd, Toby Ivey and the lovely #9 Masters Icon Catherine, and myself. Far too many of you had very good reasons due to health concerns. Those include, but are not limited to: Whup Ass Yarbrough, Steve Lengel, Sam Storey, Zeke Evaro, Tom Lake, Marc Thompson and too many of our "In Country" Brothers fighting the lingering effects of the Orange disease and age. Others hesitant because of the plethora of mixed messages regarding Covid variants; and still some for the economic fallout. The airlines, for example, canceled Ed Fatback's flight and didn't see fit to advise him. Well, enough of all that balderdash. We hope that those of you suffering will in due time be blessed and free of the curses. Remember: You're AIRBORNE Rangers and LRRPs and they don't make finer men. Be strong!!

While there were only 5+1 of us LRRPs and several B Co (signed in), we managed to have a pretty damn good time and did so without the usual glut of beer and booze. That was not only good for us and recuperation, but there was no drain on our treasury; although our Association did treat us to a great dinner, which we used to toast all you who were unable to attend and to those no longer with us. We forgot no one. Thanks for helping fund the dinner.

There were few activities of which to partake. I think it had a lot to do with the unusually small attendance due to the above reasons and the scattered hotels that inhibited larger gatherings. Forde, Fee, and Chetwynd attended a presentation at the Infantry Museum and were feted by the Museum Curator for the benefit of some Senior OCS graduates. Our LRRPs were taken into the Colonel's office where the "Kids" were regaled with the roles of the LRRP units and the Legacy they built by standing up to the Russian Bear and the Vietnam Communists. According to the guys, the youngsters asked very good questions and were nothing less than amazed on how it all came about. I won't bore you with the details because you all know most of them and I barely remember any of them anymore. We're certain that the future of America is alive and well, in spite of the perverse political interference and policies, that occurred in Vietnam, the Mid East War on Terrorism, and are present today!

We managed to stop by Scruffy Murphey's Ranger Bar, but they weren't open until 1900 because of COVID and getting the bar ready to do business. We did however, meet the Bar's owner, a lovely lass from Ireland. She's owned the bar in Columbus for many years. I think she and Forde were surprised and pleased to realize that they both came from Cork, the same town in Ireland. The two of them enjoyed sharing stories and experiences, while they ignored us. But that was okay. We couldn't relate to their broguish blatherings. It was time to eat and drink some.

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Well, that's about it guys. The only thing left to do is to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of Larry Fee. Without his uber-like shuttling us around, after traveling over 5,000 miles coming from Arkansas to Washington, and back to Arkansas for a show-er before coming to Columbus and still ferrying us around, this reunion would have been a major bust. So, on behalf of those of us who attended, you really stepped up big time, Larry. We owe you. PS: Before coming to Columbus, he slept all those nights in his truck; ala Joe Touchon. Thanks again, man! You ARE the AIRBORNE LRRP!

Remember to pray for all our Brothers and their families who are struggling: Storey, Lake, Lengel, Evaro, Yarbrough, and Thompson. Your thoughts and prayers are working. Till next time, stop sitting so much, quit smoking, exercise a little at least, and remember who loves you. Oh, and think about Nashville or Savannah or wherever, next year. Just think about it, Everything is subject to change, except the AIRBORNE!

I think I neglected to enlighten y'all re Sam. He is at home now. I think he tires rather easily so you short and simple will suffice. Just let him and God know that we're praying for him.

Auf Wiedersehen and Adios,

Pfc (E-10) Foster, El Presidente

USA LRRP Assoc (VII Corps)

B Co Rangers

GLENN HARRY ENGLISH, JR. & DAWN ENGLISH LESLIE

NOTE: CONTACT UNIT DIRECTOR FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS. WE DO NOT POST THEM IN THE CLEAR.
From: Joe Chetwynd. On this most hallowed of days, I am pleased to send you all this Email from Dawn English Leslie, daughter of our late brother LRRP (and Medal of Honor recipient) SSGT Glenn Harry English, Jr. Those of us who attended last year's reunion at Ft. Bragg, NC will recall that we paid a visit to the post cemetery and paid tribute to Glenn with a read prayer, a harmonica rendition of Taps, and a few toasts of Jagermeister, as is our custom on such occasions. You will also please recall that the 75th Ranger Regiment were kind enough to put the photo taken at that reunion, of Glenn's (new, 2001) headstone, with our original blue and white "LRRP CO AIRBORNE" guidon laid on the grass before it, on the front cover of their December 2020 issue of PATROLLING Magazine.

Remembering, too, that in 2003, I believe, Glenn H. English, Jr was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame, and his daughter, Dawn English Leslie stood onstage and received her father's medal. A year later, she traveled to Fort Bragg, NC and, in company with CSM David L Clark (Glenn's former First Sergeant in the LRRPs), they visited her father's grave. Dawn was only four

or five years old when he was killed, and this was her first visit to his grave. Ever since then, Dawn has come to learn about her dad, the father and war hero she hardly knew. Since then, also she has made sure that her own children know about the grandfather they never knew, but do now.

Nearly two decades earlier, in the Summer 2001 issue of PATROLLING Magazine, the 75th Ranger Regiment Association featured a group photo of four VII Corps "Jayhawk" LRRPs: Kirk Gibson, Theo Knaak (now deceased), Bob Griffin, myself, along with George Montgomery, founder of "Fire Base Eagle", the Vietnam veteran's group to which we presented Glenn's "original" headstone for their local memorial to him in his city of birth, Altoona, PA.

I hope that you will all take some time to contact Dawn by email, or phone, and let her know we LRRPs are still roaming this good, green earth, and still trying to recall our "misspent youths." Be sure to ask her about her children. They must all be grown up, married, and have families of their own by now, I would bet. We should not lose touch with her and her family ever again. We are all part of this wonderful LRRP family.

To Ranger Stephen O Johnson, President of the 75th RRA, may I ask if you might still have a few copies of your December 2020 Patrolling Magazine which we might have sent to Mrs Dawn English Leslie and her family. We will, of course, cover the costs of copies and postage.

To "Boss" Foster, please distribute this to all the troops, especially to all those out on freezing, wet patrols, from all us in our cozy, dry commo trucks, trying to decipher their crappy dits and dahs. Thank you. RLW.

P.S.: If anybody still has the photographs taken at either of these two events, I would appreciate it if you could send them to Dawn for her family tribute site for her father. God Bless, and Airborne All The Way, Joe

FORWARDED EMAIL: From: Dawn Leslie: Good Morning Joe, I hope you are doing well. I received your letter and I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. I'm sorry you were unable to contact me, the email address you have, we no longer use. My email address is: CONTACT U.D. and my home phone is: CONTACT U.D., my cell number is: CONTACT U.D. I can also be found on Facebook under my name: Dawn English Leslie. I also have a Facebook page for my father under his name Glenn Harry English. My family and I are always interested in events for my father and all military. I truly appreciate you reaching out and again I apologize for the delay in replying. Thank you so much.

Dawn English Leslie

D/151st/LRP/LRS

Unit Director Bob McIntire

We are off the landing zone (LZ). The team has lain dog (been silent and motionless) for several minutes. At the team leader's direction, the team is preparing to move toward the objective. The team is still at a high state of watching, listening and smelling. No, that doesn't mean we smelled, we are sniffing the air for any smells associated with our enemy. The hope is that we give off no odor that would alert the enemy to our presence in his back yard. After a noisy and alarming entry into an otherwise peaceful area the hope is the enemy's interest goes back to other things, not associated with us. We are as usual, in a free fire area meaning that anyone we encounter will be enemy and therefore bought and paid for. This is good as friendly fire should not be a concern. There are several other concerns that cannot be eliminated.

We now have a new set of concerns that add to those we already have. The concerns we had while lying dog have taken a close second to those associated with moving to our objective without being noticed. In preparing to move, the equipment is checked again for silence and accessibility. Silence, stealth and being invisible are the priorities during movement. The point man is acutely aware of these things even more so than the rest of the team. The team leader is also constantly checking his map in comparison with terrain, distance to travel and distance traveled. He makes sure the team members are all in the right places and that the radio operator is aware of those things necessary to keep aloft up to date with our travels. Aloft knows we are moving and in what direction, he is also aware that the RTO will be concerned with other duties in addition to keeping him informed. If the team should screw up and all hell must be paid, he must be ready to react instantly with exact information relayed to the company TOC. We assist each other in getting to our feet. Not an easy task with your hands full and a rucksack weighing in excess of 85 pounds and to do so silently.

The team leader gives the point man a thumbs up and we are off to the races in a very slow and deliberate way. Rapid movement is neither practical, possible nor desirable. The point man normally moves with as little cumbersome equipment as possible. He is responsible for short, safe and silent moves. The team leader keeps him headed in the direction the team needs to go. The team leader is responsible for knowing where each member of the team is including the point man. The team leader takes all the information from the point man, he interprets that information and if action is necessary and what action should be. Each member of the team is then responsible for the man in front of him and the man behind him. Each man in the team is also alert to his surroundings and for relaying any information that may have gone unnoticed by other team members. (It's like the Three Musketeers, "All for one and one for all.") The team



leader keeps all the team informed of all information required. A good team moves and acts like a well-oiled machine. Information is shared forward and backward.

The team is moving very slowly, staying alert, sharing information and taking frequent breaks to insure it does not tire or fall into a rut of apathy. Remember the humidity is like 99 percent and the temperature is equally high. There is no wind under the triple canopy, not even a breeze. Dehydration is a constant threat as is heat stroke. They have no medics and carry only the necessities. An emergency extraction at this

point could leave the team exposed and a man short. The pucker factor already high climbs higher. Even if the whole team is extracted, they may immediately be inserted in a new location unfamiliar to the team leader. Problems like this are not good at all and could cause the team to walk into something very unhealthy. During these breaks maps and compasses can be checked, aloft may be updated. Aloft will sometime ask for a signal to verify the team's current location. Calling this a break is an oxymoron since the only break is to stop moving, there are still a multitude of things the team must do. The team moves again toward the objective.

Team movement to the objective may be only a few minutes or it may be all day (meaning midmorning to midafternoon and could even go into a second day). On rare occasions an objective could be changed if required by Second Field Force, the people Company D works for. They are not in the field and often seem to be unfamiliar with how a LURP team operates. We have even been used for bomb assessments. The team tries to move when Charley is known to move. If they are moving it is less likely for them to see or hear our movement. If Charley has stopped to eat' he will likely be quieter making other sound more readily noticed. One of a team's primary goal is to move around in the enemies back yard without them suspecting anything is going on. When you are only six men (twelve men in a two-team heavy) one of your highest advantages is surprise. The team movement is behind us now as we have reached our designated objective. In the process of move we might come across a situation that was not known about, causing it to become our new primary objective. Normally decided by our command. In our case, that did not happen and we are on time and on target.

The team leader and the point man may move ahead of the team to get a better idea of what the objective looks like in real life. If the objective is a trail that looked well used from a fly over, the team could be expected to observe the trail to verify it's use for some later line unit objective.

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The team will set up an ambush directed at this trail. The objective may in fact be an ambush to gather information about who and why the trail is being used. The team may be attempting a live body snatch of an enemy soldier for interrogation back at base camp. One thing is sure to happen, there will be a contact made in the form of an ambush. The team's purpose is to get a body count so they will get two days down time to rest and parry before the next operation order comes down.

The reconnoiter will be without weighty equipment in case a fast retreat becomes necessary. The team is at a high level of anxiety during this separation of team members. The objective is to take advantage of the

terrain for best cover and concealment and advantage during the contact. Upon the team leader's return, positions are assigned and team members move to those positions. Each team member starts making his nest that he will remain in for the next four days. Every man sends the M60 ammunition to the machine gunner and then sets out his

claymores. A field of fire is set up for each man, ammunition is set out for quick easy access water is made available by each man and perhaps a Lurp ration is chosen for after all has been set up. After each man's position is readied for what ever may come it's time for some form of relaxing at full alert. We are set up on what appears to be a well-used trail that appears to have had recent activity. A schedule is laid out for night watch. The night watch is shared by the whole team and can be in on-hour shifts. The shift before you will wake you up when it's your turn and when your shift is over you will wake the next shift. If you have a snorer, we employed a stick to wake that person. Snoring, is not allowed. The team leader has us in a line parallel to the trail, with a twenty-to thirty-meter field of fire that overlaps with the man next to you. The actual set up of the ambush is at the direction of the team leader and will vary according to several different things. It seems the set-up is never the same. Each man is no more than an arms-length away. You will be able to see the next man on either side of you, but may or may not see beyond him.

