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Editor's Corner

Patrolling Patriots,

Timelines— Quite often I get calls asking me, “Where is my Patrolling?” So, I would like to explain to you, how your magazine finally reaches your abode.

The drop-deadline for any Patrolling issue is 15 days prior to the month on the cover. In this case for the December issue, the deadline would be November 15.

That gives me two weeks to do all the layouts of Patrolling; editing and reediting, (with my wife's help); posting the PDF December issue on www.75thrra.org (our website with Webmaster Justin Stay's help) during the last week in November; taking in the PDF final into the printer before December 1; approving the mockup with the printer; and finally signing off or approving the December edition. All done before the 1st of December.

Our Patrolling is then placed in a que and is printed the third week, at times the first part of that week and sometimes the latter. Our boxes, containing 30 each, are then mailed UPS to each Ranger Battalion and other Ranger distributors. The active duty Rangers get their issue in December, on time, every time!

Then our individual copies are bulk mailed as nonprofit via USPS.

Then we wait!

The cost of mailing as a nonprofit for each Patrolling, is slightly less than 50 cents. Mailing individual copies, myself and Secretary Tom Sove, do that for recipients with torn jackets, for example, costs about 5 to 7 dollars each. If we mailed every Patrolling as first class, this would *break the bank*!

So, please consider your magazine on the way and during the wait, **you can view this December issue online, our website www.75thrra.org in November!**

Thank You to Harrison Jack

Harrison Jack, for the last 12 editions or 3 years, has submitted health articles that our readers have found to be useful and most informative. LTC (RET) Harrison Jack is Chairman of the Sacramento Veterans Health & Wellness Council. We served together in Vietnam with G/75th. A true patriot and a wonderful health resource. This is his last issue and we thank you, Harrison!

More Thanks

This December issue wouldn't happen without the continued, talented writers that contribute to Patrolling on a consistent basis. We appreciate you so much and thanks for sending us the “pulse” of the Ranger Community that we all support! Kudos to 2 Batt's Kevin R. Ingraham for 15 years as UD and all the other UD's that go into the sunset with no thanks or recognition. We do, truly thank you!

Read and Enjoy, Everyone!

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POSTMASTER

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Greeting Rangers,

As I write I friend of mine just passed into the presence of the God he loved and served. He was the Director of a Christian Camp in North Georgia. He had worked there for years and our children and his became good friends. He and his family served until he contracted a debilitating disease that weakened him to the point that he could no longer do all that the job required. Long story short, he labored for many years and finally his system shut down. His grieving wife and children will miss him. We who are his friends will also. But though it seems that his life did not have that much impact of the world. It remains to be seen what the end of the matter will be.

Lee became a Christian and spent many years seeking to help children realize the need to know Him as early as possible and so have an opportunity to live a life worth living.

The Bible says, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": Ecclesiastes 12:1 This was written roughly three thousand years ago by King Solomon, one of the richest men who ever lived. He had the means to enjoy all that this world offers. But he was a man, and men cannot remain young and strong forever. His body has long been dust. But the perceptions he had are preserved for us in the Book of Books. God who made all uses some to instruct the rest of us. God does not want us to waste our time building for this life and ignoring what many call the afterlife. Now is the time to acknowledge our Creator, humble ourselves before Him and start the everlasting journey to our heavenly home. When we received the news that Lee had passed on. I responded with two words. "Gone home!"

Dear reader. I know that many so-called Christians have not lived a life worthy of their professed faith in Jesus Christ. And there are many false teachers in this world. The spirit that animates them is the same one that the Prophet Micaiah speaks of,

Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.

And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So, one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.'

The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So, he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.'

Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you." 1Kings 22:19-23

The king referred to in this passage was the evil king Ahab, who did much evil incited by his wicked queen Jezebel. God judged

him and he died exactly where and when the Lord had determined. Evil spirits compete for the privilege of deceiving those who refuse to do right. How different is the case of a man who holds no illusions of who he is and what he is capable of apart from God's grace and preserving power. Repent! Change your mind and believe in the love and mercy of One who knows how we can be manipulated into believing lies and ignoring the truth. Jesus gave himself to rescue us. Romans five speaks of the free gift that became available to all men but only if we will receive it as such. A gift, that cannot be earned, by anything we can pray, pay, or labor for.

For if by the one man's offense (Adam) death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.



For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Romans 5:17-19

Jesus Christ is the Savior of all. But only those of us who acknowledge our true condition will be saved. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

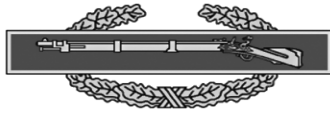
Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Romans 5:6-11

Lee was reconciled to God by faith in the person and work of the One God sent to save us all. The Lord Jesus Christ. He saved this then twenty-year-old combat weary druggie fifty-one years ago. I highly recommend Him to you.

Joe Marquez, C/1/503rd,'69 N/75th, Juliet,'70 A/2/503rd,'70 Chaplain of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Facetime 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.
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Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf.



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

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

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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

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President's Message

Rangers, I have settled into the position of President and will be introducing a number on initiatives over the next 3-4 months. In the meantime, I wanted to keep you informed of a number of existing programs and activities that are all strong in the Ranger brotherhood and doing good for all Rangers.

RHOF

The Ranger Hall of Fame inductions will take place next summer, but the date is variable based on the 75th Regiment availability. ARTB (Training Brigade) is responsible for producing the event. Our Association is a voting member and I have asked Rick Merritt to represent the Association during the selection process.

The 75th RRA, UD completed Ranger Hall of Fame packets, are due by the 75th RRA RHOF Committee no later than **January 7, 2022**. The 75th RRA submits our top three, rated candidates to the RHOF Selection Committee by **February 25, 2022**. The final selection for all RHOF top nominees convenes on **29 April 2022**. Any Association member may initiate a RHOF package. If you know a worthy brother that meets the criteria, contact your Unit Director for details. Our 75th RRA RHOF selection board consists of Chairman Rick Barela, Steve Johnson, and Rick Merritt. Contact Rick Barela for any information that your UD cannot supply. I know there are a number of strong candidates out there in the Association ranks, so let's Lead the Way! Any questions, Rick Barela's contact info- page 7.

The Patriot Challenge

This event was formerly known as "Run Ranger Run" and has been around for almost a decade. A few years ago, Gallant Few decided to partner with Ranger organizations and share the fundraising proceeds raised by any individual team, and the Association gets the lions share. This allows us to linkup with a well known and successful event to fundraise, and not have to try and create events from scratch. It is a simple program, The Associations have a team, and it is a 30-day endurance challenge event expecting 565 miles in 30 days, or the equivalent. This can be walking, hiking, cycling, stationary bike, running, or gym workouts by hours in a conversion ratio. Then there is a fundraising opportunity, not expectation. We get points for distance, participant activity, and dollars raised. All participants will receive shirts and tokens. I urge you to support this event as it does good for us and is a healthy opportunity to help the Ranger community at large.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ART "DOC" ATTAWAY



Team Name is: www.give.gallantsfew.org/75thrra - 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

WW II Rangers Congressional Gold Medal

In 2020, Merrill's Marauders (5307th Composite Unit, Provisional) were awarded the CGM for their actions as a unit in Burma during WW II. This session of Congress, we want to obtain the award for the Darby

Rangers, or WW II Ranger units. These 2nd and 5th Bns were present at Omaha Beach and Point du Hoc during D-Day and were responsible for much of the success achieved by that landing force that day. The 6th BN led the most successful POW rescue Raid recorded in history, rescuing over 600 Allied POW's, most of which were Americans, and killing over six hundred Japanese during the raid at Cabanatuan, Philippines. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th Bns were involved in the Battle of Cisterna, and we suffered great losses and had over 600 Rangers taken POW, due to poor intelligence reports leading the advance and assault force into an ambush. Of course, the creation of the modern-day Rangers by William O. Darby took place at the early stages of WW II with the creation of the 1st Ranger Battalion in Northern Ireland. Many other battles and raids were conducted by these Ranger Bns, and they deserve to be recognized. Only a handful remain alive, and we want to ensure they see the award before they all perish.

Details for where we stand and **how you can help** are found on page 8.

Ranger Teams

An idea has been floating around for almost 2 years in various Ranger organizations, to create "Teams" that include shooting, skydiving, combatives, etc. No other organization has stepped up to create and shelter these teams, and I am interested in the 75th RRA doing so but want to obtain some feedback from the membership before the Officers begin to discuss it. If you have any input into this initiative, please let me know directly at president@75thrra.org.

Black and Tan event

Save the date

The 7th Annual Black and Tan will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, during the SHOT show in Las Vegas, NV, at the American Legion Post #8.

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The event is an opportunity to share brotherhood with Rangers from across the world, and across the generations. The SHOT Show draws in the Special Operations community and is a very strong and enjoyable event. The Association will put together a group to represent us at the show. Contact me for more details, president@75thrra.org.

Mission

My mission as President is to honor and preserve the history of all 75th Ranger Regiment Rangers, and **those units that are the very foundation** of the Regiment. To make us the preeminent Ranger Association serving and supporting the 75th Ranger Regiment. To support and engage the Association membership, and to "Lead the Way" among all Ranger organizations.

To accomplish this mission, we will have to take action and be involved in active-duty events and activities on a regular basis. My geographical location in Georgia offers this opportunity and I assure you the 75th RRA will be constantly represented at FT. Benning, Hunter, Merrill, and Eglin. JBLM will also be on the radar for me, but I will be working with our 2/75 UD to represent us in the Pacific Northwest. RLTW, HOOAH!!

The Holidays are upon us!

As I sit here and write this Thanksgiving is only a few days away, and I realize that I have much to be thankful for, even though sometimes that is challenging. By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be in the past, but today I am hoping you and your loved ones had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving, and on behalf of myself and the 75th RRA, that you do have a blessed and happy Christmas and Hanukkah holiday season. No disrespect to those of you who choose to worship in a different way, or to a different deity. I also wish you and your families and loved ones a blessed holiday season.

Memorials

It is with deep sorrow that I advise the 75th Ranger Regiment Association membership that we have lost another great Ranger, Bill Acebes. I have attended 15 memorials during the past 2 years, and they have all hit home, but none more so than this. As an E6 Platoon Leader at the 1st Ranger Battalion in 1974, Bill was my first introduction to being a Ranger. As the Platoon Medic I spent most of every day in the field attached to his 6. He even offloaded to me some of the heavier platoon gear that only the Platoon Sergeant could sign out, to make me a better Ranger I am sure. He will be missed by many.

Bill served the 75th RRA as a UD for the 1st Bn for many years, and also served as President at USARA in its earliest years. His dedication to the Sua Sponte Foundation as a Board member has

been his most recent and constant Ranger community focus and he has spent much time giving back.

Below is his obituary, which can also be viewed online at:

<https://www.thomaslcarterfuneralhome.com/obituary/William-Acebes>

William Herman Acebes

August 29, 1945 ~ November 22, 2021 (age 76)

Obituary

William (Bill) H. Acebes was born to Herman and Irene Acebes on 29 August 1945 and died on 22 November 2021, surrounded by family and friends.

Bill served his country honorably for over thirty years; three years in the Republic of Viet Nam; in the Berlin Brigade during the height of the Cold War and participated in the rescue of American Medical Students on the Island of Grenada in October 1983.

CSM Acebes was one of the original cadre of 1st Ranger Battalion, (Plankholders) Fort Stewart, Georgia, in 1974. He served as Command Sergeant Major of 1/64 Armor, Command Sergeant Major of 1/75th Rangers, Command Sergeant Major of 2nd Infantry Division; and retired as the Command Sergeant Major of U.S. Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, on 1 June 1995.

He was a member of Order of St Maurice, Order of St George, Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Distinguished Member of 503rd Infantry Regiment, and Distinguished Member of the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. Bill was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2003 and was awarded the Doughboy Award in 2011. He was a Member of the following Ranger organizations: 75th Ranger Regiment Association, United States Army Ranger Association, 1/75 Sua Sponte Foundation, 82nd Airborne Association and 173rd Airborne Brigade Association.

He is survived by his wife Brenda Acebes, his dog Daisy, several brothers in law and sisters in law; numerous nieces and nephews; several cousins, and the thousands of Army Rangers and their family members that he truly loved.

In lieu of flowers, request donations be made to 1st Ranger Battalion Sua Sponte Foundation, PO Box 60281, Savannah, GA 31420;

Memorial Service

Tentative Memorial at 1/75 on 10 DEC.

1300 hrs

Ceremony lead by CHAP COL (R) Berry

January 7, 2022 is the deadline for any RHOF submissions to the 75th RRA RHOF Selection Committee. All completed PDF packets should be sent email to : rangerlogspt@hotmail.com

Any questions in regards to a RHOF submission, should be addressed to **Rick Barela**, who is the chairman of the 75th RRA RHOF Selection Committee.

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All packets and other PDF downloads needed for submission and information can be requested from Rick Barela or downloaded at: <https://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/ARTB/RHOF.html>

You will need to thoroughly read, in order to correctly complete the packet, from the following four attachments:

RHOF Bylaws

RHOF MOI (Method of Instruction)

RHOF Candidate PDF Packet

Statement of Certification

<p>Send Completed 2022 RHOF Candidate Packets to:</p> <p>Rick Barela</p> <p>rangerlogspt@hotmail.com</p> <p>January 7, 2022 Packet Deadline</p>
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Again, if you need clarification on these forms or any other questions, please contact Rick Barela.

Besides Rick Barela, Rick Merritt and Stephen Johnson are the other members of the 75th RHOF Selection Committee, all appointed by President Art Attaway, 75th RRA.

The 75th RRA RHOF Committee will make sure that all packets are complete and any changes or editing needed will be coordinated between the board and the unit who submitted the packet. Any packet that is submitted to the committee which is not correctly done, or with omissions, will be returned with notations.

From all the completed packets presented to the committee of the 75th RRA by **January 7, 2022**, only three will be selected and moved forward to the voting members of the 2022 Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Committee, no later than **February 22, 2022**. Anyone who sent the 75th RRA committee a completed packet will be notified if their candidate was one of the three selected.

Rick Merritt, will represent the 75th RRA as a voting member of the 2022 RHOF Selection Committee that is scheduled to convene **29 April 2022** in the Darby Room of the 75th Ranger Regiment Headquarters on Fort Benning.

Remember, January 7th is the last day to email completed packets to Rick Barela, whose contact information is above.

The induction of the 2022 Ranger Hall of Fame Class will be held during the summer of 2022, TBD, in Benning.

RANGERS

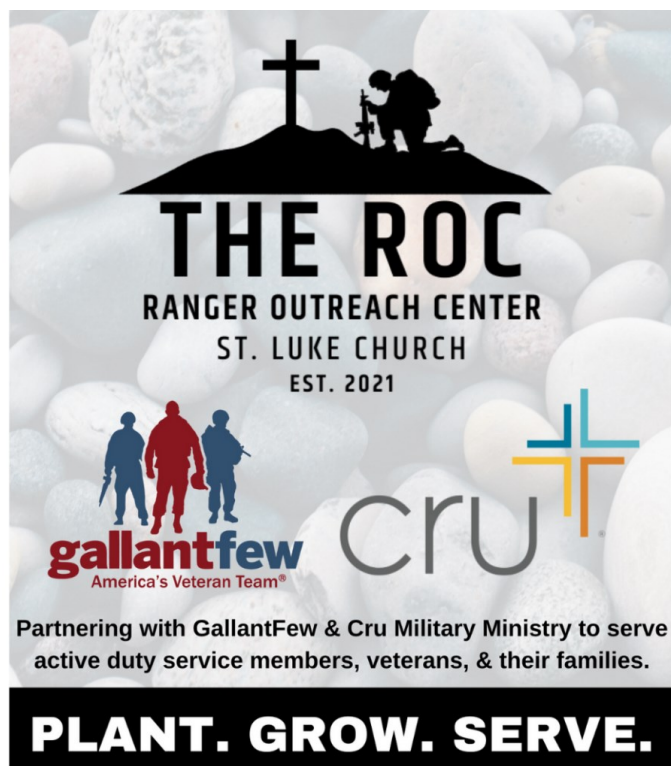
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These units include the creation of the **1st Ranger Battalion** in Northern Ireland by **Colonel William O. Darby**, **Colonel James Earl Rudder** who led the **2nd Battalion** on **D-Day** scaling the cliffs of **Pointe du Hoc**; the **5th Bn Rangers** who landed on **Omaha Beach** and were told by **29th Infantry Div CG Cota**, to **Colonel Schneider**, **"Rangers Lead the Way!"** Additionally **Colonel Henry Mucci** and the **6th Ranger Bn**, who executed the most successful POW rescue raid recorded in history, at **Cabanatuan**, Philippines, against the Japanese. Over 600 Japanese were killed, and over 500 American and Allied POWs were rescued! And the **1st and 3rd Ranger Battalions**, who in the battle for **Cisterna**, and operating under poor intelligence reports, were ambushed by the Germans and suffered over 600 captured or killed, as well as numerous casualties by the **4th Battalion** trying to relieve the Bn's and leave no fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy.

These men are befitting to receive the CGM!

How can you help? Contact your Congressional Representative - go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and put in your Zip Code to identify your Representative and his/her website. Contact them through their web site and ask them to cosponsor House Bill HR3577. So far, 183 Congressmen have signed on in support, but 290 are needed. This needs to happen by March of 2022, so please take action now. We want to have the Congressional Gold Medal signed into Public Law by the President while some of the 18 remaining WWII Rangers are still with us and can celebrate with their families and friends.

Rangers Lead the Way! Hooah!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROGER CRUNK

75th Ranger Regiment Association

Statement of Activity

October 2021

Accrual Basis Thursday, November 11, 2021

TOTAL

Revenue

4000 Program income - DNP

4002 Membership dues 240.00

Total 4000 Program income - DNP 240.00

4100 Member donations - DNP

4102 Family fund contributions 2,185.00

4110 Operations contributions -35.00

Total 4100 Member donations - DNP 2,150.00

4900 Interest income 31.55

Total Revenue \$2,421.55

GROSS PROFIT **\$2,421.55**

Expenditures

6000 Program expenses - DNP

6020 Website maintenance

6021 Constant Contact 45.00

Total 6020 Website maintenance 45.00

6025 Intuit Subscription

6026 Go Payment 20.00

6027 Quickbooks Online 50.00

Total 6025 Intuit Subscription 70.00

Total 6000 Program expenses - DNP 115.00

6500 Operations - DNP

6510 Insurance - D&O liability 1,263.00

6516 Postage and mailing service 424.00

Postage and mailing service Due 30.00

Total 6516 Postage and mailing service 454.00

6540 Postage-Secretary 5.12

6552 Treasurer Postage 1.36

Total 6500 Operations - DNP 1,723.48

Total Expenditures \$1,838.48

NET OPERATING REVENUE **\$583.07**

Other Expenditures

8100 Reconciliation Discrepancies -164.92

Total Other Expenditures \$ -164.92

NET OTHER REVENUE **\$164.92**

NET REVENUE **\$747.99**



ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1000 Affinity / Operations 36,610.64

1002 Affinity / Family fund 27,037.26

1030 Affinity / Savings 62,085.97

1040 Benevolent funds MM 47,460.17

1041 Legacy funds MM 8,452.56

1042 Life funds MM 27,356.68

1050 Paypal funds 5,365.64

Total Bank Accounts \$214,368.92

Accounts Receivable

1100 Accounts receivable 0.00

Total Accounts Receivable \$0.00

Total Current Assets \$214,368.92

TOTAL ASSETS \$214,368.92

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Total Liabilities

Equity

3000 Net Assets - Unrestricted 177,878.60

Net Revenue 36,490.32

Total Equity \$214,368.92

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$214,368.92

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The Best Ranger Competition 2022, is the 38th annual celebration of this grueling competition, starting the best soldiers of the world, our United States Army, RANGERS! The Best Ranger Competition was started in 1982 after Dick Leandri found a way to honor his personal friend, Lieutenant General David E. Grange, Jr. This years Best Ranger is on and scheduled from 8-11 April 2022. As COVID measures are actively being taken and the status changes, please visit the [Infantry Week website](#) for up to date guidance on COVID conditions and restrictions.


