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Mentors are from a variety of industries. Few transitioning veterans have a set career path upon leaving the military but do have a desire to find job satisfaction and worthwhile work similar to the life they had in Regiment.

Just like Regiment, this is an all-volunteer organization. Please complete the application form if you feel you can make a difference by serving as a mentor. You don't need to have all of the answers - you need to be prepared to listen and have a genuine desire to make a difference.

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Editor's Corner

Stephen Odin Johnson

Greetings, Everyone!

Pam and I left the snow and cold from Minnesota this late March. Again, to Ocala Island, FL to warm up a few weeks prior venturing to then Ft Benning and now Fort Moore, witnessing another successful Best Ranger Competition. For the last several years, we played in the Ranger Scholarship Tournament the Thursday, a day prior to the Best Ranger Competition. Check it out. Better yet, send a check.

Matt Walker and Bill Morgan co-hosted a sea of Rangers and guests generating scholarship money for Rangers and families. An outstanding event and we thank you two gentlemen!

Even if you don't play golf often, this event is fun-filled; come join us next year. Our contributions are well spent, for sure. On one hole, we had a driver-for hire hit off the tee box drilling the ball well over 300 yards. In the below picture, you can guess who the *iron for hire* is.



From L-R– Steve, Joe, “Iron Man for Hire”, Pam, and Nate

The 39th annual Best Ranger Competition Committee did an exceptional job this year, again. Thank you, Travis Pheanis, who is probably well-rested after an intense week of action. Fun! From my observation, the event was even more successful this year with better accessibility during the second day of events held on the riverfront of the Chattahoochee in Columbus, zip-line and all. Secondly, at the AJ McClung Stadium. Easy access and kudos to those making the event so enjoyable to watch.

Then followed the BRC, other events, including; The Critter Cookout and 5th RTB Open House in Dahlonga, and others. President Art Attaway has listed those within his article.

Roger Crunk, 75th RRA treasurer and K/75th Unit Director, will not have his quarterly financial report nor his K Company submission in this issue due to health conditions that we hope improve soon. He wanted everyone to know he's not AWOL. We wish him a speedy recovery. Read on. RLTW!

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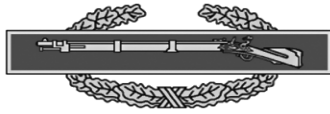
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WHO WE ARE: The 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc., is a registered 501©19 corporation, registered in the state of Georgia. We were founded in 1986 by a group of veterans of F Co 58th, (LRP) and L Co 75 (Ranger) Inf. The first meeting was held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

OUR MISSION:

1. To identify and offer membership to all eligible members of the 75th Infantry Rangers and those who served in the Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) Companies, Long-Range Patrol (LRP) Companies and Detachments, Vietnamese Ranger Advisors of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ). Also eligible are those members of LRSU units that trace their lineage to Long Range Patrol Companies that were attached to Brigade or larger units during the Vietnam War and the members of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

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

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

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

SECTION 2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

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

SECTION 3: Long Range Patrol

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

Section 4: 75th Infantry Ranger Companies

Co F (LRP) 52nd Infantry
Co C (LRP) 58th Infantry
Co E (LRP) 58th Infantry
Co F (LRP) 58th Infantry
70th Infantry DET (LRP)
71st Infantry DET (LRP)
74th Infantry DET (LRP)
78th Infantry DET (LRP)
79th Infantry DET (LRP)
Co. D (LRP) 151st Infantry
Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf.
Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf.
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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 Moore, GA
Subordinate units hold off-year reunions at various locations across the United States per their unit schedule

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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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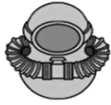
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Greetings Rangers,

This time from Greenville, SC. The next Rendezvous is almost upon us. Some of us are getting long in the tooth, old way of looking in a horse's mouth to estimate it's age. My wife and I are stateside for the celebration of fifty years of marriage. Tied the knot on June twelfth, 1973, in Waukesha, WI. While we live in Paraguay, we have all our family in the US, so rather than have them come to Paraguay we came North.

I have been considering the nature of life on Planet Earth. When I was a kid, the time passed so slowly. Seems like it was in slow gear. But when I went to war, it was even worse. Had a 1969-year calendar in my Sky Soldier plastic wallet that I would mark day by day until September or so. And after we walked into an NVA base camp and had our platoon shot up seemed that I lost interest in marking the days left on my first tour. Then took a short and went to the LRRPS. N/Co., then A/2/503rd. A few months later returned to Ft. Bragg, eighteen months older physically but years older mentally. Tired of life and still not twenty years of age.

Now I look back on a full life and wonder, where did all that time go? I was a gift placed onto my hands to use. Now I look in the mirror, an old man looks back at me. I used to turn the girls' heads. Used to! Now just another old man creaking along. And yet when I read in the book of Job the thoughts of one of God's greatest prophets which were recorded for us some four thousand years ago of the hope that he had to see God in a reconstituted body.

Job 19:23-27 "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God,

Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! NKJV

Notice that Job who had been deprived of wealth, health and family wanted his words recorded for the ages. And God granted that some indeed were. What did Job know? That his Redeemer lives, and that He would stand at last on the earth.

Now this was a couple of thousand years before Jesus came born of a virgin, fathered by the Holy Spirit of God. He lived an impeccable life among us for thirty-three years. Then had his life unjustly taken away. But HE came to give that life for the life of

the world who did not know what they were doing, so he asked His heavenly father to forgive them as they hung him on the cross between two thieves who did deserve their punishment. Yet before he raised Lazarus, a man four days dead, Jesus said to the dead man's sister Martha,

"John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Old Job believed in his Redeemer long ages before Martha and Lazarus were born. And he had the confidence that God would raise his body from the dust, and he would see God. Jesus was sent to save his people from their sins, and one of the consequences of sin is death. "The soul that sins it shall die." But Jesus died the death due us. And whoever can be persuaded to believe the testimony that God gave through the Jewish prophets including Job will live again. The impact of our lives on earth is recorded. But three things are needful for a man to do.

Fear God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And fearing him believe the testimony God gave concerning the necessity of trusting in Jesus, the Redeemer. That is the Work of Faith. The believing that gains a place for the sinner to be placed into the Savior and partake of His life.

Second, Love God and those who also love God, which is the brothers and sisters of God's family because they also love the true and living One.

Third, wait for him with the same confidence that Job had. That he would see him in the flesh. Job looked forward to the coming of Christ, as we look back to the fact that he came first to live as a Jew, be subjected to all the Mosaic Law demanded, in order to redeem all who have not kept God's Holy commands.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, in order that we might be made like the Angels of God, but with a new body as Jesus was raised with. May our hearts see with clarity what Job saw and be enabled to wait with patience for he who said that he will come again.

Joe Marquez, C/1/503rd,'69 N/75th, Juliet,'70 A/2/503rd,'70 Chaplain: the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Serving those who served. 864-467-0424 Cell 864-525-6941 Our lives are but for a moment, while what we do or leave undone will echo down through eternity.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ART "DOC" ATTAWAY

capturing Ranger History
from Robert Rogers to
GWOT, and the RTB from its

Summer Association Gathering

As I have announced in the past, we are holding our summer session at JBLM from 25JUN23 to 1JUL23. We have great Guest Speakers, General (GEN) "Smoking" Joe Stringham, and MOH recipient and GWOT Warrior, Leroy Petry. Vietnam to GWOT represented! Also, the 2ND BN is doing some great things for us with interaction, static displays, and we have been invited to attend their Ball. All info is available on our website, www.75thrra.org. **Sign up today!** Hotel rooms will be released soon, and we need to order shirts, guarantee food, etc.

Hard Rock Charlie 3rd Annual Water Jump!

Hard Rock Charlie is a 501 c 3 non-profit formed by members of C Co, 1/75, and is dedicated to helping, healing, and providing brotherhood and gathering/sharing opportunities, as well as assistance with VA claims. On 6MAY23, 90 "old" Rangers exited the door of a C47 under MC1-1 chutes. The airplane was used on D-Day, in Market Garden, and flew 53 total missions. Jumpers included General (RET) David Grange, Chaplain "Chappie" 1/75, SF and Ranger Chris Corbin, a double amputee that also jumped his dog, Juliette (her first jump), 75th RRA president Art "Doc" Attaway, Duke Durkin, Steve Murphy, and many more... A great time was had by all! The oldest jumpers were 94 and 87 years of age. To view the jumps, go to the Hard Rock Charlie website, <https://hardrockcharliefoundation.org/> and find the link.

Ranger Museum

The Ranger Museum at Camp Merrill was recently updated by supporter and historian Tom Walker. The museum is in one of the old "hooches" we stayed in during the Mountain Phase of Ranger School, the last one standing. Tom did a brilliant job capturing Ranger history, and checkout the Vietnam panels on our website, www.75thrra.org.

Ranger History Book Project

A hardback book documenting the history of the 75th Rangers and the Ranger Training Brigade is underway. Historian Tom Walker will be assisting the 75thRRA President, Doc Attaway, to compile this beautiful publication. The Publisher, Acclaim Publishing, has specialized in capturing unit history. Each Unit Director will be asked to produce biographies and pictures of unit members. Please participate! This will be a major publication



formation in 1952. RLTW! To view the information on the book go to www.onpoint1-1.org and click on the link.

RHOF

We were very successful this year in managing our submittals to the very end, and 2 of 3 regular nominees, and one honorary nominee, will be inducted in June at Fort Moore (Benning). Marshall Huckabee, Richard D. James, and HON Chief Iberria. See the article covering this authored by Rick Barela, the RHOF Committee Chairman. Other members of the committee were 2nd VP Rick Merritt, who was put forward by the 75th Ranger Regiment as a nominee, and will also be a 2023 inductee, and Steve Johnson. The committee did a brilliant job and is greatly appreciated.

BRC

The Best Ranger Competition was held during April of 2023. The 75th Rangers had a great showing with numerous teams in the top 10, including #1. For pictures, results, and information go to www.bestrangercompetition.com.

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National Ranger Memorial Foundation

Recently, the National Ranger Memorial Foundation, that created the "Ranger Monument" located on Fort Moore (formerly Benning) at Building 4, was instructed by the SEDDEF to remove all mention of Rangers that served for the Confederacy. This included Mosby! There is a major counter offensive in process and the NRMF Chairman, GEN (RET) Joe Stringham has taken point. See his correspondence on our website at www.75thrra.org. The monument has recently undergone a major restoration project, spearheaded by the non-profit, OnPoint 1-1. Purchases of a monument stone can be made at www.nationalrangerfoundation.com.

Base Name Changes

6 U.S Army Bases will change their names in 2023, due to the original name being linked to the Confederacy during the Civil War. Full details are available at <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/03/24/heres-when-army-bases-honoring-confederacy-will-shed-their-old-names.html>.

A number of these will now honor Vietnam era leaders.

While Army bases are the most conspicuous examples, many installations have street names or buildings named after Confederates. The Navy will rename the cruiser USS Chancellorsville, which commemorates a Confederate victory, and the USNS Maury — named after a U.S. Navy officer who resigned his commission to fight for the Confederate Navy — will also be re-named. Battle streamers commemorating Confederate service will no longer be authorized.

Spotlight: Commemorating World War I

Some Army bases, established in the build-up and during World War I, were named for Confederate officers in an effort to court support from local populations in the South. That the men for whom the bases were named had taken up arms against the government they had sworn to defend was seen by some as a sign of reconciliation between the North and South. It was also the height of the Jim Crow Laws in the South, so there was no consideration for the feelings of African Americans who had to serve at bases named after men who fought to defend slavery. All this changed in the aftermath of the police killing of George Floyd in 2020. Many people protested systemic racism and pointed to Confederate statues and bases as part of that system. Congress established the commission in the National Defense Authorization Act of fiscal 2021. Then-President Donald J. Trump vetoed the legislation. Because of the presence of the commission, and huge bipartisan majorities in both houses of Congress overrode his veto. The commission issued its first report in May 2022, which addressed renaming Army bases. The commission finished their mission on Oct. 1, 2022 and there was a 90-day period for public comment. That has now expired and the re-naming of the bases may proceed apace.

Spotlight: Commemorating the Vietnam War

Fort Benning, Georgia, will be renamed Fort Moore after Army Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia Compton Moore. Moore commanded U.S. forces in the first large-scale battle of the Vietnam War. His book — "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young" was made into the 2002 movie, *We Were Soldiers*.

Fort Gordon, Georgia, is renamed Fort Eisenhower.

Left— Julia Crompton Moore



LTG Hal Moore (Then MG-Photo)

er after General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, the leader of the liberation of Europe in World War II, and the 34th president of the United States.

Spotlight: Commemorating World War II

Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, is renamed Fort Walker after Dr. Mary Edwards Walker — the first woman surgeon in the Civil War, and the only woman awarded the Medal of Honor.

Fort Hood, Texas, is renamed Fort Cavazos in honor of Army Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, a Hispanic-American hero of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Spotlight: Commemorating the Korean War

Fort Lee, Virginia, is renamed after two soldiers and will become Fort Gregg-Adams. Army Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg was an African-American soldier who rose from private to three-star during a career in military logistics. Army Lt. Col. Charity Adams was the first African American officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in World War II and led the first African-American WAAC unit to serve overseas.

Fort Pickett, Virginia, is renamed Fort Barfoot in honor of Army Tech Sgt. Van T. Barfoot, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions with the 45th Infantry Division in Italy in 1944.

Fort Polk, Louisiana, is renamed Fort Johnson to commemorate Army Sgt. William Henry Johnson.

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Johnson was a member of the famous Harlem Hellfighters that fought under French Army command during World War I. Johnson belatedly received the Medal of Honor for an action in the Argonne Forest of France where he fought off a German raid and received 21 wounds in the hand-to-hand fighting. President Barack Obama awarded Johnson the medal in 2015, long after the soldier died in 1929.

Fort Rucker, Alabama, is renamed after Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael J. Novosel. The chief was an aviator who flew combat in both World War II and Vietnam and received the Medal of Honor for a Medevac mission under fire in Vietnam where he saved 29 soldiers.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is renamed Fort Liberty

Julia Crompton Morre's Fact Sheet Contributions recognized by a 2004 Alabama Senate Resolution sponsored by 35 Senators

- The resolution by the legislature commended her contributions, character and values. The resolution was bipartisan with the legislators reflecting the great breadth of diversity in America – men, women, and race.
- She is recognized for her service to Army families in the National Infantry Museum Army Family Display
- Army's established the Julia Compton Moore Award in 2005 to recognize soldiers' civilian spouses
- Fort Benning honors her service with the "Julia C. Moore Award," awarded to recognize individuals of exemplary service, high standards of ethics and morality, faithfulness to the Army family, and a genuine passion for improving life for Army and soldiers and their families.

Recognized as one of the "Influential military wives from the Revolutionary War to today" (Link to article)

- Organized and led the initiative to change casualty notification procedures (telegrams given to taxis to deliver) due to the Army's unpreparedness to manage Vietnam combat casualties.
- In the aftermath of the Ia Drang battles, she followed in the wake of the taxis carrying the casualty notifications to comfort the family.
- Horrified that she was not made aware of the funeral for Sgt Jack Gell, the first casualty buried at Fort Benning, she called Survivors Assistance and demanded to be notified of all funerals

for 1st Battalion men. She attended every subsequent ceremony.

- Actively participated in and, as a senior Army wife, led programs to support Army families and soldiers.
- Daughter of a career Army officer who served in WW1 and WW2, a single mother with young children during her husband's deployment to the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and mother of two sons who served full careers in the Army during peace and war. She fully understood/experienced the demands and stresses placed on families.
- Contributions recognized in Hal's annual appraisals - "great asset to our own military community and the Army"
- Passionately involved in all aspects of Army Community service, including Officer and NCO Wives' Clubs, Advisory Councils, Post Thrift Shops, daycare centers, and Boy and Girl Scouts.
- Life-long Red Cross volunteer
- Willingly offered compassion to all Army veterans - most notably during the Ia Drang reunions.

She is buried with her husband in the Fort Benning Post cemetery

Hal Moore's Fact Sheet

Decorated combat veteran for service in two wars. Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star for Valor (multiple), Purple Heart, and Distinguished Service Medal recipient. 100% VA disabled/helicopter crash survivor.

Trailblazer who developed and implemented the Army policy on equal opportunity in the 70s

Endorsed by 5 State Senate/House resolutions in Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky

The resolutions by the legislatures of Georgia, Kentucky and Alabama commend the contributions, character and values of Hal and Julie Moore. The resolutions are uniformly bipartisan with the legislators reflecting the great breadth of diversity in America – men, women, and race. In fact, one of the Senators signing the 2002 Alabama resolution, Senator Charles Langford, represented Rosa Parks in the famous civil rights case of the 1960s.

The memorial video prepared by the Fort Benning PAO for his funeral has had 1,485,687 views on YouTube, proving Moore is both well known and loved by the American people.

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Commanded the Training Center at Fort Ord, solving drug problems, racial tensions, and piloting programs to transition to the modern volunteer Army.

As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, designed and implemented Army personnel policies for the All-Volunteer Army and rebuilt an NCO Corps almost destroyed by the Vietnam War

Co-Author of three books; "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young" - a New York Times Bestseller, "We Are Soldiers Still," and "Hal Moore on Leadership." Video with his comments is part of the Vietnam display at the Smithsonian.

Devoted over twenty years in retirement to professional development of active-duty military through seminars and speaking engagements. Co-founded the Ia Drang Scholarship fund – 322 recipients/\$1,823,519 in funding so far.

Awarded the "Doughboy Award," the highest honor for dedication and service to the Infantry in 2000.

