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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Sam Dixon

Hello all,

Wow! I can't believe this year's reunion has already come and gone. These early summer reunions come up very fast and catch you off guard. Next year's reunion will be around Fathers' Day, 2004. Election of new officers will take place next reunion. If you have comments, ideas, want to get to know who your officers are, or just want to jump in with both feet, this coming reunion is a good time to start.

This year was probably the first year since 1987 that we did not have someone coming for the first time. In the 16 years of reunions, we have enjoyed the pleasure of one to four first time attendees. This year we were without a special guest family. If you know of someone or family, now is the time to get things started. I would like to remind everyone that reunions can be a fun family get-together. The LRRP/Rangers have always extended a warm welcome to all family members. In past years, parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and in-laws have been a part of or the entire reunion program. This year our group had two notable men attending the reunion, Mike GOODING, for his second reunion and Jim REGAN for his third reunion. Both men were part of the outstanding leadership that helped the 1st Cav LRRP/Ranger Company achieve the respect it still holds.

This year we had 18 members plus some of us brought wives and family. The following members and family were at the reunion: Gair ANDERSON; Bob CARR, Terry COMBS with wife Della; Larry CURTIS, wife Jeannie, daughter Gerri, son-in-law Mark, grandson Mitchell; Sam DIXON, wife Cathy; Pete "Dutch" EISENTRAGER, Beanie GENTRY, wife Sandy; Doc GILCHREST with a drop-in visit by wife Louise, daughter Annie; daughter Jessie, daughter Jennifer; Mike GOODING, wife Joan; Dave KLIMEK, John LEBRUN with Barb; Mike MCCOY, wife Cathy; Keith PHILLIPS, wife Frankie; Jim REGAN, wife Lois; Jim SEYMOUR; Danny SVOBODA; Clint VOORHEES; and Ron WOOD.

During the past few reunions, someone in our group has come up with a real treat for everyone. Last year, Bob CARR had the now famous BBQ that brought rain to Colorado Springs for the first time in many months. The rain did not slow the party that much. This year Dutch EISENTRAGER presented several slide shows

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created by using his computer. Dutch did a great job of taking last year's reunion attendees and matching a then to now photos with music. Dutch also created a show from photos taken during his tour in Vietnam.

I know how many of our chapter members and others have missed the official website. I am very sorry it has taken more than a year to get one back on the web. Being a webmaster is not something to be taken lightly. It takes someone who really wants to do it. Well, we have someone who has stepped forward. Dutch EISENTRAGER is going to be our new webmaster and caretaker for the LRRP/Ranger website. Dutch has gotten the old website backup with a few minor changes.

If you have access to the Web, you can now use www.tomah.com/lrrp_ranger/ to get to our website. Please be patient. It may take a little while to get all the links working again.

If you have a web address and did not get my announcement by email – We do not have your email address. There are at least four of us trying to keep track of email addresses. Please email me at samueldixon@msn.com so you can get updates more often than three newsletters per year. There was a time when the LRRP/Ranger website had 200+ member links. I know that there are more guys out there who want to donate pictures. Please contact Dutch at petesphotos@charter.net to get instructions on how he needs them sent. If you do not have access to the internet, but have photos to donate for posting, call me at 302-328-0892 and I will help you make it happen. The officers and reunion attendees have had two reunions to discuss how the LRRP/Ranger website will be run. Dutch understands how the general membership wants to see the website operated and he fully agrees with the membership.

Please keep in mind that posted photos will be restricted to "G" ratings. If you have a problem with that, don't call Dutch. There will be no personal addresses posted except for current officers. If you submit your email address to be part of the membership link page, it will most likely be used. There will not be a place at this time for personal letters, certificates, or other items. Dutch is not a counselor or a listener of ill feelings. There are many of us who use the VA and find it helpful. Bottom line is Dutch got the website up, will be making some changes, and will be adding some more good material. His job is to keep it going – no more, no less, and no abuse.

