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MIA Luther E. "Buck" Bagley
Merrill's Marauder replacement
KIA July 25, 1944



Laid to Rest August 10, 2024

80th Anniversary of 5307th CUP disbanding in Burma



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Greetings to Patrolling readers and members of the Ranger community. Again, this issue is packed with information, opines, and sheer entertainment. Read what *Claymore*, the pet python of George Beach attempts with Al Hammer and others. George took me out on my first mission in Vietnam. TL Beach is second from the left in the below photo.



You might notice the minutes of WAR included in this issue. The 75th RRA is allowing up to one page for ads, stories, minutes, and whatever else to each RHOF voting association, space for information provided to the Ranger community.

Jonnie Clasen has done a remarkable report on the burial of Marauder KIA Luther "Buck" Bagley who was KIA on July 25th, 1944 in the battle of the Myitkyina airfield, better know as *Mitch*, to the Marauders. Buck has been MIA until last month, when the family was notified that his remains had finally been identified and what a feeling of closure that must have been for wife Elanor and son Woody, after 80 years. Elanor turns 100 in September. Kudos to the members of the Ranger community who represented us and then some!

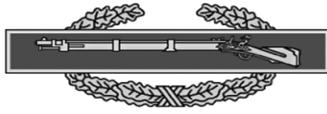
A good friend and Ranger recently passed away, Duke Du Shane of P 75th. We salute him and any Ranger who steps up to a final, deserved resting place, with a rest stop in Valhalla to a host of Rangers waiting in open arms.

Being a UD and providing quarterly reports is not easy, but we thank them for providing us with a quality Patrolling magazine. In particular, I want to thank Jerry Yonko, P 75th for his submissions. He is fighting the battle of his life with brain cancer and has shared to me how difficult that is at times. Yet, he moves forward in the Ranger tradition completing the mission and then some. Thank you, Jerry! You are an inspiration to me and those around you, Brother.

Anyone out there with some good fodder for Patrolling, please contact me at:

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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.

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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
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Rangers, this will be a busy year for the Ranger world and those that do not go downrange anymore. We will have the 50th Reunion of both the 1st and 2nd Ranger Battalions, and the 40th anniversary and reunion of the 3rd Ranger Battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment. Honoring all Regimental Rangers and our heritage, lineage, and "Esprit de Corps." The 75th Ranger Regiment Association will have senior officer representation at all of these events.

Patrolling Magazine:

As I am sure everyone noticed, Patrolling has been late the last several editions. Steve Johnson withdrew as Editor for various reasons, and we attempted to replace him as Editor with paid employees, after we tried but received no volunteers. This obviously didn't work even though Steve supported the effort, trained, and assisted transition, and rode herd on the replacement. So, when Steve called me a month ago and said he would resume as Editor, you can imagine my relief! We are blessed to have Steve back and know that if those of us who submit materials for the publications in the proper time frame...all will go well! Thank-you Steve!

Upcoming Events

50th

The 50th anniversary of the creation of the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Ft. Lewis (now JBLM), Washington will be held at JBLM this October beginning 1OCT24 through 3OCT24. We are searching for a room block for those interested in attending. For their planning, purposed RSVPs are required. Please use this link for detailed information and RSVP.

<https://75thrangerregiment.org/2ndRangerBatAnniversary>

40th

The 40th anniversary of the creation of the 3rd Ranger Battalion at Fort Benning (now Fort Moore), Georgia will be held immediately following the 2/75 event, beginning 3OCT24 through 6OCT24 at Fort Moore. In conjunction, the creation of the 75th Ranger Regiment will be recognized. We will have a block of rooms for this event and will send newsletters and post them on our website.

Raffle

The 75th RRA will conduct a raffle in conjunction with the two reunion anniversary events, with the drawing during this time. We will raffle a Daniel Defense rifle, graciously donated by Daniel Defense. This is our primary fundraiser for this year for our scholarships and benevolent funds so please consider ticket purchases so we can continue to Lead the Way!

Merrills Marauders

As you see from our cover this issue, we will receive detailed information in the article provided by our Merrill's Marauders Ambassador, Jonnie Clasen, on page 6 of this issue. But in sum-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ART "DOC" ATTAWAY



mary, a MIA (now KIA) that was killed in action in Burma during World War II, has been recovered and returned

home. The Memorial ceremony was held in Fitzgerald, Georgia on Saturday 10AUG24. Please read Jonnie's article as this is a special story that includes MM replacements and Rosie the Riveter connections. The DoD maintains teams in search of MIA to this day and will not stop until all are accounted for. No man left behind!

Bi-annual meeting 2025

The 75th RRA bi-annual meeting and gathering in 2025 will be held in Savannah, Georgia. The 1/75 is working with us on date selection and an agenda, and we are assisted locally by RHOF inductee and Ranger hinge pin, Shelia Dudley. Thank you, Shelia! Once finalized, details will be distributed via email and newsletters, as well as the next several issues of Patrolling magazine.

Columbus 2025

The 75th RRA will also have room blocks during the Annual Ranger Muster in Columbus next summer. Our bi-annual meetings got off of cycle with the Ranger Rendezvous so this will not be in conjunction with Rendezvous but will be focused on by the 75th RRA as we continue to recruit young Rangers for the Association and Georgia is the epicenter of the Ranger universe currently. Details will be distributed in the same manner as our bi-Annual meeting.

CGM

We are in the process of drafting the bill to submit to Congress, and this effort will continue. Our Ranger brother, Travis West, who is a very successful attorney and assists with all of the organizations in the Ranger Community will be assisting, and our 1st VP Rick Merritt will assist with our initial sponsors based on his close relationships with several Congressmen and Senators. Rangers Lead the Way!

NRMF

The National Ranger Memorial Foundation, now chaired by retired General Burris (former RCO of the 75th Ranger Regiment), is engaged in a lawsuit against the government over the defacement of the Ranger Monument at Fort Moore, Georgia, forcing the removal of legendary Rangers. This effort was started by then Chairman, retired BG Joe Stringham (Ranger Regiment and SF legend who led the MIKE Force in VN!) Please review the link here for information about the efforts and how you can contribute.

Rendezvous 2024

We were well represented at this year's Rendezvous, even though we did not have our bi-annual meeting there.

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1st VP Rick Merritt, 2nd VP Kurt Buchta, Secretary Tom Sove, and President Art Attaway, as well as our MI and 3/75 UD's, Lee Garcia, and Tom Maier, attended all the functions and conducted member recruitment all week. We hosted a hospitality event that was attended by over 100 active-duty Rangers, and sponsored the Best Squad awards, which was won by 1/75.

Member recruitment

Will continue our focus on young Rangers and getting the word out about the 75th RRA. We will award the top finishers in RASP (Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, a pre-qualification to join the 75th Ranger Regiment) with the gift of a custom-made

dagger at each graduation ceremony. This doesn't mean we don't want members that are not young. If you know anyone that served in a unit approved by the 75th RRA that is not a member, please get them to JOIN! This is the future of the 75th RRA. Membership can now be applied for online at our website, 75thrra.org.

I hope to see members at these upcoming events, and please review our next newsletter for information on the Run Ranger Run and Mog Mile events.

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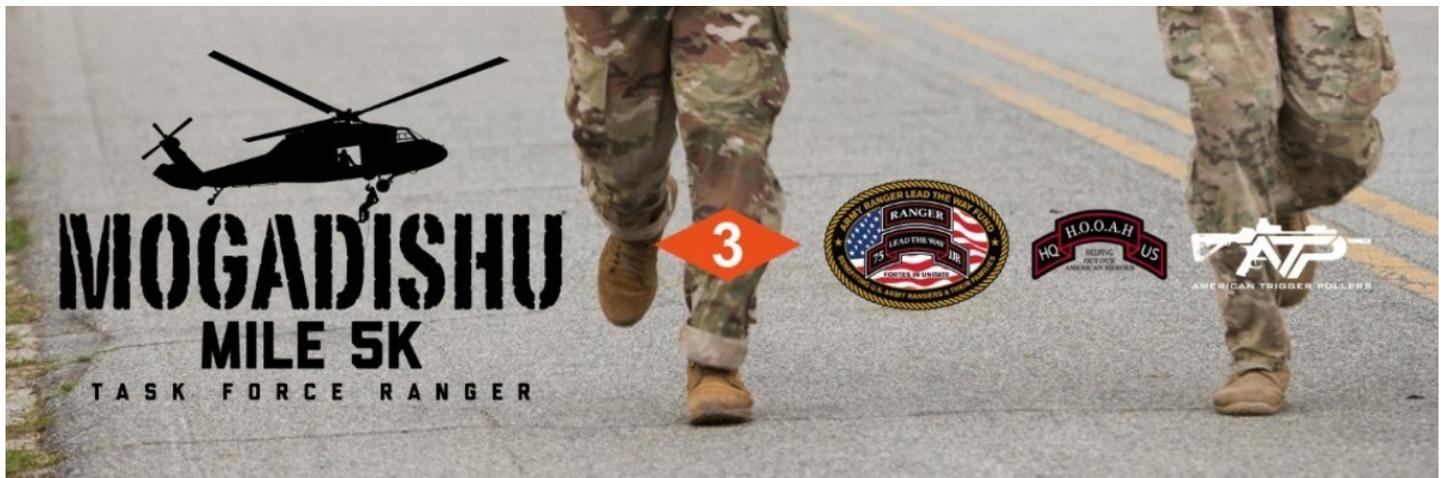


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MERRILL'S MARAUDERS



**Eleanor Stark
never
gave up hope
for "Buck" Bagley
to return home.
It took 80 years.**



Eleanor Bagley Stark holds "Buck's" photo in 2023 when she and son "Woody" attended "Buck's" induction into Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame. An empty, brown Ranger dress jacket with shirt, tie and white gloves displays "Buck's" awards as it lays on top of his remains in an open casket at Paulk Funeral Home.

For her 90th birthday, Eleanor Stark "ran away from home" without telling her children, bought a plane ticket and flew to Dallas, TX to attend her first Merrill's Marauder reunion. Even though she has been seeking information about – Luther E. "Buck" Bagley – since his July 25, 1944, KIA death, the Marauder reunion revitalized her. "Woody" and his wife, Pat, supported her efforts. Her three daughters – from remarriage- Gail Hadley, Susan Hadley and Ty Hodges, also supported their mother's quest to bring "Buck" home. She attended Ranger and Merrill's Marauder events at Ft. Benning, Savannah and Dahlonega. She contacted Oliver North plus told local and state media about "Buck" on special military remembrance days. In 2017, the Past Conflict Repatriation Branch said the search for "Buck" was still active and contacted "Woody" for DNA. **(RIGHT CENTER)** "Woody" was by his mother's side greeting countless visitors during "Buck's" Aug. 10, 2024, visitation and reception. Their casualty officer, SFC Selina Nixon, Hunter Army Airfield, ensured events ran smoothly. **(FAR RIGHT)** Eleanor was honored during 2023 "Rosie Day" at FDR's Little White House by ARTB commander COL Chris Hammonds presenting her with a Marauder Congressional Gold Medal. **(BELOW-L)** At 2021 75th RR Association banquet, Eleanor visits with Marauders Bob Passanisi (L) and Gilbert Howland. **(BELOW-Ctr)** Eleanor with "Buck" in uniform. **BELOW-R)** Eleanor holds one-month-old "Woody."



created by Jonnie Meilto Clasen



Steven Bricknell

MIA "Buck" Bagley welcomed home & laid to rest in Fitzgerald, Georgia on 80th anniversary of 5307th CUP disbanding in Burma



Myitkyina's Last Stand

3 stanzas from
PFC Ralf L. Keasling poem

At Myitkyina today
they lie at rest.
They were soldiers all
and gave their best.
They fought and died
in days of rain,
and prayed for sun
that never came

Through mud they crawled
to find their foe.
They cursed and swore,
but on they go.
As days went by
and night fell,
they all slept
on the walls of hell.

Myitkyina has fallen at last,
they would be glad to know
of the finished task.
But the trails are filled
with Yankee blood
of gallant men who fought,
died in Burma mud.
Courageous men these,
they fought and fell.
Bless them all.
God treat them well.



Young and old Fitzgerald residents standing on town streets and country roads held a hand over their heart or waved a flag as a long line of Patriot Guard Riders led the hearse carrying MIA Luther E. "Buck" Bagley's remains to Evergreen Cemetery Aug. 10, 2024. It was the day 80 years ago when the 5307th CUP disbanded in Burma, little more than a week from when "Buck" was KIA there July 25, 1944. His son, "Woody," was 11 months old and his widow, Eleanor (Stark) was 19 and a Rosie the Riveter in Savannah's shipyards. Eleanor turns 100 Sept. 6th. "Woody," his wife, Pat, and mother (TOP CENTER) listen to 75th RGR Regiment, 1st BN chaplain CPT Joe Kumor. A WW II American flag with 48 stars draped "Buck's" coffin. Both "Woody" and Eleanor (CENTER) were presented with a flag. Three of the funeral detail from 1st Ranger BN at Hunter Army Airfield (LEFT) execute a rifle salute. An attractive six-foot, grave ledger shows "Buck's" photo and awards. Civic & military groups made presentations during a reception at the Blue and Gray Museum. Nine Marauder sons and daughters from four states, active and retired Army Rangers, plus hundreds of friends & family members gathered that Saturday to bid "Buck" "God speed."

created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen

Paradoxes of Life

Our lives are full of paradoxes. Our people, after all, hope for peace while fighting and training for war. Most of us women go through the pains of childbirth while rejoicing in the birth of a child. We all go through the strains of exercising so we can “feel” better. It is so with the grief process. When asked, by Sandy Rouse, about writing this article, I talked to her about a situation I was forced into. I don’t know if it is a true paradox, but it sure felt that way to me. In 1989, Ken was required to attend a course at Ft. Leavenworth for potential battalion commanders. One week of that training included the spouses. I must admit, the only thing I remember about those spouse courses, was one on “Trauma in the Unit.” We learned what were the typical ways to notify the next of kin, what NOT to say to the surviving family, to be aware of how the incident might affect the rest of the unit and a whole lot more I don’t recall. Little did I know that I would be the one notified. That got me thinking about the paradoxes in life when we lose a loved one. I am no expert on grief, just a military wife who lost her soldier in a training accident.

Paradox 1: I wanted to shut down and be alone yet sought the compassion of others. In those first days, weeks, and months, often I just wanted to hole up in my room and feel sorry for myself and my kids; a perfectly normal part of the grieving process, I’m told. On the other hand, I was so blessed with the outpouring of compassion and help that came from my military family and friends. Sometimes, even the simple act of someone just “being there” would console and help me see that it was best to balance the need for alone time and together time.

Paradox 2: I was acutely aware that my husband was no longer physically here, yet I often use the present tense when talking about him. I have mentioned several times already about my loss. My mom once told me, after my dad had passed, that she was tired of hearing, “I am sorry for your loss.” She said, “I haven’t lost him, I know exactly where he is.” This can take on a couple of meanings for me. The first is, of course, I know my dad and Ken are with the Lord. Both were very good men here on earth. It also means to me that my dad and Ken are still here in spirit.



They are in my very being and influencing my whole life still and that has made me who I am. They are still here in my life, my children’s lives and hopefully the others with whom they worked and associated.

Paradox 3: I wanted to protect myself from ever having to face that pain again, knowing it could be taken away, but I also needed to reach out to others in their grief. I don’t know if it was that command team training or my need to offer help, but on the night before the memorial at Hunter, a



Stauss family picture

few of the families of the other soldiers killed in the crash were staying at the guest house on post. I told a friend staying with me at my house, I needed to go see them. When I introduced myself, they were surprised I was there to visit. I needed to reach out and share in their grief. Each parent had lost a son. I needed them to know that we all felt their pain. The memorial the next day, would also convey that, but I wanted to show them on a personal level. Not only my husband was killed in that crash, but some of my military family, also.

After the funeral in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, I, and my kids stayed with Ken’s family in Missouri for a couple of weeks. That was a healing time for all of us, but after 2 weeks, I needed to get back to Hunter. I needed to be surrounded by my military family and surround



Ken and Cathie-Ranger Ball

them with the love I still had in me. I was president of a women’s club and when I returned to my quarters on post, the group had already started the transition to the next in charge. I quickly told them, I needed the job, I needed to continue to lead this group that helped the Army community. Of course, I held my kids even closer than before, but I also felt the need to be close to those who had worked with Ken and who loved us. Today, I am still close to a lot of those military families and glad that I was willing to take the risk of keeping them in my circle. Thankfully, they have reciprocated, and we enjoy sharing the memories (happy and sad) of our time in the military. Most have retired from the military, now, and the young families of our military life have grown to 3 and 4 generations. It is great to hear the new stories of their children and grandchildren. And proud that some of those children have continued their legacy in the military.