Our thoughts and hopes are with our entire team of Supporters, Competitors, and community that make the entire Team Ranger come together every year and "Lead The Way".

The competition has evolved over the

past thirty seven years from once that was originally created to salute the best two man "buddy" team in the Ranger Department at Fort Benning, GA to determine the best two-man team from the entire United States Armed Forces.


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Discussion: The following matrix identifies the application of Alternative Medical services in relation to Veteran Health & Wellness within five categories of measureable well-being. Alternative (Holistic) services are viewed as a compliment to traditional VA Medical Healthcare and a transition from VA dependency towards individual Veteran Resilience Skill development and Self-Regulation. They are broken down into five separate functional therapies according to the *National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)*, a United States Government branch which is part of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Energy Based; Body Based; Bio Based; Mind-Body Based; Complete Medical Systems.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>Mental</u>	<u>Emotional</u>	<u>Social</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>	<u>Index</u>
Acupressure	x	x	x	x	x	***
Acupuncture	x	x	x			***
Alkaline Water	x	x	x			**
Art Therapy	x	x	x	x		*
Ayurveda	x	x	x		x	**
Aromatherapy	x	x	x			**
Biofeedback	x	x	x			***
Chelation Therapy	x	x	x			*
Chiropractic	x	x	x			**
Cleanses	x	x	x	x	x	***
Craniosacral	x	x	x			*
Crystals	x	x	x			**
Dance Movement	x	x	x			*
Emotional Freedom Tech. (EFT)	x	x	x	x	x	***
Gersen Therapy	x	x	x	x	x	*
Guided Imagery	x	x	x	x		**
Healing Touch Therapy	x	x	x			**
HeartMath	x	x	x	x	x	***
Herbal Medicine	x	x	x			**
Homeopathy	x	x	x			**
Holistic nutrition	x	x	x			**
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)	x	x	x			**
Hypnotherapy	x	x	x	x	x	***
Kinesiology	x	x	x		x	***
Lumosity	x	x	x			**
Massage Therapyx	x	x				**
Meditation	x	x	x	x	x	***
Mindfulness	x	x	x	x	x	**

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<u>Service</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>Mental</u>	<u>Emotional</u>	<u>Social</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>	<u>Index</u>
Music Therapy	x	x	x	x		*
Naturopathy	x	x	x			*
Natural diet & herbs	x	x	x		x	***
Osteopathy	x	x	x			*
Ozone Therapy	x	x	x			*
Pain Management	x	x	x			**
Pet Therapy	x	x	x	x	x	*
Physical Therapy	x	x	x			***
Reflexology	x	x	x			**
Reiki	x	x	x	x	x	*
Rolfing	x	x	x	x		***
Saunas (FIR)	x	x	x		x	***
Spiritual Counseling	x	x	x	x	x	***
Stress Management	x	x	x	x	x	***
Sweat Lodge	x	x	x	x	x	***
Trad. Chinese Med.	x	x	x	x	x	**
Trad. Chinese Exer.	x	x	x	x	x	**
Writing as Healing	x	x	x		x	***
Yoga(s)	x	x	x	x	x	***

This is the last of 12 Articles dealing with Health & Wellness, with a specific interest and focus upon treating stroke. I hope that they have proven interesting and most of all beneficial to Ranger readers. If you have any questions about anything I have written, feel free to contact me at hjack@wavecable.com, (530) 867 7071, or 101 Monte Vista Drive, Woodland, CA 95695. Thank you for your comments during our recent reunion, I really appreciated them. I hope that I have been able to serve fellow Rangers in some small way more fully enjoy the years they have remaining. It has been my pleasure to share with you in formation that I have been diligently acquiring over recent years as the Chairman of the Sacramento Veterans Health & Wellness Council.

Rangers Lead the Way,

Harrison "Flip" Jack

As a further index to the above therapies I have added the following:

- *** Tried personally, strongly recommend, great results
- ** Tried and recommend
- * Not tried, good reputation, encourage trial.

This article is dedicated in loving memory of my friend Tom Eckhoff, who was released from the clutches of cancer on October 2nd.

I first met Tom in August of 2009. I was in the midst of planning my son Ben's funeral in Rosemount, Minnesota when my Casualty Assistance Officer contacted me and said that a group of men called The Midwest All Airborne Alliance would like to attend Ben's funeral. I had no clue who these men were, however I would soon come to know and love them. Tom was one of them. I know I have written about these men in the past, so this time I am going to focus only, or mostly, on Tom. Over the years Tom became a treasured friend, a friend I loved dearly.

At the first All Airborne picnic I attended in 2010, I came to know that Tom loved cigars. This was also the place where I was privy to the toasts made to his fallen brothers from Vietnam when the prop blaster, that became a chalice, for fine champagne, was passed around a circle formed distinctly for this purpose.

I will never forget hearing the names of the brothers' that didn't come home, the names and the stories that were often spoken through tears.

For Veteran's Day in 2013, I was asked by Tom and Trudelle Gureau, another member of the All Airborne Alliance, if they could fly my son Ben's casket flag during their ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol in St. Paul. When Trudelle first asked me, I didn't understand what he meant. I thought he was referring to the Honor and Remember flag I had received for Ben. "No Jill, we want to fly Ben's casket flag!" "How do you do that?" I asked, questioning the notion that I didn't think a folded flag should be unfolded. Trudelle told me that it was perfectly appropriate because they would unfold it, raise it up the flagpole at sunrise, let it fly with honor for the duration of the event, then take it down, refold it and give it back to me. I trusted Trudelle and agreed. I was also incredibly touched they wanted Ben's flag to be such a special part of their event. Well, on this particular November 11th in Minnesota, it was seriously cold! It was so cold that after I arrived at sunrise to hand over Ben's flag and watch it take its place of honor, I went back home and put on more layers to stay warm. As we often say in the midwest, it wouldn't have been so cold, if not for the wind! The wind was not our friend that day. It found our exposed skin, tainted it bright red and cut the band right out of the program for fear of frozen lips and fingers.

When Ben's flag was lowered at the end of the ceremony, it was refolded and respectfully handed back to me as promised. Tom approached me and asked if he could take it with him. He explained that because of the frigid temperature and cold hands, the guys weren't able to refold it properly. Tom was an authority on



this because at the time he was the President of the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association Honor Guard (please don't quote me on that official title - consult LEMA). He explained to me that he was currently instructing LEMA students how to properly fold flags for official ceremonies. He thought it would have more relevance if they could use an actual casket flag from a local fallen soldier. I trusted Tom and let him take Ben's flag. Again, I was touched he wanted to use Ben's flag in such an honorable manner. Several days later he called and told me he had changed his mind about how he wanted to use Ben's flag. He thought it would have more significance to use it for the "final fold" test for his students.

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Your Memories on Facebook

Jill, we care about you and the memories you share here. We thought you'd like to look back on this post from 10 years ago.



He said this way it was sure to be handled with the utmost care and it would have to pass his muster before it was given back to me. Once again, I trusted Tom and agreed.

At this time, Tom was working as a federal police officer in downtown Minneapolis. I happened to be working a few blocks away. When he called to inform me that Ben's flag had completed its mission with LEMA, we made arrangements for me to walk over on my lunch break and pick it up. With Ben's perfectly folded casket flag back in my hands, we exchanged hugs and maybe some tears too. I felt a strong sense of reverence from Tom in being able to carry Ben's flag the way he did for me. I can think of few people I would trust enough for a mission like this. I never hesitated in trusting him to complete the objective he promised me would.

Over the years we saw each other at the All Airborne and Ranger events, veteran holidays and a Ranger breakfast here and there. He was one of my favorite people. He was always kind and soft-spoken, yet spoke with a high regard for his service and the things he still carried. He never let me forget that he thought of Ben as a brother in arms and shared in my loss. On more than one occasion, he shared the details of his service with me. One of the stories he spoke of was the time when he and a handful of men were in a dire situation in the jungles of Vietnam and he was nearly left behind during an evacuation attempt via helicopter. As they were being

shot at, a rope was dropped for Tom to grab hold of, which he did, but the helicopter was unstable in its maneuvering to get out and Tom was slammed into a tree (more than once) while dangling above the ground, breaking his shoulder and banging him up pretty good. Unsure if he could hang on, he thought he might die. It took more than one attempt to get him and the rest of his brothers safely away from the enemy. He told me he believed his survival was one hundred percent because of the prayers his mother, her sisters and the ladies at their church prayed for him. Their prayers protected him and saved him from dying.

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Tom tearfully shared that story again in October of 2019 when one of his local November Company brothers, Rick Polski, died. Tom graciously hosted an after funeral gathering at the American Legion he was involved in running for many years. I was once again privileged to sit in a room with Tom and his brothers and hear their stories. I felt like I was sitting amongst giants, the most humble giants I have ever known. Sadly, in December of 2020, another one of those giants who was present that day, Terry Roderick, lost his battle with the ravages of Agent Orange. Even though these men had gathered for Rick's funeral, it was Tom who provided a space for all to gather in afterwards. The camaraderie that still existed amongst them after more than fifty years is something I can't put into words. It's something that has its own energy: perhaps this is what brotherhood is.

On May 9th 2020, Tom called me and told me that his wife Robi had died in their home. He called me only hours after it happened. I cried with him, yet he spoke of his faith, and that he knew where she was and would no longer suffer from the health issues she had dealt with for many years. This was the day before Mother's Day. Before we hung up, Tom wished me a happy mother's day. What a guy! In the midst of his immediate grief, he still found it in his heart to acknowledge my journey without Ben. Two days later, his name popped up on my caller ID again. I wondered if he was calling to see how my Mother's day went, as it was not usual for him to call me this frequently. Sadly, this time, he was calling to tell me he had been diagnosed with cancer. Talk about a one-two punch! His wife just died and now he has cancer. Ugghh. Before I could finish exhaling a deep sigh of sympathy for him, he started telling me he was going to kick it's ass. He said cancer had not met a tough old Ranger like him before and assured me he would go down fighting. This conversation contained many expletives which only exemplified the authority with which he spoke. Cancer would not get the best of this November Company Ranger who had survived the jungles of Vietnam. He reminded me of the prayers his mother and her sisters and the ladies at their church had prayed for him when he was eighteen and that they saved his life. He reminded me that he still believed in the power of prayer. I told him I would be praying for him.

I spoke on the phone with Tom numerous times throughout his treatments and surgeries. He was always a trooper and never complained. For Christmas last year, I brought him an amaryllis bulb that had yet to bloom. I shared with him that I buy these every year and they will surprise you with how many times they will bloom, plus they are beautiful flowers. He was thrilled I gave it to him. I told him that it only needed light and no water, so it was low maintenance. It was to be a reminder of the beauty of life and how it can surprise us and bring little bits of joy when a flower blooms unexpectedly. He sent me pictures over the next few months of his red amaryllis in bloom. That was the last time I saw him, but not the last time we spoke. We continued to chat about once a month. In early June I moved out of state and wasn't able to see him before I left. I regret that I didn't make the time to exchange one more hug with my friend Tom.



In our conversations over the past year since Robi died, we talked about life and death. He missed his dog Roy and wanted so badly to get another one, but the frequency of his chemo and the weakness he felt afterwards told him it wouldn't be fair to a new dog to have a new human who wasn't fully available. He loved his birds. They saved him from dying of loneliness. He really missed smoking cigars and having a glass of whiskey (or was it bourbon?) here and there. Again, the chemo made it impossible. He was hopeful that once he was healed he would go to Florida and look at property and live out his years close to his brother. He and Robi had talked about doing this. When he felt good, he would play his drums. He appreciated all who helped him. He loved so intentionally and wasn't afraid to say so or to say thank you.

Our last conversation was via text. I was coming back to Minnesota to speak at the State Capitol for the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. I had checked on him a couple weeks earlier and he told me he was killing cancer and he was glad I was on his team. I told him it was because he was a badass. He agreed, said he was a tired and old badass, but he was still a badass. He told me they had reduced his chemo by 20% that day, which was supposed to make it easier for him to recover. On the morning of 9/11 at exactly 9:11 am (for real), I received a text from Tom. He said, "Today, chemo has me locked up at home. Don't forget I am with you." I responded and told him I was sending prayers and a giant hug. He said, "Accumulative side effects of chemo now have me in their clutches. Still temporary. Prayers and a hug are good. Thank you." Later that day I sent him a picture of the giant flag that hung between two hook and ladder trucks on the stage for the ceremony. The wind had twisted it into the shape of an angel.

I commented that the wind had done that, or was it God? He responded with a "yep" and an emoji of an angel.

The last word I received from Tom was the emoji of an angel. This is how I will always remember him. He is now an angel spending his days enjoying cigars, whiskey (or bourbon?), Robi, Roy, and sitting in the halls of Valhalla with the brothers he lost in Vietnam, and the ones he most recently lost. I am certain that my Ben welcomed him at some point and they sat and had a beer or two. I hope their conversation included knowing how much I love them and how much I will miss them until God calls me Home.

Please forgive any mistakes I have made in the details of Tom's service and/or titles he held. I am not attempting to embellish anything, I simply may have remembered wrong. I mean no disrespect to anyone. I know there are many of Tom's November Company brothers who are reading this and called him friend.

Please know he loved you all very much. You were such an important part of who he was. God bless all of you and thank you for the men you were then, are today and are yet to become. I am so grateful to have the association and friendships I do with so many of you. RLTW - sometimes all the way to Heaven.

Rest Easy, Tom. Your mission is complete



"How is your sleep?" is a question that I usually ask in my intake questionnaire in my counseling practice. Most clients that I counsel have sleep issues and my military clients almost exclusively have sleep complications. Chronic insufficient sleep can incite increased morbidity, mortality and health issues.

Health issues such as sleep deprivation can be significant. Sleep deprivation has been linked with various mental health disorders such as depression and increased anxiety. Experts (American Academy of Sleep Medicine, Sleep Research Society) propose that adults aged 26-64 require greater than or equal to 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night to have optimum physical and mental health. Older adults may have different sleep requirements depending on comorbidities and related medications, but generally still require between 7 to 9 hours of sleep. Military personnel have operational missions that are more prone to sleep disturbances than the general population due to a variety of occupational and environmental factors, but research posits that military members self-report fewer than the 7-9 hours of recommended sleep (Luxton DD, et al. Prevalence and impact of short sleep duration in redeployed OIF soldiers. *Sleep*. 2011;34(9):11). The Department of Defense has noted sleep complications within the military and has made a direct effort at education for its members and continues to study ways to identify military-related factors that correlate with sleep health.

So, how can you get a better night's sleep?

Environment: Look at your bedroom. Does your bed invite you to sleep? Is it comfortable? How is your pillow? When did you purchase your pillow or your mattress? The sleep foundation suggests replacing pillows every 1-2 years, mattress every 6-8 years. How is the temperature? The Sleep Foundation suggests a temperature of 68 degrees F for adults. (<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/bedroom-environment/best-temperature-for-sleep>)

Is there a TV in the bedroom? Sleep can be disrupted by sounds from a TV and sleep quality can suffer from interference in the circadian rhythm cycle and melatonin levels. (<https://www.sleep.org/is-it-bad-to-watch-tv-right-before-bed/>)

Cell Phone usage before bedtime: Using the cellphone 30 minutes before bedtime showed a positive correlation with sleep quality, daytime sleepiness, and sleep disturbances. Leaving the phone near the pillow was correlated with daytime sleepiness and sleep disturbances (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7320888/pdf/nss-12-357.pdf>) (<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/file?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0228756&type=printable>)

Lighting at night may interfere with the circadian rhythm cycle and melatonin levels as well as an increased cancer risk. Reduc-

ing bedroom lighting before bedtime can have an affect on circadian rhythm and melatonin, glucose regulation and blood pressure. (<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/bedroom-environment/light-and-sleep>)

Behavior: What do you do to get ready for bed? Eat? Shower? Read?

Nutrition: Some research suggests that eating before bedtime may interfere with sleep quality, but recent research is looking at the type and quantity of food intake and evaluating the results. I ask clients to try both methods: Try a week with not eating 2-3 hours before bedtime and then try a week of eating a small, quality carbohydrate snack before bedtime. Try a quality piece of cheese and a whole grain cracker. Caffeine may interfere with the quality of sleep. Caffeine metabolism rates vary in individuals, but, the mean half-life of caffeine in plasma of healthy individuals is about 5 hours. However, caffeine's elimination half-life may range between 1.5 and 9.5 hours, while the total plasma clearance rate for caffeine is estimated to be 0.078 L/h/kg (Brachtel and Richter, 1992; Busto et al., 1989). So drinking coffee anytime 5-10 hours of sleep can have a negative impact on quality sleep.

(<https://jcs.m.aasm.org/doi/pdf/10.5664/jcs.m.3170>) When to cut off caffeine might be an individual decision. See what works best for you. Diet and how it affects sleep is currently being researched but some foods can promote quality sleep while others may interfere with sleep.

(<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/nutrition>) (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5015038/pdf/an012336.pdf>) It is important to do your own research and find the diet that works best for you. Stay hydrated.

Exercise: People that have a daily exercise routine seem to sleep better at night. The benefits of exercise go beyond getting a good night's sleep but if sleep quality is desired, exercise is a good foundation for better sleep.

(<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/insomnia/exercise-and-insomnia>) (<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/exercising-for-better-sleep>)

Bathing: More than one study cited warm foot-bathing as a gentle way to change body temperature to stimulate a good night's sleep. Warm baths two to three hours before bedtime may help regulate body temperature to ensure quality sleep. (<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/325818>)

Reading: One of the most relaxing things to do before sleep is reading a book. Reading helps us dream and relaxes our brains to prepare for a good night's sleep. Reading on a device that emits blue lights interferes with the quality of sleep. (<https://www.sleepadvisor.org/reading-before-bed/>) There are articles online to help you choose the best way to read before bedtime but keep in mind that lighting is a significant factor in bedtime reading that can affect sleep quality.

Military and Sleep: Sleep is a physiological requirement, critical for sustaining the mental and physical abilities needed for success on the battlefield. *Continued on the next page*

It is essential for the Command to ensure that the individual soldiers view sleep as a major factor for optimal performance in military operations.

Prioritize sleep: Military personnel that perform mental work such as problem solving, analysis, decision making should prioritize sleep. Use earplugs and eye masks to block sound and light. A white-noise machine can help provide a mask to environmental noises. Heavy blankets (weighted blankets) help moderate body temperature and may provide quality sleep.