You know sometimes that best made plans do not always come together. Two years ago a fellow worker from Aberdeen P.G. found me at the reunion. We had not seen each other since the mid-eighties. He really did not have much time to spend, but he spent most of what he had looking for me. My friend is Charles SWEENEY and he works at Fort Hood. We have been doing the email thing for two years getting ready for this year. Well, like I said, "best plans" did not come together. In between the last two emails I sent, his email address changed. Not knowing that, I sent him an email with all the information he would need to find me. I was in Killeen from Tuesday to Saturday before he found me. I was waiting for him to call me on a cell phone that he did not have a number for. We finally did see each other for a short time. We are now making plans to get together late this summer.

In closing, I have one more special friend, gentleman, retired officer and supporter for the LRRP's and Rangers during the war and our current chapter. Pete BOOTH. We all thank him very much and always enjoy having him and his wife at Sunday breakfast.

Everyone take care, Sam

VA UPDATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 2003 -

The Department of Veterans Affairs is asking an independent commission to review a plan devised to reshape the way the department handles veterans' health care. "VA's mission to provide quality health care for America's veterans has not changed since its inception," said Dr. Robert H. Roswell, VA's undersecretary for health. "But how that job is done - at what kind of facilities, where they are located and which types of procedures are used - has seen dynamic change as a result of medical advances, modern health care trends, veteran migration and other factors."

VA officials said a July 1999 General Accounting Office study found the department was spending a million dollars a day on unneeded or unused facilities, so CARES was developed to identify an infrastructure that would better serve veterans' health-care needs in the 21st century. Principi said those infrastructure changes "may come with difficult choices."

"As VA enters the process of making these choices in communities across the country, it is important to remember the broad outcomes it seeks - more effective use of VA resources to provide more care to more veterans in places where veterans need it the most," the secretary said.

Among changes the plan proposes:

Closing VA hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y.; Pittsburgh (Highland Drive); Lexington, Ky. (Leestown); Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco, Texas.

Opening new hospitals in Las Vegas and in Orlando, Fla.

Adding centers for the blind in Biloxi, Miss., and Long Beach, Calif.

Creating new spinal-cord injury centers in Denver; Minneapolis; Syracuse or Albany, N.Y.; and Little Rock, Ark. The first commission hearing on the plan is scheduled Aug. 12, according to the CARES Web site.

AGENT ORANGE and the VA

From Pete Eisentrager

Some of you have received the Agent Orange pamphlets and a letter similar to this one. If you haven't received one and would like one, please contact me.

If you have not been recently involved with the VA, you should. The VA has made some positive changes in their system. It still takes forever, it seems, to get into the system. But once you get there, you are treated much differently than in the past.

If you were in Vietnam, you were exposed to Agent Orange. And you need to take an Agent Orange examination at your local VA. The examination is a full physical with blood work done. You have a greater chance of having some of the side effects of that defoliant. Just a few are **skin cancer, respiratory cancers, prostate cancer and type 2 diabetes.** If you have any of these the VA will compensate you on a monthly basis and pay for your medication.

The first thing to do is go to your local County Veterans Assistance Representative. They are normally located at your County Court House. You need your DD-214 or a copy. If you don't have it, they will help you get it. You need to ask them to set an appointment at the nearest Medical VA. When you get to the VA, you need to tell them you want an Agent Orange examination. BE PATIENT, this might take a long, long time, but is worth the effort.

AL VOELKEL'S VA EXPERIENCE

By his wife

How about Al's recent events at our wonderful new VA hospital and clinic here in Palm Beach County? He opts to get his medical treatment at VA--they accept his insurance and don't bill him for any difference. He has been going there exclusively for several years and has been complaining about his right hip hurting more and

more. The internist there (Al has moved up over time from seeing exclusively a physician's assistant) took an x-ray, told him he had arthritis, and suggested he get used to it because it wasn't going to get better.

We decided there must be something that could be done--it had gotten so bad he was walking with a cane! Made an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon (there are none on staff at the VA clinic) who sent him for an MRI. He agreed there was some arthritis, but nothing that should cause pain like that. He told Al he thought he had a blocked artery and sent him to a vascular surgeon. The vascular surgeon thought a blocked artery on the right. The tests revealed that not only was the main artery going down the right leg completely blocked, but the main artery on the left was *almost* completely blocked!

