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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next 1st Cav Reunion will be in Orlando, Fl., August 10-14th, 1994. We'll be in a new hotel complex, the Hyatt, which has 924 rooms, arranged in four clusters. Each cluster has function rooms and hospitality suites. The goal is to billet the entire 1st Cav Association at the Hyatt. See the October-November Saber for details. The 1st Cav Association has promised to arrange billeting by units. Of course, the earlier everyone reserves their rooms, the easier it will be to keep our folks together. The November-December Saber will have more information on room prices and on procedures for reserving rooms. When you reserve your room, be sure to mention that you're with the LRRP-RANGERS. If anyone has any trouble obtaining a room within our cluster, please get on the horn to me. The 1st Cav Association's executive director, Art Junot, promised me directly that he will do right by us. I think he will.

HALL OF FAME HONORS

George Paccarelli was inducted into the United States Army Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Ga. in July 1993. His selection was a tremendous honor for George and for our unit. George was the first soldier from the 1st Cav Division to be so honored. His picture and his biography will be on permanent display at Fort Benning. Not surprisingly, George refused to accept any credit for himself, but

dedicated his induction to the brave young men with whom he served so many years ago, the young men who carried the war to the NVA in their own backyards. George, of course, richly deserved this honor, for what he did for us in Vietnam, and for what he's done for us ever since. Well done, George.

Mike Brennan

Mike Brennan can be reached at 415-928-1324.

1st Cavalry Division Association's 47th Reunion

The Hyatt hotel will put in a 800 telephone number just for 1st Cav's to make reservations. The Saber will have all information and the phone number when available. If you need to pay your \$10.00 for the Saber send it to 1st Cavalry Division Association, 302 N. Main, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear LRRP/Rangers,

Douglas Cochrane, brother of Deverton Cochrane (MIA 6/17/70 Cambodia) passed away on Aug. 25, 1993. Many members remember Doug from attending several of our unit reunions. Doug served with the Marines in Vietnam and was very active in VV of AM. New Mexico Chapter. Those of us that remembered his brother knew that Doug wouldn't let the POW/MIA issue go unresolved. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

The annual raffle was held at

Killeen, Texas and the winners were as follows: 1st prize (Saber) David Klimek of Harrisburg, Pa., 2nd prize (Boot Knife) Jim Stein of Mesa, Az. and 3rd prize (Stetson) Joe Campbell of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. All prizes have been received by the winners. Many thanks to the membership who sold tickets. As a special prize at the reunion a SKS was raffled for members only, the winner was David (Mac) McWilliams.

I would also like to express my thanks to the following members who have been very generous either with money or time. They are Greg Catherwood, John LeBrun, Mac McWilliams, Stan Freeborn, Rex McElroy and Julie, James Loughery, Johnny Doc Suggs, Bill Hand and all the others that have slipped my mind.

I also would like to request any ideas or donations for our next raffle. The hardest part of being Treasurer is the fund raising. Please if you have an item that we can raffle let me know as soon as possible.

Our fiscal year ends and starts with our reunions. We currently have 73 paid dues members and 11 members have paid for 1994. (Dues are \$15.00) All expenses to date are paid in full leaving us with a balance of \$2678.72. The only expense in the foreseeable future is to replenish some merchandise items and the newsletter expense.

Merchandise available:

T-shirts - Black (Decal) - size L, XL - \$11.00. XXL - \$12.00
T-shirts - Black or White (silk screen) size M, L, XL - \$10.00. XXL - \$11.00.
Sweat Shirts (black decal) - size L - \$16.50. XL - \$17.50. XXL - \$18.50.
Hats - Black winter type - \$10.00.
Unit Logo Belt Buckles - (Brass) \$20.00.
Unit logo decals - \$1.50.
Unit patches - (cloth) - \$4.25.

Unit Crest pins - \$4.00
Unit logo bumper stickers - \$2.00.
Unit logo decals (window) - \$1.75.

Most items under 2lbs. can be sent for \$2.90 postage. New items will be coming!