Stay hydrated. (<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/nutrition/hydration-and-sleep>) Depleted Hydration interferes with REM sleep. (<https://academic.oup.com/sleep/article/42/2/zsy210/5155420?login=true>)

Time Zone changes: **Upon arrival** conform and adapt to the new time zone and schedule. Avoid napping. Stay on a fixed wake-up and nighttime schedule. Drink caffeine in the morning to boost the time change adaptation. Caffeine is rapidly and completely absorbed in humans, with 99 percent being absorbed within 45 minutes of ingestion (Bonati et al., 1982; Liguori et al., 1997).

When it is consumed in beverages (most commonly coffee, tea, or soft drinks) caffeine is absorbed rapidly from the gastrointestinal tract and distributed throughout body water.

Schedule family connections on a timetable that allows for excellent conversations with purpose and clarity.

Dr. Janet Morgan

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David O. Smith reveals the story of 'The Armstrong Brothers'

New historical study details one Pennsylvania family's contribution to victory in the American Revolution

This is the story of three brothers, James, John and Hamilton Armstrong, whose combined wartime experiences encompassed almost the totality of the American Revolution from Canada in the north to South Carolina in the south and along the western frontier. At the outset of the Revolution, two joined the Continental Army, rose from the ranks to become officers, and served until the army was disbanded in 1783. The youngest brother remained home to work the farm, protected the family, and served in militia and "ranger" units that defended the frontier from repeated attacks from hostile Indian tribes. Through their journey, readers will learn how difficult it was to achieve American independence, how often the issue was in doubt, and the enormous debt people owe to the soldiers who fought for it.

"I want readers to understand that America's freedom was not achieved by the bewigged gentlemen in Philadelphia that signed the Declaration of Independence. It was gained by a relatively small number of Americans like the Armstrong brothers that took up arms to wrest it away from Great Britain and that the effort required to achieve it was years in the making and hung in the balance many times," Smith states.

"The Armstrong Brothers" will be of interest to those who are interested in early American history, military history in general, and/or the American Revolution in particular. It should also be of regional interest in Pennsylvania because the three brothers grew up along what was then the frontier in Northumberland County and because many of the battles described occurred in or near the state.

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**"Celebration of Life" held for
Marauder Rocco DeLuca, 99,
Nov. 6, 2021, in Connecticut**

A funeral mass was held for Merrill's Marauder Rocco DeLuca, 99, and his late wife, Angela, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, CT. Nov. 6, 2021.

DeLuca was one of only six surviving WW II Merrill's Marauders when he died Oct. 11, 2021, little more than a month after his 99th birthday on Sept. 5th. DeLuca fought on Green Combat Team, 2nd Battalion. Following the solemn flag-folding ceremony, DeLuca's daughter, Joyce Horey, was presented with the flag by retired BG Ronald "Ron" P. Welch. Family, friends and a large group of veterans attended the funeral mass followed by a military honors ceremony in the courtyard of the new Veterans Rally Point in Norwich. Two Marauders, Robert "Bob" Passanisi, 97, NY, and Gilbert "Gil" Howland, 98, NJ, and his son, Bob, attended. "It was a beautiful farewell," said Howland (Far right.) "Only a handful of us are left to carry the torch," said Passanisi. Burial in Buffalo, NY for DeLuca and his wife will be determined at a later date. See obituary at Woyasz & Son Funeral Home.



**Legendary TV newsman records narration for
PBS Merrill's Marauder documentary on
Veterans Day in New York City**



Veterans Day 2021 was a special day for filmmaker Tim Gray's PBS Merrill's Marauder documentary. That's when Tom Brokaw, legendary TV newsman and author of "The Greatest Generation," met with Gray at a New York City

studio to record the narration for the WW II Foundation's Marauder story. Despite Covid and low funding causing production changes, Gray said he still plans for the Merrill's Marauder documentary to air nationally on PBS/Public Television stations beginning in May of 2022.

Let's help him make this an award-winning film!!!

Donations are still needed.

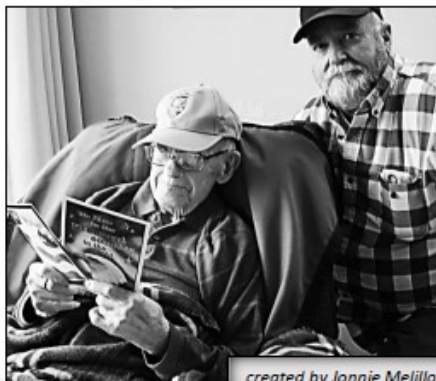
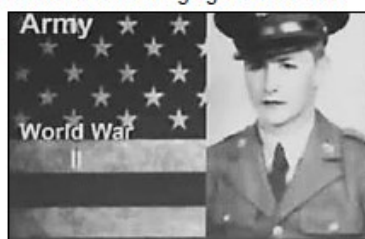
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Merrill's Marauders honored on Veterans Day



The photos below show how three Merrill's Marauders were honored on Veterans Day – Nov. 11, 2021 (Left to Right-clockwise.) Gabriel Kinney, 100, AL, wearing a Marauder shirt, receives a Veterans Day pin from Erin Thompson, executive director of The Brennt in Daphne, AL. A photo of Russell Hamler, 97, PA, submitted by his great, great niece, Belle Ellis, for a school project was used to honor him on Veterans Day by the Montour School District's Veterans Recognition in Robinson, PA. Raleigh Naves, 99, WI, and his son, Jim, open cards following the 13th Annual Local Veterans Salute Bridging Generations held at the Chippewa Manor. The event highlighted four poems written by Chippewa Falls-area high school students, an Honor Guard presentation with a 21-gun salute and flyover, and a 6-ft., thank-you card with more than 1,000 personalized messages from Chippewa Valley residents.



created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen

**Image from photo collection of
Marauder Dominic Baracani**



One of Marauder Dominic Baracani's collection of India-Burma photos shows the following men (L-R) – Baracani, Unknown, Jessie C. Hosman, William A. Bishop and Phares Rodysill.





1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT

As we say here in Georgia, happy fall y'all!

I know it is almost winter as Veteran's Day was recognized and celebrated across our nation but still wanted to salute the many Rangers & their families throughout our nation's history who's dedication of service has kept us free. We will never forget your sacrifices.

I recently was humbled as the keynote speaker at the Nine Line Foundation's annual "Honoring our Heroes Gala" in Savannah. The CEO/Founder, Tyler Merritt, is a former TF 160th Pilot who honors our military throughout the country. I led off remarks of the valorous combat actions in Afghanistan of Doc Peney (1/75) with a loud and thunderous yell..."DOC, DOC, RANGER DOWN!!...those were probably the last words he ever heard before fighting his way to a seriously wounded casualty and thus making the ultimate sacrifice as he heroically answered the call to a fallen fellow Ranger Brother.

While Veteran's Day is not Memorial Day I personally could not celebrate the day until I remembered all of our fallen and disabled wounded Warriors as we continue to take care of them and their families. The Warriors of the past, currently serving in the Battalion, those throughout our Regiment and Association have definitely earned recognition on Veteran's Day. Most of America rarely learns of their combat experiences as they walk tall with a hard stare and carry themselves as a quiet professional. So to all of our Rangers out there, hear it loud and clear from me, I HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY, THANKS FOR KEEPING ME AND MY FAMILY FREE!

This is the first time in over two decades we have had so many Rangers home from their continuous combat rotations within our Regiment. However, they have not slowed down in training or readiness, as they must stand ready to deploy in any environment around the world within hours of notification.

I had the opportunity to speak at one of those training events to the recipients in a pinning ceremony earning their Expert Infantry or Expert Soldier Badge (EIB & ESB). In the past they included other military occupational specialties (MOS) in the training and testing as we felt Rangers were warriors first and that mentality included them in EIB training. As an example we also opened advanced medical training for select Infantryman, such as EMT or Paramedic Programs. Once the Combat Action Badge was approved I pushed hard to gain approval for the Expert Action Badge testing and eventually the Army adapted with our new ESB, very similar to the EIB, about time. Congratulations to those Rangers who earned either. See an update below in news from our Rangers at Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF).



Congratulations to another heroic Veteran of 1/75, CSM Mike Eiermann, the RSTB CSM, as he and his Family head out west to join the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO as a BCT CSM. The Eiermann's will be greatly missed as they have spent most of their career serving in our Regiment. They will be joining two other great leaders from our Regiment, MG Hodne and his Division CSM, Adam Nash.

CSM Eiermann was replaced by another superb senior Ranger Leader, the former 75th Regimental Operations SGM, CSM Michael Wagner. He too has spent a long valorous career serving within our Regiment, congrats again to both.

Please keep the Family of retired Ranger Jimmy Ubersosky, "U-Bolt" in your prayers as we lost him on 18 DEC. Jimmy suffered from a fatal stroke that took his life a week later as a patient in Memorial Hospital with family and the 1/75 CHAP, CPT Henricks present. His wife Marjorie lives here in the Savannah area so we are keeping in contact with her for any needs she has through the Sua Sponte Foundation. Their friends have also started a GoFundMe page that is also shared on Facebook. Rest In Peace Ranger Buddy, we will never forget you.

In addition to the sad news of CSM (R) Bill Acebes' death, I personally would like to thank several of his fellow plank holders of 1st Batt living in the area who checked on him frequently. To Rangers Steve Murphy and his wife, Karen, along with his good buddy Mike Etheridge, his wife Nancy and Miss Sheila Dudley....THANKS and Please keep Bill's wife Brenda in your prayers.

Rest In eternal peace CSM Acebes, you will never be forgotten Ranger Buddy.

Now for some news from our Rangers at HAAF.



1/75 Rangers brought home the 1st place trophy for the United States Marine Corps Scout Sniper Competition. The two-man Ranger Sniper Team competed in the United States Marine Corps Scout Sniper Competition hosted in Camp Lejeune, NC. The Ranger Team competed against the top thirteen teams from across the Marine Corps and teams comprised of instructors from both the USMC Scout Sniper School and the U.S. Army Sniper School.

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The Rangers competed in events ranging from known/unknown distance shooting, stalk lanes, detection lanes, rapid target engagements past 1200m, and covered over 60km during the competition. Not only did 1/75 win the overall competition but also the team maintained first place from the first day; and never placed lower than third in any event.



Two 1/75 Rangers competed in the Vohne Liche Kennels 22nd annual Working Dog Olympic competition. 106x K9 teams from multiple SOF military units, law enforcement agencies, and civilian entities participated in 19 events focused on K9 patrol work, explosive detection, control, human apprehension, tracking, and obedience. One Ranger and his working dog earned 1st Place Overall Patrol Team, 3rd Place Explosive Team Overall, 3rd Place Overall Patrol, 3rd Place Explosive Warehouse Detection. The second Ranger and his working dog earned 1st Place Overall Patrol Team, 3rd Place Explosive Team Overall, 3rd Place K9 Obstacle Course, and 3rd Place Explosive Open Area Search. Both Ranger teams placed in the top 5 for the “Hard Dog Fast Dog” competition.

This month, 1/75 led within the Army by integrating 3rd Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, and 101st Airborne Division Soldiers into Ranger training events. Rangers from A Co incorporated 3ID soldiers into Close Quarters Battle and Ranger First Responder training. Additionally, soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division conducted a familiarization with elements of the FIST on the employment of artillery.

1st Battalion also hosted 10th Mountain Division Soldiers from 2-22 IN for two weeks to participate in several Regimental programs of instruction to include RCQC, RSAL-C. Assault Breacher, and Ranger First Responder (RFR). We also invited 3ID to



our EIB and ESB training, with 13 x 3ID Soldiers earning the EIB with our battalion. In total, 197 Rangers earned their EIB and 61 their ESB. The overall graduation rate was 83% as compared to the Army's average qualification rate of 22%.

For the last six months, HHC has led the battalion's community outreach. The purpose of this program is to show our gratitude to the benefactors of 1st Ranger Battalion throughout the Savannah area. We greatly thank the 1/75 Rangers supporting the Heroes Invitational Golf Tournament. Attending this important event, included Shelia Dudley, (Honorary Member RHOF, 75th & 1/75 RGR RGT) & MSG (Ret.) Bruce Rock, along with other long-time supporters of the battalion.

This last month we've said farewell to a Ranger Leader who always put the men and the mission first. Sergeant Major (SGM) Joshua Peterson served 1st Ranger Battalion with distinction as the Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, B Co and HHC Company First Sergeant, and as a Platoon Sergeant. During his tenure, SGM Peterson was instrumental in the planning and execution of three training cycles, three combat deployments, and one rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center. His extreme competence and care for our Rangers through all ranks embodies the Ranger Creed and is a Ranger leader whom all Rangers emulate. As the longest active serving NCO in the Battalion, SGM Joshua Peterson provided critical continuity as the Battalion's mission changed over the years. He was the go-to sounding board for the Command Group and leaders from across the Battalion and provided common sense advice on training and administration. SGM Peterson's commitment to putting Rangers first, his unparalleled technical and tactical expertise, and his genuine passion for the Ranger mission were absolutely critical to 1st Battalion's success and will be sorely missed.

An ole Ranger PL/CO from C Co 1/75 from yesteryear showed up on the steps of HAAF a few months back as the new Deputy Commander for 3ID, BG Jasper Jeffers. My wife and I joined a brigand of Hard Rock Charlie veterans led by 3ID DVRTY CSM “Muggs” along with Miss Sheila & Vic Power (KBs) to welcome him back to his first home in the ARSOF Community.

He also served as a 2/75 Co CDR & many years at a SOF unit at Bragg within USASOC where he served as a Troop, Squadron, Deputy and Unit Commander before joining us back in Savan-

nah. Sir, Congratulations on the promotion and welcome back home Ranger Buddy.

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Looking ahead:

By the time this edition is published the battalion's annual military ball will have taken place in historic downtown Savannah on 16 DEC before the Ranger's head out on a much-earned Christmas block leave. It will be held at the Savannah Convention Center next to the Westin Hotel overlooking River Street.

A great Warrior, RSM (retired) Greg Birch, (Distinguished Member of the Regiment & RHOF) is scheduled to be the keynote speaker and I know our Rangers will enjoy words spoken from a Warhorse they will remember forever, "IRONHEAD"!

Come and join us in our local monthly "Ranger Breakfast" here in the Savannah area held each first 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.

As well feel free to contact me with any news you would like to share across our Ranger Family and if anyone out there would like to get more involved with our association contact me at my email, remerritt75@outlook.com

OK Rangers, now it is time for a bit of trivia. How did the word "NEWS" get its name?

NEWS is an acronym, meaning information and data collected from the North, East, West, and South...N..E..W..S...NEWS. I learned of this from listening to Paul Harvey on the radio...and now you know the rest of the story, good day!

I wanted to share several friendly reminders, first, as I informed in our last quarter's publication the Battalion is looking to spruce up their Ranger history & war artifacts along the corridors at the entrance to the Headquarters building. If you have come across any war memorabilia they can add to their various eras of Ranger history let me know. They will add a presentation card explaining the artifact and who donated it to them for display.

Second, you may have read earlier in this edition of our Patroling Magazine from our President, Doc Art Attaway, we are nearing our Association's suspense date for the 2022 Ranger Hall of Fame candidates. If anyone has a candidate we will need their packet no later than right after the new year so we can review them as they go through the selection process.

Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and if you live near a military installation invite a few Soldiers to join you during the holiday season. Ask your local VFW, American Legion, or other military organizations if you can help in making this holiday season better for a Veteran.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It will be a safe one, our Rangers Stand Ready.

V/R,

Rick

Ranger for Life

Doc Peney's procession marching to his wake at Kevin Barry's Pub on River Street.



The horse-drawn casket carrying the remains of Sgt. Jonathan Peney leads the funeral procession as it heads east on River Street to Kevin Barry's. [STEVE BISSON/SAVANNAHNOW.COM]

SGM Joshua Peterson, OPS SGM 1/75



C Co Rangers welcome BG Jasper Jeffers back home to HAAF



2nd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—Kevin Ingraham

Kevin Ingraham Resigns as 2nd BN Unit Director

The next issue of Patrolling should see a new UD for our battalion. After some fifteen years as UD, it's past time I moved on. Many thanks to all who have helped and supported me in this trip and our battalion.

I made several new friends and met some true giants.

Kevin

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3rd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—TONY MAYNE

'Black Hawk Down' Rangers receive Silver Stars 28 years after Mogadishu heroics

During 23 years in the Army — much of it in the elite ranks of the 75th Ranger Regiment — Jeff Struecker saw combat in Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan, but nothing compared to the infamous October 1993 gunfight through the streets of Mogadishu.

"I'd been to combat a couple of times before Somalia and a lot of times after, but I've never seen heroism, I've never seen fighting, like we saw among these guys on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia," said Struecker, one of 18 veterans who fought in the battle officially known as Operation Gothic Serpent and awarded the Silver Star for valor Friday. "Nothing came close to Somalia. I mean not even close."

The Silver Stars presented in a ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga., for those who were

serving 28 years ago in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment were upgrades of Bronze Star medals with combat "V" for valor that the Rangers were presented months after returning from Somalia. The Battle of Mogadishu, in which 18 American soldiers were killed, was later made famous by the best-selling book



"Black Hawk Down" and the Hollywood movie of the same name.

For Struecker, the honor was "bittersweet" and unexpected. He said others who fought in that battle were more deserving of the Silver Star, the nation's third highest honor for

battlefield heroics. He said he was particularly proud to see some of the other troops from that fight honored.

"It's truly an honor," said Sean Watson, who was a sergeant first class at the time and would go on to retire as a command sergeant major in 2015. "I believe that being an awardee is actually a representation of everybody in the position I was in. They earned it — they're the ones who really earned this."

The Army announced in July, 60 veterans of the battle — mostly Army special opera-



Jeff Struecker with GEN Clarke: Jeff Struecker is presented the Silver Star on Oct. 1, 2021 at Fort Benning, Ga., by Gen. Richard Clarke, head of U.S. Special Operations Command for actions in the October 1993 Battle of Mogadishu. (Corey Dickstein/Stars and Stripes)

tors, many of whom have not been named publicly — would receive award upgrades for their actions in the fight. That includes 58 Silver Stars and two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Award ceremonies are planned for other units in the future, Army officials said Friday.

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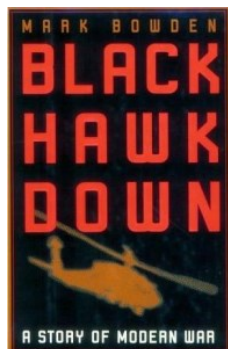
BHD Ceremony: Current U.S. Army Rangers look at photos of 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment Rangers in action in Somalia in 1993 before 18 former members of the unit were awarded Silver Stars for their actions in the Battle of Mogadishu that year. (Corey Dickstein/Stars and Stripes)

Watson said he rarely talks about his time in Mogadishu, and he does not think about it very often, either. Later, he deployed to Afghanistan three times and saw combat there. But, like Struecker, he said the fighting there was incomparable to Mogadishu.

"I felt very fortunate that I never was in the extreme position that I was in Somalia ever again," he said. "Was I prepared for it? Yes, I was. I was very prepared. And it was a lot. And, thankfully, [fighting] never, ever occurred at that level again for me."