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About a year after Ken died, I was introduced to Dan Smith by my dad. Dan and Dad worked for the same company in different areas of the country. When the company decided to move its state-side headquarters from Ontario, CA to Atlanta, I was thrilled that Dad's work travels would bring him from Arkansas to Atlanta and I would get to see him even more often. With that move, some of the staff from California, including Dan, would be transferred, also. Dan's wife had been killed in a car crash about the same time that Ken was killed and 9 months later, the company transferred him with his three school age kids to Atlanta. I met Dan on the coldest night of the year, 3 degrees here in the Atlanta area. For a California guy with no warm clothes, it was quite an experience.

We talked that first night about the weather and the south, but most importantly about the experience of our spouses passing and how each of us and our kids were continuing. I never thought I would remarry. I sure didn't want to risk giving my heart to someone, just to have it broken into so many pieces.

We both agreed our stories couldn't compete, our previous lives had been so different. Yet they were the same in that we



both had very happy, loving, and successful first marriages. We both were hurting so badly, and we both had kids who were struggling with losing a parent. We both were not quite ready to risk that loss again. Still, we found comfort in having a friend who was trying to deal with a new way of living after the worst tragedy of a lifetime. Dan is one of the most patriotic people I know. He honors the Rangers, and he supports me in all my Ranger activities. We went through some very rough patches those first several years of marriage. It definitely wasn't the "Brady Bunch." I still don't have any advice for anyone else going through it, but I am thankful that I have my husband, my children, and my stepchildren to share in this experience.



Cathie and Dan Smith

Just one last paradox. It's been thirty years since Ken's death. I can't say, I am thankful for his passing, but I am thankful for the way in which he is remembered. I am thankful for his service, I am thankful for this life I have now, and I am thankful for all the military who fight every day for the freedoms I enjoy. They, like Ken, know the risk and are willing to take that risk. "Greater love hath no man than this," John 15:13.



We are happy to present the recipients of our 2024 75th RRA Scholarships. We sponsor three scholarships per year in the amount of \$1,000 each. We are thankful to the Rangers Scholarship Fund which provides all the administrative work of collecting applications, vetting them, and submitting worthy applicants to us for final selection of our three scholarships.

The RSF normally awards over 100 Merit Scholarships each year and they are extremely proficient in this regard. There are a variety of classes of scholarship, generally for dependents ranging from offspring to spouses, but all applicants must have a sponsor who served in the Ranger Regiment. The Ranger himself is not eligible, as active-duty personnel have other resources available for help in defraying education costs, and veterans have the VA resources.

The RSF scholarships are awarded based upon grade point average, community involvement, leadership, and essay proficiency. The three 75thRRA scholarships recipients are also included in the first group of scholarships awarded, and our scholarship is awarded as a supplement. In addition to the total of our three scholarships, the 75th RRA is proud to also contribute an additional \$1,500 to support the RSF efforts in awarding other scholarships restricted to the Ranger community.

The RSF honors service and sacrifice and does so by awarding all scholarships in the name of Rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment KIA, KIT, or who died in the line of duty while assigned to the 75th RR. Similarly, the 75thRRA honors service and sacrifice by awarding our scholarships exclusively in the name of LRRPs and Rangers KIA or POW in the Vietnam War. The 75th RRA officers select the honoree randomly and strive to never duplicate selections.

All recipients are invited to receive their awards in person during Regimental Rendezvous week at RHQ. At this time, they receive an awards packet and dog tags of their honoree. If unable to attend, this will be shipped to them. The actual scholarship funds are submitted by RSF directly to the educational institution of matriculation.

Here are our 2024 75th RRA Scholarship recipients:

Elizabeth S. Knight



Holding her scholarship is Elizabeth Knight alongside her Mom

Columbus, GA
 Sophomore at Mercer University, Macon, GA
 Neuroscience Major
 Postgraduate plans: medical school
 3.83 GPA
 Her father served in RHQ, 2018-2021
 Activities
 Pre-Med club advisor
 Mercer Maniacs-student run spirit organization for games and events
 University Honors Program - Dean’s List
 Red Cross Volunteer
 NHS - Vice President- blood drives, recycling program, food collection, tutoring
 College Club Soccer team
 Intramural Flag Football – receiver and kicker
 Table Captain/Front Waiter at a private dining club
 Summer Camp Counselor

Her scholarship is given in the name of Sp/4 Johnnie Rae Sly, Co. L (Ranger)/75th Inf., 101st Airborne Division, KIA April 24, 1971

Nicholas A. Yerace

Carmel, CA
 Senior at University of California, Davis, Davis, CA
 Double majors in Neuroscience and Chinese
 Postgraduate plans: obtain doctorate and medical school
 3.2 GPA
 His father served in 2/75
 Activities
 Counselor and Board Member at Camp Kesem, supporting children through/beyond a parent’s cancer.
 Student volunteer at Paul Hom Asian Health Clinic which provides free primary care for uninsured and underserved Asian populations
 Emergency Medical Technician for local Ambulance company, serving as an EMT
 College Mountaineering Club

His scholarship is given in the name of Sp/4 Robert Phillip Levin, Co. I (Ranger)/75 Inf., 1st Infantry Division, KIA February 27, 1969

Below, Nicholas A. Yerace



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2024 Ranger Scholarship Recipients and Sponsors

Gracie A. Chester



Tiffin, Ohio

Sophomore at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio

Criminology Major

Postgraduate plans: Pursue a Master’s Degree and then a career in Antiterrorism

4.0 GPA

Her father served in 3/75, 1989-1990

Activities

STAND – Member and devotions leader of young Christian fellowship

PBIS - student leader representative in program for behavioral interventions and supports

Alpha Phi Sigma – member in Honor Society for criminology majors

It’s On Us – student organization promoting sexual assault awareness

TC Athletic Booster - Camp leader/mentor for elementary school basketball and softball camps

Heidelberg University Day of Service – assisting church cleaning

Heidelberg University Softball team – catcher and third baseman

Quick Tab II, Inc. – clerical assistant to the accountant Heidelberg University alumni relations volunteer

Her scholarship is given in the name of SGT Lonnie Dale Evans, Co. E (Ranger)/75th Inf., 9th Infantry Division, KIA April 10, 1969



In an article, Ranger School is not a Leadership School (12.06.16, Modern War Institute at West Point), John Spencer posits that Ranger training is more a “leadership and character assessment than a leadership school.” He further states that the program teaches individuals “*whether* they can lead (or follow) when tired, hungry, physically on the edge of exhaustion, and pushed to their often previously untested limits—but not necessarily *HOW* to do so.” In addition, he states that “these skills will be tested throughout the course, but they are not taught. What students are taught before they go on graded patrols, are squad and platoon tactics, the use of weapons, field craft, and other tactical and technical skills.”

In contrast to the above article, David Burnett wrote an article entitled, “Ranger School: My experience through the toughest Leadership School in the world.” (www.trainlikearanger.com. February 27, 2022) where he described that the evaluation and success of Ranger Candidates was based on *HOW* they performed in Leadership roles.

This leads me to question the definition of leadership. Oxford dictionary defines leadership as the “action of leading a group of people or an organization” and continues that “leadership is about taking risks and challenging the status quo.” May 9, 2024. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines leadership as ‘the office or position of a leader, the capacity to lead, and the act or instance of leading.’”

The Army (FM 6-22) defines Leadership as the “process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation, while operating to accomplish the mission and improve the organization.” The Ranger Handbook defines Leadership as “the most essential element of combat power, gives purpose, direction, and motivation in combat. The leader balances and maximizes maneuver, firepower, and protection against the enemy.” (<https://www.milsci.ucsb.edu/sites/default/files/sitefiles/resources/Ranger%20Handbook.pdf>)

The Center for Leadership (<https://www.ccl.org/articles/leading-effectively-articles/what-is-leadership-a-definition/>) states that “Based on our decades of pioneering research and experience, we define leadership as a social process that enables individuals to work together to achieve results that they could never achieve working alone.” They continue to describe Leadership as “adaptive” and that the team, or group, is mission or vision oriented, rather than one individual. In addition, the Center focuses on the difference between Managers roles, “planning, organizing, solving problems” and the Leaders role as “influencing, inspiring, and bringing out the best in others. The conclusion is that Leadership can be “defined by its outcomes involving Direc-

tion, Alignment and Commitment.”

In a recent blog article (<https://www.achieveit.com/resources/blog/boys-boat-10-lessons-strategy-execution-teamwork/>), Amanda Ferenczy posits there are 10 lessons from the book, *Boys in the Boat*, (<https://www.danieljamesbrown.com/books/the-boys-in-the-boat/>), involving teamwork that appear to align with the *HOW* that Rangers strive for in Leadership:

1. A great team must share a vision.
2. Overcoming adversity makes the team stronger.
3. Excellence comes from focus.
4. Don’t micromanage.
5. Empower your team with the courage to change strategy.
6. Hold people accountable.
7. Plan, execute, monitor, repeat.
8. Goals must be aligned across the entire team.
9. Goals must transcend the attainment of wealth.
10. Let it run.

We are all leaders. We lead ourselves first and foremost. *How* we lead is our decision. Based on the concept that the only person’s behavior we can control is our own (Choice Theory, 1998, Dr William Glasser) we consider the locus of control; what is in our control and what is not in our control. We self-evaluate as leaders and help others that we lead do the same. We self-evaluate when we ask ourselves what we want, what we perceive, or what total behaviors we are choosing to get what we want. In essence, we are integrating our total behavior; what we feel, what our bodies are experiencing (at that moment), what we are thinking, and what we are doing, our behavior. As leaders of a team, even as leaders of our families, we facilitate leadership by asking others to self-evaluate themselves. It is evident in Ranger School that leadership evaluation is heavily determined by the *HOW*. Self-evaluation questions may help Ranger candidates achieve the *HOW*.

Examples include:

1. What do I want? (Wants)
2. What am I doing to get what I want? (Behaviors)
3. Is what I am doing helping me get what I want? (Perception)
4. What else can I do? (Behavior, evaluate the options)
5. What will I do to get what I want? (Behavior and Plan)

We can only control our own behavior, but we do have influence with other people. Leadership is in the *HOW* we influence others. Missions belong to the participants of a group. All participants are cooperatively responsible for the outcomes of a mission and *HOW* the leader creates an atmosphere of ownership is imperative in the result or objective. *Next Page*

We can teach self-evaluation to our team to help achieve an overall goal or mission. There are many ways to ask self-evaluation questions.

Examples include:

1. What is your (our) ultimate objective in this situation?
(Mission)
2. What are you (we) trying to achieve? (Mission)
3. What are you trying to achieve when you choose that?
4. What outcome are you aiming for?
5. Can you think of another way to achieve that goal?
or
6. How is what you are choosing to do helping us (or the team) achieve our overall goal?

Leadership is a way of being. First, we learn **how** to know ourselves and understand our locus of control. We self-evaluate by asking ourselves, **how** do I want to be in this situation? Asking self-evaluation questions helps us create the **HOW**. Leadership is extended by inviting others into the process of self-evaluation thereby instituting personal involvement, accountability, commitment, and responsibility.

Ranger Creed

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

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite Soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster and fight harder than any other Soldier.

Here are the corrections for Part I of the Russell "Huck" Hamler story that was published in the March 2024 edition of Patrolling. Also included are two useful links at the bottom

1. Page 8- Under my byline, it should read

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2. Page 8- The sentence "But there was no plan to get them out." does not belong between the picture and the caption for that picture. It belongs at the end of the third paragraph, after the sentence "A plan existed to get them to the secret location."

3. Page 9- The first sentence in the second column reads:

About 2,000 of the volunteers assembled at a major WWII staging area called Camp Stoneman, in Pittsburg, PA.

It should read:

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong, and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task, whatever it may be, one hundred percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained Soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle, for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.

Self-evaluation questions appear to align with the definitions of Leadership by both, the Army and the Rangers: "influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation."

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About 2,000 of the volunteers assembled at a major WWII staging area called Camp Stoneman, in Pittsburg, CA.

4. Page 9- There is a spacing issue with the fourth sentence of the first paragraph. The section "... volunteers along the way" was separated from the rest of the sentence

You can go to

<https://baldwintownship.com/outstanding-citizens/>. As you will see, there are a couple pictures from the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony on that page as well as a link to the story I wrote and a couple other links. That's a nice page.

The other way is to use this link that takes you straight to the story I wrote: <https://baldwintownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Hamler-BaldwinSalute.pdf>

Carole Ortenzo



SSG (RET) Cyrille Du Shane Obituary

SSG (RET) Cyrille "Duke" Joseph Du Shane, 87, of Ellerslie, GA died Sunday June 23, 2024, at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown. Funeral Services were held 11:30 AM Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 16117 GA HWY-315, Ellerslie, GA. Interment was held at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery.

Cyrille was born November 7, 1936, in Albany, NY son of the late Cyrille Joseph Du Shane, Sr and Clara Helen Terry Du Shane. Ranger Cyrille J. "Duke" Du Shane was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his extraordinary valor in combat, his long-time service to his country and contributions to the Ranger community. During his three tours in Vietnam, he was twice awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor during ground combat operations. In Vietnam, he served with the Company P Rangers of the Fifth Infantry and Division as a Ranger team leader, Operations Sergeant, and Company First Sergeant. He also served tours in Vietnam with the famous 1st Cavalry Division and with the 118th Aviation Company as a helicopter door gunner. His artistic ability and design work can be seen anywhere you find Rangers. He participated in the design of the Ranger Memorial and is the designer of the medallion that is presented to each Ranger who is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. He furnished portraits of the Ranger Medal of Honor awardees to the Regiment. He was known as the "Godfather of the Long Range Surveillance Leader Course." He served the 75th Ranger Regiment Association as the President, Vice President and as a liaison between the Association, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the Ranger Training Brigade. His contributions to the Ranger

community are too numerous to list. He had a love for all Rangers and was the epitome of a Ranger.



RHOF Medallion Contributor— Duke Du Shane

Ranger "Duke" Dushane RHOF Citation

Ranger Cyrille J. "Duke" Dushane is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his extraordinary valor in combat, his longtime service to his country, and his contributions to the entire Ranger community for many years. During his three tours in Vietnam, he was twice awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor during ground combat operations. Ranger Dushane has been decorated for various combat and peacetime accomplishments. In Vietnam, he served with the **Company P Rangers** of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as a Ranger team leader, Operations Sergeant, and company First Sergeant. Prior to this assignment, he served tours in Vietnam with the famous 1st Cavalry Division and with the 118th Aviation Company as a helicopter door gunner. Ranger Dushane is well known throughout the Ranger community for his contributions to Rangers of all eras. His artistic ability and design work can be seen anywhere you find Rangers. He was involved in the design of the Ranger Memorial, and is the designer of the Ranger Hall of Fame medallion that is presented to each Ranger who is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. He has furnished several designs to the different Ranger organizations for fund raising over the years. He is always available and willing to lend his expertise to any Ranger. He has furnished portraits of the Ranger Medal of Honor awardees to the Regiment. He is a tireless worker and has been a guest speaker at several Ranger School and Long Range Surveillance Leader Course graduations. He is known as the "Godfather of the Long Range Surveillance Leader Course." Ranger Dushane has served the 75th Ranger Regiment Association as Vice President and President, and currently acts as the liaison between the Association, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the Ranger Training Brigade. Ranger Dushane's contributions to the Ranger community are too numerous to list, and he is deserving of the honor to represent all Rangers in the Ranger Hall of Fame. Ranger Dushane has always demonstrated a love for all Rangers and is the epitome of a Ranger. For these reasons, he is being inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame.

Hey there Rangers, it's time again to start thinking about the Ranger Hall of Fame for 2025 and get those names to your Unit Director. We can submit a total of 3 packages to the RHO F board.

The RHO F board will review all packages submitted and will select the top 15 Rangers for induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame. The board in 2024 selected Ranger Terry Roderick and Ranger Anthony Mayne for induction from our Association. These were well-deserving individuals who were inducted.

Please note that all submissions must be forwarded through your Unit Director. No Direct submissions will be accepted. Please ensure that whoever you nominate meets the requirements as outlined in the RHO F By-Laws dated Jul of 2022 and our Association RHO F SOP.

The selected Ranger must have served in an LRP/LRRP/Ranger/Ranger Regiment Unit or any Long-Range Surveillance Company or Detachment that can trace its lineage to or is currently assigned to a Brigade or larger element that was deployed to Vietnam in combat or must have successfully graduated from the U.S. Ranger School and must be a member in good standing within our Association.

Please see our Association website for all details. All packages must be received by the 75th RRA RHO F review board NLT: **13 Dec 2024**. Send all packages to the following email address: rangerlogspt@hotmail.com.

As I have stated in each notice there are only 15 slots available for induction each year. The RHO F board only selects the top 15 from all the packages submitted from the Ranger organizations. Please make sure your candidate has all the requirements for both military service and also look at what he has done for the Association or the Ranger community and what he has done to promote the Ranger ethos and the Ranger community. We review the whole person as does the RHO F board.

Any questions should be directed to any of the 75th RRA RHO F board members.

Here are two members of the Ranger Hall of Fame who were instrumental in the Son Tay Raid to rescue POW's from a North Vietnamese prison camp.

