

THE LRRP/RANGERS



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DURING THE VIETNAM WAR*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings One and All !

I hope that this latest newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. It has been a long winter, and spring has not been the best around here. We continue to have rain more so than sunshine. Other than being rather depressing, it has not been a major source of flooding in our area yet; but if it persists, that too will be inevitable.

I hope that those of you who have had some pretty violent weather have not experienced any devastation. For those of you who live near Oklahoma City, you once again have my thoughts and prayers that you were spared. If not, please let us know if there is anything that this organization may be able to assist you with.

It is "crunch" time for those making plans to attend the reunion this year in Killeen. Once again, it is our intention to billet at the Park Inn. This hotel has been our home in Killeen for about the past ten years. It is only a few blocks from the main reunion site which is the Plaza. If you have decided to attend and have not yet made your hotel reservations and sent in your registration for the reunion, I urge you to do this at this time. There are a couple of events that I would like you to be well aware of for this reunion and acknowledge the efforts put forth by a couple of members of this organization that have made them possible.

The last time we were in Killeen, Ron Hall and a group of his friends hosted a barbecue at Ron's home for all of us. The food was fantastic, the company was great, the site was magnificent, and the beer and pop/soda was cold. I believe that all who attended had a great time. I would like once again to express my gratitude to Ron and his friends for doing this for us.

On that same line, Ron is currently working on another gathering for us once again on Friday night. If all works out, this will probably take place at Sandy's, a local bar which is out of this world. If you were there two years ago, you are probably like me and cannot remember all of the things there are to do at Sandy's. I for one am looking forward to this event.

The second item that I wish to address is that of the Saturday Luncheon. From earlier reports, we were left out. It seems that the Cav. is going out to the post to have their luncheons with the units

of which they are affiliated. Of course, we do not have that opportunity. The LRSD unit, which was to be our lineage, was once again disbanded. It seems that "our kind" are not seen as a necessity, only when the chips are down and the bullets are flying. Sam Dixon picked up on this and has dealt with the 1st Cav. Association and once again has our luncheon scheduled for us. I believe that it will be at the Park Inn. Good work Sam and thank you.

I have had some conversations with a few of the members such as Roger Albertson, Mike Brennan, Bob Gill, Sam Dixon, and Bill Anton. It appears that most of the corresponding, though, is done across the internet or at least through the web site. I have said it in the past and it bears repeating that Bruce Judkins has done an exceptional job with this. Believe it or not folks, this was discussed for the first time at the reunion in Buffalo, New York last summer. After the membership gave the go ahead to proceed, Bruce was on his way.

There has been some growing pains with this as well. There are two vital points to bear in mind with the web site. The first is that it is for everyone. That means that Bruce must be selective and fair in putting on what he can and what he deems to be keeping in the tradition of what this organization is today, not from 30 years ago. The second item is that Bruce does have a fulltime job just like the rest of us. He does this in his "spare" time as a voluntary contribution to this organization. It is not only for the good of our members, but there are a lot of people out there who would like to know more about what we did and how we did it. I believe that Bruce is to be commended for his efforts and more importantly thanked for lending his time and talents to a project that probably has consumed far more time than he imagined it would.

By the time that this has gone to print, Memorial Day will have passed once again. I would imagine that most of you are like me and will have taken part in or at least attended a memorial service. It is that time of year to remember those that have not only paid the ultimate sacrifice during times of war, but also those who survived their ordeals and have succumbed to old age and/or illness. I myself also use this important holiday to think of the times I am yet to experience with other members of this organization. As I have said in the past, I count a lot of them as my best friends. I would encourage each of you to make an honest attempt to begin attending these reunions. For those who

have not been there for awhile, get out old copies of the newsletter and find out who has gone when you haven't. Maybe someone was there that you would have liked to see. For those of you who have never attended a reunion, look also at those names. If none of them "rings a bell", that's okay. The opportunity to meet new people and possibly make new friends exists each year at this time. The longer you wait, the more you miss.

Before I forget this once again, I would like to invite each of you to the Third Annual Iowa Pheasant Hunt. We have held this the last two years during the week of Veterans Day. We generally go out Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week. We have found that 3 days of walking is about all these old dudes can do any more. Tony Schutty lives out 20 miles from me, so we generally joint host for this event. We'd love to have you join us this year.

Time has come for me to bring this to a close. Remember that Sam Dixon and I are co-writing the newsletter for the Saber. Please send any and all information that you would be willing to share with the other members, and we will get this out. The only way that any of this information we present has any connection to you is if you help us make it so. Please continue your financial support of this organization with your dues and the purchasing of items from Doug Matze. I look forward to seeing each of you at Killeen this year.