We have unpacked. I usually use my ruck to lean back against, leaving me in a semi-setting up position. I can slide down a little and sleep. I can use my poncho liner as a pillow, cushion or

blanket. Not usually for warmth, but as a mosquito deterrent. I am facing the trail with one claymore facing my back behind me for any surprise visitors, the second is pointed at the trail where we anticipate the enemy to be. Both claymores are within my sight so I can easily watch that they have not been turned around on me. The back of a claymore is shocking, but the front is catastrophic. In a lot of cases the claymores will not be used for fear of setting a dry LZ on fire causing the team to have to run to our secondary LZ, usually some distance away, for extraction. I know this from actual experience. My M16 magazines are placed where I can get them easily during a contact which leaves the ones I carry on my utility belt for last. If the worst

happens, I can run without having to pick up loose magazines, I will have a supply already packed and ready to travel. The radio is anchored in my ruck with the short antenna tucked in the ruck also for traveling. Two reasons for this are, so it doesn't catch on ever twig and vine and so the enemy if observing does not know



The Team-Into the Jungle

who is the radio man. If the enemy can knock out the radio, the team may be unable to call for help or leaving the snakes (gunship or cobras, we love those birds) with no eyes on the ground directing fire. I have used my map to locate our position, I know where the trail is and on what azimuth it runs. I know our primary and secondary LZ's and maybe where artillery will come from. I figure our latitude and longitude of our position and that of the ambush sight. This is information the artillery will want to know. We might be lucky enough to have an artillery forward observer in the C and C slick. The more information I have the better off the team is if something was to happen to the team leader. If something happens to both of us the team is in deep do-do.

Now I am ready to place my creature comforts where I can get to them with little movement and less noise. Water, food (MRE, meal ready to eat, brought to us from Evansville, Indiana no less) reading material, C4 and matches for heating water (to rehydrate my freeze dried MRE), my bottle of mosquito inhibitor, a shiny for signaling and my radio hand set, normally over my shoulder because I will listen to the radio 24/7. To be informed is to be forewarned.

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If another team is in contact and if we can postpone our contact, we will not over tax our support. Sometimes another team's contact may be within hearing distance of our team. Everyone wants to know what is going on. If I have not said this already, I have talked to aloft several times to update him on what is happening and of any change of location. I will not give aloft our exact location, but he will do a fly over. I will tell him when I hear his engine and in what direction. He will adjust his direction to fly right over us and I will tell him when I know he is right over the team. Aloft confirms our location and then avoids getting close to us again unless we need him to confirm something.



Aloft will not leave our area unless he has informed me of how long he will be absent. Upon aloft's return he will contact me to let me know he is back on station and to get an updated sir-rep. After a period of time with no activity command may decide to have us move to a second or new objective. This kind of activity is not looked upon happily by the team. It means a repack and move making us more vulnerable again. It, however, in some cases beat the boredom of sitting in one place for five days without any excitement.

One of the perks of being the RTO is that I can hear some



of the closer teams in the field and I can hear aloft in a one-sided conversation with team too distant for my radio to pick up the actual team. Sometimes I may run the channels to see if I might pick up a radio or TV or some other activities. Usually there is nothing else going on of interest. The music picked up is in Vietnamese and just sounds like gobble-de-gook to me. Besides that's not what I am there for.

Hey guys and maybe gals, I thought this was going to be a three-part story. I have either been too windy or my memory short changed actual events. I know this has to be boring to a lot of you that lived this. I also know that your team may not have done things the way we did in 2-1. This is the way I remember doing it most or at least some of the time so after 50 plus years you can cut me a little slack. When we are all gone no one will remember what we did in Vietnam in 1969. What we went

through for God and country and mostly for each other. At least if anyone cares this might explain a small amount of life in a Ranger LRP company in South East Asia. Like the tee shirt logo says, "We were the best there was and we still are". Seeing that old codger shuffling down the street with the Co. D 151, Ranger ball cap on, yes that's one of us. We were the best and the baddest on the planet at one time. I love all my brother in arms, a dying breed.

RTO 2-1 out.





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UNIT DIRECTOR—ROBERT HERNANDEZ

There is just a few short weeks before our 2021 reunion in Mobile, Alabama, so if you have not done so, please make your reservations before the September 4th deadline. The reunion dates are October 4-9, 2021, at the Holiday Inn, 301 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama. For reservations, call (215) 544 4337. Be sure to mention that you are with the Rangers. The hotel is conveniently located in the Downtown Entertainment district, which offers a host of unique restaurants, theaters, and museums for you to enjoy.

There are two rates:

- 1) King or double \$116 plus tax and includes a breakfast buffet for two.
- 2) King or double \$102 without breakfast.

If you would like to have the \$102 rate without breakfast you must first make the reservation for \$116

Every room has a Keurig coffee maker. The room rate is guaranteed until September 4, 2021. In other words, all reservations need to be in by that date to get the rate. The rate can be used 3 days prior and 3 days after.

REGISTRATION FEE and ACTIVITIES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Make all checks payable to: E-75th Ranger Reunion

Sent to: Howard Munn
P.O. Box 585
Wilmer, AL 36587

Registration fee: includes hospitably room and banquet \$ 65` per person*

ACTIVITY PRICES ARE LISTED BELOW:

MONDAY OCT. 4

- 9 am - 4 pm Hospitality room open for registration
- 4 pm - 6 pm Dinner on your own
- 6 pm 10 pm Hospitality room for fellowship/ and raffle

TUESDAY OCT. 5

- Mobile Museum 10 am \$ 8 per person (pay on site)*
- Fort Conde 2pm \$ 8 per person (pay on site)*
- Golf at the Magnolia Grove RTJ (Depart Hotel 7am)
\$ 50 per person (pay in advance)



Group dinner at the Original Oyster House
\$ Your Tab \$

(Please indicate number in your party)

*Note: wear wristband for discount.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 6

Gulf Maritime Museum (wear wristband for discount) \$ 8 per person (pay on site)*

Bellingrath Gardens (Gardens only)
\$ 12.50 per person (pay on site)*

Bellingrath Gardens and House
\$ 19.00 per person (pay on site)

Azalea City Golf (Depart Hotel 9am)
\$ 35 per person (pay in advance)

Off Shore 6 hr Fishing Charter (Depart Hotel 6am)
\$ 250 per person (pay in advance)

*Note: wear wristband for discount

THURSDAY OCT. 7

Battleship Park / USS Alabama self guides tour
\$ 25 per person (pay on site)*

The USS Alabama, including a submarine and Korean and Vietnam memorial.

FRIDAY OCT. 8

Wild native Delta Tour - depart at 10am or 2pm
\$ Pay on site

Water Taxi to Blue Gill Restaurant (Depart 4pm)
\$ 10 per person (Pay on site)

SATURDAY OCT. 9

- 8:30 - 10:00 unit meeting
- 10:30 -12:00 Memorial Service
- Lunch Break -
- 6PM - 6:30 Cocktails
- 6:30 – 7:30 Dinner
- 8:30 - 930 Raffle Auction and closing remarks

Reunion Shirts

This year Tess has designed a great looking short sleeve tan polo shirt. It is the shirt we wore to support Clancy in Fort Benning for his Ranger Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The price is \$35 for small, medium and large, and \$40 for extra large, 2x and 3x. You will receive your shirt in Mobile.

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To order please send a check payable to:

Bob Hernandez
4424 Rock Island Dr
Antioch, Ca, 94509

Ranger Hall Of Fame (RHOF)

I would personally like to thank all those that helped in the nomination of Ranger Colonel Clancy Matsuda (Ret) to the Ranger Hall of Fame. Roy Barley and Bob Copland provided the guidance and preparation while Poncho and Rick Stetson worked with Clancy's wife Connie on his biography.

Top Maushardt

I few months ago I was contacted by Top Maushardt's son in-law and inform that Top's daughter had passed last year. Top had no other living relatives and but he had possession of Top's military memorabilia. We arranged to meet and I took possession of Top's dress uniform and footlocker with various items including his beret from Vietnam. While at Fort Benning we contacted the National Infantry Museum and they have interest in displaying his dress uniform as he is already in the Infantry Hall of fame for having fought in 3 wars; WW11, Korea and Vietnam.

In closing I would like to thank Roy and Sharon Barley for their outstanding work at the Ranger Rendezvous. Over the years Roy

has served as President, first Vice President and second Vice President of the 75th Ranger Association. He also helped to organize the unit's first reunion in Baltimore in 1993.

Along the way, Sharon was always there to organize the hospitality room and raffles. We will never know how much money her personal efforts have raised for the unit and the 75th Regiment. Thank you Sharon and look forward to seeing you both in Mobile.



From left to right: Roy Barley, Ron "Tess" Tessensohn, Bob Hernandez, Duane "Poncho" Alire, Brent Gullick, Matt Matsuda, Brigadier General Joe Stringham, Tyrone Muse, Gerald Johnson and Prescott Smith.

The mission of the RHOF is to honor and preserve the influences of the most extraordinary U.S. Rangers and civilians in American history who have given a life of selfless service and contributions to the Ranger community; To identify and highlight individuals as role models for current era Rangers; and to educate the public on the culture of the U.S. Army Rangers.

Clancy could not attend the ceremony but his son Matt delivered his dad's speech to perfection.

Joining me at Fort Benning to support Ranger Colonel Matsuda was Rick Stetson, Poncho, Ron (Tess) Tessensohn, Tyrone Muse, Gerald Johnson, Brent Gullick, and Prescott (Smitty) Smith, and Roy and Sharon Barley. Also in attendance was Clancy's life long friend from West Point, Brigadier General Joe Stringham and his wife Sandy.

STAY SAFE!!

Bob H

Unit Director

E 75th Ranger

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UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN McGEE

Company F, 25th ID LRRP Patrolling Article

The 2021 Ranger Rendezvous at Fort Benning is come and gone. It was great turnout for Company F about 45-50 members and their families were able to attend. It was great to see everyone once again. The Rendezvous was of course special with the induction of Mark Ponzillo into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Jo Ponzillo was the epitome of class and grace as she spoke straight from the heart expressing her joy and gratitude that Mark will be forever enshrined in the hall of heroes at Fort Benning. She and her family were also able to spread some of Mark's ashes on Fryar Field Drop Zone and at the 250 ft towers on Fort Benning.

We conducted a unit Raffle at the Rendezvous and raised over \$2000 for our unit fund. We also started our planning on a Company F off year reunion at Las Vegas Nevada from 18 -24 October 2022. More information to follow in



future *Patrolling* articles. We want to thank Fred Stuckey and his wife Triesina for having the outstanding quilt made that was raffled off at the Company meeting. Additionally, Triesina brought gift bags full of all sorts of beauty products for the wives. Their hotel room was packed up tight with all the products she brought. I am not sure, but I think Fred did not have to bring anything back to Texas.

I am always in awe of the members of our company. Once the reunion starts, we come together as an extended family. We usually have the largest turn out, the last ones to close the hospitality room every night and largest turnout for the banquet.

Words cannot adequately express the

pride and privilege I feel to know each and every one of our members.

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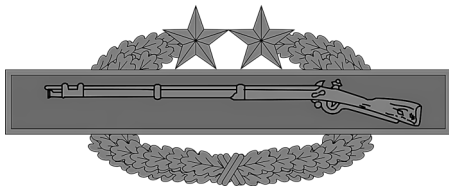
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First Sergeant Robert Maushardt

Duane (Poncho) Alire

For the last couple of years, E50/E75 Unit Director, Bob Hernandez has pursued a project to document our unit's history in Vietnam. He asked each of us to send him our stories, photographs, and memorabilia. This is a huge dream, which remains unfulfilled.

