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Linda Davis— Longest serving person in the 75th Regiment-40 years and counting

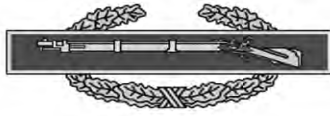
The above picture was taken during the 40th anniversary celebration of the 75th RR alongside with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, and honoring Linda Davis' 40th year with the 75th Ranger Regiment. The photo with Linda holding the dozen roses (in the auditorium) is where Rangers accordingly recognized her in front of the assembly hall on the first day of the 40th Anniversary in Ft Moore as the longest serving member of the Regiment.

Right photo: *Linda Davis was given this bench outside the 75th HQ by the Command Group in 2008.*

Thank you, Linda Davis, for all that you do for the Regiment and the Ranger Community.

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

OUR MISSION:

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

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

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

WHO IS ELIGI

SECTION 2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol
 V Corp (LRRP)
 VII Corp (LRRP)
 9th Inf. Div (LRRP)
 25th Inf. Div (LRRP)
 196th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
 1st Cav. Div. (LRRP)
 1st Inf. Div. (LRRP)
 4th Inf. Div. (LRRP)
 101st Abn. Div. 1st Bde. (LRRP)
 199th Inf. Bde. (LRRP)
 173rd Abn. Bde. (LRRP)
 3rd Inf. Div. (LRRP)

Co C (LRP) 58th Infantry
 Co E (LRP) 58th Infantry
 Co F (LRP) 58th Infantry
 70th Infantry DET (LRP)
 71st Infantry DET (LRP)
 74th Infantry DET (LRP)
 78th Infantry DET (LRP)
 79th Infantry DET (LRP)
 Co. D (LRP) 151st Infantry

Section 4: 75th Infantry Ranger Companies
 Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf.

SECTION 3: Long Range Patrol
 Co D (LRP) 17th Inf.
 Co E (LRP) 20th Inf.
 Co E (LRP) 30th Inf.
 Co E (LRP) 50th Inf.
 Co F (LRP) 50th Inf.
 Co E (LRP) 51st Inf.
 Co F (LRP) 51st Inf.
 Co E (LRP) 52nd Inf.
 Co F (LRP) 52nd Infantry

Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co N (Ranger) 75th Inf.
 Co O (RANGER) 75th Inf.
 Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf.



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

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

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 All units of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ)

SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment
 1st Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1974
 2nd Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1974
 3rd Battalion (RANGER) 75th Inf., activated in 1984
 75th Ranger Regiment HHC Company, activated in 1984
 75th Ranger Special Troops Battalion, activated in 2007
 75th Ranger Military Intelligence Battalion, activated in 2017

SECTION 7: Long Range Surveillance: Any Long Range Surveillance Company or Detachment that can trace its lineage to, or is currently assigned to a Brigade or larger element, that was deployed to Vietnam as listed in section 2, 3, or 4.

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Merrill's Marauders KIA –

Recently, the 2nd KIA from the Merrill's Marauders Replacements, that joined up at Myitkyina Airfield and participated in the attack on and Battle of Myitkyina, which was waged against the Japanese that held the town of Myitkyina, after the original Merrills Marauders captured the airfield. **Please read all about the details on page 11, under our Merrill's section.** The 2 Merrill's Marauder replacements that were recovered in 2024 were Buck Bagley and Herman Sunstad. The DOD deploys teams constantly in recovery search efforts. Read more here:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/2774347/dod-still-seeks-to-find-missing-service-members-from-worlds-battlefields/>

Hurricane Relief –

The Association ran a separate relief fund campaign for the victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton, which struck Florida and then devastated parts of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. Priority 1 was helping Rangers, Gold Star families, and extended families of the brotherhood. Then we committed any remaining funds to a division of the Billy Graham Ministries, Samaritan's Purse. This was selected for 2 reasons. **1.** They were the main Boots on the Ground in the devastated areas and, **2.** Billy Graham's grandson, Edward Graham, served honorably for 18 years as a Ranger and in the Ranger Regiment, before returning to the ministry. Retired CSM and our 1st VP, Rick Merritt (who served with Edward), and I will travel to North Carolina and present the remaining funds of \$7,139.91.

We were able to assist both separated/retired Rangers and Gold Star families in need in the amount of \$3,167.55.

RHOF packages –

We have extended the deadline for RHOF packages to 13DEC24 and WILL NOT accept packages submitted after that date for this year's review. See Rick Barela's section, found on page 17, addressing the RHOF and go through the proper procedure. We will scrub the final packages but please make sure they are complete to standard. Be advised, so far we have 9 packages to review, but can only put forward 3 for final voting. However, we want ALL packages so we can select the 3 strongest candidates. Voting will take place by the final RHOF board in April 2025, and the RHOF induction ceremony will be held on 25JUN25 in Columbus, GA during the Ranger Rendezvous.

By-Laws changes –

Please see the printed section (pages 6-8) for proposed By-laws changes that are published in this edition. Ballots will be both electronic and printed mail early next year and all members vote on By-laws changes.

Biannual meeting (info) Savannah –

Our next biannual meeting will be in Savannah, GA the week

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ART "DOC" ATTAWAY



preceding Memorial Day in May 2025, and we will attend the 1/75 Memorial Service in Honor of ALL the FALLEN.

Rick Merritt will be our primary POC in Savannah, and our beloved 1/75 Honorary RHOF inductee Shelia Dudley is assisting with hotel rooms and event planning. Look for a membership wide email to advise of the dates (with booking link) and agenda. The dates of our meeting will be 19-23MAY25, and the 1/75 Memorial service will be Thursday, 22MAY25.

BRC – The annual Best Ranger Competition will be held in April, 2025 at Fort Moore (Fort Benning), Georgia. The dates are 11-13APR25. The Association has this block of rooms for our members who want to attend the competition, but no specific planned functions are in the works as of now. The competition provides all the activities needed that week.

Dates: 11-13APR25

RHOF dates:

The RHOF induction ceremony will be at 1300, 25JUN25, in Building 4, on Fort Moore. Our Association hotel block is: for all members who want to attend. The Association's biannual meeting is in Savannah, so we have no formal agenda here but will host a social event one of the nights we are there. Our plan is Wednesday, 25JUN25 at 1900 at the downtown Marriott in Columbus, Georgia. We will participate in all Rendezvous events as usual. The 75th Ranger Regiment is the sponsor of Rendezvous and provides that agenda. We will broadcast this as soon as we have details, but book hotels early as the rooms disappear early!

Black and Tan –

The annual Ranger get-together, the Black and Tan, will be held in January 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada during the SHOT SHOW. Dates and details are to be announced but be advised our Association is co-sponsoring the event this year. Let's show some 75th RRA support and attend the event. Make our Association and presence KNOWN!

40th/50th –

The 40th anniversary of the formation of 3/75, and the 50th anniversary of the formation of 2/75 were celebrated in October 2024. Association officers attended both events and details of these events went out in the monthly newsletter for October. Please refer to it for details on the events.

Holiday Wishes –

Finally, and almost unbelievably, another year has passed. I want to wish you, your loved ones, and your Brothers a "Blessed and Happy" Thanksgiving, Hannukah, and Christmas this holiday season! I hope you all had a good year in 2024, and now let's assault 2025 with Ranger attitudes!

Godspeed, Doc.

75th RRA Statement of Activity September 2024

Revenue

4000 Program income - DNP

4002 Membership dues 1,250.00

4020 Miscellaneous revenue 1,123.99

Rifle Raffle 5,760.22

Total 4000 Program income - DNP 8,134.21

4100 Member donations - DNP

4102 Family fund contributions

4103 Unit Donation 2,700.00

Total 4102 Family fund contributions 2,700.00

4104 Goldstar contributions 25.00

4110 Operations contributions 3,775.00

4112 Benevolent Fund 1,000.00

4120 Scholarship 100.00

Total 4100 Member donations - DNP 7,600.00

4900 Interest income 213.74

Total Revenue \$15,947.95**GROSS PROFIT \$15,947.95**

Expenditures

6000 Program expenses - DNP

6025 Intuit Subscription

6026 Go Payment 20.00

6027 QuickBooks Online 65.00

Total 6025 Intuit Subscription 85.00

6030 Advertising/Promotional

Rifle Raffle -39.12

Total 6030 Advertising/Promotional -39.12

American Trigger Pullers/Store 39.00

Google Suites 57.60

RRA Promotions 235.00

Website Subscription 50.00

Total 6000 Program expenses - DNP 427.48

6100 Patrolling expense - DNP

6102 Patrolling printing 3,838.51

6104 Patrolling postage 1,485.74

6106 Adobe subscription 19.99

Total 6100 Patrolling expense - DNP 5,344.24

6500 Operations - DNP

6502 Bank and merchant fees 77.83

6540 Postage-Secretary 32.73

6550 Treasurer Supplies 177.63

75th Ranger Regiment Association

Statement of Activity

September 2024

Cash Basis Sunday, October 27, 2024 01:12 PM GMT-06:00 2/2

TOTAL

Virtual Assistant 1,607.40

Total 6500 Operations - DNP 1,895.59**Total Expenditures \$7,667.31****NET OPERATING REVENUE \$8,280.64****NET REVENUE \$8,280.64****Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2024**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1000 Affinity / Operations 14,298.89

PayPal legacy Transfer 0.00

Total 1000 Affinity / Operations 14,298.89

1002 Affinity / Family fund 16,792.38

1030 Affinity / Savings 180,786.08

1040 Benevolent funds MM 44,819.37

1041 Legacy funds MM 0.00

1042 Life funds MM 20,168.57

1050 PayPal funds 10,023.28

Total Bank Accounts \$286,888.57**Total Current Assets \$286,888.57****TOTAL ASSETS \$286,888.57**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Total Liabilities

Equity

3000 Net Assets - Unrestricted 172,318.97

Net Revenue 114,569.60

Total Equity \$286,888.57**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$286,888.57**

11-6-24 SECRETARY COLUMN

A few things of interest have come to mind of which maybe ya'll are not fully aware.

Beginning the end of last year we established a Membership Development Committee, whose prime purpose is to solicit new members of those who served in the Regiment. This Committee consists of all the Unit Directors of the six Regimental units: Tom Maier, RHQ; Rick Merritt, 1/75; Hugh Roberts, 2/75; Kurt Buchta, 3/75, Rob Ciaccio, RSTB; and Lee Garcia, MIB. All are either retired CSMs or officers of the Regiment.

They are committed to represent this organization to their peers – those they served with in the Regiment. They are active on various social media platforms, and they will make every effort to attend Regimental and Ranger Community activities to promote good will for our organization and solicit new members. We have purchased canopies, banners, and member solicitation pamphlets for their use. Results are already positive as we can attribute over 80 new members this year due to their efforts, all of whom served in the Regiment.

The Association is committed to having a presence at every Regimental function at Ft. Moore, specifically Ranger Rendezvous and Ranger Hall of Fame activities. We intend to always arrange for a block of rooms and host a hospitality session one night during each event.

Some changes in our structure are looming on the horizon. As a reminder, right now our Executive Committee consists of all five elected officers, and the Board of Directors consists of all officers plus all Unit Directors. The Unit Directors of the six Regiment Units are noticing they probably will be needing help in administering their units. Note the Vietnam Units all serve only one Company, while the Regimental Units serve up to five companies. As their membership grows, we will most likely see a change in Unit structure by adding sub-UDs for each Regimental Unit. The Vietnam Units do not need sub-UDs.

The renewal process using our new database, Wild Apricot, went pretty smooth this year. The application allows for periodic renewal reminders to be sent automatically to all members with an email address. There are quite a few members without email addresses in the database. If you are not sure if you have shared

your email with us, please send it along. This year a lot of you renewed online. That resulted in fewer checks for me to process. Some of you still insist on putting tape on the remittance envelopes – Stop It!

Further on Wild Apricot, if you have not gone to the web site and logged in, the process is pretty simple. It does ask for a password. There are none entered automatically. For first time users you must develop a password. Simply check the box that refers to an unremembered password and you will then be able to make a new password.

By now you should be aware we have a new Virtual Assistant, responsible for all things social media: web site, etc. His name is Chris Borrelli, a former Army MP, among other classified duties. He is actually a good guy in spite of MP status.

Also, our quartermaster page has finally been greatly improved by association with American Trigger Pullers, a Ranger-owned company. The online menu of products will be enhanced over time, including products with Vietnam-era logos. ATP is pretty easy to work with. If you want something tailor-made other than the standard product, contact them and they will accommodate.

The communication between the officers and Unit Directors has undergone an improvement through the addition of quarterly virtual meetings with all UD's and officers. All UD's are urged to participate. The schedule and reminders are sent consistently.

Finally, our scholarship program, partnering with Rangers Scholarship Fund, is now pretty dynamic. This is a reminder scholarship applications for 2025 are due very soon. Please refer to the RSF link on our web site for applications and other pertinent information needed to apply.

RLTW,
Tom Sove
Secretary



Preamble to 2025 Bylaw Change →

Your officers are proposing eight changes to our bylaws. This summary describes the reasons and the substance of those changes. There are three particular notes: allowing voting by all members including electronic ballots; a change in the officer election cycle; and new term limits for officers. The rest of the changes are primarily housekeeping. The intent is to send out ballots to every Regular member in good standing in January 2025, and to have the changes implemented immediately, if approved by 2/3 vote. Please read this summary so you are properly educated on the proposed changes. If any questions, please contact me at tom.rove@75thrra.org, or 209-404-6394.

Tom Sove, Secretary

BYLAW CHANGES SUMMARY as of 11/20/24

PROPOSITION 1: Composition of units, formally add RSTB and RMIB. Reference Article V, Composition, Section 6, 75th Ranger Regiment

Updating the eligible regimental Battalions, adding the Ranger Special troops Battalion and Military Intelligence Battalion, inserting them as items D and E respectively into Section 6 and relabeling the previous D and E.

Sample Ballot: Prop 1, Article V, Composition, Section 6

Add the 2 eligible Regimental battalions as recommended ____ YES
____ NO

Continued on the next page

PROPOSITION 2: Delete Active Duty Class of Membership. Reference Article VIII, Classes of Membership, Section 7, Active Duty Membership

In 2016, at the General Membership meeting, the bylaws were amended to rename the Special Elite Membership to Active Duty. The thought was this title properly represented the class of membership and the Association would hope this in the hope we would draw more younger active duty members. This membership class does not require annual dues, nor does it allow privileges of voting or running for office. Since 2016, this only resulted in 9 such members. At the advice of our Membership Development Committee (all 6 UD's, representing the 6 Regimental units, who are past CSM's or Officers of their respective unit) the annual waiver of dues is not an incentive for these Rangers to join as they can afford the annual charge and add in lack of privileges the class of membership is unattractive and fruitless. This bylaw change would delete Active Duty as a class of membership. The existing Active Duty members would retain this class until their eligibility for same expires and/or they convert to Regular Member.

Sample Ballot: PROP 2, Article VIII. Class of Membership, Section 7, Active Duty Membership

Delete Active Duty Membership class in its entirety YES NO

PROPOSITION 3: Bylaw voting change. Reference Article X. Voting, Section 4, Bylaw changes.

The last 3 bylaw changes were loosely interpreted to allow for mail-in and electronic balloting prior to a scheduled General Membership meeting. The proposal here is to clarify bylaw changes will be made at times other than during General Membership meetings, and all eligible voters will be represented in the same manner as the proposed change in officer voting (see Proposition 5).

The features of the change are: all eligible members will receive either an electronic or physical mailed ballot; Bylaw changes will no longer be voted on during the General Membership meeting so as to allow all members the chance to be represented with a vote, not just the small population at the General Membership meetings; Ballots shall be returned to, tabulated by an independent impartial service; Results shall be reported to the Secretary who shall declare the results in a timely manner via Patrolling, an electronic newsletter and posting on the website; The deadline for the return of the ballot shall be clearly stated on the ballot, and it shall be at least 45 days, and not more than 60 days, from the date of ballot distribution; confirmation that proxy votes are not permitted.

What remains unchanged: A 2/3 vote is necessary; Non-replying ballots shall be deemed abstentions and not counted.

Sample Ballot: PROP 3, Article X, Voting, Section 4, Bylaw changes.

Amend the Bylaw change protocol as recommended YES NO

PROPOSITION 4: Increase Business Expense Reimbursement. Reference Article XI, Officers, Section 1.c.

Currently reimbursements of business expenses are limited only for the President with an annual cap of \$2,500. With the direction of the Association heading towards generally increasing membership of post-Vietnam Rangers, being more visible in the Ranger community and enhancing our image, having a presence at all Ranger functions will be vital. Such functions include, but not limited to: Ranger Hall of Fame, Rangers Scholarship Fund presentations, Best Ranger, Ranger Rendezvous, Mogadishu Mile, Black and Tan, and Special Forces Week. The proposal is to defray cost of those who will be asked to represent the Association at these functions, primarily the President, but also other officers and an occasional Association member. All expenses must be solely in the best interest of the Association by promoting the Association and not individual amusement and/or gratification. A formal Expense Protocol will be written outlining the acceptable expenses.

The features of the new wording are: The President's reimbursement will be increased from \$2,500 annually to \$6,500 annually, with allowance for further expenses, if warranted, subject to an annual cap of \$10,000. Any other Officer or regular member at-large may be reimbursed subject to an annual cap of \$1,500 per person and an annual cap of \$5,000 for all expenses. Passage of these changes will require a formal Expense Protocol to be written outside of the bylaws that will include requirement all reimbursement requests, for all but the President, must be submitted in advance to the Executive Board for review and approval. Any Presidential request over the first \$6,500 must also be submitted in advance for approval. The first \$6,500 will not require approval, but all expense reports will be submitted for review of legitimacy, including all expense reports on anyone else. All expense reports must include receipts.

Sample Ballot: PROP 4, Article XI, Officers, Section 1.c.

Increase President's stipend and add other stipends as recommended YES NO

PROPOSITION 5, Voting of Officers electronically. Reference: Article XI, Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers, adding b, e-i.

Voting for officers has historically occurred during the General Membership meetings which are required to be held during our biannual Reunions. However, only a small fraction of our members typically attend these reunions, leaving the vast majority of our members disenfranchised in regards to electing our leaders. The current bylaws only infer voting for officers occurs only during the General Membership meeting. The proposal here is to change the bylaws to clearly state all members are allowed the option to vote without having to attend the General Membership meeting. This is accomplished by adding sub-sections b, and e-i, to article XI, Section 6.