COLONEL ARTHUR D. SIMONS - Colonel Arthur D. (Bull) Simons is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for extraordinary valor while serving as a Company Commander and Executive Officer of

the 6th Ranger Battalion during World War II and as Deputy Commander, Joint Contingency Task Group Ivory Coast (Son Tay Raid). Colonel Simons participated in all three campaigns of the 6th Ranger Battalion in the Pacific. He served with the Ranger Training Command as an instructor, and later Commander of the Amphibious Jungle Training Camp. Colonel Simons later led the covert White Star Mobile Training Team into Laos in 1961. Colonel Simons was specially selected to lead and train the ground forces for the Son Tay raid to free American POWs outside of Hanoi in 1970. He planned and executed this Ranger-type mission with great precision in the face of a superior force in 22 minutes. He personally killed a large number of enemy attempting to exit a barracks. After retirement, Colonel Simons trained a group of employees of H. Ross Perot for the successful rescue of two fellow employees held by terrorists in Tehran, Iran. Colonel Simons was a man of great experience and valor who set the standard in all that he did. His selfless service to his country clearly shows that a Ranger will, "...never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy..."

COLONEL ELLIOTT P. SYDNOR, JR. – Colonel Elliott P. Sydnor, Jr., is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for outstanding service to the nation and to the U. S. Army as a Ranger qualified leader. Colonel Sydnor began his career of military service as a submariner in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1948. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1953 and served in the 11th Airborne Division. Colonel Sydnor commanded a company in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, and in the 1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment in Vietnam. In 1970, Colonel Sydnor coordinated, planned, and served as the Ground Force Commander during the daring raid on the prisoner of war camp at Son Tay, North Vietnam. He commanded the 1st Special Forces Group and served as Director of the Ranger Department from June 1977 to May 1980. Colonel Sydnor's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with "V" Device, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist's Badge, and the coveted Ranger Tab. Colonel Sydnor's dedication to duty throughout his 31 year career brings immeasurable credit to himself, his country, and the U.S. Army Rangers.

As always my Ranger brothers, Stay Safe and Live the Ranger Creed.

RLTW

Rick Barela

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To prevent lapses in your memberships, please send dues and any ADDRESS CHANGES to:

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 PO Box 2200
 Orangevale, CA 95662
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 tom.sove@75thrra.org

With our Benevolent fund, the Association supports the Family Fund, Gold Star Fund, and the Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships working collaboratively with the Ranger Memorial Foundation. We support the Best Ranger Competition and other events the officers regard as beneficial in promoting the 75th RRA ethos within the Greater Ranger Community. If you wish to help out, anytime is the right time. Especially right now!

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WASHINGTON — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced several steps to expand access to VA benefits for Veterans who served at Karshi-Khanabad (K2) base in Uzbekistan after Sept. 11, 2001, as well as their survivors. These steps include:

- **Making chronic multi-symptom illness a presumptive condition for K2 Veterans:** VA plans to take steps to consider Veterans who served in Uzbekistan as Persian Gulf Veterans, therefore making undiagnosed illness and medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illness (also known as Gulf War Illness) presumptive conditions for Veterans who served at K2. This will lower the burden of proof required for Veterans who served at K2 to receive presumptive benefits for these conditions.
- **Recognition of exposures at K2 as toxic exposure risk activities (TERAs):** VA also plans to take steps to acknowledge that Veterans who served at K2 were exposed to several contaminants of concern — including for example jet fuel, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter and dust, asbestos roofing tiles, and lead-based paint. VA continues to work with the Department of Defense to conduct research to identify any additional exposures.
- **Ensuring that toxic exposures are fully taken into account when processing K2 Veterans' claims:** VA will provide information and training about service at K2, including a list of the contaminants that Veterans were exposed to while serving there, to all claims processors and examiners. This will mean that every time a K2 Veteran submits a disability claim, VA claims processors and examiners will take those K2 exposures into account.
- **Pre-decisional review of K2 claims:** Before a decision is made on a K2 Veteran's claim, it will go through an additional review to ensure that all relevant information (including exposures) was taken into account, and that all benefits to which the Veteran is entitled have been granted. This will apply to any original claim for conditions that could be tied to exposures (for example, there would not be a review for a knee injury).

Importantly, in addition to these steps, all Veterans who served at K2 and meet [basic eligibility requirements](#) are already eligible to enroll in VA health care to get world-class, low-cost care for all their health conditions – without needing to apply for disability compensation first. These Veterans are also eligible for presumptive benefits for the more than 300 conditions [covered by the PACT Act](#), meaning that they do not need to prove that their service caused their condition to receive benefits for it; instead, VA automatically assumes service-connection for the condition and provides benefits accordingly.

Moving forward, VA will continue to evaluate additional ways to support K2 Veterans and their survivors. VA encourages all Veterans who served at K2 to apply for VA [care](#) and [benefits](#) by visiting [VA.gov](#) or calling 1-800-MYVA411.

“At VA, our goal is to provide every Veteran who served at K2 with the care and benefits that they deserve for their service to our nation — and that’s what this effort is all about,” said **VA’s Under Secretary for Benefits Josh Jacobs**. “In addition to these important steps forward, we want all Veterans who served at K2 to know that they are currently eligible both to enroll in VA health care (without first applying for VA benefits) and for presumptive benefits for the more than 300 health conditions under the PACT Act. We encourage these Veterans — and their survivors — to apply for VA [care](#) and [benefits](#) by visiting [VA.gov](#) or calling 1-800-MYVA411. We will do everything in our power to get to yes and get you the care and benefits you deserve.”

VA is conducting extensive outreach to K2 Veterans and their survivors to ensure they get the care and benefits they have earned. Partly due to these efforts, 13,002 K2 Veterans of the approximately 16,000 known K2 Veterans are currently enrolled in VA healthcare and 11,801 are service-connected for at least one condition.

Veterans with questions about their health care and benefits (including GI Bill). Questions, updates and documents can be submitted online.

[Contact us online through Ask VA](#)

HQ/75TH RANGER HHC

UNIT DIRECTOR—THOMAS MAIER

Regimental Headquarters Company

The highlight for this last quarter was Ranger Rendezvous 24 which commenced on 24 June and culminated on 28 June with the Change of Command between COL Jim Keirse outgoing RCO and COL Kitefre Oboho (Kit).

Numerous competitions and demonstrations were conducted to include:

- Helocast
- Best Machine Gun team
- Best Squad – M4
- Best shot
- Best medic
- Ruck march
- Land navigation
- Combatives
- Endurathon

There were numerous dinners and receptions which allowed stories to be told and friendships to be rekindled. A great event week in all and superb job by all who supported.



RSM Christopher Masters passes the colors to COL Jim Keirse



LTG Jon Braga, USASOC Commander passes the colors to COL Kitefre Oboho (Kit).



October marks the 40th Anniversary of the stand up of the RHQ. Below is the daily schedule with more details to follow. We will update the web site as they become available.

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40th Anniversary

3/75 || RHQ

02-05 OCT || Fort Moore, GA

Wednesday, 02 OCT

3/75 Stress Shoot @ Farnsworth Range

No-Host Social @ Scofflaw Brewing

Thursday, 03 OCT

Change of Responsibility @ BN Memorial

Open House @ 3/75 COF

BBQ Cookout @ BN Memorial

Friday, 04 OCT

Keneally Golf Tournament @ FMGC

Saturday 05 OCT

Mogadishu Mile Downtown Columbus

75th RANGER MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

UNIT DIRECTOR—LEE GARCIA

Recently, I reached out through multiple channels, inviting Military Intelligence (MI) Rangers to share their stories so we can start documenting the history of MI Rangers. One response came from a Ranger buddy, Jim Blaess, who served as an Intelligence Analyst with the 2nd Ranger Battalion in 1986. He shared his experience, starting with the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) and the competition for a Ranger School slot with HHC Rangers. He also described the Battalion S2 section's structure, which included a Battalion S2, an AS2, and an intelligence analyst. Jim's last assignment in the Regiment was with the Military Intelligence Detachment at Regimental Headquarters, where he served until 1999.

What struck me most was how similar my own journey into the Regiment was in 2000. Like Jim, I went through RIP, had a brief stint at Regimental Headquarters, and was then assigned to the 3rd Ranger Battalion. The structure at the Battalion was largely unchanged from what Jim described in 1986. Training at that time focused primarily on airfield seizures, small raids, and Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO). As a junior analyst, I was assigned to TOC 2, served as the AS2 RTO, assisted with weather analysis, and carried extra maps. I can still vividly recall my first airfield seizure and how incredible it felt as an intelligence analyst to participate in such tactical training. If Jim and I compared our first years in the Battalion, our experiences would likely be very similar. Then 9/11 happened, and everything changed—the way we conducted analysis and intelligence operations, as well as the Regiment itself.

In the early years, our focus remained on Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield (IPB) for airfields, area, and point targets. We participated in Course of Action (COA) development, wargaming, and very detailed rehearsal of concept (ROC) drills. These ROC drills were so thorough that we briefed everything from the dimensions of walls, doors, and windows to the distances between buildings, flood zones, and cover and concealment locations. It often felt like the ROC drills took longer to set up than the actual mission execution. However, our focus gradually shifted from targeting locations to targeting individuals. High-Value Targets (HVTs) no longer referred to dams or key terrain; they referred to people—High-Value Individuals (HVIs). The planning process became more precise as we targeted people in populated areas.

As the conflict continued and the mission of the Task Force transitioned to manhunting, the role of the Rangers evolved as well. Rangers went from being drivers and security to conducting bilateral and unilateral raids, eventually running Special Operations Task Forces. With these changes, our intelligence processes and access to information also evolved. By the summer of 2003, the intelligence analysis I was taught in AIT felt outdated



and no longer applicable. The pace of our operations did not allow for the in-depth IPB analysis we were used to; instead, that process became integrated into the platoon's planning, with some help from imagery analysts. It became common for Platoon Leaders, Squad Leaders, and snipers to work closely with imagery analysts to gather precise data for planning. After Action Reviews (AARs) transitioned into mission debriefs led by intelligence analysts immediately after a target operation. We were developing new Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) without even realizing it. Looking back now, I am amazed at how quickly and effectively the Regiment adapted to its new mission set. Understanding this evolution from the Abrams Charter and witnessing it in action is something I have come to fully appreciate.

Not only did our intelligence processes evolve, but the personnel also changed significantly. In 2000, there were three enlisted intelligence Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs). By the time I retired, there were 12 different MOSs comprising the intelligence enterprise. The S2 section expanded from four MI personnel to 10 MI, and the MI Detachment transitioned to a company and eventually a Battalion. I will caveat the BN S2 section varied over time and there were a number of 11Bs that served in the S2 sections, I am only counting MI. MI Rangers went from processing intelligence to producing it. MI Rangers developed processes and systems that were adopted across the intelligence community and the military. They were embedded at every level, from platoons and companies to Battalions and even national levels. It was common for an MI Ranger to be deployed to an outstation while another Ranger from the same section or platoon was operating in the National Capital Region and beyond.

MI Rangers follow and adhere to Ranger standards in addition to their MOS requirements, which include language and technical certifications. At one point, the Military Intelligence Battalion (MIB) had the highest proportion of Ranger and Jumpmaster qualifications within the Regiment, all while maintaining a steady deployment cycle. A typical MI Ranger timeline includes Basic Training, AIT (lasting 3-18 months), RASP, Airborne School, and a Ranger-specific technical course. It was common for a new Ranger to arrive with almost two years of Army service, most of which was spent in schooling. MI Rangers have competed in and won Best Ranger, served in leadership positions in RASP, and represented SOF in strategic positions.

In line with Abrams Charter, which describes "A Battalion that can do things with its hands and weapons better than anyone," the MI Ranger adds the element of "the brain" to that list. MI Rangers are true quiet professionals, many of their stories will never be told.

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75th RANGER MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

Their accomplishments are only highlighted through others' courage and determination. Let it be known that behind every successful operation there was an MI Ranger.

If you were MI and served in the Ranger Regiment and want to share your story. Please contact me at:

lgarcia2204@gmail.com



2003 3/75 S2; Baghdad International



Former Rangers from 3/75 S2 with current 3/75 Bn S2



2019 MI BN marching during 75RR Change of Command



1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT



Currahee Memorial.

Above-A Co Shooting Competition & Family Day: Alpha Company executed marksmanship training, a shooting competition, and family day at the 17 South Rod and Gun. Competition categories included pistol, rifle, Designated Marksman, and Two Gun.

33 Ranger dads and their daughters for an evening on the riverboat Georgia Queen. The event included dinner, dancing and special activities.



Left -
(T) SSG Kendzora conducting a range brief before the competition. (B) SGT Lofgren - Two Gun winner.



Above- Daughters 'mummifying' their dads using toilet paper rolls

Below- Currahee Re-Enlistment: 1st Platoon, Bravo Company re-enlisted four Rangers at the base of Currahee Mountain in Camp Toccoa with support from the Georgia Air National Guard. The platoon also received a private tour by the Camp Toccoa Museum staff.



Left- CPT Chantz Yager and his daughter pose for a sunset photo on the Savannah Riverboat Cruise.



Top Right Photo-

1/B WD from Currahee. (R) 1/B re-enlistment at the Currahee Memorial.

Above- Co MET: In TW 41, 1/75 executed a robust Co MET week which included BD6 LFXs, gunnery, FMP rehearsals, and a CAS trip. Continued on the next page



Top Left- A-10 Overhead at Townsend Bombing Range. Top Right-) B Co Rangers conduct MTMR LFX.



Left- Battalion Change of Command: COL Russ Necessary relinquished command of 1st Ranger Battalion to LTC Brian James in Forsyth Park, Savannah on 21 JUN. We thank COL Necessary, Ashley, and their children for their immeasurable positive impact on the battalion over the last two years.

The event was supported by the community followed by a reception supported by the Sua Sponte Foundation.



Above- USASOC CSM Visit: On 10JUL, 1/75 and 3/160th hosted USASOC's CSM Naumann for PT, a footprint tour, and training visits.



Left- CPT Crucitti & family. Bravo Company Changes of Command and Responsibility: 1SG Bryan Jensen assumed responsibility of Bravo Company from 1SG Joe Perez. Additionally, CPT Garrett Ewanouski assumed Command of Bravo Company from CPT John Crucitti. We are grateful to MacKenzie Crucitti and Rachel Perez for their many sacrifices for 1st Ranger Battalion.



Above- 2nd SQD posing with the RSO and RSM after receiving their plaque. Regimental Best Squad Competition: 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Bravo Company won the 75th Ranger Regiment Best Squad Competition during Ranger Rendezvous 24. They will represent the Regiment in the USASOC Best Squad competition in the beginning of August.



Left- SGT Cannon, DLA Winner.

HHC Change of Responsibility: 1SG Joe Perez assumed responsibility of HHC from MSG Matthew Bjerke. We thank Leisa and the Bjerke family for their outstanding support to the Battalion.



Left- 1SG Bjerke and family.



Right- 1SG Perez and family.



Heavy Weapons / AT Pro: The 1/75 B5TIC hosted a battalion-internal heavy weapons course covering a range of organic HE and heavy weapons.

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Pathfinder MTT: The Battalion graduated 42 Rangers from the ANG Pathfinder MTT held here at HAAF – the highest pass rate the cadre had seen to-date.



Above- Pathfinder candidates conduct sling load operations at FSGA.

D-Day 80 Celebration: Members of 1st Ranger Battalion traveled to Normandy France for the D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations. Our Rangers participated in various ceremonies, celebrations, a Regimental PT event, and an airborne operation from historic C-47 airplanes over Iron Mike II DZ.



Above- Rangers enter the surf at Omaha Beach.



Left- 1st Ranger Battalion stick in a C-47 aircraft.



Right- 1/75 Ranger places a coin at the Omaha American Cemetery.

USAREC National Education Recruiting Tour: Educators and high school counselors from across the country joined 1st Ranger Battalion at HAAF for informational briefs and a static display of Ranger capabilities during the 2024 USAREC National Education Tour.



CPT Schmidt addresses group of educators at the 1/75 Memorial.

Memorial Day Ceremony: 1/75 honored all KIA/KIT Rangers by presenting bracelets to current Rangers to ensure we remember the legacy of their loss.

The ceremony also served as the unveiling of the James Dietz painting depicting the actions of SFC Christopher Celiz for which he earned the Medal of Honor. Separately, 1/75 Rangers attended the Gold De Fleury Medal presentation in honor of SFC Celiz. The Gold De Fleury Medal is the highest honor of the Army’s Engineer Regiment.



Unveiling of the James Dietz painting depicting the actions of SFC Christopher Celiz, Medal of Honor recipient.



2nd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—HUGH ROBERTS



Calling all 2/75 Rangers past and present, active duty or retired, to 2nd Ranger Battalion's 50th Anniversary at Joint Base Lewis McChord from 1

October, 2024 - 3 October, 2024.

The website below will serve as the primary venue for distribution of all information pertaining to this celebration. All Rangers, regardless of your Battalion affiliation or time served in the Regiment, are encouraged to attend if you are in the Pacific Northwest in early October. For any and all visitors, please utilize



the [RSVP button](#) on the web page so we can adequately plan for your arrival.