Al had surgery; they opened the left side with a balloon but could not open the right that way. A stent was installed. The doctor told him it was a good thing he came in when he did!

Our suggestion for those who get medical treatment at VA is to insist on seeing a specialist if there is none on staff and they do not have the option of private health insurance like we do. Al might be dead if he had not pushed it.

Karen VOELKEL

NEW CAP WEB SITE ACTIVATED

The Department of Defense announced today the activation of a new, user-friendly Web site that provides assistive technology accommodations to persons with disabilities within the DoD and other federal agencies.

"When users log onto the CAP website, they will see a new and improved layout designed to be more accommodating to our users," said Dinah Cohen, Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) director.

"The CAP team worked to develop a site that allows customers, people with disabilities, and federal managers to customize their personal

search for program and contact information," she added.

The site features more resources -- including an enhanced online accommodation process, a better assistive technology section, and an improved virtual CAP Technical Center (CAPTEC) tour -- to assist individuals in selecting the most appropriate and reasonable accommodations.

The Defense Department established the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program in 1990 to eliminate employment barriers for people with visual, hearing, dexterity and cognitive disabilities. Since its inception, CAP has funded and provided more than 30,000 accommodation solutions to about 50 Federal agencies.

The new Web site is at
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cap>:

Hanoi Jane Again

Star 100.7 (radio station) was doing one of their "is anyone listening who" bits one morning. The first one was, "Ever have a celebrity pull the 'Do you know who I am' routine?"

A lady called in and said that when she was visiting her cattle rancher Uncle in Billings, MT a few years ago, they went to dinner at a restaurant that does not take reservations. The wait was about 45 minutes. Lots of other rancher types and their spouses were already waiting. In come Ted Turner and Jane Fonda. They want a table. The hostess says they'll have to wait about 45 minutes. Jane Fonda asks the hostess if she knows who she is. "Yes, but you'll still have to wait 45 minutes." Then Jane says, "Is the manager in?" The manager comes out, "May I help you?" "Do you know who I am?" ask both Jane and Ted. "Yes, but these folks have all been waiting already and I can't put you in ahead of them." Then Ted asks to speak to the owner. The owner comes out. Jane again asks, "Do you know who I am?" The owner says, "Yes, I do. Do you know who I am? I am the owner of this restaurant and a Vietnam Veteran. Not only will you not get a table ahead of all of my friends and neighbors here, but you also will not be eating in my restaurant tonight or any other night. Good bye."

Only in America, what a great country!

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PULLING SLACK

By
Bill Carpenter

Ron CHRISTOPHER is ramrodding the purchase of a brick in Ranger Walk for Doug FLETCHER. Doug died from diabetes in Aug. 1999. Ron and Doug were members of the first team to pull the first LRRP mission for the 1st Cav. At that time it was "LRRP Provisional Detachment".

Anyone who wishes to be involved in this can send their contribution to Howard SHUTE, our treasurer. Make the check out to LRRP-RANGERS and memo it for "Brick Fund". Any excess funds will remain in the "brick fund" for future purchase of bricks for members of our association. Note that the contributions are tax deductible.

SPECIAL FUNDS

From your treasurer

The LRRP/Rangers bank account can be used to collect money for the brick fund. There are several conditions that must be met.

1. The contributions must be marked for the brick fund.
2. When monies are available the executive committee will decide when to purchase the brick. (When enough money is available).
3. Bricks will be bought for only members of the LRRP/Ranger Association. This must be verified.
4. Hopefully all those that contribute will be active members of our group.

These rules allow the ability of the fund to be used correctly. No single person can control the fund and the final decision is the executive committee's. In conclusion the brick will be purchased after there is enough money and executive committee approves the person.

FROM DOC GILCHREST

Texas Proud Custom Cycles, (previously owned by Ron HALL), held their first "Ron Hall Memorial Charity Poker Run". The proceeds were donated to the Killeen Free Clinic.

An estimated 350 to 400 motorcycle enthusiasts and friends took part in the event. July was not too hot for these riders to pay tribute to their friend's memory, and to continue his legacy of giving.