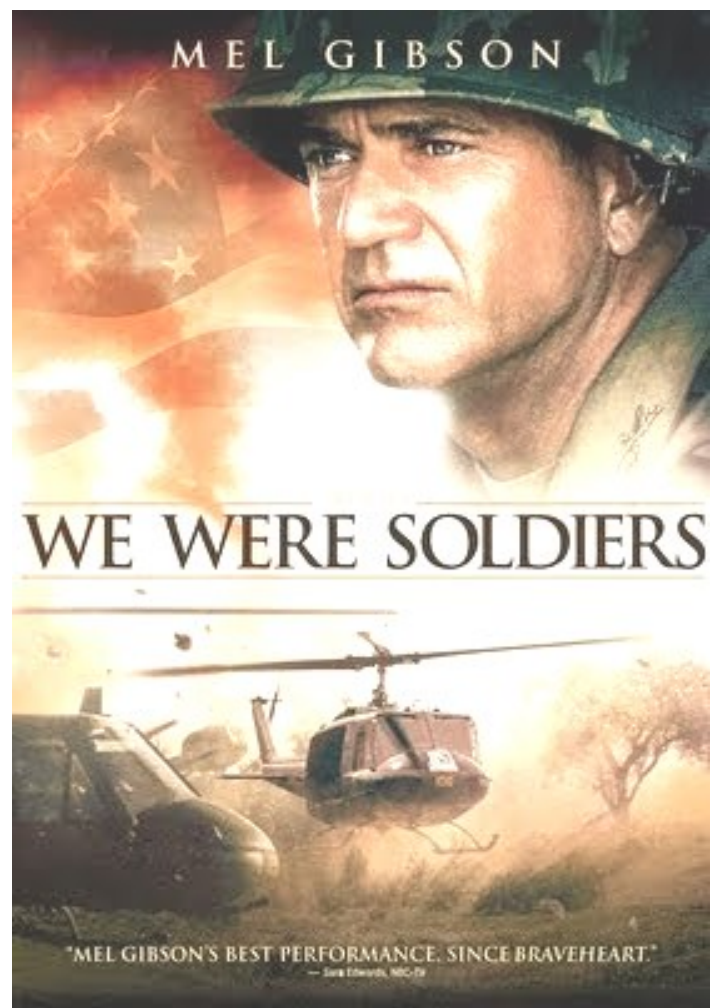
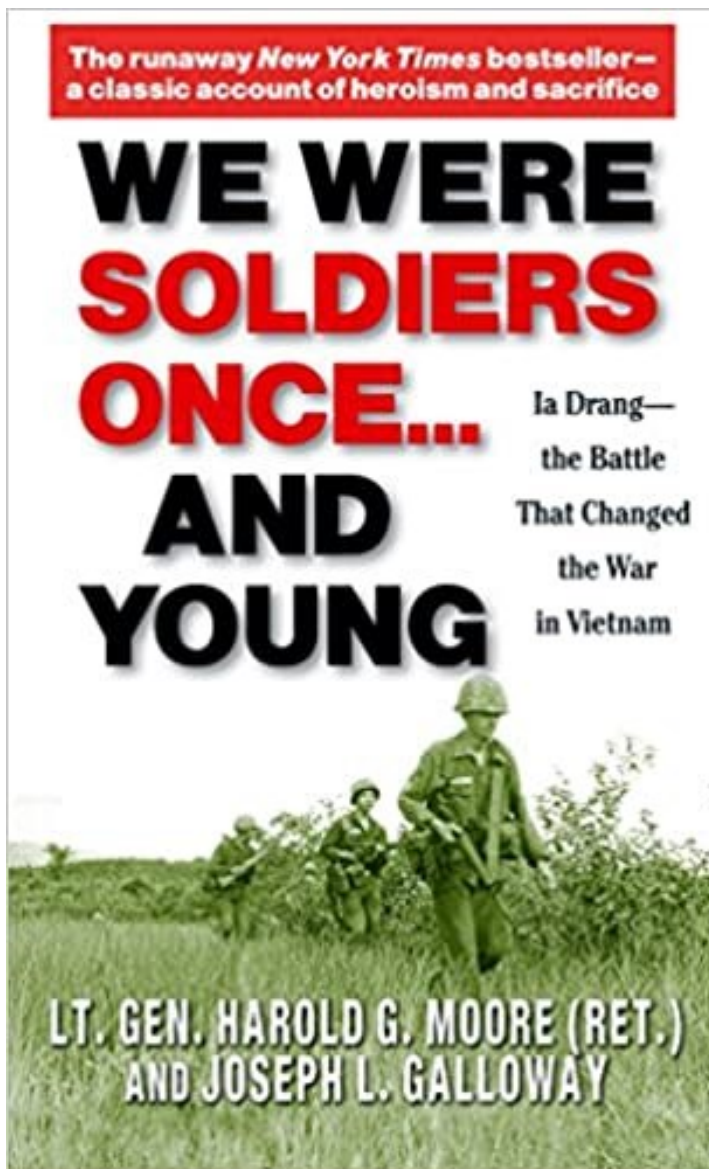
Awarded the Distinguished Graduate Award in 2003 by the United States Military Academy.

Honored annually via the Hal Moore Warrior of Athlete of Excellence Award given to two USMA cadets who exemplify the "leadership qualities of Moore." Honorary Colonel of the 7th Cavalry Regiment.

Inducted into the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame in 2016
Spearheaded reconciliation by meeting with his Vietnamese counterpart as well as General Giap

His helmet and the helmet of his counterpart reside in the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning

He is buried at the post cemetery at Fort Benning, fulfilling his final wish to rest among his men who fell during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley.



Left— *We Were Soldiers Once and Young*

Bottom Right— *The blockbuster movie, We Were Soldiers*

In this issue, the Association is going to provide information on how the Ranger Hall of Fame is funded and the costs associated with running the program, selection to include the RHoF dinner and induction ceremony. As previously stated, the exclusive purpose is to honor those who have served and preserve the contributions of our extraordinary Rangers heritage.

The National Ranger Association (TNRA) is overall responsible for the hard work that goes into the ceremony and gathering donations from the sponsors. The overall cost is in excess of \$20,000.00 per year to hold the event and pay for the medals, plaques, and ceremony. This is off set by the major Ranger Associations i.e., 75th RRA, USARA, Mountain Ranger Association and Worldwide Ranger Association contributing \$4,000.00 each to pay for the staffing, dinner, and induction ceremony. This MOU was signed by all the presidents of the Ranger Associations into a binding agreement 2 years ago. This was to assist the TNRA to keep the RHoF process moving forward and to continue to honor our deserving Rangers. Granted the active branches, the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Airborne Ranger Training Brigade provide support but are not allowed to provide financial support. Yes, we use the facilities at Fort Moore (formerly known as Fort Benning) but that is as far as they can provide support.

If one of the Associations fails to provide the financial support, they will not be allowed submit packages to the actual board for that year and must provide financial restitution for the years they failed to pay so they can then start submitting packages.

And now for this year's Ranger Hall of Fame inductees. The 75th Ranger Regiment submitted three packages and one Honorary package. Two of those were selected for induction along with our Honorary member. Sadly, one of the stalwarts (Terry Roderick, Past President, and member of P Co Rangers) of our association did not get in but that doesn't mean we will stop trying. However, we have two of our members who will be inducted this June into the class of 2024.

1SG (Ret) Marshall Huckaby and LTC (Ret) Richard James of N Co Rangers, 74th LRP/N Co Rangers and CW4 Jose Ibarra (Honorary Member) He was the 1st Property Book Officer from 1st Ranger Battalion in 1974 and served the unit until 1979 when he retired. We hope to see a large contingent from these units at the induction ceremony on 22 Jun 2023 at Fort Moore. The ceremony will be held at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (The old Building 4). Looking forward to seeing you there to honor these fine Rangers at the induction ceremony.

Ranger Marshall Huckaby is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his heroism, dedication, and his distinguished, continued service to his country and the Ranger Community.

During three tours in Vietnam as a Long-Range Reconnaissance Team Leader he served in the 25th Inf Div, 9th Inf Div, & 1st Inf Div, and the 1st AVN BDE, and Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Continually displaying selflessness, devotion to duty,

and bravery.

During his first tour he volunteered and served in the newly formed 25th Infantry Division's Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol Company. He became one of the first graduates of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV)

'Recondo' School in Nha Trang.

Ranger Huckaby returned to the United States where he continued his military career serving in many Senior NCO Leadership positions until his retirement in Oct. 1981.



Marshall Huckaby

Most importantly, his service to the greater Ranger Community has never stopped. A lifetime member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, he has served in multiple positions as Unit director of Company F 25th ID LRRPS. He has also volunteered to assist the 1st Ranger Battalion in their fund-raising programs that benefit Rangers and their families. He has volunteered his time and culinary expertise during the annual "Critter Cookout" at the Mountain Ranger Camp in Dahlonega, Ga. Marshall Huckaby established and was the first President of the Long-Range Reconnaissance Association. An Association, which honored and preserved the "Lost Brotherhood" of Long-Range Reconnaissance Warriors. He led the fund raising to secure and place Stone Memorial Benches at the National Ranger Memorial, The National Infantry Museum, and at the National Museum of the United States Army. Ranger Huckaby exemplifies the Ranger Creed as he lives this each day.

In 2018 Ranger Huckaby was honored by being inducted into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame. Ranger Huckaby has distinguished himself by his countless contributions, dedicated loyal support of the 75th Infantry Regiment, and by his devotion of selfless service embodied to the Ranger community. Ranger Huckaby's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army Rangers, the U.S. Army, and the United States of America.

LTC Richard D. James served with incredible "grit" and distinction from a reconnaissance PLT Leader, LRP Company Commander (RVN), Ranger Company Commander (RVN), Senior Staff positions in the 101st Airborne Division, Ministry of Defense Senior Military Advisor Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, finishing his career with special operations elements planning the invasion of Grenada as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is remembered by our Viet Nam 74th LRPs and November Company Ranger brotherhood as a leader and pioneer of deep penetration reconnaissance and Hunter-Killer teams against superior NVA forces.

LTC(R) James has led the way from the central highlands of South Viet Nam to Allied Nations of the Middle East and while growing and strengthening America's Combat deployable Forces for nearly three (3) decades. His special operations savvy and record of mission success was well-respected as a member of the Joint Services Chief of Staff. *Continued on the next page*



His compassion for wounded Soldiers, service to disrupted families, and veterans with PTSD, extended from his service in our Army to his volunteer work in civilian life. The resulting health and capabilities of our fighting forces and their families is due to a humble Ranger leader and his selfless service to make a better America. Ranger Dick James remains a linchpin of the Ranger Community to this Day.

Ranger James exemplifies "Rangers Led the Way" and has done so throughout his life.

CW4 (Ret) Ibarra is hereby inducted as an Honorary Member into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his superb leadership, accomplishments as the original Property Book Officer for 1st Bn (Ranger) 75th Infantry and his stellar service to the U.S. Army and his dedication to promoting the Ranger Ethos during his long military career even after his retirement.



CW4 (Ret) Ibarra served in 1st Bn (Ranger) 75th Infantry from 1974 until his retirement in 1978. He was specially selected for this assignment to 1st Bn (Ranger) 75th Infantry. CW 4 Ibarra was

always willing to support Rangers to the best of his abilities as

the Property Book Officer and Chief Logistics Subject Matter Expert no matter the mission. He was the true example of the Ranger Motto "Rangers Lead The Way".

CW4 (Ret) Ibarra has also served the Special Operations Community prior to his assignment to 1st Bn (Ranger) which continued after retirement by supporting and becoming active in the Chapter IX, Isaac Camacho Chapter of the Special Forces Association and the Benavides-Patterson Chapter of the All- American Airborne Association in El Paso Texas.

Through his various efforts, CW4 (Ret) Ibarra had been able to accomplish the mission and care for his Rangers and is a true credit to the U.S. Army, the Ranger Community and himself. His dedication and professionalism demonstrated a true ability to support the Rangers on the line.

CW4 Jose C. Ibarra demonstrated the exemplary nature of the true professional and what Rangers need to emulate as he "Led The Way" each and every day of his professional life and even after retirement.

Ranger Ibarra distinguished himself by his dedication and loyal support of the 75th Infantry Regiment, and by his devotion of selfless service embodied to the Ranger community. Ranger Ibarra's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army Rangers, the U.S. Army, and the United States of America.



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USGS-MILITARY LIFETIME PASS-2023

Hi Rangers:

Here is the information I copied from the USGS website about the Veteran's and Gold Star passes.

I tried to make it as complete as possible, while still understandable.

I left hyperlinks in to accommodate the digital versions.

Marc Thompson

MILITARY LIFETIME PASS TO NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER FACILITIES

The National Park Service, USGS, and other federal agencies now allow free access for veterans and Gold Star Families. The applicable information is excerpted from the government websites below (with clear-text links to the websites).

OVERVIEW:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>

Learn about free access for U.S. military veterans and Gold Star Families through a Military Lifetime Pass:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

Military Lifetime Pass

Cost: Free

Available for:

Gold Star Families with a valid Gold Star Family Voucher

US military veterans with a valid, veteran ID

How to get:

In person: Find a location to obtain this pass at a federal recreation site.

Online: Order this free pass from the USGS Online Store. Processing and shipping fees will be charged for online orders. (<https://store.usgs.gov>)

Passes may not be issued as gifts since eligible recipient must present proof of eligibility.

Additional Information: Find detailed information about this pass on the USGS Online Store's Frequently Asked Questions webpage. (<https://store.usgs.gov/faq>)

USGS STORE FAQ:

<https://store.usgs.gov/faq>

Overview of the Interagency Military-Lifetime Pass

\$10 processing fee on USGS Store, Free in person at sites

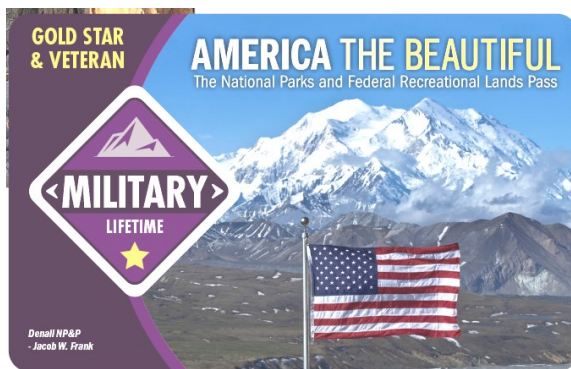
that issue passes.

Available to Gold Star Families and Veterans . See following section b for specific documentation required.

Obtained in person at Federal recreation sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees.

Covers entrance fees at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service sites and covers Standard Amenity Fees at Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation sites, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites.

Admits the pass owner and any accompanying passengers in a private, non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas, or the pass owner and up to additional 3 adults (16 and over) at sites that charge per person.



If purchased from the USGS Store, your name will be printed on your pass.

What is the difference between the Interagency Military-Annual and Military-Lifetime Pass?

The Interagency Military Pass has been part of the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series since 2012. On December 27, 2021, Presi-

dent Biden signed into law S. 1605 “The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022” (NDAA). Section 641 of the NDAA makes Gold Star families and veterans eligible for lifetime passes to federal recreational lands. The Interagency Military-Lifetime Pass can be issued to Gold Star families and U.S. military veterans. The Military-Annual Pass can be issued to current U.S. military and dependents.

Who qualifies for the Interagency Military-Lifetime Pass and what documentation is required?

1. Gold Star Families

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a “qualifying situation,” such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces, as explained in Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36

Gold Star Family members must self-certify by applying for a Military-Lifetime Pass online at: <https://store.usgs.gov/MilitaryPass> or downloading and printing a special voucher to either present to the ranger, exchange for a Military Pass in person, or place on the vehicle dashboard at unstaffed sites. Gold Star Vouchers may be downloaded from: <https://www.nps.gov/customcf/goldstar/voucher.htm>

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2. Veterans

Individuals who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and are able to present one of the following valid non-expired forms of identification when entering or using federal lands:

- 1) Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765)
- 2) Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- 3) Veteran ID Card
- 4) Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

When acquiring a pass in person, the actual IDs listed above must be presented. As of September 2022, the VA only provides a digital version of the #3 Veteran ID Card. When acquiring a pass online, photocopies or digital images are accepted. **FORM DD-214 IS NOT ACCEPTED.**

Are passes available to disabled veterans or other people with disabilities?

Yes. The Interagency Access Pass is a lifetime pass that is free for any US citizen or permanent resident who has a medically determined permanent disability, including veterans. Review the Access Pass section for additional details.

What if I have a current Interagency Military-Annual Pass or other type of Interagency Pass?

If you have a Military-Annual Pass, Access Pass, or one of the other Interagency Passes, you can simply use that pass for free access. All passes are non-transferable.

If you have recently purchased an Interagency Annual or Senior Pass, unfortunately no refunds are permitted.

Can gift cards be used to purchase products from the USGS Store?

No. The USGS Store accepts all Credit and Debit cards but gift cards of any kind are not accepted.

Are there any other benefits for military?

In addition to the Interagency Annual-Military Pass for current military and dependents, there is now a Military-Lifetime Pass for Gold Star Families and Veterans.

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident age 62 or older you qualify for a Senior-Annual or Senior-Lifetime Pass. Review the Senior Pass section above for additional details.

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have a medically determined permanent disability you may qualify for a free Access Pass. Review the Access Pass section for additional details. The Access Pass and both the Senior-Annual and Senior-Lifetime Pass are the only passes that may provide a discount on some expanded amenity fees such as camping.