In order to access more information regarding the daily schedule, event locations, or administrative info proceed using the link below. [The website is best accessed from a civilian computer or smart phone.](#)

Web Page Link:

<https://75thrangerregiment.org/2ndRangerBatAnniversary>

01 OCT

- State of the Battalion** 1000 @ Evergreen Theatre
- General Officer Panel** 1100 @ Evergreen Theatre
- Fallen Ranger Memorial** 1400 @ 2/75 BN Memorial
- Alumni Photo** 1500 @ 2/75 BN Memorial

02 OCT

- Static Displays & Battalion Open House** 1000-1700 @ 2/75 BN Footprint
- Ranger Demonstrations** 1200-1700 @ 2/75 BN Footprint
Every hour, on the hour

03 OCT

- Golf Tournament** TBD @ Eagles Pride Golf Course
- Company Hosted Socials** 1200-UTC @ TBD Locations

EVENTS

- 2/75 MAIN GATE
- 2/75 BN MEMORIAL
- EVERGREEN THEATRE
- NOBLE HILL
- EAGLES PRIDE GOLF COURSE

PARKING

- DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
- HANDICAP
- GOLD STAR FAMILIES
- LOT 1
- LOT 2
- LOT 3
- LOT 4
- LOT 5

LOCATIONS

CLOSEST ON COMPOUND → FURTHEST 1 MILE AWAY



3rd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—KURT BUCHTA

As we get ready to celebrate the formation of 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in conjunction with the formation of the 75th Ranger Regiment 40 years ago on 03 October 1984 bringing together arguably the fiercest and most formidable fighting unit the world has ever seen. There is obvious bias in that statement, but I don't mind taking up the debate if there is disagreement. There is also a realization that up until this point in time every Ranger unit was disbanded after the conflict with which it was tasked to do great and daring things for its Country. Not anymore!

Over the last couple of years during many conversations with Alumni and current active members some common themes surfaced as to why or how they made their way to the Regiment; regardless of whether they knew at the beginning of their military career that the Ranger Regiment was where they wanted to go, or like me were exposed to something that piqued their interest and created an overwhelming desire to overcome every obstacle in the way to get there.

You can't hide standards, discipline, accountability and leadership and our Regiment represents every one of those characteristics at a high level. There is a vacuum created through this culture that attracts us and those like us to push ourselves to earn the privilege of being associated with it and to keep earning that privilege every day. We relish it and we take it out to the force as tasked in the Charter or translate it into our civilian endeavors. I hope to highlight this fraternity through your 75th Ranger Regiment Association, this medium, and all our outreach opportunities.

I'd like to introduce you to one of those Rangers that both fulfilled the Charter and upheld the Creed during his career and throughout his life, as well as found ways to overcome the obstacles that were in his way to becoming a member of the Ranger Regiment. The second person that signed into 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in 1983 just behind the Battalion Commander, LTC Ohl was its first Signal Officer, CPT Howie Cohen. How did he get there?

RGR Cohen's first assignment placed him at Fort Lewis, WA with 9th Signal as a Platoon Leader and HHC XO where he was in close proximity to 2d Ranger Battalion. At the time the battalion was still wearing Tiger Stripes and the Black Beret and as we know looking a little different can draw some attention, but it wasn't just that...it was the stories told by his roommate at the time who was with 2/75 and the opportunities to be around the compound and see the leadership, even having the opportunity to workout with a then Company Commander, CPT Frank Kearney that solidified his desires. Having the opportunity to interview with the 2/75 Battalion XO he received clear and concise guidance on how to make it happen. At the time he was not ad-



vanced course qualified and did not possess the Ranger tab. As soon as he arrived at the Signal Advanced Course at Fort Gordon, GA he immediately sought out the Ranger Platoon; the element that is focused on getting Soldiers prepared for Ranger School. The long pole in the tent at this point would be in securing an actual slot to Ranger School through the Branch. Through tenacious and

relentless efforts, he was able to secure the second part of the barrier to becoming a member of the Rangers as a leader; the Ranger Tab.

RGR Cohen now received orders to the 52nd Signal, a strategic communications position completely different from his tactical comms experience. With his personal gear on its way to Germany he received a call asking him if he still wanted to become a Ranger and if so that the Army was standing up a 3rd Ranger Battalion and given contact information for the BN CDR. RGR Cohen places a call to the Battalion Commander, LTC Ohl a Vietnam Veteran with the 24th Infantry Division and 101st Airborne as well as being a participant in Operation Eagle Claw. LTC Ohl puts him in touch with the BN XO, then MAJ John Vines (LTG (R)), a former Company Commander and S-3 Operations Officer with 1/75 who was at the time at Fort Dix which was an hour or so from where RGR Cohen was in preparation for his move to Germany. MAJ Vines subsequently interviews and hires RGR Cohen as the first Signal Officer for the newly being formed 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

This is where we get back to RGR Cohen making his way to Fort Benning, GA, signing in to the battalion and reporting to a WWII barracks building along Dixie Road. The only other inhabitant of the building being the BN CDR, LTC Ohl and the only acknowledgement of the unit being a hand drawn poster on the side of the building that read 3rd Ranger Battalion. And so, it started...

Ranger Cohen lived the creed and executed the charter over a career that spans 2+ decades going on to serve in multiple Joint Communication Units / Special Mission Units with his final assignments being the Deputy Commander and Commander of the White House Communication Agency.

My discussions with him have been memorable and I am better for meeting him as we all are for being a part of the fraternity, community, and brotherhood of our Ranger Regiment.

Let's always make sure that we are looking at 'Getting the Band back together' – Blues Brothers. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Do you have a story you would like to tell, let me know.

RLTW!

RGR Buchta



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

SGM (United States Army Ret) Willie J. Gavin, Jr. 83 peacefully crossed the shores of time Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the home of his daughter. "BoBo" as he was affectionally called by family and friends is the son of the late Willie J. Gavin Sr. and Alberta Southerland Gavin. He was born in Duplin County on May 18, 1940. Sergeant Major Willie J. Gavin Jr., a true American hero who dedicated his life in service to our nation. For three decades, Sergeant Major Gavin exemplified the highest ideals of courage, dedication, and selflessness as a proud member of the United States Army. Throughout his distinguished career, Sergeant Major Gavin's bravery and valor were unparalleled. His unwavering commitment to duty was evident in every action he took, earning him a list of military honors that speaks volumes about his exemplary service. From the "Jump Master" Best of the Best Parachutist, Bronze Star medal to the Purple Heart, the Air Medal to the Army Commendation, each accolade is a testament to his sacrifice and devotion to protecting our freedoms. Sergeant Major Gavin's service extended far beyond the battlefield. He embodied the values of integrity, honor, and leadership, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence. His leadership was marked by compassion and humility, earning him the respect and admiration of all who had the privilege of serving alongside him. As we reflect on Sergeant Major Gavin's remarkable life, let us not only remember his remarkable accomplishments but also the profound impact he had on our lives and the lives of countless others.



SGM Willie Gavin

Though he may no longer walk among us, his legacy will endure as a shining beacon of courage and heroism for generations to come. To his family, friends, and comrades-in-arms, I offer my deepest condolences. May you find solace in the memories you shared and comfort in the knowledge that Sergeant Major Willie J. Gavin Jr.'s legacy will forever be etched in the annals of our nation's history. Rest in peace, Sergeant Major Gavin. He leaves to cherish loving memories to his wife, Geraldine Carlton Gavin of the home; three children, Jimmie A. Gavin of Raleigh, Craig A. Gavin of Minnesota

and Terry A. Gavin of Fayetteville; seven grandchildren, Talisha Gavin, Carl Green, Saible Pressley, Taylor Gavin, Natasha Groce, Rashawn Carroll and Terrence Emanuel ; several great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Cards and flowers may be sent to Mrs. Geraldine C. Gavin, 1214 NC 24&50 Warsaw, NC 28398. Mike Cantrell said, "Good man, one of those all the young guys looked up to." The December 1973 roster lists Willie as an E-7 assigned to HQ platoon. I remember him as the Amway shoeshine man. Always had Amway wax on the toes of his jump boots. And sold a lot of it to us. Picture attached.

From Roy Bissey: Rangers, friends and family, There are just 112 days left before we gather in Waco, TX to look at each other and say "who are you?", rekindle old friendships, tell stories (some true) and remember the days of our youth spent in the noble endeavor of SERVICE to the United States of America and her people. Here are a few reminders of things to address in preparation for this event. Make your reservations at the Springhill Suites hotel in Woodway, TX or another hotel of your preference in the same area. There are several available, but we will be headquartered at Springhill. The address is 200 Colonnade Parkway, Woodway, TX 76712 and the phone number for reservations is **254-732-7979**. Online reservations are not available. Identify yourself as a guest of **ACRO** to receive the group rate of \$107.00 plus taxes per night, breakfast is included. The cutoff date for making reservations is 15 Oct 2024 but please don't wait. As of 21 June, there were just 5 rooms left unreserved. We may be able to obtain more rooms, but it

will depend on the hotel load so the sooner the better. If you run into difficulties with reservations, call me at 307-752-6428 or email at r_bissey@yahoo.com and we'll get it fixed. Bring your family members, stories, old photographs, memories, etc. Saturday, 09 November, will be the main event at the Savell compound just a few miles away from the hotel. The address is 284 Possums End, Woodway, Texas. The day will begin at about 0900 and lunch will be provided free of charge.

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It will be hard to top the groceries served up in 2019 and 2022 but whatever the Savell's have planned it will be top notch, Texas style. Plenty of drinks, alcoholic and not, water, and snacks will be available throughout the day. Complementary transportation between the hotel and Savell's will be available. Friday will be a day for gathering at the Springhill hospitality suite where there will be items for sale and raffle tickets for what promises to be a good crop of unusual memorabilia. Lots of stories, some half truths and a few blatant lies will be shared. There is a bar located in the hotel but unless we can prevail upon management, it doesn't open until 1600 hours.

Lunch will be catered for that day as well. If you choose to roam the city of Waco instead, the Savell family will fill us all in on what there is to see. The Texas Ranger Museum and the Branch Davidian Compound are among the sights mentioned in the past. I have managed to scrounge up a few new contacts over the last few months and am still working to find more. Among those recently found are: James Ballard, Oklahoma, third platoon; Paul Akscin, Tennessee, second platoon? Mike Baird, California, first platoon; Ronald Doughty, New York, second platoon; Felix Gonzales, Texas, third platoon; John Schook, Texas, ?; James Bontrager, Indiana, HQS platoon. Unfortunately, the list of deceased has also been incremented since our last reunion. I was notified by Terry Higgins' sister that he died 07 Nov 2023. Terry was in Headquarters platoon and lived in Hugoton, Kansas.

Tom Brizendine died following an extended battle with cancer on 23 Mar 2024. Doug Nolen left us on 05 May 2022 just a month and days following our reunion in 2022. Tom Wier died on 01 Jul 2023. I contacted Jim Bontrager through Facebook in early May 2024. He advised me on 02 Jun that he had been in hospice care for two months with blood issues and did not expect to be able to make the reunion. I have had no further contact with him. It seems to me that Jim was an armorer, but his MOS reads 11B2V. Willie Gavin went to serve the Big Ranger on 13 Apr 2024. Felix Gonzales was a career soldier and has vowed to be at the reunion and looks forward to seeing the old team. John Schook was on the November 1974 reassignment roster headed for 2/75 and also made a career in the Army. He and his wife Sharon will be joining us. John was listed on the "Together We Served" website as a member of A/75. Paul Akscin went on to 5th SF Group and retired from there. I rounded him up from Facebook also. Paul has also made plans to join us in Waco. Ron Doughty is a successful plumbing, heating and AC businessman in Levittown, New York. I hope he will be with us. Mike Baird lives in California. He has made no commitment to attend the reunion, but it would be good to see him again. Jim Ballard is a motorcycle gearhead in Oklahoma. Not too far from Waco, Texas, right Jim? Hope to see you there. We need all of you who are able to make this reunion.

There is no charge for any of the activities. We have successfully funded the prior two reunions from donations and this one will be no exception. If you are able and so desire, you can contribute to the fund by sending me (Roy Bissey) a personal or busi-

ness check, or money order made out to "Alpha Rangers" or by using PayPal, link provided later in this email. My mailing address is P.O. Box 454, Big Horn, Wyoming 82833. Eddie Alexander is my accountability backup for the funds collected. I will send you and Eddie a confirmation email when I receive your donation. It's been nearly 50 YEARS since Alpha Company 75th Rangers was deactivated. That is something to celebrate! Looking forward to seeing some new faces in November. If you have questions or suggestions my email address is r_bissey@yahoo.com, phone 307-752-6428. If you are planning to attend it would be very helpful if you would advise me of that intent so that we can begin estimating a headcount. Remember, the patrol leader goes hungry if there's not enough chow and Jim Savell does NOT like to be hungry! RLTW! Bissey. The link to make a PayPal donation is: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/A75RANGERS>

In other news, Mike Cantrell said Michelle is doing ok, coughing a little more but still getting out to church and doing some shopping. Mike Theisen is now on dialysis. Seems the VA dropped the ball on his kidneys while fixing "other stuff." He goes 3 days a week and sits in a chair. He's checking into a transplant, but that takes time. Anyone has a minute, give him a shout. I check in on Donna Brizendine a couple times a month. She is having a rough time living by herself. She had an attempted break-in a few weeks ago, but the neighbors came over and scared the would-be intruders off. Anyone wanting to talk to her, get with me or EJ. Mark Ross has popped smoke again and is back in VA in Salt Lake City again. His son, Corey, contacted me and is going to try and get him relocated to somewhere around Indy. He lives on the south side, and I live about 50 miles north of Indy. Mark has had a stroke and can't use his right arm or leg. Anyone wanting to talk to Mark, let me know and I will share his info when I get it. Keep EJ and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he lost his mom in May, just after visiting her on her 95th birthday.

This will be the last Patrolling Magazine before Waco, so the Warning Order is out, the Patrol is in movement to the staging area. Time to fill your ruck and prepare to move out. And of course, now it's hurry up and wait, the traditional Army Way!! 50 years is a long time. If you have not made either of the prior reunions, **do not** miss this one. It promises to be bigger and better yet!! We do have confirmation that a few B/75 members will be attending as well as Marie Carlisle, Elizabeth Smith, and Tiffany Nolen.

That's it for now. Send me some stories.

Stan Jones

UD A/75, D/17, V Corps LRRPS

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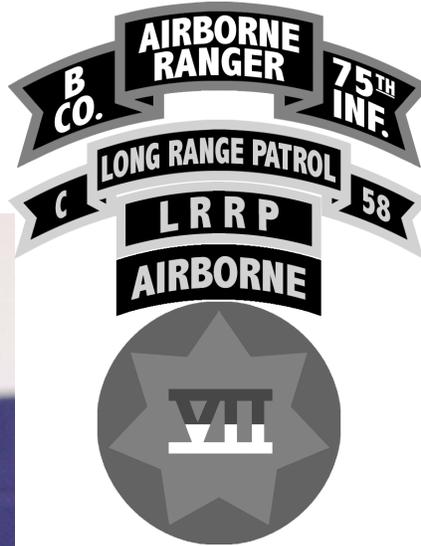
B/75 – C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

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

TAPS:

JIM JACKSON (From: Stan Harrell):



I have some sad news for the members of VII Corp LRRP: I don't know how many of you remember Jim Jackson from the old company, he was my best

man at my wedding, I just found out that he passed away on November 25, 2023, at Ft Benning. Condolences go out to the family.

John DeCosta: He put me out the door on my cherry jump.

Willie Mack: I saw him last at one of the reunions. Heaven bound!

MSG WILLIAM "BILL" RYAN (VIA BETH RYAN)

My father passed away July 24th of 2023. He was very proud to have served alongside of you men.

(Obituary Courtesy of Sykes Funeral Home)

MSG William "Bill" Ryan, ARMY (Ret)

June 25, 1943 — July 24, 2023

Master Sergeant (Ret) William "Bill" Ryan, 80, died peacefully in his Clarksville, TN home on July 24, 2023, after a valiant battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Bill lived a full life with many chapters and adventures. He was born and grew up and had fond memories of Charlestown, MA. At the tender age of 17, with his mothers' permission, "Peter" joined the Armed Forces. He spent 4 years in the Air Force and 19 & ½ years in the US Army. He did two tours of Vietnam and went on to serve in many units. He retired in 1984 with 23 & ½

years of service.

While serving in the Air Force he began a lifelong hobby in the sport of Judo. He went on to reach the rank of 7th (Shichidan) degree black belt. He taught countless students through the Clarksville Judo Club, as well as several Army Units and Police Departments. The highlight of his career in Judo was serving as a Field of Play Marshall for the '96 Atlanta Olympics. In his later years, Bill did security work, and held many posts. He continued to serve the veteran community through the American Legion, Post 289. He was a proud member of their Honor Guard.