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The features of the new wording are: all eligible members will receive either an electronic or mailed ballot; Candidates are required to submit their candidate statement no less than 90 days prior to the scheduled General Membership meeting; Ballots will be distributed no less than 45 days, and not more than 60 days prior to the scheduled General Membership meeting; The deadline for the return of the ballot shall be clearly stated on the ballot, and it shall be no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting; These deadlines shall be communicated to the membership not less than 120 days prior to the scheduled meeting; Ballots shall be returned to, and tabulated by, an independent and impartial service.

What remains unchanged: The most votes determine each officer position; non-replying ballots shall be deemed abstentions and not counted; Proxy votes are not permitted; Ties shall be run off during the General Membership meeting; Any vacant position shall be run off at the General Membership meeting soliciting nominations from the floor; If there still is a vacancy, it shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Article XII Duties of Officers, Section 1,d; Newly elected Officers shall assume their positions on the day following the last day of the National Reunion.

Sample Ballot: PROP 5, Article XI, Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers
Amend the officer voting protocol as recommended by adding subsection b,e-i ____YES ____NO

PROPOSITION 6, Election Cycle.

Reference: Article XI, Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers cycle, adding c.

This proposal is designed to separate the term cycles of the 5 officers so as to ensure continuity of leadership. If all Officers are replaced at once, the new Officers will have to “reinvent the wheel”. It is proposed to leave the election of the offices of President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer as currently established, that being elected in the year of the National Reunion. However the offices of 1st Vice President and Secretary shall be elected on the off years. The change in the election cycles would take effect in 2025, when the current 1st Vice President and Secretary would be extended one year to 2026. and thus start their new term limit cycle. The current President will be allowed to run for his office only one more time (if reelected in 2025 he will term out in 2027) and the current 2nd VP and Treasurer will also be allowed to rerun for their respective offices. The new terms limits for those positions shall begin in 2025.

The features of the new wording are: The President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer will be elected prior to the National Reunion in the odd years, i.e. starting in 2025. They would assume their duties on the day after the National Reunion, as currently required in the bylaws. The 1st Vice President and Secretary will be elected in even years, i.e. starting in 2026. They would assume their duties on July 1, concurrent with the start of the Association’s fiscal year.

Sample Ballot: PROP 6, Article XI Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers
Amend offer election cycles by adding subsection c ____YES ____NO

PROPOSITION 7, Term Limits. Reference: Article XI, Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers, Add d.

Currently there are term limits for President and the 2 Vice Presidents. The President is limited to 2 consecutive terms, and the two Vice Presidents are limited to one term each. There are no term limits for the Secretary and Treasurer. It is proposed to attach term limits for each office, while recognizing the need for longer terms for the Secretary and Treasurer due to the need for continuity in these positions. The existing term limits would remain in effect for the current Officers, and would be applicable to the slate of Officers elected in 2025 and 2026.

The features of the new wording are: The President and the 2 Vice Presidents shall be subject to 3 consecutive terms of 2 years each term, totally 6 consecutive years. Thus, each of these positions are allowed extended terms. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be subject to 4 consecutive terms of 2 years each term totaling 8 consecutive years. Thus, the terms for these positions will be curtailed, but not as long as the others.

The features that remain unchanged are: All officer positions are subject to reelection after each 2 year term, and any qualified Regular member may stand for any office position subject to the term limits provision of this bylaw. After a 2 year break in service from any officer position, an individual may stand as a new candidate for that, or any other Officer position.

Sample Ballot: PROP 7, Article XI, Offices, Section 6, Election of Officers.
Amend officer term limits by adding subsection d ____Y ____N

PROPOSITION 8, Increase limits on Treasurer authentication requirements. Reference: Article XII, Duties, Section 1e, President, and Section 5d, Treasurer, increase each limit.

Currently the Treasurer has of limit of \$750 on any payment that is not in the budget and the President is required to authenticate any payment in excess of \$750. It is proposed to increase these limits to \$1,500 for each, due to inflation.

Sample Ballot: PROP 8, Article XII, Duties, President, and Section 5 d, Treasurer

Increase each dollar limitation as proposed ____YES ____NO

ANNOUNCING PRE-ORDERS FOR OPERATION RHINO COMMEMORATIVE COINS

We are thrilled to announce that pre-orders are now open for our newest addition to the Ranger history coin series, honoring Operation Rhino. This limited-edition coin is part of a special series that includes key moments in Ranger history, such as Point Hawk, Operation Cerna Cabana, Twin Eagle Claw, Just Cause, Urgent Fury, the Battle of Mogadishu, and more.

Each coin measures 2" x 3", is a quarter inch thick, and weighs approximately one pound. Unlike traditional challenge coins, these are crafted as commemorative historical pieces, designed to honor the legacy of Rangers who served in these pivotal operations.

Don't miss your chance to own this unique piece of Ranger history. Reserve your Operation Rhino coin today by placing your pre-order.



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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and wishing the best New Year ever for each of you.

I want to thank all our Gold Stars who have so graciously shared their stories with us this year.

As this year comes to an end and a new one starts, I want to thank the 75th RRA for entrusting me to be your Gold Star Advocate. It is an honor and privilege to serve our families and the Association.

Sande

NOW it is my privilege to introduce this issues contributor. Shelia Dudley. She needs no introduction to many of you. For those who don't know Sheila served as 1/75 secretary/ Colonels wingman, and Ranger Mother for 28 years and my dear friend.

Here's her story in her own words.

Thank you for asking me to provide my thoughts and memories of working with our Gold Star Families and the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, for this edition of Patrolling Magazine. The 75th Ranger Regiment Association is near and dear to my heart. Collaborating with these Patriots has served as the model for my nonprofit journey.

I came to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment in 1988 – a novice to the special operations world. Working public affairs for Army Materiel Command Europe did not prepare me for the energetic group I was about to encounter. Visitors to the battalion were legends: Bull Dawson, Ralph Puckett, Phil Piazza, Bing Evans and on and on – a history book of Heroes – and I was privileged to meet them and their families.

The 75th Association was always nearby 1/75. Some were originals, our Plankholders. I remember around November and December each year, the offer of turkeys for families in need would come from Terry Roderick, Emmett Hiltibrand, John Chester, or other officers and off I would go to pick them up at the now non-existent Piggly Wiggly. Phil Dudley, God bless him, was always ready to help – I volunteered him for everything.

Remembering the OGs of the 75th – Bob Gilbert, Emmett Hiltibrand, John Chester, Dana McGrath, Terry Roderick, Rick Barela, Duke Dushane, Art Attaway, Stephen Crabtree, most still around, but some lost to us - their contributions remain. Too many of them to mention – all serving and generous with their time and talents. They were my mentors. I listened and I learned from them. They had a plan, and each had a job to complete their Ranger support mission.

It wasn't just supplementing meals on holidays, there were other needs and somehow, they were always met. The 75thRRA paid medical bills, bought Christmas gifts for kids, paid rent, and repair bills. They were the standard by which other nonprofits developed and are going strong today.

There came a time in 1989 when I first experienced loss and grief with 1/75. Operation Just Cause introduced me to the other side of military life – the side where deployment and redeployment was a waiting game. My first experience with a com-



bat death was Dec 1989 – the Family walked into my office to meet with the Commander. What do you say and what do you do to help? The Family of Jimmy Markwell was experiencing a devastating loss – there was sadness but also tremendous strength. Who would have imagined 35 years later we would still be friends and friends who have suffered so much loss together?

Sande Markwell Rouse went on to dedicate 20 plus years of her life comforting and consoling so many Families who had faced similar tragic loss whether through training or the relentless combat. A short break and she's back at it again after losing her wonderful husband, Bill.

I have been privileged to stand by so many families since 1988. They brought me into the most intimate setting you can be in – sharing the loss of a loved one. I stood with Cathie Stauss Smith at her door, looking out and discussing how Ken (Lieutenant Colonel Ken Stauss, 1/75 Battalion Commander) needed to cut the grass. I reassured Cathie I would help if he didn't have a chance as soon as he returned from training in the Great Salt Lake – he didn't. I was there at her side when the sedan pulled into her driveway; I was sitting at her side when her children came home from school. There was just a need to be near, talking was secondary.

I sat with Rangers at the hospital as we waited for SSG Chisolm's Father to arrive to say his last goodbye – a horrific parachute accident. Unfortunately, the loss to our Ranger Families continue. It is a privilege and an honor to support these amazing warrior families who sacrifice so much for this Nation. These are just a few memories of 28 years as Secretary and 8 years volunteering with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. General Buck Keenan hired me in 1988 and fired (retired) me in 2016. I am forever grateful for his and Marianne's friendship and mentorship through the years and they are still here today for me. He provided me with great advice and leadership when days felt challenging. Thirty-six of the best years of my life have been with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. God has blessed me with the best support system in the world and the current command still watches over me. How can I not continue to serve my community?

The Gold Star Families still return; they visit the Memorial, and they know their Ranger will never be forgotten. I am honored to claim these Families as friends, and I hope they feel the same. The 75th Ranger Regiment Association is stronger than ever and thank you 75thRRA for being a role model. I am honored to serve in The Sua Sponte Foundation, and it has assumed your mission in 1/75. We will always be ready to serve you. RLW

Shelia Dudley

RHOF 2019

1/75 Secretary 1988-2016

Sua Sponte Foundation 2010-Present



**MIA Herman Sundstad buried Veterans Day
80 years after being KIA in Burma**

**When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"**

*Kohima India inscription for Allied soldiers
who sacrificed their lives in 1944*



Herman, wife Dorothy & son Denny

First Lieutenant Herman Jerome Sundstad was KIA June 5, 1944, in Burma, yet it wasn't until this Veterans Day that he was finally laid to rest at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette, CA.

Military escorts and family met Sundstad's plane at Oakland International Airport Nov. 8th when flag-waving citizens honored him during his solemn procession to Oak Park Hills Chapel, in Walnut Creek.

His remains were identified June 24, 2024, by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency from DNA provided by his daughter, Dianne Carbine, and other family members.

Dianne, now 80, was born almost two months after her father was KIA at age 27. She was joined by numerous family members for the Veterans Day funeral. Sadly, her mother, Dorothy, is deceased. Her mother met Herman when he was stationed at Camp Rogers and the couple settled near there.

Sundstad was one of nine children born to Norwegian immigrant parents who raised them on the family farm near Perley, MN. He had three older brothers who also served in WW II. When he volunteered for the Army, he was a teacher in Minnesota. His family said he "wanted to serve."

Sundstad was one of about 2,600 courageous 5307th Composite Unit Provisional replacements flown into Burma after the Marauders had walked almost 1,000 miles through dense jungles and disease-ridden Himalayan foothills to seize their final objective, the Myitkyna airfield, May 17, 1944.

COL Charles N. Hunter, the longest-serving Marauder commander, was not ordered to take the town of Myitkyna after successfully leading the remaining 1943 Marauder volunteers through seizure of the Myitkyna airfield. That slight delay enabled the Japanese to reinforce their positions.

Fierce fighting erupted, compounded by relentless monsoon rains, mud, malaria and other diseases, continuing until the town of Myitkyna finally fell Aug. 3, 1944. The 5307th dissolved Aug. 10, 1944.

Although Dianne wasn't able to know her father, she said in an INFORUM story, "I felt like he has been with me a lot during my life. I've been waiting 80 years for them to bring my Dad home, and now they're going to. They're honoring my father after all these years. I can't believe how powerful this is."

Georgia "Rosie the Riveters" going strong at 100 years old

Tiny Eleanor Stark (L) and "Liz" Minton in her "Rosie" bandana both turned 100 in September. Eleanor received roses and a cake from Shelia Dudley and Ranger CSM Matt Buck. Eleanor then spent two weeks at Disney World. The Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame annual event in November honored "Liz" - below with daughter Margaret.



"Liz" & Eleanor (at Disney World) both stood long periods for well-wishers to take their photos.



**National Infantry Museum
dedicates Korean War Memorial**

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp gave the keynote address for the Oct. 24, 2024, dedication of the striking Korean War Memorial at the National Infantry Museum. South Korean dignitaries and other distinguished guests made remarks. The United States was one of 21 countries that went to South Korea's aid during the 1950-1953 conflict. The bronze statue is one of four including, MOH recipient Ralph Puckett, greeting visitors. At least 37,000 Americans were killed and 92,000 wounded during the war. South Korea is one of the few countries consistently thanking the United States for fighting for them. Out of the 33 Merrill's Marauder RHOF inductees, eight (below) fought in the Korean War. Five of those also fought in Vietnam: Dodge, Holland, Howland, Werner and Weston.



LTC Melvin R. Blair



RGR Russell Dodge



COL James Holland



MSGT Gilbert Howland



MSGT Vincent Melillo



SSGT Andres Pung



SMAJ Arthur Werner



COL Logan Weston



**Christmas 1943 in India
was like the "Wild West"**



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"Fist ... I think one would have to understand what was going on and the attitude of the men at the time. We were still under British control and had the feeling we just didn't belong. No one seemed to care. For the average American, Christmas is an important holiday as it was for the men in our unit. Since no one seemed to give a darn, many men took it upon themselves to find a way to celebrate the holidays, and left camp and headed for the more populated areas. Since no one had been paid, they used whatever means they could find - legal or illegal - for transportation and entertainment. Some of the ones that stayed in camp also found ways to celebrate. Some managed to get some horrible local liquor, known as Bull Fighter Rum. Its effect was true to its name. Gunfire was rampant, like the "Old Wild West," but thank God no one was hurt. I understand that COL Hunter was extremely disappointed in the behavior of his men, but I don't recall any officers appearing or trying to deflate the situation."

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Ranger Jeff Horne



Ranger Josh Horne

CSM(R) Jeff Horne, N/75th RGR and his Son SSG Joshua Horne, C CO 3/75th RGR, were hosted by Wyoming's Hunting with Heroes 14-19 October 2024. Both received free Nonresident Licenses and bull elk tags. They hunted with local guides on Elk Mountain, Wyoming between 5,000 and 10,000 feet and in a mountain snowstorm. Joshua has bragging rights as he shot a large 6x6 at 125 meters. Jeff shot a 5x5 with a couple chipped/broken tines after climbing to 9,500 feet in the snow, with 520 meter shot. They are thankful to the good folks of Wyoming for the hunt of a lifetime.

Wyoming Hunting With Heroes UPDATE: WE ARE FULL THROUGH 2026+. You are welcome to register here to secure your position on our waitlist, however, please understand you will be applying for a hunt in 2027 or later.

NOTE: it may be a bit before you receive Registration confirmation. You do not need to register more than once.

* Before you complete the HWH WY Application, please read this information and acknowledge that you understand these terms.

You will need a copy of your VA Disability Summary Letter dated within the past 4 years to complete your Application. If you need to update your Summary Letter, please visit:

<https://www.va.gov/records/download-va-letters/>.

Hunting with Heroes Wyoming takes disabled veterans big game hunting in Wyoming. We welcome veterans from all eras, and all 50 states, but we only hunt in Wyoming. We prioritize Wyoming veterans,

WWII veterans, Korean War veterans and Vietnam veterans. After that we fill hunts on a first come / first served basis. Completing this Application does not guarantee a hunt with Hunting with Heroes Wyoming.

The only firm criteria to participate in our program is the veteran must have a VA certified service-connected disability rating of at least 50%. If you have any special needs we can likely work around them. We have never turned a veteran away because of special needs.

We start Heroes new to our program with an antelope hunt, usually with one of our Chapters in the September or October timeframe. After your antelope hunt, we may have opportunities for veterans to join us for another species hunt. We have a multi-year wait list for return hunts. All hunts are possible because generous people donate licenses.

We ask veterans to get to and from the hunt site in Wyoming—usually you arrive on a Friday and depart on Monday. We do not cover travel to and from the hunt site.

We take care of everything while we have you with us—rooms, meals, license, guide services, rifles and other gear (you are welcome to use your own rifle/gear) and some game processing. We cover basic processing for antelope and deer. If you prefer specialty processing like sausage or jerky, you will be responsible for those costs. We don't pay for elk, big horn sheep, moose, etc. processing. We don't pay for any taxidermy or meat shipping.

If you decide to pursue a hunt with us, please understand there will be some minimal cost associated with your hunt.

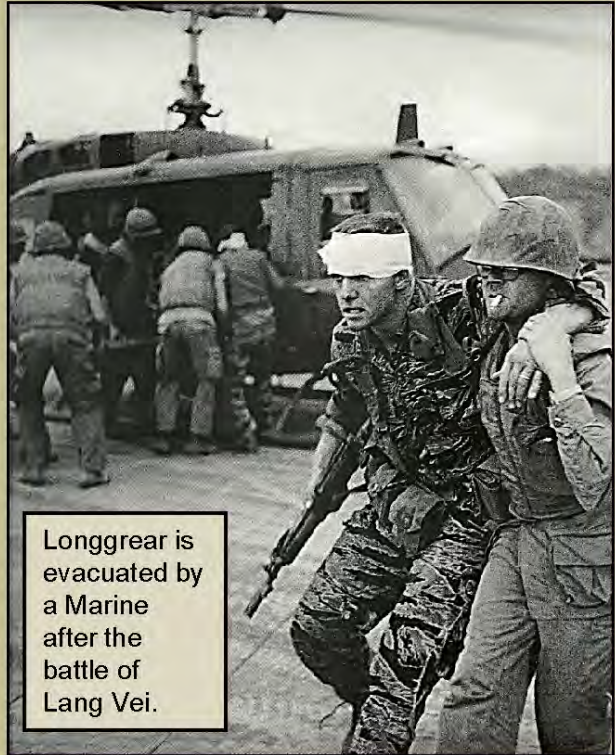
If you have questions, please email
nelda@huntingwithheroes.org

RHOF inductee Paul Longgear
featured tonight on
Military History Channel

Tuesday, February 19, 2013
10 PM
60 minutes long

**“Ultimate Warfare
Khe Sanh: Marines Under Siege”**

“A bloody seventy-seven day siege. Surrounded. Outnumbered. Six thousand Marines fight for survival against a vast, highly trained Communist army. It’s a battle that will shape the course of the war in Vietnam.”



Longgear is evacuated by a Marine after the battle of Lang Vei.

Retired COL Paul Longgear, a 2011 inductee into the Ranger Hall of Fame, will be featured tonight on the Military History Channel’s new 10-part “Ultimate Warfare” series. Tonight’s episode about the Vietnam War is “Khe Sanh: Marines Under Siege.”

“‘Ultimate’ Warfare’ looks to be a series devoted to pivotal battles of modern warfare from World War II to present day,” according to the Military History Channel. “This series is ‘documented history,’ a style that relies on the modern technology that covers major events, such as war, as they are occurring.”