In 2014 Bob compiled some of our stories into a self-published book titled, *Bonding of Warriors, True Stories of the 9th Division LRRP/Rangers As Told By The Brave Men That Lived Them*. The book is a collection of our memories but is not a comprehensive record and did not include an entry about Robert Maushardt, an E company first sergeant who was one of a handful of soldiers entitled to wear a Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) with two stars.



Additionally, several men have written books describing their experiences in Vietnam with the E50 LRRPs and E75 Rangers. Former 1LT Prescott Smith's book titled *Last Light With The Boys* recounts his time in the army including his tour of duty in Vietnam. Another book jointly authored by Paul A. Newman, Bob Wallace and Jack Bick titled *Nine From The Ninth* is a collection of their "war stories" and experiences. These authors, in particular, are eclectic. Newman and Wallace were skilled, decorated combat Rangers with E Co. 75th Infantry, Rangers, Ninth Infantry Division and Bick was an accomplished reporter whose photographs and stories were published in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper, and *The Octofoil*, a monthly publication of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Hernandez reminded E Company at our 2019 reunion in Kalispell, Montana of the history project. Last year he reminded me, again, saying "Poncho, now that you're home and have nothing to do or anywhere to go, get off your behind and finish the Maushardt article!" Actually, his words were a little more colorful.

This article honors broadly Top Maushardt's distinguished military career and speaks specifically to the personal remembrances of some of the men who knew him as First Sergeant of E50 LRRPs in Vietnam and as a civilian after the war. If there is a historical thread that runs through the article, I suggest it is the defining events that shaped the man we knew as "Top" - a soldiers soldier who "led the way" in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

The Pen And The Sword

I dusted off a file folder containing old newspaper clippings and copies of E50 newsletters. In the December 2005 newsletter, which was compiled by Hilan Jones, a former E50 LRRP, I found copies of two letters from Maushardt to Jones.

One of Top's letters began, "I have never forgotten you or the unit and all the men". He then summarized his military career that began in 1940 when he was stationed in Newfoundland as a

search light operator looking for German U-boats. He went through Ranger School at Fort Bragg.

In WWII from 1942-1945, Top served in France and Germany with the 399th Regiment of the 100th Division, where due largely to his Ranger training, he often led scouting patrols for his company and was awarded the CIB.

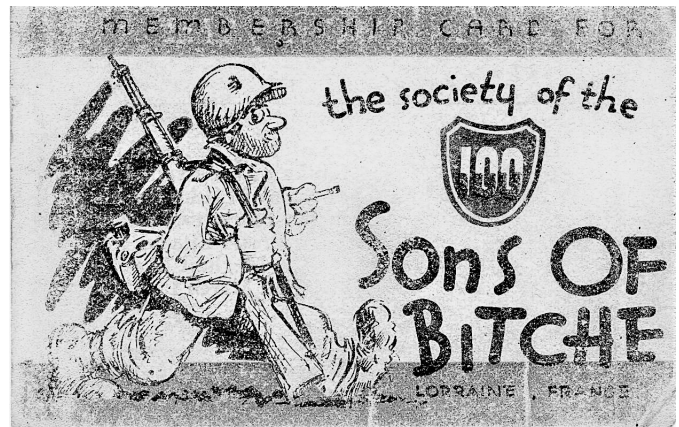
In May 1950, Maushardt deployed to Korea with the 7th Cavalry and, again, serving with Rangers on patrols, earned a star on his CIB. He was back in Korea from 1965-67 with the 2nd Division patrolling the DMZ. In 1968, Maushardt volunteered for Vietnam where he received a second star on his CIB while serving with E50 as first sergeant from 1968-70.

He ended this letter writing, "Two months ago I got a box from St. Louis with all my decorations, ribbons and etc., 27 in all and wanted to throw away all but my two favorites, the Infantry Badge and the Ranger Patch. My wife and daughter raised hell". Top, 89 at the time relented and kept all of them.

On Becoming a "Son of Bitch" – In Top's Own Words.

Gently edited for clarity.

Top's second letter described how he became one of the "Sons of Bitch". In December 1944, the 100th division assaulted German fortifications in the vicinity of Bitche, France. When the fortifications fell, the division was ordered to establish defensive positions south of Bitche as part of the Seventh Army during the Battle of the Bulge. Thanks to their impenetrable defense, the men of the 100th later became known as the "Sons of Bitch". Maushardt described the experience in a letter to Jones.



Hi Jonesy,

Did you know I'm a son of a bitch? Yes, Jones, that's what I am. I'll try to explain.

As you know, I went through the 2nd World War with the 100th Division. The Division had 3 combat regiments, 397, 398 and 399. I was in the 399th. We hit southern France in the fall of 42 or 43. From there (we went) up the Rhone Valley, taking town after town by leap frogging the 3 regiments. It went that way till we hit a brick wall at the Citadel. It was late in January or February. Cold enough to freeze the balls off of a brass monkey.

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For around 103 days in below freezing weather, the 3 regiments tried to take the town. Picture us, wet, cold and clothes freezing to our body at night. Wet and stinking at day light, no bath, the shit in our clothes, one holy mess but we got over it.

Our regiment 399 with the 3rd battalion in the front and K Company, my outfit, leading the way we took the town in a snow storm. I'll never forget how happy the people were till they smelled us. End of story except a few days later we got showers and clean clothes. Oh yes, the people smelled us and our steaming clothes and turned away.

The newspaper, Stars and Stripes, called us Sons of Bitch. Never let anyone know the hell we went through till I got the card 65 years later. Had nightmares and chills over it and a hearty laugh.

Before I close use the \$50.00 for you and your wife for a night on the town. Can't take it with me.

From the Son of a Bitch(e)

Top

p.s. Hope you can read this my eyes are shot.



Warriors Remember

← Top Maushardt

I remember Top Maushardt as clearly today as he was in 1968 because I took this picture of him in the company area at Dong Tam. He was a barrel chested man with a confident bearing, a composed nature and a command presence. I knew little else about him. When he addressed me, he called me "Poncho" just like everyone else. And while I am sure we occasionally referred to him

as an "SOB" in 1968 & 1969, I certainly did not know how proud he would be of this *nom de guerre*.

Salvatore John Di Sciascio, Sergeant, Vietnam, E50 LRRP Team Leader, 1968 -1969 and current E50/E75 Unit Web Master: "I recall Top Maushardt from Dong Tam. He was built like a Coke Machine with a head. Yet, Top was never intimidating. Oh, he was a tough as railroad spikes but I never heard him shout in anger or use profanity. Top had an elusive 'presence'. His loyalty to his charges was exemplary."

Prescott "Smitty" Smith, First Lieutenant, E50 LRRP Operations Officer, 1968 wrote in his book titled, *Last Light With The Boys*: "As I arrived in the LRRP Company at Bearcat, I was surprised to learn that Capt. Dickey was going to go on a thirty day leave back to the States and would be departing within a week. ... With Capt. Dickey's departure for the States, suddenly I was the

only officer in the unit. ... Robert Maushardt, the First Sergeant of E Company, was a veteran of three wars, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. From the moment I arrived in E Company, he was a tremendous advocate for me in the unit. Whenever, I had a question or was uncertain in my role as an officer in the unit, he made himself available to provide timely insight and direction for me. Because I didn't know anyone in the unit, except Ray Gallardo, Maushardt helped me to develop a functional understanding of most of the enlisted men in the unit. ... I would soon discover that there was a broad range of performance and ability levels among the men of E Company. Maushardt was invaluable in helping me learn the strengths and weaknesses of the men and develop a leadership style that would be appropriate."

Rick Stetson, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret), E50 LRRP Operations Officer 1967-1968, and former E50/E75 Unit Director wrote in 2009: "It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Bob Maushardt. As I told his son-in-law, Dan Crawford, all E Company Rangers hold "Top" in the highest regard. He served his country with great honor and distinction and I am thankful he was able to join us at our reunion in San Diego. ... We are fortunate to have served with a brave soldier like Bob Maushardt who will now join the ranks of the departed but never forgotten E Company comrades. Top, we salute you."

Stephen F. Dennstedt, Sergeant USMC, Vietnam, 1967-1968 wrote " ... I was only 16 years old when I first met Sarge; he was my Army Junior ROTC instructor. And he had a profound affect upon my life. He taught me respect, discipline, honesty and courage. He was one of the very BEST men I've ever had the privilege of knowing. ... He was a humble, gentle, kind, likable man - who on occasion and when called upon by his country, was a stone-cold killer. He was never conflicted about his duty to family, friends and country - or about his God."

One Final Note Remembrance

By Bob Hernandez

While Ron "Tess" Tessensohn, our company artist, and I were in San Diego doing a recon for the 2009 E Company reunion, I learned that Top Maushardt lived in the area and we decided to give him a call and invite him to lunch. We did not serve with him in Vietnam as I served in 1967 and Tess in 1970. We knew nothing of his military service other than he was at one time a first sergeant for E Company rangers.

He quickly accepted our offer so we drove to his house to meet him. He was in his nineties and he used a cane to walk as he needed a knee operation. His mind was sharp and his memory was better than I expected for a man of his age.

When he learned that we were planning a reunion in San Diego he got very excited and offered many suggestions on hotels and places of interest to visit. He made it clear that the most important thing was that the reunion be held close enough to his home so he could attend it. We guaranteed we would make that happen.

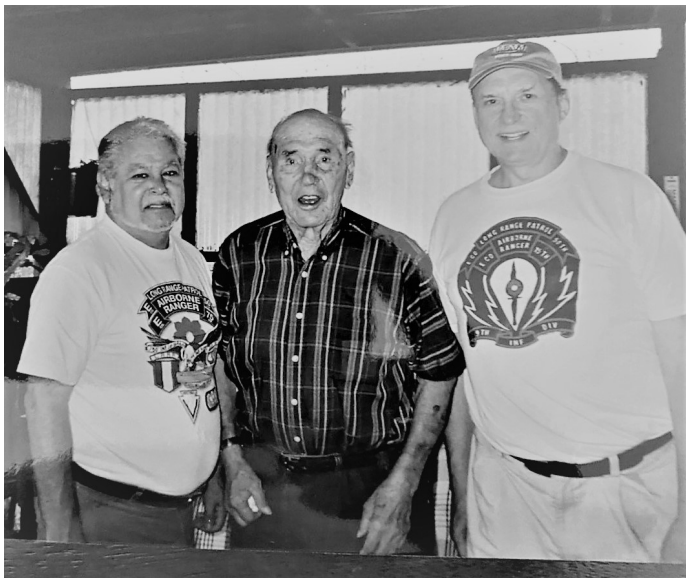
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Tess and I made several more trips to San Diego to complete our recon of San Diego and each time we would visit Top. On one occasion Tess presented Top with one of his reunion t-shirts and he got very excited and put it on over his shirt. Top went to his



wife's bedroom, she was very ill and bed ridden, to show her his new shirt. He then called us into the room to meet his wife. She smiled at us and thanked us for thinking of her husband and visiting with him. It was then that Top leaned over and said "Honey, I'm going out with the boys and I'll be home soon". He then kissed her gently on the forehead. It was a very tender moment.

Marshall Larson accompanied us on our next visit with Top and we learned that his wife had passed away a few weeks earlier. We wanted to cheer him up so we took him to the local VFW where he had joined as a life time member about 25 years earlier. He was surprised to see his name still listed on the wall.



When we returned to Top's home he had a case of beer waiting for us and said that we couldn't leave until it was all gone. We sat in his back yard and he told us the story about how he became a "Son of Bitche".