Those receiving the Silver Star on Oct. 1 were (ranks at the time of the battle):

Sgt. Alan Barton
Sgt. John C. Belman
Staff Sgt. Kenneth P. Boorn
Spc. James M. Cavaco*
Spc. John M. Collett



Staff Sgt. Michael Collins
Sgt. James C. Joyce*
Pfc. Brad M. Paulsen
2nd Lt. Larry D. Perino
Spc. Robert R. Phipps II
Sgt. Dominick M. Pilla*
Sgt. Randall J. Ramaglia Jr.
Pfc. John D. Stanfield
Cpt. Michael Steele
Spc. Richard Strous
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey D. Struecker
Spc. Joseph F. Thomas
Sgt. 1st Class Sean T. Watson

*Denotes posthumous award to Rangers who died of wounds suffered in Somalia.

**This edited Corey Dickstein story originally appeared in the Oct. 1, 2021 edition of Stars and Stripes.



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UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

This edition will come out in early January, just a few weeks before Waco. If you are planning on attending and haven't made reservations, get off your fourth point of contact and get busy. The Savell Ranch is continuing to ready the compound for our arrival.

Veteran's Day 2021 will be in the books by print time. As Tipton American Legion Post commander, I will once again preside over the Tipton Veteran's Day Ceremony on the courthouse square. It's an honor for me to be able to be a part of the day. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month I will once again call the Honor Guard to attention as the Mayor reads the Proclamation I urge you to participate in your local Legion or VFW. Much is done on a local level that you may not know about for our Veteran's.

I wish I had been given a study guide. I took a stress test last week and failed. Now I have to go for a heart catheterization next week and see if I really have a heart. I have been told by many that I don't. As we get older, we develop things we don't expect or even realize we have. Keep in touch with your doctor and stay healthy so you can make the reunions.

From Roy Bissey: Gentlemen, started out to be six months warning but procrastination has whittled it down to just over five months before our next chance at disproving lies told about us by others. March 24-26 2022 will be a great time in Woodway (Waco), Texas. Jim and Jason Savell have once again been hard at work improving the venue for Saturday's gathering (26 March). Jim tells me they have poured concrete and installed a roof over the area between the house and shop buildings so you delicate skinned folks can stay out of the sun (rain, snow, tornadoes, etc.). Ed Thurman is still in the business of collecting our old photographs from days gone by for the purpose of adding them to the existing compilation. If you have some pictures that were not included last time please send them to Ed at ethurman01@gmail.com. It might even be a good idea if you have recent photos showing your active engagement in rappelling, skydiving, elk (bigfoot) (sasquatch) hunting, apprehension of fugitives, prison breaks, ballet, pole dancing or other manly endeavors to include them. Ranger Eddie (EJ) Alexander is still standing by to receive donations to the cause. These reunion things, like freedom, are not free. The Savell's are bearing a major load providing us with a great venue for our enjoyment and ensuring that there is plenty of food, entertainment and drink to go around. If you have a spare dime or two to contribute, EJ's address is: 235 Weoka Court, Ellijay, GA 30540. Eddie is in charge of collection of donations and disbursement of the collected funds to pay for our party. Additionally, in Eddie's own words: If you have a Pay Pal account, enter 404-545-6533 as friend or family (this saves us a couple of bucks). Please follow up with E-Mail to: alexanderej@bellsouth.net and copy Roy Bissey at r_bissey@yahoo.com telling us how much you sent and how it was sent. This will provide dual accountability and allow



me to track donations in case they don't show up via PayPal or mail. To all who have already contributed and all who will contribute, we thank you very much. Stan Jones has placed advertisements in the VFW magazine, the American Legion magazine and on its website as well as the Military Reunion Network's website in an attempt to attract some of our old comrades whom we have not been successful in finding otherwise. If you are in contact with someone who may not be on this email list please let them know about our plans and pass their contact information on to me at r_bissey@yahoo.com. There are several folks who

do not have email capability and I will be sending a paper copy of this communication to them. SSG Virgil Dillon says that the only way he will miss this one is if he is dead or in prison so we will look forward to seeing if he still rocks a beret like the old days. Several of our number have gone on to meet the Big Ranger since our last get together and they, along with the previously known deceased, will be memorialized at the Saturday event. Rangers Bill Bowman and Eddie Alexander will be presenting the memorial portion of the day to honor our deceased Brothers. We have a block of 20 rooms and a hospitality room set aside for us 24-27 March at the Springhill Suites in Woodway which is a stones throw (possibly a bit further if you've grown feeble) from Savell Ranch. The manager of the Springhill Suites advised me on 30 August that fourteen of the twenty rooms had already been reserved. The rate is \$149.00 per night if you make reservations using the following link: [Book your group rate for 75TH RANGER REUNION CUT OFF DATE IS FEBRUARY 24, 2022](#)

Ernest "Marty" Martinez saw our reunion notice in VFW or American Legion Magazine and reached out. He lives in Harker Heights and plans on attending the Waco party.

Some Jim Savell stories: Wanna scare a pilot? The 1st military service was the Army. Years.....I mean years....later airships were incorporated into the military. The Army Air Corps. Eventually the Air Force became a military service. Most of my knowledge on things has been thoroughly fact checked over a few beers. Seems the fixed wing planes were all Air Force & rotor (helicopters) were Army. There were exceptions to this but it is close enough for "government work". Helicopters in the Army have designated tasks. In front of the A/C number is the designation.

OH is an observation helicopter (usually a lil bubble). AH is attack helicopter...rocket pods etc. CH is a cargo helicopter...usually several rotors & carry large loads. UH is utility helicopter. This is the common A/C that is used for almost anything. Normally you parachute from a CH or UH. Now my story- in my ill spent the UH-1 (Huey) was used to transport 6-8 people. If a large force was being moved the CH-47 (Chinook) was used. I have many trips in Huey's & almost all the trips the side doors were slid open.

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Needless to say it becomes breezy. My 1st time to scare a pilot was in Nam & I perfected the stunt over the years. The Huey helicopter has a skid that it lands on. Many times I would climb out on the skid & walk forward. Can you imagine the disbelief in a pilots face when you tap on his window & wave to him.....

Wanna Play a Little Poker? At a card game in my ill spent youth the phrase was, "Deal cried the losers while the winners laughed & told jokes". Growing up I had both parents til mom was hospitalized & I lived with my dad. My dad did odd jobs & was not motivated to get ahead. I was eventually taken by the Welfare People & hauled to Mississippi to live with an Aunt. This was about early/mid '50s. In later days I mentioned to mom that I bet my dad never had 2 nickels to rub together. He was in the Navy transporting troops to Europe during WW2. Mom had moved to NY City to his homeport. Mom told me my dad would return from a cruise with a duffle bag of money he won gambling on his ship. In junior high & High school I honed my skills playing "penny ante" poker. In Vietnam I got into some big games. The most I ever won in a single hand was \$2,600. I never lost at the end of the night. I bought my mobile home in one game in NC. I was single & would have weekend poker games at my trailer. Starting Friday after work players would help me put my furniture outside. A table would be set up. Beer by the cases & cigarettes by the packs. We would stop in time to get your uniform on to report for work Monday. Did I mention...I always won? Now my story- I was assigned to A/75th Rangers at Ft Hood. TX. There was a group that played cards & I joined in. I met the most beautiful woman & married her. About 3 weeks after Connie & I married the SSG in S-4 hosted a game. Did I mention I never lost? I asked Connie if she minded me going to the game...after all. I never lost. I went to the game & lost.....\$135. I came home & gave her \$135 & told her to go the next day & wastefully spend the money. Connie is a "Jinx". I have been a winner since. I have Connie & have never played poker for money since that night.

School Building as a Rappel Tower: For years the desired method of insertion was parachute & rappel rope. The Rope used for rappelling comes in 600' coils & 120' ropes in cardboard boxes. It is a half-inch diameter, nylon & stretches approx. a third its length. The tensile breaking strength is 3840 lbs.....just think of Dolly Pardon.....38 40. We kept a log of rappels on each rope. After 200 rappels they were used for rope bridges etc. After approx. 6 months we cut them into 12' sections...these

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At the Savell Ranch
280 Possum End Way
Woodway, Texas 76712

Lodging and Hospitality Room will be at Spring Hill Suites
200 Colonnade Parkway, Woodway, Texas 76712

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And maintaining ties with our fellow Veterans & promote comradery & good cheer



were called "sling ropes". After about 6 months we turned the sling ropes over to the Marines. They tied them together & used them for rappelling. Now my story. Teaching HSJROTC at Rider in Wichita Falls. Cadets could attend a week summer Camp at Ft Sill. One of the events was rappelling at their tower. At the High School next to my classroom was a 2nd floor double doors from the gym. It was used to install a large A.C unit. I explored this area & discovered anchor points & all things for rappelling. I contacted Ft Sill's Corps of Engineers. They sent an inspection team & certified Rider HS as an official U S Army rappelling tower. Cadets were required to rappel 25 times to receive a ribbon. On the day we rappelled that side of the building ceased classes. I would have rappelling monthly. The ropes I had probably accumulated illegally. The cadets were taught the sling rope tied in the "hip seat"....Rangers call it the "Swiss Seat". I traded for gloves & snap links. Before all this happened I had already tested the rappelling now I needed to work out the safe-ties....uh....Rangers call them "belay" men. In the teachers lounge I got a volunteer to rappel. I snapped her in & she leaned back, threw her break hand out & zipped to the ground. She broke her foot. She hobbled off to the hospital but ensured me she would say she had done it on the stairs

Although you won't receive this edition until January, remember that November is Buddy Check month. Check on a fellow veteran that you have not heard from in a while. Make sure all is well.

I know there are those of you out there with stories to tell, but might be a little bashful. I/we really need to hear your stories of your time in A company.

Stay safe and hope you have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!

Stan

ARVIN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

UNIT DIRECTOR—BILL MILLER

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

Honor all Veterans for their sacrifice:

Veterans Day falls on November 11 of every year. Declared so by the 1918 Armistice agreement. WWI came to an end on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice day as it was originally called, commemorated the sacrifices of those who fought in that war. After WWII, and Korea President Eisenhower expanded the commemoration to honor veterans of all wars for their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

For most Americans, those conflicts are relatively remote and impersonal. It is easy to lose sight of the incredible contributions that a few Americans make in the service of all.

WWII is viewed as the good war, fought by the "Greatest Generation," Korea was an unpopular U.N. police action, Vietnam a senseless quagmire. Many consider Afghanistan to be a justifiable intervention but Iraq not.

Those value judgements make no difference to the men and women in uniform who leave home and family to face hardships and peril in bad places. It does not matter where they fought, whether their battles were won or lost. Each deserves our deepest appreciation.

Veterans Day should be occasion when a grateful nation organizes parades, delivers speeches and we should always commemorate that brief-but-intense time in veteran's lives when they were dodging bullets, patching up wounds or solving logistical nightmares.

We should also acknowledge those who made a successful transition back into civilian life. These men and women who take the self-respect, discipline, teamwork and technical skills honed by the military and use them to benefit their communities.



Think about how much poorer society would be without these veterans coaching youth sports teams, coordinating fundraisers, serving on school boards, organizing neighborhood watches and just generally making life better for the rest of us.

Thank a veteran not just on Veterans Day, but whenever you get the chance for they are your friends and neighbors who sacrificed a lot.

In the words of the late Winston Churchill, "Never have so few given so much for so many." Of course he was speaking of WWII, but those words still ring true today.

Hope you enjoyed your Veterans Day.

Feature:

There is no feature article this issue because I need your support to tell our stories so others will not forget our legacy.

Everyone stay well and let me know if you know of any BDQ Ranger that needs some support.

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Bill Miller

Unit Director

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UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

Greetings and Salutations fellow LRRPs, Rangers, and Jayhawks...

Stay safe, stay healthy.

As promised last issue, we are covering the Nine Lives of Jack Luse this time. We may include other excerpts in the next issue, including parts from one of the contemporary articles memorializing SFC Luse. This time, the excerpts here are taken from various newspaper articles, and personal remembrances of VII Corps LRRPs. The newspaper articles would be unreadable if we reprinted them in their original form, and this article would be too long if we included all the information verbatim.

THE NINE LIVES OF JACK LUSE

SFC John E. "Jack" Luse (the man with Nine Lives) passed away due to a line-of-duty jeep accident in November 1963. He was then serving as a platoon sergeant in the VII Corps LRRP's. It was said at the time that he had blazed a path among military men which made him a legend in his own time.

Luse had joined the Army in 1942, and served throughout World War II as a paratrooper in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He jumped into Normandy on D-Day, jumped into Holland for Market Garden (where he was also captured and later escaped), and helped hold the Allied line during the siege of Bastogne. After returning from the dead at Bastogne, he participated in the assault on the Siegfried Line, and ended the war in Berchtesgaden with the rest of the 101st. Following that, he participated in the "Little Olympics" or "GI Olympics" at Nuremberg, and later returned to Fort Benning as part of the Airborne instructor committee. He remained at Fort Benning, except for a brief tour in Korea, until assigned to the newly formed LRRPs in Germany in 1962.

1947 COMPLETE MALFUNCTION

The 1947 narrative that we start with comes from the Fort Benning paper. The title of the article was: He Had 38 Broken Bones.

Cpl. Luse had a total malfunction on a jump and landed in a creek. Another man pulled Luse onto a sandbar, and helped him out of his chute harness. Then the man was gone. Cpl. Luse had never seen him before, and he never saw him again. His fogged mind reeling wildly, Jack Luse suddenly wondered what time it was. Painfully, he turned his head toward his left arm. It was twisted grotesquely. With his right hand, he grasped his left wrist and began to turn it toward him. Once. Twice. Three times. Now he could see his watch. It had stopped. The time was precisely 1100 hours. Then he fainted. When medics arrived, they found a bleeding mass of shattered bone and flayed flesh. But they looked more closely. Jack Luse was alive.



At the base hospital, doctors examined his shattered physique and went to work. He had 38 broken bones, many of which were protruded in jagged barbs through the skin. Collarbones. Back. Ribs. Legs. Arms. All were broken. Miraculously, however, Cpl. Luse had sustained only slight internal injury, and for that reason the breath of life was still in him. At first there was some talk of taking his left arm off. But instead it was repaired. And four months later, Cpl. Jack Luse divested himself of 52 pounds of plaster casts that had swathed his body from neck to toe, and walked out of the hospital, a whole man. Once again, Jack Luse - soldier with nine lives and a built-in horseshoe - had tottered on the brink of death and lived to tell about it.

Even at that time, 13 years ago (NOTE: at the time of the writing of the article), Jack Luse knew he really had no reason to be alive. By any reasonable odds at all, he should have been long since dead. In fact, some three years earlier, during the bloody fighting around Bastogne in the terrible winter of 1944, he WAS dead, or so everyone thought.

Luse not only survived the siege of Bastogne in December, 1944, when German Panzer units swept across the northern end of Luxembourg and closed off American First Army troops, but even some months earlier, on D-Day, Luse had jumped into Normandy and was promptly bayoneted twice - in the shoulder and thigh - by a hardened German veteran out of Rommel's Afrika Korps. He got a Purple Heart, but shrugged it off, because "they were passing those things out like free beer at a picnic."

BASTOGNE

At Bastogne, Cpl. Luse, like many another besieged GI there, went without food for nine days, until armored units of Gen. George Patton's Third Army relieved them on Dec. 27. Luse's wry recollection of those frozen, famished days is that "You don't get very fat eating nothing but snowballs."

It was here that Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe replied "Nuts!" when the Germans sent him an ultimatum to surrender. During this same time, Luse recalled, an unidentified GI remarked: "Well, they've got us surrounded again, the poor bastards." The German officers' mystification after receiving McAuliffe's reply must have been priceless to observe (until someone familiar with American vernacular explained it to them).

Holed up near Bastogne with the 101st Airborne Division, Cpl. Luse was crouched half-frozen in a foxhole with four other paratroopers when a German artillery shell scored a direct hit on them. His four companions were killed outright, blown to smithereens. The impact blew Luse out of the foxhole and to all appearances, he too, was dead. *Continued on the next page*

He was bleeding from many shrapnel wounds and was unconscious from concussion. He looked dead.

The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and the ground was packed over solid with ice and snow. Burying everyone was out of the question. Instead, the Graves Registration burial detail was stacking battle casualties up in piles, like cordwood. Cpl. Luse was dispatched to this heap, and left for dead.

It was only by another stroke of fate that he survived. His best buddy, Leo Lema, of Racine Wis., who was fighting nearby, happened to hear of the shell hitting the foxhole. Then he heard that Jack Luse was dead. He went to the place where Luse had been abandoned, to pay last respects, and happened to notice a small slip of vapor rising out of Luse's nose. Deducing that perhaps his buddy wasn't quite dead after all, Lema hauled Cpl. Luse off the pile and poured a stiff shot of liberated cognac down his throat. [NOTE: others in the VII Corps LRRP's say this may have been the only time in his life that Jack Luse had a drink!]. Pretty soon Cpl. Luse was revived. Had he been left in the open a short time longer he certainly would have died; either he would have succumbed to his wounds, or he would have quickly frozen to death.

On the heels of that brush with disaster, there followed still another. Removed to a hospital in the little French town of Bar de Luce after the concussion, Luse was discovered to be suffering from severe frostbite as well as shrapnel wounds. His bed was next to the door and one night he overheard the doctor telling the nurse to prepare him for surgery the next morning. They were going to amputate his feet. That night Cpl. Luse arose quietly, wrapped his swollen, blackened feet in rags and sacks and went AWOL from the hospital. He hitched a 75-mile ride with an MP, joined a convoy, and soon was back with his outfit.

KIRK GIBSON REMEMBERS:

I remember that Jack told us once about the time he and a few GIs were walking along a mountain road (I think in northern Italy but may be wrong) when they rounded a curve and encountered a German (or Italian) officer with a platoon or more of soldiers. They were about to fire or flee when the officer raised his hands in surrender. Jack, in charge, nervously informed the officer that, as a non-commissioned officer, he could not accept his surrender, but would send a runner to find an officer.

When the US officer arrived, he found all the enemy weapons neatly stacked and the troops calmly lined up and chatting with some of the GIs. They were obviously happy to be out of the war, probably knowing that the Americans were the best bet to surrender to. I think he said that some bottles of wine were found nearby, but that may have been another story.

POST-BASTOGNE

After escaping from the hospital at Bar de Luce and rejoining his unit, Luse fought on through the Siegfried Line with his buddies, and was in Berchtesgaden (where Hitler's hideaway castle was situated) when the Nazis capitulated.

Far from being decommissioned either by frostbite, shrapnel,

concussion, or bayonet, "Rabbit Luse" (so-called because he could run so fast) bounced back and gave a fantastic performance in the GI Olympics at Nuremberg in 1945. He won four first places in track, and tied the Armed Forces record of 9.4 seconds for the 100-yard dash.