“The innovative production style of ‘Ultimate Warfare’ places the audience into the heart of the action as the battles unfold, allowing us to see critical moments in military history in a way that hasn’t been visualized before,” said Ed Hersh, senior vice president of content strategy for the Military Channel. “Through intimate accounts from those who were staring death in the face, this new series provides our viewers with an edge-of-your-seat view of these pivotal moments in history they can’t find anywhere else.”

The producers of the series flew Longgear and his wife, Patti, to New York last summer, when he was interviewed for about three hours for the series. “I don’t have a clue how they found me, I just received a phone call ‘out of the blue,’” said Longgear. “They asked me questions pertaining to the significance of the battle of Lang Vei, strategically and tactically, and the use of tanks.”

On Feb. 6 and 7, 1968, Longgear commanded a Mobile Strike Force Company, 5th Special Forces, at Lang Vei, Vietnam, that destroyed two Russian tanks with light anti-armor weapons when the post was overrun by a large Armor, Infantry, and Sapper force. While defending the command bunker when it was surrounded by the enemy for 15 hours, he led his men in taking out nine other tanks. Longgear, with no food and little water left, refused to surrender, even after realizing no reinforcements were coming. While severely wounded, he led a breakout and escape by personally destroying a machinegun nest. Lang Vei was a pivotal battle in the Vietnam War.

The Wind Beneath my Wings

Dr Janet Morgan, NCC, LPCC, Ct/RT, EMDR, BC-TMH

US Army Veteran

****How to Help Military Spouses Build Mental Strength Using Dr. William Glasser's Five Basic Needs****

My father used to jokingly say, "If the Army wanted me to have a wife, they would have assigned me one!" Most good leaders have the Wind Beneath their Wings in their better half!

This article looks at the partners, the better halves, the spouses, and how they are getting their needs met and some ways that might help them in their struggles. Using Dr. Glasser's Five Basic Needs (Choice Theory, A New Psychology of Personal Freedom, HarperCollins, 1998) as a baseline of good mental health, they are listed as: Survival, Love & Belonging, Power, Fun, and Freedom.

Military spouses face a unique set of challenges that can stretch their emotional and mental well-being to the limit. Frequent moves, long deployments, and the constant uncertainty that comes with military life can create stress, isolation, and anxiety. Building mental strength in these circumstances requires more than just coping mechanisms—it requires a deep understanding of human needs and the tools to fulfill them in a healthy way.

One helpful framework for strengthening mental resilience is Dr. William Glasser's *Choice Theory*, which identifies five basic human needs that drive behavior: ****Love and Belonging****, ****Power****, ****Freedom****, ****Fun****, and ****Survival****. According to Glasser, we all have an innate desire to satisfy these needs, and when they are met in healthy ways, we are better equipped to handle life's stresses. By recognizing and addressing these needs, military spouses can build a stronger foundation for mental well-being. Here's how Glasser's five basic needs can be applied to help military spouses build resilience.

1. ****Love and belonging****

The need for love and belonging is one of the most important for military spouses. The constant relocations, long deployments, and separation from extended family can create feelings of isolation and loneliness. Military spouses may struggle with finding a stable social network in new locations or feel disconnected from their partners during long deployments.

****How to Meet the Need: ****

- ****Create Support Networks****: Encourage military spouses to connect with others who understand their lifestyle. Many military installations have spouse groups, support organizations, or community events where spouses can meet new people and build lasting friendships. These networks can provide both emotional support and practical advice, making military life feel less isolating.

- ****Strengthen Family Bonds****: Even when physically separated, maintaining a strong emotional connection with their partner is vital. Encouraging consistent communication during deployments, whether through video calls, phone calls, or letters, helps

strengthen the bond and meet this need for love and belonging.

- ****Foster Inclusion****: Creating a welcoming environment at each new location helps spouses feel like they belong. Simple acts like inviting new neighbors for coffee or engaging in local activities can help integrate spouses into the community and reduce feelings of loneliness.

2. ****Power (Achievement and Influence) ****

The need for power relates to the desire for achievement, competence, and the ability to influence the course of one's life. Military spouses often juggle multiple roles—caregiver, homemaker, professional—and may feel their own ambitions take a backseat to their spouse's military career. This can lead to feelings of frustration, helplessness, or a lack of purpose.

****How to Meet the Need: ****

- ****Encourage Personal Goals****: Help military spouses identify and pursue their own personal and professional goals, whether that's furthering their education, building a career, or starting a business. Developing their own identity and achieving personal success builds a sense of power and accomplishment.

- ****Emphasize Control Over Routine****: While military life is full of unpredictability, creating a stable routine at home can give spouses a sense of control. Encourage setting small, achievable goals each day, whether it's organizing the household, learning a new skill, or planning a family event.

- ****Celebrate Small Wins****: Acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of military spouses, whether they're managing a household during deployment or succeeding in a personal project. Recognizing achievements boosts self-esteem and reinforces a sense of personal power.

3. ****Freedom (Independence and Autonomy) ****

The need for freedom involves autonomy and the ability to make decisions that influence one's life. Military spouses often face a lack of control over many aspects of their life, including relocations, deployment schedules, and the decisions made by their partner's chain of command. This lack of control can sometimes feel stifling.

****How to Meet the Need: ****

- ****Foster Independence****: Encourage military spouses to create opportunities for independence and autonomy, such as starting a home-based business, engaging in local community work, or pursuing further education. By having control over aspects of their life, they can feel more empowered and less dependent on circumstances.

- ****Support Flexibility in Career****: Military spouses may often have to adjust their careers due to frequent relocations. Encouraging them to explore flexible career options (remote work, freelancing, or online education) can provide a sense of freedom and flexibility that fits with military life.

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- **Encourage Boundary Setting**: Learning to set healthy boundaries, both with their partner and with other family members, can give military spouses a sense of control over their time and energy. This also ensures they don't feel overwhelmed by the demands of others.

4. **Fun (Enjoyment and Play)**

The need for fun is a critical aspect of mental health that's often overlooked, especially for those in high-stress environments like military families. Military spouses can easily become consumed by the demands of military life, taking care of the household, managing children, and supporting their spouse, which can leave little time for enjoyment.

How to Meet the Need:

- **Make Time for Enjoyment**: Encourage military spouses to engage in activities that bring them joy. Whether it's pursuing a hobby, going for walks, enjoying a favorite book, or simply taking a weekend trip, fun helps recharge their emotional batteries.

- **Social Activities**: Being part of a community or social group can add a fun and uplifting element to life. Spouse groups, recreational leagues, or local volunteer organizations often provide opportunities for military spouses to socialize, have fun, and reduce stress.

- **Incorporate Play into Family Life**: Fun doesn't always need to be individual—it can also be family-centered. Organize family outings or game nights that allow everyone to enjoy quality time together. These activities strengthen family bonds and create positive experiences in the midst of military life.

5. **Survival (Safety and Security)**

The survival need refers to the basic instinct for physical and emotional security. For military spouses, this can mean worrying about the safety of their partner while deployed, managing the stresses of relocations, or dealing with the uncertainty that military life often entails.

How to Meet the Need:

- **Financial Stability**: Military spouses can sometimes feel anxious about their financial security due to the unpredictability of military life. Encourage financial planning, budgeting, and exploring benefits or resources available to military families. This can help spouses feel more secure in their ability to manage finances, even with frequent relocations.

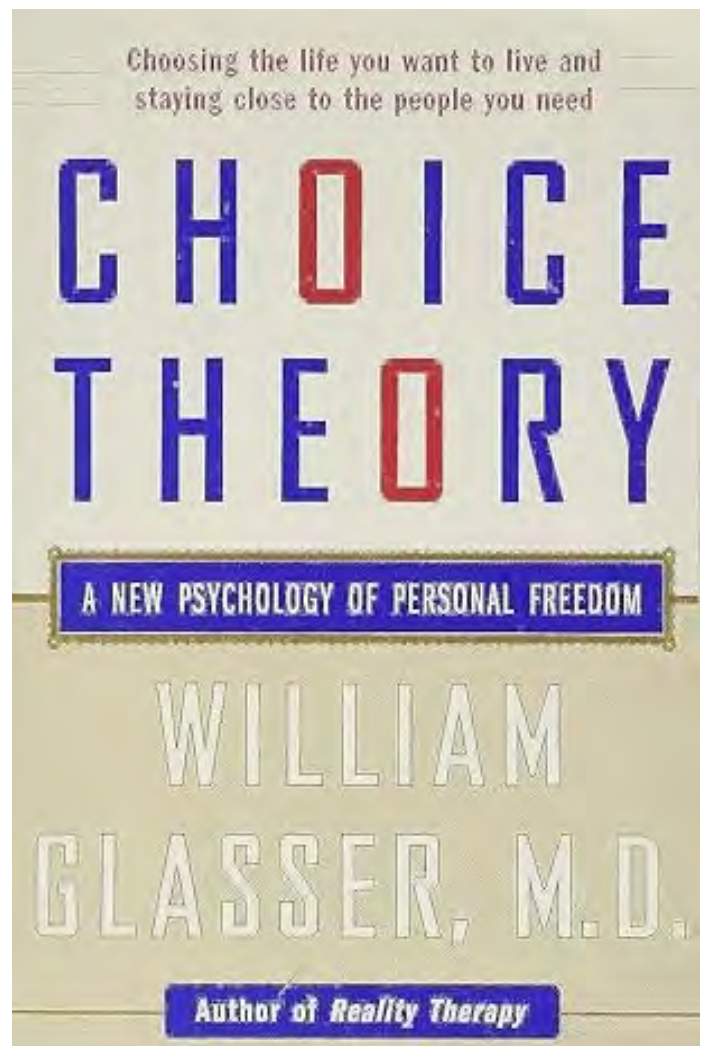
- **Access to Health and Wellness Resources**: Physical and emotional well-being are fundamental to survival. Ensure that military spouses have access to healthcare resources, counseling services, and fitness programs offered by military bases or civilian health providers.

- **Create a Sense of Safety**: Encouraging military spouses to create a home environment that feels safe and secure can also meet the survival need. This can include practical steps like maintaining a routine, building a support system, or even making sure their physical living space is comfortable and stable.

Conclusion: Using Dr. Glasser's Framework to Build Resilience

By incorporating Dr. William Glasser's Five Basic Needs—**Love and Belonging**, **Power**, **Freedom**, **Fun**, and **Survival**—into daily life, military spouses can better meet their emotional needs and build the mental resilience necessary to navigate the unique challenges of military life. Acknowledging that these needs are fundamental to a spouse's overall well-being helps them not only survive but thrive during the ups and downs of military life.

By supporting military spouses in fulfilling these basic needs, we empower them to build stronger mental strength, emotional resilience, and a greater sense of control, helping them stay grounded and healthy in an often-unpredictable world.



Return on Investment (ROI).... a term we often hear when dealing with our personal finances and planning for our future.

In a few months, many of our members, their friends, and their families will be considering another **ROI**.....that of the education of their children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. This is a ROI by which we all are affected!

As the end of 2024 approaches and 2025 begins, many high school seniors will be preparing and submitting applications for higher education and with it raising the question.....” how are we going to pay for it?

Some fortunate few will have saved and put aside funds to cover the cost of their students’ tuition and associated fees, but often increased costs will devour those savings. And some will be looking for financial assistance.

As a member of the Military Community there are Associations such as AUSA, USARA, and Unit scholarships available. Most of these are funded solely by members’ contributions and donations.

The *Association of The United States Army (AUSA)* scholarship information can be accessed on their website: ausa.org. The website outlines the types of scholarships available, application instructions, and application deadlines.

The *US Army Ranger Association (USARA)* is another membership association offering scholarships and information can be accessed on their website, ranger.org. The website outlines the types of scholarships available, application process, selection process, and funding process.

Like the AUSA scholarship program, USARA scholarships are funded entirely by member donations. Members are encouraged to support these programs as they are able by visiting their websites.

There are many other membership associations/organizations which offer grants, loans, and scholarships funds. The VFW has a “substantial” scholarship program and again information can be found on their website and through their Posts.

There are “civilian” organizations which provide assistance to college bound seniors.

One such organization is the GEORGIA MILITARY VETERANS’ HALL OF FAME (GMVHOF). As part of their program for recognizing Georgia’s Veterans, the GMVHOF also has a program to invest in our Country’s future by awarding scholarships each year to Georgia High School Seniors who are in High School JROTC and are attending a Georgia College and participating in their ROTC Program.

In 2024, the GMVHOF awarded 15 scholarships to Georgia students for \$4,000 each with a total of \$60,000. Since the GMVHOF scholarships program was instituted, over \$225,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

Like some of the other scholarships programs, the GEORGIA MILITARY VETERANS’ HALL OF FAME program is funded by donations. 100% of donated funds are applied directly to the scholarship program, so there are no funding or administrative fees. If you are able, consider donations to GMVHOF on their website gmvhof.org.

Our Country is facing some incredibly challenging times ahead, and investing in our future and our children’s future is paramount. Your participation in educational financial assistance programs, such as the ones mentioned above, will bear fruit and be an ROI for all of us!

Marshall Huckaby
25th ID LRRPs, 66-67

Jonnie Melillo Clasen

BUCK BAGLEY SCHOLORSHIP FUND

If you're trying to decide on a worthy year-end contribution, a new JROTC scholarship fund may be a choice. It's a JROTC scholarship for Georgia students, named in honor of MIA Luther "Buck" Bagley whose remains "came home" to Fitzgerald, GA for burial in August, 80 years after he was killed in Burma. The Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame (GMVHOF) is administering the Buck Bagley Scholarship fund - and 100 percent of all contributions go toward scholarships. Since 2020, the GMVHOF has administered \$224,000 to 18 young girls and 37 boys who are attending - or who have attended -- 11 Georgia colleges and universities. Checks can be mailed to:

Buck Bagley Scholarship

PO Box 475

Pine Mountain, GA 31822

OR - go to GMVHOF.org

- Click on Donations
- Use your credit card and PayPal will take care of everything else.



Rangers, first of all wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. I know that you all celebrated Veterans Day and hopefully were treated with respect. I would like to thank all our Rangers for the sacrifices that you and your families made during our careers to keep our country free. We need to remember the oath we took, to defend our nation and the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic.

By the time you read this your Unit Director should have submitted your selection for the Ranger Hall of Fame. Packages will be reviewed by our local board prior to forwarding them to the full board. Remember, we can select only 3 packages for submission. We look for the best Rangers to be inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Here is the timeline for what transpires for the 2025 Ranger Hall of Fame.

13 December 2024: All packages to be received by the 75th RRA board.

29 January 2025: 75th RRA Board meeting to select packages to be forwarded to full board.

7 February 2025: All nomination packets are due via email to the RHOF Coordinator. Nominations will be screened for all requirements IAW the 03 Nov 2023 RHOF Bylaws.

25 April 2025: The RHOF Voting Board will convene at the 75th Ranger Regiment Headquarters, Fort Moore, Georgia, review nominations and select inductees IAW the RHOF bylaws. The board will start at 1000 in the Darby Room, BLDG 2931.

28 April 2025: Upon completion, the RHOF Coordinator will notify each inductee, or designated next of kin, of his selection.

9 May 2025: Information packets on the RHOF ceremony and associated rehearsals will be sent to each inductee by the ARTB. A courtesy copy will be sent to each nominating party.

24 June 2025: RHOF Dinner at 1800 (1715 social hour). Location TBD.

25 June 2025: Prior to the RHOF Ceremony, the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade will conduct an information briefing and full-dress rehearsal of the induction ceremony for inductees. Ceremony will be held at 1300 in Marshall Auditorium, BLDG 4, Fort Moore, Georgia.

From 13 Dec 2024 through 27 Jan 2025, our local board will review the packets and if there are any concerns, contact the Unit Director and make recommendations on items that may need clarification or need corrections. We will provide a suspense date to the UD when the package needs to be completed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the board members.

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As I have previously done here are two members who have been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame.



Major General ELDON A. BARGEWELL

Major General Eldon Bargewell, United States Army, retired, has teams across the border into North Vietnam and Laos he was had an unparalleled impact on the Ranger community spanning fearless under the most dangerous and complex conditions. four decades. As a young reconnaissance sergeant leading

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He was wounded on four separate occasions and was awarded our nation's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, for his gallantry in action. After graduation with honors from Ranger School and Officer Candidate School, he was handpicked to serve as a Ranger platoon leader in B Company (Ranger) Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRPS) and then the newly activated 2nd Ranger Battalion. During his 17 years in 1st Special Forces, Operational Detachment-Delta (SFOD-D), he was instrumental in integrating companies from the Ranger Battalions in training and exercise scenarios. After the Moga-dishu Operation, he changed the Joint Special Operations Command exercise program and scenarios to force better integration and cooperation between the Ranger Battalions and 1st SFOD-D. The development of complimentary doctrine and tactics, techniques and procedures during this time helped cement the concept that Special Operations Force units with different tactical focuses need to support each other directly on operations. This integration has produced tremendous results for contingency operations worldwide. Throughout his distinguished career, Ranger Bargewell was the absolute role model of authenticity, competency, and quiet professionalism for at least two generations of Rangers and special operations soldiers. His personal courage as a young Ranger NCO and over three decades as a special operations leader has brought true meaning to these words from the Ranger Creed: "Never shall I fail my comrades; gallantly will I show the world I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier; and I will never leave a fallen comrade".



Command Sergeant Major LUIS PALACIOS; Command Sergeant Major Luis Palacios, United States Army, retired, is inducted into the Ranger Hall Of Fame after 30 years of service. He deployed to and conducted combat operations in Vietnam and Grenada. During his esteemed career, CSM Palacios served from Private to Command Sergeant Major, and held every enlisted leadership position from rifle team leader to Battalion CSM. For his service in peacetime and at war he received a multitude of awards, some of which include the Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. CSM Palacios was hand-selected to stand up the 2nd Ranger Battalion, where he

served as one of the original Platoon Sergeants. He was the Company First Sergeant of two Ranger Companies, and Command Sergeant Major of three Battalions. Of his 30 years of service, 19 years were spent on airborne status, and 18 years in Ranger units. He continues to care and support Soldiers by deploying overseas to train our Soldiers for combat and helps our veterans through multiple charity organizations. CSM Luis C. Palacios lives the Ranger Creed and is an inspiration to all Rangers, past, present, and future.

I can say I knew both of these fine rangers and they are the epitome of what a Ranger should be. Sadly, we did lose MG Bargewell on 19 Apr 2019 in a freak accident. He will truly be missed.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season and look forward to seeing you all at our next reunion.