Four members of the 1st CAVALRY LRRP/RANGERS also attended this memorial to Ron HALL. David RUSSELL and wife Joann, Keith PHILLIPS and wife Frankie, and Doc GILCHREST all of Texas, were joined by Bennie GENTRY and wife Sandy from Tell City, Indiana. A lot of motorcycle miles later and a better tan, we all said our goodbyes and went our separate ways.

Bennie GENTRY, being the kind hearted and caring type of individual that he is, donated his winnings of \$150.00 to the free clinic. A tribute to himself and the LRRP/RANGERS of the 1st CAVALRY DIVISION. Thanks Bennie.... from all us.

Keeping up on the postal and e-mail addresses is a constant chore. If you have not gotten any e-mail from me since spring, we do not have your correct address.

If you change either postal or e-mail address, please let Sam DIXON, Larry CURTIS or me know. Our addresses are in this newsletter.

Most of the time, the newsletter will be returned by the post office with the forwarding address on it, but not always.

The last newsletter addressed to Trinidad Gonzales came back with the hand written note, "This person is dead" on it. Not much of an obituary.

Randy KIME's book One Zulu, about his LRRP-Ranger days should be out soon. Manuscript is 'at' the Publisher's... Target release date is Veteran's Day this year. Randy says, "Until I find an 'in-print' publisher, the 'book' will be published as an E-Book...either 'downloaded', or on CD from the publisher." You can check it out at home.jps.net/~pmarche/1zcdcvr.jpg.

Ron Christopher's book about the beginning of our outfit should be published in the next couple of months. It is Above All Else and may be purchased through www.publishamerica.com.

Anyone that does not have a membership card, let Howard SHUTE know so that it may be processed.

A true story from the Reunion in Texas this year.

Everyone at the reunion wanted to go to this very nice restaurant and help celebrate Jeannie CURTIS's Birthday. Arrangements were made and everyone divided up in the vehicles to go the 20 miles, or so, out of town. Four Rangers got into the same Truck and proceeded to make the journey. They had only one turn to make from the main road they were on. At that intersection, they each looked out his respective window and stated it would be no problem finding the right turnoff, on their return that night.

A great time was had by all, but as nightfall was fast approaching, it was time to leave. The way back seemed to take much longer, but all four had been looking for the intersection to make their turn to go back to the Hotel. Imagine their surprise, when up in the near distance there seemed to be a very well lit canapé over the road. As they approached they soon saw that they were heading into the Main Gate of Ft. Hood. The driver, fumbling with his ID, rolled down his window and said, in a calm voice, to the MP "Hi, we are four lost Rangers and just need to make a u-turn". The smile starting to spread from

ear to ear of the MP, as he saluted and waved them on, was too much. The Rangers burst out laughing as well. I imagine the story got repeated many times to the MP's buddies.

The Ranger who was driving, now has a bumper sticker reading "Rangers Lead the Way"..... "follow at your own risk"

Anonymous contributor

Get Bob CARR to tell you the story about his team, getting run out of camp by a bear. I was listing to him on the radio, when he was calling it in. I laughed 'till I cried.

Earl McCANN

Well, my son is still in Baghdad, his pontoon bridging company was attached to the 1st Marines and was among the first to cross the berm from Kuwait. They put in the three bridges you saw the Marines crossing to go into Baghdad.

Two Marines were killed and several wounded while the bridges were going in, but only one wounded in his company.

They had a plywood-and-spray-paint sign which said, "West Virginia 459th Engineers, ARMY reservists" by the bridges for all of the Marines to see as they crossed.

The 1st Marines are coming home in the next couple of months. I hope his company gets to come with them. They went in together, they should come out together

If you have family in harms way, let me know and I will put it in the next newsletter.

Until next time

Strawberry Fields Forever

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OLD GUYS & THE MILITARY

If I could, I'd enlist today and help my country track down those responsible for killing thousands of innocent people in New York City and Washington, D.C.

But, I'm over 50 now and the Armed Forces say I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 35 to join the military. They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year-olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join until you're at least 35.