[NOTE: The man who finished in second place to Jack in the 100-yard dash was William Hugh Jenner (the father of later Olympian Bruce/Caitlyn Jenner). William Hugh Jenner (1923 - 2000) was born in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, on Feb. 7, 1923 to Bertha Mae and Hugh Burton Jenner and spent his youth in the Boston area, later relocating to Westchester County, N.Y. where he joined the army in 1942. He heroically served his country with the 5th Ranger Battalion landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He served through the occupation and was honorably discharged in November 1945. He was a tree surgeon and he had competed in the U.S. Army Olympics in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1945, and won a silver medal in the 100-yard dash.

For these "GI Olympics" feats, "Rabbit Luse" got personal congratulations from both Gen. Eisenhower and Gen. Patton. The latter, who, according to Luse, won about \$8,000 in bets from a Navy admiral, and gave Luse his fountain pen and camera. Luse still has the pen, a treasured memento.

FORT BENNING & JUMP COMMITTEE

SFC John E. Luse is a master jumper, and goes along on jumps with the Airborne classes at The Infantry School in his job as an assistant instructor with the Airborne Air Mobility Department. He is assigned to the 41st Company, 4th Student Battalion, The Student Brigade. SFC Luse joined the Army in 1942, and has been giving instruction in the basic paratrooper techniques since 1955. His own best customer, SFC Luse believes he has made more jumps than any other person on the post. With great respect for his job and the Airborne role, he willingly accepts the responsibility involved when students first step into thin air after being prepared by the department's basic instruction. Even the almost daily classes are not enough to satisfy this master jumper, however, and he has been active in the post's Sport Parachute Club, where members make free-fall jumps of 1,000 feet before opening their chutes.

After his near-fatal fall in 1947 (cause: a wet parachute), when he was in the base hospital at Ft. Benning, Gen. Eisenhower visited on an inspection tour, entered the hospital, and instantly recognized Luse as someone he knew. "I know you from somewhere," said Eisenhower. "Don't tell me. Now I know. You're Rabbit Luse, aren't you?"

At 36, Luse is still jumping - is, in fact, one of the top jumpers at Ft. Benning. An outstanding member of the Benning Sport Parachute Club, he has made more than 150 delayed opening jumps, or free falls as they are called. He has 18 years in the Army and plans to last for 30.

He has been married for 11 years and has two children, a son 8 and a daughter 6.

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VII Corps LRRP Association

He is chairman of the PTA juvenile protection committee of the Eastman Elementary School and works hard with young people in the Training Union at the Edgewood Baptist Church at Columbus.

An instructor in the jump school at Benning, mellowed old war-horse Jack Luse (now a sergeant first class) still can wear down most of the young trainees with whom he runs rigorous physical training exercises. And he keeps brushing shoulders with death. No more recently than two months ago, on his 518th jump, when he and two other skydivers were attempting a difficult three-man baton pass in a free fall at Benning, it happened again. He had opened his chute after a normal delay and was floating gracefully to earth when suddenly a body struck the canopy of his chute and went through it like a bullet. It was another of the jumpers, who had not yet opened his chute. Had he hit a couple of feet closer to the center of the canopy, both he and Luse probably would have been killed. But again, Luse survived.

250-FOOT TOWER FALL

In keeping with the tradition of his 9 lives, some of his fellow LRRPs who were at Benning when it happened related another story: Luse was as much "at home" on the 18-inch catwalk of the 250-foot jump tower as he was when home with his wife and children. One day while walking the tower, he slipped, but lady luck was again with him that day. He stopped his fall after dropping some 30-40 feet by grabbing one of the crossbars on the tower.

What he feels sustained him through this and several other encounters with death is God - pure and simple, and nothing else.

"He has been holding me by the hand all the time. Since He let me live, I know He put me here for a purpose. I hope I find out what that purpose is before it's too late."

But his wife, Vivian, who is nicknamed Pete, believes he already has found his purpose - living an exemplary life that makes him a fine example for young soldiers at Ft. Benning with whom he has contact. They idolize him. They think he is an incredible man. He is.

R.I.P. SFC Luce

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

V/R

Marc L. Thompson

Unit Director

I hope this finds you all in good health and doing well otherwise. I don't have much to offer since your collective communication skills are lacking --- or, you've got nothing to relate that might be truthful. Sick call is limited to Sam Storey, still. I know you're all aware of his ride in with a streamer trailing behind some 60 years ago; but that's history. More recently, after his fall last year and the subsequent broken neck, his recovery in the hospital resulted in bedsores that led to a toe amputation. So, he's still laid up and unable to get out of bed for any length of time. Feel free to call or write. He's able to appreciate hearing from you and responding well to verbal visits.

After visiting with Sam, I headed over to King, NC to mooch off of Zeke Evaro and solicit one of the many stories he has put to memory after 26 years of service in various airborne units, more especially, the LRRPs. One of the most notable was during the earliest formation of the provisional United States Army LRRP Company (provisional) attached to VII Corps in Germany (1960). The company was formed from volunteers from the 504th and 505th Airborne Battle Groups of the 8th Infantry Division in Europe. Part of the recruiting message was this new unit was to be one more step above the Airborne, looking for those men who wanted to belong to the best and toughest unit in the army. Volunteers were few and far between, but enough to man the two companies.

Headed by Major Edward Maltese and several officers and NCO veterans of the WWI Airborne. In '64, the Major called for volunteer LRRPs to take part in the 4-day Nijmegen, Holland 100 mile March to mark the anniversary of Operation Market Garden the largest airborne operation in history, and to commemorate the infamous "Bridge Too Far" that resulted in the decimation of the British First Airborne Division. His call was to come in first of the competing 33 army units from across the European Command or don't go! The stage was set.

Accepting the Major's challenge were two patrols of Lt Self's 2nd Platoon led by Sgts Hansen and Evaro, and some strap hangers. Physical and mental preparation demands were extreme: Daily Army Drill No 1 consisting of 15 repetitions of 15 exercises ending with a 5 mile run peppered with forced marches with fully loaded ruck sacks of water, C-rations, extra socks, generators with sending equipment, and M-1 rifles.

Arriving at the staging area in Holland, Maltese's LRRPs were in the best physical shape of any unit that Evaro had served with in 26 years of service. They had 4 days to complete the grueling 100 plus miles and Lt Shell made it loud and clear that there would be NO falling out and if any were in doubt about the expectations or abilities they were ordered to step out to be sent back to company HQ and reassigned to a less demanding outfit. No one stepped out and all agreed to set the standard for all that followed in their LRRP footsteps, and the competing 33 attending units involved in the march.

Starting at 4AM of Day 1, the LRRPs march for about a half a mile, when someone bellowed "Double Time, March!"

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Following the road signs, Maltese's VII Corps 2nd Platoon LRRPs continued double timing going ahead of all 33 American and European units, including the British army element responsible for support and daily rations of water and two sweet roll sandwiches. With no breaks and rations taken on the go, the only stops were permitted for dry feet and socks. Bottom line: The Major's LRRPs made the 100 miles March in 3 days! The fourth day was spent resting and recuperating waiting for the other participating units to come in. Exhausted and weary, they did what they set out to do and finished the 100-mile march in record time under full battlefield conditions. The gold pin award they received was nothing compared the satisfaction they had meeting the severe challenge set for by their Commander Major Maltese. The only outside recognition they got was photos and full page reporting in Stars and Stripes news!

As a personal aside, Evaro commented that "...of the 11 Army Units in which I served over my 26 year career, The USA (VII Corps) Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Company (Airborne) was the only company that I sometimes broke down and cried in the quiet dark of the night; memories that pulled tears out of my heart that never reached my eyes". Of all that took part from our company, I may be the only living member. Richard Lewis (RIP Red) died in Vietnam two years later. "Of them (and you LRRPs living), let me close by asking, May God in Jesus Christ bless and shelter, and comfort you all in His Loving Arms and may his Holy Presence never depart from your homes"

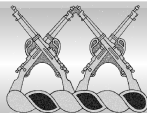
SGM Ezekiel Evaro (ret) w/ PFC E-10 Foster, VII Corps LRRP Association President



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C/75 - E/20 LRP

Unit Director—Darryl "Bones" Benton

Ok Folks, so here goes my first attempt at posting an update on Charlie Rangers, 75th, RVN. I would like to start off by thanking Joe Hayes for the outstanding job he has done the past ten or twelve years. Joe always managed to have some input to the Patrolling magazine every three or four months, thank you Joe. By the way Joe, we missed you and Donna at the reunion this year.

We had a great reunion this year even though attendance was about half of the 2019 gathering. When you consider all the Covid conditions folks have had to put up with, we were happy to have 48 folks at our dinner at the Infantry Museum this year. Unfortunately, I scheduled our dinner for the same night as the Regiment dinner so folks had to choose one or the other.



I must say, as the past 12-year President of the Charlie Company Association, along with my Vice President Milt Hendrickson we take great enjoyment out of attending Best Ranger Competition and passing out checks from our Association to the deserving various Ranger Sponsored Associations that are found during Best Ranger Competition week.

All of the participants present at our auctions every two years are thanked for your support and donations to the Ranger Community. If any of you out there reading this column have a chance to attend a Ranger Competition week at Ft. Benning, you will be blown away and impressed at watching these younger Rangers and others outdo each other in this highly rigorous competition.



Ok, well that about sums things up from me, although in one last note. I would like to say how much I will miss my Papa Ranger Brother Terry Roderick, past Vice President of the Regiment. Terry passed away this last year. Terry lived here in my same AO; we had a few Ranger Breakfasts with others, and shared many a beer and stories at our local VFW Post #4534. Love you and miss you not being around the corner Man. RLW!

Darryl "Bones" Benton

Adjutant, VFW Post #4534

I'm very sad to say another problem with attendance this year was how many fellow Charlie Rangers we lost since our reunion of 2019. The following Charlie Rangers were with us in Spirit. Our Association founder Daniel Pope, Ranger Hall of Fame Ron Leslie, Past Association President Worth Bolton, Unit Historian Joey Welsh, John Leppleman, Phil Liverman, and Bill Johnson.

We will miss all of these Warriors until we meet again in Valhalla.

On a happier note, it sure was great to see everyone. As usual the stories were retold without embellishment and lots of laughter was heard throughout the four days at the La Quinta.

Our usual auction took place with a lot more laughter and good-natured ribbing and we replenished our Association funds. We will in turn be able to write checks and donate to the various Ranger Associations around the Ranger Community at Benning.

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Unit Director Bob McIntire

This is the final segment in my attempt to give my insight into emotions, logistics, activity and anything else in my prospective. I know why you all don't want to share your thoughts with anyone. Thinking about Vietnam brings back memories that you may wish not to surface. We share our good times with each other easily because the good times don't usually hurt. We share easily with each other because we all know the bad times and they don't require bring up to the ones that have lived them. We still find it hard to share any of these experiences with those that have, nor shared them because those people want explanations for the things they do not and cannot understand. If we attempt to explain them it means we must think about them right out in the open and that is very uncomfortable in a lot of instances.

I have trouble with sharing things like CONTACTS in this genre because it brings them out of the place in my mind that I have them stored. They are stored there so I don't have to remember the bad. For the most part my Vietnam experiences were good. Maybe good is too strong a word, but several of them were good. The friendships, the efforts, the training, the accomplishment, the Esprit de Corp, all were good and still are, but the other things, not so much. That is why I put off until the last-minute writing some of these articles. I want to but I don't want to. It hurts and it brings me down to a place I try hard to avoid. It must be done and I have avoided it long enough, maybe too long.

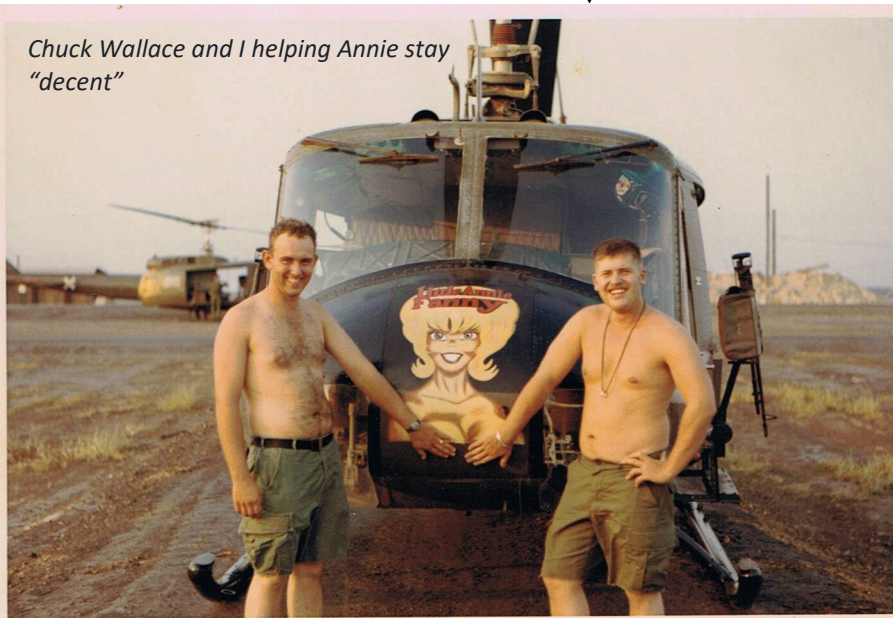
If I remember correctly Team 2-1 has moved to the sight that was designated in the action order from II Field. So far no one has had time to dwell on anything except getting the job done, being sure that the rest of 2-1 can depend on our best efforts. Now we are mostly set up in each of our individual ways in the places designated by our Team Leader (TL). We have maybe five days to be alert while our minds wander and wonder about destroying other soldiers' lives and their families. Not so much



about ourselves as our families and friends back in the world. How will my attrition affect them? How hard will it be on my mom and dad, but my dad has passed on and I have dealt with that as best I know how. My mom on the other hand does not understand why I must be where I am and I have not explained to her what I do for a living. That's kind of a funny word to think about. Living and quality of life I will pass over, we all probably have our own ideas about them. But, now we are in the jungle doing what we were trained to do. I am heating some water to

make a spaghetti lurp ration or MRE (Meal Ready to Eat, almost). A small hole with a golf ball size bit of C-4 (plastic explosive) burning under my canteen cup 1/3 full of water. This boiling water is poured over the MRE and closed to re-hydrate. I have laid back against my rucksack with a map, a compass, a piece of paper and a pencil or grease pencil to make notes of positions, azimuths, lon-

gitudes and latitudes for later use. I may not have time to figure all that out later.



Steve Justus and Loren Dixon walking wounded, both from the same ambush
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Top photo- 4 of our Kit Carson scouts enjoying a picnic : Right photo- Annie coming over the wood line was always exciting for everyone

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UNIT DIRECTOR—ROBERT HERNANDEZ

Gentlemen and members of our extended Family:

My congratulations to Howard and Liz Munn for hosting an outstanding 2021 Mobile Reunion. After a year and a half of interruption from the Covid 19 virus they managed to put together an unforgettable reunion. While the fishing trip had to be canceled due mostly to sickness, the daily activities were well planned out and executed. The city of Mobile is such a beautiful historic location with its architecture and many museums, and it was a very exciting city to explore.

The reunion was well attended and included many new family members and friends including Linda Badinger, Brandon Badinger and his three daughters Annabel, Nora and Addie, Trent Scott, Sandy Ebehr, Ray and Glenna Quesenberry, Rick and Pattie Leishman, David and Paula Walden, son and wife of Old Sarge Walden along with his grandson David Walden. The unit members included Bill and Connie Christiansen, Cody, Dale Dickey, Don and Billie Sue Ferraro, Isaac and Yvonne Ferrell, Joe and Tammy Florio, Brent Gullick, Bob Hernandez, Tess, Gerry and Michelle Johnson, Lon and Linda Johnson, Byron and Delores Jones, Dorothy Leishman, Doug MacCallum, Dan Stouffer, Joe Moehle, George Morrison, Tyrone Muse, Rebecca Myers, Don and Sue Naughton, Paul Newman, Brad and Kathy Rudge, Guy Seymour, Rick Stetson, Dave and Pattie Stone, Old Sarge Walden, Bob Wallace, Allen and Marilyn Wente, Rick and Shannon Archbold, Roy and Sharon Barley and Poncho. There were many others that had to cancel at the last minute for whatever reason.

Bonnie Hall (Jack Delaney's widow) had to cancel out at the last minute but asked that her registration fee be donated to the unit. Howard used it to purchase an American flag, pole base and eagle crest. A memorial plaque will be made for the flag's base signifying the honor.

The U.S. Army flag was donated by Jeff Webb who also requested that his registration fee be donated to the unit fund. Jeff was unable to attend due to an operation. Thank you, Bonnie and Jeff, for your generosity.

Sharon Barley and the Warrior Women organized the nightly 50/50 raffle, the raffle and the silent auction for the larger donated items. Roy Barley served as the auctioneer at the banquet.

One of the many high lights of the reunion occurred at the Vietnam memorial located in the USS Alabama Memorial Park where Rick Stetson arranged for E Company to present a plaque to the Navy for their outstanding support of the LRRP/Rangers during the Vietnam War in the Mekong Delta. As E Company men stood in formation wearing their "Tess designed" tan shirts and berets. Rick read a brief statement and as the formation



rendered a hand salute, Howard Munn and I presented Navy Vietnam veteran Dr. Barry Booth the plaque. Dr. Booth is a long-time veteran activist and responsible for the "Honor Flight South" program that took almost a thousand WWII veterans to Washington DC to visit their memorial. The plaque was well received by Dr Booth and he had a tear in his eye and his voice cracked when he accepted it and made a short speech. It was a brief but touching presentation. The ceremony was followed by a self-guided tour of the USS Alabama, a Navy submarine and other

Vietnam Memorial Park



interesting exhibits after which we had lunch.

At the unit meeting a motion was introduced for the nonmembers in attendance to become non-voting, honorary members for the purpose of the meeting in Mobile. The motion was put to vote and passed. The motion was made for the purpose of encouraging family members and friends to become more involved in the unit and to carry on its legacy.

By legacy, I mean what happens to our collective memories, photographs, memorabilia and stories when the last man standing passes. We have a strong general interest in several family members (wives, children and grandchildren and member's friends) wanting to be involved in the unit and preparing to take the lead in the unit's leadership roles. For example, Dan Stouffer made a motion to hold the 2023 reunion in Green Bay, Wisconsin but due to his limited physical ability, his son-in-law Joe Moehle has agreed to take the lead with Dan. Joe is ex-military and has attended several of our reunions and the Branson rallies. The motion was put to vote and passed. No date has been decided at this time.

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I made a call for nominations for unit director but having none, I agreed to stay for another term of two years.

One of the most memorable moments of the reunion was at the beginning of the memorial service. After two years of searching on the internet and making telephone calls, unit Chaplain Dave Stone and wife Pattie updated our contact list of names, USPO mailing addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. The list also included all those that have passed since the war and their names were flashed across the screen in total silence. You could have heard a pin drop as the audience studied the names on the wall. Pattie Stone continued the service with the heart-felt rendition of "Veterans Hallelujah." It was indeed a moment to remember.

The memorial service followed with the reading of our unit history by Brad Rudge (Old Sarge Walden's son-in-law) and the roll call was read by Rick Stetson. Every Ranger was in uniform with his tan shirt and beret. As the name of a KIA was called a Ranger answered, "Here Sir," and he lifted a single rose slowly skyward before placing it in a vase. The Ranger then stepped back and rendered a slow hand salute. It was a very touching ceremony. Thank you, Dave and Pattie, for making the service so special.