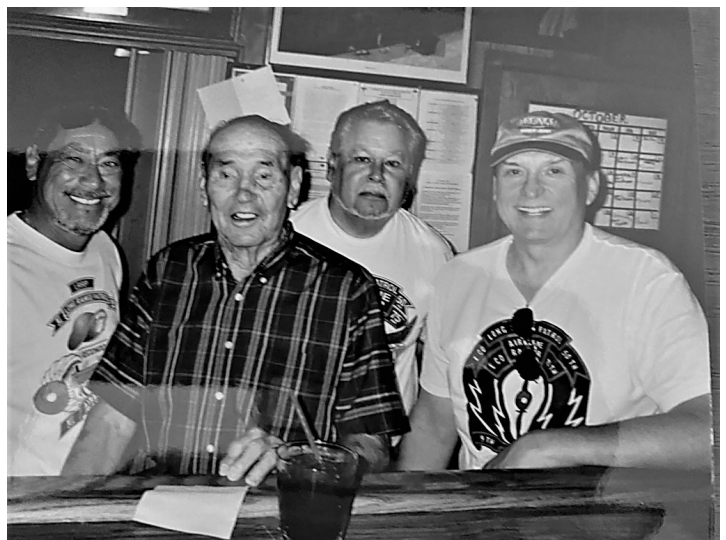
When the plans for the reunion were complete, Top learned that he was going to need knee surgery and was very upset that he would not be able to attend. On the day before his operation, I gathered up about seven or eight guys and we went to visit him in the hospital.

As we entered his room and surrounded his bed a very upset nurse came in and said that some of us would have to leave and come back later to visit. Top was very delighted to have us there and told the nurse to wait a minute.

He then said, "Nurse, get my papers ready, I'm checking myself out!" The nurse gave Bob a stern look and said "But you have an operation scheduled in the morning." Bob shouted back, "Then cancel it! I have a reunion to go to!"

About two hours later Bob rode into the hotel on his scooter to visit with his Ranger buddies. He said that he was too damn old to have the operation anyway and would much rather attend the reunion. He enjoyed the rest of the day reminiscing with the guys about days gone by.

The following day Bob insisted that we follow him to a casino to eat at his favorite buffet. We loaded up several vehicles and caravanned to the casino for dinner. It was very special to have the opportunity to spend time with a man who served his country in three wars and was still here to talk about it.



The next evening at the reunion banquet, with his family present, we honored Top Maushardt for his outstanding military career.

He passed away a short time later but I am forever grateful to have spent this time with him and to learn of his outstanding accomplishments.

Conclusion

Master Sergeant Robert E. Maushardt's memory will live on with his family, at The National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia and in the collective memories of the men who served with him in Europe, Korea and Vietnam.



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Including our two Ranger Hall of Fame inductees; Steve Crabtree and Clem Lemke, our Association had at least 12 members and one "O" Company (Artic Rangers) member (who served with Clem) in attendance at Fort Benning for the induction ceremony. As usual, the 75th Ranger Association in conjunction with the Ranger Regiment, did a great job in hosting the event. The induction event was well attended and there were Rangers present from WWII to the present members of the Regiment. Several members of our Association got their collective heads together and counted eight members of the RHOF that we can claim as ours. I'm not sure if the number derived by this somewhat inebriated group is totally accurate, however, it is an impressive number regardless of exact count.

Another person (or couple) who should be recognized and celebrated is Steve Johnson (and Pam) who finished up his (their) two-year stint as President of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Steve has represented us well in his position of leadership and deserves our gratitude and accolades for what he has done. Steve was not around much with our dozen or so E-51st/G75th guys because he was busy from dawn to late night attending to business and making sure everything went off according to plan. The only person happier than Steve when he turned over his gavel to the new President was Pam. While Steve held the leadership position, I believe Pam shared an equal amount of the load. Congrats to both!

Time is closing in on our reunion in Sacramento and after being delayed by COVID for a year, it will be great to get together once again. Our Association is designed to die out when the last of us are gone. While once our reunions were bustling with members renewing old friendships and making new friends, our numbers



have diminished by the passing of many and the inability to travel for others. I am reminded of the end of the line of the last of the "Doolittle Raiders" as they dwindled into eternity with the last man standing passing. We are certainly not there yet, but with the youngest of us being 70ish, our group draws smaller each year. Thankfully, the Internet makes it easier to stay in contact with our many friends from the past. Seeing the faces and hearing the voices of our young friends no longer young and reflective of our own appearance, not so slender and defined by wrinkles (well earned), reminds us of our delicate place in time. Don't wait to attend your "last reunion" as we don't know when that will be or what tomorrow will bring. I encourage you to attend our reunion in Sacramento if you are able. There will never be another "first reunion" like we had in Washington D.C. in 1990 (not counting the small gathering the year before) with a large crowd of still young faces, however, there will be a "band of brothers," linked by similar experiences, thrown together by circumstances and chance.

While I was at Ft. Benning primarily to see the induction of Steve and Clem and to hang out with my close friend and teammate, Frank Svensson (and Carol), I stumbled into a new friendship meeting Larry (L. D.) Hodge. I had heard his name numerous times from Clem Lemke but did not know him until our meeting. I now have a new brother and friend that I would never have known if we had not attended this gathering. The bonding experience of a new friend and brother in arms is a wonderful experience. Larry and his wonderful bride are now friends for life with me and Nicki. I am reminded that a new best friend is just around the corner....I just haven't met him (or her) yet. Life is good!

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UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker

Ranger Brothers – looking forward to seeing everyone in TX in September. It's becoming tougher and tougher to find articles/memorial news on those we are trying to honor so please help out if you can.



This issue I would like to honor Lewis McDermott. Lewis was born on August 5th in Mexico MO. He began his tour of duty in Vietnam on August 31st, 1967. Master Sgt McDermott was acting as Cpt Mike Gooding's 1st Sergeant. On 06 Dec 1967, two men from E Company, 52nd Infantry (the 1st Cavalry Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol company) were killed by an "explosive device" while on patrol - MSG Lewis E. McDermott of Fulton, Missouri, and SGT David T. Dickinson of Denver, Colorado. →



From the Mexico Mo Ledger..... M-Sgt. Lewis McDermott 36, formerly on the military staff at the Missouri Military Academy, was killed yesterday in Vietnam. The army notified his wife and two sons of his death this morning at 413 Eastholm St. Mrs. McDermott, Kelly, 15, a student at Mexico High School and Mike, 10, of McMillian School, moved back here in September when Sgt. McDermott was sent to Vietnam. Sgt McDermott formerly lived in Fulton where his parents are living. The McDermotts first moved here in the fall of 1960 when the sergeant was named to the academy military department staff. He remained there until spring of 1963 when he was sent for a tour of Korea. After that he had an ROTC assignment in Michigan before being posted to Vietnam. The 1963 MMA Taps yearbook was dedicated to him and another staff member. The editor wrote: "Sarge came to MMA our sophomore year and immediately became known for his sharp wit and friendly attitude. Whether coaching the D company football or putting the state champion Fusileers (of which he was supervisor) through their performance, he could always be seen exchanging a wisecrack with one of the seniors. He has taught us his standards of military and social excellence that will be put to good use in later life. He has proven to be a solid citizen, both on the athletic field and in the classroom..."
RIP Lewis McDermott

I wanted to approach this part of my quarterly report a bit differently and report on the Ranger Rendezvous that took place from 18 -25 July at Ft Benning. This event happens every two years and includes a number of "Ranger" organizations - the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn, the US Army Ranger Assn, The Three Rangers Foundation among others. Interestingly the week was highlighted by the attendance of some of the original Merrill's Marauders (I believe there are only 4 or 5 left and they are anywhere from 95 to 100+ years old), the Ranger Hall of Fame dinner and inductions for both 2020 and 2021, a Regimental Change of Command, and last but not least a lot of Vietnam era Rangers, a contingent of GWT and younger Rangers who had served since Vietnam along with

current day Rangers that are still serving with the Ranger Regiment. The 75th RRA and USARA took up 3 hotels and for the Vietnam era guys every "Letter" Company was represented. I would suggest to all that we should at least once - or on some regular schedule, consider holding our Company reunion in conjunction with the 75th Rendezvous because there is just tremendous comradery with the Vietnam era guys (from all Companies). I realize that there might be extra cost relative to our H Company reunion that is held in conjunction with the Cav – but I'm not sure. I will check to see what sort of breaks we could receive and see if we can't put together some comparison pricing should we ever decide to try this avenue. We had 4 other members of H Company in attendance beside myself, Bennie Gentry, Chuck Windham, Mike Doran and Rufus Bacon.



Anyway - wanted to try to recap the week and provide some accompanying pictures. Sunday was primarily a "set up" day - getting all the parts and pieces together so we were ready for Monday morning. By the end of the day we were able to accommodate some who arrived early. *Continued on the next page*

Monday was the first “official” day for registrants to get checked in. All registrants received a gift bag with the 75th Association logo and filled with T-shirts, maps, pens, schedules for the week. We were expecting about 300 attendees. The fun part started with a static display of weapons and systems at Fryar drop zone. Everything from personal weapons to crew weapons and transportation for those weapons systems were on display. This was followed by a systems and firepower demonstration that included both a mounted attack on an “enemy” compound augmented by elements of the unit that were delivered to the battlefield by Blackhawks and who repelled in to support the already engaged enemy ground elements. There were some side activities to include a trained Ranger service dog taking down a bad guy (an audience favorite) and was to be concluded with an airborne assault by members of the 3rd Battalion, 75th but a storm blew in and that had to be cancelled. But all in all, it was great to see members of the current Ranger Regiment in action and available to meet and talk to the folks in attendance.

The hospitality suite was open every day and late into the night – providing attendees time to greet old friends, make new ones – and I can say without question a lot of beer was consumed.

Tuesday was once again a heavy registration day – but the morning was highlighted by presentations from the ARTB – the Ranger Training Brigade Commander and staff, and later by the 3rd Battalion Commander about the readiness and makeup of the 3rd Bat. The Ranger Training Bat (RTB) now falls under the ARTB which is responsible for Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, Jumpmaster, and RSLC (Recon & Surveillance Leader’s course). RTB is made up of the 4th RTB at Benning (also responsible for RSLC), 5th RRB in Dahlongega, and the 6th at Eglin. Also located at Benning are the STB (special troops) and the MIB (military intelligence) Battalions. If you’re now confused about who’s what and where – you’re not alone.

Tuesday night was highlighted by the HOF dinner, which was by invitation only – and was the prelude to the induction ceremonies to be held on Wednesday. Unfortunately, I did not have an invite to the dinner but Chuck Windham was able to score an invite and attended. The actual HOF induction ceremony took place on Wednesday. Actually, there were 2 separate ceremonies; a morning version to honor the 2020 inductees as there was no ceremony due to COVID last year, and an afternoon ceremony to honor the 2021 inductees. If you’ve never had an opportunity to attend one of these ceremonies, you should put it on your bucket list. The presentation was exceptional, providing both a history of Ranger Operations from WWII, Korea, RVN to GWT, along with recognition of Rangers who participated in each of the wars/engagements through present day. It was a moving presentation highlighted by one of the original Merrill’s Marauder’s who had served in Burma during

WWII, and with Ranger units in Korea and in Vietnam. Wednesday night was capped off with the 1st Annual Ranger appreciation night that was to be highlighted by a Cornhole tournament originally scheduled at Chattabrewchee a Ranger owned business in downtown Columbus but moved at the last minute to the local Harley Davidson Dealership.

Thursday began with some informational meetings, including a breakfast hosted by Mike Hall from Three Rangers Foundation covering the Ranger for life program, along with an informational presentation from a VA rep that focused on how to be more effective in approaching the VA with regard to benefits that you’ve earned. The presentations were followed by a General Membership meeting of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. There was some initial discussion on our legacy as an organization – specifically how do we get more participation from new Rangers currently serving, and GWT era Rangers. There were some concerns that were voiced regarding the Ranger Memorial and it’s general state of disrepair. We heard that there were steps being taken to ensure that the bricks that comprise the Memorial and the area of the Memorial itself were being repaired and protected from further abuse.