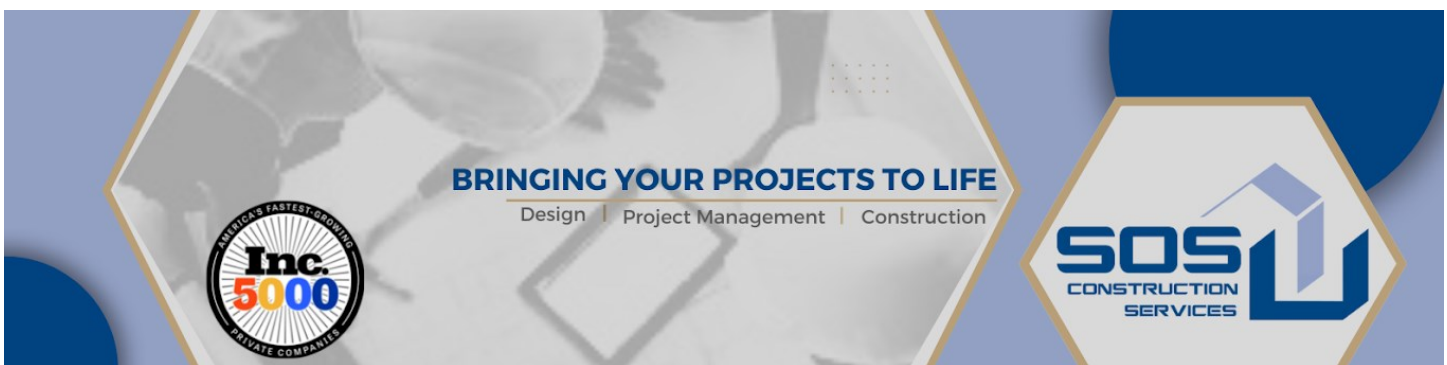
IMPORTANT!!!

If I purchased an \$80 Annual Pass earlier in the year can I return the pass and get a refund?

Refunds will not be issued.

ADDITIONAL OVERVIEW VIA MILITARY.COM:

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2022/11/09/free-lifetime-national-parks-passes-are-coming-veterans-and-gold-star-families.html>



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How do we wake up in the morning? Do we use an alarm? Do we rely on someone else to rouse us? What is the first thing we do after we open our eyes?

Our morning routine is vital to how we move throughout the day, plays a key role in our emotions and vigilance, and assists our preparation for our evening routine. The key word here is ROUTINE. Procedure, practice, pattern, regime, program, schedule, plan, and/or drill. However, we define that crucial word, routine is key to how we perform and feel during the day.

Think about the morning. Are we usually rushed, in a hurry and flustered in activity? Do we have to drive in heavy traffic to work? Are we responsible for others (Children, spouse, soldiers?) in the morning? What are our challenges to being calm, cool and in charge of the morning?

Write the obstacles down. What can we control on our list? Let us work on what we can control. Make a list of what you can control in the morning and then work with organizing it by prioritizing the most important items first. The first item, how we wake up in the morning is the most important.

How we awaken. Alarm clock on the phone, tablet, Alexa, or Siri? Does setting these alarms help or do we turn them off?

Exposing ourselves to natural light might be the **best** way to wake up. Current research supplies plenty of evidence of a connection between natural light and melatonin production in our brain, (Rachel Leproult, Egidio F. Colecchia, Mireille L'Hermite-Baleriaux, and Eve Van Cauter, *Transition from Dim to Bright Light in the Morning Induces an Immediate Elevation of Cortisol Levels*. The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, Volume 86, Issue 1, 1 January 2001, Pages 151–157, <https://doi.org/10.1210/jcem.86.1.7102>).

In addition, natural light increases serotonin and cortisol hormone production that improves our emotional state and attentiveness throughout the day.

Even if we use an alarm to awaken, it is a good idea to expose ourselves to natural light in the morning and throughout the day. (<https://www.cnet.com/health/sleep/still-waking-up-to-an-alarm-heres-why-you-should-use-light-instead/>)

Those few first moments are essential to how we 'feel' during the day and **how** we get a good night's sleep in the evening. Such a simple, yet powerful, morning transition may change our entire life.

When we open our eyes, what do we see? The ceiling? The floor? It all depends on where our head is facing when we awaken. What we **see** is important to our **thinking**. I usually ask my clients to pick a short, encouraging, statement (or prayer) that they would like to believe about themselves, put it on a poster (8x11), and attach it to the ceiling above their bed. An example might be; "I am a go-getter," or "I am in Control," or "Seize the day." Choose a saying that inspires positive thinking about yourself. It will be the first thing you see in the morning and the last thing you see at night.

Before our feet hit the floor take a few (About 5-10) deep

breaths of air into the lungs and let it out slowly. Very Slowly. As you look at the positive, inspirational statement, breathe deeply in and out about 5-10 times, exhaling very slowly. This breathing technique may help remind the brain what to do when something during the day triggers stress or anxiety.

Now your feet hit the floor. What do you do next? Some will do some pushups, some rush to the toilet. Others will brush their teeth and some others will be in such a rush they are putting on clothes as they grab their phone.

The essential items are:

1. How you wake up in the morning (Behavior)
2. Getting natural light (It changes your physiology)
3. Breathing correctly (Changes your physiology)
4. Thinking of something positive. (Thinking)

These are Total Behaviors that help us move in a direction that meets our Basic Needs. Does your present behavior have a reasonable chance of getting you what you want, and will it take you in the direction that leads you to your goal in life?

Create the morning routine that works for you. Everyone has priorities and this is where creativeness comes into play. There are many great podcasts, blogs, and articles that give ideas of how to arrange the morning that helps a person feel cool, calm and in control. Try to plan activities that work for you. Below are some links that have innovative ideas on what may help the day be fantastic.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/drew1774/episodes/38---SOLO-The-INCREDIBLE-Difference-a-Morning-Routine-Can-Make-e1u1fgu/a-a9838h7>

[Make your bed — Adm William McRaven, University of Texas, 2014](#)

<https://kreaturesofhabit.com/blogs/habit-lab/morning-routine-checklist>

<https://theadultman.com/live-and-learn/morning-routine-men/>

<https://www.realmenrealstyle.com/perfect-morning-routine/>

<https://thebaldbrothers.com/the-best-morning-routine-for-men/>

<https://www.lucianoviterale.com/blog/personal-development/morning-routines-for-men/>

<https://thedadedge.com/morning-routine/>

Dr Janet Morgan is a counselor in private practice residing in the North Georgia mountains. A veteran, spouse of retired Navy/Army member and mom to an active-duty soldier, she offers counseling through Military One Source and the V.A., online. Most of her work is in trauma and PTSD.

<https://drjanetmorgan.com/>

Colonel Puckett with fellow Rangers CMoH Recipient **SGM Payne** & former RCO MG (R) **Grange** speaking to the BRC competitors before their final event.



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Opening Ceremony-

The 2023 Best Ranger Competition Opening Ceremony began at 5:00 AM on 14 April 2023. Anyone attending the start of the competition had to arrive by 4:45 AM, due to traffic and parking challenges. Some roads were blocked off and spectators that arrived after 5:00 AM experienced problems and delays. All competitors and teams were announced and there was photo opportunities. Once the Opening Ceremonies were complete, the event officially started the competitions Mass Run with a ceremonial starting pistol, which began the three days of one of the world's toughest competitions.

Mass Start Buddy Run

TASK: Conduct a 7-mile run as a team with weighted vest and a 60lb sandbag.

CONDITIONS: Executed during limited visibility, given a course on an improved surface, and wearing the BRC Uniform, with optional headlamp. Trousers will be un-bloused and rolled 2x to the outside. Weighted vest will be worn over tan t-shirt.

STANDARDS: Competitors must complete the 7-mile distance weighted vest run with all equipment. Teams will receive 1x 60lb sandbag per team at the halfway point of 3.5 miles. Teams must remain on the marked route and must always remain within double arm interval of each other while staying on the right side of the road. Time stops when both team members cross the finish line of the weighted vest run with the 60lb sandbag. Physical contact with other competitors or attempting to hinder other competitors is unauthorized and will result in a severe penalty. Any tampering with the vest or sandbag will result with a disqualification. Team ranking will be based on the order in which teams cross the finish line. Each team must cross the finish line together in order to successfully complete the event.

DAY 1

OPENING CEREMONY
MASS START BUDDY RUN
RUN SWIM RUN
MALVESTI OBSTACLE COURSE
ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST
FRIES TODD TO SELBY CACTV
URBAN ASSAULT COURSE
TACTICAL NAVIGATION
ANTI-ARMOR EMPLOYMENT
ROPE BRIDGE CROSSING
VEHICLE ID FLASH BORIS
RANGE COMPLEX MOVEMENT
HOLCOMB RANGE MG
SHUGART RANGE
ROBINSON RANGE
CARTER RANGE
FOOT MARCH
NIGHT STAKES

DAY 2

New- Kim's Game

TASK: Memorize identifying features of randomly assorted items.

CONDITIONS: Given 30 seconds and a tuff box containing randomly assorted items. Given 2 minutes and a test sheet. Competitors are not permitted to record any information pertaining to the items by any means. Non-competitors are not permitted to assist competitors with recalling items. Wearing the BRC Day Stakes Uniform

STANDARDS: Memorize identifying features of each item without using any means to record information. Answer all questions pertaining to the features of the randomly assorted items. Misspelled words or words that change the meaning of an item will result in 0 points for the question. The use of any means to record information will result in 0 points for the test. Assistance from non-competitors will result in 0 points for the test.

New- Tactical Water Movement

TASK: Run north along the river walk. Cross Chattahoochee River utilizing White Water Express's zipline. Run south and negotiate across one-rope bridge. Utilize rafts to paddle south to boat ramp. Carry raft and all equipment across finish line.

CONDITION: During daylight hours, given a paved run route, zipline, pre-built one-rope bridge and raft, as a buddy team in BRC Day Stakes uniform, plus harness, Personal floatation device, and Helmet.

STANDARDS: Each team must complete the movement within double arms reach of each other. Teams must remain on the marked route. Time will stop when the team crosses the finish line with all equipment. Team ranking will be based on time to complete the event.

DAY STAKES AT AJ MCCLUNG STADIUM
LIMITED VISIBILITY SURVEILLANCE AND REPORT
LASER SHOT PISTOL EVENT
WORKOUT OF THE DAY
MOBILE OBSTACLE COURSE
AAD HOIST
81 MM MORTAR EMPLACEMENT
AXE THROW
KIMS GAME
TACTICAL WATER MOVEMENT
NIGHT ORIENTEERING

DAY 3

RAPPEL TOWER & O-COURSE
KRILLING RANGE
HELOCAST
COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL ASSESSMENT

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Below-Mass Start Buddy Run-Team 36; Center-Colonel Puckett

Ranger Spectators and competitors at AJ McClung Stadium



The 12th Annual Honoring Sandrino's Sacrifice was held on 12 May at the Pitman Golf Course with 282 golfers participating in the double tee time (AM&PM) event.

It was a beautiful day to play golf and mix with old and new friends while remembering Sgt. Alessandro L. Plutino who was KIA 08Aug, 2011 OEF. He was in his 6th deployment with the 1/75 in the Global War on Terror.



Sgt. Alessandro L. Plutino will be one of the Fallen honored with his name on a car.

Sandrino's car will be #47 driven by Ricky Stenhouse Jr. for JTG Daugherty Racing.



Above Photo- From the left- Mike Rodgers and daughters Teagan and Emilie Everett Katzenberger and Ethan Killeen



*Above Photo- Back Row from left- - Mike Rodgers, Thad Cain, Karl Monger, Cory Remsburg, and Ethan Killeen
Front row from left- Everett Katzenberger and Brayden Jensen*

There are a few pictures of the day with Rangers and their families on this page.

Save the golf date- 10 May for the 13th Annual Honoring Sandrino's Sacrifice in 2024.

Other things happening in my life-- NASCAR -- On 28 May, 2023. The 600 Miles of Remembrance Race at Charlotte Speedway.



L-R Kevin Facemeyer 2/75 with Jake Sidwa



Camp Frank D. Merrill events honor Merrill's Marauders

WW II Merrill's Marauders were honored this SPRING by several, separate Camp Frank D. Merrill events commemorating their 2022 involvement in presenting the then five living Marauders with the first five Congressional Gold Medals. **LEFT:** Camp Merrill Commander LTC Chris Green presents two Congressional Gold Medals to Assistant Site Manager Jason Grantham at FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs, GA, where they will be permanently displayed in a large glass case



beneath the "finished," famous, "unfinished portrait" of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The April presentation was one of the last for LTC Green before a new assignment and also long-time Historic Site Manager Robin Glass's retirement. Glass (inset) is holding the front and back of the Congressional Gold Medals donated from 75th Ranger Regiment Association president Art Attaway's fund-raising campaign.

Camp Merrill museum gets amazing "facelift"

The one-room Camp Frank D. Merrill Museum – which has been more of a "place of honor" for the men who have served or commanded there – has been renovated so the walls now have attractive ceiling-to-floor panels that colorfully tell the story of all Ranger conflicts. Exhibit/graphic

designer Tom Walker volunteered to create the stunning panels. Both Walker and Drew Herbert, Mountain Ranger Association, did the "grunt work" that transformed the tiny building into a showplace in time for a 2023 Family Day "grand opening." Bob Howland, son of the late Merrill's Marauder Gilbert Howland, funded major expenses. The New Jersey resident, his sister, Mary, Walker and Herbert received awards on "Family Day."



Only one Marauder, Russell Hamler, PA, who turns 99 in June, remains.



CAPTIONS L to R: At the museum "grand opening" ceremony, Tom Walker cuts a red ribbon held by Drew Herbert as Bob Howland and his sister, Mary, look on. LTC Green stands by a panel showcasing the five Marauders alive in 2022. LTC Green and CSM Joey Blacksher presented awards to Bob and Mary Howland, Tom Walker and Drew Herbert. -- MORE SPRING EVENTS WILL BE IN FALL "PATROLLING"

LTC Chris Green (L) and CSM Joey Blacksher (R) "bookend" Rangers wearing a commemorative, unofficial Merrill's Marauder patch that LTC Green asked Jonnie Melillo Clasen, daughter of Georgia's last Marauder, Vincent Melillo, to pin on the men.





Above L-R - Chris Corbin, Juliette, and MG (RET) David Grange



Above L-R – Rick Lamb, David Grange, and Art Attaway



Chris Corbin and Juliette,



Angela Cooper, WAR & HRC president Duke Durkin, Attaway

HARD ROCK CHARLIE FOUNDATION

On June 3rd of 2021, the current Board of Directors started the Hardrock Charlie Foundation, Inc as a charity based in Florida. We immediately filed for and received our 501(c)(3) status. Since the start of HCF, we were able to assist three Rangers and their families attend our first official reunion with little or no cost to the families. We have also been able to support other programs, as our charter allows. Since inception, the growth in our grass roots organization and of the reunion has been nothing short of amazing! Our membership has stepped up on nu-

merous occasions to ensure we were able to both grow and facilitate our mission. We feel that to continue to support those in need and grow the organization, we need to reach for outside support.

We hope that your organization will partner with us and choose one of the several exciting opportunities during the 2023 reunion and water jump events!

75th RANGER MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

UNIT DIRECTOR—LEE GARCIA

My name is Lee Garcia. I retired from the army in 2019 and now reside in Harris County Georgia with my wife and two children, minus basic training and AIT, I spent the entirety of my career at the 75th Ranger Regiment. I joined the 75th Ranger Regiment in 2000 where I was stationed at the regimental headquarters as an intelligence analyst. I soon moved over to 3rd Ranger battalion while assigned to the S2 shop as an intelligence analyst and stayed there until 2008. From there I moved back to regimental headquarters and eventually was the first Sergeant at the MICO at the RSTB. I deployed 13 times in support of the GWOT, to include participating in both the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq. I completed my career as the provisional Battalion Sergeant Major for the Military Intelligence Battalion. I am a graduate of the US Army Ranger School Jumpmaster School, BNCOC, ANCOC and various other military and specialty training courses.



I currently own and operate a fitness training facility in Harris County Georgia where I can spend more time with my family and train interact with my community. I look forward to being a representative for the MI battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. In addition to running a training facility. I facilitate team building and leadership training for high school and college sports teams. Our gym has partnered with Project Resiliency and Combat Stress Reaction Treatment (CSRT Psychotherapy) combining fitness and group discussion to combat PTSD, anxiety, depression, and provide a place where Veterans can decompress and express themselves. Project Resilience is a marriage between traditional mental health talking on the couch therapy with fitness.

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1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT

We tipped our pints once again to another annual St. Patty's and now head into summer with a number of great upcoming events we can all enjoy.

Foremost, our 75th RRA annual reunion (register on our website and review the agenda) is being held at 2/75 & our hotel is in Olympia, WA (20 miles south of JBL-M).

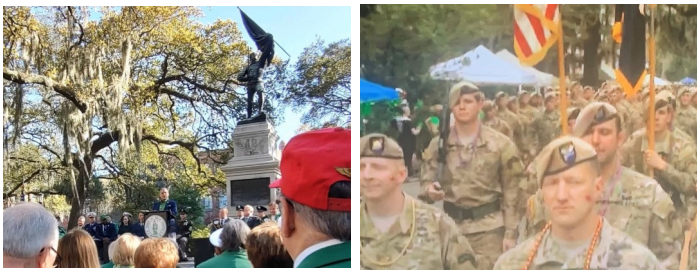
We have a number of scheduled events hosted by 2nd Batt and our speakers at the banquet are CMoH Recipient, MSG (R) Leroy Petry & former 75th RR RCO, BG (R) "Smoking" Joe Stringham.

I had the honor to represent our Rangers during St. Patty's Week in Savannah's annual Sergeant Jasper Military Remembrance Ceremony honoring the service and sacrifices of our Veterans; unfortunately, our 1st Batt Rangers were not available to honor them with us.

Jasper was a hero making the ultimate sacrifice during the siege of Savannah during the Revolutionary War. I tied my address around Veterans of all our nation's wars/conflicts and especially those of Savannah's Imperial Battalion, sharing the valorous actions of heroes such as Doc Peney, one of our Ranger Medics.

This quarter supported our active-duty Rangers, our fallen, wounded & Gold Star Families through annual fund-raising events ICW the Sua Sponte Foundation (SSF) in honor of MSG Fernandez, SSG Dalke & SGT Plutino, all KIA during the GWOT.

Hard Rock Charlie" led by legendary SGM (R) Duke Durkan, conducted their annual water jump and this year he opened it up for all 75th Ranger Regiment Veterans, young, old, older, and oldest!