At the Saturday night banquet, we were honored with guest speaker Colonel Patrick H. Downing (Ret). Colonel Downing served as chairman of the USS Alabama Commission in Mobile. He served two tours in Vietnam and was company commander of O Company 75th Rangers based in Phu Loi, Vietnam. He served in the US Army from 1960-1996, retiring with the rank of Colonel.

Following Colonel Downing's moving speech, I presented Liz Munn and Pattie Stone with beautiful floral bouquets - Liz for her hard work in assisting Howard with the reunion and Pattie for her dedication and hard work in updating our unit directory.

The unit director's award for exemplary service was presented to Dave Stone for volunteering as unit chaplain and his work on the unit directory. Howard Munn was also given the award for his outstanding work in organizing the reunion, especially during a time of Covid.

The Matsuda/Nelson Award was established at the 2019 reunion in Kalispell, Montana and is the highest recognition we can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to those that have chosen to dedicate their lives to the service of others and to the ideals that sustain the legacy of United States Rangers. It is named for former Company Commander, Captain Clancy Matsuda (Col Matsuda, ret.) and former LRRP First Sergeant Roy D. Nelson (deceased). Both men were decorated and motivated soldiers who were instrumental in establishing E Company from a platoon to a fully staffed, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol company.

The first Matsuda/Nelson Award was presented to former Lt. Col. Rick Stetson at the 2019 reunion. This year I had the honor of presenting the award to two outstanding nominees, Roy Barley and "Old Sarge" Walden.



"Old Sarge" Walden, Lt. Col. Rick Stetson, Roy Barley

Roy Barley was awarded the Matsuda/Nelson Award for his combined 53 years of military, civilian and volunteer service and his exceptional selfless dedication to the greater Ranger community.

Elbert O. Walden was awarded the Matsuda/Nelson Award for his outstanding 44 years of military and civilian service to U. S. Army and Air Force, the Veterans Administration and to E50/E75.

Both men were presented with gold medallions in recognition of their service.

Along with the many large items donated for the silent auction, my sister Monica Selby donated 2 custom handmade bags filled with all kinds of goodies, three bottles of wine and two custom crocheted afghans. One was an eagle with 57,772 stitches. Before the auction a contest was held to see if anyone could guess the correct number of stitches in the afghan. The winning guess was 57,000. Not a bad guess.



My sister also surprised me with a short video introducing herself to the unit. She said hello to Tess, Cody, Tyrone and Poncho who she had met before. She said that she was proud of me and would continue to support our unit for as long as she can. I was certainly taken by surprise.

The Mobile Reunion was a great one and it's going to be hard to top but I think Dan and Joe are up for the challenge in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 2023.

Bob H

Unit Director

E50/E75

LRRPs Led the Way/Rangers Lead the Way



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UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN MCGEE

Here is the latest information on our unit off-year reunion, Phil Davis, who graciously volunteered to be the Point man on this mission, is going out to Las Vegas during the Thanksgiving time period. He will be negotiating with the Resort that we had scheduled to use during the 2020 off-year reunion but had to cancel due to the Chinese Virus attack.

We are still looking at the 3rd week in October of 2022. Hard dates will follow as soon as Phil returns with all the updated information. Several unit members suggested we invite the member of D troop ¾ Cavalry (The Centaurs) to our reunion. Once everything is finalized, I will extend an invitation.



I hope we can pull this off. It would be a great opportunity for some of our west coast brethren to attend a unit reunion.

Additionally at the reunion Phil Norton approached me about putting an article in Patrolling about a mission that Ranger teams 38&39 had in the Renegade Woods in 1970. So, the following is the article written by Phil Norton and verified by Colin Hall. Fred Stuckey, Don Purdy and others.

John McGee

Reader Discretion Advised— Portions of this story depict graphic detail that may impact your emotions, so be warned.

Ranger Teams 38 & 39 Unofficial AAR on 2 April 1970: "In the Renegade Woods Republic of Vietnam"

(Our Report on What Really Happened Because We Were There)
By Collin Hall, Don Purdy, Fred Stuckey, & Phillip Norton
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Ranger Teams 38 and 39 were inserted at about 0830 by Centaurs 23 & 24 on the LZ chosen by Lt Phillip Norton in the Renegade Woods due to enemy activity observed by Centaur 47. The following narrative is intended to present the actions of the Rangers as a time line from the insertion to the extraction. It is noted that the 25th Div. AAR narrative is both incomplete and inaccurate. For example, Lt Norton did not lose radio communication when first being fired upon by an enemy LMG from the western tree line. Instead, as described by Lt Norton below, that happened later. Sources used are the personal testimonies of the Rangers involved, still living, and the 25th Div. AAR.

Exiting the two Huey's with suppressive fire into the jungle tree line, team 39 lined up in defensive position on the left with Lt Norton to the left of team 39. Team 38 lined up on Team 39's immediate right in a defensive position with SFC Floyd on team 38's left. The Rangers observed enemy footprints and other enemy signs in the LZ clearing of a still unknown enemy designation and size.

Our immediate communication support was with the Centaur Cobra and LOH Scout pilots and our Ranger 50 communications support site located on top of Nui Ba Dinh Mountain, manned very capably that day by Ranger James Anderson. Based on information from one of the Centaur support pilots that a small hootch or bunker lay a few hundred yards to the west, Lt Norton in radio communication with SFC Floyd informed him to line up

Team 38 behind Team 39 as Lt Norton led the team (with Rangers Sgt Stuckey and Sp4 Purdy immediately following) around a slender finger of trees and brush with the plan of entering the jungle and moving toward the observed enemy bunker.

Immediately fire from an enemy LMG opened up on the 3 Rangers in front of the file perhaps 10 to 15 feet in front and camouflaged inside the jungle's edge. Lt Norton fell into a bomb crater to his left, uninjured, Sgt Stuckey fell into a slight ground depression partially protected, and Sp4 Purdy fell back out of sight of the LMG along with the other Rangers. Sgt Stuckey had been injured but was still able to fight. Lt Norton notified Centaur 47 of enemy fire to our front in the tree line and asked the Centaur Cobra to lay down a base of fire into the immediate tree line. Stuckey and Purdy quickly took out the LMG with grenades. At that point the Rangers began receiving more enemy fire from the western tree line.

Realizing that the LMG indicated an unknown enemy force to the team's front (to the West), Lt Norton notified SFC Floyd that he would move the teams to the east and that SFC Floyd should lead Team 38 in laying down a base of fire into the western tree line, while Team 39 led by Lt Norton moved to the eastern edge of the clearing, then disengage and follow Team 39. Moving the teams in this synchronized manner with fire and maneuver was critical in keeping the teams together and neutralizing the enemy. It was also necessary in order to make any organized extraction possible.

As Lt Norton drew close to the eastern jungle edge, he realized that the enemy was also there because Team 39 started receiving fire from that tree line. Team 39 returned fire as Lt Norton maneuvered the team right up to the edge of the jungle to engage the enemy literally in their face. Sp4 Purdy identified one of the enemy's positions that had opened fire on us and took it out with return fire.

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Lt Norton lined up on the tree line edge on the right with SFC Hall and Sgt Stuckey to his immediate left, then Sp4 Purdy, Sgt Perez, Pfc Langland and Sgt Seay strung out along the edge of the jungle in close contact with the enemy only a few feet to their front at the jungles edge. Sgt Seay and Sp4 Purdy turned heavy fire on the enemy in the eastern tree line neutralizing enemy fire, as did Pfc Allmon with his M-60. With covering fire from Pfc Allmon, Sgt Seay and Sp4 Purdy destroyed another enemy position with hand grenades.

It was at this point that I, Lt Norton, realized I had lost radio contact with SFC Floyd whose team was following close behind after laying down covering fire to the clearing's west edge protecting team 39's rear. Having lost radio contact I looked behind me and to my left and saw that SFC Floyd had halted his team near the bomb crater on the eastern side of the clearing. All Team 39 had dropped to the ground prone except for Floyd who remained in a crouched standing position. I believe they were attempting to support Team 39 firing over our heads into the jungle while remaining at our rear.

It was at this point I witnessed the RPG hit SFC Floyd at about his midsection blowing him nearly in half. I ran to him and realized immediately he was KIA. A Ranger lay unconscious on the ground to SFC Floyd's right. I turned him over to assess his wounds but could not recognize him as his face had been blown off by the RPG shrapnel. He was obviously KIA. Later I realized that was Sgt Michael Thomas. I then turned to the Ranger to SFC Floyd's left who also lay unconscious slumped over his M-60. That was Sp4 Donald Tinney. I dragged him to cover into a bomb crater right behind me and assessed his wounds but other than some light bleeding and being unconscious he did not appear to have immediate life-threatening injuries. Then I removed the radio I carried to assess why I had lost radio contact and discovered that the mic cord had been severed by a bullet at the point that it passed over my right shoulder an inch or two from my head. I returned to SFC Floyd's body and removed his radio mic (the radio on his back was destroyed by the RPG), which looked to be OK to see if I could attach it to my radio to regain communication.

While I was doing this, the following action was happening at the eastern jungle's edge. Sgt Stuckey took out the enemy who had fired the RPG that killed SFC Floyd and then he had moved into the tree line to engage an enemy directly in front of him. SFC Hall was wounded by an enemy sniper in the nearby trees. SFC Hall then charged that position and took out that enemy.

After removing SFC Floyd's radio and mic I looked at the Rangers to my left and immediately in front of me. I remember yelling to them and saw SFC Hall look around at me so I waved him back to me. SFC Hall gathered the Rangers around him and moved to the bomb crater with all the Rangers following.

Upon arriving at the bomb crater and having used most of his M-60 ammo, Pfc Allmon gathered Tinney's M-60 ammo and continued firing into enemy positions at the edge of the jungle clearing. During this part of the fight Sp4 Purdy's M16 became inoperable so he retrieved Sgt Thomas's gear and ammo and distrib-

uted it around the crater to other Rangers.

At this point we were nearly completely surrounded and receiving fire from all sides. Though the crater offered some protection we were still exposed. Eleven of us were in the crater, 9 Rangers returning fire on the enemy and Tinney who was unconscious. I was working on regaining communication and then talking to our support who were all the Centaurs above us and our Ranger 50 station on top of Nui Ba Dinh. I shouted at SFC Hall to spread out the Rangers around the edge of the crater to take out enemy targets as they appeared. Realizing SFC Hall was already doing this and that most of the Rangers had already instinctively positioned themselves where they could be most effective, I continued working on getting radio communication.

Sgt Avery and Sgt Stuckey heard the sound of an M-79 fired by the enemy, which then exploded behind us. Stuckey took out that enemy then directed Sgt Perez and Pfc Langland (with his M60) to fire at the enemy's M-79 ammo bag destroying it. SFC Hall silenced an LMG on the western edge of the clearing. An NVA soldier emerged from the southern tree line to throw a hand grenade, but was wounded then killed by two hand grenades thrown by Sgt Stuckey. Sometime during this action Sgt Avery's leg had been badly wounded by a sniper so Sp4 Guth bandaged his leg with a battle dressing and then returned to the crater's edge to engage the enemy with Avery's M16. SFC Hall took out that sniper.

At times like this even 1 minute can seem much longer and the need to regain communication with the Centaur support above us and Ranger 50 commo on top of Nui Ba Dinh Mountain was critical to arranging extraction with the window of opportunity getting narrower as we were in a fully blown fire fight and expending available ammo and grenades at a fast rate. All of this was happening so fast that it seemed almost a blur as all of us were operating through our Ranger training by instinct reacting to the enemy threats that were now forming on all sides.

It took me maybe 2 to 3 minutes to reestablish radio contact. The words were at first somewhat unclear due to static and broken sentences but then became clearer. I first reported our need for immediate ammo resupply and I reported that we had Rangers wounded and down.

By 0920 almost everyone had expended nearly all the ammo and grenades available to the Ranger team. Both the Centaur Cobra and LOH Scout had expended all ammo and were making dry runs in support to help keep enemy heads down and suppress enemy fire. With dwindling ammo, we were close to the point of having to engage the enemy in hand-to-hand combat and escape and evade the enemy by moving to the east through the dense jungle. I asked for extraction but remember that I was told that would be CPT Schierholtz's decision to make and that he was not above us but was returning to CuChi FSB with the chopper he had been on.

Then I heard the emphatic words, "Suppress your fire, suppress your fire!" I believe this came from Ranger 50 Jim Anderson who had been monitoring and coordinating

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our communication with the Centaur support, our Ranger TOC in CuChi and 25th Division support elements. It was 0922 (as later reported in the 25th Div. AAR) when I saw Centaur 23 coming in from the Northeast to land in the clearing about 150 feet in front of us. I ordered everyone to load on the chopper but that didn't take much encouragement as we were out of ammo and the rescuing chopper was in front of us. Everyone jumped from the bomb crater and ran to the chopper to board it. SFC Hall led and loaded the chopper quickly by moving and pushing to the middle all the Rangers arriving 1st at the chopper while exposing himself to enemy fire. Sp4 Guth and Pfc Perez helped the injured Sgt Avery get to the chopper. Pfc Langland covered those 3 Rangers with fire on their way to the chopper.

I brought up the rear carrying the still unconscious Tinney. As I was about half way to the chopper Sgt Stuckey looked back, saw me struggling with Sp4 Tinney and came back to help me carry him the rest of the way to the chopper. Pfc David Adams, the Centaur 23 door gunner, and former Ranger, jumped from the chopper and moved to our left to fire with his M-60 into the woods behind us with suppressing fire. Spec 4 Don Purdy jumped from the chopper to help us hoist Tinney into the middle of the chopper and then got in with Tinney on his lap to render what 1st aide he could.

Immediately WO Tonelli put the Huey into max torque lift and pulled pitch with only a short run to lift the heavily loaded Huey on an already hot morning over double canopy jungle. After passing Tinney on to the Rangers in the chopper middle both Sgt Stuckey and I tried to find space to board but we were literally hanging mostly out of the escaping chopper being held on only by Rangers inside who were holding on to our equipment webbing to keep us from falling out. After flying a few clicks toward CuChi WO1 Tonelli found a clear, safe landing space to land at Trang Bang so Sgt Stuckey and I could safely load into the chopper. Then we flew to the CuChi Evac Hospital to deliver the still unconscious Tinney.

In seeking and destroying the enemy, Rangers are often the tip of the spear. Our job in special operations varies with the mission but involves finding the enemy, fixing the enemy, destroying the enemy, and gathering intelligence. We often lead before larger military units become involved in what then develops as a much larger operation requiring greater resources. We were the tip of the spear that day in finding a large NVA headquarters unit and starting what would amount to a successful 5-day battle for the 25th Division units involved.

There is no doubt in my mind that the exceptional teamwork of the Rangers, the heavy firepower that we laid on the enemy during that 50-minute fire fight, and Rangers intrepid bravery caught the enemy off guard and rocked them back on their heels sufficiently before they could get organized giving us time to be extracted by a very brave Centaur crew.

We owe the entire Centaur 23 (Lead Huey) crew with our lives. They were Aircraft Commander WO1 James Tonelli, Pilot Cpt Phillip Tocco, Door gunner Pfc Richard Adams (a Ranger before joining the ¾ Cav as a door gunner), and Crew Chief Sp5 Charles

Lowe. Additionally, the following Centaur aircraft and crew covered us with suppressing fire and when their ammo ran out, they made numerous dry runs at the treetops where the enemy positions were immediately surrounding the clearing. They were Centaur 13 (LOH Scout) crew Pilot WO1 Dan Lohwasser, Crew Chief Sp5 Steven Dohry, and door gunner Sp4 Michael Bagley; Centaur 47 (Cobra) Aircraft Commander WO1 Kenneth Strand and Pilot WO1 Roger Johnson; Centaur 24 (Trail Huey) crew Aircraft Commander WO1 Marcus Kempson, Pilot WO1 Adrian Williams, Crew Chief Sp4 Jack Neymeyer, and door gunner Sgt Floyd Highbanks.

The rest of the story adds to the remarkable story of that fire-fight and the valor of the Rangers in Teams 38 and 39 and the Centaur support.

Since we had a team in the field and some Rangers were off the 25th Div. FSB, the hybrid heavy team of 13 Rangers (formed by 2 smaller teams designated as T38 & T39) were all volunteers except for SFC Floyd and Lt Norton who led the heavy team. Sgt Michael Thomas volunteered even though he had only a few days left in country before going home. He had already stood down and turned in all his gear so he had to borrow another Ranger's M-16 and gear. SFC Hall on his 2nd Nam tour had been with the company only a short while and was not assigned to either a team or a platoon but was acting as the company operations NCO.

After landing in CuChi the Huey WO1 Jim Tonelli, airship commander, was flying, was inspected by Bell technicians and was not allowed to fly again before major repairs were made. The damage caused by small arms fire was extensive. Also one of the other Centaur pilots in support reported that as we were lifting off from the firefight clearing he saw an RPG appear to pass between the main chopper blade and the tail boom.

A crucial element of support that was always there for every Ranger operation when in the field was the commo station we had at the top of Nui Ba Din Mountain and the skill of the man in charge of that station. For us that day that man was Ranger Jim Anderson. He was ideal for us because he was cool under pressure when we made contact with the enemy and needed him the most. Jim was very skillful in coordinating multiple levels of support while remaining continuously aware of the situation, what support we needed, how to reach out for it, and how to manage it.

The 25th Div. AAR identified the enemy as the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 271st Regiment 9th VC/NVA Division whose strength in the Renegade Woods was estimated to be 200 to 300 men. Twelve enemy KIA are recorded to the credit of the Rangers. No doubt the enemy KIA to our credit should have been much greater.

Those 25th Division units in action during the 5-day operation would have counted the enemy dead in the immediate vicinity around the clearing where we waged our firefight and credited them to the Rangers. It is probable that there were more enemy casualties which Rangers caused that were pulled back as the enemy retreated to the west. *Continued on the next page*

These would have been counted later as KIA credit for the other American units. The enemy positions surrounding the clearing where the Ranger firefight took place were found later by the B/C/2-27 to be prepared and fully manned. There can be no doubt that due to our aggressive assault on these enemy positions we Rangers laid a huge hurt on the enemy who had greater numbers than our 13 Rangers with two brave Rangers KIA and several Rangers wounded.

The 5th paragraph of the Ranger Creed states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade behind to fall into the hands of the enemy." We had left two Rangers KIA on the battlefield. Feeling I had failed in my duty and failed my Rangers, for more than 30 years I felt survivor's remorse and guilt. But on that day the decision to do so was mine made quickly based on instinct on what was best for the survival of the remaining team members. SFC Hall was first to the chopper to get all onboard as quickly and as orderly as possible. Sp4 Guth and Pfc Perez helped the badly injured Sgt Avery get to the chopper. Pfc Langland covered the 3

Rangers with fire on their way to the chopper with his remaining M-60 ammo. Sgt Stuckey and I were carrying the wounded and unconscious Sp4 Tinney. There was no doubt that SFC Floyd and Sgt Thomas were KIA. I cannot (nor should anyone not in that fight) hold any Ranger responsible for not attempting to retrieve the bodies of our KIA comrades. There were only a few vital seconds that we had to get the remaining 11 Rangers on board the rescuing chopper. Failing would have cost the lives of 11 Rangers and the brave Centaur 23 crew. The responsibility for the decision was mine alone. SFC Hall & Sp4 Purdy (both CSM's retired) and Sgt Stuckey have since supported me in making that decision.