For starters: Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy. Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. If we can't kill the enemy we'll complain them into submission. "My back hurts!" "I'm hungry!" "Where's the remote control?"

An 18-year-old hasn't had a legal beer yet and you shouldn't go to war until you're at least old enough to legally drink. An average old guy, on the other hand, has consumed 126,000 gallons of beer by the time he's 35 and a jaunt through the desert heat with a backpack and M-60 would do wonders for the old beer belly.

An 18-year-old doesn't like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys get up early (to pee).

If old guys are captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd probably forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would actually be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we actually like soft food. We've also developed a deep appreciation for guns and rifles. We like them almost better than naps. They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however.

I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after training. I can hear the Drill Sergeant now, "Get down and give me...er...one."

And the running part is kind of a waste of energy. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave. To actually carry on a conversation. To wear pants without the top of his butt crack showing and his boxer shorts sticking out.

To learn that a pierced tongue catches food particles. and that a 200-watt speaker in the back seat of a Honda Accord can rupture an eardrum. All great reasons to keep our sons at home and to learn a little more about life before sending them off to a possible death.

Let us old guys track down those dirty, rotten cowards who attacked our hearts on September 11.

The last thing the enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million old farts with attitudes.

MERCHANDISE UPDATE

By John LEBRUN

Greetings once again from the Pacific North West. If your thinking about ordering something for Christmas, for yourself or that someone special, please order well ahead of time. I will be heading north again this winter season for skiing at Big White Ski Resort. I will be down once a month to pay bills and ship out your orders. If you want something for Christmas I would appreciate your orders before the end of November. Order early and order a lot. Take care and hoping you all have a very merry Christmas and a very special New Year.

I hope everyone that attended had as great a time at the reunion as I did. For me it was one of the best. Although we were a small group, in numbers, the discussions and visits from other members of the Cav ensured a lively and informative get together. For the record I never visited that state, that year, and have no idea what that guy was talking about, but, it was sure something to consider. Am already looking forward to the reunion next year and hope to see a lot of you'all there. Should be a great reunion city. We were there a few years back for a reunion and had a great time. Larry CURTIS is trying to get names of people who are going and would like to take in a baseball game while there. Send him an e-mail so he can get an idea of the number of seats to block out.

Dutch put together a tremendous presentation of last year's reunion complete with before and after pictures. It was amazing how everyone looked almost exactly the same as they did 30 years ago. A lot of effort and hard work by Dutch. My hat off to you, sir. Great job. The merchandise inventory remains about the same. We raffled the last watch we had at the reunion. Have only had one order the year I have been maintaining the items so do not plan on buying any more. Larry showed up at the reunion with about 300 wooden nickels. I believe he got them from Cal RENFRO?? Thanks Cal. Anyway,

we have added them to the items for sale. Cost \$1.00 each and that includes shipping. Also Larry has a few flags. These are the standard flag with the crest on both sides. I am not sure of the price or the number that he has left but I'm sure if you drop him a line he will let you know. We had discussed buying a few of them and offering them for sale but have not had much positive feed back about members who would want one. The larger size of the rings are all sold out. If you need a larger size and want a ring now (we will not be ordering any more for a while) buy the smaller size and have it enlarged. It is not that expensive. When I ordered the rings I ordered them based on a standard mix of ring sizes normally ordered. Our group seems to have fatter fingers or something. O' well, live and learn. I left on the 8th of May for the reunion in Texas. If you ordered something after that date up until the end of June sorry about the delay in getting your items. I was on the road the entire time and couldn't mail anything. I was amazed at the number of orders awaiting me when I got back. To make a long story short all items were mailed out within a day or two and certainly by now you should have received your items. I apologize for the delay but thought I was fairly clear about my travel plans in the last newsletter.

I will continue to mail all of our orders out using the Postal Service. It appears to be a little cheaper (shipping costs continue to go up) but have had little feed back about timely receipt of the items. The packing might not look the prettiest but hopefully the items arrived in good order.

If you have an opinion on this, ideas for new products, ideas for old products or just want to chat drop me an e-mail or letter.