Above left; Speaking at the St. Patty's Sergeant Jasper Military Recognition Ceremony in historic Savannah. Above right; A photo from the past as a younger COL Necessary, now the 1st Ranger BN CDR, (front left) marches in the parade

We hope to have our groundbreaking next month for the 1/75 Heritage Center thanks to our generous patriots supporting SSF. We anticipate having it complete in time for a ribbon cutting during our Battalion's 50th anniversary reunion in May 2024... since reactivating in '74.



As training has always been intense with repetitive cycles of continued readiness in the Regiment, I would like to share this spring the 1st Ranger Battalion has executed ARFR, a challenging Fires Support Coordination Exercise and completed a complex exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA.

1. People

SGT Tanner Higgins Hero Remembrance. On 14 April, D CO Rangers gathered to remember SGT Tanner Higgins who was killed in action in Logar Province, Afghanistan on that date in 2012. 1SG Matthew Buck and MSG Johansen shared some memories of SGT Higgins with the Company. D CO then conducted the Hero WOD in remembrance of his sacrifice and to honor his legacy.



D Co Rangers remember SGT Tanner Higgins

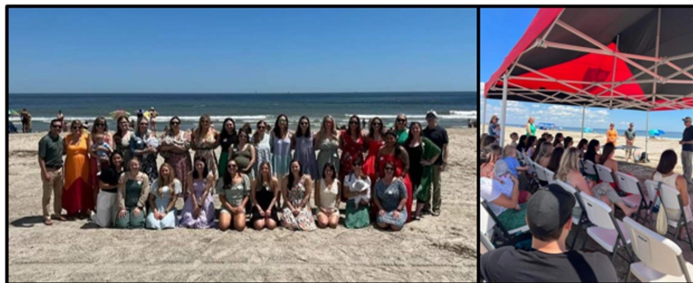
Easter Weekend Activities: Of note, CH Jordan Henricks led the HAAF, GA vice on East- was the high-HAAF in the Additionally, & Family (SFRG) lead-Spring Fling protestant server. The service est attended on past 10 years. The 1/75 Soldier Readiness Group ers hosted a event at Oatland Island Wildlife Center for Rangers and families from across the Battalion. Kids and families had a blast hunting for Easter eggs, exploring the nature trails and mini zoo, and filling up on ice cream and candy.



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1/75 Rangers and families conduct a Spring Fling SFRG event at Oatland Island Wildlife Center in Savannah, GA.

Volunteer and Professional Development Event: 1/75 hosted a volunteer appreciation and professional development event at Tybee Island, GA to recognize the amazing work of our SFRG leaders and volunteers. Attendees enjoyed a lunch on the beach, conducted an awards ceremony, did a Tybee Island scavenger hunt, and conducted professional development exercises led by the Battalion senior advisors. It was a great way to recognize the best volunteers in the Army.



1/75 conducts a volunteer and professional development event at Tybee Island, GA



Advanced Ranger First Responder (ARFR): 1/75 conducted its annual ARFR course at HAAF, GA and FSGA to train non-68W Rangers on advanced point of injury care, life-saving procedures, and how to properly assist medics during surgical procedures. ARFRs are a vital component of the overall Ranger Casualty Response system and play a pivotal role in saving lives

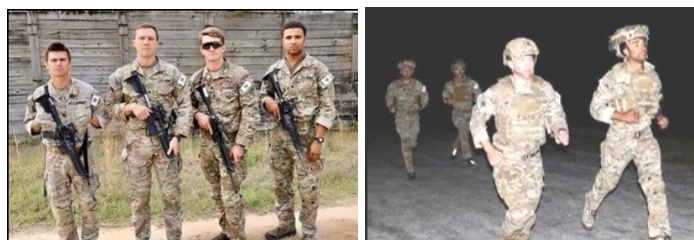
on the battlefield. This year, the Battalion Medical Platoon successfully certified 35x ARFRs.

Best Ranger Competition: *Below photo*-SSG Murphy and SGT Reichman (both 1/75 Medics) represented 1/75 at this year's Best Ranger Competition in FBGA. They put in an incredible amount of work and we are proud of their performance.



Best Mortar Competition. SSG Miller and his teammates SGT Bursik, SPC Hane, and SPC Hudson, placed 2nd in the Army's Best Mortar Competition at Fort Benning, GA. We are extremely proud of their accomplishment and look forward to taking the Gold next year.

1/75 Best Mortar Competition Team



Below photo- 513th Theater MI Brigade Visit: The 1/75 S2 Section and our Battalion Human Performance team hosted leaders from the 513th MI Brigade for a joint PT event and discussion on human performance program best practices.



Lessons Learned:

The ability to incorporate our Weapons Squads into a MG Academy, followed by inclusion in the FSCX is not new, however it has not been done in some time due to timing constraints of OPREP. The feedback was universal that this was critical to gaining proficiency across the science of weapons employment, while the incorporation into the following day's iterations of FSCX facilitated the GFC to PL to WSL connection in conjunction with fires.

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Second, utilizing disperse geographic locations for simultaneous platoon objectives stressed all element's PACE plan. The exercise served as a catalyst for internal discussion and AARs that identified shortcomings prior to our upcoming MLAT and NTC rotation. With a myriad of new leaders in positions, this event's timing was paramount.



The Regiment's Best Ranger Teams at Fort Moore, GA the day before the competition kicked off



Congrats to our BRC '23 winners, just like last year.... from the 75th Ranger Regiment!

CPT Ebeling, 3/75 & SPC Rein, 2/75



CSM Joe Davis' (former 1/75 CSM) Retirement Ceremony at the RHQ in April with RCO COL Keirse & RSM Brett Johnson.

COL (P) Todd Brown (inbound 21D DCG-O Korea) former RCO & 1/75 CDR spoke at Joe's ceremony. The Davis Family will

remain in Columbus as Joe continues to make America better as a Ranger for Life in the FMGA area. Notice his blonde beard.

Our new website continues with improved design capabilities as you can now pay dues online; has message boards; news and we are still developing to add bytes for more photos/ videos; links to supporting military organizations; group pages for separate Ranger units & chat rooms. Share any feedback with me as our webmaster continues to upgrade our improved website.; it is a work in progress.

1/75 Museum artifacts are requested by the Battalion to add to the HQs & Company COFs; to those who have already donated artifacts and historic photos, thank you!

Keep your annual dues paid up to our 75th RRA so you can continue as active members! This is your association & we want to keep you abreast of our brotherhood!

If any of you are interested in becoming mentors to our Rangers transitioning into the civilian sector contact myself and I will get you I contact with their 1/75 Counselor, CSM (R) McGuffy, aka as *Ranger Muggs*.

Thanks goes out as two of my old Ranger Buddies; 1SG (R) Rob Ciacco, 1st, 3rd, RSTB & RHQ and MSG (R) Lee Garcia; 3rd, RSTB, RHQ & Interim RMIB CSM as they volunteered to become the Unit Director for RSTB & RMIB, respectively.

Rangers send me any news you would like me to share with our Association and thanks for your continued support!

God Bless y'all and God Speed to our Rangers serving in harm's way.

V/R,

Rick

Ranger for Life



2nd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—HUGH ROBERTS



Hooah!! Ranger Buddies,

I hope this edition of Patrolling magazine finds you all highly motivated.

Special Shout out to CSM Conrad and all the other Las Vegas Rangers, thanks for reaching out, looking forward to scheduling a breakfast with all LV Rangers.

Another Best Ranger Competition is in the books and it should come as no surprise the Regiment took first place with Capt. Luke Ebeling and Spec. Justin Rein as the winning team.

Spec. Rein is also a member of 2/75, and he is the first Spc. to ever win the best Ranger competition. This is the third consecutive year that Regiment has won.

Upcoming events:

26Jun-1 Jul 75th RRA Reunion

Friday 30 Jun 2/75 Ranger Ball.

War Story:

David Cummings submitted this war Story former 2/75 Ranger.

David was assigned to Aco 2/75 1974-1976, Cco 2/75 1982-1985

He has held positions as Ranger Team Ldr, Platoon Sgt, and Benning Phase RTB NCOIC. David is a Member of Sons of Mosby Motorcycle Association, and a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame class of 2020.

October 1983, Urgent Fury. I was PSG 3rd Plt C Company. We were only able to take less than half the men in each platoon on the mission. There was only lift for half of 2nd Batt. The toughest thing I ever had to do in a 25-year career was to get the platoon together and pick who was going to war and who had to stay behind. It so happened that one of my squads was also the Battalion Scout Squad. Led by SSG Glen Webb it had to go intact. That squad allowed the platoon to get the best missions during the operation. During the airmobile to evacuate students from the Grand Anse campus, we were chosen to secure the gym



where the students were assembled and herd them into the choppers. During the Calvigny raid we got the nod to clear the barracks buildings in the compound. As PSG, our attached 90mm Recoilless Rifle team followed me around. I was a 90 gunner once and sympathized with those guys lugging that big gun and heavy ammo around. We missed the famous BTR-60 attack and so went their big chance to actually use that thing.

We were executing the Calvigny Raid.

There were six or so long single-story wooden barracks in a row. 3rd Squad, the Scout Squad, is clearing the buildings one at a time while the rest of the platoon provides security and over-watch under PL Steven Brown. Being a Vietnam vet, I knew we were not being shot at and the barracks all appeared to be unoccupied. However, this was outstanding training, so I allowed execution of our SOPs to continue. I noticed a small building to our right standing by itself. Anyone in that building would have a good shot at our flank so, theoretically, it was a threat. I did not want that 90 team to have to go back home without firing a shot. What the hell, I pointed the building out to the gunner and told him to put an HE in that sucker. His eyes lit up and he set up the shot. Just as he was about to fire CPT Hannah, our CO, comes around the corner of the building we are next to. I yell CHECK FIRE! The CO immediately recognizes he is staring up the ass end of a recoilless rifle ready to go and slinks back around the corner. Fire! BAM!

So, it turns out this little building is a four-hole outhouse. Now, being out there in the tropical sun, that shitter must have generated an enormous quantity of methane gas. Wham! BAMMO! The secondary explosion was epic. Like the secondary you see in some WWII gun camera footage. The building was no more. Boards flew a hundred feet in the air. Then it began to rain shit, all over my platoon. The action just came to a halt as everyone just stood there, dumbfounded, giving me the WTF look. Then the action resumed and the boys finished their work. It would be a while before we would be able take a bath.

David Cummings

A 2/75 1974-76

C 2/75 1982-1985

I hope you enjoyed David's war story.

If you have a war story, memories you would like to share, or a 2nd BN Ranger you would like to see spotlighted send me the info, this is your page I need content.

Hope to see you all in June.



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UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

I hope everyone survived their winter. It is time for the snow to melt and the grass to turn green. And it is time for me to pass the baton at the Legion. I have been Commander for the last 3 years and I decided it is time to let someone else drive the train. I have enjoyed the time and will continue as an Officer in a position yet to be determined. It will most likely be the Post Finance Officer, as no one ever wants it and I have been helping our current Finance Officer since he has been having health issues. I have been fortunate to have a good staff of Officers to help make us successful. We were \$8,000 in the hole when we opened back up after covid in August 2020. We now have money to fix up the building and do the things of the Legion Mission, such as donating to local organizations, handing out scholarships to both high schools in our county and giving a helping hand to our members and local Veterans. Best of all, we serve the coldest, cheapest beer in town (\$2.25).

Michelle and I have stayed busy in the garage all winter, her with her stained glass and me in the wood shop. We are gearing up for our shows this year and trying to build up inventory, but keep getting orders. But that is a good problem to have, I guess. Anyone who has ever tried doing crafts knows that you do not get rich, you hope you sell enough to pay for your investment. But it is fun and keeps us busy.

Tom Wier is still recovering in a rehab facility in El Paso. I have talked to him on the phone a few times and he seems to be getting better each time. Mark Ross is back in a nursing home in Salt Lake City. He has several health issues, but seems to be holding his own. Mike Cantrell said that after a few scary months, his wife Michelle is now considered to be in remission. And the best news we could get was Austan, my grandson who had the issue with the brain tumor while stationed in Hawaii, has been declared in remission and that the tumor will not likely return. The doctors had told him in Hawaii that he had 4-7 years. Now they say he will grow old and gray.

Gene (Bob) Gilsdorf stopped by our house on his way back to Kansas. He had been at a weightlifting meet in Valley Forge. He said he set another National record for his age group, lifting 165 over his head. Not bad for a 70y/o 135 lb., but he is a Ranger right. If he ever stops by your house and he says he wants to make hard boiled eggs, kindly decline. Gene told the story of how he lost his wife a couple of years ago, and how she did all the cooking. Gene admitted he could not boil water, so he tried to make hard boiled eggs in his microwave. First try was just an egg in a bowl, BOOM!!!. Second try someone told him to poke a pin hole in the egg, BOOM!!!. Third try was trying to warm up a hard-boiled egg he bought at the store, BOOM!!!. Michelle fixed breakfast the next morning with scrambled eggs. It was great



having Gene visit. He is a retired rural carrier, so we had some Postal stories to swap and I got him signed up for the Association. He left the next morning and stopped to see Don VanArsdale. Don lives about 50 miles from me, on the southwest side of Indy. I think Don was on a remodel job and put Gene to work as they talked. Don missed our April breakfast, seems he and Cheris were out in N.M. hiking in the mountains.

From Tom B.: When I arrived in country for my second tour I was assigned to The Americal Division and the 23rd Combat Engineer Company. I

had a platoon of men who had served with the 555 Combat Engineers, some of McNamara's 1000 troops and take my word for it they weren't as dumb as people made them out to be (with one exception, that I'll tell later). We made bunkers and fighting positions on LZ YOUNG AND LZ GATOR, PLUS I flew Recon finding LZ's. I was in an OH-13 open bubble helicopter, which I had flown when I was in Sacramento Cal. I was picked for assignment to Co B, 1st Bn. 6th inf. As the platoon Sergeant of 2nd platoon with a total of 17 men including me and my RTO as our medic went with us. We made three ambush sites breaking down into three roving ambush teams each night and meeting up the next morning to sleep and rest. We saw the rest of the company about every three months for R&R and get new assignments. We had contact and a firefight on my first day and they changed my Mos to 11B40 AND AWARDED THE CIB. After about a month we received a brand-new 2nd Lt. who said he graduated last in his class, and he studied BUGS in college. He tripped a booby trap and was medevacked.

After another 3 months we got another Lt. He was a first Lt. and had his stuff together. His name was Louhan. Now for that man that I spoke of earlier. He was an INSTANT SHAKE AND BAKE NCO had some good ones, but this dude was not one of them. I had to go back to the rear to sign my re-enlistment papers and when I returned, we received sniper fire from a bunch of Banana trees and found that the idiot Sergeant had gotten separated from the platoon because he thought he had found a better spot to lie in. I sent him packing to the rear and put on permanent shit burning detail. After a long wait we finally got lucky and lucked out as Bridge detail securing a new bridge outside of Chu Lai. With a TOC and sand bagged bunkers on both sides of the bridge. We had problems with the Vietnamese troops stealing from us until I booby trapped a pile of lumber with a smoke grenade which they decided not to steal from us anymore. I was in the TOC after cleaning my M-16 along with Sgt. Ames when we heard a bunch of screaming, hollering and gunfire from across the bridge. I grabbed my weapon and a bandoleer and went out the TOC door. I saw a Vietnamese man running across the bridge and the Vietnamese yelling VC! VC!

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I yelled in Vietnamese to him to stop. He raised his hand and yelled something back, that's when SGT Ames came out Nd yelled "GRENADE! By this time, he was between me and one of my bunkers and I fired but he kept moving, so I moved the selector switch to "AUTOGITTEM" and as the grenade went off, I had hit the ground and back on my feet with another magazine locked and loaded. The Vietnamese was down and had given up the fight as I had hit him 18 times and was mad because he made me have to clean my weapon all over again. This was right after Mileh and I was charged with Murder. Kept me past my DEROS and finally a justifiable homicide ruling with a one-year bar of serving in Vietnam. 11 months later 71/72 I was back in Country with the 101st airborne at Phu Bia.

I have been married three times. MY FIRST WIFE AND I MARRIED when I was seventeen, and she was 15. We had a son when she was 16. And divorced that same year. She was murdered by one of her boyfriends who then killed himself. Her name was Kathryn Earleen McKay. My second wife and I had a son in 1965. Her name was Ilsa Ludwina Germann. She died young from Lupus. My third wife, I met at Darnell Army Hospital at Fort Hood Texas when I was with Co A, 75th Rangers. Our company was making parachute jumps and one of the men had a 4 bubble canopy and coming down fast. I thought I would get under him and break his fall. Then I said you do that, and it will kill you both. Medics picked him up, took him to the hospital where I went to see him. He was in bed with his leg in traction and was outside his room when this REAL Nice-looking Medic in nurses white came by delivering meds. Me, not being bashful said "EXCUSE ME MISS, BUT ARE YOU MARRIED? IF NOT, YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME!" She dropped all her meds and ran back to the nurse's station. That was 48 years ago, and we are still married! We have one Daughter, two Sons, grand kids, and great grandchildren. I am now totally disabled and had a broken neck from a bad parachute landing that the Army said was just a sprain. After six years that sprain was diagnosed as a break in the 6th and 7th cervical spine when I became paralyzed in my left arm. The doctors at the VA hospital in Ashville North Carolina took a chunk of bone from my hip and fused the bones in my neck. I now cannot walk good without a bad limp. I have had two heart attacks, stints put in, cancer of the left lung and surgery to remove a large portion of that lung. I am now having to

use oxygen and ride on a scooter. My wife Donna has been appointed as my Caregiver. I thank God for her and the care she is giving me!

I have started writing this in early April, but will finish up prior to the May deadline, just about a year after our last get together in Waco. Michell got home this afternoon. She and her sister had flown down to McAllen, TX. last week and drove their mom and dad home from their winter stay. Which is what she and I did after we left Waco last year. Then just a few weeks later, we learned that we lost Doug Nolen. Tiffany has said she is doing ok and thinking about moving back to Germany or somewhere in Europe but promised to return in November 2024.