The last order of business for the General Membership meeting was the election of officers for the next 2-year term. Steve Johnson stepped down from the President’s role and Art “Doc” Attaway was elected as the new President, Roy Barley stepped down as 1st VP, Pete Dencker (formerly 2nd VP) was elected as 1st VP, CSM Rick Merritt elected as new 2nd VP. Tom Sove and Roger Crunk remained as Secretary and Treasurer. Thursday concluded with a great Barbecue at Freedom Hall, on Lawson Army Airfield, Ft Benning. The Barbecue included current members of the 3rd Bat along with all Rendezvous attendees – a fun event. Also taking place on Thursday was a special outing for Regimental Ladies. They toured both the Columbus Museum as well as the National Civil War Navy Museum – both in Columbus.



Pete and Donna in Good Company!

The Week came to end on Friday with a change in command ceremony for the 75th Ranger Regiment, a meeting of the new officers, and finally a joint banquet (75th RRA and USARA) on Friday night which was attended by some of the original Merrill’s Marauders – Looking back now it was a great week highlighted by the interaction with Vietnam era, GWOT era and current members of the 75th Ranger Regiment. I will close by saying again – that this is an event that H Company should look at attending – even if on an occasional basis. The interaction of Rangers from all eras was simply amazing – and something that should be experienced by all.

“For those who’ve fought for it – life has a flavor the unprotected will never know” RLW



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UNIT DIRECTOR—DAVID A. CHRISTIAN



Reunion 2021

Springfield Illinois welcomed I First Infantry Division Company F 52nd Infantry LRRP aka Company I Rangers 75th Rangers to the land of President “Abe” Lincoln and the McGath Family. And in honor of our recently deceased brother Bob who was watching over us from the heavens and we had a wonderful reunion.

The Capital city of Illinois was “on again and off again” with Covid restrictions. Most business establishments were open but some had some unusual Covid rules. An example being one establishment asked me to place my take out order by standing in line with the automobiles



dent , Secretary Tom Mc Mahon, Treasurer John Candiloro and Unit Director Dave Christian all in place to serve our brothers for another two years.

New Business - Was a motion to honor Kate Tweedy for her warm patriotic welcome to our last convention in Washington Crossing. All other motions are in the minutes and passed unanimously.

We concluded the reunion with the traditional Saturday Night dinner with new officers and we adjourned until next year when the reunion will be held in Louisiana.



and walking up to the pick up window when the sandwich was ready. Yes, I felt out of place but “when in Rome do as the Romans do”. I was just ready to place my order after patiently waiting when we had a monsoon downpour of rain. I excused myself from the lady talking in the machine and ran to another establishment which let me eat inside.

Our host Judi and her son, Sean McGath with their family and friends did a wonderful job welcoming the Rangers to the Hilton Inn in Springfield. We had a great hospitality room with food/drinks, baked goods, snacks and an auction that raised close to one thousand dollars for our unit's future needs.

Tours were set up for the group to visit museums, National Guard Armory, the State house and we capped events off with a lunch dinner of pulled pork with all the finest trimmings. This was all followed by home baked desserts (cakes and cookies, etc). The business meeting on Saturday morning was preceded by the auction mentioned above and was called to order at 1000 hours by President Dave Flores. Motions for newly nominated officers were called and seconded and a unanimous vote followed resulting in Dave Flores, President ; Dave Hill , Vice Presi-



Judi aside Robert McGath's headstone

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Group alongside McGath's tombstone

Court Martial - No Man Left Behind

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT "PAUL" ELSNER BY DAVE HILL AND EDITED BY DAVE CHRISTIAN

Robert Paul Elsner mission 'MISSION FIRST, DUTY FIRST, NO MAN LEFT BEHIND- especially when engaged in a firefight. This is DAVE HILL'S story while observing transition of responsibilities in combat to assistant team leader for a wounded comrade, Sp 5 George Knowlton the Team Leader of Wildcat 3 in November 1967. The team became engaged with a large Vietcong force which soon surrounded them. Important to note that Specialist Knowlton was seriously wounded and incapacitated early in the fight thus leaving the responsibility of the battle to Assistant Team Leader Paul Elsner and the remainder of team "Wildcat 3".

Paul quickly assessed the seriousness of our situation and immediately started calling Artillery. First he called for "marker rounds" and established our location in relation to the enemy and our support. He then called an order to "fire for effect" with 105 and 155 artillery thus establishing a wall of steel around Wildcat 3 team while destroying any advantage the enemy originally had against the American Unit.

After approximately 2 hours of raining shells on the enemy he called for an end to fire mission to again assess the enemy's strength. Newly minted team Leader Elsner concluded that the Artillery bombardment had successfully neutralized the enemy and the enemy that were not killed or injured retreated from the Americans LRRP team. Paul then directed the Vietnamese Scout assigned to the team to recon the area to make certain it was secure. He followed that order by requesting an extraction "dust off" also known as a medivac helicopter "ASAP". Elsner confirmed to Base Camp that all was clear and we had a serious Wounded IN Action (WIA) team member therefore necessitating an immediate extraction. Our mission from Brigade Tactical Operation group was to confirm that a large element of either VC or NVA were operating in the area that the team was dropped in the jungle coordinates to confirm. Acting Team Leader Elsner confirmed. The "fire-fight" of bullets and rockets fired at the team further confirmed and Team Leader Knowlton's serious injuries demonstrated enemy activity with need to follow up.

However, The LRRP company commander flying above the jungle in a Command and Control (C & C) helicopter told Elsner to wait as he flew over the jungles and the battle site numerous times without taking any enemy fire. This was done successfully.

Paul Elsner was comfortable that an extraction would soon be imminent to save Knowlton. But, all is not certain in War as the Commanding Officer of the Division General Hay reversed Elsner's request for immediate "Pick Up" of Knowlton. He joined the Commanding officer of the LRRP Company in his helicopter and took command establishing his Chopper as the new Command and Control for this situation and all was now under his direction. Then General Hay ordered Elsner to pick up his WIA and move to a "more clear pick up zone" for the wounded man - note this was approximately one kilometer away and in the direction of the retreating enemy. Objections came from Elsner as the "Ground Commander " but he was overruled by the General. As Elsner observed the seriousness of Knowlton's injuries he shouted into the radio that " we needed the helicopter Now to save a man's life" but again the General overruled this serious demand.

Hay instead ordered Elsner to follow through with his orders and pick up the wounded man Knowlton (who was hanging on for life) and move to the clear pick up zone that he had observed from the sky about one kilometer North West of their present position through dense jungle.

Elsner again respectfully rejected this suggestion explaining the life threatening physical condition of the team leader. Paul Elsner refused knowing full well the consequences of insubordination . The team stayed in place knowing that they should be safest in an area where a wall of artillery steel had protected them and they dug into their jungle position until daylight the next morning.

Knowlton had died during the night. The team was extracted and a Court Martial was waiting back at Lai Khe base camp from the General for Elsner.

A second battle was now to follow. The mission of the small LRRP teams that often consisted of five men was that "TEAM LEADER WAS THE MISSION LEADER". Elsner saved the remainder of the team and successfully brought Knowlton's body back. NO MAN LEFT BEHIND! However, the General saw things differently in that Elsner refused a direct order of a superior!

The Court Martial proceeded at Brigade and Paul Elsner was vindicated as the Commander of the battle. On Elsner's side was his team; The LRRP Commanding officer and the fact that the General was flying over two thousand feet above in the skies that became blanketed with darkness. Also, it was the first time that the General used the term "Over Controlling " or to speak plainly he was taking over the LRRP ground war of the day. After the Court Martial Paul was returned to duty and became Assistant Team Leader to "Wildcat 2" led by Team Leader Ron Luse.

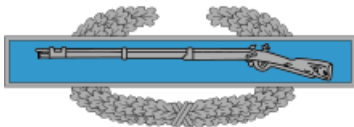
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Paul Elsner went on to prove himself a true leader in other difficult situations to include the first air emergency extraction of a LRRP team that was surrounded by enemy in June 1968 and extracted on the skids and rockets of a Cobra Gunship.

His final military judgement came from his men who nominated him for awards for Valor. He Received 2 Silver Stars (America's third highest award for Valor in Combat); The Bronze Star with V for Valor and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Although born and raised in New York he was gifted with LRRP/Ranger blood and when fighting the enemy "he owned the jungle". Robert "Paul" Elsner died of lung cancer June 24, 2004. Gone but Never Forgotten !

Trivia
Combat Infantry Badge
Vietnam



Awards and Decorations have changed requirements through the years but I can share with the LRRP/Rangers of the First Infantry Division in Vietnam that we were to follow a policy combined (1) being engaged in enemy contact or (2) Combat Missions or (3) fire fights under enemy fire a minimum total of 30 hours with the above criteria before we qualified for the Combat Infantry Badge.

I just received the Special Order that Awarded the following LRRP their CIB's.

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Special Order
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26 August 1968
Company F 52 LRRP

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PFC-E-3	
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UNIT DIRECTOR—ROGER CRUNK



As many of you know this year has been a struggle due to my Wife's ongoing medical issues. At times I have neglected my duties and been out of touch. For that I apologize. Things are looking up as her most recent surgery went very well with no complications. All of her tubes were removed last week so now it is just a matter of everything healing. She has one other minor procedure in a week or two. We have decided that the light at the end of the tunnel is actually daylight, and not a train. Your thoughts and prayers are so greatly appreciated.

I know there are others who struggle with medical or other life issues, so I encourage all to keep your Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers. A phone call does wonders to lift one's spirits. On to other news:

William (Tex) Atkinson passed away recently. I don't have an exact date, but his celebration of Life was Aug. 10th. Willie and Sue Williams attended the service on our behalf. The Family apparently did not know a lot about his service in Vietnam, so Willie gave a short talk about what he and his brothers did, our missions, and our bond that has lasted a lifetime. Frank Mason was also in attendance. Thanks, guys, for representing us.

My friend and Brother Charles (Charlie) Elkins passed away July 21st, 2021. He had been in a state Veterans Home for the past several years. If I'm not mistaken, he had MS. I believe the date was Aug. 12, 1970, the team he was on was in a night contact. Ron Wilkinson was critically wounded, and Charlie braved intense enemy fire to get Ron to a safer position. As I recall it was the 1st or 2nd day of my last mission that I monitored the radio transmissions of the contact not knowing who was on the team. My team was ambushed 4 days later. There is much more to our stories but maybe another day. I miss Charlie. When I would visit him in the Veterans home or on the phone, he was always upbeat and smiling, never letting his suffering show. His courage was a blessing to all who knew him. His service will be in Missouri (his home State) at a later date.

Fred Fones of 3rd Brigade LRRPs passed away June 21st, 2021. His friend and our Brother John Chester were at his side when he passed. Fred will be buried on Oct. 14th at 10:00 AM. The internment will be at the Camp Navaho Veterans Cemetery, 14317 Veterans Drive in Bellemont, Arizona. 86015. I will make every effort to attend his service.

Charles (Chuck) Weidner, K-Co 69-70 passed away June 24th, 2021. This info was passed on by his daughter through our website. Hopefully Wayne will be able to get further info from his daughter but nothing else as of this writing. Also, SFC Trenton Lumley also passed along through the website that his Father **Donald Lumley had passed away in 2000**. SFC Lumley became a

career soldier primarily because of his Father's service in our unit. Donald served with the 2nd Brigade LRRPs and as a Recondo instructor in 1967-68.

On July 14th I left on the drive to Georgia for the reunion. I picked up Tom Sove at the airport in Denver. That evening at our motel I received a call from my daughter Andria that she had to take Janice to the ER and was admitted for sepsis that had come on suddenly. Apparently, she had picked up a drug resistant infection during her most recent surgery and finally reared its ugly head. Andria,

who is also a nurse, said she was confident that they had caught it in time, and she would recover with IV antibiotics. Jan said she would be fine and to continue on my trip. I did not feel comfortable with the situation as we continued the drive. On Friday afternoon Andria called again and told me that things were not good, and I should come home. I tried to get a flight out of Memphis but to no avail. I tried Birmingham with the same result. I was able to book a flight out of Atlanta for Sunday morning. We were unable to find a motel room near the airport, but Wayne and Fran Mitsch invited us to stay at their house. Wayne drove me to the airport Sunday morning for my flight. Jan finally started to improve after several days on IV antibiotics and was able to come home. I owe Wayne and Fran a big debt of gratitude for their love and kindness. So, Tom drove my pickup on to Columbus with all the various office supplies and equipment that was needed for the registration desk.

