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---Soldier to Soldier, rendering honor and respect! Our allies, our comrades, those who know the price that some have to pay for freedom did not have to be asked or prompted, it came from their character and soldiering heart! May God bless and watch over all soldiers and their loved ones as they stand in harm's way for us! Blessings and Peace.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Sam Dixon

Hello all,

Reunion 2004 is fast coming up on us. We have a hospitality suite for our use starting Wednesday through Sunday morning. The cost is a little higher than we usually pay, but without it we would not have a place to gather. I think everyone will like this year's location better than the last time we were in Milwaukee.

Recently, I have been sending out email messages using my most current list. I had quite a few come back as unknown, etc. If you have not received emails from me, I don't have you on my list. From time to time, Larry CURTIS, Bill CARPENTER, and others need to get info or send out info. Please let one of us know if you have made changes to your email address.

As your President for the last four years, I think I have met my goals for the most part in what I set out to do. I have one task I plan to keep doing after I leave office and one to do before the reunion. I have enjoyed being our President even when some were tough on me. I have seen new people come in and pick up the banner. I think we should remember those persons who worked to get us this far and thank them.

The main topic for this year's reunion will be the election of officers for the 2004 to 2006 term. As much as I have enjoyed being President of the LRRP/Rangers for the last four years and VP for the two years prior, I need to take a break. During my term as President, I did not always have time for my photography. By the time the reunion was over, I would realize that I had missed someone.

I recently heard from Jim BROYLES (71-72). Jim is a CSM with 3/144th INF 49th Armor Division Texas National Guard. Jim has spent most of the last two years deployed within the States. Jim and several more of our LRRP/Ranger gang are still active within the Army. I really have to give it to them for living the motto "Being all you can be" and proving it is not just for the young.

Recently I received notices on the passing of two fine gentlemen. Wyman SMITH from FL and Marcelo "Sonny" LOZANO, Jr. of Waco, TX. Both men will be greatly missed by many.

This will be my final newsletter article. I want to thank everyone I have had the pleasure to work with in the past six years. It's time to dust off my camera and get back to capturing flashes of history.

See you all in Milwaukee.

Sam DIXON

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PULLING SLACK

By Bill Carpenter

Yea, I know, there is always an excuse. The reason this newsletter is a little late is the devil made me do it. Just as we were putting this thing together, my computer self-destructed. After spending a week pretending to "fix" it, I decided to let someone who knew what they were doing have a go at it. Needless to say there is a lot of "do again" stuff in here.

For those of you who care, my son is home. His company spent 10 months in Iraq before coming home. Longer than most. A lot of the other units in the invasion had several more months in Kuwait before March 20, 2003, so they came out sooner. He had a couple of interesting stories about moving across the desert at night, and realizing that the "front line" is a couple of miles behind them. They would then wait for the Marines to catch up.

FROM JOE GILCHREST

Bill please do a small death notice for Marcelo (Sunny) Lozano. He died on February 13. He was buried February 17 in Waco, TX. He served with H Co. 70-71. He was a very popular civic leader in Waco. It was a great loss for his family as well as the citizens of Waco, Texas. Flowers were sent by H Co. It was the biggest funeral I have ever been to. Seating capacity is 800 and there was standing room only. He had a horse drawn hearse, with the procession on foot for about a mile through the cemetery.

Something that is, to me, a good sign about the viability of our alumni association is, there are several people interested in holding office. Something worth thinking about, mail-in/absentee votes are accepted. Of course your dues in the 1st Cav Assn. And the LRRP/Rangers Assn. have to be paid to vote. A ballot is included in this newsletter.

I am a latecomer to this alumni organization but I am still impressed by how extensive the list is of people who served in the 1st Cav LRRP/Rangers. More impressive is the fact that the association has mailing addresses for over 500 of the 960 or so men who were "over there". Remove the number of us who have gone to that secure LZ, and the numbers become even better.

Doug PARKINSON has a good suggestion. Several members have written books about what they did in VN, long ago and far away. How about a display of books by LRRP/Rangers at the reunion? Copies and/or order information could be set out. Even better, how about you authors coming along and signing copies? Since this is Doug's idea, I guess he will be the coordinator for this event.