I sent out an email with a summation of the last Unit Directors meeting. The big take-aways were the new www.75thRRA.org website, which is up and running with a few kinks to work out and the upcoming Rendezvous in the Olympia WA. area in June. IF you can go, make sure you go on Wednesday. There will be hands on/live firing at the range. Also, The National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning is looking for items to add to the Ranger Room at the Museum. If you have items relating to time served in the Rangers and would like to see it preserved rather than end up at a garage sale after you are gone, let me know.

Always looking for stories, whether it's about your time in the Company or time spent since then. Memorial Day will be over by the time this hits the news stand, but remember those that have gone before us, look after those still with us, and encourage those who will follow us. Look for a Ranger Breakfast in your area, most meet on the 1st Saturday of the month. It may not be close; we have several who drive 1 ½ - 2 hours to attend the Mid-Indiana breakfast at the Dutch Café' in Peru, IN. We had Frank Gardner, a member from Charlie Company, attend our Ranger Breakfast in April. He spent a year in Viet Nam and then a year with them back in the states. He had on the same PT t-shirt we had, only with a C on it.

Remember to do your buddy checks. Maybe someone will even check on you!!

Until next time,
RLTW
Stan



The Four Horsemen during BRC '23

CMoH Recipient SGM Payne; CSM Foutz, RMIB; RSM Johnson & CSM Walker, the new 101st Airborne Division CSM, Congrats Ranger Buddy!

2024 Best Ranger Competition-Stay Tuned

ARVIN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

UNIT DIRECTOR—BILL MILLER

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

The weekend of April 28th I finally made it back up to Camp Merrill in Dahlonga, Georgia for the annual “Critter Cookout” and open house.

I met Bob Reitz there and we ran into Jim Regan also. Lots of young studs and not too many old timers like us. Anyway, a good time was had by all, and the meal was great. It was nice to see the young Rangers with their families. There are still tough men willing to serve their country and it is greatly appreciated.

Walk on the Wild Side By: Keith Nightingale

In early December 1967, a combined ARVN/US road clearing of Highway one, QL 1 connecting Saigon with the rest of the nation-long before blocked by the war and VC presence began. This would open the road from Saigon to Phan Thiet for the first time in many years.

The operation consisted of Engineer elements with Rome Plows, the 11th ACR and 18th ARVN Division spearheaded by the 52 Ranger Bn a I as Senior Advisor. We began in the early morning with mixed Cav and Ranger packages securing key terrain along the way. Plows, road graders and artillery followed.

Over several days, villes were uncovered and cleared allowing the rapidly enveloping bus traffic to begin from and to Saigon. At each ville, the GVN sent in medcap and other personnel to re-engage the population. Surprisingly, many of these small villes were seriously undernourished and suffered from significant maladies.

My SF medic conducted his own medcap. As we cleared a ville, he would assess issues and immediately after securing he would set up his palm tree aid station. We had a daily courier jeep to and from Xuan Loc to keep him in supplies. He was supplemented by a Cav Doc who relished the opportunity to practice medicine other than GSW and shrapnel.

By the end of the week, we found ourselves in Ham Tan and the coast. This became our CP for two weeks as the elements worked their way North toward Phan Thiet. Almost immediately upon occupation, two elements descended upon us-busses from Saigon and John Paul Vann and his CORDS crews.

Vang brought a form of rudimentary government, reconstruction material and van loads of American's who disappeared after lunch. The busses brought in families and materials long denied to the locals.

I enjoyed the constant diet of crab, shrimp and fish-items miss-

ing from the C Rat menu list.

Major Vo Vang

By: Freddy McFarren

LTG (Ret)



From July 1968 until June 1969 I served with the 1st Vietnamese Ranger Group stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam in northern I Corps. I spent a few months as the Assistant Battalion Advisor with the 37th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion followed by serving as the Battalion Advisor with the 21s Vietnamese Ranger Battalion until I was wounded and then served as the Operations Advisor to the Ranger Group.

While serving with the 21st Ranger Battalion, I was very fortunate to support the Battalion Commander, Major Vo Vang, who was truly a courageous patriot while being a strong war fighter in every sense of the work. He had served as a young Ranger Officer earning the respect and recognition of all who knew him. During the TET Offensive of 1968 as the Commander of the 21st Ranger Battalion, he was instrumental in saving the family of the Vietnamese Corps commander in Hue as well as the recapture of the city. He participated in numerous operations earning many high-level Vietnamese awards for valorous courage.

While serving as his advisor, Vo Vang was decorated by the US Army for his actions when his battalion came to the rescue of the American advisors of a sister Ranger Battalion during a significant fight with North Vietnamese forces. Later the 1st Vietnamese Ranger Group including the 21st Battalion was awarded a US Navy unit award while serving under Marine Task Forces south of Da Nang.

While serving as the Commander of the 5th Regiment of the 2nd Vietnamese Division, Vo Vang was captured defending the city of Da Nang in 1975. On 14 April 1976 he was murdered in a so-called R-education Camp. According to friends in the camp with him, he was a fighter till the very end.

As a young officer, I learned so much from this tremendous soldier-leader which was critical to my personal development as an officer. I feel very blessed to have had such a mentor, coach, and example as Major Vo Vang.

Several years ago, I linked up with an outstanding Marine officer who served with us on a major Marine operation named Taylor Common. This Marine officer was very impressed with the 21st Vietnamese Ranger Battalion. Shortly after we reconnected, he was able to locate Vo Vang's family who live in California.

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They made it to the United States in the early 1980's. Needless to say I was very excited to meet the family which we did several years ago.

I thought the family had been able to leave Vietnam under some type of special program. There was no such program and the family (under the leadership of the mother) had escaped over a several year period to Hong Kong and then to Minnesota. When Da Nang fell and Vo Vang was captured defending the city, the family had escaped on an American cargo ship that was scheduled to head towards the United States. The mother decided the family had to get off the ship since she did not know the fate of her husband. They were let off on Phu Quoc Island, the southernmost island of South Vietnam. Vo Vang's wife was not about to leave Vietnam while her husband was being held. After several months, the family made their way back to the mainland of Vietnam and then made the long trip back to Da Nang.

Vo Vang was well known to the North Vietnamese officials because of his outstanding reputation as a true war fighting hero for South Vietnam. This fact made life for his family more difficult and would prevent them from such things as attending better school where Vo Vang's wife had been an official. The mother made the decision that the family would try to escape to the United States. It is so hard for me to appreciate the strength of the family facing the dangers and difficulties in leaving South Vietnam. They are truly a wonderful example of the determination and moral fiber of the Vietnamese people.

The mother, her four daughters and two sons were eventually reunited in Minnesota. These brothers and sisters earned degrees from the University of Minnesota mainly in Engineering fields. Many of the family live in California and are married with their own successful families. Vo Vang's children are very competent professionals in their chosen fields. I know he would be so proud of his family and especially his wife's courage and determination in getting all the family to the United States.

It is not surprising to me this family has done well knowing the character of Vo Vang. Maybe the real hero in this story is the

strong-willed wife of Vo Vang who sought the best for her family. At any rate, this is another example of the wonderful people of Vietnam.

Possible Reunion Update:

Last issue I asked you for your preference for a reunion site and I have received only one response. Therefore, I am postponing the reunion this year and will arbitrarily choose a site. Possibly San Antonio in late April 2024.

I will leave you with a few quotes:

Quotes:

As many of you can see one of my favorite humorists is Will Rogers, so I will leave you with a couple more from the wise political sage.

"Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco."

"Never miss a good chance to shut up."

Will Rogers

About Growing Older

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know "Why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Unknown

Mu Nau

Bill Miller

Unit Director





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

UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

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

Greetings and Salutations fellow LRRPs, Rangers, and Jayhawks... Stay safe, and stay healthy.

We start this issue noting that in a few days we will mark:

Memorial Day

Delta Park's Dedication for MG Eldon Bargewell (20 May 2023).

The 75TH RRA Reunion, General Meeting, and bi-annual election of officers at the end of June in Washington State.

VII CORPS LRRP's Donation of a Col. Maltese Memorial Henry Rifle at the Reunion.

The 2/75 Ranger Ball (30 June 2023).

I will not be attending any of these events as unit director due to superseding personal requirements.

MG ELDON BARGEWELL EVENTS:

I have tried to post this information on Facebook several times – but their algorithm keeps deciding I am spamming the group, and refuses to let the posts stay up. They have supposedly changed the way they are handling things inside private groups and will now let the group admins override their software's decisions. We'll see... (not that it's going to make any difference for the events for Eldon at this point).



Eldon Bargewell, 3RD PLT B/75 at Ft. Lewis. Photo Courtesy Col. Thomas Harris



<https://eldonbargewell.org/events/>

Delta Park Dedication Day is Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20th, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

The park dedication ceremony is open to the public. Veterans, friends, and donors: if you have not sent in your RSVP for the Friday social and the Saturday afternoon reception at the Hoquiam Elks, please do so right away by clicking the RSVP button below. Thank you!

RESPOND TO (LINK IS ON PAGE):

<https://eldonbargewell.org/rsvp/>

(If you are a donor):

Please bring your Donor tags for VIP seating at the ceremony! Veterans are encouraged to wear headgear denoting service.

OTHER SCHEDULE ITEMS:

Friday Night Social at Our Lady of Good Help Gym, May 19th (for family, close friends, and veterans)

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner and beverages complimentary (tips accepted)



3RD PLT marker Ft. Lewis – 1974. Photo Courtesy Col. Thomas Harris

75TH RRA REUNION AND BI-ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend at least some of the Reunion events in Washington State this year (26 June - 1 July). There will be Agenda items elsewhere in this issue, as well as on the website (75THRA.ORG), so I will not repeat any of that here –

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except to remind all of you that there will not only be the events and the opportunity to tour the 2ND Battalion's area, but also the bi-annual member's meeting and Election of Officers. If anyone desires to run for those Officer's posts, please inform Tom Sove (the Secretary). You can also register for the Reunion itself on the website.

HOW TO JOIN 75TH RRA

<https://75thrra.org/membership/>

<https://members.75thrra.org/join-us>

(there are some downloadable or "fillable" forms there).

2/75 RANGER BALL INVITATION

The 2nd Battalion/75th Ranger Regiment is inviting all 2023 reunion attendees to their RANGER BALL.

We are allotted 75 seats which will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

If you wish to attend, contact Tom Sove (the Secretary of the RRA) at tsove@sbcglobal.net.

You will then be provided with a link to make your reservation and make payment.

Cost: \$75 per person.

Time: Friday, June 30, 2023

5:00 Cocktail/Social Hour; 6:30 Call to Mess

Dress: Mess Blues for active duty personnel;

Black Tie Formal for civilians.

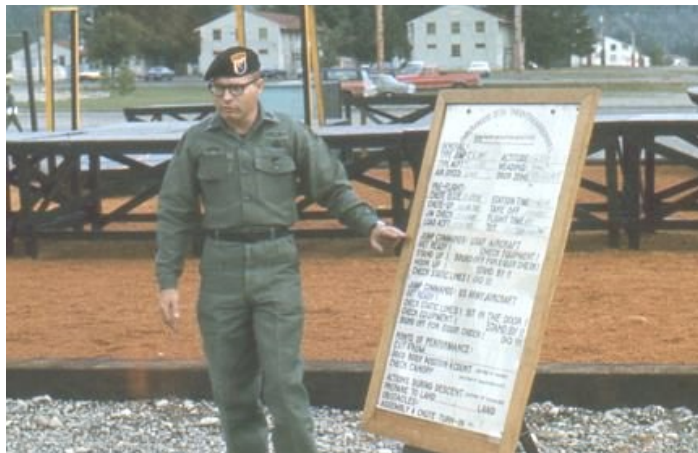
(This means tuxedo at best, or a formal black suit).

Location: Meydenbauer Center

Bellevue, WA (1 hour north of Ft. Lewis)

ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST: "DOC" WENTZEL

The previous Commanding Officer of B Company Rangers was Captain Sealon R. "Doc" Wentzel. He was the third member of the original 2ND Ranger Battalion in 1974, after the C.O. and the CSM. *Below-Photo Courtesy Col. Thomas Harris*



CPT "Doc" Wentzel instructing at Ft. Lewis - 1974



B/75 Company Marker at Ft. Lewis - 1974. Photo Courtesy Col. Thomas Harris

VII CORPS LRRPs AND REUNION

Subject: 2023 75th Ranger Association Rendezvous

Date: Tue, 11 Apr 2023

From: Richard Foster

Buenos Diaz, El Troopos. LRRP news updates.

Wow! Recently received a call from Fatback the other day.

His worldly introduction: "I'm back!"

I had to ask, "From where?"

Turns out, he listened to the wrong people telling him that he suffered from "cognitive decline".

I told him that was all bullshit! For our genre, cognitive decline is misinformation speak for successful aging.

The alternative is no cognition!

He called to find out what's going on, so I gave him the following bi-annual 75thRRA Rendezvous info:

Dates: June 26-July 1, 2023

Place: Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake

2300 Evergreen Park Dr. SW

Olympia, WA

Ph #: 800-206-9339 (Jessica Morhous)

So far, 4 of us have committed: Toby Ivey+1, Kirk Gibson+1, Fatback+1, and I.

Kirk was crying like a baby at the cost of flying, but I informed him the real costs of voting for Democrats is Brandon and Buttejerk.

I'm fairly certain that there will be others, but I haven't heard from them (Allen, Lengel, Fee, Touchon, Vanassee, et al).

Those on prolonged sick call will not be attending: Mssrs:Clark, Yarbrough, Storey, Mathiak, and Evaro. *Continued next page*

After this message I'll try to get a snail mail message out to our PC-illiterate Brothers.

I may (or may not) get out a finished itinerary of events as it solidifies.

The 2nd Ranger Battalion is hosting this year's event.

Some of you may recall that we, the Jayhawk LRRPs, collected and donated \$1,000 to help establish 2nd Rangers "Point du Hoc" Memorial at their compound at Lewis-McChord.

We may want to check it out and see how well they spent our LRRP donation dollars.

Tom Forde wrote the check, so we can only assume it was good.

Speaking of dues, Tom says we have enough money for our administrative duties, so no collection is currently anticipated. Having said that, I think/expect we should start a "pauper" fund to help some of our Brothers make these reunions. Nominations and donations should go to Forde and/or me. Don't put it off!!

One next to last info note: I have funded the first, of what I hope is many more of the following:

75th Ranger Regiment Association Tribute Rifles

To be donated and used to support the Association's several charities (i.e., Family, Scholarship, etc.).

This first Henry Golden Boy, lever action, 22 caliber (HOO1) will be engraved as follows:

Honoring Col Edward Maltese, Founder VII Corps Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Co (Airborne) 1960

This first Tribute Rifle is to be raffled off at the 2023 Rendezvous in Washington with all monies collected going to the above mentioned charities,

(Side note: It would be great if Henry Repeating Arms and its President Anthony Imperato could or would see fit support such an effort as long as there is a 75th Ranger Regiment and Association in existence. If Harley Davidson Motorcycles can see fit to be an official sponsor of the Army Rangers, I think Henry Repeating Arms Company may want to be an honored part of our heritage. Can our Association Execs look into this? (I've tried but to no avail).

Two final notes:

I haven't finished reading my last edition of Patrolling, but there are two other submissions that are excellent reads:

On page 38, 1st Cav's article by Pete Dencker honoring, among others, a nice piece on Maj David B. Tucker, Killed In Action 1 October 1967 in Vietnam (several years after he left the VII Corps LRRP Co. in Germany). We visited his gravesite beside his legendary father, General Ruben Tucker (WWII 504th PIR) in Savannah GA.

Another great article, submitted by Diane Reitz (page 41) via UD David Christian of 1st Infantry Division LRRPs (I/75,

F/52 LRP). Worthy readings.

Our own submissions by Bill Mathiak and B/75 UD Marc Thompson for their excellent stories of the past and present. We LRRPs appreciate your services!

That's it! I know you guys know that we VII Corps Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Companies filled the gap between the 2nd Battalion Rangers of WWII and today's 2nd Battalion 75th Regiment Rangers.

Our lineage runs strong and we are AIRBORNE proud to be a part of it!

Dick Foster, Pfc, E-10

President, VII Corps LRRP Assoc

RICARDO TORRES & FISHING (2016)

From Ricardo: I don't think Delta Junction has fish like this.



Rogue River 2016. Photo Courtesy Ricardo Torres

Caught on the Rogue River. If I could get fish of this quality at Whole Foods I would. Nope this was one mile from the ocean on the Rogue River. We will be fishing it for the last time as I suspect they will close it down next Spring. I think this will be the last Spring Season to fish it due to poor runs and California hasn't set its River Salmon dates yet so I see where it may close also. I guess it will be a fall fishery that competes with deer season and that sucks.

SICK CALL: RANGER VOYLES

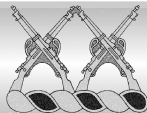
Tony Richardson will be trying to assist Ranger Voyles in attending any of those Reunion events (if possible).

Hope you all have the opportunity to visit at the Reunion, or at the dedication of Eldon Bargewell's Memorial Park. I will try to get some after-action reports for the next issue.

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

V/R:

Marc L. Thompson, Unit Director



C/75 - E/20 LRP

Unit Director—Darryl "Bones" Benton

I have attached a picture of Bob Shafer with a large bandage on his forehead; his wound was the result of a fistfight with **Don Kinton** while at



base camp at An Khe. The ruck-us with a disagreement over who could kick a soccer ball harder, a soccer player or an American football player. Kinton was a star high school soccer player and



Shaffer had a football scholarship from the University of Tennessee where he kicked extra points, field goals, and kickoffs.

When the fight ended, Shaffer and Kinton couldn't stop the bleeding on Shaffer's head with bandages.

About midnight, they woke up Charles Samuelson, Team Leader of

Don Kinton's Team 4-3 tangled with an NVA unit on March 6, 1968; Sadly, Don was shot in the chest and died on the operating table in the Pleiku hospital.