In that regard I need to thank Tom, Wayne Mitsch, David Bristol, Willie and Sue Williams and any others who stepped up and took over my duties at the desk. I am eternally grateful.

Tom tells me that I am still the Unit Director. But did you guys even have an election? Ask for nominations from the floor? You know. Those things we usually do at our meeting. At any rate I'm still here and honored to serve my Brothers of K-Co Lrrps/Rangers. Tom also informed me (gleefully) that Colorado Springs, CO would be the location for our reunion next year and I would be the host. And here I thought I had gotten out of that because of Covid. Apparently not.

My initial thought was in the Spring or Fall when its cooler, but I checked with the 4th Div. assoc., and they will also be back in Colorado Springs July 25-29 for their 2022 reunion. I'm thinking we could participate in that as was the plan for last year. The basic schedule is in place with outside activities to be announced. We can join in any of the planned activities or plan some of our own.

The question I have is do we want to do this or plan our own reunion at a different date. So let me know your opinion a.s.a.p. so we can plan accordingly. *Continued on the next page*

You can contact me via e-mail: rogercrunk@msn.com or phone or text: 970-640-3815

I will include the 4thID hotel info and schedule here for your perusal.

Watch the *Ivy Leaves* or the Website 2022 National Reunion Page

for more details as they become available.

2022 National Convention Schedule

July 25 - 29, 2022

Monday – July 25, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

Arrivals – On Your Own Activities

Noon – 5:00 PM – Registration – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

Noon – Late PM – Hospitality – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

Noon – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Boardroom 3rd Floor

Tuesday – July 26, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Registration – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Off site activity - TBD

9:00 AM – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Boardroom 3rd Floor

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – E-Board Meeting – Boardroom 3rd Floor

Wednesday – July 27, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Registration – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Off site activity - TBD

6:00 PM – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Boardroom 3rd Floor

Thursday – July 28, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Registration – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Off site activity – TBD

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – R&R Reception with a Cash Bar, Memory Book Group and Individual Photos

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – **The R&R Dinner & Dance** – Summit Ballroom 4th Floor

8:00 PM – Raffle drawing winners can pick up items from the Hospitality room

Friday – July 29, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Registration – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Hospitality – Breckenridge 2nd Floor

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM - **First Business Meeting** – Pikes Peak Ballroom

(there will be a 15 Minute break between meetings)

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM - **Second Business Meeting** – Pikes Peak Ballroom

11:00AM – 2:00 PM – **The Ladies Luncheon** – Garden Atrium

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Banquet Reception with Cash Bar, Memory Book Group and Individual Photos

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – **The Flames of Remembrance Banquet** – Summit Ballroom 4th Floor

Saturday – July 30, 2022 Hotel Eleganté

Departure Day - On Your Own Activities

Standard Single/Double Room Rates are \$139 / Night plus tax. Rate includes: Daily Breakfast for two, Free Wi-Fi, Business & Fitness Center access, Free Parking, Courtesy COS Airport shuttle service and within three miles of the hotel. Premiere level rooms are available for an additional \$45.00 for single/double occupancy.

Individual sleeping room reservations should be guaranteed for late arrival with a credit card by calling 800-981-4012 by Thursday, June 23, 2022. Members should mention the 4th Infantry Division Association Reunion or reference Group #2730011 to receive the Group Room Rate and Group amenities. Room reservations may also be made by using the direct Link to the Hotel Eleganté on the Association's website. An early departure fee may be charged. To avoid this fee Individuals must advise the Hotel at or before check-in of any change in the scheduled length of stay.

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UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



Greetings fellow Rangers and LRRPs of the 101st Airborne Division. I am writing this the first week of August here in the Los Angeles area and the weather is as hot as can be. Hopefully, you are all keeping as cool as possible during this blistering summer heat. As I reported in the last issue, retired Lieutenant Colonel Robert Suchke was selected as a member of the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame and he was formally inducted on July 28, 2021. Because of the cancellation of last year's ceremony (due to Covid restrictions), there were 32 former Rangers inducted this year. Suchke is unquestionably deserving of the honor and his career achievements speak for themselves. Even before he reported for duty at “L” Company in April of 1971, he had seen plenty of combat action while serving as an infantry lieutenant with “D” Troop of the 2/17th Cavalry which served as a “Ready Reaction” force for our own Ranger company. As a lieutenant with the Cavalry, Suchke was involved in one of the more difficult assignments when Ranger Team “Bills” ran into an overwhelming force of NVA in November of



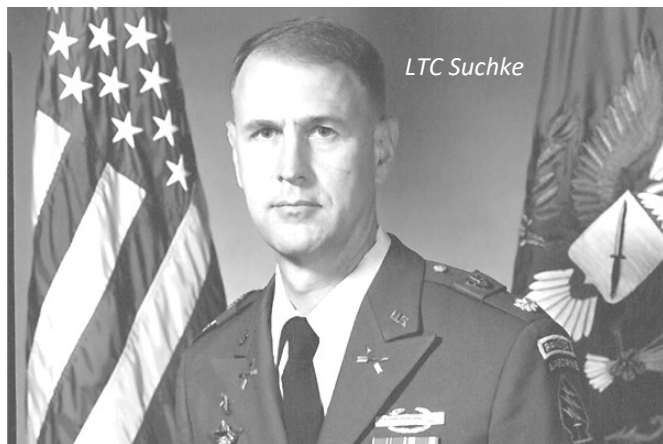
“McGuire rig” during the heat of the action. I have included a picture of Ranger Team Bills in this issue.



They are L-R Robert Drapp, Tome “Chief” Roubideaux, Team Leader James Houser, Norm Stoddard and Roger Costner. Costner was also seriously wounded during the action.

Months later, Lt. Suchke transferred to the Rangers after the death of Lt. Paul C. Sawtelle in April of 1971, and needless to say, he had big shoes to fill. But once again, he was up to the task and soon gained the respect of everyone in the company. His many jobs in the company included Platoon Leader, Executive

Officer and also Training Officer. After Vietnam, Suchke was an instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School's “Mountain Phase” at Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dhlonega, Georgia. He also served with the U.S. Army Special Forces and commanded the 1st Battalion of the 1st Special Forces Group. After 23 years of active service, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. In his retirement, he's continued his association with the Rangers and has been the Treasurer for the Mountain Rangers Association for many years. Retired Lt. Col. Suchke is a graduate of the University of North Georgia (UNG) which has produced a number of Hall of Fame Rangers including “L” Company's own retired Major General David L. Grange. I have included several photos of Lt. Col. Suchke and two of them are from his days with “L” Company.



1970. What started off as something akin to a contained fire-fight quickly snowballed into an all-out battle with heavy casualties for the Rangers and “D” Troop soldiers. A supporting LOH also ended up crashing in the area, killing both pilots. Ranger Team “Bills” lost two of their men KIA: SSG Norman Stoddard and Sgt. Robert Drapp. I will not go into detail regarding their deaths, but I will say that Suchke did everything he could to rally the rest of the team and his “D” Troopers and all the men performed their duties to the best of their abilities to extricate themselves from a dire situation. As many of you may remember, Ranger Lt. James Leroy Smith was one of the seriously wounded while attempting to extract SSG Stoddard with a

Suchke 1971 Vietnam



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One of them has Suchke on the far left with Sgt. Rob Wimmer manning a captured NVA machine gun. Also in the photo are yours truly (with the beret), Sgt. Nick Gibbone and Dave Quigley on the far right.



The Ranger Hall of Fame induction ceremony wasn't the only gathering postponed from a year ago. Members of "L" Company got together for an Alaskan fishing trip which was originally scheduled for 2020. The Rangers met up in Ketchikan,

Alaska, which is one of the most picturesque spots in all of the great state of Alaska. It is the largest settlement located at the



most southeastern point of the state. By "large," I mean about 8000 inhabitants. The trip was organized by Ranger Dave "Muldoon" Rothwell and was based at Chinook Shores Lodge. Apparently, the year wait was worth it because it appears that everyone had a great time including Rangers Pugsley Hardy, Bobby Badeaux, Mike Berg, Jimmy Sheppard and Al Parada. Also in attendance were Muldoon's sons, David Jr. and Dan as well as Mike Berg's brothers Ben and John. Mike Carroll, a U.S. Marine Force Recon member was a welcomed guest. Nadra and Jeff Weidiman, owners of the Tackle & Teez souvenir shop at the Lodge were also part of the group. Mr. Sheppard's girlfriend,



Pugsley and Mike Berg

Debra Levensaler, accompanied him on this fun trip. This was a special occasion for another reason. It was the first time in over 50 years that Mr. Berg and Mr. Hardy had seen each other since the day Pugsley was seriously wounded in April of 1971. Mike had assisted him in his moment of need

and it was great for the two men to finally reconnect after all this time. From all accounts, Mike did his best to keep Pugs from going into shock after he was hit. As for the fishing itself, it looks like the men did a fine job, and from all the pictures they sent in, they apparently got the "catch of the day." I have included several photos from this event in this issue and I'm sure you'll be able to recognize our "L" Company brothers.

In the last issue of Patrolling, I was able to squeeze in the photos of all the Rangers who were in attendance at the reunion in Moline, Illinois, last April with the exception of Ranger Dave Quigley who somehow was missing from the group picture. In this issue, I have included a second group photo with Mr. Quigley present--and he's easy to spot. He's the only one not wearing our official



dark "L" Company Ranger shirt. Quigley is also in the Vietnam photo with Lt. Suchke and is on the far right with his hands in his pockets. Special note on Dave Quigley from someone who served with him in the field. He was one of the coolest men under fire while being directly involved in some of our company's most dangerous operations. And believe me, I am not the only one who shares this opinion. Let's just say we were all glad that he showed up at the reunion and I hope he enjoyed himself. That's it for now. I hope all my fellow Rangers and LRRPs are enjoying a great summer and staying healthy during this on-going and endless pandemic.

Ranger Support Network:

This is the concept for our 1/75 Hall of Heroes Project. The location will be Battalion Headquarters and we would appreciate any support you can offer - please connect us with other interested parties or groups.

We have attached a sample of the artist's work along with a sketch for placement. Our intent is to add funded by on each portrait, acknowledging your generosity. The portraits are approximately \$2600 each.

If you or your group would like to make a general donation or sponsor a specific "Fallen Hero", please contact MSG Michael Vaughan, copied above.

We appreciate your continued support to our Rangers.

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To All,

Thank you all for your support, this project means a lot to our unit and me personally. In my signature block my cell phone number is listed and I have CC'd my personal email, we cannot have phones in the building. I want to make sure I am readily available to answer any questions or provide information. Feel free to contact me if you need any information, thank you.

