



THE LRRP/RANGERS

OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION

DURING THE VIETNAM WAR



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings One and All!

It's getting down to crunch time for this year's reunion. I still have a few projects to pull together before leaving for the reunion. One was getting this newsletter out to everyone in a timely manner for reunion update. I have been keeping in touch with the 1st Cavalry Association. So far, our numbers for pre-registration are looking good. There are still many rooms available at the Sheraton.

Bob Carr is our local member in Colorado Springs and is going above and beyond in his efforts to make sure everyone has the opportunity to have a great get together this year. Bob and Doug Parkinson will be working together throughout the reunion in helping our members, who may not have a rental car, get around. On the evening of July 5 there will be the BBQ at Bob Carr's home. Transportation to Bob's home will be provided through the efforts of Bob and Doug. Some of Bob's neighbors will be helping with cooking and hosting. If you don't have your stay pre-planned, Bob has a list of places to see that should cover everyone's liking.

Bob still would like to hear from everyone who wants to go to the BBQ so he can plan on the food and drink needed. Bob's phone number is 719-392-5139 or you can email him at bcflies@vanion.com. If you really would like to come to the reunion, but the \$79 a night is more than what you would like to pay, please contact Bob for other reasonable places to stay. I understand there are plenty of places to eat around or near the Sheraton.

In March I got an email from Harry Whitten, a brother to Robert E. Whitten KIA May 8, 1968. Harry has been invited to our reunion by Randy Kimes, who is a friend to Harry. All the paperwork that Harry needs to attend the 1st Cavalry Reunion has been provided to him by myself on behalf of the LRRP/Rangers. If anyone would like to get in contact with Harry, he may do so at his email address hwhitten@RapidSys.com or Randy Kimes and I have a postal address.

I would like to remind everyone to get their registration in as early as they can. Our Saturday luncheon is the most important part of our get together. The luncheon tickets issued by the 1st Cavalry are based on our average (60) number of attendees.

As of 2nd of May we already had 12 luncheon tickets sold, I have requested to have our number of available tickets raised. If we are going to have a much larger turnout which is what I am hoping for, the 1st Cavalry will need to know early on so they can readjust for our larger group. Once a final number is set, there will be no more tickets available — no ifs, ands, or buts.

Our chapter has gotten notification from the 75th Ranger Regiment Association through Bill Anton, our representative, that James D. James, who was nominated by Jim Ross, did not make it to the Ranger Hall of Fame this year. I understand there were many great names in the competition who also did not make it. I would like to thank Jim Ross for all the effort he put into the nomination process and to James D. James for allowing his name to be submitted. I have encouraged Jim to rework his paperwork and resubmit again this year. I would like to see more names of deserving members be presented this year. I will bring some example packets to the reunion this year; and if anyone who is not coming this year would like a set, please contact me before the reunion or the Chapter Secretary after the reunion.

With the RHOF ceremonies coinciding the same week as our LRRP/Ranger Reunion, Bill Anton will be attending the RHOF ceremonies as our official representative. Bill will also be participating in the 75th RRA annual business meeting, election of officers, and notification of their updated Bylaws. I would like to thank Bill for all his work as our official representative. Bill writes articles on behalf of our LRRP/Ranger Chapter in the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

I got an email on March 23rd from Pat Patterson letting me know he had just spent the better part of two months in Vietnam. Pat said he had a great time and even ran into Bill Wynn while he was there. He also said he was going this November and will be staying through March of 2003.

I have completed the rewrite of the Bylaws. The first draft was sent out and very few members provided comment. I really wish more comments had been provided. The Bylaws was an important enough issue to be tasked by last year's general membership to be updated. I am almost finished the Procedures and Rules document that is attached to the Bylaws.

As some members already know, our current Association/Chapter Website will soon no longer be available.

is it don't mean nothin' 'cause Rangers are special. Did you know out of 3.5 million that went to Nam only 3,500 served in the Rangers. That's one out of a thousand. Brothers we were and brothers we still are and great team players. Lets all try harder to get along better and make this the biggest attended and best reunion we ever had. God bless. Dave

1st Cavalry Division Association 55th Reunion
3 to 7 July 2002
Colorado Springs, Colorado
The reunion will be centered at The SHERATION
COLARADO SPRINGS HOTEL
Phone # 719.576.5900

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 adult family or friends attending activities are required to be a yearly associate (\$15.00) or life associate (\$150.00) membership.

REUNION INFO

The 2002 reunion will be July 3 to 7 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. If you are planning on going to the reunion, here are some things that should be considered.

1. Are you driving or flying? If you are flying, do you have you tickets yet? Prices are not getting any better at this point.
2. How many in your family are going to the reunion? The Cavalry is already taking registrations and the room costs are \$79+. There are still rooms available at the Sheraton.
3. Reserve early with the 1st Cavalry Association. A registration form is in the Saber, online in the 1st Cavalry WebPages, call the 1st Cavalry at 254.547.6537 to have a form mailed/faxed or contact me to have one mailed. The Association prints the luncheon tickets based on our yearly average of luncheon members (about 60). If we are going to have more than 60, we have got to get our numbers in before the tickets are printed. Once the tickets are printed, that will be the only number of members allowed at the luncheon.
4. Are you a 1st Cavalry Division Association Life Member? If not, you will need to pay your one time \$10 fee. If you want to vote at the chapter elections, you will need to pay our \$15 dues.

