

# THE LRRP/RANGERS



## OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Now that Super Bowl XXIII is history, George Bush has been inaugurated and Tour of Duty is back on TV, it's time to start planning for our third LRRP/Ranger reunion! It will be the third for this ranger, but may be the first for you. First, second, or third--you don't want to miss it! Reuniting with your fellow LRRP/Ranger buddies and meeting their families is really a joy that is very difficult to describe. You have to experience it. Plan to do just that in Killeen, Texas from June 29 to July 2. Mark your calendars, reserve your vacation time and hotel rooms early!

### Great News From the First Cav

As we find veterans we try to encourage them to subscribe to the 1st Cavalry Division Association's bi-monthly newspaper, "SABER". This excellent publication provides the intel that every LRRP/Ranger needs to stay informed about fellow vets and their activities. Mike Echterling writes a column called LRRP/Ranger News in the SABER and keeps us informed about LRRP/Rangers, their families, activities, and reunions.

As great as this publication is we haven't been able to convince some LRRP/Rangers to part with a few bucks and subscribe. Well--SEEING IS BELIEVING and the Cav is coming through at a most auspicious time. The 1st Cav Division Association has agreed to sample the SABER to all of our non-subscribing LRRP/Rangers. Even if you don't subscribe to the SABER you will be receiving a sample copy very soon. This January/February issue will have all of the important info regarding the upcoming reunion. As you read over this sample issue make a New Year's resolution to stay informed by subscribing to the SABER!

We try to keep the vital info flowing to you through our own in-house newsletter, but it is becoming prohibitively expensive. By subscribing to the SABER you can be assured that you will receive the best intel through Mike's column. I always scrutinize the new member list in each issue, looking for LRRP/Rangers. It sure would be good to see your name there!

### Notes on the Reunion

Planning a successful reunion is a lot like planning a successful mission. You need good information. There'll be plenty of that in the next issue of the SABER. For now I would like to give you a few pointers based on my experience with the last two reunions.

1. Make your reservations early! In Killeen you can stay at the Sheraton, Hilton, Holiday Inn, or La Quinta. The LRRP/Ranger command post will be at the Sheraton as it was two years ago. That's where you want to be and the hotel WILL FILL UP! Advise you make your reservations as soon as possible. Be sure to tell them you are with the 1st Cav reunion for best rates. GET A CONFIRMATION NUMBER AND HANG ON TO IT!
2. Pre-register with the 1st Cav Association by returning the form in the Saber. You will register for each event separately. I haven't seen this year's menu of events, but in the past LRRP/Rangers have always attended the Icebreaker Party. The unit luncheon is ACM (absolutely can't miss). All family members attend this event, too. There will be other activities you will want to attend. This year there will be a Texas rodeo and a Bar-B-Q!!
3. Bring pictures and other memorabilia from Nam. At both reunions we sort of stake out our own AO in the hotel where we share memories. Pictures and souvenirs from Nam are great. Some men have some rather extensive collections. Dig that stuff out of the attic, put it in a scrapbook, and bring it to share.
4. Don't forget to bring your camera and lots of film. This satisfies that natural LRRP/Ranger need to document activities in the AO. It is a real pleasure to look over photos from the reunions and to give receive same.

5. Please help us by filling in and returning the information strip on the bottom of the next page. This is not just to satisfy our curiosity as to how many folks are coming. We need to know so we can give an estimate to the restaurant for the number of meals to be prepared for the unit luncheon. In fact, we have to GUARANTEE a number. If we guess too high we have to pay for meals that no one eats! Please take a few minutes and complete and mail the information blank on this page. We need the information!!

#### Newest Little LRRP

Congratulations to Danny and Donna Terrio on the birth of Donny Mathew Terrio. Donny discovered America on September 12, 1988. The little LRRP weighed in at 10 pounds!

#### RECON FOR LRRP/RANGERS

We have found a lot of people this year and continue to find more. It gets harder and harder to locate men and we need your help. Old orders, old addresses, names of next of kin, old company rosters, anything that you might find in your attic, basement, boxes, etc.--all can be very helpful in finding men. Time is getting very short if any of our people are to be found in time to go to Texas. Look around. If you have anything that might be of help in locating LRRP/Rangers send it to Mike Echterling ASAP.



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Please fill in the information requested and mail to:

Mike Echterling  
626 Lincoln  
Lowell, IN 46356

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am coming to the '89 reunion in Killeen!

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I can't make it to this year's reunion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not sure if I can come to the reunion, but I am trying to work it out. Will let you know ASAP.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Which hotel do you intend to stay at in Killeen?  
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How many people will be in your party? \_\_\_\_\_