The Rangers on Teams #38 and #39 were 1st Lt Phillip Norton, SFC Alvin Floyd, SFC Colin Hall, Sgt Fred Stuckey, Sp4 Don Purdy, Pfc Raymond Allmon, Sgt Charles Avery, Sp4 Richard Guth, Pfc Kenneth Langland, Pfc Steven Perez, Sgt Samuel Seay, Sgt Michael Thomas, and Sp4 Donald Tinney.



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—AL STEWART



The weekend of September 17-19 was the E/51st -G75th reunion in Sacramento, California at the Embassy Suites. There were at least twenty-four of our members in attendance and despite noisy creaking bones, sore joints and tired muscles, everyone seemed to have a great time. Dave and Megan Moncada did an outstanding in hosting the event, and the hotel went over and above in taking care of our needs during our stay. Probably the best banquet meal that we have ever had at a reunion. Despite our ageing and the continuing loss of our brothers, the organization is doing well. Our auction was evidence of the enthusiasm of the group and there was spirited, generous bidding that led to a goodly amount of cash to our Association coffers. There was some talk about preparing to dissolve our organization due to the thinning of the herd, but the vote was to continue mission for the foreseeable future. God willing and COVID be damned, we will return to Buffalo, NY in 2022 and then Pigeon Forge, TN in 2023 and Southern California in 2024.

Just after returning home, I was contacted regarding the death of one of our own, Neal Owens. Another loss and reminder that we are all on the back nine in our game of life. Neal's obituary can be viewed at [Obituary for Neal Owens, Jr. | Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home \(thomaslcarterfuneralhome.com\)](#)

Our hotel was just a short walk from "Old Sacramento" and there were plenty of nice places to visit. For those who like trains or simply enjoy museums, the Railroad Museum was amazing and a great educational treat blending our history and our ability to travel. Sacramento has a very nice Vietnam Memo-



The real heroes of the Vietnam War



rial on the State Capital grounds. Hopefully, they will have enough room for memorials of our numerous misadventures created by our leaders and fought by our military for the future.

I was contacted by the grandson of Dennis D. Clevenger (Code name Cleo) who was with "G Company", and he was seeking information from anyone who knew him. A couple of the guys at the reunion remembered him but did not know him well, but they believe he was on the same team with Danny Jacks. Looking at his DD214, Clevenger was one of the NCO Academy guys who made E-6 out of Ranger School before going to "G Company." He was obviously wounded and Medevaced at some point based upon his Purple Heart and being discharged with less than two years' service. If any of you knew "Cleo," let me know and I will give you the contact information for his grandson.

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Sacramento September 2021

The ladies in attendance seemed to bond in Sacramento and certainly added to the fun. It seems the women can tell the old “war stories” as well as the guys.....maybe even better. They have heard most of them at each reunion and can probably tell them multiple times without changing the outcomes. The guys have to give credit to the wives and children who attend our reunions. They tolerate all of us old guys and find interesting ways to enjoy the trips with a minimum of rolling eyes and hearing the stories of daring and survival time and time again. The women of our Association are the real heroes of the group.

I must take a personal moment to express my delight in having enjoyed the attendance of two (three counting me) members of Team Moscow. Frank Svensson, Rafael Davila, and I were 3 of the 6 guys who were on the final mission of the 196th Brigade Ranger Platoon before the unit was disbanded in December 1971. Great guys, great memories. Historically, G Company was

L to R- Rafael Davila, Al Stewart, Frank Svensson



disbanded when the Americal Division stood down in September 1971. It continued however when we were then rolled back into the 196th Infantry Brigade as the Ranger Platoon which I believe consisted of six teams; Frankfort, Miami, Seattle, Paris, Moscow

and possibly another I can't remember at this time. Anyway, if my memory is correct, Team Moscow executed the last mission.

Al Stewart and his wife Nicki laying a wreath at the Memorial in Normandy for those who died in France at the American Cemetery near Omaha Beach.



We all have “bucket lists” things that we would like to experience in our lives. One of mine has always been to go to Normandy to see Point Du Hoc, Omaha Beach and the American cemetery. Thanks to my bride, we made this happen in October. Seeing these places was amazing. Our connection to the WWII Rangers instills a sense of pride that will continue to endure. Of the nearly 10,000 graves in the cemetery, just over 1600 were graves of those who were never identified. The grave markers of the unidentified were the ones that brought my emotions to the surface. If you are reading this, count your blessings.



Just one of over 1600 grave markers for unknown soldiers



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker

A quick update on the reunion in Killeen. Smaller turnout this year which in my case, and I'm sure a number of other cases was COVID related. But a good time was had by all. Attendees included Larry Curtis, Duke DuShane, James Faulkner, Stan Freeborn, Bennie Gentry, Bob Gil, Bill Hornbuckle, John Hutter, John LeBrun, Craig Leerburg, Patrick Lyons, Oscar Martinez, Doug Matze, Charlie Ochoa, Wayne Okken, Terry Park, Bob Raab, Dan Roberts, and Howard Shute. Word on the street was that in general the reunion was a lot more laid back, the food was a lot better, and we've moved from a bathtub full of beer, to a case of beer and a bathtub full of bottled water.



his remains were unsuccessful. Subsequent to the incident, and while carried in the status of missing in action, the U.S. Army promoted Staff Sergeant Cochrane to the rank of Sergeant First Class. Today, Sergeant First Class Cochrane is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Carl was born on June 12th 1950 in Clearwater FL. He was the assistant team leader on the patrol. Attempts to recover his remains following the firefight were unsuccessful. Today, Specialist Four Laker is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

On June 16, 1970, a five-man U.S. Army Ranger reconnaissance team deployed from Fire Support Base (FSB) David in Cambodia on an area search mission (vicinity of 48P YU 381 611; Indian 1960 datum). A helicopter inserted the team into the area and they spent the night in a defensive position surrounded by NVA. The next morning, as

the team began their search, they discovered an enemy bunker complex and engaged in a firefight with enemy soldiers. The team leader was killed during the action, and the assistant team leader was killed while attempting to reach him. Two other team members were also wounded, and the remaining team member dragged his wounded companions into cover in deep grass and returned to FSB David for help. The following day, a search and rescue team managed to extract the two wounded team members but were unable to locate the team leader and assistant team leader. SAR teams searched for their bodies for the next five days but could not locate them.

From Darrell Smith – "I knew all 5 of those guys very well. — Ron Andrus perhaps the least of all because he was so quiet (and I was probably so



H Company, Killeen Reunion

Thanks to all for finding the time and making the effort to attend! Looking forward to next year in Dayton, OH - hopefully by then COVID will be a thing of the past.

In this issue I would like to honor Deverton Carpenter Cochrane, and Carl John Laker. Dev was born in Brookline Massachusetts on December 15, 1948, He was the TL of the team on a mission in Cambodia who was mortally wounded on June 17, 1970 by enemy fire during this firefight, and further attempts to recover

loud). I remember being stunned to come back from our team's own mission in Cambodia to find that 4 good friends had just - *poof* popped off the earth! Royce Clark and Ron Andrus had survived of course, but their route through the chain of military hospitals effectively just erased them from our lives too. It was only many years later that I made phone contact with Royce Clark. I'd tried to locate Dwight Hancock - who I liked and admired- but no go there".

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Some additional Unit History (Follow up to the Jim James article)

After Cpt. Jim James left – Cpt. Bruce Tucker had taken command of the unit. In the spring of 1967 Cpt. Mike Gooding arrived in Country. Previously Mike had served a 3-year assignment with the Military Intelligence branch and also had an MI MOS which resulted in Gooding being assigned to the Division G-2 section working for General Urby. Subsequently he was assigned as the G-2 Rear, working out of An Khe, and responsible for all intelligence activity in the Cav AO. At this point in time the Division was not particularly happy with the LRRP Unit. The concerns ranged from how the LRRP Teams were deployed, to conduct in general (including the fact that some of the LRRPs were intent on wearing black berets), “generally they were an independent bunch”. – There are many stories but one of particular interest was the one about Cpt Tucker using the Cav supplied helicopter to transport members of the unit to different locations for parties involving Donut Dollies. Don’t have much more information on this event but it doesn’t sound like anything a Ranger would do??

At some point and as a result of this situation Cpt Gooding was asked by Gen Urby what he knew about LRRPS to which he replied - really nothing other than a limited knowledge of the LRRP concept that was developing with SF units working in Germany while he was stationed there. During the conversation Gen Urby mentioned they were thinking of disbanding the unit. Cpt Gooding said he thought would be foolish - why lose a potential asset? Gooding asked for a few days to do some research and put a report together that would establish the current “state” of the LRRP unit - in particular, what was the value or what potential value the unit could provide in support of the Cav mission. Gen Urby agreed and the next day Cpt. Gooding met with Cpt Tucker, who Cpt Gooding described as very bright and outgoing, and he began his research for this report.

Gooding’s first impression was that the conditions of the rear area were deplorable – “you might as well be out on patrol”. Tucker gave Gooding some background on LRRP tactics/operations but also indicated the fact that the LRRP unit was not getting the supplies and equipment they needed to be successful – that along with the methodology of the existing LRRP team deployment gave Gooding what he needed to write his report for General Urby. In his report he concluded that the LRRP unit was a good unit, a well led unit, yes, possibly a little bit rowdy and in need of some discipline but at the end of the day a unit that was not being employed properly and had the potential to be a great asset to the Cav. He talked to Urby about his concepts of “areas of influence” and “areas of interest”. Areas of influence being the area where the battle could be affected immediately by the weapons at hand – and an area where the enemy acts differently because of that reality as opposed to an area of interest where the enemy is not at the same level of readiness. Gooding’s concept was to employ the LRRPs in the enemy’s area of interest where you would be better able to gather information and therefore be more “ready” once the enemy arrived in the area of influence. General Urby agreed that the concept

made sense. Gooding said “Well, basically General that’s my report” – the unit needs to be better supported with supplies/equipment, they need a better “rear” area, some additional discipline and ground rules, and finally be deployed in what Gooding called these areas of interest.

Gooding left and didn’t hear anything for a few weeks. Finally, Cpt Tucker showed up and said that they needed to go see the General. They flew up to the forward operating base and went in to see the G-2 who indicated that Cpt Tucker had been promoted to Major and would be moving to a new assignment with Brigade and that Gooding was now the new LRRP Company Commander. Gooding expressed his concern as he had not been in combat, was not Ranger qualified, and offered a few other “buts” - however, it became clear that his only other option was a bad efficiency report. On top of that it was pretty certain that members of the LRRP unit had been made aware the report that Gooding had put together and not everyone in the unit was happy to see that Gooding was the new Company Commander. They know he was sent to “clean things up a bit”. On top of that he had just a few officers and most of them were ready to DE-ROS.

On the good news side of things Gooding had been there only a few days when the unit took over a much better rear area or home base. On the not so good new side Gooding found out that there was a detachment of Montagnards that were living outside the compound with no paperwork/orders. Someone thought it was the result of a deal with MACV. At this point he talked to Tom Campbell who he developed some trust with, and Tom spent time every night teaching Gooding basically the Jim James concept of leading a Ranger unit. At some point Gooding had a chance to meet with the Chief of Staff General Ware who Gooding had worked with during a previous assignment at Ft Hood. This relationship proved key, as Gooding was able to convey and get buy in from the Gen. Ware with regard to the proper deployment and handling/support of LRRP units in the field. Additionally, it would be the LRRP Command structure that would determine the details of insertion and extraction to include how long a Team would remain in the field, stressing the importance of priorities when working with small teams outside the normal parameters of field operations. Last but not least, Gooding was able to get the CAV to return the helicopter that was taken away after the “party” incidents.

Gooding was insistent on the Company mission remaining intelligence and information gathering as opposed to “combat” which was what some of the larger units were insisting upon. Gooding asked what kind of “combat” can you expect from 6 people? If one or two are wounded, they are in real trouble – again emphasizing the point that it is the LRRP chain of command that needs to determine when a Team is inserted or extracted. At this point there was little trust that commanders other than the LRRP officers would do the right thing. Things moved forward and Teams were used to support different elements of the Cav – and from different locations. The Company ran numerous missions and expanded.

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Gooding remembers Lt Uder who had a group operating out of Phan Thiet. He remembers Uder as a really good officer – but who DEROSed a few months after he took command. Gooding was in a position where he was not getting replacement officers in, and he didn't ask for them – he relied heavily on Non-Commissioned Officers, who he explained were doing an outstanding job so at the time, the lack of additional officer didn't impact the mission. At some point LT Dilger was assigned to the LRRP Company. Gooding remembers him as an extremely effective officer to the point that Gooding was pushing for Dilger to replace him when it was his time to turn over his command. Unfortunately, he was wounded on Signal Hill and that did not happen.

There were many stories leading up to the move to Camp Evans and after.... success stories that I can hopefully cover at a later date. However, as soon as the first element of LRRPs arrived at Camp Evans Cpt Gooding was notified of a mission. The Team was out for 10 days - came in for an hour to clean up and resupply – then right back out. Didn't appear that things would slow down or get any easier from an "operations" perspective. In general things were not easy for Gooding – he had another Team that had completed their mission and had moved to their pickup point. The 2nd Bde Co said the Team could wait for extraction because he was busy – Gooding confronted him saying what you are doing is taking a 6-man team and fixing them in a location where they are vulnerable – which means we may have

to go pull them out when surrounded and possibly in contact..... or we can pull them out now....the need/call for extraction belongs to the LRRP Company Commander. Gooding said to the Bde CO I report to the CG and if we have to call the CG to confirm that, we can – do you want to call or do you want me to call...Needless to say the Team was pulled.

Cpt Gooding remained with the LRRPS until after Signal Hill when he was promoted and moved back to Division HQ.

If there was anything clear to me during our conversation it was that Cpt Gooding was unsure about his situation when initially assigned as Company Commander – It started with his report that although critical in some respect, also talked about the need for the CAV to keep and support this asset which most likely kept the unit from being disbanded. Although he felt initially that he didn't have the appropriate experience for this command he learned quickly with the help of members of the unit. His appreciation/admiration for his men and what his Teams were able to accomplish during the time he was there grew through his tenure. He was able to establish some ground rules pertaining to the deployment of LRRP Teams not only for the benefit of the LRRP Company but also for the higher unit commanders who called upon the LRRPs for assistance. These were rules that remained in effect through my tenure at the end of 1970 through the end of our deployment in 1972.

Until next time - RLTW



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—DAVID A. CHRISTIAN



"Time In A Bottle

News - Veterans Day is behind us; as will be Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everything seems to happen so fast. The Year will be over and we will be writing 2022 on our stationary and checks. Seems like yesterday that we were in classrooms across the Country waiting a lifetime for the clock to tick the final minutes for the noon lunch hour and recess. Yes, there were TIMES in our lives where TIME seemed to stand still. We could not wait to graduate from High School. We waited for Uncle Sam to call us for the draft because we could not get a good job because employers knew we were draft eligible to serve in the Military. We waited- again TIME would seem to stop our personal progress so we would take the initiative and sign up for the draft or join the Military. We thought we were in charge of our TIME!

Then Uncle Sam called and TIME for Basic Training seemed to never end. Advanced Infantry training was next for many new



Soldiers and that was also emotionally slow. Remember the class of cleaning rifles and especially the 45 pistol - Ugh!

There was a thing called "weekend pass" and the term "leave" but TIME seemed to go so fast when experiencing a personal pleasure. The joys of hearing "mail call" were great if you received a letter from a loved one but it seemed an eternity until you received that letter. Many guys would read rapidly through letters from family but if they received a letter from a girlfriend or wife they would read it many times over. They would touch the writing on the page or pages while some Soldiers would smell the letters, knowing that the letter came from their girlfriends

soft hands. "Lights Out", the Drill Sergeants would shout and the joy of reading ceased.

Then came "orders" and for some "Leave" before our next destination be it another Military School, or destinations Stateside or Germany, Korea, Japan, etc. to include Vietnam .

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Many "GI's" thought that going to Military Schools would delay their possible assignments to Vietnam. Assignment Orders always seemed to be slow but if you received orders to Vietnam your life went fast-forward during your leave and final assignment. But upon arrival in Vietnam, we had little say in our War Time future in Countryexcept.....for GI's that wanted to Volunteer for unique units such as LRRP/Ranger. We knew little to nothing about the history of the potential unit and it sounded better than being a rifleman in the jungle. LRRP/Rangers were all volunteers and soldiers collected your jump if qualified- (even if you were in a leg unit). There was often no TIME for long decisions. It was either yes or no and for some the military said "yes" for you. Everyone knew "Greenhorns or Newbees" and while traveling to a new unit, you listened to the traditional tales of the Jungle. When you shared with soldiers going to your respective unit that you just signed to be a LRRP/Ranger they would look at others and say this guy just signed his death warrant.

The TIME between volunteering for assignment to a Ranger Company and arrival seemed to take forever. However, the stories told by seasoned soldiers often coming back from Rest and Relaxation (R&R) seemed to be relentless until we were dropped at the respective units; either by convoy or helicopter. Upon arrival we would often meet someone senior in rank and told to report to the orderly room where we would get our team assignments. Some guys were trained at Ranger School or Special Forces in the States while others were assigned to teams and told that they would go to the next Recondo School opening.

The new volunteer to the LRRP/Ranger heard the stories with his heart racing and had many unknown questions in his head. After going to the Orderly Room where he was told his team assignment and to buy a plastic bowl and mirror to maintain a clean face in base camp, he was then given a tour by one of his fellow team members. The water bag was essential for filling canteens and shaving, etc. The company bar and the rifle cleaning station was on the list of information. The new LRRP/Ranger wondered "did I make a mistake in signing up for this outfit"? The last suggestion from his team tour guide was he had better write letters home because you will be taken to the field to join a team or to a location where the team is operating and it may be some TIME before you get a chance to tell your family and girl back home where you are assigned. The new guy was then led to a hootch and assigned a bunk and foot locker while his fellow team member left him to his personal issues. He would often fall asleep only to be shook out of bed with the firing of 105 or 155 artillery. His TIME now seemed to be in a vacuum for his immediate responsibilities. But, the thing that he thought about before he closed his eyes after the last serenade of 155 Artillery being fired was "how much TIME to my ETS".

With little to no sleep the next day sunrise has everyone scrambling for "Roll Call" where the Soldier was informed that he would be flying out to join his team. TIME is going too fast. Again the issue of TIME. Within 72 hours he is "In-Country" and now jumping off the skids of a Huey helicopter along with clothes in a

Squad bag full of clean jungle fatigues, mail, ammunition and LRRP food rations. The team throws their mail, etc onto the chopper and the Soldier discovers he is in the hottest and scariest place in his life.

