

# THE LRRP/RANGERS



*OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION  
DURING THE VIETNAM WAR*

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REUNION 1992  
BILLINGS, MONTANA  
August 5 thru 9, 1992  
LRRP/RANGER HEADQUARTERS  
RAMADA INN  
1223 MULLOWNEY LANE  
BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101  
406-248-7151

The 1st Cavalry Division Assoc. headquarters will be at the Sheraton in downtown Billings.

We have 30 rooms blocked at a rate of \$47 for a single and \$55 for a double plus 4% accomodation tax. We have our hospitality suite reserved, the Explorer Room. The room has a casual seating of 100 people, has a bar set up and bathrooms convenient. If we fill 20 rooms we will only pay half price for the suite. When calling in your reservations please tell them LRRP/RANGER of the 1st Cavalry Div. Assoc. to give us the credit.

The Ramada Inn has a swimming pool with a water slide, an outdoor court that they will set up volleyball or badminton if we request, a Game room, a restaurant and a Lounge with live entertainment nightly. They are near the airport, 2 minutes from the largest Mall in Montana and has a convention center where rodeo's and other events are held.

We have choosen the Ramada Inn for the hospitality suite, which we wanted larger to comfortably accomadate our group and all the extras they have to keep the children occupied. The rates are in the same range as the hotels the 1st Cavalry has lined up. There will not be bus service to the Sheraton and we are not close enough to walk.

We need a few volunteers to arrive Aug. 4 and to be prepared to open the suite each day and close whenever, to obtain the beverages and paper supplies, keep us supplied in ice and keep the place in order. Please contact Bonnie if willing to help.

The 1st Cav. Div. Assoc., Col.(Ret.) Robert Little and B.G. (Ret.) Art Junot, are working to finalize reunion activities, but two events that seem firm are a day at the horse race track and a Wagon Train for three days following General George Custer's trail on horse back. It will be prior to the reunion and the price will be approx. \$100 which will include the horse and provisions. This would be a great trip for the children and who knows how long there will be wilderness to enjoy.

For further info and to register for the Reunion, watch the Saber. Things to remember: pay your Saber renewal, call the Ramada Inn early with reservations, tell them LRRP/RANGER of the 1st Cav. Assoc., and it would help alot to let Bonnie know you are coming.

There seems to be many of you interested in this reunion, so you must let the 1st Cav. know earlier then usual that you are coming (per registration) and please let Bonnie Know early. That way we make sure enough rooms are

blocked and we reserve enough seats at our lunch. Remember we are expected to give numbers early. PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR.

## REUNION 1991

The attendees where Sam Dixon (71), Mike Echterling (68-69), Larry Curtis (67-68), Rex McElroy (68-69), Roger Albertson (69), Mike Brennan (69-70), Bob Gill (68-69), Stan Freeborn (71-72), David Klimek (70-71), Alan Harton (70-71), Rudy Torres (67-69), Randy Kurth (67-68), Bill Hand (67-68), Doc Gilchrest (67-68), Joe Paluso (67-68), Jack Kindle (68-69), Doug Matze (70), George Paccereilli (68-69), John Hutter (68-69), Danny Svoboda (71), Marselo (Sonny) Lozano (70-71), Augustine Garcia (68-69), Rob King LRSD, Brad Crouch LRSD, Michael Sheets LRSD, Richard Morcelo LRSD, James Slattery LRSD, Donnie Kinsey LRSD, Ulus Terry LRSD, Mickey Followwell LRSD, John Hansen LRSD, Thomas Braden LRSD, Rick Wendt LRSD, and Ron Hall (66-67). There were also the wives, friends and children.

We want to again thank the LRSDs and families for joining us.

## COMMITTEES

The following committees are being formed. Please call one of the members listed to volunteer.

1) Fund Raising Committee: The Members at the business meeting requested those of you handling items for sale to the Membership to be on this committee.

Doug and Debbie Matze 804-744-4332

Howard Shute (in charge of the rafle this year 1st prize will be a SKS again) 412-461-9120 Please contact Howard to donate something to rafle, it would be appreciated.

2) Team Picture Committee: Please send copies only to one of the following plus the approx. date and the name or number of the team and the men shown.