When not fighting Charlie or the NVA, the boys would be back in base camp fighting with each other. No one can tell you why.

Be Strong

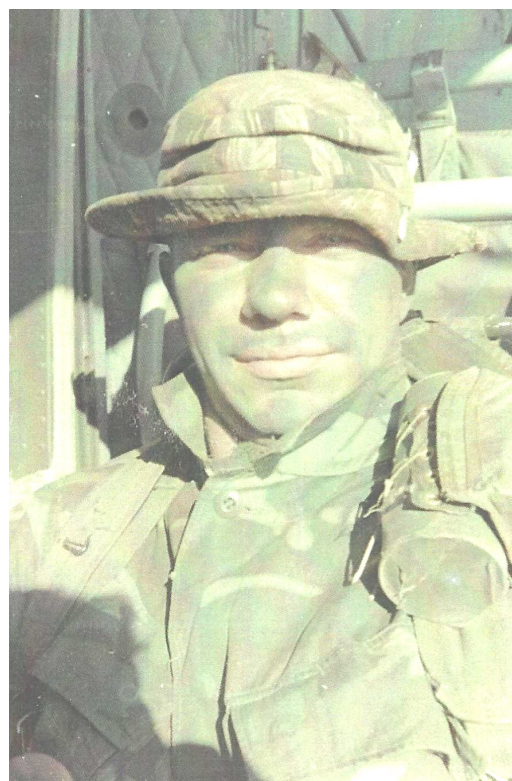
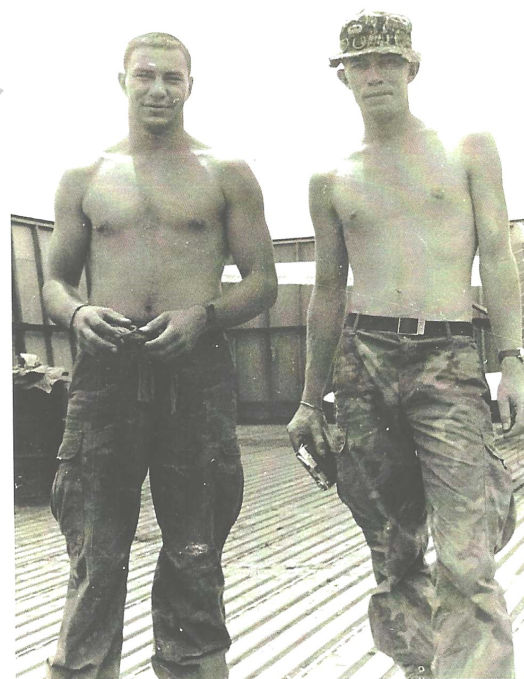
Bob Stein-RLTW

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Team 4-6 and asked him to help control the bleeding. Sam had completed the army's eight-week combat medic training in San Antonio, Texas, so he put two stitches in Shaffer's without anesthesia; that solved the problem! Who knows why they didn't

take Bob to the field hospital. Bob just "gutted it out". Shaffer was considered by our platoon to be the "tough guy from Ohio"! The three photos of Bob Shaffer include one with the bandage, another with Ray Bohrer, and a third before a patrol mission.





Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry, Airborne

In Search of the Enemy

Story and photos by SP5 A.P. HONEGGER

The hill is of stone. Rising black and empty on the western end of the valley, it marks the fore-runner of the jagged mountains that form the Annamese Cordillera, running north to south over Indochina.

Slowly, almost reluctantly, men clad in black and green tiger suits reach the hilltop. Without a word or sign they fan out, taking up their respective defensive positions. Two of them settle against a protruding black rock. One tests the radio set while another opens a map on his knees. The man with the map takes out a pair of field glasses, focuses and begins a slow, methodical survey from the foot of the hill to a vast expanse of open clearing to the right of a spur.

The coastline is visible on the horizon—the South China Sea, a dark blue in the setting sun. The first lights appear in the villages. It is past seven in the evening. The day had been hot and languid, laden with an acrid smell of dust and dank emanations of the sun-scorched trees. Some Vietnamese call this part of Binh Thuan Province the desert of Vietnam for only a small portion of the valley is arable land.

Reduced to a mere shadow by the setting sun, the man with the field glasses studies the eastern

portion of the valley, swinging from north to south along a tree line that forms a grim reminder of a once luxuriant vegetation. There was no sign of life all around. The men gradually vanish in the tenebrous tentacles of the night. Yet they know the enemy is there. The day before another team had been extracted under enemy fire from that very same clearing. As he had done in the past, the enemy would be moving during the early hours of dusk and part of the night.

The man with the glasses holds a long time on the open clearing quadrangled by a tree line on all four sides. A likely place for the Viet Cong to assemble. But tonight it seemed empty too. The array of trails was next—those long, narrow paths, like a criss-cross of scars, which allow the enemy to move without map and compass.

Suddenly, the field glasses stop, swing back—here it is, a tiny dot of light moving along a trail. Another one on the left, slowly oscillates towards the same general direction. Seems like some rallying point.

Without undue haste or motion, the radio operator contacts the Tactical Operation Center (TOC) several miles to the southeast. The man with the glasses, the team

leader, plots the enemy's position on the map and sends his report in faint but distinctly audible words. Back at the TOC, the radio transmission has been entered verbatim in a log, and coordinates of the enemy location and direction of movement are marked on the map that covers an entire wall.

It had been a long and tedious march to the hilltop. The dried out leaves and twigs on the ground had considerably slowed the ascension and the big, black rocks had not made movement easier.

Early that day, a slick—troop carrying helicopter—flanked by two gunships had infiltrated the men into their area of operations.

The senior scout or point man went first. Ten to 20 meters behind, the assistant team leader, and in five to 15-meter intervals, the team leader, radio-telephone operator (RTO) and scout followed.

The march to the foot of the hill had been smooth and easy. But the climb had taken its toll in muscle and water. The water especially posed a major problem. It would have to be dropped from the air...

These men, Staff Sergeant James W. Nobles, Orange, Tex., the team leader; Sergeant Robert J. Shaffer, Sharpsville, Pa., the assistant team leader; Specialist 4 Richard Spears,



Ottawa, Canada, senior scout; Specialist 4 Ronald E. Renau, Charleston, S.C., RTO; and Specialist 4 James E. Perry Jr. of Dover, Del., a scout, are members of Long Range Patrol (LRP) Team 45, 4th Platoon, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry, Airborne.

Based at Pleiku's Camp Enari, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry, Airborne, is assigned to I Field Force Vietnam and attached to B Company, 5th Special Forces Group, Airborne, to conduct reconnaissance operations within II Corps Tactical Zone.

The company, headed by Major William O'Connor of Boston, Mass., was formed in Phan Rang in September of 1967 and has been operational since November when it moved to Camp Enari in the Central Highlands.

A member of Company E from its organization, Staff Sergeant Georges J. Barber of Thermopolis, Wyo.,

points out that, "The bulk of the company was originally formed of hand-picked volunteers from the 101st Airborne Division."

Company E is organized into four platoons of seven teams each, a headquarters section handling all the administrative and logistical work, and a communications platoon which is responsible for the vital radio contact with all the teams scattered throughout II CTZ.

First Lieutenant Jack Daniel of Russellville, Ky., 4th Platoon leader, remarks, "The mission of this LRP company is to find the enemy's main routes of supply, bivouac and troop concentration sites, to report their exact location and to leave the area undetected in order to continue the mission. Normally a mission lasts several days, but in case of heavy contact with an enemy force, the teams in the field can be extracted at any time."

In addition, the company has the capacity to operate as a platoon-size force and conduct regular recon-in-force missions. Several members are presently teaching the techniques of long range patrolling to selected volunteers from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 22d Division at Bong Son and the 23d Division at Ban Me Thuot.

To date, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry, Airborne has supported U.S. units such as the 1st Air Cavalry Division, the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Sep), the 4th Infantry Division, the 101st Airborne Division and the 5th Special Forces Group, Airborne throughout the II Corps area.

Good intelligence is a most decisive factor in an armed conflict, and through its outstanding fighting record, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry, Airborne, can be proud of its contribution in blunting the edge of Communist aggression.

The team leader radios a situation report (SITREP) to the battalion TOC. A SITREP is transmitted three times daily to indicate the team's position and latest observations.





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

UNIT DIRECTOR—ROBERT HERNANDEZ

Gentlemen, Family and Friends,

Reminder: 2023 Green Bay Lrrp/Ranger Reunion
Thursday, October 5th – Tuesday, October 10th
Best Western Hotel, 780 Armed Forces Dr.
Green Bay, WI 543041
(920) 499- 3161

The wait is nearly over for the long awaited 2023 Green Bay "Leaving Our Legacy" Reunion. The reunion will mark our thirtieth anniversary since a few good men took the time to locate their comrades-in-arms and held the first reunion in Baltimore, MD.

There will be a few changes to our normal reunions. For one thing the reunion will start on Thursday and continue until Tuesday instead of Sunday through Saturday. The reason for this is to make it easier to travel at a less crowded time, cheaper car rentals and airline tickets. We hope this will allow you to invite more family and friends with you to witness the camaraderie we have shared over more than 50 years.

Dan Stouffer and his son-in-law, Joe Moehle, have planned a few special surprises for us, and I think you will be pleased with them. I will have more about the surprises later.

The legacy of the 9th Division LRRPs/Rangers is a proud one. From the first mission in the jungles of Vietnam in 1967 to the last mission in the Mekong Delta in 1970, E company was highly effective in disrupting the enemy's supply lines and had a profound psychological impact on the enemy in his own back yard.

The purpose of this "Legacy" reunion is to honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of E company and to never forget those that made the ultimate sacrifice. Please remember to bring your pictures, poems, memorabilia, and stories to share with the group. Also please take the time to put a collage together with a few pictures of you and your team at various times during your tour of duty. You may also want to make a collage of your time after the military to include your family, friends, and hobbies. The tentative schedule for the reunion (but subject to change follows):

THURSDAY

0900 - 1100 – check in at the hospitality room.

1100 - Posting of the colors and opening remarks.



1200 - Lunch – pizza

1400 - Free time

FRIDAY

0930 - Scary Cheese Plant (8 miles away), 23082 Old Martin Road, De Pere, WI 54115

1200 -1400 Fort Howard Park - BBQ lunch, 2153 Crary Street, Ashwaubenon, WI 543041

1600 - Range Briefing (All unit members), Brown County Veterans Memorial (or a room in Lambeau Field), 1901 South Oneida Street, Green Bay, WI 54304

1800 - Friday night Fish Fry at the hotel (D2 sports bar).

SATURDAY

900 - Range Day Outing sponsored by Virlee Gunworks (45 mile away) at 1019 Egg Harbor Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

<https://virleegunworks.com/>

1000 - Arrive at the range and receive safety briefing and range layout (pistol range/ rifle range).

1200 - BBQ lunch at site.

Continue range activities until 1630.

1700 - Return to hotel.

SUNDAY

– Lambeau Field Tour and lunch in the Title Town District.

MONDAY

Free day –explore options – National Railroad Museum just 5 minutes away or Public Museum 3 miles away.

TUESDAY - Unit Activates (Times TBA)

Unit meeting

Memorial service

Banquet / Raffle/ Auction

Closing remarks / retire the colors.

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Report on the Fallen Ranger Ceremony - Hilan Jones

It was my privilege along with Tess, Doug MacCallum, Old Sarge Walden (his daughter, Kathy), Dan Stouffer (his son-law, Joe Moehle), Jerry Johnson (his wife, Michelle), Byron Jones (his wife, Dorothy), Roy and Sharon Barley, to honor Hilan Jones at the Fallen Ranger ceremony at Camp Frank Merrill in Dahlonega, Georgia.

The unit members lined up to my left and right at parade rest all wearing the tan shirt and black beret as I read the citation of the mission Jones led part of a 10-man killer team that ambushed over 50 heavily armed NVA. The team came under heavy contact while searching the kill zone. The first rescue chopper could not lift the 10-man team and a POW, so Jones and two others volunteered to stay behind and wait for a second chopper.

While under heavy automatic fire one of the LRRPs was hit in both legs and with Cobra helicopters firing rockets and mini guns, Jones ran to recover the wounded man and carried him to the second chopper. All three men escaped safely.

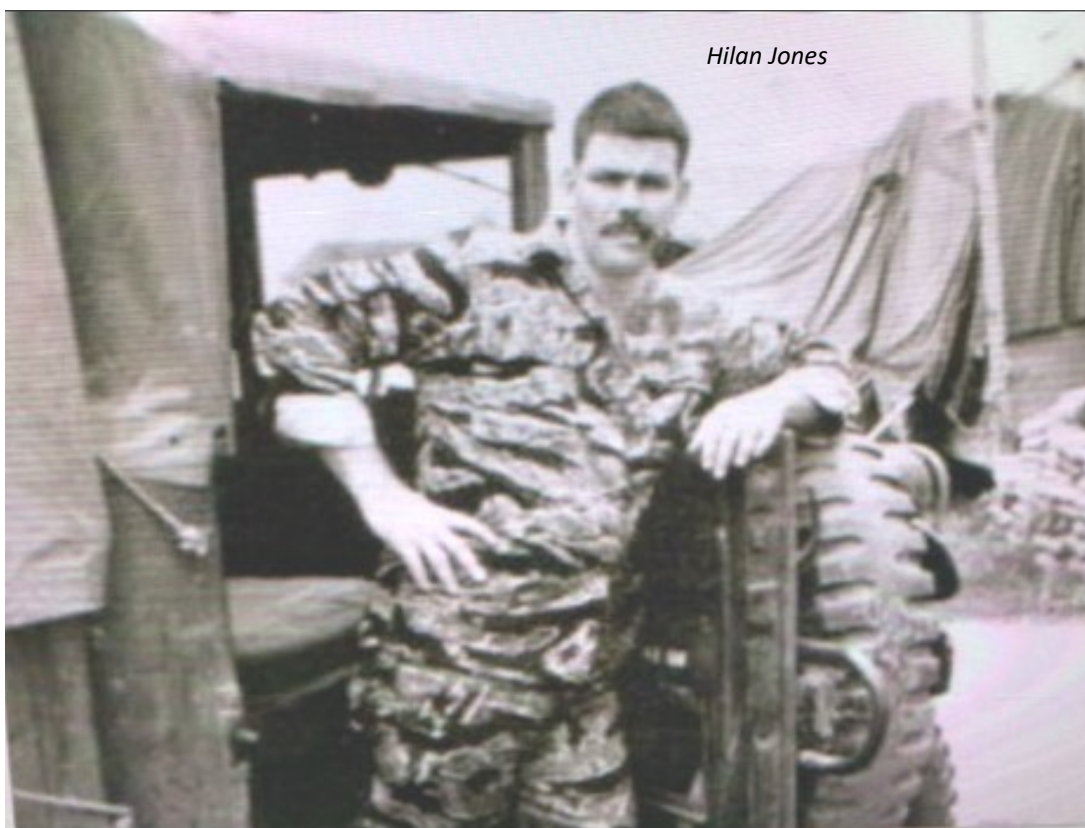
As I finished reading the citation Tess called the detail to attention and we rendered a respectful, deliberate salute.

Hilan's family was represented by his son, Seth and his wife, Claudia. The rest of Hilan's family was able to view the brief ceremony via a telephonic video chat.

The Ceremony was followed by the Critter Cook-Out which this year featured bear, elk, bison, wild boar, and a 60-pound grouper. Many of the ladies brought enough desserts to fill three tables. There were homemade cookies, pies, cakes, doughnuts, cheesecakes, and a variety of fresh fruits. It was really a feast for the eyes.

Bob Hernandez
E50/E75
Unit Director

RLTW!



Hilan Jones



Ceremony prior to the Critter Cookout in Dahlonega



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN McGEE

I have the distinct honor and pleasure to announce that our brother Marshall Huckaby is going to be inducted into the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame on June 22, 2023 at Fort Moore (Benning) Ga. We expect that there will be a large turnout of Company F Brothers and their families to witness this most deserving honor for Marshall Huckaby.

The following is the nomination letter for Marshall's Induction.

Marshall Huckaby enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961 and served upon the USS Dodge County participating in the Cuban Missile Blockade. Following his Navel service in 1964, Marshall enlisted in the United States Army and served until his retirement in 1981. 1SG. Huckaby's first combat tour in Vietnam was from April 1966 until March 1967 where he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Company (LRRP). It was during this tour he became one of the first graduates of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) "Recondo" course. Additionally, he was awarded the first of his four Bronze Stars with V for Valor, and the first of his four Purple Hearts.

1SG. Huckaby's second combat tour in Vietnam was from May 1968 through June 1969 assigned to 1st Battalion 16th Infantry (Mechanized) where once again he was decorated for valor against a hostile enemy. His final tour of duty in Vietnam was from June 1970 through July 1971 where he was assigned as an advisor to Vietnamese Army as a member of (MACV) Advisory Team 87 in Tay Ninh province.

Marshall served in the 25th, 9th, & 1st INF DIVs, 1st AVN BDE, and Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Continually displaying selflessness, devotion to duty, and bravery, he was decorated for heroism and was wounded four times, once having been wounded by being bayoneted during hand-to-hand fighting. His combat record and service is second to none.

1SG. Huckaby continued his military career serving in multiple senior Noncommissioned Officer positions of increasing duties and responsibilities until his retirement in October 1981.

1SG. Huckaby's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with V device with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster, The Purple Heart Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with 8 Campaign Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal (5th Award), Civil Action Honor Medal(1st Class), Combat Infantry Badge and many more.

Marshall Huckaby's service to this nation did not end with his military retirement. He continued serving while working with the



Veterans Administration 1987-1996, The United States Custom Service 2000-2001, and as a Charter Member of the United States Department of Homeland Security 2001-2008. He ended his federal service retiring from the Department of The Army in 2010 where he was awarded the Commanders Award for Service.