He is survived by his bride of 51 years Deborah (Collins) Ryan, his daughter Beth Ryan (Robert Doyle) of Clarksville, granddaughters

Kayce Plymill (Austin) of Newark, DE; Emily and Shannon Miller both of Clarksville, TN; and great-granddaughter Ari Plymill of Newark, DE as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Florence (Murphy) Nash-Ryan, sisters Virginia Ellington, Frances Johnson and Rosemary Bassett and brother Daniel Ryan.

<https://www.sykesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/msg-william-bill-ryan-ret>

FRANK SAENTZ

Gene Kauffman: Frank Saentz. RIP my friend.



L-R, Kauffman and Saentz. Photo courtesy of Kauffman.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY JOINT REUNION

A/75 & B/75 – REUNION & INVITATION – REMINDER – START PLANNING!!

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO JOIN A/75 * B/75 FOR 50 YEAR PARTY

DATES: 7 TO 9 NOVEMBER 2024

LOCATION: NEAR WACO, TX.

REUNION COST: FREE !!!! (You pay for Lodging, etc)

RESERVATIONS: We have used **SPRINGHILL SUITES** in **WOODWAY, TX** as the headquarters for both of the past reunions and they have been very accommodating to our every need. There is a bar in the hotel, and they allowed us the use of a big meeting room for all three days at no charge.

To contact the hotel for room reservations you must call 254-**732-7979** and identify yourself as a **guest of ACRO** in order to receive the group rate of \$107.00 plus tax (approximately \$120.91 per night). Rooms are available with one King bed or two Queen beds, all are the same price.

FROM STAN JONES & ROY BISSEY: A/75 – REUNION & INVITATION

Gentlemen, as you well know 2024 will mark the 50th year since Alpha and Bravo 75th Ranger companies were stood down, the last two Ranger companies of the Vietnam era. Alpha company gathered in 2019 and again in March of 2022, the first large scale reunion efforts since 1974 and we had a ball. Jim Savell and his son Jason (and their families) hosted our parties at their place near Waco, Texas and just days after the March reunion was over, volunteered to do it one more time in 2024. It has been proposed and is supported by the Savell's and the rest of our planning group that we invite Bravo company to join us for this 50- year commemoration, (that is Bravo Company and its predecessor units, C/58 LRP and VII Corps LRRP). Family members are welcome as well. MSG Savell picked **7 to 9 November 2024** as the dates for the gathering. Typically, we begin by arriving in Waco on Thursday, continuing with festivities at our host hotel on Friday and then the all-day party with a midday meal at Savell's on Saturday. We held raffles on Friday and Saturday with some very nice items donated by members of the company as well as some outside our group. It is still almost one year out and things like the hotel we use may change. Our planning group will stay on top of things and ensure that this last bash will be a success. We would very much like to share this experience with any of your men and their families who might be interested in joining us. If you would throw this idea out for consideration among your membership to judge interest, we would appreciate it. You can view videos of the 2019 and 2022 reunions on YouTube by searching A/75 Ranger. If you have questions or suggestions, I am the point of contact and can find answers.

RLTW! Roy Bissey: A/75 1972-1974.

UD NOTE: PLEASE CHECK FB GROUPS or contact Unit Director for contact phone and email.

WHO IS GOING?

There appear to be quite a few people planning to go to this event. Other Ranger-type people are welcome.

I will be attending if the physicians will let me travel.

The Unit Director will also post this in the 75thRRA group on Facebook in case others have missed seeing it.

If you are planning on going, please let me know so I can pass the info along to the hosts.

Definitely Will Attend: Dick Foster, Mike Moser, Joe Touchon, Howard Stokes, Ed Thurman, Mike Hess.

Possible Attendees: Leo Starkey, Marc Thompson, Neil Lofgren, Steve Sherwood, Lester Harlan.

We will try to post more current lists in the Facebook groups as soon as possible.

A/75 – REUNION & INVITATION – REMINDER – START PLANNING

FROM DICK FOSTER: I will provide A/75 with specific info for combined (A/B Co in Waco). I plan on attending both. Your specific and interesting input is encouraged. I have been in contact with Ed Thurman and Roy Bissey of A Co and think this is an idea worthy of OUR consideration since our numbers (both Assoc) are dwindling and the mid/West coast guys are more likely to make the latter. Touchon has said he'll make both and if that rolling stone can make it, all can, barring unfortunate circumstances. Please feel free to forward this to all on your mailing lists (mine may be incomplete). To you all, God bless you and our departed Brothers.

Sua Sponte, RLW: AIRBORNE! Dick Foster, President, USA LRRP Assoc (VII Corps)

FROM ED THURMAN

Marc and Dick, my name is Ed Thurman, and I served in A/75th at Ft Hood. I am of the belief that you guys served in B/75th at Ft Lewis. I went to 2/75 at Ft Lewis and met several of the B/75 guys there. As you know, you have been invited to join us for the 50th reunion later this year. We certainly are looking forward to meeting all of the B/75 guys in person. In advance of one of our reunions, we made a video of A/75. The guys loved being able to see themselves and the other Rangers on film from so many years ago. Subsequently, we put the video on YouTube so that their kids and grandkids could view it and see Grandpa as a 20 some year-old young Ranger. Again, this was very well appreciated by our guys. You can view this video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AhYe4GfDZk>

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FROM JAMES SAVELL – GENERAL SCHEDULE & INFO

I can give info on the A/75 side of things. There are 7 of us (A/75) that do the tasks to make the Reunions happen. My property is where the Saturday social/ picnic/ war stories/lies & memorial ceremony will take place.

I am presently pouring a concrete slab & building a pavilion that B/75 can use for your gathering. Baylor is in a bye week so no football fans. We have used the Springhills Suites of Woodway, TX for our 2 reunions & they have been notified of our 7-9th November rooms block.

The overall plan is:

Some arrive Thursday or Friday morning. The hotel allows us a hospitality room & we have eats catered.

People bring photo albums etc. We have a sign in roster & I will have name tags...I realize we need name tags the size of license plates for us half blind people. There is a bar if they have a bartender. There is a lot to see in Waco & many go out. Saturday morning is a short drive to my place. I have JROTC Cadets that help parking & do a Colorguard to start things off. We usually meet in the barn, where people get up & tell stories on each other. I am planning on B/75 having their own area to do this. There are plenty of places where you can just sit with a friend. Lunch will be catered around uh.... lunch time...After lunch there is just good meeting, greeting & talking. At 1400hrs (2:00 PM) We have a memorial service. We have bagpipes, bell, Boots/rifle/helmet display & taps. The names of the deceased will be read. It may take a while but there won't be another 50th for any of us. I am sure that all of us can do this together with ya'll reading your names. We will have a bar with all kinds of beer, wines, sodas, and water. If you desire hard stuff, bring a bottle & put it on the bar. I will have a barmaid that you will enjoy. The Reunion is absolutely free. The only cost you have is travel/lodging. We had coins/t-shirts last one that we pre-ordered & sold...these will cost you. We will be spending a lot of money on things & there are some that have donated to the Reunion. I will have a gift shop where you can purchase things. The money made will fund the costs.



Photo by Tom Forde

Gonzalez, Head (only guy who could wear a helmet without a liner) and Gino Doe (Silver Star) boozing it up in Garmisch.

SITREPS & SICK CALL:**LYNN THOMPSON (VIA GREG PHILLIPS)**

Right after we closed the last issue, we received the following information:

28 May 2024: Lynn Thompson back surgery (slow recovering)

Old B/75, Fort Lewis family, we need to activate the Prayer Warrior List tonight. Ranger Lynn Thompson had a very serious back surgery today. His wife Rachel just called me to update me. He was initially placed into a recovery room but has since been moved into ICU. Lynn suffered from a stroke awhile back making this surgery all the more complicated. He was moved into ICU as they cannot revive him from the anesthesia, causing grave concern. I will keep you all posted as I hear more. God Bless Lynn and Rachel.

29 May 2024: Update, Lynn has awoken! Let's keep praying for a speedy recovery from his surgery.

LEO STARKEY

Leo had a reprieve from a diagnosis of prostate cancer and is continuing to improve.

MIKE MOSER

Mike had intended to travel in this direction from Missouri to visit Gettysburg and my place in Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, he and his traveling companion suffered an automotive mishap just prior to the trip, and so are rehabilitating, and the trip was obviously cancelled. That was actually fortunate, because my wife has been going through some medical issues that would have made meeting up difficult. Mike is planning to attend the Joint Reunion in Texas in November.

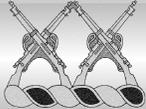
TOM FORDE: (from the FB Group)

Just found this 1961 photo. Best years of my life with the best friends I've known. Photo by Tom Forde

To Absent Friends:

Until next time... V/R:

Marc L. Thompson, Unit Director



C/75 - E/20 LRP

Unit Director—Darryl "Bones" Benton



C/75th will be held at Gatlinburg, TN from 15 October to 18 October 2024. Room reservations at the Reagon Resorts, 938 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. From 15 Oct to 18 Oct. 2024. Tel # 865 436 5607. Tell the desk "Charlie Rangers." The cost of this reunion is only \$25. Per person, \$50. Per couple. This money off sets T-shirt and Hospitality room rent. We will have our reunion auction as usual so bring something to auction off. This money is donated to the various Ranger organizations at Ft. Benning (Moore). This money is donated during the Best Ranger Competition held each year at Benning. If you need any more info of a place to send your check, Darryl Benton, 994 Beacon Rd. Rockledge FL 32955. Email: darrylbc75@aol.com at this time we have 40 members signed up with wives, all

Greetings E/20thLRPS and Charlie company Rangers,

It's been a while since I posted any updates here in Patrolling magazine. All I can say is the months fly by at warp speed and I do my best to keep up. When I took this task over from Joe Hayes, I knew I could never keep up with pace or the quality of his posts over the years he maintained this endeavor.

First up let's talk about Reunion. Our unit reunion of E/20th and

folks included about 60 folks all together.

Folks, this is a get together. There are no planned activities. There is no bus ride. We will hold a ceremony for our fallen KIA's in the Hospitality room at the same time we remember all those who have fallen since we have come home over the past 57 years.

This Hotel is in the heart of Gatlinburg and downtown is within walking distance of the hotel and there will be lots of activities happening in the streets during this week.

Over the last 14 years Milt Henderickson and I have put together these reunions and this will be our last. We will however assist anybody who decides to take it over from us as we will remain your President and Vice-President of this organization until such time as we are voted out.

RLTW!

Thank you.



From the left- Tommy Wrong and Darryl Benton



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—DUANE ALIRE

Gentlemen, Family and Friends,

As we approach September, we are laying the groundwork for our 2025 E50/E75 Reunion in Nashville, TN.

NASHVILLE 2025 REUNION SITE VISIT: On June 9, 2024, I dispatched Deputy Unit Director Hernandez to Nashville to meet with Old Sarge Walden, Unit Member, who is sponsoring the 2025 Unit Reunion and with Old Sarge's on-site reunion coordinators. He filed this report.

Bob wrote: "The 2025 Nashville reunion will be hosted by "Old Sarge" Walden with the help of his daughter, Kathy, and her husband Brad. I visited them on June 9-13, 2024, and they shared the tentative schedule and itinerary with me.

The tentative dates are October 5-11, 2025. Due to the high prices in Nashville our home base will be in Smyrna, Tennessee just 23 miles from the city of Nashville.

Several hotels are being considered but the reunion dates are too far out for the hotels to quote us a price. They will post the detailed information when it becomes available.

Some of the sites being considered to visit are: Sam Davis Home, Blue Angel Memorial Site, The Parthenon Museum, The Hermitage - the home of our 7th President, Andrew Jackson, Grand Old Opry, and Brushy Mountain State Prison.

Please remember that the dates and the itinerary are tentative, and subject to change as the planning is on-going but is sure to be a great time. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to start making their plans to attend the 2025 E50/E75 Reunion in Nashville, TN.

RECAPPING PAST EVENTS:

Memorial Day Observance At The Wall, Washington, D.C.:



Brent Gulick, again, *Led The Way*. He purchased a wreath honoring all LRRP and Ranger KIAs, arranged our reservations for the Memorial Day Observance and led our team when called upon to place our Unit wreath at the Wall.

Unit members who supported Brent included Robert Hernandez (January 1967-January 1968), Tyrone



Muse (October 1967-April 1969) and Byron Jones (November 1969-October 1970).



L-R Gulick, Hernandez, Fred W. Smith and Poncho. Mr. Smith is Founder and Executive Chairman of FedEx Corporation. He is a former U. S. Marine Officer and a Vietnam veteran (1968). He was the keynote speaker at the Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Wall.

Army chaplain who was part of the Memorial Day ceremony speaks with Duane Alire, UD of his Association.



Branson Report: Members of E50/E75 and E60 LRS rallied in Branson, Missouri on June 6-9, 2024, along with many other former LRRP, LRP, LRS soldiers and US Army Rangers. E50 Unit Members attending included, Don Booth, Bob Hernandez, Dennis Lastine, Greg and Carla Whitson, Dan Stouffer and Allen and his wife, Marilyn.



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*E60 Long Range Surveillance
Guys*



*LRRP Allen Wente
(Feb 1967 – Sept 1967)*

E50/E75 Legacy Project: We continue to solicit personal stories, photographs, and recollections from the guys in support of our Legacy Project.

For clarity, informational purposes and to help place names with their locations in our Legacy Project, I have included below a map of the Mekong Delta (IV Corps Tactical Zone) and copies of pages 53 & 54 from a 2005 Combat Studies Institute Press, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas report by Major James F. Gebhardt, US Army (Retired) titled *“Eyes Behind The Lines: US Army Long-Range Reconnaissance and Surveillance Units”*. Pages 53 & 54 are taken from the report’s Chapter 3, **LRRPs in Vietnam 1966-1972** and read:

“The 9th Infantry Division LRRP units, deployed in the lowlands south of Saigon, had an entirely different problem—terrain that teemed in civilian population and lacked in concealment. Helicopter insertions were problematic due to the high likelihood of compromise of patrols. Regardless of the insertion method, patrols frequently had to be extracted after 24 to 48 hours on the ground. The missions performed by 9th Infantry Division LRRP units included general surveillance of enemy infiltration routes and suspected base-camp areas, terrain analysis of the many waterways and canals in their AO, providing security for underwater demolition teams (UDT) and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) while they removed enemy-placed ordnance, and point reconnaissance of designated locations. Upon the activation of the 9th Division’s long-range patrol company in December 1967, LRP teams continued to conduct both area and point reconnaissance missions east and south of Saigon. In January 1968, some 9th Division teams joined with US Navy SEAL teams to conduct ambushes and attacks in the waterways of the Mekong Delta, while others continued the reconnaissance of this water-logged terrain. The description of the LRP Company’s operations through 1968 contains both reconnaissance and combat actions, performed by single LRP teams or in concert with US Navy SEALs, Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) personnel, ARVN marine units advised by US Marines, and sniper trainers from the US Army Marksmanship Training Unit. The division commander from February 1968 to April 1969, Major General Julian J. Ewell, cryptically characterized the employment of his Rangers with the words “Rangers (LRRP) as hunter-killers (or as recon parties)” in his post-command debriefing report. The period

from 1 February 1969 to mid-September 1970, during which the 9th Infantry Division LRP unit carried the designation of Company E (Ranger), 75th Infantry, is characterized by a mix of reconnaissance and offensive combat operations. When the 3d Brigade of 9th Infantry Division was selected in June 1969 to stay in Vietnam while the remainder of the division redeployed back to the United States, the Ranger company was transferred to that brigade and prepared for brigade-level reconnaissance tasks in the province southwest of Saigon. Even though the 3d Brigade itself moved north to the Tay Ninh area for the invasion of Cambodia in May and June 1970, the Ranger company remained in or near the former 9th Infantry Division base camp at Dong Tam or Tan An, both due south of Saigon. There, the Ranger company continued to conduct ambush patrols and, later in the summer, responded to reports from unattended electronic surveillance and manned ground-surveillance radar systems. The Rangers’ mission was “to reconnoiter the exact nature of as many potential targets as possible.” Given the nature of the terrain south of Saigon, many of this unit’s activities were water-borne. During March through July 1970, for example, Ranger teams used engineer-crewed small boats to conduct ambushes in the canals and tributaries of the area. In sum, 9th Infantry Division LRRP/LRP/Ranger teams conducted a combination of reconnaissance and combat missions, with a tendency toward the latter, that were influenced heavily by the densely populated terrain lacking means of concealment for inserted teams.”



9th Division Area of Operations

After arriving in country between 1967 & 1970, the 9th Division LRRPs and Rangers adjusted to their area of operations. The division operated primarily in the lowlands south of Saigon, the Rung Sat Special Zone, and the Mekong Delta. Torrential rains and year-round water exposed patrollers to high rates of disabling skin disease. Reconnaissance troops often suffered extensive inflammatory lesions and rampant skin infections. And by the fourth month of tropical service, three-fourths of the LRRPs and Rangers had recognizable infections. The Bear Cat - Long Thanh area east of Saigon was where the division was initially deployed. A new base camp, Dong Tam, was constructed by dredging the My Tho River. *Continued on the next page*

This produced enough fill to build a major installation in the Mekong Delta. It was located five miles west of My Tho in Dinh Tuong Province.

