



THE LRRP/RANGERS

OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION

DURING THE VIETNAM WAR



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings One and All!

As your incoming President, I am very thankful to Stan Freeborn and earlier Presidents for all the work and dedication they put forth for the chapter. My hope is to keep the momentum going that they created. The pride in our chapter beams out everywhere at every reunion.

We had 43 LRRP's present, of which 13 were first-time attendees. I would like to commend every one of the new attendees for their effort. I know it can be very hard for some to get to a first reunion. Members, family, and friends who attended this year's reunion were as follows: Paul Alfaro; William Anton, Botund Batizy; Ed Beal, Mike Brennan and Bev Cochran; Lou Bruckey; Charlie Burckhardt; Larry and Jeannie Curtis, their son Patrick, their daughter Gerri Heller with her husband Mark and son Mitchell, their granddaughter Katie, and Larry's mother-in-law Dorothy Phillipy; Forrest Decker and Mary Ann McCullough, Sam and Cathy Dixon; Alton and Sharon Eady; Harry Elston; Trevor and Sue England; Stan and Danita Freeborn; Bennie and Sandy Gentry; Doc Gilchrest, his daughter Amie Carter with her husband USMC DI SSGT Matthew and children Emmalea, Katy, and Kyle; Ron Hall; Ray Hamilton with his son Dave; Bruce and Jeannie Judkins; Jim Ketrow; Dave Klimek; Walter and Judy Kraft; John Lebrun and Barb; David Matthews; Doug and Debbie Matze with daughter Holly Pellum and friend Josh; Glen McCrary; Jim and Sue McIntyre; Doug Parkinson, Gary Patterson; Bob Raab; George and Sharon Richardson with their children Sara and Jeremy; Dan Roberts; Ted and Corree Schirck; Howard Shute; John and Joan Simones; Gene Sprague; Danny and Donna Terrio with their son Danny; John Trumbull; Jon and Margie Varesko with their daughter Lace and husband Dave Rush; Al and Karen Voelkel; Ron Wood; Jim Wright; and Ted Yoshimura.

For the second year in a row, Gary Patterson has come in from Eagle River, Alaska. I must commend Gary on being an adventurer. He relies on Air Force transport hop to get here and back home. Some of our other distance travelers this year were John Lebrun, who has not missed many reunions when coming in from B.C. Canada. I believe this is one of the very

years that he did not drive the whole way. Those who came in from California were Paul Alfaro, Doug Parkinson, and Ted Yoshimura.

I would like to welcome aboard the new officers, boardmembers, and committee members. The new officers for the next two years were unanimously elected and are President Sam Dixon; Vice President Larry Curtis; Treasurer Doug Matze; Secretary Dave Klimek; Sergeant at Arms John Lebrun; Trustees Stan Freeborn (Past President), Forrest Decker, Doug Parkinson, and Dennis Smith; Committees: Webmaster and Locating Bruce Judkins; 75th Ranger Reg't Association William Anton; Saber writing Larry Curtis and myself.

The chapter will be working more closely with the 75th RRA starting this year. There are several reasons for this. One is that we will be their source for verifying people who are claiming to have been a member of the LRRP/Rangers in Vietnam. The second is our opportunity to participate in The Ranger Hall of Fame. The chapter has already started this effort. Since there is a large group of our members who have email, they already have gotten a jump on those who do not. As of this newsletter, we do not have all of the information for submitting our nomination. The Board of this chapter is asking that all nominations be forwarded to the chapter Secretary Dave Klimek at 4117-J Beechwood Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17112-2809. Please be aware that if you nominate a person, you need to have something meaningful to contribute to our write-up. The following rules will be a guide to allow everyone a fair chance.

Nomination for The Ranger Hall of Fame

- Step 1: Nominations were requested by email
- Step 1A: Time permitting nominations are being requested by newsletter (as I have said, we do not have all the info at this time so we are not moving very fast.)
- Step 2: Nominations will be compiled by the chapter Secretary.
 - (a) Names of nominated persons and number of votes. (b) Names of nominators will be recorded. © Voters for a given name will become the write-up committee for that given name.
- Step 3: Board receives the list of nominees with totals of votes - not the names of supporters.
- Step 4: Board reviews nominations and refers the top 3, or

Unless otherwise by vote, a chosen group of 3 should be referred back to the Secretary.

Step 5: Secretary notifies the write-up committee for each accepted name. Secretary will notify the nominators of the rest of the list that they can submit again next year. Samples will be provided and deadline will be given.

Step 6: The 3 write-up committees will forward their finished articles to the Secretary. Secretary will forward them to the Reviewer for recommendation of the best one. (At this time, we are not sure who the Reviewer has to be.)