Again TIME - in firefights, TIME flies - in the rear echelon base-camp time crawls but you know and you want to do your full TIME in Combat 12 months. Anything less than 12 months, TIME traditionally meant the soldier was wounded or killed. However, on a mission to confirm enemy movement and an enemy base camp you are hit by enemy gunfire and shipped from medivac hospitals to possible hospitals in Japan and often to the best possible hospital in the States for your injuries. Your family is notified and TIME is now eternity for more information about their soldier. Your experiences were Surgery, Physical Therapy, and more Surgery and important medical decisions about your life. If your doctor deems that you have 30% disability then you could receive a medical discharge from the Physical Evaluation Board and immediately receive treatment and benefits along with an honorable discharge. But, this is extra paperwork for the doctor and often he recommends "back to duty with a profile and the Soldier receives a hospital discharge and when your TIME is complete (your Estimated Time Service ETS) he receives an Honorable Discharge. The soldier asks about his disability and is told to go to the Veterans Administration and file a claim. This situation finds the soldier with time against him because he often has to fight and prove his injuries to the Veterans Administration. Many Soldiers often died before they filed a claim or a claim was approved. Note - there was no Agent Orange Disability or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) disability until the 1980's. (I know because I worked on writing both pieces of legislation).

Again the issue of TIME ! Many Soldiers that fought gallantly and were wounded severely spent a lifetime fighting for fairness of their disability. This issue of time was deadly to the LRRP/Ranger and other warriors that witnessed some of the most severe combat. Some turned to alcohol and self medicated and some died because of accidental overdose. Almost all LRRP/Rangers qualified for PTSD and Agent Orange disabilities but many did not live to receive treatment or benefits. TIME was against them. The point of the sword in combat in Vietnam "LRRP/Rangers" that became the foundation of today's Modern day Rangers were ignored by the Veterans Administration and Society. However, we lead the way in helping, healing and recognizing all that serve honorably in Uniform. People follow Leaders and we have been the leaders in our nation's War History.

It would be great to put "TIME in a bottle" and go back and do the right thing for all those that bleed on the battlefield. However, RLTW in battle since the beginning of our country's history and RLTW to right the wrongs that they experienced. You will often find a LRRP/Ranger welcoming home a Soldier from the battlefield and you will often find them leading the way in claim filing with the Veterans Administration.

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It is important to note that before Vietnam many men were buried where they died because of the logistics of returning bodies. United States Veterans are buried around the world but Vietnam made the Words "No Man Left Behind" part of Modern US Soldiers creed. And, we do not give a damn about TIME.

SICK CALL - PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS

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K/75 - E58 LRP - 4TH DIV LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—ROGER CRUNK

Greetings Brothers!

It is Veterans Day as I write this. I am back in Vietnam remembering the faces of all my Brothers, the faces, the smells, the missions, and the combat. All of it, stashed in our go bag for wherever we may travel. The faces of our Brothers who did not come home are seared in our minds forever and we carry them proudly. I don't mean this to be negative because the memories of my Brothers are precious to me. For me, and many of my Brothers who have expressed the same sentiment, my time with K-Co Rangers was the pivotal time in my life. To serve alongside the most courageous, the most honorable men I have ever known was and still is a great privilege. So my hats off to all the LRRPs/Rangers of 4th Division.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of several of our Brothers in recent weeks.

Charles (Chuck) Weidner-6/24/2021

Dennis Hopfinger-9/17/2021

Larry Meadows-10/3/2021

Duane (Dewey) Sells- 11/9/2021

Larry Flanagan -10/2021

Our condolences to the families and loved ones of these brave LRRPs. Rest in Peace Brothers.

Remember the K-Co/4thDiv. Assoc. reunion next July. That info was in the last issue and I will post it again in the next issue. You can also go the 4th Div. Assoc. website to see that info.

I came across these pictures in my trip down memory lane yesterday so I share them in hopes that it brings you fond memories also.



David Doss (L) Billy Powers (R)



Left- John (Festus) Gibson,
Right- John D Black



Front L-R... David Siglow, Irvin Mariano, Bob Fraser Back L-R... (Buckner) anyone remember his first Name? Rick Noble



Team Romeo 6. Can anyone name these guys?



Billy Estes (L) David Flannery (R)



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



Greetings fellow Rangers and LURPS. The end of 2021 is upon us quicker than you can say “reconnaissance.” This year has flown by especially fast and it probably has something to do with the aging process. I am hoping for better things to happen for this country in the coming year and I’m positive that I’m not alone in that thought process.

I have sad news to report regarding one of our former Rangers. Scott Ford Whitmore passed away in October of this year after a long battle with Hodgkin’s disease. His wife Gracie informed everyone on her Facebook account and the news got out fast. For those of you who never knew Mr. Whitmore, he was an outstanding Ranger during his time with the company (1970-71) and I had the privilege of accompanying him on many a mission for “L” Company. Author and former LRRP/Ranger Gary Linderer wrote about Whitmore in a memorable chapter of “Six Silent Men: Book Three.” Our team was in a serious firefight and we were extremely lucky to be extracted in the nick of time. LAM SON 719 was in full swing at this time and helicopters were in short supply from Cavalry units. Whitmore was the last man aboard what was deemed to be the last available Huey and it took a monumental effort from his teammates to finally get him in safely. Whitmore was barely on the skid when the Huey took off. A native of Alabama, Whitmore was a true Southern gentleman and made friends easily in the company. He was well liked by all and seemed to get along with everyone from the first day he arrived. After he left the U.S. Army, he went into the restaurant business and managed several successful eateries. Whitmore was 71 when he passed away. I have included several photos of Whitmore in this issue. One of them shows him on a mostly empty firebase with two other Rangers (Gib Halverson and Jim McLaughlin). Another one has him inspecting a cap-



tured enemy weapon with our “L” Company commander, Captain David Ohle (now a retired Lt. General).

Whitmore and Ohle



Also included is a picture of him as a civilian and another with his long-standing teammate, David “Muldoon” Rothwell. I, for one, will miss my old Team 25 teammate. Whitmore was our rear security man and he did a great job covering our tracks as we trekked through the triple canopy jungle of I Corps. From what I remember, no NVA soldiers ever picked up our trail while he was doing his job.



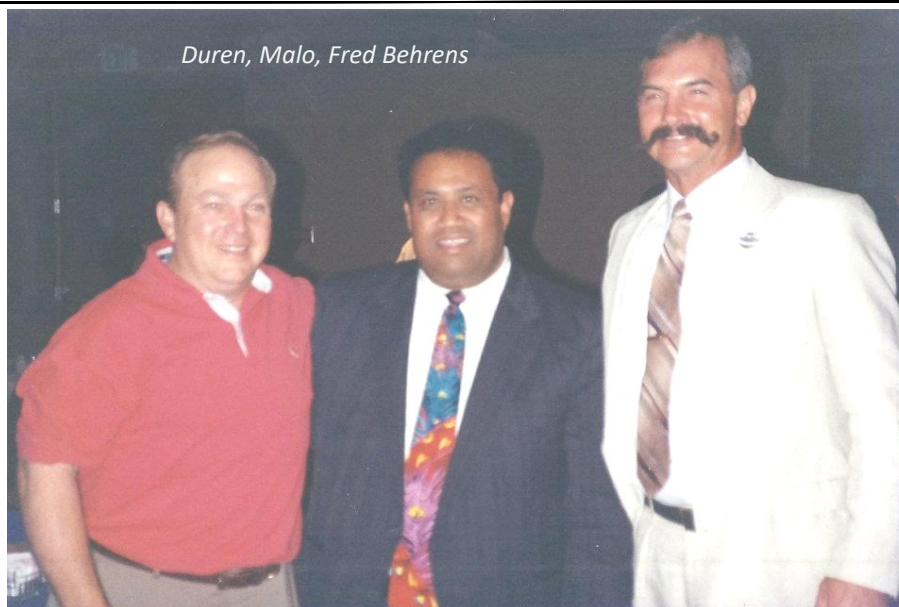
Whitmore, Speedy, and Halverson



Rest in peace, Ranger.

Dave Rothwell and Scott Whitmore

In other news, Ranger Marvin Duren, who many of you know personally from serving with him and others may know from a variety of sources written about the company, had a major heart attack, but is recovering nicely now. You may remember former Sergeant Duren, a team leader who was severely wounded during the Battle on Hill 809 in April of 1971. He took a number of hits from enemy



AK-47 rounds and was able to survive it through his own indomitable spirit. So, he was able to beat back his recent heart attack with that same will to live. His son Wes has kept many of his former Ranger buddies up-to-date on his condition via Facebook messages, and so far, it looks like Marvin is on the way to a complete recovery. I have included a photo of Marvin from a past reunion with Issako Malo, who was taken prisoner by the NVA during the Battle on Hill 809, and Dust-off helicopter pilot and honorary Ranger Fred Behrens.

Another Ranger who I've mentioned in previous articles, Dave Quigley, has also been seriously ill and in a hospital in Riverside, California. His wife Alina has also kept up correspondence with his Ranger family and he also seems to be recovering. I will pass along any updates on his condition as they come in.

I attended a memorial service on October 23rd, for a fallen Screaming Eagle, Staff Sergeant Guy Shannon, who was killed-in-action in April of 1971 during the LAM SON 719 operation in the I Corps Province. It was hosted by a number of his fellow soldiers of the 2nd of the 506th battalion ("Currahees"). The ceremony took place in Sacramento, California at the Memorial Lawn Cemetery. The late SSG Shannon's family members were all in attendance and it was the first time in 50 years that they had personally met the men who served with Guy. They never knew the true circumstances of his death and this memorial finally gave them the closure they needed. A dozen former Currahees attended the ceremony, including the company commander at that time, Capt. Bob Seitz. I briefly served in the 2nd of the 506th for all of three weeks before I joined the Rangers in late October of 1970. My former lieutenant and platoon leader in that unit, Ken Pitetti, who was severely wounded during that time, invited me to attend. I have been fortunate enough to have kept in touch with him throughout the years. He informed me that it was Guy Shannon who had replaced me in "Charlie" Company of the 2nd of the 506th. The event made me think once more about the sad fact that so many families out there who lost love ones in Vietnam have still never found out what really happened to them. After all these years, they have never received any

closure to their catastrophic loss. The family of Guy Shannon finally has that peace of mind---but it took 50 years. SSG Shannon was all of 21 at the time of his death.

And finally....

Former "L" Company Ranger Mike Monfrooe was kind enough to send me a poem he wrote about those men who have been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. I've always said that Rang-

ers and LRRPs of the 101st Airborne earned their CIBs the "hard way."

I hope you all enjoy a pleasant holiday season and that we can all meet again soon at the next scheduled reunion---whenever and wherever that happens.

"THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE"

Those who wear the CIB are honor bound

No truer sign of bravery can be found.

"11 Bravo" is how we make our way

How proud we feel is hard to say.

We are no braver than others who go to war

As time passes, sometimes we see more.

They call us "Grunt" but we don't mind

A term of respect of, of one being kind.

*A weapon, commo, chow and water,
basic soldiering needs,*

For we are the "infantry" like no other breed.

We are "The Queen of Battle," never shall we yield,

For our place of honor is on the battlefield.

We feel so deeply when we lose a friend so dear,

When no one's looking, we silently shed a tear,

For we are the infantry, we have to think we're the best

For we wear the CIB, pinned proudly, proudly on our chest.



N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—RUDY TEODOSIO



Rangers & Families,

I wish to express my gratitude to you all for your continuing support as Unit Director and my first writing in Patrolling.

“Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen Profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor and high “esprit de corps” of the Rangers.”

Having learned and memorized the first stanzas of the Ranger creed during my tour in the 2d Ranger battalion, I came to realize that those standards were set long before they were put into words during my second tour in Vietnam and my first assignment with the Rangers. Being attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade is where I gained my first building blocks as a proficient combat soldier, Ranger, and later a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer.

Solid examples of leadership came from the Officers, Senior NCOs and Team Leaders as well as those first pioneers of Brigade LRRPs . They were the first to put boots on unfamiliar ground, and test their learned skills against a seasoned enemy on their home turf and became eyes and ears of the Brigade.

Those lessons of trial and error were then taught and passed onto team members, and more so for those that took the mantle of leaderships as Team Leaders.

Many of those lessons and experiences were carried with us into our military careers and even adapted to benefit us as we moved into other professions.

Below, Ranger Jon Vaught in Germany (L) and Vietnam (R)



Of course we all know the cost of these experiences we have gained. Many of our brothers crossed over and never came home.

As the years go by our ranks become thinner and more of our brothers have crossed over and finally gone home. Where home is meant to be.

This year we have three missing in the ranks from the Unit,

Ranger Jon Vaught (Las Vegas, NV) N-75 1971 (8 March 2021)

Ranger Bill “Wilkie” Wilkinson (Hartford, AL) C-75/ N-75 1968-71 (15 Sept 2021).

Ranger Thomas Eckhoff (Richfield, MN) 1969-70 (2 October 2021).



Top— “Wilkie” far right and Bottom photo “Wilkie” Vietnam

I wish to include Ranger Colin Powell that crossed over 18th October 2021. Although not a member of our Unit, he served with the Americal Division in Vietnam.

He served as Chairman Joint Chief of Staff during the Gulf War and Secretary of State as a key figure during the Haiti situation that avoided an armed conflict in that country. He became a recipient of the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2000.

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(L) Tom Eckhoff and Tom is far left in the Veterans Parade



They will never be considered dead. They live with us in spirit."

Colonel William O. Darby

Commander of the Ranger Task Force

Just a reminder of the up and coming Reunions at the start of the New Year 2022 that maybe an interest for a number of LRP, Rangers and family members.

Casper Platoon Reunion Tropicana Hotel Las Vegas NV 28-31 March 2022

Quest Luncheon Speaker: Reed Cundiff 173rd LRRPs

173rd Airborne Brigade National Convention Scottsdale AZ 22-26 June 2022

Best Ranger Competition Fort Benning GA 8-11 April 2022

WHY MEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO WAR

YEARN TO REUNITE

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite not to tell stories or look at old pictures not to weep or laugh.

Comrades gather because they long to be with people who once acted their best: who once suffered and sacrificed. Who were stripped of their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust.

They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation.... The memory of me.

It was part of the bargain we all made. The reason we were all willing to die for one another. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all every day.

I am sure that when I leave this world my last thoughts will be of my family and my comrade.

SUCH GOOD MEN

I want to express our Holiday wishes to the Men, Families, of the Unit of the 173rd LRRPs, 74th LRP, and November Company Rangers.

Be safe and keep healthy for up and coming holidays and New Year, May God Bless Y'all.

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Colin Powell with Rudy Teodosio

"We the Living Rangers will never forget our fallen comrades. They and the ideas for which they fought will remain ever present with us.

For we fully understand the extent of their heroic sacrifices. We will carry their spirit with us into all walks of life: into all corners of America.

Our hearts join together in sorrow for their loss: But also our hearts swell with pride to have fought alongside such valiant men.

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P/75 - 79TH LRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—JERRY YONKO

Greetings to all my Papa Company Ranger Brothers, Families and Friends.

We are coming up on the end of another year and I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Spend time with your besties and remember the reason for the season.

Planning for our 2022 Reunion in Branson is ongoing with progress being made. I sent out an e-mail asking opinions on separate accommodations away from the LRRP rally and for the most part all agreed that we would do well to keep some distance so we would be able to have time for ourselves. I am making contacts with several hotels and will let you know as soon as a decision is made as to where exactly we will be staying. Please plan on attending June 8-12 in Branson Missouri, as I have no doubt it will be a great time. More on it as I find out specifics.

I have been spending much time upgrading and updating the current Papa Company Roster. I had a shock when I realized just how many are no longer here with us. Each day above ground is a good one so enjoy your selves. It is my intention to reach out to as many as possible of those on the roster that have not been active in the recent past to see if we can bring additional Brothers to the reunion.

If you are in contact with someone please feel free to pass the info on and I will try to contact them myself. I most recently sent some Papa Co stuff to Frank Pickton in the Philippines and will be happy to do so for others if requested. I have an abundance of decals, patches and coins available. I will, of course bring them with me to the reunion but don't be hesitant to ask.

I was recently asked, during a libation induced philosophical conversation about life today, what was the most dynamic period of my life. Many would say during college, when I got married, started my first job or when our children were born. I had to admit that the time I spent as a member of Papa Co had to be the most intense but satisfying year I have had the pleasure of living. There was something about walking into the PX at Camp Red Devil wearing a ranger scroll and observing how we were received by the others there. I have no doubt there was just a little extra swagger in our steps and maybe just a little bravado that was visible to outsiders.

In any matter, the feeling of being a part of something bigger than myself and to belong to a very special group of men, Brothers, forever changed me. When we returned from Vietnam we were not only scorned by many of our own age group, but the problems derived from an Asian war spread tarnish on us as a whole. The average retuning Soldier, Airman, Marine or Sailor did well to keep his most recent past to himself and not to dwell on his year overseas. I saw many who never mentioned it and



closed the door on all that had been experienced during that time. I understand their feelings and never held it against anyone who didn't want that time in his life to become who they were.

With me however, I never felt compelled to hide the time I spent in the service as a Papa Ranger. Quite the contrary I took great pride in telling others about my unit and sharing stories and experiences with people who did not get the opportunity to serve, as did I. There was, and still is today a great curiosity about "The Nam".

Terry used to tell us about all the Wannabe's people today who are faking a past that included exactly what we did. I see on TV and You Tube stories of false valor by the same people who protested the war and talked down to those of us then serving. These would have been the people who spoke harshly to us at airports and tried to demean our service when others were watching.

I've got to tell you that it is very nice today, to be recognized as a Vietnam Veteran and especially as one who served in an elite force. Being a Papa Ranger made me the man that I am today and gave me the direction and determination to succeed when times got hard, and the drive on spirit to Charlie Mike when others backed off. I am proud to be a part of our exclusive club and to offer my talents for the benefit of us all. Please never hesitate to reach out to me if there is anything I can do for you.

We would all like to offer our condolences to Dave Gates at the recent loss of his mother whom I met at his induction to the Ranger Hall of Fame ceremony. Our hearts go out to you, Dave and Sheryl.

Please remember to keep me informed of instances and issues that concern us as a group so I can pass the knowledge down the line. I can't let others know of deaths, promotions or other life changing instances if I'm not informed of them. Stay safe and keep me in the loop please.

In Ranger Brotherhood! Jerry Yonko

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ARTICLE VIII-SECTION 2: Regular membership

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

ARTICLE V-SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment

1st Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1974
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FROM (DATE) TO (DATE)

UNIT (Company or Battalion)

NAMES OR ORDERS

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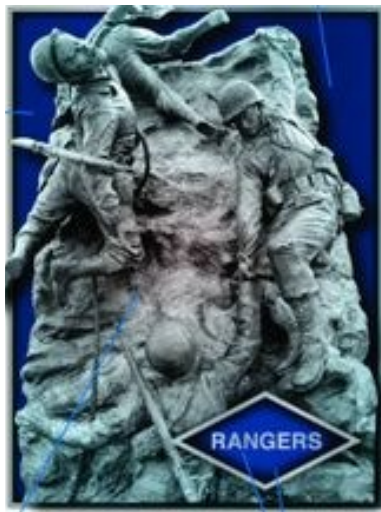


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About OnPoint 1-1

The purpose of OnPoint 1-1 is to promote and preserve the heritage, spirit, image and service of U.S. Army Rangers and to raise funds through donations and events for the benefit of U.S. Army Rangers and their families.





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