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WEBPAGE REPORT

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The Official LRRP/Ranger web site is up at www.tomah.com/lrrp_ranger/

Notice the underscore between lrrp and ranger.

I did not create this site, but one of our Brothers, who, wants to be known as, "He-who-will-not-be-named", did, many years ago. We-all-know-Who, did an excellent job putting it together and the format will not be changed. Someday our Grandchildren's, children will see this and I know we would all like them to know who we were....not what we did.

I will be adding email addresses at some point and need to know if you **do not want** your email address on the web. You will have to notify me.

If you have photo's you would like on the web site, let me know. Remember the format of the site; I will not put unsuitable photos on the web.

If you have complaints or suggestions, please send them to the current President of the Organization. Or attend the next reunion and speak with the Board of Directors.

I want to thank the web host, Garry Connell at **tomah.com** for letting us tag on to his web site at no charge. Gary is a retired Army E-8 and has been very helpful. He would actually fit in with our group very easily.

Dutch

LRRP/RANGER MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

T-Shirts: (black and white) S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$12.00
Sweatshirts: black, S & M only Grey, S only	\$25.00
Hats: (black or white)	\$10.00
Decals: (Interior/Exterior)	\$2.00
Ranger Ring 9.5 10 10.5 only	\$35.00
Belt Buckles: (numbered)	\$20.00
Training Video (Bear Cat)	\$10.00
Golf (Polo) Shirts: (black or white) L XL XXL only	\$24.00
Windshirt, Pullover: (black only) L XL XXL	\$36.00
Windshirt: (converts to sleeveless) Black with khaki trim. L XL XXL	\$48.00
Cloth scroll patch: (Co H 75 th Inf.)	\$4.00
Cloth logo patch	\$4.00
Ranger lapel pin (lrg) only 3 left	\$5.00
Ranger Lapel Pin (sml)	\$4.00
Annual Dues	\$15.00
Shipping per order	\$4.50

The \$4.50 shipping charge covers only one or two shirts. Donations are gladly accepted.

There is no shipping charge for pins, wooden nickles, rings or decals.

Take care and see you all at next years reunion

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OFFICERS REPORTS

RANGER HISTORY

From Sam DIXON

I need some help, The 75th RRA has sent up a website with a page for every LRRP/Ranger combination. Our LRRP/RANGER; HHC 1st Cav, E 52nd & H 75th is all on one page. I have never seen a complete written history for our group, if anyone has one please let me know. If not we need to get one together to be a well representative story, beginning to end. I need as many guys that can put something together, what, where, when, how, everything; number of teams, where teams were based, which unit you served in, what dates, CO, XO, LT. I would like someone to put it all into one article once there is enough to start. Thanks, Sam

SECRETARY'S REPORT

From DAVE KLIMEK

All of this war and terrorism stuff sure is something. The more I see and hear about it, the more I wonder what, and who, is right. For many, many years I was taught that war was wrong, now it is everywhere.

Recently, in Annapolis, MD, a street person looked me straight in the eye and said, "Lets not think we're too good!" I wanted to vent and tell him all the things I've gone through as a veteran, but I didn't.

I know there is a lot of anger out there, but the truth is, we Americans have it better than any old-day king. We have everything. Now that

I'm retired I feel much better about everything. Life can be a lot of fun if we let it. I now think that being an American is like being in heaven.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last report
\$3,699.14

Income:

Reunion raffle \$515.99

Dues, Merchandise, and donations \$1820.00

Expenses:

Shipping and postage \$372.20

Class 6 store receipt reunion \$175.00

Hospitality room \$500.00

(please note the hospitality room has not been finalized but the funds are in reserve for it's payment)

Total balance after reunion
\$4987.64

Please accept this report as of July 11, 2003. Sorry that I missed the reunion however I have heard great things about it. Please remember that when making out checks make payable to LRRP/Rangers Assn. If you do not have a membership card please let me know so that I can inform David K. On your checks please make note what you are buying. Is the amount for dues, merchandise or donation? This helps in the record keeping. Have a great summer!!

Howard Shute
Treasurer

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