Rangers Lead the Way!!





1st BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—RICK MERRITT



Above photo: (AUSA) Army Best Medic 2024: SSG Ryan Musso (B Co) and SFC Patrick Murphy (HHC) were recognized at AUSA as the 2024 US Army Best Medics. The team's victory underscores the exceptional medical expertise and unwavering dedication of our Battalion medics.



Sanchez was killed in action on October 01, 2009 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.



Above three photos: Echo Company Training in Dahlonega: E Co Rangers and instructors from the Northern Warfare Training Center in Fort Wainwright, Alaska conducted an in-depth POI on various mountaineering techniques to include A-Frame, Z-Pulley, climbing, and rappelling techniques at "Lowers" for two weeks in Dahlonega, GA. All trained tasks were then executed during Practical Exercises at Mount Yonah and a culminating event in the form of a resupply mission utilizing MRZRs and mountaineering skills.

HQDA Best Squad Competition



Above 2 photos: HERO WODs: 1/75 Rangers executed HERO WODs for SFC Lance Vogler and SGT Robert Sanchez in the month of October. SFC Vogler was killed in action October 01, 2010 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan and is survived by his wife, Melissa, sons Colin and Kyle, and daughter Madison. SGT



Above photos: HQDA Best Squad Competition: 2nd Squad, 1/B competed in the Best Squad Competition that began at Fort Liberty, NC and culminated in Washington, D.C. After three weeks of competition against the best squads in the Army, we are proud of their third place finish and representing USASOC and the 75th Ranger Regiment well. SSG Henderson was awarded the SMA Grinston Leadership Award for leading the only organic squad in the competition.

Next two photos right column: FIST CASEX: B CO FIST conducted a joint CASEX with C CO FIST from 14-24OCT. FIST coordinated with Marine rotary wing attack platforms and the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific (EWTGPAC) which introduced B CO JTACS to the capabilities of naval surface fire support. Overall, this training served as an opportunity to work with Marines and Navy.



Sua Sponte Heroes Golf Tournament: Members of 1/75 participated in the 14th Annual Heroes Golf Tournament at The Georgia Club in Statham, GA on October 7th. Continued on next page

Sua Sponte Heroes Golf Tournament: Eighteen 1st Battalion Rangers played on five different teams. Sua Sponte Foundation organized the event, and raised over \$90,000.



resent the Regiment in the USASOC Best Squad competition in the beginning of August.



Below, Battalion Change of Command: COL Russ Necessary relinquished command of 1st Ranger Battalion to LTC Brian James in Forsyth Park, Savannah on 21 JUN.



Above, Father Daughter Dance: The 1/75 UMT hosted 33 Ranger dads and their daughters for an evening on the riverboat Georgia Queen. The event included dinner, dancing and special activities.



Above, Care Package Packout: Spouses of 1/75 helped pack 200 Sua Sponte sponsored Care Packages on October 9th. These packages were delivered to deployed Rangers



Next Column, Regimental Best Squad Competition: 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Bravo Company won the 75th Ranger Regiment Best Squad Competition during Ranger Rendezvous 24. They will rep-



2nd BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

UNIT DIRECTOR—HUGH ROBERTS



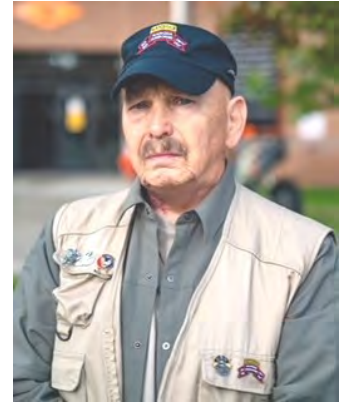
HOOAH RANGERS!

Well, the 2nd Ranger Battalion's 50th Anniversary celebration is now in the books, and what an awesome event it was!

Over 1,500 Ranger Alumni attended the celebration. LTC Leszczynski kicked off the ceremonies with a state-of-the-Battalion briefing, followed by a leadership panel led by CSM (ret) Randy Inman, General Scott Miller, and General Magruder.

2nd Battalion also conducted a very, moving memorial service for our fallen Rangers, both from training and combat operations. The Rangers hosted an open house, showing and demonstrating operational equipment, culminating with a shooting competition.

The celebration concluded with individual company socials held around the Tacoma area. On behalf of all 2/75 alumni, I want to thank LTC Leszczynski and CSM Mortensen, as well as the men of 2nd Battalion, for making us all feel welcome and enabling old Rangers to relive our past, tell war stories, and reconnect with old Ranger buddies. Following, are some pictures from the celebration.





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

UNIT DIRECTOR—STAN JONES

On November 27, 1972, I received orders to report to what turned out to be one of the greatest and most profound journeys in my life. On December 4th, I reported to 1sg Romo, A Co 75th Airborne Rangers. The life lessons, the leadership, memories, and friendships made in the Company would follow me for the rest of my life. That became very apparent in Waco November 2024 for the 50th Reunion of A Company and the celebration of the deactivation of the last standing lettered Ranger Company from the Viet Nam war era. There were many testimonies and “war stories” of our time in A Company and how it affected our lives. Most gave credit to then Captain Doug Nolen, 1st Sgt. Romo and at that time SFC Gary Carpenter. Doug Nolen retired as a Major and went on to be a contractor for the government for 30 years. Bonificio Romo went to 2nd Batt when it was formed and later retired as a 1sg. Gary Carpenter went on to be the acting 1Sgt of A Co. when Romo left. After A Co, Gary went to 1st Batt in Savannah and found a new home. He moved up through Company 1st Sgt to SGM, CSM and then when the Regimental HQ was formed, Gary became the first Regimental Command Sargent Major. CSM Gary Carpenter was inducted into the Ranger Hall Of Fame, Class of 1998. Part of his induction letter reads “CSM Gary Carpenter has led the way for others to follow in every aspect of service to the Rangers and the Nation.”

We started gathering on Thursday, Nov. 6th and wrapped it up as Rangers, families, and friends ate breakfast on Sunday the 10th. They say that what matters in life is what happens between the dash -. 6-10 November is no exception. If my count is correct, we had 34 members of A Company, 3 from B Company, 2 from VII Corps LRRP’s, and 29 family members including 3 wives whose Rangers had passed on. Marie Carlisle (Mark) and their daughter



Melanie, Elizabeth Smith (Bain) and Tiffany Nolen (Doug) and her daughter, Courtney.

We had a hospitality room set up at the hotel for Thursday and Friday and for Saturday evening. Friday it was full as we sold shirts, hats, coins and other items and raffle tickets for several items donated and for the knife that Bowman made and the 9mm pistol that Danielle Sedillo had engraved and donated and a .22 cal. Rifle. The raffle tickets for the items on the table, including a couple of bottles of Wyoming made whisky, some woodworking items, a blanket made by Jim Savell and some autographed books by Gary Linderer were auctioned off at 4pm. We had pizzas brought in for lunch and the room stayed full most of the day. The raffle for the rifle, pistol and knife was conducted after the Memorial Ceremony on Saturday. Joe Touchon (VII Corp) won the pistol.



Sign Presented to Jim and Jason in appreciation of their hospitality

He had his dates mixed up and had to leave Saturday morning, so arrangements were made for shipping. The rifle was won by Courtney, Tiffany’s daughter, who graciously donated it to EJ Alexander. She had told Tiffany earlier that if she won any of the items, she would donate to someone. John Mikulak won the knife.

Saturday, we met at the Savell Compound at 9am for an opening ceremony to include presenting the Colors by local JROTC Cadets. The Cadets also helped all day with policing the area and helping where needed. Gene Gilsdorf opened with a prayer, then Jim Savell talked about the days order of march. A metal sign was presented to Jim and Jason in appreciation of their hospitality. Jim then presented red roses he had made to all the wives present and white roses to Tiffany, Marie and Elizabeth. Then the floor was opened up for whoever wanted to talk. Bowman was the MC to keep things moving. There were several who spoke about their time in A Co and what an effect it made on their military lives and beyond. Then we broke for a big Texas BBQ lunch.

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At 2 pm, we gathered back in the barn for a Memorial Service, conducted by Gene Gilsdorf. The Ceremony included Gene quoting several verses that were relevant to the day. EJ read off a list of 79 members no longer with us. Jason Savell rang the bell after each name. A "Once An Eagle Ceremony" was conducted for Mark Carlisle and flag presentation to Marie, due to the fact there was no military presence at Mark's funeral. Taps were played by Savell's grandson and the bagpiper played Amazing Grace as he walked off.

We then boke for the raffle drawing and then everyone went their own way. Many stayed and talked, there was an open bar in the Tiki lounge. And some went back to the hotel and the hospitality room. Standing around the Tiki bar about 530, Chaunteal Bland, Benjamin Bland's son, walked up. He had missed his flight.

Jim Savell had said this would be the last reunion at his place, but hopes we continue to gather in the future. After the huge turnout and successful weekend, I am sure we will meet again. Many stated that in their entire military career, they knew of no other unit that had reunions as large as ours. Ed Thurman took hundreds of photos and videos and will be posting on You Tube in the near future.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the "Planning Committee" and the efforts and tireless energy, and time put in to making this an epic reunion. Jim Savell for hosting and providing so much. Ed Thurman for leadership and camera man. Bill Bowman for being MC. EJ Alexander for all his input and guidance. I for whatever was needed to help fill in. And last but not least, Roy and Robin Bissey. If you have never helped plan and organize an event, you have no idea what it takes. Roy and Robin spent most of their time in Waco taking care of business and little time to actually sit and enjoy. There have been lots of emails and phone calls for the last 2 years putting this together and I don't know how we could have made it any better. What most don't realize is there is no cost to attendees at the reunion except for your



Super Champion Robert Eugene "Gene" Gilsdorf

bar bill in the hotel. The pizzas, BBQ, Tiki Bar, and everything in between are funded by the raffles and donations. Some that have never attended have given several hundred \$\$ to help make sure the reunion is a success. I have attached a group picture of the sign and one of Gary Carpenter and Bob Keehu. Below is a list of those in attendance. Next time I will post the list of those passed on. Hopefully, the list hasn't grown.

Paul Akscin, EJ Alexander and Roseann, Clarence Avery, Roy and Debbie Baree, Rich Behrens, Chaunteal Bland (Bejamin Bland), Roy and Robin Bissey, Dennis Black, Bill and Noris Bowman, Keith Bowman(Bill's brother), Marie and Melanie Carlise, Gary and Sue Carpenter, Wayne Cummings, Eddie Davis, Charles and Judy DeJarnett, Mike Drumheller, Jim Ducharme, Calvin Fenner, Jim Garrett, Gene Gilsdorf, Felix Gonzales Jr and Sr, Stan Jones, Bob and Olga Keehu, Andy and Yvonne Lowen, Rich and Lori Luczak, John McNeil, John Mikulak, Mike Moser (B Co), Tiffany Nolen and Courtney, Juan Padilla, Pat and Rosemary Phagan (B Co), Robert and Vanessa Roth, Pete Rothrock, Jim and Connie Savell and several family members, Jason and Jennifer Savell

(Jim's son and daughter in law), John and Sharon Schook, Danielle Sedillo, Elizabeth Smith, Chuck Strehl (VII Corp), Norm Thomas, Steve Thompson (distance winner from Panama), Ed Thurman, Ted and Cheri Tilson, Joe Tuchon (VII Corp), Don VanArsdale, Ron and Cindy Witte. If I missed someone, I'm sure I will hear about it.

Gene Gilsdorf is constantly competing in weightlifting meets all over the country. From a newspaper article he sent me: On Sept 14th, Gene and his daughter competed in the Kansas State championship meet. This was Gene's 50th consecutive meet. He lifted 106# in a snatch and 147# in a clean and jerk lift. His daughter Emma lifted 121 and 152, making it one of the first completions where she outlifted Gene.

Gene helps at the Onaga Weightlifting Club.

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Waco 2024



Gary Carpenter and Bob Keehu

over the creek. Now my story- Sitting around discussing things & getting intoxicated can lead to strange things. I had set up a rappelling demonstration & still had the ropes etc. in the trunk of my car. My sister's husband (Richard) & an unmentioned man were interested in rappelling. Welllll....we can make that happen. We drove to the bridge in Selma. I give Richard instructions on being safe. Me & another person walked to the middle of the bridge. I set my beer on the concrete railing & a big truck wind blasted it over the side. I anchored the rope to the rail. I hooked up the person & was talking him down the rope. I was very intent on what I was doing. Richard let go of the rope & started acting like he wasn't there. I heard someone say, "what are you doing?" I'm building a submarine, I answered. I was still totally focused on the person rappelling. He hit the ground & I turned around. There stood a Texas Highway Patrolman. "What are you doing"?

I took a trip to Salt Lake City in October to see Mark Ross. His son Corey went with me. Corey got Utah Power of Attorney over Mark for financial and medical. He is in the process of getting Mark moved to a nursing facility near Indianapolis so he can visit with him more often. Mark had a stroke a few months ago and is confined to bed with the use of his left hand and arm. Mark should be in Indiana by the time you read this.

From Jim Savell: Christmas '73, I was stationed at Ft Hood, TX with A/75 Rangers. I was single & there was an empty trailer I lived in in Harker Heights. In '73 I decided to visit my sister for Christmas. She lived on I 35 near the town of Selma (north of San Antonio. Cibolo Creek flows through Selma & has a large ravine. When they built the highway, they put in a large bridge

"We are rappelling off the bridge.... hey, ya wanna try it?"

"No, I may mess up my uniform."

He then told me that it was very dangerous to be on the bridge with vehicles passing at 80 MPH & about 12 inches from the walkway. He told me that I would need to remove the ropes & myself from the bridge. This scared the others sober, so we had to re-intoxicate. More to follow.

That's all for now, keep the stories coming.

Stan Jones
RLTW

ARVIN RANGER ADV, (BDQ)

UNIT DIRECTOR—BILL MILLER

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans

Scrounging by Keith Nightingale

Key to any BDQ advisor's success and comfort was the ability to scrounge. The Rangers were usually located in semi-isolated sites with minimal amenities such as housing, food, and protection from the elements. Add to that minimal supporting weapons, adequate ammo, barrier material and overhead cover. In many cases, the Ranger Wives and kids co-located with their husbands, making the conditions even more barren. Hence, each BDQ team usually developed an informal scrounge capability for whatever was direly needed that the ARVN Army would not/could not provide.

My experience is just a microcosm of all Ranger advisors. Located on a bare hill in Xuan Loc, with a full complement of Rangers, wives, kids and dogs and minimal close-in defense capabilities, our "accommodation" was a GP Medium tent with sufficient holes to make it an observatory. The floors were mud and the cots from WWII. We were plush compared to the Vietnamese. Candles were the illumination, water a scarce commodity and fortifications of the barest nature. Rain was a continuous challenge.

Lt Nightingale, Deputy Advisor, was anointed as the Czar of scrounge. After overcoming culture shock in my first week in country, I was tasked with "finding stuff." This meant taking a Japanese jeep ride into Bien Hoa and Long Binh to develop an acquisition system. I kept a journal as I visited each US org, did some minor BS'ing to determine what they had in excess and what they needed/wanted. In many cases, each had what others did not and I could make a trailer resolve the issue, in turn, getting a cut.

By evening, a pretty good haul would be collected at an Army buddy's in Long Binh. I would call the battalion via landline and request X Vietnamese 2 ½'s to haul the booty-usually tarps, wood, tin, medical equipment, ammo, and weapons parts.

The trucks would bring Ranger wives manufactured VC flags and Montagnard bows which were prime training material. Often, this is all that is needed to close trade. At Ranger Hill, a thriving industry grew.

Then, time provided ideas and experiences. I visited the Philco-Ford offices at their storage yard as Saigon Port. After working my way through several factotums-speaking Vietnamese was a shock and a plus-I got to the man with the power of the pen. He was a short guy with a lot of energy and a cowboy hat. Clearly a cut to the chase guy. I explained the dire circumstances of the unit, the lack of interest by anyone in the chain and my adjunct



desperation.

He pulled out two ice cold 33's from his office fridge and pulled out a sheaf of papers. He wrote authorizations for pallets of 2x4's, galvanized tin, nails, a 10KW generator with a mile of light sets, sacks of cement and several thousand sandbags. He looked me in the eye and told me to have 12 trucks in the yard at 0800 in the morning with this paper. He also suggested I visit the PDO yard next to his.

The Senior Advisor was certain I was deep into the Black Market which I assured him was not the case and the battalion commander was incredulous but said they would be there-which they were.

The PDO yard, however, was Christmas all the time. The yard was a vast storehouse of everything the US Army didn't want, couldn't use, or was mis-sent for re-shipping. I became very proficient with a large forklift which separated the GP Mediums, Kitchen Fly and GP small tents-vastly superior to the present Ranger Hootches. This would be my perennial Go TO place after operations throughout the year.

A long row on Conex containers held weapons -allegedly malfunctioning or broken. I found neither to be the case much.....50 cal's with timing gauges, M60's, M79's, M16's, magazines, tripods, and mortars both 81 and 4.2. A double wide held a radio repair facility run by the Vietnamese. We had a cup of café sua where I explained our situation, gave him 20 MPC and he "gifted" me six functioning PRC 25's-a major upgrade from the PRC 10's. This sensitive loot, I would personally accompany back to Xuan Loc to ensure no diversions.

Soon, Ranger Hill had lights, a decent tent city, barbed wire and sandbagged positions, a quality ops bunker, vastly more firepower and team house duplex for the advisors and the battalion commander.

Tet struck and we rarely were back. Regardless, now as Senior Advisor, I had my deputy undertake the same tasks to better our lives throughout III Corps as we wandered with the whims of the General Staff. We usually had lights and more firepower than most.

Biet Dong Quan Sat!

Mu Nau

Bill Miller

Unit Director



B/75 – C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—MARC L. THOMPSON

B/75 – C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

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

Veterans Day just passed, and we heard from many about our Brothers, lost or ailing.

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 compa-



bound!

Zeke Evaro left me a message that Jim Jackson's widow wanted to have a tribute to Jim placed in Patrolling. I have left her a couple of messages, but she hasn't yet gotten back to me. When she does get back to me, I'll do. Whatever it is that we need to help her out with that. It may not, therefore, appear in the magazine until the next issue.

50TH ANNIVERSARY JOINT REUNION - A/75 & B/75

Below photo: The entire group at the 50TH Anniversary in Waco. Photo courtesy Mike Moser



ny, 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

DATES: 7 TO 9 NOVEMBER 2024

LOCATION: NEAR WACO, TX.