Take care and take the time to get in touch with one another.

Stan

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MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

T-shirts (black or white) M,L,XL,XXL	\$12.00
Hats (black or white)	10.00
Decals (interior or exterior)	1.75
Watches (Man's or Woman's)	35.00
Belt Buckles	20.00
Lapel Pins	3.00
Golf (Polo) shirts (black or white)	
M,L, XL, XXL	24.00
Shipping (Additional)	3.00
Annual Dues	15.00

Please mail check or money order to: Doug Matze, Jr. 9623 Springhouse Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Payable to: LRRP/Ranger

LRRP/RANGER **FINANCIAL REPORT**

8/1/98-5/31/99

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2432.77
INCOME FROM REUNION 1998 \$1305.00	
LESS REUNION EXPENSES (810.16)	
NET FROM REUNION	494.84
INCOME:	
DUES, MERCHANDISE, DONATIONS	4415.25
EXPENSES:	
INVENTORY PURCHASES 1441.71	
SHIPPING 256.42	
MISCELLANEOUS (REFUND) 92.03	
SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER 456.74	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(2246.90)
ENDING BALANCE	5095.96
SUBMITTED BY DOUG MATZE, JR., TREASURER	

WEB NEWS

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/5346>

Our web site has passed the 10,000 hits mark. I get a lot of e-mail from folks about it. Some are kind of strange, but hey, it's a strange world! Most are complimentary and in good taste.

At the time of this writing, we have 89 e-mail addresses on the site. That means you can contact a lot of folks very easily. I have put a little count down device on the "Going to Killeen" page for you folks who can't wait for the big day. Time is really slipping away! If you are planning to go and your name isn't on that page, let me know and I'll remedy that situation in a hurry.

I am having some e-mail problems with a few LRRP/Rangers. Can't get through to Ken "Tater" Storm. Tater, I know you got one of my messages, but I tried responding to you and everything I've sent bounces. Also, Ray Cumba's e-mail address seems to be invalid now, and a message to Gregg Jorgenson bounced. The returned e-mail said your mail box was full, Gregg! Two requests -- first, if you change e-mail addresses, please let me know asap so I can update the e-mail page and group folder. Second, delete old messages out of your "in box". Most, if not all, e-mail providers will only allow you so much disk space to

store messages. When that limit is reached, it will not accept any new messages. Of course, sometimes the error messages sent back with the message aren't accurate. That's computers!

Later, Bruce

NEWSLETTER REPORT

For the February 1999 mailing, I sent out 336 first time letters. I had 17 letters come back, of which 10 were remailed with address corrections. The 7 letters with lost addresses is the smallest batch that I know of in recent newsletter mailings. Bruce Judkins has kept up with address corrections as members send in LRRP/Ranger info sheets. There have been a few new members who have found our group through the web page and Bruce has done much work locating even more.

This newsletter mailing is being sent to 432.

LATE BREAKING NEWS FROM RON HALL

Ron Hall thought this newsletter would be the best way to find out if anyone would be interested in a BBQ at Sandy's. (See President's Report on Page 1). The cost would be about \$9 a plate. Please contact Stan or Sam if you're interested in this for Saturday afternoon or evening, August 7.

REUNION NEWS

August 4-8, 1999, Killeen, TX

Plaza \$60 (FULL); Park Inn \$58 (FULL); Ramada \$56;

La Quinta Inn \$54

1-800-633-8756 for Plaza, Park, & Ramada

1-254-526-8331 for La Quinta

Registration Form for Reunion functions is in the SABER.

FOR YOUR INFO

The 2nd Brigade of the First Team is in Bosnia. They relieved the 1st Brigade of the First Team in March/April time frame. "Care Packages" and letters are greatly appreciated.

Contact Association Headquarters or use Web site <http://www.metronet.com/~harryb/> for info on First Team Trooper Support Program.



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1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____ RANK/GRADE _____ SOC SEC# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I served in the 1st Cav Div during: WWII _____ Korea _____ Vietnam _____ SW Asia _____ Peacetime _____

UNIT (When with the Div.) _____ DATES (With the Div.) _____
(Company, Battalion, Regiment, etc.)

\$10 enclosed _____. I understand that this membership fee entitles me to full privileges and benefits of the Association, membership card and certificate, lapel pin, decals, and a one year subscription to the SABER.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____ PHONE _____

Have you served with any other military unit during a wartime period? YES NO (Circle One.)

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