Bob Gill 612-933-2953

Joe Paluso, Jr. 203-742-9477

3) Flag Committee: also Chapter Standard

Doug and Debbie Matze 804-744-4332

Rex McElroy 515-752-6840

Joe Paluso 203-742-9477

Jackie Kindle 817-386-8301

817-386-3662

4) Historical Committee

George Paccereilli 509-684-4093

Mike Brennan 717-249-6493

Mike Echterling 219-696-6589

## ELECTIONS 1992

The Reunion 1992 will end the 2 year term of the elected officers. It's time to nominate those willing for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, and Board Members. Past Presidents Mike Echterling and Mike Brennan will automatically be on the Board. Please remember to be an Officer you must be a member of the 1st Cavalry Assoc. and be a paying member of the LRRP/RANGERS. Also to vote you must be current on your LRRP/RANGER membership.

## FROM OUR BUSINESS MEETING

We were presented at the General Membership meeting of the 1st Cavalry Division Assoc. our Chapter Status. It was accepted by Randy Kurth for us. Thankyou again all who worked so hard on the Organizational Committee to make this possible. We are now filing papers for non-profit status.

The attending members again affirmed the LRRP/RANGER logo is to stay within our group. No one is to sell products with our logo to anyone that is not a LRRP/RANGER. The logo has a patent on it and George Paccereilli has given permission for the LRRP/RANGERS to use it.

#### MEMBERSHIP

We have at this time    77 Sustaining Members  
                              3 Associate Members  
                              1 Honary Member  
                              81 Total

This means 80 people are paying to send you newsletters. 80 people are paying all the locating costs. 80 people are paying all the postage costs. 80 people are paying for me, Bonnie, to correspond with you concerning all your various questions. We have 541 LRRP/RANGERS located. Isn't it time you paid the \$15 Membership fee?

Send the \$15 to Bonnie with the years served with us and if you have a membership card. Make the check out to LRRP/RANGERS. This is a yearly fee. Our business and membership year runs July 1 thru June 31. So paying now means you are paid till June 31, 1992. You must be a paying member to vote or hold an office. If not working let Bonnie know. It's kept confidential.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Letters sent out this year	249
Totally since records were being kept	1,460
Two (2) newsletters were mailed out	
510 were mailed out each time	
Accounts: Receipts	\$2,155.51
Expenditures	\$2,335.85
On Hand	\$178.27
Treasurer sent	\$1,272.51
Membership fees	\$360
Negitive balance	\$258.61

I was paid back at the Reunion for the negitive balance.

My budget this year was increased to \$2,000.00. This is to include the locating expenses and to send out 3 newsletters this year. It costs \$284 to mail out one newsletter. The letters sent out this year does not include newsletters or locating letters. From these figures I hope you can see why we need you all to pay your membership fees. I cut costs all ways that I can.

We lost Mike's Dad and have had illness in the family plus I work now 4 days aweek. I've gotten behind in answering letters and phone calls. Please write me again or call (best time is after 5:30 p.m., weekends, or try on Monday days) and let me know what you need. I need to get caught up before Spring and all our election work.

#### LOCATING COMMITTEE REPORT

541 LRRP/RANGERS located in the past 6 years  
1,000 names on the roster (approx.)  
26 were located this business year  
78 locator letters were mailed out

We are now working on the hardest ones to find, please try going thru your papers to see if you have any info to help us. We'd like to find everyone. If you have a current address on those who have moved please let us know. We don't locate a second time it isn't fair to those not located yet.

#### BITS OF INFORMATION

Doug Cochrane, brother of our MIA Deverton Cochrane has contacted us and wishes to talk to those who knew his brother and were there on that misson. If you wish to contact him call for his address and phone number.

Kregg P.J. Jorgenson has his first book out as of October 15. It's in paperback by Ivy Books and titled "AN INFANTRY SOLDIER'S PERSPECTIVE ACCEPTABLE LOSS". Mike has read it and said it's excellant. Kregg's second book is done and already with the publisher and Kregg is hard at work on his 3rd book. Great work Kregg!

ITEMS FOR SALE

HATS \$10 MIKE BRENNAN 717-249-6493

T-SHIRTS APPROX \$10 unless you need a bigger size  
HANK MILLER 319-362-7561

CREST PINS \$2.50

DECALS \$1.00 BONNIE ECHTERLING 219-696-6589

MEMBERSHIP \$15 BONNIE ECHTERLING 219-696-6589

LRRP/RANGER SILVER RINGS \$35 BONNIE ECHTERLING or

CAL RENFRO 206-784-9989



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