FROM: James Savell

Two weeks warning order for the Reunion in Waco. *Next page*

The locals have put up their daughters & sheep in readiness for ya'll coming to Waco. It isn't too late to make plans to attend. There will be many things on the agenda. See ya'll the 7-9 of November.

FROM: Michael Henry Moser: No sheep! WTF?

FROM: Leo B Starkey: The sheep heard that A Company and B Company. were both gonna be there.

The Unit Director was unable to attend the 50th reunion of A/75 and B/75 in Texas due to medical issues. However, Mike Moser (and others) did make it, and reported back that it was a very well run operation. Mike reports that there were about 25 members from A75, and a combined 6 from B75, 7th Corps LRRPs, and C/58.



Joe Touchon/Chuck Straehl. Photo by Mike Moser

Joe Touchon on left and Chuck Straehl.

Joe Touchon: I done time with VII Corp LRRP – Germany 62/3/4. I will drop by - I live 100 miles away. Sgt Joe Touchon

Chuck Straehl: I'll attend. (Chuck Straehl was with the 7th Corp. LRRP 1961 & 1962).

From Moser: Joe Touchon on left and Chuck Straehl. Two original men that formed C/58 VII Corp LRRP (later C/58 (LRP)) back in 1961. Hooah.

MOSER-SITREP

Mike Moser attended.

Day one of the reunion was great. The A/75 Company Rangers did not make me stand in the corner all day. Have not seen any B75 Rangers. I have met several A75 Rangers. As usual with Rangers if I don't know you, we certainly served with some of the same Rangers.

Thanks James Savell for being such a great host !!! RLTW.



Bob Roth was an A75 & B75 Ranger- Photo by Mike Moser



The Joint A75/B75 Cake. Photo by Mike Moser

UD NOTE: There is much more information posted in the Facebook Group for the unit.

SITREPS, TAPS & SICK CALL:

RICK "FAT BACK" AND MELISSA HATHAWAY

FROM: Joe Chetwynd

Fellow LRRPs:

Fatback's new mailing address is:

917 Mill Hill Terrace, Apt 315

Southport, Ct 06890

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(Courtesy of Julia Surow, Melissa's daughter), We are pleased let you all know that we have new contact info for Rick "Fat Back" and Melissa Hathaway. They have moved to an assisted living facility in Southport, Connecticut, located on Long Island Sound, between Norwalk and Bridgeport (it is a part of Fairfield, Conn).

The town is a lovely first period village, incorporated in 1639, and features several eras of architecture, chief among them are Greek Revival, Victorian, Romanesque and Federal. It is listed as one of the prettiest towns in Connecticut. They will be living only minutes away from Rick's oldest son, Mark's home in Fairfield. The town is located and easily reached from Rt. 95, about one hour north of New York City. Anybody so inclined to visit will be graciously hosted by Fat Back's eldest son, Mark, in his basement guest suite.

I hope that you all will give Rick and Melissa a call and let them know we are still all in "regular commo" with one another. We only ask that you be patient with him when you do talk because he is in the early stages of dementia and is prone to lose his train of thought from time to time , but phone calls are never more important to make to them both than now. A visit would be nice, of course, but that would take some planning for most of us, given where we all live all over.

PS: FOSTER, FORDE; Kindly send this out to other LRRPs who are not on my contact list. CC me as well.

DAVE CLARK

PPS Regarding the burial of CSM David L Clark, at Arlington National Cemetery, we still DO NOT have any confirmation of a date and time certain , nor do we know how much lead time they will provide to inform family, friends, etc. We are in touch with Dave's church in Fayetteville, NC who appreciate that we all want to be in attendance, if at all humanly possible. As soon as we know that date, we will inform you all and arrange a proper rendezvous point and overnight (or longer) stay and LRRP Reunion announcement.

Again, thank you, Julia Surow for this info- Airborne All The Way,
Joe

HEARD FROM

LEO STARKEY

Leo had a reprieve from a diagnosis of prostate cancer, and is continuing to improve. He is still providing us with unit memorabilia, as well as sources to get B/75 t-shirts, and other items.

MIKE MOSER

Mike and his Lady are mostly recovered from the injuries suffered in their crash, and journeyed to Waco to represent us all at the A75/B75 Reunion.

RANGER VOYLES

RV reports that the Northwest crew is hanging tough. He and Jayne are keeping all the civilian doctors on their toes, and fully occupied.

TOM FORDE: (from the FB Group)



Moncayo and Forde preparing to cross the Rhine, Before Alfredo became a pain in the ass Photo-Tom Forde

TONY RICHARDSON

Reiterated the Northwest status,

MIKE HERRIN

Lives in the Colorado Springs area with a passel of children and grandchildren. Consult the UD for contact info.

TIM LEADBETTER

Tim has sent a large quantity of material lately. We will try to include it in the next (non-reunion) issue.

JIM REYNOLDS

Is a regular poster in the Facebook Group for the unit.

"Standing around the fire, stirring it with my fire stick / walking stick brought back memories of those ymmas in CO".. middle of the winter, waking up with a foot of snow on ya,.. Bugs has the fire going hot and coffee in the canteen cup... What a view. Those days I miss the most.



Memories of Tarryall in Colorado- Photo Reynolds



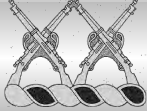
Forde & Minyard. Photo— Tom Forde

Stay warm, stay safe, stay healthy...

To Absent Friends:

Until next time... V/R:

Marc L. Thompson,
Unit Director



C/75 - E/20 LRP

Unit Director—Darryl "Bones" Benton



Left to Right- Steve Minner, Eperson, Darryl Benton, Mario Guerra, Larry Rapp

Greetings LRRPs and Rangers, Another few months have passed by at the usual warp speed. Summer has passed and thank goodness all the Hurricanes have passed until next season. To any folks in the North Carolina area that was hit so hard God Bless you, we pray for your speedy recovery. Living here on the coast in Florida we expect this every season and are prepared to be ravished.

The fact that we had planned our reunion in Gatlinburg two weeks later made it hard for some folks to drive in, we missed them. We did, however, have quite a few folks make it, and a great time was had by all. I believe we had an equal number of original E Co. LRRPs as we did C Co. Rangers. That says a lot about the unity of our Association. The Reagan resorts treated us as special guests and it was appreciated.

At the close of business, I asked whether anyone wanted to step up to the plate and take over as President and Vice-President of our Association. Milt and I have



been filling these shoes for 14 years now. John Everly has assumed my place as President, and Ken Taylor has taken Milt Henderickson's place as Vice-President. We will make sure to assist them both in the transition, and we thank these two for stepping up.

Meanwhile, I will remain as Director as far as the regiment is concerned and will do my best to Post any and all news of our unit to the Patrolling magazine and attend meetings that don't happen on the day I leave for our Reunion.

Darryl Benton
E/LRP/20th - C/
Airborne Ranger/75th
RVN



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—DUANE ALIRE

The 2025 E50/E75 reunion information contained herein is tentative/flexible and subject to minor change.

The dates for the 2025 Unit Reunion are set for **Sunday, October 5, 2025 through Saturday, October 11, 2025**. It's not too early to begin planning to attend the reunion.

The theme for this reunion is **Leaving Our Legacy - Honoring Ole Sarge Walden**.

We visited several potential hotel properties. Each property meets our basic criteria. However, they also have conditions and limitations that we must consider before selecting a property for the reunion.

The final decision will be made as soon as the on-site coordinators complete their due diligence.

Additionally, we visited a number of potential local attractions. Focusing on activities that can be visited as a group or visited in small groups or individually, we agreed on several potential options including Stone River Nat'l Battlefield.



Poncho at the park

We then worked up a "tentative" itinerary focusing on our unit needs – opening ceremony, break-out sessions, meet & greet time, meals, unit meeting, memorial services, hospitality function, raffle activities and banquet.

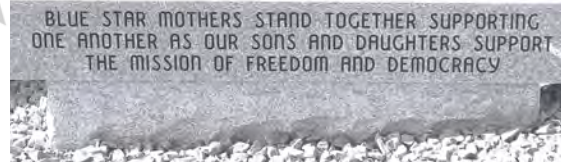
Legacy Project: In keeping with our efforts to commemorate our legacy, I have included two articles describing memorials honoring Vietnam veterans and an autobiographical sketch from E75 Ranger Dennis Lastine (1969=1970).

Additionally, I am proud to report that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire, New Mexico has recently installed and dedicated a new feature. It's a reduced size, permanent version of the National Vietnam Veterans' Wall.

Wisconsin's Highground Veterans Memorial Park: Last October, while travelling through Wisconsin, I visited Wisconsin's veterans memorial - "The Highground Veterans Park". The park has



15 features including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tribute "Fragments", and "Blue Star Mother Memorial".



Blue Star Mothers Memorial

The memorial's informational pamphlet reads, in part, and I paraphrase here, "The Highground is a grassroots, nonprofit organization which received no ongoing federal or state funding ... It has a very small operating budget and exists because volunteers and contributors have given The Highground their time, talents and treasure".

The Highground Veterans Park's informational pamphlet also includes descriptions and photographs of its stand alone, features such as The Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Tribute, Korean Tribute, The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the WWII Globe honoring veterans of the Pacific and European Theaters.



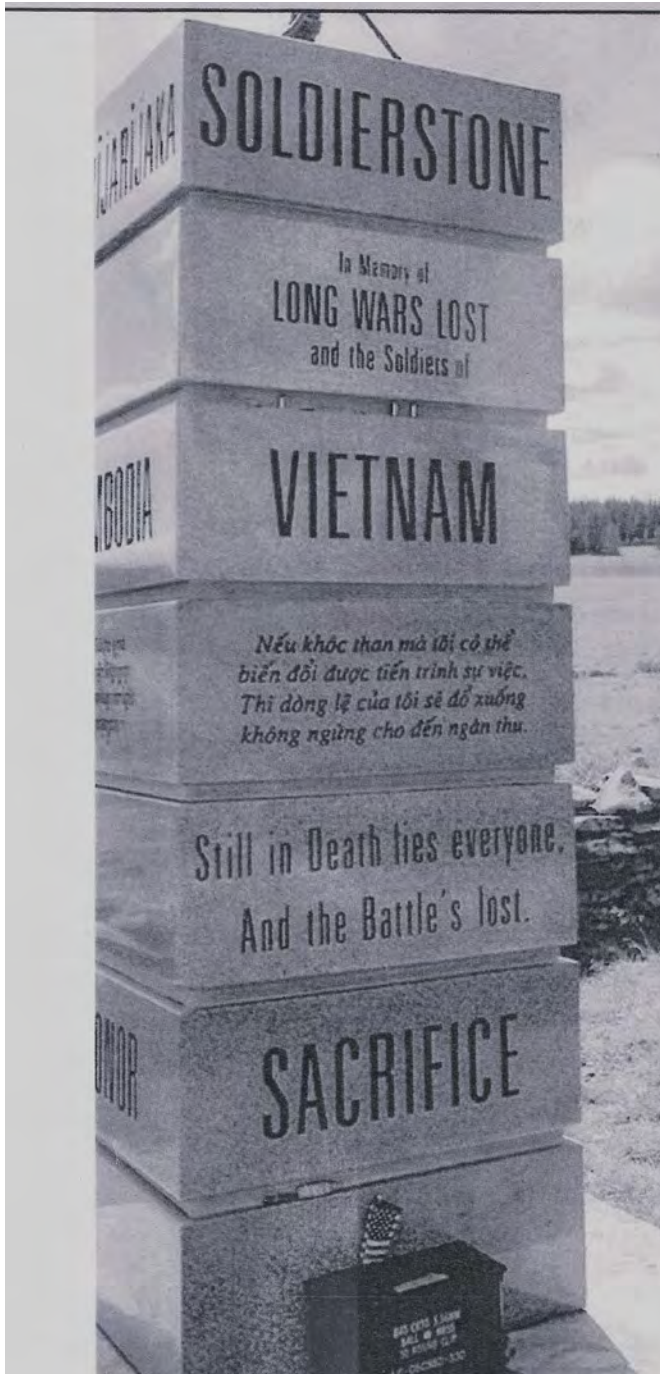
VN Tribute

The SOLDIERSTONE Memorial: The memorial was the brainchild of US Army Lt. Col. Stuart A. Beckley (deceased) who served in Vietnam from 1962 – 1973, primarily with the soldiers and par-militaries of the United States, *Continued next page*

Vietnam, and Laos. He held a deep sense of responsibility to create a lasting tribute in their memory.

The memorial was dedicated on July 14, 1995. However, declining health prevented Beckley from visiting the site. In 1994 he was diagnosed with cancer and four months after the memorial was completed Lt. Col. Beckley died.

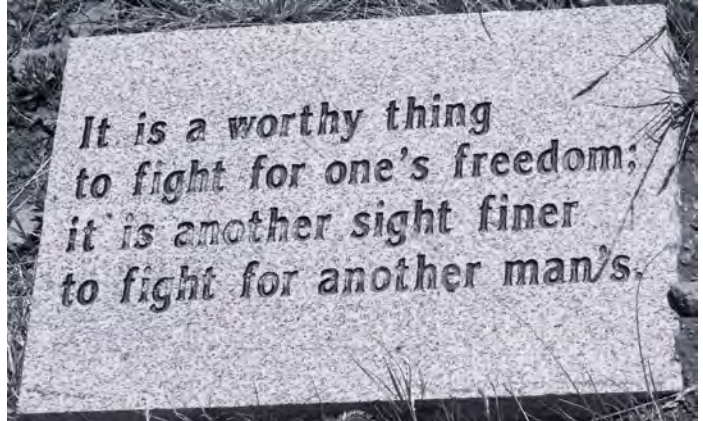
Know that SOLDIERSTONE is not a park and has no personal comfort facilities. It's not on any maps. It's tricky to find but is memorable and worthy of your talent, time and treasure to find.



SOLDIERSTONE is tucked in the wilderness of the Rio Grande National Forest near Saguache, Colorado. It is at 11,000 +/- feet elevation and is reached off a "raggedly assed", bumpy, and

steep, rocky, poorly signed and minimally maintained USFS single-track road. The road is closed after the first snow fall.

It features a single, four-sided obelisk, a low, triangular stacked granite stone wall and 36 quote stones strategically arrayed in three concentric circles "like so many soldiers on guard defending a fire support base". The stones are gently placed at ground level, resemble grave headstones and are secreted by grass, herbs and other native vegetation.



Better to die in honor than to live in disgrace



By dying so that at least honor is saved

The stones attest to the internationalism of the Vietnam War by Beckley's selection of the quotes. They are inscribed with quotes from many different time periods and in the languages of many different soldiers and paramilitary units. *Continued next page*

Those who served and fought in Vietnam's western border lands included Vietnamese, Lao, Indian, Montagnard, Hmong, Pali, Cambodia, Khmer, Chinese, Hindi French, Nepalese, Japanese, Philippines, German, French Moroccan, Arabic, Korean and American.

The memorial honors all veterans who served and fought in Indochina from 1945 until the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Once approved by the US Forest Service, it was constructed by volunteers, a local memorial company and members of the US Army's 10th Special Forces Group from Ft. Carson, CO.

Editor's note: I did not find and photograph all of the quote stones before I was chased off the mountain by thunder and lightning which is common at 11k in the Colorado Rockies.

Legacy Project Autobiographical Sketch: Former E75 Ranger Dennis Lastine supported our Legacy Project by sending in a short autobiographical sketch of his life.

His autobiography details another success life as a veteran of the Vietnam War – a life full of family, friends and noteworthy successes.

Dennis reminds us, "Sometime a photograph is worth a thousand words". His sketch includes several poignant photographs that speak to his life and his time in Vietnam.

Dennis Raymond Lastine wrote:

Hometown: Dennis Lastine was born on October 13, 1945 and raised in LeRoy, Minnesota.

Siblings: He has two sisters. His younger sister is deceased. His older sister lives in LeRoy, MN.

Education: Dennis graduated from LeRoy High School with the class of '63 and attended the University of Minnesota Mankato campus. He graduated with a major in business administration and a minor in psychology in 1968. Following graduation, he attended a one-year Management Internship Program in Saranac NY, which was under the auspices of the American Management Association.

Military service: Lastine was drafted in to the U.S. Army on October 22, 1968. He completed Basic Training at Fort Campbell, KY and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Lewis, WA. After AIT he was deployed to South Vietnam on May 1, 1969. He completed his active duty overseas on May 25, 1970.



Ranger Team 2-2

Bottom left photo, standing L-R: Steve Redding, Stew Koontz, Ralph Funk TL, Lt. Ed Roker & Norm Crabbe. Kneeling L-R: Dennis Lastine, Mike Calog ATL, & Nhan PRU.

While in Vietnam, he was assigned to E Co. 50th Infantry (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol) /E Co 75th Infantry Rangers, which was attached to the 9th Infantry Division (ID), and assigned to a Ranger team. He was stationed primarily at the 9th ID base camp at Dong Tam in the Mekong Delta and pulled most of his missions with Team 2-2.



Lastine with M79 in Dong Tam

While on active duty with the military, Lastine was awarded the following decorations: Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal w/v and 2 OLC, Purple Heart, Air Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He ended his military reserve obligation on October 21, 1974.

Reflecting on his tour of duty in Vietnam, he said, "I was proud to serve my country."

Family: Dennis has two daughters – the older, Emma, is married and lives in Hermantown. She is the mother of two small children and a stay-at-home mom who teaches pre-school part-time.

His younger daughter, Livia, is single and lives in Columbia Falls, MT and owns a salon.



Lastine with PRC-25

Career: Dennis worked as a Financial Advisor for 35 years. He worked mostly in the Twin Cities save two years in Chicago. His career started with Merrill Lynch Financial Services in institutional sales. After two years with Merrill Lynch, he moved to Kidder Peabody Financial Services as the head of the institutional Government Bond sales desk in the Twin Cities.

Several years later Kidder Peabody was purchased by Paine Webber Financial Services and Dennis switched from institutional bond sales *Continued on the next page*

to managing individual clients’ personal portfolios. Sometime later Paine Webber was purchased by UBS Financial Services, a Swiss company, where he continued working with individual client portfolios.

Hobbies: Dennis currently is taking private pilot flying lessons and attempting to play golf. He also enjoys spoiling his grandchildren and fishing! Dennis attends and supports the biennial E50/E75 Reunions. Below photos: *Lastine with his grandchildren*



Lest We Forget:

Tyrone Eugene Muse’s family wrote: With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Tyrone Eugene Muse, Sr., who died on September 24, 2024. Tyrone was the son of Lonnie and Sarah Ford Muse and grew up in Cherry Hill, MD. He was raised with strong values of faith, family and perseverance.