In this issue of Patrolling, former Sgt. Paul B. Fitzsimons returns with 4 early recollections of his time with E75 in the Mekong Delta.

(1) 1968 On my arrival to the company, Jim Thayer decided that if I was to be the M-60 guy and that I should get in plenty of range time and instruction from him.

On my first mission Thayer took the M-60 and told me to take an M-16 and observe him during the mission. As it turned out, we were in the area for a few hours and realized we were being surrounded. The choppers arrived and we were able to extract while providing plenty of suppression fire. The M-60 proved to be a popular weapon to have on a team. That was the first and only time I went to the field with a small caliber weapon.

(2) 1969 Lt. Al Zapanta, called us to formation his first day as Company CO. He gave the normal talk on who he was and what we all were to do, etc. At the end, he said that at times we would be in informal situations, such as out in the field, and we could dispense with the normal etiquette and call him "Al or Zap."

Sgt. Jesse Stevens, who was an imposing figure, held us in formation until the Lt. was gone, put on his meanest demeanor and deluged us with profanities, threats against various body parts and anything else that came to mind, making it very clear what would happen if he heard of anyone calling the CO "Al or Zap". To my knowledge, that was the last time that subject ever came up.

(3) 1968 The Plain of Reeds was one of the most inhospitable places on our planet. At about 8 degrees off the equator, during the day it was like being in a furnace with ankle deep water and chest high reeds in every direction, over the horizon. A few clumps of bushes and trees here and there offered the only shade. Leeches were everywhere and the mosquitoes would almost block out the stars at night. The enemy would filter down thru it from the Parrot's Beak of Cambodia and we would get to go out there and greet them.

(4) 1969 Sometimes we would all get into the red ants, but usually they would be in a ball on a palm leaf, and one person would bump it and get covered with them. They had big pinchers on their heads that they would bite onto you with and then stand on their heads. No matter what was going on, if the red ants were there, you left.

E50/E75 Unit Treasurer's Report: E50/E75 Unit Treasurer Tom Koontz reported that he established the Unit Checking & Savings Account at the Navy Federal Credit Union in Henderson, Nevada and deposited the Unit Fund Cashier's Check in to the Unit Account.

Previously, I asked Bob to send me an accounting of his expenditure activity record as Interim Unit Treasurer, which he promptly did. All of his expenditures were preapproved by me as E50/E75

Unit Director.

This is his report and request for reimbursement.

Bob wrote: "Poncho, this is a list of my preapproved expenditures on behalf of the Unit that I paid out of my personal funds while serving as the Interim E50/E75 Unit Treasurer.

1) Donation to LRS paid to Brian Reed for the Bratton family memorial service: \$250.00

2) Donation for Jeff Web family memorial service. \$100.00

3) Flowers for Memorial Day Observation paid in cash by Bob Hernandez to Brent Gulick on site in Washington D.C. on or about May 27, 2024: \$160.00

Total expenditures: \$510.00x.

Donations to the Unit.

1) Donation from K. McNally re: hoodie shirt: \$49.00 (+/-)

Bob submitted receipts for the preapproved out-of-pocket expenses he incurred while serving as Interim Unit Treasurer totaling \$461.00.

On June 20, 2024, E50/E75 Unit Treasurer Tom Koontz informed me that he had issued a check in the amount of \$461.00 from the Unit's Navy Federal Credit Union checking account to reimburse Bob Hernandez for his out-of-pocket expenses he incurred while serving as Interim Unit Treasurer.

Sick Call: Unit members on sick call:

1. Prescott Smith (aka "Smitty"), Chico, CA

2. David Stone (aka "Stoney"), Unit Chaplain, Pineville, LA.

3. Greg Foreman: (1967-1968). Shar, Greg's wife, reported Greg is a resident of the Oregon Veterans Home Center, 600 North Fifth Street, Lebanon, Oregon, 97355. The number for the rest home is (541) 497-7265 and his nurse's name is Rachel.

She further advises that it's ok to send a message out to the guys and it would be better to send a card or letter because he doesn't answer his telephone.



L-R Gerald Cody and Greg

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Lest We Forget:1. Bruce Delong Lessig: September 7, 1947 – February 29, 2024.

Bruce's family wrote: "Bruce grew up in Lisbon, Ohio where he graduated from high school. Enlisting in the U. S. Army, he was a member of the 9th Infantry, and in the elite LRRP (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol) in Vietnam from 1968-1969. He was decorated with the Bronze star for bravery. After his honorable discharge from the military, he attended the University of Ohio and received a degree in Geology."

2. Vincent "Jeff" Cosmas Webb, Jr. April 28, 1947 - May 12, 2024.

Jeff's family wrote: "RLTW (Rangers Lead The Way), a motto that encapsulates Jeff's resolute spirit and leadership, serves as a fitting testament to his enduring legacy. Though he is no longer with us, Jeff's memory will continue to inspire generations to come, serving as a beacon of honor and service."

Jeff's son, Peter, wrote: "Thank you for the kind words about my father, Vincent Webb. We often spoke about his time with the Regiment and compared it to my experience in SF. My son, also Vincent Webb (7), will definitely learn about the regimental history."

3. Lon (LC) Johnson: February 15, 1947 – June 28, 2024.

Unit Member Howard Munn wrote: "I know he was one of the original LRRPs and I remember he left in July of '67 to join the Special Forces. A sad event, but I have good memories of a good man and brother."

Unit Member Bob Hernandez wrote: "He was one of the original LRRPs who volunteered for the unit at Fort Riley, Kansas in the fall of 1966. He attended the Jungle Warfare School in Panama before being deployed to Vietnam with the advance party in early January 1967. With only two days in country he was sent to the MACV Recondo School in Nha Trang where he excelled in his training.

Lon was always upbeat and always had a smile on his face. He had a great personality and was well liked in the unit.

Lon's favorite position on a mission was point man and he sometimes carried a 12 gauge shotgun and an M-79. It was a heavy load for a man of small stature, but he insisted on carrying the load. Later in his tour he volunteered to be a Green Beret and completed his tour with Special Forces."

Finally, I leave you with the words of a friend of mine, Deborah Gallinger. She wrote this poem in early July and read it at a gathering of family and friends on the evening of July 4th. Her words

were poignant, reflective and appropriate as we celebrated the founding of our nation.

I STILL HAVE HOPE

I still have hope
in the promises of democracy
which speak of freedom and equality
I still have hope
we can heal from our
bitterness and hatred
our fears and polarized thinking
I still have hope
that we can walk together
talk together
and not turn our backs on one another
I still have hope
in the goodness of strangers
for who are these people
but friends we have yet to meet
I still have hope
I want to have hope
in our leaders to steer this country
in wise yet compassionate ways;
ways that inspire optimism and opportunity,
ways that respect our planet,
ways that stops talking of human dignity
and does something about it,
ways that speak truth and acknowledges
when change is needed
I still have hope
in this beautiful country
to learn from her past
for she's still relatively young
I still have hope.
And you...
Do you?

LRRPs Led The Way; Rangers Lead The Way!



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN MCGEE

September already. Time flies when you're old as dirt. Not a lot to report on this issue. We have an article submitted by Joe Cassilly and Chuck Thomas about the State of Maryland honoring a fallen Ranger.

"Rangers Honoring Rangers"

"Recently the State of Maryland dedicated a portion of a highway to Ranger Thurman B. Ellis. Pfc. Ellis was with C Co, 1st Ranger Battalion (Darby Rangers) during WWII. On 30 January 1944, he and 767 other Rangers were sent to seize the town of Cisterna from German forces, but due to several factors the Rangers were ambushed. 7 Rangers, including Pfc. Ellis fought their way back to American lines. The other Rangers were killed or captured.

Pfc. Ellis was transferred to the 4th Ranger Battalion and later assigned to the Canadian First Special Service Force.

I was contacted by Pfc Ellis' family and asked if I knew of Rangers who could attend the dedication ceremony and represent the Ranger brotherhood. I contacted Major (retired) Charles R. "Chuck" Thomas, and we attended the ceremony.

Chuck was a lieutenant when we were in F Co. He was the S-3. When Capt. Chamberlain left the unit Chuck was promoted to captain and was the CO until the unit left Cu Chi. Chuck was recalled to active duty during the first Desert Storm."

I'm glad that Joe and Chuck could represent our unit at the dedication. Ceremonies like this help keep the Ranger Legacy alive. My wish is that someday the Vietnam LRRPS/LRPS and 75th INF Rangers units will be held in the same esteem. Why do I say that? Well pardon me while I climb on my soap box.

During the last 75th RRA Unit Directors they we were briefed on the Associations attempt to once more to award the RANGER Tab to those soldiers who were awarded the Combat Infantry Badge while serving in one of the 14 Vietnam LRRP/LRP/Ranger units.

Although this is a truly a noble cause, it still amazes me that it should be a cause at all. A letter was written to the Infantry Commandant at Fort Moore. The following is some of what was written.

"I write on behalf of members of the Ranger veteran community for the purpose of respectfully requesting your consideration of the following proposal:

Amending Army Regulation 600-8-22 § 8-41 (Ranger Tab) to authorize award of the Ranger Tab to any person who honorably served in a Ranger unit during the Vietnam War. From 1965 through 1975. Any company grade officer or enlisted member awarded the CIB while serving for at least 120 consecutive days



in one of the following type organizations, listed in our bylaws. During the Vietnam era, many enlisted and commissioned infantrymen lacked the opportunity to attend Ranger School, particularly if drafted to serve a two-year service commitment. Before deploying in support of the effort in Vietnam, both draftees and volunteers completed approximately six months of initial training. Afterwards, deployments to Vietnam to fulfill one-year deployments, leaving little (if any) opportunity to participate in Ranger School prior to the end of a soldier's term of service. Upon return to the United States, draftees often had less than six months

before expiration of their terms of service. Accordingly, these combat veterans had insufficient time available to attend Ranger School. Notwithstanding the inability to attend the school, many of these infantrymen served within Ranger units while deployed. It is these Rangers whom we compel you to consider as worthy of the privilege to wear the Ranger Tab. In many respects, their position in history is not terribly unlike the men who served in Ranger units during World War II and Korea, who were awarded the Ranger Tab years after completion of service in recognition of their service in a Ranger capacity despite not having been afforded the opportunity to graduate from a school or course.

So, we want the Army to re-amend the Army Regulation that was re-amended to drop the paragraph that awarded the badge to the soldiers that were awarded CIBs while serving in the Ranger Companies during the Korean War just as the soldiers in WWII. It does not take a genius to figure out why this AR has been amended multiple times.

The reason given to appeal to the Infantry Commandant was that a prior attempt was submitted to Congress, and they forwarded it to the DOD. The proper channel is through the Infantry Commandant. I do not think the Infantry Commandant is going to Champion this cause to 'BIG ARMY' in the 5-sided puzzle palace.

What you really need is a Senator and or Congressman or woman that sits on the Armed Services Committee to champion this cause. Nothing gets the boys in the building's attention like a Senator or Congressman with a cause and sits on the committee who controls Defense funding. Nothing would amuse me more than to watch the Army Chief of Staff or one of his minions justify why a CIB earned during WWII was more sacred than one earned in Korea or Vietnam. The bottom line is that although this is a noble cause there is very little chance of this succeeding. We are Vietnam Veterans and deep down inside we know why. . Maybe when the last of us reports to the patrol base in the sky. .

'BIG ARMY' will finally not regard our service during the Vietnam War as a terrible scar on the Army's glorious history, but I doubt it.



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—AL STEWART



Stan "Minute Man 14" Grey
by George Beach



Stan Grey (Spot) Minuteman 14 when he was
the 176th



Stan is in Indonesia and has health problems and could not come to the ceremony to pin his rank. So Mum and I went and did it. Stan's son is named Brian. He is a really good, young man. He is half American and half Indonesian but he is a hell of a lot bigger than an Indonesian. He is a pretty good-sized guy and is twice as big as his dad.

We called Stan "Spot" when he was flying choppers in Vietnam.

Spot used to hang out in my hooch a lot, particularly the last few months that he was in Vietnam. I recall that the 176th Company Commander often sent a pilot to our company area to come and tell Spot to spend at least one day a week in his own unit.

I don't know if you knew Stan Grey, he was "Minuteman 14" in the 176th Aviation unit that flew some of our insertions and extractions. After Vietnam, he flew helicopters for oil companies for years in the former Soviet Union, Africa, and Indonesia. Now, Stan lives in Indonesia. His son came to the states a few years ago and enlisted in the army and served in the 82nd and just recently completed warrant officer training. MY wife, Mum, and I pinned on his rank at Ft. Novosel (FT Rucker) where he will now start flight school and spend the next two years learning to fly helicopters.

I had taken over SFC Carter's old room in the tracker platoon area at that time. We had just taken over the tracker platoon's buildings after they left. I had his room and later renovated the tracker club and took it over as my hooch. I had a bar, ceiling tile, and carpet on the floor. I brought the carpet back from an extension leave. I also put a huge picture window in the building and had it fixed up really nice. After I finished it, one of the officers tried to get the Company Commander to take it and make it officer quarters. The C.O. told them that I did the work in that building and I was keeping it. *Graduation, below-photo.*



L-R Stan's copilot who we called "Stump", Stan's son Brian, and George Beach who is a RHOF member.



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Guys came in after the club closed at night and hung out in my hooch. It was nicer than the club or the officers club. I had 4 refrigerators there behind the bar. I had a brick barbeque grill outside and a couple of shade trees. It was a pretty nice place considering that it was in Vietnam. While I was out on missions, guys used my hooch as the hang out after the club closed or maybe all the time. I didn't care.



Brian's Warrant Officer Graduation Class

I don't recall exactly when Spot was in Vietnam. I know that he was in my hooch when "Claymore" the python, bit Al Hammer. George Nord was the First-Sergeant at that time because he made me get rid of the python after it bit Al and wrapped around him one night in my hooch.

I was feeding Claymore hotdogs that I had liberated from the mess hall to use as feed for him. Al wanted to feed

him but apparently Claymore did not care much for Al because he grabbed Al's hand in his mouth and wrapped around him and started squeezing.

I had no idea that pythons could piss like a cow until that happened. That snake pissed all over me while I was unwrapping him from Al. It was just like a cow pouring out piss on a flat rock and it soaked me and really sprayed all over my hooch. My hooch smelled like python piss for weeks

after that.

Spot was in my hooch at the time and dove out the door when the snake grabbed Al, so he escaped before Claymore sprayed Al and me.

Spot hung out with us at G Company a lot, and then some!

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Good Luck and thanks for your interest in the Rangers Scholarship Fund!



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UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker

Brothers, I apologize for either missing or being late with some articles – but now back in the saddle. I wanted to start off this entry by honoring another one of our brothers who didn't make it back, Lt

William Bell. I've probably mentioned this in a

previous article but it's getting much harder to find information regarding our deceased brothers – when I'm stuck, I will reach out and hopefully one or more of you will be able to help out with information/pictures that will allow me to complete my journey of honoring all those from E/H Companies that did not return. Also, in the article wanted to provide a quick report on the reunion (thank you Howard Shute) for those who were unable to attend, and some history.

William Bell was born in Montclair NJ but completed high school at The Cheshire Academy in Cheshire Connecticut. After Graduation he moved to Germany where he worked for a period of time prior to applying to Virginia Military Institute. Bill was accepted but Just prior to starting at VMI he was in an accident that "cracked his neck" which was a concern due to the rigor of VMI's version of West Point's "beast barracks". Despite his injury he was successful at VMI where he was repeatedly complimented by fellow cadets and the Professor of Military Science on his leadership and prowess in the military system. At the end of his 4 years at VMI he was short on hours to graduate but applied for and attended the Army's summer camp after which he was granted a waiver of a baccalaureate degree (typically a requirement for commissioning) and was commissioned a 2nd Lt.

Bell began his Vietnam experience in November of 1968. Lt's Bell and Malcolm replaced Lt's Keldsen and Butkovich while Cpt Paccereilli was in the process of improving the Standard operating procedures for H Company. One of the highlights of Lt Bell's time with H Company involved identifying (along with Barnes and McKenzie) numerous bunker complexes and trench systems on the highway between Quan Loi and Lai Khe. The largest of these was a system of over 200 underground



bunkers – and subsequent identification of a heavy influx of enemy soldiers - an ideal target for an Arc Light. Paccereilli agreed and gave the go ahead to what would turn out to be a very successful operation. In addition to normal duties as a Platoon leader, Bell would accompany Team Leaders on the aerial recons prior to a Teams insertion into a specified AO and was also responsible for the insertion and extraction of his Platoon's teams and in some cases he accompanied the Team on Patrol.