Step 7: Final selection will be forwarded to the chapter representative for the 75th RRA.

I do not know how well all this effort will go. This will be our first time submitting as a chapter effort. So please have patience.

A hot issue I will be working on this year with the 1st Cavalry Association is chapter membership. We, like other chapters, have not kept records on whom has filed an application for membership with the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The Cavalry Association is reviewing our known addresses. They will be getting back to me in about a month with listed and non-listed 1st Cavalry Association members. If you have not joined the 1st Cavalry Division Association yet, please do so. I am including an application in this newsletter. Everyone have a safe & happy new year. Sam

LLRP/RANGER 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
Ranger Training Video (now in stock)	10.00
Lapel Pins	3.00
Golf (Polo) Shirts (black or white) M, L, XL, XXL	24.00
Wind Shirt Pullover (black or khaki) M, L, XL, XXL	36.00
Cloth Scroll Patch (CO H 75th INF)	4.00
Cloth Logo Patch	4.00
Shipping (Additional)	3.00

Please mail check or money order Payable to LLRP/Ranger and mail to Doug Matzo, Jr., 9623 Springhouse Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

ANNUAL DUES \$15 PAYABLE TO LLRP/RANGER

LLRP/RANGER FINANCIAL REPORT 8/1/99-7/31/00

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5294.46
INCOME FROM REUNION 1999	\$1945.50
LESS REUNION EXPENSES	(816.10)
NET FROM REUNION	1129.40
INCOME:	
DUES, MERCHANDISE, DONATIONS	1711.50
EXPENSES:	
INVENTORY PURCHASES	494.61
SHIPPING	100.25
NEWSLETTER, WEB PAGE	745.81
LOCATING EXPENSES	500.00
FLOWERS	49.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	-1890.26
ENDING BALANCE	\$6245.10
SUBMITTED BY DOUG MATZE, JR., TREASURER	

WEB NEWS

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

The web site now has 933 pictures on the Vietnam Photos! Incredible as that may seem, many more have been promised and I see no end in sight. If you want to save some of the photos on the web page to your own disks, you can simply right-click a picture and a pop-up menu will appear. Choose "Save Image As" or "Save Picture As" (depending on which browser you are using), then save it as you would any file. You'll need some kind of software to display it. All of the images are saved as JPEG files with the ".jpg" extension on the end of the filename. You probably have a program on your computer that will read the files.

There are only 17 Recondo School diplomas on the site. If you want yours up there, but don't trust the post office, get a color copy of it and mail it to me at P.O. Box 2124, Lebanon, VA 24266. If you mail the original, be sure to put it in a sturdy cardboard mailer and I'll do the same when I return it to you.

Finally, as I write this, I am finishing up a new venture on the website. Bill Carpenter was seriously wounded on his first mission as a LLRP. He was on John Simones' team and his story will be on the website by the time you read this. Just go to the main page and check the "What's on Our Page" section. Bruce

NEWSLETTER REPORT

For the July 2000 mailing, I sent out 441 newsletters. I had 14 letters come back, of which 6 was remailed with address corrections. Donald E. Schellinger's brother sent me a note stating that Donald has passed away. I will be glad to include any get togethers by LRRP/Rangers in our newsletter or the Saber Newsletter. For our newsletter, please send me an email or snail mail by January, May, or September. For the Saber newsletter, send me the info for December, April, or August. Larry Curtis does the Saber article for February, June, or October. Many times it is hard to get material to write about. These newsletters are for you and about you, so please drop Larry or me a line.

REUNION INFO

Next year's reunion will be back in Killeen, TX from June 13 to 17, 2001. Our hotel of **Area of operation** is the Hampton Inn at 2702 O.W. Curry Drive, in Killeen Phone Number 254-554-7110. Rooms for the reunion are block reserved by the 1st Cav Association.

Please reserve early so you will be able to get your room of choice. Be aware that the Cav will be working out of the Sheraton as usual.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN FOR THE LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1st Cavalry Division Association 54th Reunion 13 to 17 June 2001 Killeen, Texas

REUNION REMINDER FROM 1ST CAV ASSOCIATION

LRRP/Ranger members attending activities at 1st Cavalry Division Association Reunions are required to be a life member or associate member of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. Life member's family (spouse and children) are covered under the single registration fee. All other family or friend attending activities are required to be a yearly (\$15.00) associate or life (\$150.00) associate membership.

As you know, Veterans' Day is on November 11. If anyone is planning on being at The Wall in Washington DC on that day, let us meet in front of the Lincoln Memorial at 12:00 noon.



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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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