I would like to wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

Thanks,
Howard

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ELECTION YEAR

It's that time again to nominate those who wish to run for an office. Remember you must be a paid member of the LRRP/RANGERS and the 1st Cav. Div. Assoc. Please let Mike Brennan, Bonnie Echterling, or one of the other elected person's know. We must have your name before the last newsletter goes out so those unable to attend the reunion may vote. The deadline will be June 1.

NEWS FROM FORT BENNING

Ed Bailey was visiting his son at the Ranger Dept. and came across this information for us.

There is a RANGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION with the goal of constructing the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning, Georgia in memory of all Rangers: Past, Present, and Future. You have the opportunity to purchase a piece of this monument for yourself or your comrades for \$240.00. This money pays for a brick in the walk to the Memorial and it will have the name designated and the unit served. There is of course Qualification Criteria which you all meet.

Bonnie has been given permission to photocopy the form for all interested, just let her know.

Possibly you may want to form a committee to question if we should raise money for bricks for our KIA's. We do not know how long this offer is good. Probably until all bricks are sold. You do need to move quickly on this though.

IMPORTANT NEWS

David Klimek has been working hard not only on his excellent book, but to have (KIA) Timothy V. Harper inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Please give him some encouragement and help if you can. David's book is "FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH" and it is for sale at Fort Hood in the museum and PX's. Contact David at 4191-B King George Drive, Harrisburg, Pa 17109, 717-541-0912.

Bobbie Hoffman has retired and still lives in the Columbus area. Don Robinson has relocated to Fairbanks, Alaska. Joseph Kirby let us know about the death of DONALD BRUCE GARDNER who served with Co. N. Bill Rausch keeps in touch and he attended a 101st ABN reunion in Co. Springs in 1992. Larry Curtis, Rex McElroy and Forrest Decker are regulars at Kokomo, In. for the gathering of Vietnam Vets. They also went to Ft. Benning, Ga. to witness the Induction of George Pacerelli to the Ranger Hall of Fame. Bob Jordan, who is a Commander of his own unit also was able to attend. Rex and Julie have celebrated their 25th wedding aniv. with a concert by Britt Small and Festival. Mac McWilliams and Patti, Bob Gill, and Stan Freeborn surprised Rex by showing up and preceded to visit Tony Schutty who they thoroughly tormented. Larry Curtis and Jeannie also have celebrated their 25th with a party their children prepared. Mike Ryan has received his Ph.D in Psychology. His nick name was Baby Ranger. Dale Markovich has been busy building. Mike (Whiskey Jack) McCoy has been supplying us with more information

of the first LRRP. Thank you Mike. Charles F. Coffin is a Major with Special Forces now. He needs to contact former team members on injuries he received. John (Barry) White let us know his new address. Roger DeVries wishes all of you GOOD LUCK. Sam Dixon is hearing the wedding bells. Charlie Burckhardt keeps in touch in his busy schedule of Police Detective and College Prof. Tom Campbell has retired from the army, but the Army asked him to continue working for awhile and he agreed to this request. Please don't be upset if we have not mentioned your name, we do have mind lapses in our better years.

LRRP/RANGER TAPS

James E. McDonald from Brazil, Indiana passed away Sunday, October 18, 1992 from a heart attack. He served with the LRRP/RANGERS in 1967 and 1968. The funeral was attended by John Barnes and Larry Curtis.

Edward J. Dehnert, Jr. know to us as Budha passed away in July 1993 from a heart attack. He served with the unit as platoon sgt. in 1967 and 1968. The family did not know who to contact and the unit was not represented.

Douglas Cochrane whom you read about in Howard Shute's column.

KILLEEN, TEXAS REUNION

The reunion was attended by 25 of the LRRP/RANGERS with 5 attending their first reunion. A great time was had by all. Our luncheon was attended by 4 LRSD members. This is always a pleasure.

LOCATING NEWS

No one found recently. We have only received more helpful information from Mike McCoy. Many of you have newspapers that will

print a letter or a reunion notice free. Please do this requesting those not located yet to contact Mike or Bonnie Echterling. Remember you have to be careful, we have been contacted by many who claim to have served in the unit, but never did. You can live in a fairly small town and have one of the guys there that you are not aware of and maybe a family of one of our people. Please help us out.



The officers and board members wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.



Bonnie Echterling

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