On March 27th Lt Bell was inserting a Team north-east of Dau Tang, just north of the Michelin rubber plantation and initially everything was working as planned. As the insertion bird began to climb out of the insertion area, the slow-moving helicopter and all aboard were hit by 51 Caliber enemy fire causing the helicopter to crash. The helicopter was destroyed and all on board were killed.

The William Brent Bell '67 Award, established at Virginia Military Institute in 1970 as a memorial to First Lieutenant Bell who was killed when his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire in Viet Nam in March 1969. It was established by his parents, relatives, classmates and friends to recognize a third-class cadet who has shown excellence in military studies as did Lieutenant Bell while at VMI. The recipient receives a cash prize of \$100 and an engraved saber.

Reunion Update- This year's reunion was once again held in Louisville, KY. Attendance was not at the level it was last year but better than anticipated based on early reservations. Rather than re-create the wheel I will use Howard's report on Louisville! Thank You Howard!!

We have just concluded another reunion of the LRRP/RANGERS of the First Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War in Louisville Kentucky. The turnout was more than

we had expected, and Doug the President will convey those names to all of you in his address in the newsletter. As usual, we had our own gathering room that many friends helped set up and we enjoyed conversation, drinks, snacks, Ranger/LRRP merchandise, reconnecting with old brothers, and connecting with ones we had not met previously. . I believe everyone had a terrific time. Just wanted to reach out to Terry Cordel for the very interesting talk we had!

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Lt William Bell



A lot of effort by your board made the get-together a treat! Thanks to all those who helped contribute – your efforts made a difference

Want to thank Michael Echterling for the 3 homemade canes given to three Rangers at the reunion. I will pass on to Michael that his request was honored!

The main event luncheon was just about perfect. The meal was fine and the agenda went off according to plans. Our raffle was very successful - the items donated by our membership were absolutely beautiful, some handmade, and everyone went home with something thanks to John LeBrun! You really need to attend this event it's a truly memorable moment! The next reunion in Reno Nevada will be on June 11-15, 2025. The location is the Grand Sierra Resort contact 1-800-648-2025. We are hoping that a very large number of our brothers will attend this one, due to the popularity of Reno. If you are able to make it we would like to break all previous records of attendance, being located in the west of the nation. There will be lots to do everywhere with the First Cavalry Association being the sponsor. It's time to give it some real thought and consider the opportunity to get together with all those brothers that you have always wanted to get in touch with and meet new brothers at the same time! WE are aging rather fast, now that we are all in our late 70s and 80's this event just might be the best opportunity to salute those friends who didn't come home, those who have passed, and those of us that are left. Every reunion we salute those friends that cannot be at the reunion, which is one of the reasons we do the best job we are able to do!

A request from the 1st Cavalry Div and myself. At next year's reunion, there will not be a local Cav Chapter to help at the Cavalry's business desk registering members and other paperwork items. The First Cavalry has asked for volunteers to help with these concerns. It's too early to know if you're going or have

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other concerns, however when you commit to attending and would like to be a volunteer helper you can let me know and I will send this information to the HHQ of the Cav. If interested when you decide to go please contact me. As more information comes to the Board, we will pass it on in our newsletter.

After spending 6 months as an Infantry Platoon Leader with the 1/7th Cav, it was "my turn" to leave the field and take on a "staff" position. After complaining to the Battalion Commander (Col Anthony Labrozzi) about this option, I was provided a 3-day pass to go back to the Cav Rear in Bien Hoa and think about it. After locating the bar at the Bien Hoa AF Base officer's club, I happened to sit next to what appeared to be another grunt in grubby camo. Turned out to be Frank Stewart – the H Company Commander who, at the time I did not know. After a "few" beers and explaining my situation to him and my desire to stay in the field we found our way back to the Army side and said goodbye. 2 days later upon my return to my firebase, I was called in to see the Battalion Commander who provided me with orders to report to H Co, 75th. So, in December of 1970 I reported to Frank and H Company where I was to spend the better part of 2 years.

It became very obvious from the outset; this was a special unit – because the soldiers that made up the unit were special – totally different than my grunt experience. I've always been very proud of my time with the 1/7th but the experience with H Company, the Rangers I served with – and the unique and storied history that they had created, and we continued to create was special. Years later when I became more involved with the 75th Association, I started to think about the history of H Company, and started writing about the original Company Commanders that over time had a significant impact on the unit's success, which was legendary. One day recently, I was on my way to the Golf Course at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma TN and noticed a memorial on the side of the road.

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After passing it a few times I decided to stop and see what it was all about. It turned out to be a memorial to the 2nd Ranger Battalion. This unit had been established and trained locally prior to being sent overseas. A little more research indicated that it was one of the Battalions that scaled Point du Hoc – creating one of the most storied histories of D-Day and which most people are aware of. I then found and read the book “Hill 400” which told the story of the 2nd Ranger Battalion’s founding, training, deployment, subsequent participation in D-Day, specifically the successful assault on Point du Hoc and an even more impressive follow up. After D-Day, their participation in the battle of Hill 400 was even more impressive. For those who have not read this book – I would highly recommend reading about those that went before us and the amazing history of the 2nd Ranger Battalion beyond Point du Hoc.



Camp Forrest, Tennessee

After reading this book – it became a challenge for me to go back and trace the history of the 2nd Ranger Battalion and also the part that H Company played in that history.

In April 1943 the 2nd Ranger Battalion was formed at Camp Forrest located in Tullahoma Tennessee, where they began and continued their training along with the 5th Ranger Battalion. Both battalions were officially activated in September 1943 and shipped to Great Britain where they were prepared for D-Day as part of six Ranger Battalions that were employed during the Second World War. On June 6th, 1944, the D-Day attack began with over 200, 2nd Battalion Rangers, but due to the really bad weather a number of the landing craft capsized, drowning a number of the Rangers. The 190 remaining Rangers began scaling the cliffs at Point du Hoc using rope ladders and under constant fire. After 2 days of heavy fighting only 90 Rangers were still capable of engaging the enemy. After reaching the top of Point du Hoc this group of Rangers were responsible for capturing a critically important artillery battery saving the lives of many soldiers on the

beaches of Normandy. The 2nd Ranger Battalion was later involved in the Battle for Brest and the Battle of Hürtgen Forest where they led the assault and were successful in capturing Hill 400, after 3 Infantry Divisions had failed.

Again if you haven’t read Hill 400 – it’s an absolutely amazing account of the actions of the 2nd Ranger Battalion from its reincarnation in Tullahoma TN, it’s actions at Point du Hoc, and the capture of Hill 400.

The Battalion along with the 5th, and 6th Battalions were deactivated after the war.

During Korea the 2nd Battalion was redesignated the 2nd Ranger Inf Company and after the war inactivated. In 1954 Company H, 475th was again activated for a short time in Okinawa, then again deactivated.

During the Vietnam war the Ranger Companies were once again activated. H Company, formally E 52nd LRRP, was under

the operational control of the 1st Cavalry Division and each Division would have a lettered “Ranger” Company.

H Company became the longest serving LRRP/Ranger unit in history and the most decorated. H Company was the last remaining Ranger Company in Vietnam and was deactivated when the colors were returned to the States in 1972. Following the success of the 1st Ranger Battalion in 1974, the 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry was activated later that year, inheriting its colors and lineage from Company H, 75th Infantry. The 2nd Battalion is currently stationed at Join Base Lewis-McChord.

Until next time – RLW

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



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UNIT DIRECTOR—DAVID A. CHRISTIAN



Patrolling Magazine is up running again under the guidance of Steve Johnson, long time publisher who has returned to help preserve the stories as shared by the LRRP/Ranger members. As unit director I invite all members and family members to share any experience related to our organization. Note, Patrolling Magazine has rules and publishing limitations and articles can be edited in the best interest of the magazine. (Note: all articles and photos should have “who, what, why, when, where and how.”) Include theme or captions with the photos and explanation.

Reflection on combat firefight with helicopter rescue and Ranger Dave Hill fight for M. O. H. justice edited from speech originally delivered to 1st infantry division at Fort Riley, Kansas on July 4th 2024 by Ranger Dave Hill – today’s sole survivor of the Medal of Honor action whose essence is captioned below as edited by Patrolling Magazine.



er, had been conducting our recon mission and inadvertently entered a North Vietnamese Army company’s staging area. We soon became surrounded, though our presence was not initially known to the enemy. We could not exfiltrate the area, so we quickly and quietly set up our position behind a water buffalo cart path to make our stand. We were clearly going to have to somehow fight our way out of the enemy encirclement but could not hope to do so just on our own. So, we called for help! That help came from our primary air support with pilot Larry Taylor.

When Captain Larry Taylor, as flight leader of his two-ship “light fire team” of “Cobra” attack helicopters arrived over our surrounded team, he quickly analyzed the challenges facing him and us Rangers and the assets he brought with him. He quickly reviewed what he faced on the ground below and the tools available to accomplish his mission; “I am starting this

battle with tremendous assets” 1) my flight possesses a massive amount of aerial rockets and mini-gun/machine gun ammunition; 2) I have a fast, powerful and agile means of delivering them – our Cobra attack helicopters; 3) the expected imminent arrival of another Cobra flight to continue to destroy the enemy and prevent the Ranger team from being overrun and destroyed, thereby allowing us to fly to the nearest “rearm and refuel” base before returning to the fight; and 4) the eventual arrival of the UH1-D “Huey” troop-carrier helicopter with which to conduct an emergency extraction of the Ranger team, protected by the Cobras.

So, after clearly establishing our team’s position on the ground, he and his wingman commenced their initial attacks on the enemy surrounding us.

The Cobras and our team slugged it out



L-R Dave Hill and MG Rone, July 4th, 2024. Junction City, Kansas

Captain Taylor was guided by the motto: “leave no man behind” and that night, it meant to him that he would not leave we four Rangers on the ground, still surrounded and, by then, out of ammunition.

Here is why Captain Larry Taylor was awarded our Nation’s highest military honor.

On the night of 18 June 1968, our four-man Army Ranger team radio call-sign “wildcat 2” of which I was the assistant team lead-

with the enemy for the next 35-40 minutes, soon expending all ammunition. By the end of the battle, each of our riflemen had expended nearly 650 rounds and were each down to their final magazine. Likewise, Captain Taylor and his wingman had expended all 152 of their rockets and nearly all of their 16,000 “mini-gun” rounds. The Cobras were also nearly out of fuel. You have all heard the phrase “never go to a gunfight with only a knife.” Well, we were still in a gunfight, but LRRP/Rangers had only our knives.

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Minutes later, Taylor was advised by his D Troop headquarters that there would now be no additional attack helicopters to relieve he and his wingman as all other D Troop gunships were either committed to other battles or too far away from our fight to get there in time to assist. He was also informed that the ‘Huey’ transport helicopter that had been expected to extract our team had suffered total communications failure and been forced to return to their Phu Loi airfield for repair and no re-

because his attack helicopter had not been designed to transport troops, it did not mean that it could not be utilized in that role if required. That night it was desperately required. He reminded himself also that the enemy probably did not believe he had the ability to extract the team on his Cobra, as even Captain Taylor’s commanders did not believe he could and, in fact, had ordered him not even to make the attempt. It was now the mission of the surrounded LRRP/Rangers to use a few claymore directional mines and some hand grenades. It was our only chance of survival.

Captain Taylor was not an in-subordinate officer and, though he had been ordered to “return to base,” he believed that such an order had to have been the result of a misunderstanding both of the Ranger team’s situation and his own potential capability to extract them. Standard procedure would have been for him to temporarily withdraw to rear and refuel, but he knew that, with no relieving gunships, our team would be overrun and killed before he could return. No recriminations would have come his way from anyone had he merely followed the standard operation procedure and departed to the nearest friendly base. But Captain Taylor was not “wired that way.” He had to live up to his own, self-

imposed standards of leadership, determination, and selfless courage. He was “the man in the arena” and so it was solely his call, and he made it without hesitation!

Captain Taylor then told our team to aim our remaining claymore mines to the northeast and southeast and on his command, to detonate them and hopefully thereby create a short-lived escape route through the weakest part of the enemy encirclement. He directed the Rangers they were then to “run like hell” for 100 meters into the vast rice paddy area, on an azimuth of 135 degrees (southeast), where he would meet them. On Captain Taylor’s call, while he made a diversionary ‘fake’ (now being totally out of ordinance) attack ran against the enemy line to the west with his landing light. On his signal our team detonated our remaining claymores and made our “break-out.” Being our team’s rear security, I let my teammates get a lead and then flung my remaining half-dozen hand grenades behind and to each side of me. I may not have hit any of the enemy, but my primary objective was more to “keep the enemy on their bellies” and unable to pursue us.

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*Dave Hill Flanked by 1st Inf. Div Soldiers. MG Rone, Far Left. July 4th, 2024.
Junction City, Kansas*

placement Huey was immediately available to join Captain Taylor and make the extraction. However, his Cobras no longer had the ordnance needed to protect us on the ground. Yet we were still encircled by the enemy. His new assessment was “we clearly are not going to be able to prevail, by force of arms, over the overwhelming number of enemy. So many problems, yet too few assets to conceivably overcome all of them”?

Captain Taylor then pursued the most audacious option available to him. He decided to use his Cobra to somehow extract the Ranger team from its situation. His Cobra was strictly a two-man helicopter, with no internal cabin in which to carry us and no attempt had even been made to use a Cobra to carry troops. But he reasoned that he would try to use his Cobra to somehow get our Ranger team out of there. He was not sure exactly how but believed that it could and must be done or at least attempted.

He thought “if they can bust out of the weakest side of the enemy envelopment, that to the southeast, he would meet us in the vast rice paddy and carry the four of us hanging on the outside of his Cobra and out of our predicament. He figured that just

We all arrived precisely at the designated location in the rice paddies to the southeast of the enemy lines. Though we Rangers did not yet know how he intended to use his Cobra to extract us, we soon found out. We were shocked to find Captain Taylor’s two-man Cobra gunship (which we had never before seen up close until that night) land alongside us. Captain Taylor, just before landing, had advised our team leader that we had ten seconds to climb aboard anywhere we could on the outside of his ship, so he could get us out of there. As the Cobra has only a single cockpit, with just barely room for its pilot and co-pilot, we Rangers would have to find somewhere to latch onto the outside of his ship.

We were, after all, Rangers and were supposed to be adaptable to any situation. Instinctively, two of us jumped onto his left-side rocket pods and the other two onto the opposite landing skid. We thumped on the side of fuselage, and he immediately flew up to approximately 1500 feet. Out of range of enemy fire, before starting slowly moving forward toward the nearest friendly firebase. After quickly descending to a couple hundred feet and

making the 15 miles flight at about 50 knots (55 mph) forward speed, we arrived at an American armored cavalry position, northeast of Saigon.

Throughout the battle, Captain Taylor had kept his head, while developing solutions to the dire situation in which he and we found ourselves that night. He had done what we now call “thinking outside the box.”

For Captain Taylor’s actions that night, he received our nation’s third highest valor award – the Silver Star medal. But decades later, I, as the sole remaining member of the Ranger team who had been in that battle, still believed that Captain Taylor’s actions warranted the Medal of Honor and pursued that goal with the US Army. 55 years later, we were able to get his Silver Star upgraded to the Medal of Honor he so richly deserved.

Sadly, he passed on to his reward on 28 January 2024, but his courageous and selfless actions all those years ago will never be forgotten!

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UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



I hope all my fellow Rangers and LRRPs have had a great summer and that the heat wave that’s enveloped the country hasn’t been too hard on them. Living a few blocks from the Pacific Ocean, I am writing this article as the dog days of August have arrived and the Olympics in Paris are winding down. I was actually somewhat impressed with our Olympians as they all seemed to be happy to be representing the good old USA and there was no one “taking a knee” during any ceremony as all our athletes seemed to respect the flag and our National Anthem. That was a welcome change from some of the antics that I’ve witnessed the past few years. And I believe that’s as “political” as I am allowed to get in this periodical.

Our bi-annual reunion seems to be all set up and ready to go for next April in Las Vegas, Nevada. I know at least one former “L” Company Ranger who actually lives in Las Vegas, so he won’t have to drive too far. That would be Gilbert “Gib” Halverson, and I’m sure many of you remember him from his time in the company and also at our many reunions over the years. He was a 1970-71 Ranger and I knew him well back in the day. After his U.S. Army service, he had a fine and impressive career as an assistant Fire Department Chief in Madison, Wisconsin.

Like most of us now, he is retired and living the dream. Since I reside in the Los Angeles area and only live four hours driving time to Vegas, I’ll be taking my car to the event. It’s an enjoyable ride and especially driving through the desert. The particulars of the reunion are as follows: the dates are April 22 – 25 next year (2025) at the Silverton Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The address is 3333 Blue Diamond Road, Las Vegas, NV 89139. The hotel phone number for reservations is: (702) 263-7777. If you contact them, please let them know that your stay is for the Ranger reunion next April. Former “L”

Company Ranger Dave “Muldoon” Rothwell has all of the details for the event and he can be reached via email at: muldoon1948@hotmail.com

All former Rangers and LRRPs of the 101st Airborne Division are invited, as well as wives and other family members. I’m sure a good time will be had by all.