1SG Huckaby served this nation with dignity and honor, his professionalism and dedication to duty have always been in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army, yet it is his selfless service to his fellow veterans that truly sets Marshall Huckaby apart. He served as a US Army Combat Related Special

Compensation Ambassador to assist Veterans with their service-related compensation claims.

He has been extensively involved as a volunteer with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association since its conception and has held multiple positions within the organization.

Marshall served as Unit Director of Company F 25th ID LRRP/50th Inf /LRP/75th Rangers. He has been the glue that has kept that unit together. He is a member of the US Army Mountain Ranger Association and has volunteered his culinary services multiple times for their annual "Critter Cook-Out".

1SG. Huckaby has supported the 75th Ranger Regiment's Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader Course by providing guest speakers for their graduation ceremonies. He has volunteered and assisted the 1st Ranger Battalion with its fund raisers and soldier benefits programs.

1SG. Marshall Huckaby organized, founded, and served as the first President of the Long-Range Reconnaissance Association (LRRA). An organization that allowed veterans who have served in reconnaissance units come together to support and assist not only each other but other combat veterans and their families. The LRRA is determined to keep the legacy of Long-Range Recon units alive. Marshall Huckaby personally led the fundraising to place Memorial Stone Benches at the National Ranger Memorial, the National Infantry Museum and The National Museum of the United States Army, that honor the service and sacrifice of Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol, Long Range Patrol, and Long Range Surveillance Unit veterans.

1SG. Marshall Huckaby exemplifies those values so eloquently expressed in the six stanzas of the Ranger Creed. He is a volunteer, serving in both the Navy and the Army. He is an elite warrior holding himself to the highest standards. A graduate of the US Army Sergeants Major Academy, Bachelor of Science from Troy University.

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Master of Science from Georgia Southern. Honored as a "Centurion" in the National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice. Distinguished Member of the 4th Cavalry Regiment by order of the US Army Chief of Armor and inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

He has never left his comrades behind. He is a cornerstone of

the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Founder of the Long-Range Reconnaissance Association. 1SG Marshall Huckaby has distinguished himself by his contributions and dedicated loyal support of the 75th Infantry Regiment and by his devotion to the principle of selfless service embodied by the United States Army RANGER!

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS PATCH CEREMONY

Created by Jonnie Clasen



LTC Chris Green, Camp Merrill commander, (Below center L) held a March 9, 2023, ceremony to pin a new Merrill's Marauder patch on his soldiers. Jonnie Melillo Clasen, daughter of Georgia's last Marauder, Vincent Melillo, was visiting the camp's small museum, and LTC Green asked if she'd like to pin on the patches – seen in the two photos below.

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UNIT DIRECTOR—AL STEWART



Whether we want to admit it or not, we are getting older. As seniors (a code word for “old”), we are warned not to fall (when did we fall on purpose?) unless we were jumping out of airplanes, watch what we eat, don’t drink too much (if you were arrested for DWI, that is too much) and get plenty of sleep. Yes, things change as we get older. While I can’t quote studies on this subject, in all honesty, I believe older men (us) tend to ignore changes or warning signs in our health far more than do women. Most women look after their health better than men and thusly, live longer than men. For us older guys, we ignore the dark spot on our foreheads because we don’t want to go to the doctor for some silly spot that appeared or because we have a little blood in our urine or some other silly issue we can just blame on “getting older.” The trick for us is, if we want to continue to get older, we need to pay attention to our bodies and get checked out when things change, especially in a bad way. Shortness of breath is not just a sign of old age, it is a warning sign that something may be wrong, and it is easier to fix early rather than when it has gone too long.

Of course, I have a plan to live forever, and so far, it is working. In order to achieve my goal of living forever, I decided to walk daily and for the past 6-7 years, I have walked 5 miles a day, weather permitting. This satisfies my twisted belief that I can ignore all other exercise needs such as stretching and lifting weights because, walking is easy for me. I have found that I can diagnose orthopedic issues when my hips hurt A LOT! Or if my knees are killing me, I go to a surgeon, and I can get things replaced and start my walking again with some new parts. Granted, after a few weeks of recovery, it is a little difficult to get back to 5 miles a day, but with some determination, I can overcome being out of shape eventually.

The real problem as a man is ignoring other issues and not getting checked out. So, when my legs start really hurting when I am on my walk, or, when I realize that I am short of breath when a month ago, I wasn’t, I simply ignore it. After all, I have an appointment with my primary care physician in a couple of months and I can always discuss these issues when I see him. The pain in my chest is not that bad.....until that day that it really is. So, as a formally certified EMT, and someone who has dealt with trauma for years, I come to the realization that I have been ignoring the blatant warning signs for months and that something is amiss. I can recognize trauma and know what to do, however, I can’t diagnose the internal workings of my body. So, I call my wife (a retired research nurse) and ask her to take me to the hospital because I believe I am having a heart attack. Of course, since this is not a joint pain issue, my self-diagnosis is wrong. Thankfully, I am not having a cardio issue; I just have a chest full of blood



clots. Damn! I should have paid attention to all those warning signs for the past 3 months. Fortunately, after a few days in the hospital and some good meds, I am back to walking each day.

The moral of this story is, guys, don’t ignore physical changes in your body. Pay attention to your body and get things checked out. Listen to your better half and go to the doctor for a check-up. Paying attention to your health now will make it more likely you can attend and enjoy some of our upcoming reunions.

For those of you who are members of the RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, and particularly those of you who are on the west coast, the RRA reunion will be associated with the Second Ranger Battalion this year.

The 2023 75th RRA Reunion will be held in Olympia Washington this year, hosted by the 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment. Dates are

June 26-July 1, 2023 at the Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SE, Olympia, Washington, 98502. Last date for reunion guaranteed rates is 6/12/2023. Ph.# for calling hotel direct: 800-206-9939. You can also book your reservations from the 75th RRA website by clicking on the Reunion Info link. There is also a daily schedule of events. Wednesday, 6/28 will have a live fire hands-on time at the range to fire current day weapons. There will also be different vehicles and tools of the trade used in today’s Ranger world. This is a great opportunity for you west coasters to attend a reunion. They have always been held at Ft Benning, but a decision was made last year, with the input of Unit Directors to move the Reunion around. If you are interested in attending, go to the website and sign up. If you have any problems, let me know and I will try and help.

The Association has recently hired a new, talented webmaster to produce and run the website. If you have any problems, let me know and I will pass it on. This is a work in progress. 75thRRA.org

On the topic of reunions, our next E-51st/G75th event will be:

The Grand Smokies Resort Lodge

September 6th-10th 2023 Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. There will be more information as to how to register as we get closer to the event.

I have cautioned our membership several times that our association will cease to exist sometime in our future. I hope that our Board will plan in advance of this inevitable and sad event. We should have a plan that details legally, what will happen to our funds in advance of this unwelcome event.

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No one is looking forward to our organizational demise, but it is certainly on the horizon. Our membership is dying out, all now in our 70's or 80's. Many are in bad health and can no longer travel. If you are able, don't miss our last reunion. We never know what year that will be. For me and for most of our members, our reunions are reminders of good and bad times that have made us what we are. Better for the experience. Seeing our brothers and families is another opportunity to thank our comrades for their friendship and in many cases, their leadership and kindness. Vietnam may have been a lost cause politically, but for us, it was an adventure and opportunity to experience friendship and comradeship at a level that circumstances outside war rarely see. A kinship of circumstances of strangers coming together in a like cause to do an honorable thing and build lifelong friendships in the mix of turmoil and hazardous circumstances.

Some of our friends never lived to return. We have a duty to honor, celebrate, and remember them as though they are still with us. Our roll-call of those who gave their all is a fitting way to express this. So, as we grow older and contemplate the days gone by, our fond memories tend to be more important. Our memories may fade and the people and places and who were there when we did.....whatever, may lose some accuracy, but the fact that we remember things at all is a blessing. Make your plans to attend our next reunion. Call someone you haven't heard from in a long while and ask them to attend. Our opportunities to share old friendships are diminishing with every passing year.

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UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker

I would like to kick off this issue with some info and requests for the Louisville reunion. Hopefully if you're reading this it's not too late. Doug Parkinson is trying to finalize a list of those who will be

attending, whether or not you are bringing a

spouse or significant other – and finally if you will be going on the dinner cruise which will happen on Thursday night the 15th. If you haven't been in touch with Doug, please call him. I've sent his phone number on an "all Company" email – if you did not get that please get in touch with me and I'll fix that situation. Also, according to Bob Raab – the Company meeting will be EARLY Friday morning followed by the luncheon.

This issue's article will honor Bill Critchfield. William R. Critchfield was born on February 6, 1947. His home of record is Maple Shade, NJ. William graduated from Merchantville High School in 1966. In school, he is remembered as kind and unassuming. Bill was the oldest of six. He had three brothers and two sisters. His high school yearbook entry: Bill's happy-go-lucky and cheerful personality will help him to make many friends in the future just as he has at M.H.S. He spends much of his spare time relaxing in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, or surfing. His plans for the future include further education. Bill was killed in action on December 27, 1967.

The remainder of this article covers Bill's last mission. Spent quite a bit of time on the phone with Dean Lindstrom, Bill's cousin, who wrote the article I'm highlighting here with the help of Paul Hart a lift pilot for the 1/9th, with input from Rangers Bob Carr, Bill Carpenter, Doc Gilchrest, Earl McCann and Pat Blewett. Also spent time on the phone with Pat Blewett, the only remaining member of that Team to get a firsthand account of the mission only to find out later that there was already an article in the Lebrun/Carpenter Historical Occurrences book. Regardless, it was a costly mission for E/52nd/H75th – but demonstrated the



Below photo- Bill Critchfield



bond and level of cooperation between our Teams and the 1/9th support.

1967 was a watershed year for the War in Vietnam. The number of US troops increased from 435,000 at the end of 1966, to 500,000 in 1967. Although public opinion regarding the war had been waning, Middle America and the media were tiring but still generally supportive of the war effort. By late 1967, after a series of border battles initiated by the PAVN (People's Army of Vietnam) including Loc Ninh, Song Be, and Dak To, the war had reached a turning point and officers at MACV began to see some 'light at the end of the tunnel'. US attrition objectives were being achieved: Vietcong and NVA units were apparently losing more forces in South Vietnam than could

be replaced through recruitment or infiltration. Policymakers in Hanoi also came to the conclusion that the war was stalemated and that battlefield trends were not in their favor. By December 1967, major operations throughout Vietnam had ceased and the war became a series of small unit clashes. Although it was generally not understood at the time, VC and NVA units were preparing for two major initiatives and moving men and materiel throughout the Central Highlands: The Siege at Khe Sanh would begin on the 21st of January 1968, and the Tet Offensive on Jan 30.

On Dec 26, 1967, SP-4 Bill Critchfield returned from a mission with a team lead by Bob Carr. Carr's Team was on the ground in an area known as the Crow's Foot which was located in the Kim Son Valley in the Vinh Thanh Mountains. Bill volunteered to join another

mission scheduled for the next day on a Team led by Sgt. Joe "Montana" Haverland. For this mission, Bill was the Assistant Team Lead (ATL) joining Pat Blewett (RTO), Don Van Hook, and two South Vietnamese scouts Qui and Phi. The team lifted off from LZ Uplift the following morning for a first light insertion in the Suoi Ca Valley which was located 20 miles south of Bong Son in the Binh Dinh Province and named for the Suoi Ca stream that flows through the valley.

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The valley itself is approximately 20 kilometers long on a north/south axis that roughly parallels Highway 1. Highway 1 was notoriously known since the French occupation as “La Rue Sans Joie” – The Street Without Joy which was bordered by Binh Khe to the west, Phu My to the northeast, and Phu Cat to the southwest. After a successful insertion, the team made their way to their first rendezvous point. After laying dog for 30 minutes, the Team began to recon the mountainside and deep ravines in the valley located in an area with heavy triple canopy jungle. The day wore on without incident. At approximately 5:00 pm, the team located and established an NDP on the side of a hill with a 20-degree incline and in an area surrounded by thick jungle and notably trees.

The trees afforded Montana the ability to climb and view the valley floor. Montana had become famous for climbing trees to get a better view of the immediate AO. After identifying the NDP the team set out trip flares but held off setting out claymores. The VC and NVA were known to sneak up on positions and turn the claymores around on the team. The claymores would be deployed as night fell, placing a pin-released hand grenade under the claymore as a booby-trap detonating the claymore if it were disturbed. The team settled in and began preparing dinner.

On most missions, the team ate freeze-dried LRP rations – because standard C-rations were too heavy to pack in. On this mission, the team had also brought in the meat portions from some C-rations. As they started to prepare the meat, Phi and Qui went out into the jungle and brought back a number of plants and chopped them up and made a delicious stew that was heated using a small piece of C4 explosive lit on fire in a small hole in the ground. C4 burned hot and fast and was fairly smokeless and was often used to heat rations in the field.

At around 5:30, as the team was just getting ready to eat dinner, Montana whispered down to the team, “Gook.” A moment later, “Another one.” Several moments later he said “Shit. They’re all over the place.” It was later determined that an NVA anti-aircraft battalion consisting of 1,500 – 2,000 North Vietnamese Regulars were moving down the valley floor, hugging the edge of the tree line nearest the team’s position. RTO, Pat Blewett connected with Redleg and called in an artillery strike targeting the large force. As the artillery shells landed, Pat called in the coordinates, walking the artillery up the hill toward the team’s position. Normally, an enemy force attempting to evade artillery fire would move in a different direction than the direction the artillery was being walked, but for some reason the main NVA force evaded directly up the hill directly toward the Team.

Montana, still in the tree, called out “Let’s get the hell out of here.” The E&E plan called for the team to split up into two groups (Pat, Bill, and Phi) and (Montana, Van Hook, and Qui). The groups would move in opposite directions around the hill and rendezvous in the valley on the other side. Bill and Phi were squatting on the ground in a defensive firing position to the left of Pat, packs on, ready to move. At that point one of the NVA soldiers threw a satchel charge and simultaneously sprayed the area with automatic weapon fire as it detonated.

The charge landed several feet immediately in front of Bill and Phi. Pat had just pulled on his pack and was turning to say “Let’s move” when he saw a bright orange flash. He pulled the emergency release on his pack and kicked his legs out, landing prone on the ground as the satchel charge exploded. After the blast, Pat opened his eyes and looked to his left to discover Bill and Phi in a heap. The explosion blew a hole in Pat’s calf and shredded his backpack, which had not come off – most likely saving his life. The explosion also blew off Qui’s heel and blew Montana completely out of the tree, injuring his back. Only Van Hook managed to escape serious injury.

Pat and Van Hook immediately went to Bill and Phi who were unconscious and attempted to administer first-aid. At the time LRRPs carried a med kit including cans of blood extenders (serum albumin). Unfortunately, the med kit had been in Pat’s backpack and was destroyed in the blast. Van Hook found a damaged can of serum albumin but sliced his hand open while attempting to open it.

Meanwhile, NVA soldiers were still attacking the position while evading artillery. As Van Hook helped Montana and Qui, into defensive firing positions, Pat had radioed in the initial distress call with a request for reinforcements and immediate evacuation. A 30-man Quick Reaction Force (QRF) the “Blue’s”, and “Red” team gunships from the 1/9th Cav were scrambled out of LZ Two-Bits near Bong Son. The 1/9th lift birds headed south into the mountains and valleys of the coastal plain toward Suoi Ca to insert the Blue platoon, secure the area, and extract the LRRP team.

In a 2006 email to Dean Lindstrom, Paul Hart - the lead lift pilot described the following account of the extraction: despite the darkness of night along with the mountainous terrain our gunships were able to designate a landing zone (LZ) as close as possible to the team and we proceeded to air assault our Blues into that area. As we circled above the valley floor, we could see our units in contact by the abundance of tracers. During this “holding” period we had some airborne discussion regarding the extraction and medivac of the team, as well as our own Blues. The LRRP team had managed to set up defensive firing positions and in the darkness. Back on the ground Pat Blewett indicated that suddenly something set off one of our trip flares and Van Hook spun around ready to engage the area with his weapon on full-auto - but Blewett stopped him and got on the radio, ‘Blue, if you tripped that flare, tell me now.’

After receiving an affirmative reply, Blewett informed the Blues that they were going across the mountain above the Team and that he would send a man up to meet them. Don’t shoot. Van Hook went up to the Blues to lead them to the Team and get everyone ready for extraction. Everyone, except Van Hook and Blewett, were put on ponchos and carried out. Van Hook was able to walk on his own and Blewett walked up the hill with two M-16’s for crutches - one for each shoulder. Van Hook and Blewett located and dusted one gook hiding in the bushes on the way up.”

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Paul Hart continued: "I accepted responsibility for the extraction and medivac when we got the call. The other three lift birds would add the additional Blue platoon troopers that would be left on the ground. While the area was still "hot", we received a call from our Blues telling us that they had linked up with the LRRP team and needed immediate medivac. That was my call to go. I went into a makeshift LZ in the direction of our Blues and under cover of our gunships. At this point, the adrenaline rush sets in and as a pilot you're concentrating on the job at hand. In this case it was landing in the dark, in a hot LZ, getting the team on board, getting out of the LZ and to the nearest medical facility. In the few frantic and hurried minutes, it took to land and load, I was able to glance around as the team was helped or placed aboard by our Blues. Some seemed to be conscious, others not. My crew chief yelled "flights up" and we were gone. Fortunately, there was an aid station a short flight away. We were there and on the ground and met by waiting medical personnel within minutes. After everyone was unloaded, we departed the area and returned to our base camp.... As the Aircraft Commander (A/C) that evening, I was recommended for and received the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). Something that I continue to display and take pride in -- not because it came from an act of war, but more from an act of humanity - one soldier helping another - what more can be asked." Upon arrival at the

med station at LZ Uplift, it was determined that both Bill and Phi had died from their injuries, most likely immediately. Both had multiple bullet wounds in the chest and extensive damage to the lower body from the satchel charge explosion. In all likelihood, neither Bill nor Phi knew or felt anything before they died. "Montana" Joe Haverland suffered back injuries and later returned to LZ Uplift for a few missions. He transferred to the 1/9 Blues until his return to the United States. Joe died in a car accident several years later when his car went off a cliff -- Many suggest that Joe, never really recovered from this experience and the accident was a result of excess drinking. Pat Blewett spent several weeks in a hospital and returned to LZ Uplift to continue with the LRRPs.