I have been receiving a lot of political commentaries through email relevant to the presidential elections. I have decided to not pass them along. I will not put political material in this newsletter unless told to by the board of directors. I will say that, as I get older, I find that most of the time I am voting against someone, rather than for someone. This is true even at the local level. A lot of time it is hard to choose the "least worse" candidate.

BUDDY SEARCH

The brother of Ken BURCH, KIA 11Aug 69, is asking for more information about his brother's LRRP time. The request was channeled to me from the 75th RRA webpage guestbook. The brother writes:

The family and I would really appreciate any info we could get about Ken's service with H/75. I have read the two books I am aware of which mentions Ken by name but would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him.

I can be contacted at my office by email, Don.Burch@nasa.gov; here at home by email SwampHeather1@aol.com or TheYardSnake@aol.com; or by ground mail at 449 Comet Drive, Toney, AL 35773, phone 256-828-1727.

I remember that he was really proud to be with the LRRPs as I am sure all you guys are, and should be.

Thanks and take care,
Don Burch
U.S. Army, retired

Ok people, I know there are some of you who pulled missions with Ken. How about contacting his brother and give the family some more closure?

There is an interesting story about Jim "Doc" DEMPSEY on "The Cat from Hue" webpage. It seems that the army had declared him dead when he was wounded, even though he recovered in a military hospital. It took him until 1997 to be resurrected.

I got to see a draft of a White Paper Report on Future Joint Venture Military Expeditionary Forces. One statement in there really caught my eye. It said that future military action would be against ideas or beliefs of 2% of a group, possibly spread over many political borders. Chew on that idea a bit.

STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER

Treasurers Report

March 9, 2004

By Howard SHUTE

Balance forwarded: \$5600.98

Income:

Dues \$105.00

Merchandise \$303.50

Donations \$ 50.00

Brick Fund Donations: \$240.00

Total Brick Fund: \$400.00

Expenses:

Bank fee and postage: \$ 60.00

Total Balance \$6239.48

The reunion approaches and I understand that many faces will appear, which is great. Many ask about dues both current and past.. All we ask is that you pay the current years dues, past dues are not a concern. When you pay several years of dues you are credited with this year and the next years you pay for. I keep a data base with all payments.

To vote in the up coming election you only need to be paid currently for dues. The dues are \$15.00 and have not changed for many years. You also receive the newsletter whether dues are paid or not. All we ask is that you keep a current address so that we may keep in touch with you.

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SECRETARY S REPORT

By Dave KLIMEK

Membership card #250 was recently issued to Terry BALDWIN, Jarrettsville, MD. We think we totaled about 950 in the 1st Cav LRRP/Rangers and have located about 700 so far. After stepping down as president, Sam DIXON will continue to try to locate the rest, along with roster changes in address , email and phone numbers.

Bob STOREY, Leesville, SC has a new address and phone number. I think our membership count is low. Just send \$15 to Howard SHUTE and I'll send you a membership card that should be good for one free beer in any bar. Everyone who wants to vote in this 2-year term election must have paid his current dues.

Concerning the elections, the nominating committee has come up with a list of candidates that is elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to continue as secretary. Other individuals also mentioned for leadership positions were John LEBRUN, Forrest. DECKER, Jon VARASKO, and Spanky SEYMOUR.

I probably won't be able to attend this year's reunion. Just send me a letter or call me if you need anything.

WEBPAGE REPORT

by Pete "Dutch" Eisentrager

The webpage is up and running at
www.tomah.com/lrrp_ranger. If you have
something you would like posted, contact me at:

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T-Shirts (black and white),	
S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$12.00
Sweatshirts: black, S & M only	\$25.00
Hats: (black or white)	\$13.00
Decals: (Interior/Exterior)	\$2.00
Watches: (man's or lady's)	\$35.00
Belt Buckles: (numbered)	\$20.00
Training Video (Bear Cat)	\$10.00
Golf (Polo) Shirts: (black or white) M L XL XXL	\$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	\$4.00
Wooden nickle	\$0.50
Annual dues	\$15.00
Shipping per order	\$4.50

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Blaine, WA 98230

The \$4.50 shipping charge covers only one or two shirts. Donations are gladly accepted. There is no shipping charge for pins or decals only.

Take care and see you all at the reunion this summer.

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