Tyrone attended Catholic school through the 8th grade before transitioning to public school.

At 18, he joined the Job Corps and on April 10, 1967, he enlisted in the US Army. Tyrone bravely served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he was a radio operator and later reassigned to E Company, 50th Infantry, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP), 9th Infantry Division (9thID). The LRRPs became his brothers-in-arms and lifelong comrades. As a civilian and member of E50/E75 Rangers, Tyrone served as Unit Chaplain for many years.



Tyrone at Dong Tam,

During his military service, he was recognized with the rank of Staff Sergeant and the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver and 1 Bronze Service Star, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Expert (Rifle). He was honorably discharged on April 9, 1973.

Tyrone earned his GED in 1973 from a community college in Durham, NC, found a spiritual home at Ebenezer

Baptist Church, where he was an usher, sang in the chorus and was ordained as a Deacon on July 18, 1981.

Tyrone’s heart belonged to his beloved wife, Ellen. Their love story began as pen pals while Tyrone was overseas and blossomed into a beautiful 54-year marriage. Together they built a loving family, raising their son, Tyrone Muse II and welcoming their daughter-in-law, Crystal Muse, into their hearts. His granddaughters, Mya Ashley and Olivia Jade were the light of his life and his friendship with David Walker spanned many decades.



Tyrone at Fort Moore in 2021

Prescott Smith wrote: Ellen, your husband, Tyrone, was a tremendous teammate and friend. This picture was taken at the LRRP memorial at Fort Benning in 2021. He was loved and admired by many and will never be forgotten. Charles William Cheek: I am saddened to announce that Ranger Bill Cheek passed away on September 17, 2024. He was born on September 21, 1947. He served with E75 Infantry Rangers from Jul1969 -Feb 1970. Besides his son, Ben, he leaves his daughter, Susan, and grandchildren Kirah, Jeremy, Adam and Ryan. Ben Cheek, Bill’s son, wrote: At this time, I am waiting to hear from the funeral home so I can pick up his ashes and his DD214. I will request a burial at Arlington Cemetery. Once I get the date and time from Arlington, I will reach back out to you to publish it. If there are any others from this group that would like to attend, please feel welcomed. LRRPs Led The Way, RLTW!



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—JOHN MCGEE

Just a quick article this quarter. Just returned from the D Troop 3/4 Cavalry (THE CENTAURS) reunion in Panama City Beach, Florida. They invited the members of our unit to come to their reunion. We had a really good turnout for the event. Tim & Theresa Walsh, Bobby & Teresa Byrd, Fred & Tresina Stuckey, Bill & Lynne Eberhardt, Ron Harrison, Joe Gentile, Jo Ponzillo, Kika Brantley, Marshall & Jennie Huckaby, Rick & Georgia Ellison, Don Purdy, and Colin & Pearly Hall. The Centaurs made us feel very welcome at their event. It was great to see everyone and enjoy each other's company. One of the things we discussed was attending the upcoming 1st Ranger Battalions reunion this summer in Savannah, Ga. Their general consensus is that we will use that as our off-year Company F reunion. Their will be more information to follow as it becomes available.

A year ago, Gil Perez sent me an after action report and asked to submit it the article to Patrolling. Some how it did not get published.

My name is Gil Perez. I arrived in Vietnam on or about the third week of December 1967. My orders stated I would be assigned to the "LRP's", F Co 50 Infantry. My MOS was O5B, radio telephone operator, RTO.

The following story is about one particular night of hell that still lives with me on a daily basis. To my knowledge there is no recorded acknowledgement as to the events of a team of HQ Commo guys who were involved on this deadly night.

For the most part, Communications, RTOs, were never in the front, weren't part of any teams or engaged in field combat. We were the ears that heard your voices. We supported you by being alert and assisting you at all hours while you were in the field. Our unit of misfits were dedicated to you, we knew our mission was to help in any way we could at any time.

Every time a Team was to be inserted, depending on the radio range we were placed in a position to have an open line of communications. We were your shadow, from villages to fire support bases. The most frequented location was Nui Ba Den, The Black Virgin mountain, 3200 hundred feet of rocks, caves and VC.

On May 10, 1968, I was assigned to lead a team of four, to act as a radio relay team for LRP teams who were to be inserted on the mountain. I had no specific details as to insertion time or dates, it was going to happen, so be ready.

Upon arrival to the mountain that day I had a feeling that made me feel uncomfortable. I had been in Viet Nam long enough to know, plus being around trained LRP's, you don't relax. Expect the unexpected. I observed a lax attitude, all cool, nothing is going to happen here. I wasn't trained that way.

Our team was operating as an uninvited guest. No one knew we



were there other than LRP HQ.

We made our way with what we brought with us, ate their food and slept with the rats.

The weather was bad and any insertions would not be forthcoming due to poor support, artillery or air.

I became frustrated with the lack of support and uncertainty with our mission. I was told "stand down. On May 12, 1998 I was told that a new member to our unit was transferring into my team and would be joining us on the Mountain. I was told to train him as to our operations.

On a late supply Chinook transport that day I met Wayne Richards. A new guy to the unit that I felt responsible for. His background in combat or awareness was limited. Because we had no direct mission or orders I told the team to fend for themselves at night but to regroup during daylight.

At dusk, May 13, 1968 I conducted a briefing for the evening. Because of my gut feelings about the readiness of the Army units at the site I gave instructions that if there was any kind of attack we would gather at the Pagoda, the highest point of the mountain and secure protection, a last stand fortification.

Prior to bedding with the rats, Wayne came to me and displayed a watch he had won in a card game. My compliments. Never spoke to him again.

That evening, hell descended on the Mountain. The VC and evil overtook Nui Ba Den. Satchel charges, mortars, direct fire, screams, pain was heard between the explosions and gunfire.

From my position I was able to get to the pagoda. I took a fighting position with my M79 along the small perimeter wall. As I attempted to defend my corner of the world I was tasked by an unknown Lt. to go to the rear of the Pagoda and assist wounded troops. Upon reflection I felt I was tasked with this responsibility because I was wearing a LRP beret.

The LT tasked two additional soldiers to carry the stretcher for the wounded. The safest way to the rear of the Pagoda was a low crawl. I led the three of us for 20 yards before I saw we were only two. Another twenty yards and I soon discovered I was it, no back up.

I proceeded to the rear of the Pagoda and found myself surrounded by large vertical rock formations. What seemed like eternity I searched through these formations for a while. I then came upon an American soldier. I proceeded to quickly check his body for wounds. He was in a sitting position against a large rock formation. As I was checking his limbs I saw a watch on his left wrist, the same watch I had seen the night before. I immediately knew the situation.

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To the best of my emotions at the time and my cursory body exam I was certain Wayne was alive but unconscious. I proceeded to drag him back to the Pagoda and left him with the medics with instructions to please take care with him.

I proceeded back to my position of cover before I was ordered to move forward and retake the mountain. I ended up in a small cave where we had to defend ourselves until daylight.

After sunrise we cleared the remaining living VC to their God. My mission was beginning. I had told my team, if we get hit, to gather at the Pagoda. They did, and we gathered after the mountain was secured. I told them about Wayne and our need to find him. I went to the interior of the Pagoda and spoke with the medics who were totally overwhelmed. They stated that all the KIA's and WIA's were being carried down to the helipad.

I proceeded to the helipad in my search for Wayne, I looked into every body bag, at every face zipper down, zipper up,. I also searched the wounded for Wayne. No luck. I proceeded back to the Pagoda and strongly emphasized to my fellow LRP's that we needed to find Wayne. Thirty minutes passed, nothing new.

I implored my team to continue their search. I returned to the helipad and again looked into every body bag and at every

wounded GI. Again, negative results.

As we stood at the steps leading to the Pagoda a soldier came by and expressed concern. When I explained our situation he pointed to a poncho on the ground.. To my disbelief I discovered Wayne was KIA.

No words to this day can describe my feelings. I have lived with this memory for so long it still hurts.

That afternoon myself and the commo team were extracted from Nui Ba Den. Much discussion followed with the team and our Commo Sgt, if you remember, a rather rotund kind of guy. It was determined from actual records that no after action report was initiated. The words I remembered was that with no witness to the actions proved inconclusive.

On November 19, 1968 I was promoted to a hard 5. They changed my MOS to be able to achieve the rank. I left Vietnam the third week in December. The night prior to my actual departure from the base, specifically the LRRP compound, we got heavily mortared, ironically the POW compound next door was spared. I spent that night in our Hooch bunker. Sandbag duty paid off.

3RD RANGER BATTALION 40 YEARS AND LEADING THE WAY





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

UNIT DIRECTOR—AL STEWART



I have made a practice of attending our reunions over the years, except for the times I have been serving overseas working for the Department of Defense. I missed six reunions while serving in Iraq, Lebanon, and Afghanistan. I served as our Board Chair in the late 90's, a difficult time in the history of our organization with several factions fighting one another over various opinions and people wanting to split from our original organization. This was a period that most will remember before, most of us had never heard of something called the Internet, so correspondence was done by phone or mail.

While our organization was splintered by some, we always had a core group working to pull together to make our group a single team as we worked in RVN. People like Steve Crabtree, Chief Moncada, Frank Svensson, Stephen Johnson, and many others. Our organization is strong because of the efforts of those wanting to stick together rather than to go their own way.

Time has taken many of our group away, and many of our group cannot travel anymore, but we still have strong hearts in protecting and serving our brothers and partners in life.

Like most of us, I am proud of our organization and the history we created with our service in Vietnam. We honor those who gave all and celebrate those of us still living.

I missed our most recent reunion hosted by Frank and Carol, not because I was still trying to play soldier in our hopeless wars, but because of heart issues that many of us have and my doctor warned me not to travel. I counted 18 men still standing in the photo of our most recent reunion. That is almost half the number we had the year before. Statistically, we may be facing our last reunion in Montana next year.



Our most important event: Memorial Service



Cucamonga Veteran Park



Banquet after Memorial



One Great Ranger, Ralph Tildon, with support from two fans; Pam Johnson on left and hostess Carol Svensson on the right.



Colonel (Ret) Ralph Tildon with Memorial Prayer



G 75th Association Ladies plus One

Dear Lord,

Here we are- together again; together again, because of you.

You were with us when we were young men who performed dangerous duty as LRRPs and Rangers. You were with us on those missions when we wondered whether we would survive.

You encouraged us to take care of each other, to trust each other, on the battlefield and off. You guided us to become brothers.

Today, far from Duc Pho, from Chu Lai, from Baldy, from 1362, we remember our brothers who have gone on to be with You. We honor them and their service. We miss them, Father. We never forget them.

As we stand in thanks for our brothers, we also bow our heads in deep gratitude for the ladies you put into our lives. These ladies, strong and compassionate, have loved us and helped us recover from our combat experiences. They have blessed us with children, with families. Thank you for them, Father.

So, Lord, on this day, October 05, 2024, we shall continue the mission You now have given us: We shall strive to love, to help, and to serve others, as our fallen brothers served.

You are an awesome God.

Amen



Chief Moncada and Harry Adams reading names of our Fallen



G 75th President Bill Martin chimes after each name is read



L-R, Ron Olson and Bob Wheeler

Staying in touch with our brothers (and our partners in life), is important as our numbers are reduced. I hope that our next reunion will be our best.

As we face the inevitable, it is ever more important to reach out to our team members and friends with an email or a phone call. Contact with an old friend is better than the best medicine.

Al



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

UNIT DIRECTOR—BENNIE GENTRY



Pete Dencker

Greetings Brothers!
I would like to dedicate this issue to Thomas Sprinkle. Thomas was born on September 25th, 1946, in Webster Massachusetts. He was killed in action on July 7th, 1968. Thomas was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua Ohio. I Can't

find any additional information on the web about Thomas – but as we approach the Holidays – let's keep Thomas and his family in our prayers.

Speaking of the Holidays! I'm guessing that this edition will hit the streets right before Christmas, so let me be the first to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I know there are many still deployed, and many that will remain deployed over the Christmas Holiday. Having spent Christmas 1970 in RVN, I understand the emotions that go along with separation from your loved ones on probably the Happiest and Holiest day of the year. But somehow, we get through it and drive on. So, to all my Ranger Brothers – Take a moment to think about those in harm's way - who can't be home to celebrate with their loved ones. Merry Christmas to all wherever you are!

Some history..... The North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong utilized Laos and Cambodia as crucial supply routes during the Vietnam War to support their military operations against South Vietnam and U.S. forces. One of the most significant supply routes was the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a network of trails and roads, both above and below ground that extended from North Vietnam through Laos and into Cambodia. These trails and roads enabled the transport of essential supplies, including food, ammunition, and military supplies directly to forces operating in South Vietnam and at the same time these highways were critical for the movement of enemy troops - allowing for quick deployment in response to battlefield needs. This strategy was key to their war effort.

The NVA and VC established bases and sanctuaries in Cambodia, and in Laos, where they could regroup, train, and prepare for operations without direct interference from U.S. forces. Cambodia, under Prince Norodom Sihanouk, maintained a policy of neutrality early in the war, which allowed North Vietnamese forces to operate relatively freely, however this neutrality was increasingly compromised by the presence of North Vietnamese forces. In March 1970, a coup led by General Lon Nol overthrew Sihanouk, who was out of the country at the time. The new government, sought to solidify power and combat the growing influ-



Thomas Sprinkle

ence of the communists, and resulted in an invitation for U.S. military assistance to address the perceived threat from North Vietnam and the Khmer Rouge insurgency. Laos provided a more extensive and less monitored route system compared to Cambodia. The mountainous terrain however, made it difficult for U.S. air strikes to target supply lines effectively. More concerning but not as easily addressed, the Pathet Lao, a communist movement in Laos, supported the NVA's efforts, further solidifying the use of Laotian territory as a staging ground.

The coup by Lon Nol ultimately led to directly to the April 1970 full scale invasion when US and South Vietnamese troops officially crossed into Cambodia for the purpose of dismantling the NVA sanctuaries and disrupting their supply lines. The 1st Cavalry Division along with H Company 75th played a key role in this incursion. H Company Rangers played a significant role in our effort in Cambodia.

This is a story about Ranger Team 52, a mission tragedy, but a story of gallantry on the part of the Team members, and the supporting units – particularly the 1/9th, which participated in the recovery of the remaining members of Team 52. I would be remiss if I didn't mention up front that much of the following will paraphrase the in-depth story of Team 52 featured in Gregg Jorgenson's book "LRRPs in Cambodia/MIA Rescue" along with comments from Ron Andruss, a surviving member of Team 52. Jorgenson's book is a must read for anyone that wants a detailed picture of this mission along with a detailed timeline of how things transpired. The book is readily available and easy to find on Amazon.

The weather was closing in as well as darkness for Team 52 – and after finding freshly dug bunkers and fighting positions TL Deverton Cochran made a last minute decision to move to a position about 100 meters away from his initial stop point that appeared to offer better cover and concealment for his Team (Carl Laker - ATL, Royce Clark – Medic, Ron Andrus – RTO, and Dwight Hancock Rear Scout). RTO Andrus had previously provided a sitrep to the Ranger Relay station on Nui Ba Den, and the Ranger relay on FSB David about 5 miles away. He wasn't scheduled to provide another sitrep for another hour. Cochran began slowly moving his team toward the new position. RTO Andrus was unaware that by moving, the combination of the weather and terrain would make the radio useless – until they could get to a point where they could utilize the long whip antenna. Cochran was feeling better about this new location but as they approached, he suddenly heard voices. *Continued next page*

He also saw enemy soldiers scrambling into their bunkers and bringing their weapons to bear. They were right on top of the enemy, and everyone began firing. Andrus attempted to call in the contact – but had no comms. He immediately removed his rucksack looking for the long whip. After finding the antenna and attempting to get it in place an enemy grenade exploded in close proximity, wounding him. Despite his wounds Andrus returned fire but his attempts at communicating with the radio relay yielded nothing. At this point it was up to the Team alone. The contact continued and Cochrane faced with point-blank enemy fire, attempted to move the Team back to a position with better cover. Soon after, heavy machine gun fire resulted in Cochrane being hit. Andrus was reaching for Cochrane when another explosion resulted in Andrus being hit in the wrist, which was followed by an armor piercing round that found its way through the radio finally stopping in Andrus' chest. Although severely wounded he was still able to function. Andrus recalled "I was next to Cochrane and with his raspy voice he was still able to order me to pull back. I wasn't able to tell how bad he was wounded because he had his hands around his throat." He was still alive at that point, but his wounds were severe and his chances of making it looked doubtful. "I think I was then able to carry Clark a short distance where I met up with Hancock". Attempts at comms, however, were still useless. Later the ATL continued moving the team back away from the bunker complex and the heavy fire. Clark after neutralizing an enemy soldier who was climbing out of a bunker was hit shattering his leg. Hancock the rear scout was responding with grenades as Andrus and Clark crawled out of the site. As they began to move back Andrus backward crawled to Laker's position, "I tried moving him, I grabbed his shoulder, saw that the nature of his wounds left no doubt about whether he was still alive". He knew from his earlier encounter that Cochrane was most likely dead. At this point it was assumed that enemy soldiers would soon be leaving their bunkers and begin an assault to capture or kill whoever was left, so the 3 remaining team members continued their efforts to pull back. Hancock was carrying Clark because of his severe wound while Andrus covered their move. At one point Hancock had to put Clark down but then again picked him and carried him along their E&E route with Andrus trying to cover their trail. By this time it was getting dark and the NVA appeared to lose track of the remnants of the Team. The NVA, who probably expected a normal response to the initial contact which would involve gunship, and artillery support finally realized that was not coming. The remaining Team members moved almost another football field in length, with Hancock doing his best to cover their movement but at that point because of the severely wounded Team members they could go no further. Of the original members of the Team – 2 were dead, and 2 severely wounded, only Hancock remained unscathed. After enough time had passed with no response from the firebase, the remaining team members knew they had to find a good cover position as it was only a matter of time before the NVA came looking for them.

Meanwhile at the radio relay on Fire Base David – Don Spaulding was unaware of what was happening in the field – as he had not received a comms check from Team 52. He waited a period

of time prior to again attempting to contact the Team – after repeated unsuccessful attempts at establishing communication he contacted the Ranger TOC in Phuoc Vinh to let them know the situation. At this point the TOC was concerned but it wasn't that unusual for a Team to lose comms for a while due to the thick jungle, the terrain and/or poor weather. After another missed comms check however, Spaulding had deeper concerns that there was a problem and reported the issue to 1st Brigade. The Brigade called for a helicopter search but by this time the weather had closed in to the point of becoming impactful and the search was delayed. All Spaulding could do was wait for the Team to reestablish comms or the weather to improve so someone could react.