If you haven't been to a reunion in a while -- please think about joining in Louisville -- history suggests there will be a great turnout -- and we're not getting any younger.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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

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UNIT DIRECTOR—DAVID A. CHRISTIAN



The month of May was fast and furious starting with our Reunion in Punta Gorda, Florida and the OCS Hall of Fame Ceremonies conducted at Ft. Benning/Moore. The month will end with Memorial Day events, and we shall take a few minutes to reflect on all our fallen brothers from the Combat Battlefield to the Social Battlefield that fought the good fight for our families, our friends, and our Country.

This edition will be mostly captured in photos as the Unit Director responsible for news articles for our members has been busy day and night with activities on the East coast.

The reunion was hosted by Gary Hund and his bride, Wendy. Well attended by the Rangers

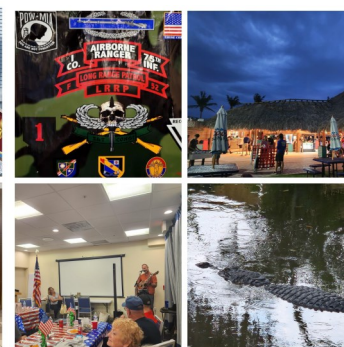


place on May 1, 2023 and I was in the company of family members (my brother Daniel Christian, former US Army Engineer and today a Disabled Veteran from Military Service) and Son in Law Sean Schafer. We were in the company of heroes being inducted. It is important to note that the Valorous Service Inductees were mostly KIA's from Vietnam.

Also, it is important to note that Daniel was 10 years old when he delivered my first salute and he was emotionally moved to return 50 years later to wear my OCS cap and deliver me a salute after being inducted into the Officers Hall of Fame for Valorous Combat Service.



There is a Hall of Fame walk that shows the units served in Combat and F/52 LRRP is enshrined with etching on a black granite slate. The new inductee display of inductees into OCS Hall of Fame stands across from the Ranger Hall of Fame display in the Infantry Museum.



and their wives and their "Descendants". The first day included a tour of the Military History Museum followed by a visit to "Fisherman's Village" for lunch. That evening entertainment was provided in the hospitality room by David Hunter. The next morning started early as they were off to the "Fleamaster" market, then visited the Peace River Wildlife Center, ending with fun in the sun and dinner at Gary and Wendy's home. The last day allowed for breakfast at their leisure leaving for the "Shell Factory" at 1100. The evening started with a cocktail hour and dinner. A great time had by all, planning for next year is underway in Colorado.

Returning to Ft Benning a week before the name change to Ft. Moore was a moving experience. The induction ceremony took





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UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



In the spirit of our latest reunion, I would like to open this article with a quote from Act IV in William Shakespeare’s masterpiece “Henry V.” On the morning of the critical Battle of Agincourt and with the fate of his country on the line, the English king (Henry) urges his vastly outnumbered men to overcome the odds with a stirring speech ending with these famous words---“**We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother.**” Without getting overly dramatic, I would like to say that this quote-for-the-ages describes exactly what the men of our Ranger company have become after all these years. And there’s no doubt about it.

So here we were at the “L” Company Rangers reunion in Scott, Louisiana, and I must say that it ranks with the best of all our reunions, if not *the* best. Ranger Bobby Badeaux must be especially commended for organizing the event, but being the modest fellow he is, he was the first to point out that he had plenty of help from his family, friends, and the entire community. Southern hospitality was on full display from day one and I’ve never seen a more friendly group of local people who were entirely appreciative of our service to this country. We were treated like family everywhere we went and with a graciousness rarely found in any other part of this great land of ours. I will recap the events of this get-together and they were many as well as they were memorable. But first, I will take this opportunity to thank the Mayor of Scott, Jan-Scott Richard and his fellow councilmembers including Doyle Boudreaux and Blaine Roy, for the warm welcome they extended to all the Rangers and their family members. This sincere gesture of thanks was something that’s been entirely missing for many years and, from the looks on the faces of the men of the Rangers of “L” Company and their guests, it was highly appreciated.



L Company Wounded

For those of you unfamiliar with the town of Scott, Louisiana, it is located just outside of Lafayette and is about two hours west of New Orleans. It is an easy and leisurely drive on the I-10 (west) from there or Baton Rouge. Ranger host Bobby Badeaux had an airport shuttle bus picking up all those attendees who arrived via plane at Lafayette’s airport on Thursday and the festivities began with registration at the Hospitality Room at the local Holiday Inn. There was a full buffet of pizza, wraps and wings for lunch and later, a Reception/Dinner with Zea Rotisserie and (of course) a



Bobby Badeaux & Ron Guidry

full bar. Friday’s Swamp Tour was cancelled due to inclement weather, but everyone found plenty to do in and around the town of Scott which is very scenic and also bills itself as the “Boudin” capital of the world

(Boudin being a specialty pork dish favored by Louisianans). And speaking of Boudin, lunch at the hospitality room on Friday included Jambalaya and Boudin and was sponsored by Travis Guidry, brother of former New York Yankees ace, Ron Guidry, and his Heart of Hospice foundation.

Later in the afternoon, the group photo sessions began with everyone wearing the new tan logo shirts and caps. Wives and daughters were given “Rangerette” shirts which they all wore proudly. This was followed by the “Mayor’s Reception” at City Hall with every Ranger receiving an honorary citizen’s certificate along with a photo op with the mayor and his councilmen. The ceremony ended with retired Colonel Jim Montano giving a heartfelt and emotional speech in which he made it a point to mention our Rangers brothers who gave the full measure of devotion in the line of duty. His remembrance of them defined the moment for all in attendance. He ended it with a stirring and rousing “Rangers Lead the Way!!”

A short walk over to the Knights of Columbus building was followed by a sit-down dinner featuring a rather tasty fish fry which everyone seemed to enjoy. I say that because everyone I noticed had second and third helpings before they departed the premises. On Saturday, a Rangers/Veterans only breakfast was served at the local Cajun Harley Davidson shop only a few hundred meters from our hotel. The breakfast food at the Holiday Inn was certainly fine (and free), but this was a welcome change for the attendees.



Dave and Cindy



*Bobby's extended family
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While this was occurring, a huge hog was being barbecued in the back of the hotel. We were served up for lunch at 12:00 PM at the hospitality room along with an assortment of other Cajun cuisine.

The grand finale for this feast-fest was a Crawfish Boil Dinner at the Begnaud House in Scott which also featured live entertainment provided by Charles Fox, the local Zydeco player, and an



Barr and Vodden

excellent rock band called "Loose Change." Everyone was soon on the floor and dancing the night away. As they say, a good time was had by all.

The attendees at the reunion were as follows: Bobby Badeaux and his wife Cathy, Chuck Rupe and his wife Kelly,

Ronnie Edwards and his wife Julie, Danny Dominguez and his wife Vivian, Jim Kwasniewski and his wife Pauline, Randy Kirkpatrick and his wife Angel, Timothy DeBey and his wife Juanita, Dave "Muldoon" Rothwell and his fiancé Cindy, Roy Aguero and his wife Diana, ret. Colonel Jim Montano and his wife Jessica, Larry Ackley and his wife Nancy, Wayne Hartman and his wife Melinda, James "Sky" King, Adam Macias, John Perez, Manleyd Dakin, the late Sgt. Harold Kaiama's wife Irene and her daughter Kellie, Joe Caligiure, Michael Doran, Grady Thibodeaux, ret. Major Fred Karnes, Ron "Mother" Rucker, Ron "Fido" Vodden, honorary Ranger Fred Behrens, Al Parada and his wife Sabrina, Marvin Duren and his son Wes, Herb Owens, Jimmy Sheppard, Ken "Pugsley" Hardy and his wife Deb, yours truly and my wife Ilene, Mike Berg and his family members Alex, Ben and John Berg. U.S. Marine veteran Mike Carroll, David McLaughlin (son of Ranger Jim McLaughlin) and his son Ryan, and finally, from the 2/502nd of the 101st ABN who supported our Ranger company during the fight on Hill 809, John Cluett and Roney Guilbeau. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not mention all the volunteers who made this reunion a special one. They are Ron and Bonnie Guidry, Bobby and Debbie Guidry, Travis Guidry, Ken and Paula Begnaud, David Meche, Charles Fox and the mayor of Scott, Jan-Scott Richard and his fellow councilmen, Doyle Boudreux and Blaine Roy. I would also like to thank David McLaughlin for designing and building the impressive U.S. flag and Ranger plaque used for our group pictures. He certainly put in a lot of effort and craftsmanship for these items.

I have included a number of photos from the reunion. First and foremost is a group picture of all the Rangers in attendance. There is also a picture of the Rangers who received the Purple Heart during their time with the company. Next up, the fabulous Rangerettes. This is certainly the largest number of wives that has ever showed up for one of our reunions, and it was great to see. There is also a picture of Ranger Bobby Badeaux with his great friend and neighbor, Ron Guidry. Mr. Guidry, as well as his family members, were a welcome addition to all the festivities. The former Yankee great shared numerous stories about his time in New York with players like Reggie Jackson, Goose Gossage, Thurman Munson etc. There is also a photo of Ron

"Fido" Vodden and Steve Barr and a photo of Dave "Muldoon" Rothwell and his fiancé Cindy. The last photo I have included is one of Bobby Badeaux and his entire family from Scott. They all participated in the reunion, including his grandkids, and were a welcomed presence throughout the entire occasion. There were two Rangers from our previous reunion in Moline (2021) who have passed away since that event (Randy White and Louis Distretti) and they were fondly remembered by their Ranger brothers. Both men regularly attended reunions through the years and will be sorely missed. Randy was instrumental in preserving the records of our company which have been proven invaluable for our new web site, among other things. Illness also forced Dave Quigley to miss this year's gathering. I sincerely hope he's on the way to a full recovery. Billy "Steamboat" Nix was also scheduled to be in Louisiana for the reunion, but an emergency family illness prevented him from joining the festivities. Likewise, Ken Wells was unable to make it.

Overall, it was a great reunion and everyone who attended was happy they made it to Bayou country. As for myself, it was my first trip to Louisiana, and I am sure to return. Southern Hospitality is certainly no myth, and it is an enduring spirit as well as an integral part of this nation's character. One last thing....in reference to my opening paragraph, King Henry V and his "Band of Brothers" prevailed in the decisive Battle of Agincourt. I guess his speech worked.

That's it for now. As I sign off, I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming summer months and keep in touch with your Brothers-in-Arms. As always: RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!



Rangerettes



Lima Rangers in Scott



N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—RUDY TEODOSIO



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Below- two N/75th Vietnam photos from 1969



Center-
Rudy into
a bowl of
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Press Release:

Sgt Jarod Roubideaux Becomes Third Generation Ranger.

On Friday, April 28, 2023, Sergeant Jarod Roubideaux, a Rosebud Sioux Tribal member, and Rapid City local, graduated from U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, receiving his U.S. Army Ranger tab.



By doing so, Sgt Roubideaux became a third generation Ranger, along with his father Tome L. Roubideaux, who served in Vietnam (1st BDE 101st Abn Div. LRRP, 173rd LRRP Pltn, N/75th Inf Ranger), and his grandfather, Eugene Roubideaux, who served in World War II as a 1st Battalion Darby Ranger (N. Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and severely wounded on D-Day). All three generations of Roubideaux Rangers are (were) enrolled members of the Rosebud SiouxTribe.

Sgt. Roubideaux, age 26, completed the rigorous Army Ranger school which has an approximate pass rate of only 20% per class. Roubideaux is pictured (above photo) at the U.S. Army Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning and is pointing to his father's Ranger dedication brick.

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RANGER MEMORIAL
SGT ROUBIDEAUX'S FATHER'S BRICK



OLD GUARD L-R: LARRY MASSOLETTI (K-75), TOM JONES (K75, P-75), RUDY TEODOSIO (N-75, C 2-75) CLAY AVERY (G-75, A-75)



Logan Weston Bible Exhibit with LTC Christopher Green, CSM Joey Blacksher, and Andrew Herbert



P/75 - 79TH LRP

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Despite the fact that we were going to DC to bury our former leader Terry Roderick on Monday May 15th at Arlington National Cemetery, it was a great week. I had never before visited Washington DC but had long wanted an opportunity to visit and be a part of the city and to better understand DC as a whole and to pay homage to the monuments of great persons who preceded me. I had my chance, and I left the city a better person as a result of my efforts. I was overwhelmed by Arlington and all the implications involved with being interred there. My wife Marie had visited the cemetery prior and had expressed her approval and encouraged me to go through the process which would allow me to be buried there. I didn't get it until I visited Arlington myself and realized that I would be resting among my peers and fellow soldiers and American Warriors with whom I had a clear bond with. As we get older it is sometimes difficult to imagine and then prioritize the needs of preplanning for the future with an emphasize on the forever. I got a real sense of urgency after driving the grounds and experiencing the tempo and feeling of Arlington. I am going to apply now to see if I can get into Arlington when my time comes.

We left Jackson MS at 0200 on Wednesday and drove straight through to DC taking about 17 hours to do so. Ok, we stopped at Buckees and that took an hour and then we stopped to eat which took another, then we lost an hour going east but overall, we made it in good time. Coming home, however, we stayed on the road, ate in the car, and gained an hour going west and made it home in 14 hours flat. I cannot tell you how happy I was to sleep on my own bed again.

While in DC, on Thursday the 11th, we visited the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Vietnam War and enjoyed all they had to offer. We were with Gary and Maria Norton and Sheryl and Dave Gates which made the group small enough to enjoy and still be flexible enough with the schedule, so we were able to go through all the booths that we were interested in and still visit the Wall which I saw for the first time. I have seen the mobile wall, but it does not do justice to the original and I was deeply moved by the Statuary of the three men and the nurses portrayed for the public. I was honored to still be a living veteran of the Vietnam War and to be able to say with great emphasis that although we may not have been a member of the greatest generation, we were the greatest of our generation. Nuf Said.

The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War was a nice thing to do. It appeared to me however while walking through the booths and meeting areas, that it was not so much intended to help us, the Viet Nam Veteran as it was an effort to do something to as-

suage the feelings of those who did not participate in the war and most certainly not for those of us who are still alive and will not be here for the 100th. We, the Vietnam Veterans are dying by the day, and I do not expect that a year will ever go by that we don't lose somebody who we were close to. That is the reason we as a group get together as often as possible to celebrate our lives and to remember who and what we once were. I watched as our brothers boarded the vehicles and was astonished by the pains we all are experiencing as a result of being older than last time. The

little things that we took for granted just a few years ago are now a barrier to our daily goings on. I find it difficult to put on socks and clip my toenails. I wish I could say that it was going to be better but it's not. This is the reason why I think it important to stay in touch with each other and to get together as often as possible.

The rest of the reunion was as pleasant as could be imagined. We ate well consuming Bison on Thursday, Sandwiches on Friday, and Mexican on Saturday. Thank you, Tom Jones, for setting up all the dinners for both Friday and Saturday nights which we all enjoyed. We all also enjoyed being in our nation's capital and the freedom to explore and experience the vast array of memorials and sites as time allowed and we were motivated to explore. We were busy all day long exploring on our own but got together in the evening for good food and fellowship. That's how it should be.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

It was a busy day when we all expected to be affected by the reason for coming to DC. A small group of us had gone to the VFW where our party was going to happen the night before and had it all set up for the group. Terry's daughters Cindy and Brandy as well as Sheryl, Lauren, Jim, and Melissa helped set up the room at the VFW the night before, so we were in good shape when we arrived at the venue to get ready for our party.

We were all as a group ready to go to the Vietnam Wall at 1030 and when we arrived at 1100, we took photographs to document the event and for our memories and posterity. It was a beautiful day, not too hot yet and a offered a great opportunity to get all involved and in sync with the realities of why we were in DC. We had the family and friends right there for photos and to experience the wall and all it exudes but the solemn sentiments of the occasion were accented by the arrival of a group of bagpipers who played for us resulting in many a wet eye. They played magnificently and we were grateful for their presence.

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Above— Pappa Company Rangers at the Wall— Below— Bagpipers play for Pappa Rangers



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As soon as we left the Wall and returned to the Hotel, we got ready to go to the VFW and the memorial party. The VFW was rustic and a little over the hill but then so were we. The ladies and friends of Terry's family set up a great spread of food and goodies and we all settled in to enjoy each other's comradery and to mark the solemn occasion. As the afternoon went by, I



was struck by the thought that the mention of Terry made everybody smile and made the remark that whenever in the future I think of Terry, I would always smile, and that was as good a legacy as anyone could ask. The kindness and friendships shown all afternoon were best expressed by those who got up in front of the group and talked about their relationship with Terry.

On Monday we all got up and readied ourselves for the service at Arlington. We arrived early as requested and visited among ourselves until our time came to proceed to the location of the plot. It was absolutely beautiful outside and we all proceeded to



the covered area provided for the occasion. The Army Chaplain gave a well-prepared summary of Terry's life and reminded us of his good and not so good life. There was not a dry eye in the crowd, but I noticed a loud airplane flying over the cemetery and looked up to see a F35 fighter heading quickly to somewhere else, but for me it was a flyover just for Terry. He would have loved it. As soon as the service was over, we said our last good-byes to those of us leaving for home and along with them came the decision to have another reunion next year to get back in sync with the Ranger Rendezvous as in years past. More on that as the months go by.

As I have said before, we are not getting any younger and we need to enjoy each other's company as often as we can, and I will try to find a special, new place for us to meet in 2024. If you weren't in DC, then you just missed a wonderful opportunity to visit with your brothers, please do your best not to miss the next reunion.





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