Since I have received no pertinent information from anyone



lately regarding current news of our membership (good or bad), I thought a little bit of Ranger history would be in order for your consumption...

“RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!” has been a rallying cry for a long time and has been the current Ranger motto for just as long. Specifically, it originated on D-Day (June 6, 1944) on Omaha Beach when the fighting was at its fiercest. Hundreds of demoralized infantrymen were bogged down in front of the German’s well-fortified seawall when Colonel Norman Cota arrived on the scene. Cota was one of the highest-ranking officers on the beach that morning and he was not about to let these men give up without a fight. He barked out “What unit is this?!!” Someone yelled back, “5th Battalion Rangers!!” That’s all it took for Cota to get everyone up and moving. He yelled for all to hear, “Well, GODDAMNIT, IF YOU ARE RANGERS, GET UP THERE AND LEAD THE WAY!!” That’s all it took and within a few seconds everyone was on their feet and heading towards the first major breakthrough in the seawall.



Colonel Norman Cota

Later, Cota would be remembered as the officer who signed off on the execution of Private Eddie Slovik, the first and only U.S. soldier to be shot for desertion since the Civil War. Cota called the action, “The toughest fifteen minutes of my life.” He was referring to witnessing the execution itself which took exactly that amount of time. Slovik was still alive after the first volley from the execution squad of twelve men. He died while they were reloading for the next volley. Slovik had been accused and convicted of desertion and “cowardice in the face of the enemy.” Strangely, he displayed none of those traits when it was his time to meet his Maker and faced his end without so much as a whimper. As for Cota, he made it to Major General and left the army in 1946 after 29 years of service. His famous admonishment of the soldiers on Omaha

Beach was shortened to “Rangers lead the way!” and the saying stuck. It is unknown whether General Cota ever regretted his decision to have Private Slovik shot. If he did, he never stated it publicly. By the way, the commander of the entire European Theater of Operation, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, approved of the decision. I have included a photo of the General Cota for this publication and also one of the unfortunate Private Eddie Slovik.

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Private Slovik

Rangers during their rather infamous raid on the Abenaki Village on the Canadien border during the French and Indian War (1757-1763). For a Hollywood movie of 1940, the director (King Vidor)



Ranger Rogers

spared none of the gory details of the raid which turned into basically a wholesale massacre of the village. Rogers's Rangers were one of the first units to employ what is called "asymmetric warfare" which is a fancy way of describing "guerilla" warfare. The movie ends with the Rangers making their perilous journey back to the safety of British lines as they endure countless hardships along the way. But Rogers' history did not end there, and he had a complete fall from grace--- which the movie smartly avoided. When the American Revolution War began thirteen years later, Rogers, a New Hampshire native, attempted to join General Washington's Continental Army, but it was to no avail. Washington did not trust Rogers in the least, and instead, threw him into the nearest stockade. As far as he was concerned, Rogers was an unrepentant Tory sympathizer and his loyalties resided strictly with George III, whom Rogers had formally met during an earlier trip to London. In fact, as a hero of the Seven Years' War (what the French and Indian War was called in Europe), Rogers had been feted all over London and gained an audience with the king who lavished him with praise. So, Washington had good reason not to trust him, but Rogers soon escaped to fight another day. As it turned out, Washington evaluation of Rogers was 100% correct.

Later during the war, and now recommissioned in the British Army, Rogers was instrumental in discovering that young Nathan Hale was working as a spy for the Colonials and had him arrested. During his subsequent interrogation of Hale, Rogers was able to manipulate him into admitting the truth of his activities and spy mission by the use of some unscrupulous tactics. He did not torture Hale, but he certainly conned and coerced him. Hale was immediately put on trial and found guilty of spying and sentenced to death. He was soon hanged from the nearest tree but not before uttering his famous last words: "My only regret is

Going back in time.... The acknowledged father of the modern-day Rangers is British Major Robert Rogers. His history has been chronicled in author Kenneth Roberts' famous book "Northwest Passage" which was later made into an equally famous movie in 1940 starring Spencer Tracy as Rogers with Robert Young and Walter Brennan co-starring as reluctant Ranger recruits. The book (and movie) told the story of Rogers'

that I have but one life to lose for my country." Hale was immediately recast as a martyr for the Revolutionary cause and praised for his heroism. As for Rogers, any good standing in the community he had left before that sad event was now gone forever after Hale's death. He was considered truly a *persona non grata* in the Colonies and had to head for England after the war's conclusion, or face some dire consequences himself. He was now one of the most hated men in the newly-formed United States of America. But this time, his stay in England would be far less pleasant. Always a reckless gambler, Rogers soon ran up a string of debts which he never recovered from and he ended up in the Fleet Street's Debtor's Prison for the last years of his life. His wife left him for a sea captain who tellingly commanded a vessel with the title "RANGER." How's that for irony? As I mentioned, none of these disastrous later events ended up in the Hollywood movie version of "Northwest Passage." The movie was made strictly for pre-World War II propaganda purposes and for convincing American audiences that the British, soon to be our staunch allies, were our good friends and the nicest people in the world. Regarding the tainted history and true facts concerning Robert Rogers, suffice to say that like many warriors of the past, he was a hero during wartime, but a dismal failure when the shooting stopped. As they say, nobody's perfect.

What's left of Robert Rogers as the founder of the modern-day Rangers is his famous "Rogers' Rules of Ranging." There are 28 rules in all, some of them obviously for 18th Century soldiering only. Yet despite the passage of nearly three hundred years, most of these rules remain as timely now as they were back in Rogers' heyday. Rogers practically invented small patrolling techniques and he is rightfully given credit for it. I have included the only known picture of Rogers painted during his lifetime and also one of Spencer Tracy (as Rogers) from the 1940 film. The making of the film, on location in the woodlands of Idaho during the summer, was as grueling as some real Ranger missions. According to Tracy, he was nearly eaten alive by mosquitos.



Spencer Tracy

Lastly, if any of my fellow Rangers and LRRPs have any story or information they would like published in this magazine, please contact me at: charles.reilly.mol@gmail.com or on my mobile phone: (424) 408-9894. Believe me, I would welcome anything relevant to write about.

Well, the weather's getting hotter and hotter and I'm very lucky (as I've mentioned earlier) to live only two blocks from the Pacific Ocean. There's a nice cool breeze coming off the ocean this evening and I'm going to enjoy it while it lasts. As for my fellow Rangers and LRRPs, I hope you're all able to stay in the shade and near a nice cool lake and enjoy the rest of the summer months.

As always, "RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!"

CHARLES REILLY
Unit Director



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Below Photo:

6th June 1944 D-Day

Rangers assault the cliffs of Point du Hoc France



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COLUMBIA , SC 11 MAY 2024 173rd BBQ



Upper Left Photo- Afghanistan Ranger Combat Vet lost both his legs and jumps with his dog (sitting down)

Lower Left Photo- L-R: Rudy Teodosio, Richard Alridge, Big Dave Cummings, Robert Foti.

Top and Center Right Photos- Ranger Hall of Fame 2024 and Vietnam Colonel (Ret) John "Purple Haze" Reitzell

Bottom Photo- Left, Ranger Mike Swisley has crossed over on 2 February 2024, we shall miss his steady smile and laugh at the gathering. May God be with you until we meet again.





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UNIT DIRECTOR—JERRY YONKO

A trip through Cancer and a visit to the VA from a survivor. (So Far)

I've never been reserved about my proclivities in my life, and like most of my closest friends and Ranger buddies, I have gone through life at full speed. Though there have been sometimes when, for whatever reasons I have slowed my roll, my life continued however at a frightening pace. I have been married and have loved and have been loved. My military background and the friendships formed during that time helped guide me through life as did my Parents efforts to make me a perfect gentleman. Remember Meryl Haggards song, *Mama Tried*. I was always more of a Rhett Butler with a joint.

Comes the present and my former fast lifestyle and constant quest for a good time had finally caught up with me, when I realized that the pain in my face wasn't from a hangover or from a blow to the head, but that there was really something wrong with me. I started hurting in the springtime with a constant face and headache that I tried to relieve with icepacks to the right temple, but I was soon aware that it was not working. After a visit with my doctor, it was decided that I had a Sinus infection and was treated several times accordingly with antibiotics with zero positive effects recorded. Next, I was sent to an ENT surgeon who did the Rotor Router procedure on me which left me bleeding from my right nostril for days. The pain did not get better but continued to where after many complaints, I was given another MRI where they finally spotted it. A Skull Based Metastatic Brain Tumor. It was an ACC known as *suicide cancer*. At this point my nurse wife took over and contacted an ENT Doctor who she had worked for before and after their lively discussions she contacted M D Anderson Hospital in Houston and made an appointment for me to see a cancer doctor.

Now please don't let me take you away from the hometown doctors in anyway but, there is this thing called a specialist and M D is full of them. It was just a brief time after the first appointments that we knew I was sick. God Bless my wife who took it upon herself to save me, for without her I would be dead today. M D was great and after being rolled in on a wheelchair for the full rounds of Proton Radiation and Chemotherapy I walked out two months later on two legs alive. From that time to today I have driven myself forward as always at full speed



which I have also discovered has severely slowed down. For once in my life, I am unable to do in a normal course of time what I used to do without having to even think about. I am a survivor, thank you Lord.

Then recently I got a phone call from the VA. They wanted me to come in for my next appointment to see a doctor. I've got to tell you that I had to control myself because I can't remember the last time I actually saw a real doctor at the VA. I am sure that there

are really good hospitals within the VA system that actually care about their patients and for sure there have been appointments where I was seen by a doctor of some kind that worked on me. That being said, let me ask a question upfront: Why is it you cannot find a doctor at the VA that doesn't speak English as a first language? Are there no American doctors working at the VA actually seeing patients, instead of administrating? I was seen for three years because of the severe pain in my knees and getting injected every three months. My wife, who spent her whole professional life (42 years) as an operating room surgical nurse went with me for one visit and was appalled when after the injections the Doctor threw the syringe across the room onto the floor. I asked the foreign speaking doctor when I could be eligible for a knee replacement and after laughing in my face I was told to go home and lose 50 lbs. and then come back and ask the same question. Once again, my wife took matters into her hands and that was when we finally bought a supplemental insurance policy to go along with my recently acquired Medicare card and she got me an appointment with a local orthopedic clinic which gave me the first of two total knee replacements within ten days. I have never heard back from the V A to ask me if I am still limping or if I can even walk. I was abandoned by the V A.

Then came covid which made it almost impossible to even go into the V A Hospital. I was told by the security at the front door to go home, and after signing in that I had tried to make an appointment, I would be contacted by the clinic. I was, a couple of weeks later for a phone appointment from a nurse practitioner in another state that I had never met and knew nothing about me other than what she was reading on the computer. It was a waste of my time as were the next couple of similar appointments.

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What were they thinking of other than that they could knock out some scheduled appointments to keep up with the illusion than that were providing health care for their Veterans as they are all pledged to do. That whole notion is a Sham, and the V A should be ashamed. But of course, they are not. When you walk into the building you are confronted with attitudes from the get-go. Most of the staff makes you feel like they are doing you a favor to even speak with you and that they are so much smarter and that you are just a dumbass Vet bothering them. Yes, I am saying it, most of (not all) of the staff could not give a damn about the Veteran which they are there to serve, all they are interested in is the *Government Cheese*. They have a Federal Job with great benefits which we are paying for and know that they will live accordingly until the day that their government retirement program kicks in, and then they can live well again at our cost from the *Government Cheese* they have gotten used to.

Back to the recent phone call from my local V A clinic where they informed me of a scheduled upcoming wellness appointment to bring their records up to date as to my current health condition. I have not been to the clinic for several years and though the V A does send me medicines which I appreciate, they have fallen on their faces with regards to face-to-face visits, especially with a doctor. I can still remember my last visit some years ago when after being checked for whatever after providing urine and blood samples, (don't even get me started about the phlebologists who stick the needles into you while trying to draw blood) a "doctor" whom I had never before seen, walked into the room and then left quickly after asking a couple of questions never to be seen again. It was as if the V A could now say that I had been seen by a doctor. She too spoke with a foreign accent like she was from India or somewhere. She was nice but condescending to me. So, when I was recently contacted by the local V A and told that I needed to come to my scheduled appointment (I was not consulted about this appointment's date or time rather I was informed to be there) I asked the lady why? I told her that I had not been there for years and that I had found outside medical services and that they had no idea what I had been through in the past few years and that it was a waste of my time to continue seeking medical attention from the V A. This started a lively discussion with the lady at the clinic who insisted that I had to come in. I responded that if I needed any professional medical attention, I would find it elsewhere, thank you.

One of the promises made to those who served in the military in defense of our country was that they would be cared for through the VA and there is a huge administration set up to do so at great cost to the American taxpayers. Unfortunately for

those of us on the bottom rung, the actual Veteran, they are confronted by a myriad of issues and challenges just to get that care which was promised for their service. The bureaucratic policies that run the programs are bad enough to run most away who can afford to pay for a better health care program. But for those who cannot, they are faced with a staff of supposed health care professionals who are not American first and who really just don't care about the Vet as much as they care about their jobs and the *Government Cheese* that comes with it. If our country ever gets into another war and we have to rely on the current VA program to be part of the enticement for men and now women to enlist in defense of our country, we are screwed. It is such a disappointment to drive past the vast VA hospital and campus and see results of the millions which have gone into my local facility and to realize that beautiful buildings aside, it is a broken system which should be rebuilt with an emphasis taking care of the Vet rather than taking care of the staff. Attitudes aside, can they at least try to be pleasant when you come in and don't look down on us? Time will tell but I'm not holding my breath.

President Abraham Lincoln's promise to Veterans was to:

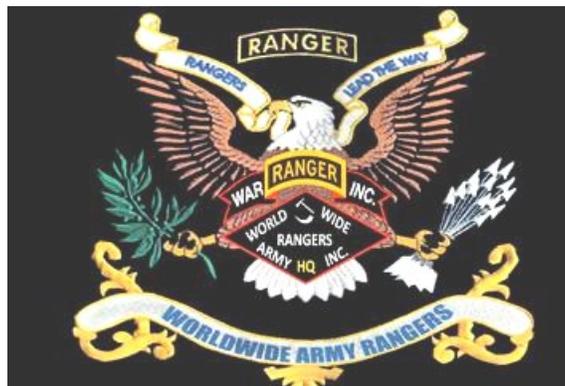
"Care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan".

This promise affirmed the government's responsibility to care for those who were injured during the war and to support the families of those who died on the battlefield.

SUBJECT: WAR General Membership Meeting – 27 June 2024

Worldwide Army Rangers Association

1. Live/Virtual meeting called to Order at 1540
2. RGR Cleveland lead the Pledge of allegiance.
3. RGR Yates delivered the invocations.
4. Reviewed minutes from 13 April (6 members live, five members virtual). Motion to accept by Klein, second by Block, carried without objection.
5. Finance Report: \$3602.38 in WAR Account. RGR Hoffman wrote check to the RHOF Board for \$4000. WAR currently in good financial standing with RHOF Board. WAR made \$1800 on the BRC Raffle and \$505 on the Rendezvous raffle. A motion to approve was submitted by RGR Block 2d by RGR Cleveland. Carried without objection.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Rendezvous Raffle: Steve Brown drew the winning ticket. Gary Fox, 706-442-5105) won the grill. The grill will be delivered at the Ranger Breakfast on 6 July.
 - b. Membership cards are in. I have the membership card for RGR Reeves.
 - c. Annual Membership \$25.00 versus Life Membership. Discussed by one year, get second year free?
7. New Business:
 - a. Need to establish budget for 2025.
 1. Gift Cards \$1050 (\$50.00 X 7, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter).
 2. Plaques for Ranger School (5) and Rasp (4) frame, parchment, printing (\$7.00 per plaque)
 3. Website – do we want to continue?
 4. Need to discuss purchasing a half page add in DAV magazine and vote at next meeting.
 - b. 2d Battalion 50th Anniversary and reunion is 1-3 October at JBLM.
 - c. We need the capability to design and print our certificates locally.
 - d. Order of St. Michael: Discussed Order of St. Michael sponsored by National Infantry Association. Follow Links for complete information of the award and how to submit nomination. <https://infantryassn.org/order-ofst-michael/> <https://infantryassn.org/order-of-st-michael-nomination-form/> Cost per medallion and certificate is \$85.00. WAR will not submit/pay for nominees. Individual nominating paratrooper is responsible to fund the application.
 9. Members need to canvas for 2025 RHOF and DMOB nominations. Nominating individual is responsible to prepare packet. RGR Erb has the lead for DMOB nomination/packet submission. Direct all question to RGR Erb. We have the RHOF By-laws as of 3 November 2023. Direct questions toward preparing RHOF Nomination to RGR Klein. Packets for RHOF and DMOB must be completed and submitted to WAR NLT 30 November.
 10. For the Good of the Order
 11. Motion to adjourn submitted at 1740 hours by RGR Klein, 2d by Ranger Block. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1740 hours.





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