Back with the Team, it became clear to Hancock, the only Team member that was not wounded, that because there had been a complete lack of communication – most likely no one was aware of their situation, which meant no one was coming to help. Someone had to provide notification to the fire support base of their critical situation. The only feasible option was for him to make it to the firebase on foot to provide that notification and get help. As night fell Hancock did his best to find cover and concealment for his Teammates who were left with only rifles and a minimum number of magazines. Guided by the occasional flare from the firebase, the sound of artillery fire and armed with only a knife, he spent the next few hours moving toward his goal. He was successful in avoiding enemy positions and patrols. He also detected and avoided a friendly 2 man listening post manned by Grunts from the firebase – as he didn't want to take a chance on them mistaking him for the enemy. As he continued to move, the sound of the outgoing rounds from the firebase got louder so he knew he was headed in the right direction. Once he was within a few hundred yards of the base he stopped as he knew that walking up on the base perimeter with all of the enemy activity in the area would mean that the soldiers manning the berm would not hesitate to eliminate any threat attempting to breach the base defense. Hancock found a white silk parachute from an expended flare. Waving the white material - he approached the perimeter yelling Don't shoot – I'm a Ranger – I'm coming in.

Once Hancock made it to the firebase – the race was on to see what could be done to help recover the wounded and dead from Team 52. Kregg recalls the events from there...

"I served on the Apache Troop, 1st of the 9th CAV's QRF/rescue mission to go in for Dev Cochran's team when they were badly hit in Cambodia. When the call came into our TOC Major Harris sent out a call for volunteers with the Blues to head out well before dawn to FSB David. It was raining and foggy and 15 or so of us in the Blues flew out to David. David, at the time, was a mud pit. It had also been hit with ground attacks earlier that week and there were dead NVA well outside the wire..... when we landed at first light we married up with Hancock and those H Company Lurps who were monitoring the team from David. We had the coordinates of the team's last known position, so we loaded back into the Hueys and went looking. The rain had stopped but there were large pockets of fog in and around the rolling hills.

Major Harris and Bill McIntosh (both pilots on our Huey) did low level flyovers and we eventually had Ron Andrus (wounded and struggling) come out from hiding and waving at us. We touched down and carried him back to our medic who began treating him. Then we went and found Royce Clark who also was badly wounded. We loaded them both on a Huey and they were flown off to the nearest field hospital. We Blues (and a cobra gunship flown by John Bartlett) then began to search for the ambush site which was when we got in a firefight with the NVA. Keep in mind the area was broad rolling green hillsides with pockets of jungle. The NVA/VC were set up in one of those pockets. Ed Beal and I (both formally with H Company) were the Point element, and we believe we might've located the ambush site given the shot-up nature of the brush and blood on the ground. However, that is when we too got into a firefight. A platoon of grunts from FSB David were flown out to beef up our side but when they landed there was a lull in the fighting. We (the Blues) were hunkered down while the grunts stood around seemingly wondering what the problem was as all was quiet. When our Platoon Leader informed their Platoon Leader what had happened and where we had taken heavy fire from the grunts got online on the open hill and started toward the jungle patch across the hillside. We Blues were locked and loaded for what we suspected was coming next and it did. The NVA/VC opened up on the grunts and several went down.

Our gunship began hammering the enemy positions while we recovered the wounded grunts and our medic began treating them as well. The wounded grunts were medevacked out and then our Troop Commander called for us to be pulled out as the

H Company Commander and a QRF took over the search of the area after it calmed down a bit." The bodies of Cochrane and Laker were not recovered.

Over the years a special bond developed between H Company and the 1/9th. There is just not enough good things to be said about "the Blues" and the 1/9th pilots. There is not enough thanks and admiration for the job they did overall – but particularly in support of H Company. We always knew that if we got in a bind – they would be there to get us out - probably the reason that many from H Company that extended their tours wound up with the unit that is responsible for many of us being here today. Some closing comments from Ron Andrus...

I did get a call from a Major from DOD when I returned stateside and said he had received a call from Laker's mom requesting information regarding her son. He asked me if I would be willing to talk to her. I'm not sure who called who, but I did talk to her. She appreciated our talk, someone from the Army had told her that her son was MIA. In the most delicate way possible I assured her son was killed. We both cried and I couldn't imagine the grief she felt. I kept in touch and in 1974 my wife and I met her and her husband in St Petersburg FL. Needless to say, I'll never forget that June 17th and two of my brethren's bodies that were never recovered.

With much thanks and appreciation to Kregg, and to Ron, Royce and Dwight for their actions and dedication to H Company RLTW

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

UNIT DIRECTOR—DAVID A. CHRISTIAN



No Mission Too Difficult,
No Sacrifice too Great
Duty First!

The First Infantry Division LRRP/Rangers were crossing the country paying homage to Medal of Honor recipient Larry Taylor and sharing their experiences that Duty, Glory, Honor, Freedom, and Patriotism are alive and well in the sacrifices of the 1st ID in Combat.

Chattanooga, Tennessee welcomed two tan Beret Rangers and their families to their city with great pride and demonstrated that the Legacy of the 1st ID LRRP/Rangers will be honored in perpetuity. Dave Hill joined Gerald Allday's family as Gerald donated war treasures that he captured over half a century ago in Vietnam. (The donations included a captured Viet Cong Flag; a North Vietnamese Army scarf that was orange in color with skull and crossbones. Tiger fatigue Jacket that will be displayed within Chattanooga's Military Museum on a mannequin; a Villager handmade LRRP pin for US Rangers in South Vietnam).



was a family gathering joined by Dave Hill. After the museum accepted his father-in-law military history contributions Gerald's son in law gave a toast at the evening meal. He stated that he learned much about family history and Gerald's combat actions that would have been lost to history had they not taken this trip.

Gerald concluded that the highlight of the trip was learning that an exact replica of Larry's helicopter was being made of balsa wood to hang from the 50's ceiling of the museum. He also pointed out that mannequins of Larry and co-pilot J.O. Radcliff would be in the airship.

Ft. Riley Kansas-



The Red Carpet was laid out for the Rangers that wore the same blue suit jacket and tan pants and their respective tan berets. They were honoring Larry Taylor's, induction into their hometown museum. The dates were September 10th to the 15th.

Gerald and Cheryl drove from Texas stopping in Meridian, Mississippi for a night at the Embassy Suites and onto Tennessee where they met their three children and five grandchildren. It

Dave Hill reported on the dedication of the street named after Larry Taylor. It is important to note that only 38 Medal of Honors have been awarded since the inception of the 1st Infantry Division over the past 100+ years. Dave was invited to the street naming ceremony and was joined by fellow Ranger Gerald and his wife Cheryl.

It has been a tough traveling year for our LRRP/Ranger representation of our outfit. Since Washington, DC and the White House Dave has been invited across the United States to share.

The history of the team being rescued from the jungles over half a century ago. He has given more than a dozen speeches and still is carrying the message on his future schedule.

The street naming ceremony was 31 October and November 1,



2024. The Base Brass was out, and so was Larry Taylor's co-pilot J.D. Radcliff. They were also joined by 2 D Company Air Cavalry troopers. Interesting to note that Larry Taylor Street intersects with

General of the Army Marshall Street. The LRRPs got to sit in the active flight choppers. Vietnam's First Infantry Division was represented with LRRP/Ranger tan Berets and Stetson hats of the Air Cavalry.

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Honored Guest: Captain David A. Christian



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David Christian represented the patriotism and sacrifice of the LRRPs and all that served from Vietnam to the present time. A Huey Helicopter was flown in for the day's event and over a half dozen track military vehicles and jeeps. It was a moving event. Dave ended his speech with a quote used by JF Kennedy that stated...

*Poor is a Nation that has no Heroes, but
Beggar is a Nation that has and forgets, however.
Wretched, Wretched is a Nation that has Heroes and Mis-
treats!!!*

Note- Dave added the third line.

Important Notice - could members submit any veteran or military activities where they participate. For example, Parades, celebrations, legislative activities. Military Stories about yourself while serving. - also, I will incorporate an opinion section - Thank You.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



K/75 - E58 LRP - 4TH DIV LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—ROGER CRUNK

Greetings Brothers, the bravest, the most honorable men that I ever served with.

To begin, I must apologize for being absent in the last two issues of Patrolling. I have had and am still dealing with a host of medical issues in the past few months that have turned me into that old Veteran you see hobbling around the VA. I told myself a long time ago that I did not want to be that guy. But guess what?

After a couple of unsuccessful eye surgeries, I cannot see very well so I have a difficult time writing. It's a good thing I have a proofreader. Okay, that's enough about me.

There are several of our brothers who are also dealing with serious medical issues. Keep them close in your thoughts and prayers. Give them a call, send them a note. I know they would appreciate it.

We have lost several of our brothers this year that I have not previously reported. They are:

Irvin Mariano, Feb./10/2024

Victor Dalton, March/01/2024

Lee Bienz, April/22/2024

Dennis Thunander, May/05/2024

Butch Franscoviak, May/18/2024

Jim Hart, Sept./22/2024

If you know of any others who have passed, please let Wayne Mitsch or me know so they may be recognized in this forum and on our website.

Below is information for a trip back to Vietnam that John Dubois worked to put together for our unit. If you are interested in going back with your fellow LRRPs/Rangers get in touch with Wayne Mitsch. He can send you an application and answer any questions you may have. One item should be noted: If you have serious medical issues, they may preclude you from going. You will need to note those in your application and a doctor's statement may be required. Thanks to John and Wayne for the work they have done to make this happen for their brothers. Below is the e-mail that John sent out.

August 1, 2024

Dear LRRPs and Rangers,

Our Unit has a great potential opportunity to go on a healing journey back to Vietnam, courtesy of The Greatest Generation Foundation (TGGF). The link to their website is: Veterans Charity - Combat Veterans - The Greatest Generations Foundation



(tggf.org). This is the organization who's focus is serving Vietnam Veterans who were in combat.

Wayne Mitsch and I learned of TGGF's Vietnam initiative during this year's D-Day ceremonies and have made an application on behalf of our unit (enclosed). This week, I met with their founder, Timothy Davis, who happens to live in my hometown Jupiter, FL.

We had a two-hour meeting and are moving forward. This is what I can share at this point.

The trip would not be a normal "tour." The

purpose is to go back to the sites where we saw the most combat and to honor our teammates who lost their lives. TGGF has received permission from Hanoi to go to places "off the beaten track" in our AO, such as the Ia Drang Valley, Dak To and other areas around Pleiku, etc. for the purpose of revisiting, honoring, and healing. In prior journeys, participants have also been able to meet with some of the men who fought on the other side. This is meant to be a cathartic experience, for both sides.

The trip would last for approximately 12 days and could occur later this year. We will receive at least 6 weeks' notice. No wives or family can go, just members of our unit.

We have been asked to provide a list of 14 volunteers, plus 4 alternates, who want to make this journey. Volunteers must be in good enough shape to walk two miles per day in terrain, which will be somewhat difficult. If we have more than 14 volunteers, there will be subsequent trips that will be arranged.

We would each be responsible for getting to San Francisco, our embarkation point. After that, everything is taken care of by TGGF. (Yes, all expenses paid except your cost to get to San Francisco!) We would fly directly to Saigon, where we would spend 2 days acclimating and preparing for our trip to the II Corps area. The Foundation will be in charge of the itinerary, and they will not share it in advance for security purposes. TGGF has a film crew who will be taking pictures and film footage that they will share with us. We will not be carrying our personal phones or cameras as we go on these field trips.

Those who wish to volunteer should contact Wayne by email. We need you to send us your DD-214 and "then and now" pictures. You will also need to have an active Passport.

I will have more information going forward, including a better estimate of the time frame. We will probably be paired with another group who served in the II Corps area. This is all being organized now. Rangers Lead The Way! John DuBois

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The following is an article from AARP/Florida about Mark Gimbel's return to Vietnam. Thanks Mark and I'm glad you enjoyed the trip.

Vietnam Veteran Pedals Through His Past, One Mile at a Time

As the sun cast a golden hue over miles and miles of the Vietnam's countryside, a group of cyclists bike through the serene landscape of rolling fields and rows upon rows of coffee crops. Suddenly, clusters of delicate white dots – formerly mistaken for flowers – start to rise and flutter, revealing themselves as hundreds of butterflies. The air comes alive with their shimmering wings, transforming the scene into an unreal beauty. While it may sound like fiction, this was just a single day in the life of veteran Marc Gimbel's two-week mission to cycle through Vietnam – the very country he served in over 50 years ago.



Gimbel spent one year serving in Vietnam as a U.S. Army long-range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) from 1969-1970. He was only 22 years old. Now 77, he banded together a small group of family, friends, and fellow Veterans to return to the country – cycling a total of 390 miles from the northern coast to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon.

"I wanted to see Vietnam – the real Vietnam – through my 77-year-old eyes. I spent most of my time [while deployed] hiding in the jungle trying not to get killed. I returned to see Vietnam's true beauty, interact with its people, and honor those who served alongside me," Gimbel explained.

Gimbel still remembers when his draft notice arrived in the mail. It was 1968, and he was a college student in New York City. One year later he was deployed to Vietnam's jungles, a completely different – and dangerous – environment.

Gimbel's main task in the U.S. Army was reconnaissance. His unit scouted unknown areas for four days at a time, reporting any suspicious activity to base upon their return.

"I wasn't scared when I served. I was just incredibly aware of my surroundings," Gimbel clarified. "It took an invasion from the Northern Vietnamese army for me to realize my situation was extremely serious. I felt as if I was in a movie at first, but then

suddenly people started losing their lives."

Signs of Gimbel's deployment remain with him. A piece of shrapnel, too small for removal, resides in one of his wrists, and he recently battled prostate cancer, a condition the Army attributed to exposure of Agent Orange – a chemical mixture used during the war.

And his adjustment to civilian life proved its own battle.

"I remember, after returning home [from Vietnam,] a former girlfriend invited me to a party. To say I stood out like a sore thumb was an understatement. There I was in the 1970s with a very short haircut and sun-exposed face, and, when I told everyone that I served in Vietnam, the entire conversation changed," he explained. "I didn't want a welcome parade. I just wanted to get back to my normal life."



After moving into an apartment in Queens, New York, Gimbel applied for a job at Saks Fifth Avenue and remained with the company for 40 years in managerial roles across the country. He's now retired and lives with his wife of 52 years in Winter Garden, Florida.

"My wife changed my life. She gave my life the purpose I had never had after Vietnam," said Gimbel.

However, planning a 390-mile bike ride through Vietnam gave Gimbel a different sense of purpose. After planning the trip's logistics, Gimbel posted online ads and met a fellow Vietnam veteran – and former AARP Iowa State Director – Kent Sovern.

The two recruited their family and friends on the journey, and off they went on an adventure of a lifetime.

The group made dozens of unforgettable memories. In Central Vietnam, the group stopped in Pleiku – home to the Landing Zone (LZ) Oasis where both Gimbel and Sovern served. The jungle terrain was extremely familiar to Gimbel, who even brought military rations to eat in the area, but what really made the experience special were the locals.

"While our group was walking through the streets, two older women in their 70s approached our tour guide and began talking with him. It turns out they were sisters and remembered the American soldiers during the war.

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They would sell cold sodas to us when we came out of the helicopters,” Gimbel expressed. “I remember buying a Coke...or two...or three...after my missions. It was so ironic to actually meet others who were there, and who I may have even purchased a beverage from!”

The group also delivered school supplies to children and stopped at My Lai, site of the infamous massacre, where they placed incense in the temple for all who lost their lives that day.

“That was the saddest moment of the trip,” he reflected.

His favorite moments were learning about Vietnam’s culture. Trying local delicacies, chatting with locals from each city, meditating through the beautiful landscapes, and simply paying in the country’s currency.

Now, back home in Florida, Gimbel is grateful for this trip of a lifetime, and plans on attending annual reunions with his fellow soldiers.

“This was my last time in Vietnam,” he said. “And I am so glad I returned. Because of this trip, I got to travel the roads and climb the mountains I only saw from the window of a helicopter or military convoy.”

The following is a story submitted by Bill Hall about one of his missions.

Romeo 6 went in on a radio relay mission in September or early October of 1970. Team Leader SGT Bill Hall, ATL SGT Kevin O’Brien. SSG Rose went in shortly after us. We established Commo with Rose right after he came in. We were located on the side of a hill near the top. We also made commo with Zero Base. Right after we established commo it started to rain extremely hard. We have all seen deluges in Vietnam, but this was the most

powerful of all in my experience. Sometime in the late hours of day 1, one of our handsets quit working I had a spare and hooked it up. (this is being narrated by then SGT Bill Hall) A few hours later another handset quit working as the deluge continued. About that time an NVA unit moved in at the top of the hill. With my last working handset, I informed Zero Base I had moved down the hill and would continue to a more secure location. At about 2 AM on day 2, my last handset died.

I moved about 500 meters to the NE of my first position. We found that we could still hear on one of the handsets. So, we could listen to traffic related to the search for us. I found out later that Rose had made commo with a different relay and had stayed in position. I considered moving toward Rose’ position when they were engaged by enemy units and shortly extracted. With No Commo and having moved about 500 meters to the Northeast, we were evidently hard to find. We could monitor the radio traffic of those looking for us. We fired Penguin flares and popped smoke, but no one saw us. The situation was bleak! Then Kevin Obrien, my ATL on that mission, suddenly made squelch – brake Commo with SSG Howard on who was a long way from us. We all heard Howard’s voice saying, “Clear the net, Clear the Net.” “Station breaking squelch If you are Romeo6, break squelch twice.” Kevin quickly responded and we were out of there within an hour. If Kevin had not been tinkering with the radio and the handsets, I would have been preparing to walk out to Highway 19 about 20 kilometers North of us. Our chances of making it would not have been good. So, I always thank Kevin for the long life I have had. Romeo 6 out.

In closing: the 75th RRA reunion will be in Savannah, Georgia May 19-24. Details will be forthcoming.

Roger

The Wall that Heals

The Wall That Heals, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica and Mobile Education Center, was recently displayed at the University of Northern Georgia in Dahlonega on **October 29 – November 3**. It was located on the Plaza in front of the library on



the Dahlonega campus. It included the names of the 29 UNG alumni and students killed in action in Vietnam, who are listed on the Memorial Wall at the Dahlonega Campus (Right photo)

This presentation was made in partnership with the Dahlonega City Council, Lumpkin County Veterans Affairs Council, Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Bureau, and the Lumpkin County School District. During its time in Dahlonega, volunteers were present at *The Wall That Heals* 24 hours a day to answer questions and assist visitors.