V/R

MSG Michael A. Vaughn

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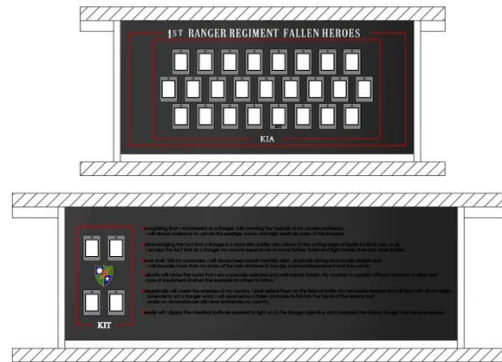
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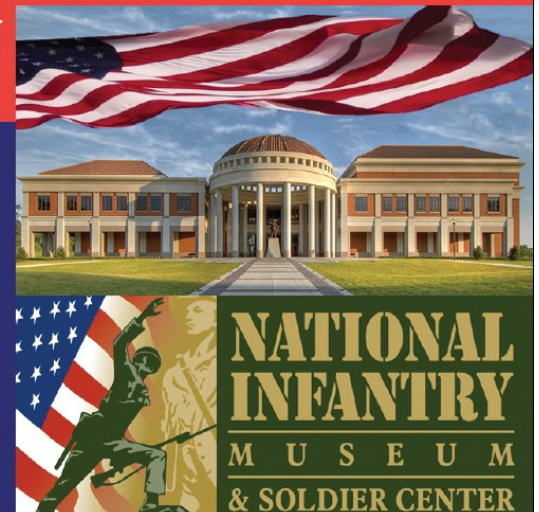
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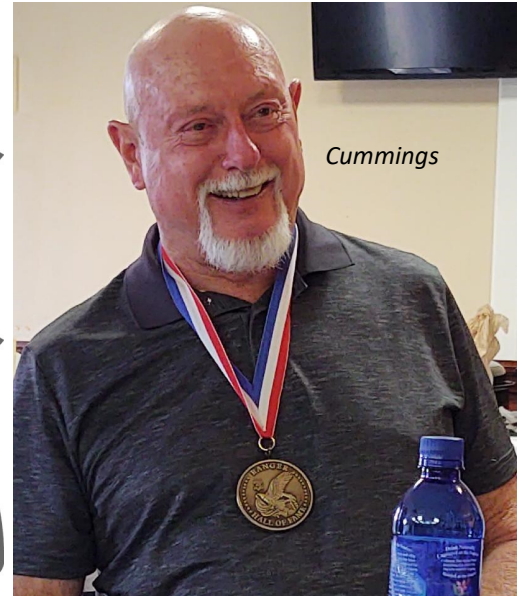
Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as the Unit Director and the support you rendered. I have the utmost confidence in the endeavors Ranger Teodosio will proceed with and the support you will

render him. He was constant in helping the Unit and its members. His career has been exemplary in all areas of Ranger and Special Forces venues (although he was never an ABRAM's Master Gunner).

Well, enough back patting. The big news was the conduct of the Ranger Rendezvous and our unit members gathering to honor and acknowledge the induction of Ranger Dave Cummings (2020) and Ranger Dick Davis (2021) into the Ranger Hall of

Fame. They received their well-deserved recognition of living the finest traits of the Ranger Creed. Congratulations to them both. On hand to extend those congratulations were Roger Brown, Rich Aldridge, Bob Foti, Bill Jang, Chuck Moseby, Don Sexton, Rudy Teodosio (and Margret), Dave Gowen (and Patti), Sam Schiro, Allen Lohmann, and myself. Both Ranger Cummings and Ranger Davis had large family gatherings for the ceremony and Company Dinner. Karen Tadina attended and as per Tad's wishes, Unit members assisted in spreading some of his cremation ashes across America as we returned home.

The 2021 Rendezvous afforded those in attendance chance to talk at length about our past together and our activities since the last gathering. There were two of the last six of Merrill's Marauders in attendance and were readily available to talk about their unit's history, there was no shortage of Battalion Rangers and they enjoyed sitting with our era Rangers to tell of their missions and to listen to ours' (it seems lifting the COVID isolation made us all hungry to talk and share). Mother Nature cancelled the 75th Regimental Mass Tactical Jump with horrific winds,



Cummings



Front L-R: Jeff Horne, Bill Jang, Rudy Teodosio, Leonard "Stick" Peters, Dave Gowen, Richard Aldridge, Robert Foti, Dick James. Rear L-R: Don Sexton, Allen Lohmann, Chuck Moseby, Dick Davis, Big Dave Cummings, Sam Schiro.

rains, low clouds, limited visibility, and lightning. The ground assault on the enemy compound was conducted just prior to the storm and was awe-inspiring. They continue as "The Tip of the Spear".

One last Comment as I pass the torch to Ranger Teodosio. Another year has passed with the continued failure of "Big Army" to recognize the early LRRP PLTs and LRP DETs RVN Veterans by authorizing the Ranger Tab. As those heroic Soldiers advance in age, this neglect remains a stain on the Army and our community. JMHO.



Ranger 2021 Compound Assault

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Ranger Dick Davis (2021) been inducted. Now 5 of the 10 inducted to this date, Jeff Horne's personal hard work was put into play with his leadership and high standards to uphold the "prestige, honor and high esprit de corps" of our Rangers. Jeff has made it a point to honor and contact the families of those that departed the base camp to the Mansion of the Lord. As the new Unit Director, I will uphold the high standards of Jeff Horne works and continue to keep the communication net open, especially those that are not accounted for I will reach out to them with your help in your Unit. I have added to the organization a bit, to add two Vice Directors one in the East side of the country and one in the West side to share the information I would obtain and as well the work load.

My Brother Rangers,

I wish to pass on a short note of thanks for those present at our Unit lunch meeting at the Ranger Rendezvous 2021 at Columbus GA to voted me into this honored position as Unit Director of the 173rd LRRPs, 74th LRP and N- 75th Rangers of the 173rd ABN BDE (SEP).

The past two years has gone quite fast with multi- world events that affect the nation and us as well. A great accomplishment and credit goes to Jeff Horne for his hard work and steadfast hands in staying the course for our Rangers that are still vertical and those that crossed over through the veil into the tall grass for the past two years as Unit Director.

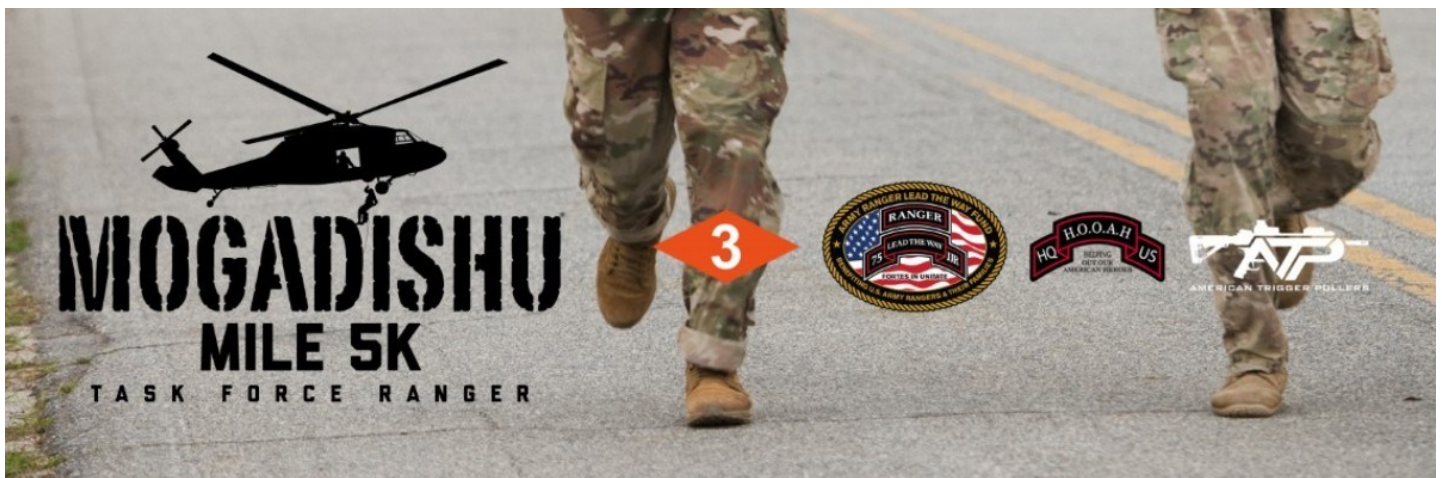
These past 29 years with the Ranger Hall of Fame, we had 10 inducted from the Unit to this date for this honor. At the tail end this past two years having Ranger Big Dave Cumming (2020) and

With Ranger Allen Lohmann (Clemson SC) and Ranger Ron Thomas (Las Vegas NV).

I have the consent of Ranger Dr. Tome Roubideaux (Conifer CO) as our Historical Recorder, which his function to collect individual information/pictures from each of you to be filed with the US Army archives. So our Grand-Children and Great Grand-Children will be able to obtain information of our history/legacy on our missions once we are all have gone to higher ground. Ranger Jeff Horne (Windsor OH) also has consented to continue to be on board as the RHOF work force, for those you recommended that meet the requirements to be inducted into RHOF. Once I get our email net up, I will pass on the emails/phone numbers for all our leadership contacts for you all to have.

I hope and pray that you all keep on the healthy list and keep safe in all your activities in the coming years.

V/R,
Ranger Rudy Teodosio





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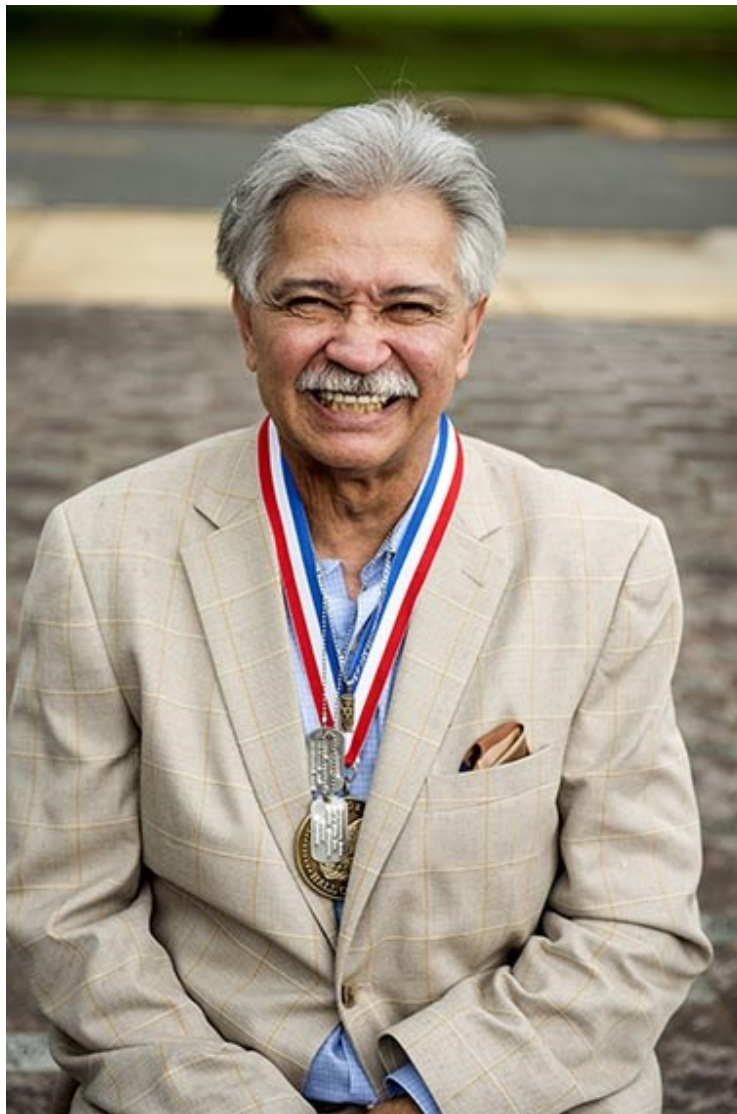
Greetings to all Papa Company members' friends and family and I hope you are well. This is Jerry Yonko writing the August newsletter in lieu of Jay Lutz. Last year when we lost Terry Roderick as our 75th Ranger Regiment unit Director, there was an obvious hole in our collective worlds that was not to be filled easily. After enjoying his many years of faithful service to us as a unit leader and as a friend to us all, we were blessed that Jay Lutz stepped forward to assume the duties and to continue keeping us all informed on the events and passages of those persons involved and Jay has fulfilled those duties with commendable expertise and vigor and I would like to acknowledge our thanks to him for willingly doing so. While attending Terry's memorial, Jay opened a discussion with me about taking over the reins from him as a result of his pressing family medical issues at home. I told him at the time that I was happy to assist him at any time but that I was satisfied with what was going on with the unit's direction. I also told him that this would have to be a decision I would discuss with and receive the blessings of from my wife Marie. I was aware that there would be a sizable commitment involved in doing so of both time and travel just to be the effective leader needed to keep us in the loop and to represent Papa Co at the Regiment Association level.