ELECTION BALLOT

Please mail ballots two weeks before the reunion (June 19th) to Doug Matze Jr. at 9623 Springhouse Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832. You must be a chapter Life Member and current with your LRRP/Ranger chapter dues. You can mail chapter dues with this ballot, if necessary.

PRESIDENT

_____ Sam Dixon

SECRETARY

_____ Dave Klimek

VICE PRESIDENT

_____ Larry Curtis

TREASURER

SERGEANT AT ARMS

_____ John Lebrun

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

☒ Stan Freeborn

Three Members at Large (choose three of following)

_____ Forrest Decker _____

_____ Doug Parkinson _____

This ballot has been submitted by _____

Please sign

The how come's and why's are numerous and will need to be worked out at this year's reunion. I want everyone to be assured that once all the issues are worked out and there is someone willing to create a new website, we will have a replacement Chapter Website. I want everyone to understand that I have always been a supporter for a LRRP/Ranger website. When the general membership has approved the rules for the operation of a website in the revised Procedure and Rules Document, an approval for reasonable funding can also be agreed on.

This is not only an officer election year, it's an opportunity for other members to help our chapter to further evolve and grow. As the Association/Chapter has grown throughout the years, it has done so by guys that have stepped forward to do their part and many have earned the right to pass on their dreams. This reunion is one of those times when some of those who helped support the association have found it to be time to move on. I believe everyone has been approached for all their work and support. With the advent of their needing to step back, the Chapter has a need for a Website Webmaster/chairperson, Newsletter Producer, several people to co-chair merchandizing, a reunion fundraising chairperson, and a committee to work on locating lost members or those out there who are still not aware there has been a LRRP/RANGER group formed. I am very much in the need for someone to take over the LRRP/RANGER Newsletter as I will not be able to produce any more after this one. If any one is willing to take over I would be glad help someone get started.

In closing I hope to see many of you at this year's reunion. Please take care. Sam

LRRP/RANGER MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

T-shirts (black) S, M, L, XL, XXL (white) XL, XXL	\$12.00
Hats (black or white)	10.00
Decals (interior or exterior)	2.00
Watches (Man's or Woman's)	35.00
Belt Buckles (Numbered)	20.00
Training Video (Recondo)	10.00
Lapel Pins (Chapter Logo)	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
Sweatshirts (black or gray) M, L, XL, XXL	25.00
Cloth Scroll Patch (CO H 75th INF)	4.00
Cloth Logo Patch	4.00
Annual Dues	15.00
Shipping (Additional)	4.00

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

LRRP/RANGER FINANCIAL REPORT

06/01/01-05/01/02

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$4176.52
INCOME FROM REUNION 2000	\$1970.00	
LESS REUNION EXPENSES	(674.53)	
NET FROM REUNION		1295.47
INCOME:		
DUES, MERCHANDISE, DONATIONS	1345.95	
EXPENSES:		
INVENTORY PURCHASES	1621.07	
SHIPPING	79.85	
NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE	290.00	
DONATION: SCHOLARSHIP	200.00	
COPIES	33.40	
BANK CHARGES	6.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	2291.72	
ENDING BALANCE		\$4526.22

SUBMITTED BY DOUG MATZE, JR., TREASURER

NEWSLETTER REPORT

The newsletter mailing in February was 485 letters for the first mailing, at a later date 9 more were mailed using good addresses received from the first Cavalry. I had 14 newsletters come back of which only 5 had address corrections. I did hear from one member that he has not been getting his newsletters and I know his newsletters have not been coming back. If you are not getting 3 newsletters a year please let me know or whom ever takes over the newsletter so one can be mailed in an envelope.

SECRETARY REPORT

Last fall I had GERD surgery to abate a bad acid reflux problem. Now I weight 190 and I'm as tough as woodpecker lips. I also had Lasik surgery. Now I can see good enough to walk point again if anyone wants to follow. Colorado Springs local Bob Carr will host a cookout at his place on Friday the 5th beginning at 6:00, and along with us some other Nam friends he expects 150 people. He is also an outfitter and has offered to take anyone fly-fishing Thursday or Friday morning and can provide poles and tackle. He also offered to take anyone to a gambling casino at Cripple Creek or a Wild West Town called Buckskin Gorge. Just see him at the reunion on Wednesday night to find out more. My girlfriend and I will be plating golf someplace local on Wednesday at 11:00. Email me at dklimek@state.pa.us if you want to play or ask about anything else. One night I also plan to show two History Channel one hour shows about Rodgers Rangers and Special Ops: LRRP's. Finally, after coming to reunions over the past 10 years, two years ago I got drafted to be our Secretary. Now I know what it's like to be an officer. All I have to say about the web page or any other management grips