There have been over 700 communities across the United States that have hosted this display that’s been widely accepted and has had a powerful impact generating emotions that have helped most of us to honor and move forward. 453 Rangers were KIA in Vietnam. “58,000” names are on the Wall.





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UNIT DIRECTOR—CHARLES “CHUCK” REILLY



I am finishing this article on Veterans Day (November 11, 2024) and it amazes me how things have changed concerning people’s attitudes toward all veterans this present day. The greeting of “Thank you for your service” was certainly never heard when we returned home from the war. We were met with what I would mostly characterize as a stupefying indifference to our service, and that’s putting it nicely. Of course, to some veterans, “Thank you for your service” sounds a bit contrived at this late date. But I appreciate it. As they say, better late than never. I don’t remember Veterans Days of the past observed with a lot of celebrations. I think the terrorist attacks on 9/11 changed the public’s attitude, in general, across the board for “first responders” and military personnel. I remember as a young kid it was called Armistice Day in memory of World War I veterans (the “war to end all wars”). As it turned out, it didn’t end all the wars, but it should have.

I hope all my fellow Rangers and LRRPs are ready to have a great Holiday season as the year comes to a close. To overstate the obvious, it went by really fast. Almost too fast. Our national election day has also just passed and I only wish I could convey some political message to my fellow comrades-in-arms. But alas, it is not allowed in this publication for whatever reason. But I’m always available to share my opinions through the listings of my email address and/or cell phone number. Both of these are available on page 3 of the magazine. I will say that I was pleasantly surprised at the outcome.

And now the news of the day....

I had the honor to attend the West Point Class of 1969’s Memorial Service at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. this past October. It is an event put on every five years by the class and it was the second one I have attended. The class lost 18 of their men in Vietnam and two of them were with our Ranger company (Lt. James Leroy Smith and Capt. Paul Coburn Sawtelle). I am very sure that all the Rangers who were in the company when these two fine officers were there remember them well and in a good light. They were both out-



standing officers who believed in the cause of freedom and were willing to put their lives on the line for their country. I can remember those tragic days as if they were last week. Both men had a profound influence on many of their fellow Rangers. I have stayed in touch with Lt. Smith’s family over the years, and in particular, his brother John who was also at the West Point memorial ceremony. Rangers during Lt. Smith’s time may remember that he had a cousin in the company named Gary Cochran who was KIA in May of 1971. Members of his family were also in attendance. A reception followed the memorial at the home of our former Ambassador to Germany and Secretary of the Treasury (under George W. Bush) Robert Kimmitt. Kimmitt was also a member of the West Point class of 1969 and made it all the way to Major General before he entered politics. Kimmitt was just a lieutenant during his tour of Vietnam and I was able to speak to him on what I

would term an “equal basis.” It was as if no time had passed and he was just a lieutenant and I was a sergeant. I have included some pictures from the event. One of them includes our former company commander, ret. Lt. General David Ohle. He has attended all of these events and is very close to the members of the West Point class of 1969 (Ohle having graduated from the Point in 1968 himself). He was in fine spirits and was always happy to see some of his former Rangers. Retired Colonel Jim Montano (from “L” Company) and “Big Al” Parada from our company were also in attendance along with his wife Sabrina. An interesting guest attended who I did not know exists: the son of Capt. Paul Sawtelle. His name is Adam Steiger and I was stunned to find out who he is. There is no question about his identity. He’s the absolute spitting image of his father. It was quite the revelation to meet this man. Ret. Lt. General Jack Woodmansee from the West Point class of 1956 was also there as well as his son, Col. Rob Woodmansee (W.P. class of 1984). Ohle and the senior Woodmansee are old friends and they are pictured in the photo at the D.C. Wall. Adam Steiger is the young man on the left in the other picture taken at the Wall. *Continued Next Page*

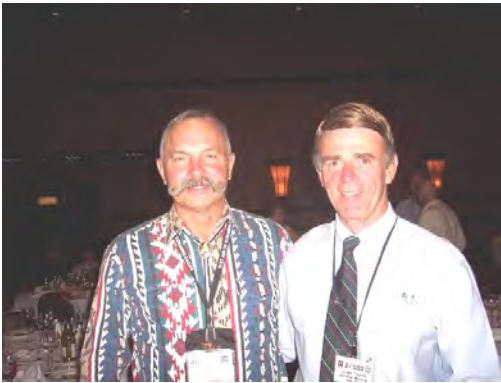


October 2024, D.C. Vietnam Memorial Wall. L-R Al Parada, ret. Lt. Gen. Jack Woodmansee, ret. Lt. Gen. David Ohle and yours truly, Mr. Reilly.

More news of the day....In October...former Army Captain John Henry Cluett passed away. For those unfamiliar with that name,



Capt. John Cluett



Fred Behrens and Cluett

let me give you some history. Cluett was a member of the 2/502 (Five O Deuce) Strike Force which was sent in on a rescue mission on Hill 809 back in April 1971. He was the lead officer of the unit that day (Bravo company) and his orders were to proceed as quickly as

possible to get to the stranded Rangers on the hill. Through a great deal of difficulty, he and his men were able to be successfully inserted a few hundred meters away from the main action. The LZ was so small, that only one helicopter (Huey)

could land at a time, and it took quite a long time to get all his men on the ground. All this helicopter activity sounded like a battalion was being landed in support of the Rangers and most of the NVA vacated the immediate area. But enough of them stuck around to pin down Cluett and his men who made a tight perimeter to ward off any attack. He and his men were successful in that endeavor. Unfortunately, another rescue force, the "D" Troopers of the 2/17th Cavalry landed smack dab into an ambush and took heavy losses. The next day, "L" Company's own rescue mission force, led by Capt. David Ohle, was able to join up with Cluett and his men and they made it to the stranded Rangers, but not without overcoming some fierce enemy resistance. Another rescued man was medevac pilot Fred Behrens who had survived three days on Hill 809 despite severe wounds and a lack of water. I know most of the Rangers of our unit are familiar with these events, so I'll spare them further details. Suffice to say that Cluett was well-remembered for his contributions to the overall rescue operation. He has attended several of our reunions and was a much-welcomed guest. His daughter, Laura Cluett-Sacco also showed up at our reunion in Moline several years ago, along with her husband John Sacco. Cluett was a lifelong resident of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and he passed away at the age of 78. I have included several pictures of him for this article. One of the photos from our reunions includes him with Fred Behrens and there is also a photo of him when he was in Vietnam. Cluett was a fine officer, and he will always be part of the history of "L" Company Rangers. He and his men were there when we really needed them.



At D.C. Wall L-R Adam Steiger (Capt. Sawtelle's son), ret. Lt. Gen. David Ohle, ret. Colonel Rob Woodmansee, Al Parada and me.



Robert Kimmitt

So here we are at the end of 2024. It's been 53 years since I left the war zone. I have a lot of memories, especially from events that took place in October and November of 1970 (I arrived in Vietnam on October 7th). Those memories will never fade and that's a good thing. I am looking forward to seeing all my Ranger brothers at the next company reunion in April 2025. I hope as many Rangers and LRRPs can attend as possible. You know, we're not getting any younger.

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UNIT DIRECTOR

CHARLES REILLY



N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—RUDY TEODOSIO



LRRPs, Rangers, and Ladies,
 I wish to extend our Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025. As the year comes to a close and a new year appears to our front, I pray to Heavenly Father to thank Him that has granted another year to us all. As this past year once again few of our ranks have gone home, and that our deepest prayers to the families for the spirit of divine comfort. As N 75th Unit Director, of my own personal expression to the present ranks, to keep yourself healthy to your best of ability and keep contact with those still standing with us. May Heavenly Father bless y'all and have a fruitful new year of adventure.

Rudolfo "Rudy" Teodosio
 Unit Director of November Company 75th Rangers

3-7 September 1969

Story by CSM(R) Richard L. Davis (RHOF)

Mike Team 2nd in Charge on that mission.

Company N 75th Rangers had three teams operating in the An Do Valley area of Binh Dinh Province. Juliet Team - Team Leader SSG Jim Fowler (RHOF) operating in the North. Golf Team - Team Leader SSG Cameron McAllister, operating on the west side of the valley, and Mike Team was to move down and locate a position to put a mechanical ambush in place using a new remote firing system.

The system had two channels, both unguarded frequencies. There was a transmit device and receiving device. It was advertised as having a line-of-sight, two-mile range. Mike Team carried in 25 claymore mines, det-cord, and reflectors to mark the kill zone.

They daisy-chained 22 claymore with Det-cord covering about 200 meters of trail. (They kept 3 mines for any future night logger sites). The reflective devices were put up in a tree at each end of the kill zone facing west towards Golf Team's position.



Once the ambush was set up and in place, Mike Team moved to link up with Golf Team. The two teams, made up of 5 men each, then watched the trail for enemy movement.

On the 6th a heavy NVA element moved into the kill zone and Mike Team triggered the ambush.

Juliet Team, well to the north, heard the explosion. After a point element, about 12 enemy soldiers, were allowed to walk through the kill zone, a much larger enemy element moved into the kill zone.

There were over a hundred moving on the trail. 80 NVA were now in the kill zone when the mechanical ambush went off.

The plan was for Mike Team to then move to the valley floor after the ambush, somewhat in

the open and be extracted in hopes of the enemy seeing them being pulled out of the area. The team members on Mike Team would remain standing up and filling doors of the helicopter to make it look like the entire force responsible for the ambush were pulled out. Golf Team, however, was to stay I and move to the ambush site at dark to do damage assessment on the 7th.

Golf Team was doing the assessment when they had enemy movement near them. They backed off but were told to do the assessment regardless.

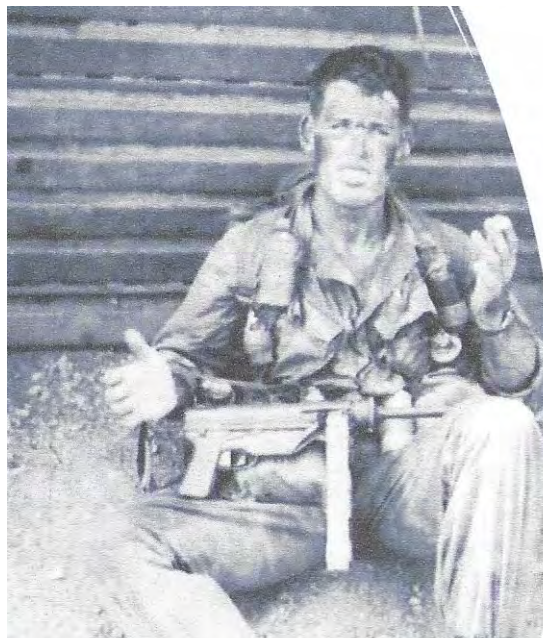
Golf Team then set an ambush and identified a very large number of NVA coming down the same trail the mechanical ambush was on.

The 5-man team then engaged the NVA who were now reaching numbers of 35-40 and many more coming in behind them.

Cameron McAllister, the Golf team leader, radioed the Ranger-TOC that the enemy element was moving toward their position and trying to flank them.

There were more NVA behind the main group still coming towards them. The Command in the rear told McAllister to stay and do the Damage Assessment. In the insuring fight, Cameron McAllister was killed, and another team member was wounded. The team was pinned down and about to be over run.

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SSG Cameron McAllister-Golf Team Leader, (KIA) 7 September 1969, An Do Valley, South Vietnam

3-7 September 1969-Continued

In the rear, a reactionary force was being formed up and Ops Officer LT Matt DeZee ran down to get the aircraft moving to extract the team. The extraction aircraft took heavy fire and with wounded crew members had to return to base without pulling the team out.

This is when the C and C bird went in at the direction of the Ops Officer to get the team out. Under heavy fire the C and C bird landed in the fire fight. LT Matt DeZee found McAllister's body and carried him to the aircraft.

The rest of the team with wounded, made their way to the bird. There was heavy fire exchange by everybody to include LT Matt DeZee killing two enemy soldiers closing in on the bird. Golf Team was extracted but at the cost of a great Team Leader, SSG Cameron McAllister



*LT Matt DeZee
Operations Officer N-75th Rangers*

RANGER JOHN W. HODGKIN**29 JULY 1947 - 23 AUGUST 2024**

Ranger Hodgkin crossed over unexpectedly on the 23 August 2024 in Jamestown, New York.

John served as a Combat Veteran of the US Navy to earn the Combat Action Ribbon and also the Combat Infantry Badge in the US Army as a member November Company (Ranger) 75th Infantry of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the Republic of South Vietnam. Serving in the US Navy 1964-68 and the US Army 1968-1974.



Ranger John W. Hodgkin-Center

May God bless you and be with you, until we meet again.

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From Dave Cummings

Happy Veterans Day my November Ranger buds. I attended a local vets get together here in Fresno Cal. With me was Kim Pennington who was on Bob Foti's team. Kim retired as Chief of Cal Fire which is the state agency fighting all those California forest fires you see in the news.

Being former members of the 2nd Ranger Battalion, Rudy and I attended the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Battalion at Ft. Lewis. Huge event, I think a thousand ex-members attended. 2nd Batt did an outstanding job hosting this event. Linked up with several guys from my platoon during the Grenada op. (photo 2)

Attended the Casper Aviation Platoon reunion in Las Vegas a while back. Good get together of LRRP/N Rangers there. Met one of the pilots that flew the POW camp raid mission we did in 70. It is interesting getting that perspective of things. Told my favorite Casper story that had a couple of their wives on the edge of their seats. Here it is:

Early 71, we got alerted for one of those go find the radio transmitter missions. You know, the one where they always move before you get there because they know once they transmit, we are coming. The weather was bad. 61st Aviation had the mission, but they cancelled due to the weather. Guess the S-2 was pissed because he called Casper and asked for a volunteer to take us out. Someone did which automatically made them suspect in my book. Who in their right mind would volunteer themselves for such a hazardous mission. It was raining when we walked down to the craps table and loaded up. Our objective was way up in the An Do mountains. The clouds were thick and afterwhile, we were down to nap-of-the-earth flying.

We were headed up a narrow valley with steep ridges on both sides, black in the gloomy light. The tops of those ridges were hidden in clouds. Winds gusted fiercely at times through the mountain pass. A couple of times those gusts turned the ship sideways. When it did, the rain blew through the open cabin like a waterfall. We got soaked. The ship shuddered through

the wind gusts. I thought this was crazy. We have to turn back. Please God, turn back! The wind blew something from under one of the crew's seats that just floated around the cabin. It was a baggie full of joints. This did not help my confidence level in the least. The higher up the mountain we went, the lower the ceiling, dark clouds swirled just above our heads.

Once we had to enter those clouds that would be it, we would have to turn back. But at minimal conditions, we reached our LZ. This presented a new set of challenges because it was on the side of a steep slope. The guys in the door on the downhill side couldn't jump off because it was too far down. The pilot had to hover, in those wind gusts, on that mountainside, with the tips of the rotor blades a couple yards from smacking the ground on the high side. Then we had to move across and all exit from the same side meaning the pilot also had to deal with the shifting load. We had to stay under the bird as the

rotor tips were too close to the ground on the high side. Finally, he began lifting out and we were in. We hadn't even started our patrol, and I was already drained.

Only now do I appreciate what a great feat of airmanship that was. Hats off to the Casper Platoon.

Dave Cummings

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L-R, Kim Pennington and Dave Cummings



Several guys from my platoon during the Grenada operation



P/75 - 79TH LRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—JERRY YONKO

Papa Company 4th Quarter
2024 Patrolling newsletter

I wanted to write about the honor I have felt while being able to represent Papa Company as the Unit Director for the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. While not holding the position as long as Terry Roderick did, I have felt the same pride when speaking about and to my guys and gals.

I have been around many Rangers and other warriors from the past and the present and when speaking with them I can see that they all understand that what we had, and did while in the military that allows us to collectively hold up our heads to any other units we come in contact with.

There were several wars going on at the same time in Vietnam. There was the war of the grunt, who bore most of the burden of combat and the slugging it out in and on the valleys, hills, fire bases and the wetland areas in the Delta. There was the war in the rear areas populated with Admin and the multitude of service specialties that are in direct support of those fighting in the bush. Does REMF remind you of anyone in particular? Those who cooked the meals also served in their own capacity and the trials and temptations prevalent in the rear were just as devastating to so many who would never be the same from their experiences. Then there was the war in the cities. Duty in Saigon must have been tough according to what I have heard some tell but the men and women who were there also deserve credit for the services they provided as delegated by the collective branches too.

I had the privilege to serve as a military contractor in Iraq with KBR for nine years and I learned that even though you were not allowed a weapon to defend yourself, the rockets, mortars and IED's that were used against us were just as deadly and killed many civilians just as easily as they did military and when the alarms went off signifying incoming and to seek shelter, you always knew that they were just as happy to kill or maim us, as they were to do the same to a soldier.

Being in the rear wasn't all it was cracked up to be. While in Iraq I was able to meet and speak with many of the young soldiers and they reminded me so much of our own younger selves. Going into the DFAC (we called them mess halls) and sitting and speaking with them at the same tables while eating meals and discussing life was a pure pleasure.

As I see our country evolving in a manner that I may not always like, I am proud to see that there are still many who have a love



for the constitution and the principles that it stands for and though I have to wonder, if we really got into serious trouble as a country, would there be enough youths with the guts to step up to the plate and defend the United States of America as have so many have before.

We have become a people of leisure and ease and you would think that no one in their right minds would want to walk away from their own personal comforts to put their life on the line in defense of their country, but there are those, and I am one of them that be-

lieves there will always be the few who do and will.

God bless them and the United States.

It is time for me to pass the torch and allow another the honor of being the Papa Company Unit Director while I fight my own personal battle with Brain Cancer. We are so fortunate that Tom Jones has stepped up to the plate and once again volunteered to take on a formidable task.

Tom and I served together in Vietnam, and I am proud for him to assume the reins and I have every confidence that he will do a wonderful job. I had the good fortune of attending the gathering of the Sons of Mosby that Tom set up and he did a fabulous job as host.

Going forward Tom will be assisted by Gary Norton, Sheryl Gates, and myself with the task of setting up reunions, providing the many items that our unit fund provides for our use and enjoyment, and he will preside over the unit events. Congratulations Tom from all of us as well as our grateful thanks for doing this job.

Tom will be reaching out to everyone soon and I ask that you offer him the same support that you did me.

It's been great and remember, "Ranger's Lead The Way"

Yonko out!

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