In typical Ranger style, while at CSM Gates celebratory dinner, Garry Norton ambushed Marie by taking her aside for a long discussion. I was not privy to what was spoken of but soon came to the conclusion that I was the subject of their attention when my young bride walked back to the table grinning as if she knew something I didn't. She did, as it turned out, by being agreeable to the new tasking and with Garry greasing the ways, I



agreed to assume the Papa Co. Unit Director position. Thanks to you both. Jay maintains the reins until I am vetted by the Association and accepted for the position. I explained to Garry Norton that in no way will I try to take Terry's place, but I will do all that I can to continue following his excellent example and will try to offer a new dynamic going forward.

It was a humbling experience to be sitting in the Marshall auditorium on Wednesday the 21st filled with Ranger hero's both past



and present. I sat with the other Vietnam era Rangers as we were directed toward group seating upon entering and found that we commanded a sizable contingent as a whole. As various persons spoke, the different identifiable eras for Rangers past and present were recognized and applauded by the assembled audience. I was surprised that there were still WWII veterans present which speaks volumes for our steadfastness as a whole group. We then were introduced to the Class of 2020 Ranger Hall of Fame recipients. While their individual accomplishments were impressive in themselves, it was their commitment to our Nation throughout a whole lifetime of putting it all on the line that made me realize that I was in the presence of greatness. To listen to the various recipients accept and then make comments on the honor, it was obvious that these persons had a true love of country that should be aspired to by all. It was also comforting to be in the presence of those currently serving, and I was hit

with the profound thought that we are, even now with all going on throughout our land, in good hands by knowing that the best our country has to offer have answered the call. God Bless America.

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When our own CSM George (David) Gates was presented for induction, his lovely wife Sheryl offered comments on his behalf concerning the honor. These words were well chosen and brought out for all to hear Dave's feelings concerning Papa Company Rangers. Sheryl stated that Dave was accepting the award but was doing so for his fellow Papa Co. brothers. With much grace and her blessedly brief comments concluded, Dave was given the only standing ovation of the morning from his brothers in the audience. When this inspiring program ended I walked away with reassurance that Rangers still Lead the Way.

I would like to acknowledge Garry Norton for his efforts on behalf of Dave Gates, doing all the legwork and assembling the documentation that granted Dave the RHOF Honor. Without his steadfast determination and a yeoman's effort to successfully accomplish the task, I can't believe it would have had the same conclusion. Also, through the generous contributions of fellow Papa Company members, we donated the funds for not only his brick on the Ranger Memorial Walk, but also the special shadow box as shown. Garry, as a voice for all of us Papa Rangers, thank you for a job well done.

On Wednesday evening at Hudson's on Main, we were all treated to a wonderful dinner and an evening of celebration. Those present were the guests of Dave and Sheryl Gates, invited to help celebrate his Honor. We enjoyed good fellowship and excellent dining while reacquainting ourselves with, and introducing ourselves to, names from the past. I met Terry Bishop for the first time I believe. He and I were both Killer Team 1-1 and though I thought I remembered him, from my tour in country, as we discussed timelines it was discovered he had left shortly before I arrived, and I guess just hearing his name as often as I had, I assumed that our paths had previously passed each other. Among others, Eddie (Hardcore) Johnson was in a rare mood and good form talking loud and carrying a big stick. Duke Du-shane and his bride Connie graciously shared a table with Marie and me and I was happy to have some quality one-on-one time with Papa Co.'s other Ranger Hall of Fame Recipient. Terry Roderick's families were in force and the presence of this collective group once again added much to the festivities. Dave Gates stole the show, however, by offering all present a special coin based off the Papa Co. coin and struck for just this occasion. They are a onetime memento of a very special event. I will treasure my coin. Thanks Dave and Sheryl for a memorable evening.

We were notified of the loss of another of our Papa Ranger brothers. Steve James Loggins passed away on Friday April 16, 2021 after an extended fight with the Covid 19 disease at his home in NC. He was 70 Years old and leaves a Wife, Linda Loggins, Daughter Angela Loggins Frisbee, and many Grandchildren. Any condolences should be addressed to 1501 16 St, NE Ste. 2 Hickory, NC 28601. Steve was very proud of his service to his



Dave and Sheryl

country, including one tour as a Marine and a second as an Airborne Papa Co. Ranger in 1971. He received numerous awards and citations including two Bronze Stars, one with Valor, an Air Medal, and a Purple Heart. On one mission on Hill 1015, his team was inserted and remained in contact for three days outside Khe Sahn. They were pinned down on the 1st of June by two enemy bunkers while being inserted. Steve and Greg Gain were

closest and were hidden behind an enemy grave. Steve put down suppressing fire and Greg directed the overhead cobra gunships toward the two bunkers. They finally got extracted but one cobra was shot down. It was believed that there was at least a battalion of NVA below them and the next day Hickory Hill was overrun by NVA. Steve was known as "The Marine" (amongst other exceedingly profane references as I recall) as a result of his previous service. I remember him well as he was a friend. He had a great attitude and was respected by all of his fellow rangers. Rest in peace my brother!!

Please feel free to give me a call and I'm looking forward to serving our unit.



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Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

In Memorium: Sad to report.

I am sad to report the passing of Karl R. Fee on June 1, 2021 Senior Advisor to the 23rd ARVN Ranger Battalion 1970-1971.

He was born to Richard and Barbara Fee in Lancaster PA. He grew up in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, graduated from Grandville High School, and received his BA from UW-Madison.

Karl served as a US Army Officer from 1968-1972 and was a combat veteran of Vietnam SA 23rd ARVN Ranger Battalion (Biet Dong Quan), Special Forces course qualified 1969-1970, Ranger School Class 13-70.

Karl's career was in banking, retiring from M&I Marshall & Isley Bank in 2005. He retired to Ladysmith, WI, building his dream log home using timber from his land.

He is survived by his wife Lori, Children; Jennifer, Eric, Katie (Shaun) Coates and Diana; proud Papa to Delaney and Addison Coates. Also survived by his brother Jonathan (Joan) Fee, sister-in-law Gail Fee along with nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Paul and daughter Heather.

Karl loved spending quality time on his hunting land, taking long walks watching all the nature, and trying to outwit the squirrels. He could devour a book in a short amount of time, all while standing, and loved the challenge of his New Your Times Crosswords. He took being a papa bear seriously; building a log fort, giving tractor rides, pulling the girls through the snow with the tractor, playing games, and coming up with clever plans on how to create more mischief.



A funeral service was held on Saturday June 5, 2021 in Brookfield, WI. Burial with full Military Honors followed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: 75th Ranger Regiment Association Benevolent Fund or an Honor Flight of your choice.

Karl was a fine Officer and Gentleman and it is my Honor to have called him a close friend. Rest in Peace, we will meet again.

Feature:

On To Nui Nhan

By Stephen A. Nahay, Jr

An excerpt from his memoir "Even the Dust Cried Tears"

The Battle

As of the 12th of June, the 5th Vietnamese Ranger Group had a foxhole strength (actual present for duty) of 1474 men. This was lower than when it deployed to Quang Tri in early April. This Group's authorized strength was 2530 men. The 30th Ranger Battalion had a foxhole strength of 398 men compared to the authorized strength of 683 men, short about 42 percent of its manpower!

Foxhole strength continued to be an unsolved

problem for the 5th Group as its present-for-duty strength was also low in comparison to its assigned strength (Rangers actually assigned to the Group). I could only assume that the Group was still burdened with counting its 416 men MIA from Quang Tri and with its 295 men listed as AWOL.

On the 14th of June, Major Ken Teel (Senior Advisor, 5th Vietnamese Ranger Group) alerted me that SFC Don Schommer and I were on a road clearing operation with the 30th Ranger Battalion. We had to clear the road designated LTL73 from Dat Do east to the vicinity of a place called Nue Nhon where the Province Chief wanted to establish an artillery firebase to support its Xuyen Moc District.

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Captain Karl Fee with Indigenous Man

The following hot and sunny morning, the Ranger battalion headed east paralleling the road with two companies in column to the north of the road and one company to the south. We passed through the village of Dat Do in one column before moving back into a tactical formation. Each company deployed Rangers to the flanks to provide 360-degree security to the battalion, as we were not moving into possible enemy territory. Combat engineers walked along the road itself behind the forward companies, checking for buried mines and bombs. Don and I walked with the battalion command group right behind the lead company on the north side of the road. As we walked, we called in status reports called SITREPS to Major Teel in the rear at the 5th Vietnamese Ranger Group TOC, still located north of Long Dien.

As we walked into the morning sun, I had time to observe, up close, the Vietnamese Rangers. They wore a camouflaged fatigue uniform different from my uniform: tightly fitting, darker camouflage colors, thicker and heavier cotton material – not rip-stop tropical cotton. Atop their heads was a camouflage painted helmet with the Black Panther head facing the enemy. The individual Ranger wore black, full leather boots, not jungle boots. His load bearing equipment was made of cotton webbing, not the lighter and stronger nylon gear I wore. On his back, he carried a cotton canvas rucksack. He was armed with the standard M16 rifle. He carried hand grenades, M72 LAW antitank rockets, and extra boxes of ammunition for the machine gunners. He averaged five feet, five inches in height, weighing no more than 130 pounds, a much slimmer version of me. He wore his jet-black hair long, unlike my close-cropped hair. He tried hard to grow a mustache, failing in most cases. Like me, the intense sun darkened his exposed white skin. His combat load was heavier than my load, but he never looked tired. I was amazed to also see some of the men carrying much heavier M60 machine guns, weighing 23.15 pounds!

We walked past abandoned farm houses and over dried out and abandoned rice fields that farmers had not worked on for what looked like years. The walls around each field were eroded away in many places and would be unable to hold the water needed to grow rice. This operational area gave off a quiet, ominous, and deserted feeling which elevated all my senses. We walked east most of the morning with no enemy contact. I felt physically strong and finally back to normal. I guess the fresh crab and beer party must have finally defeated my “tropical virus of unknown origin.”

About 11AM, I heard small arms fire forward and to my southeast. The company on the south side of the road had made contact with the enemy. We followed the battalion commander across the road to join them. Stopping on top of a hill overlooking a village, which contained eight or ten single-story houses made of adobe walls and thatched roofs, we spotted individuals dressed in black, with weapons racing between the buildings. As this was a free-fire zone (reported to contain no friendly forces or civilians). The battalion commander called for artillery fire to hit the village. Soon 105mm HE rounds were exploding in and around the village. Boom! Boom! Boom! We watched the enemy soldiers retreat to the east as a platoon from the company

moved into the village and secured it. The company reported not-friendly casualties but did report blood trails from the enemy in the village. Surely, some enemy soldiers sustained wounds due to the artillery fire.

The artillery fire had not left any dead VC in the village, but it did do some killing. Apparently, some abandoned cattle were roaming near the village during the artillery attack, killing one cow. The battalion commander halted his command for lunch, inviting Don and me to dine with him. Due to our fortunate luck against “hostile cattle,” fresh beefsteak was on the menu! It was delicious, a significant change from tasteless CV-rations on indigenous rations (freeze-dried rice, canned meat, and condiments of fish sauce and chilies). This was my first and only experience with fresh killed beef. It was bloody but good. For the first time with the Vietnamese Rangers, I was certain they were not serving me dog meat.

After lunch we continued east, arriving late in the day at an abandoned RF/PF base camp (Regional Forces/Popular forces – para-military forces that came from a specific province and worked for its Province Chief). The battalion cleared and then occupied the camp for the night as it had ready-made defensive structures, which required only small improvements on our part. It was also built upon a hill, overlooking the east to west road to its south and giving us an elevated position with good fields of fire and observation. Ancient Roman legions would be proud of our defensive position.

SFC Schommer and I found a suitable foxhole near the command group. We expanded it a bit to accommodate our larger frames. The place made me uncomfortable. I was a bit spooked about occupying the deserted camp, thinking that the ghosts of previous occupants would soon appear and demand our departure.

Quote:

“In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.”

--Daniel Reardon

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