

# THE LRRP/RANGERS



## *OF THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR*

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### **1990 Reunion Updates**

The Sheraton is full. If you need reservations call Bonnie for instructions. Send in the registration forms for the reunion in the Saber. Make sure you register and pay for our Sat., Aug. 11 Lunch. All the arranged activities are excellant, please note the qualification parachute jump on Thurs. and on Friday plan to spend most of the day at Ft. Benning; in A.M. a tour of the base, Plan lunch with the present Rangers, then a deminstration or poss. tour. Bobbie Hoffman has arranged a speaker you'll want to hear plus a gathering of Vietnam LRRPS/Rangers and present day Ranger Sergeants who served in Granada and Panama. They are also invited to our hospitality suite, open Thurs. thru Sat.

Three matters to attend to when you arrive in Columbus; check into your room, check in with the 1st Cav. Assoc. at the Columbus Convention Center, and check in with us in the hospitality suite in the Sheraton. We plan to fit in a business meeting and we like to say our parting words at a Sunday, Aug. 12, Breakfast at 7 A.M. It's a buffet at about \$7.50 a person. It's vital you contact Chuck Windham if you plan to attend the Breakfast. No money is necessary now, but we need the count. Chuck Windham, 2985 Seagull Dr., Duluth, Ga. 30136, 404-476-5335. As usual we'll need some volunteers to help in the hospitality suite.

The 11th Pathfinders Co. have invited the LRRP/Rangers to stop in and visit them in the spirit of Airborne Brotherhood.

The 77th Artillery Assoc. is headquartered in the Sheraton also. We have been mutually supportive and helpful when possible and we are pleased to share a hotel with this group.

### **Update on the Memorial for Zap**

The date is Sat., July 21, at 11<sup>30</sup> A.M. at the Central Elementary School, Hackettstown, N.J.

The guest speaker will be L.T.C. Michael Brennan, Zap's Platoon Leader in Nam. Phil Bailey is collecting the money donated by our people. The LRRP/Rangers planning to attend this dedication are planning a mini-reunion the eve of July 20. For details and room reservations contact Mike Brennan at 17 Garrison lane QTRSA, Carlisle, Pa. 17013-5001, 717-249-6493.

### **Shoulder Patches**

100 shoulder patches with the design of our crest pin are in. They are \$4.00 apiece. Send orders to Bonnie Echterling.

### **Cambodian Incursion**

Phil Zook (C 1/7) (69-70), P.O. Box 1506, Bloomington, In. and Robert Anderson (1/7) (69-70), 2243 Ancient Dr., Wyoming, Mi. 49509, 616-534-9180 have been working on a program of the Cambodian incursion for the reunion. They have asked our help. They are attempting to identify by name and unit those members of the Cav. who lost their lives during the Cambodian operation. They have only identified 40 of the 150 casualties by unit. Please contact them if you can be of help.

### **Locating Committee Updates**

At present the Locating Committee has 950 names on the roster. Thankyou to all of you who have contributed your old orders and addresses. They are vital to our search. We now stand at 570-580 accounted for. And that leaves only 360-380 to locate yet. We need more info on the remaining ones as ssn's, Army numbers, and the old addresses if you have them. Please look!

Listed now are 32 LRRP/Rangers located since the last list came out: Roger Simmons, William Webster, Martin Cleveland, B.W. Murray, Bruce Block, Robert Baker, William Poole, Noah Williams, Matt McGrath, Carl Leneau, Barry White, Dave Hanson, John Bedford, James Smit, Dale Salsberry, Dale Cochran, Don AVery, John Butkovich, Karl Wright, Walt Wells, Carlos Castro, Tom Campbell, Carl Herrmann, Bob English, Mack Thomas, Ray Hamilton, Anthony Forte, Gordan Exley, Roger Deveries, Roy Chapman, David Collins, and George Balke.

### **1st LRRP/Ranger Election**

The Articles of Incorporation "Constitution" and Bylaws ( Duties of the Slate of Officers) will be presented at our reunion business meeting. Once approval and changes as necessary are made on the Articles and Bylaws our election will be held. There are two methods of voting; Vote in person at the reunion or send an absentee ballot intenden. For this election and henceforth dues paying members of the LRRP/Rangers may vote. Absentee ballot voters may send your membership dues with your ballot. Our dues are \$15 and you will receive a membership card. This is a separate dues from the 1st Cav. Assoc. Any financial problems please contact Bonnie Echterling for exemption. The members of this hard working Committee are Sam Dixon, Dave (Mac) McWilliams, Mike Brennan, and Bob Gill. Any questions please contact one of the Committee members.

### **Bits of Info**

Contact Augie Garcia, 511 Vine St., Euless, Tx., 76040, for this years rafle tickets to sell.

Expect Hot and Humid weather in Georgia Aug.8-12.

Joe Campbell is looking for a beret flash or a picture of one to have it made. Please contact him.

L.T.C. Lynn D. Moore has relinquished command of 3rd Battalion 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Good luck with your next assignment we'll be interested in what it will be.

Congradulations to Bruce Judkins and Donna with their July 4 wedding. We all wish you the very best.

Craig Leerburg wants to again stress how good Michael Lanning's book "Inside The LRRPS Rangers in Vietnam" by Ivy books is.

### **LRRP/Ranger Ballot**

Please cut this page off and send in for the Absentee Ballot. Put an x before the name you are voting for. Put Ballot on the bottom left hand side of the envelope. Do not put anything else in this envelope except dues, because it will not be opened until the reunion. Mail the envelope to Bonnie Echterling. Only dues paying members may vote.

**PRESIDENT** vote for one

- Michael Brennan
- Gerald Farrow

**VICE PRESIDENT** vote for one

- Albert Voelkel, Jr.
- Leo Corey, III

**SECRETARY** vote for one

- Bonnie Echterling

**TREASURER** vote for one

- Howard Shute
- Augustine Garcia

**SERGEANT AT ARMS** vote for one

- Sam Dixon
- Robert Gill

**BOARD MEMBERS** vote for three

- Charles Windham
- Charles Burckhardt
- Lee Fix
- Jonathan Coates
- Rodolfo Torres, Jr.
- Bruce Judkins
- Charles Schwinn
- Stanley Freeborne

Please sign your name -----

A new chapter of the 1st Cav. is being formed.  
It's name will be THE RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER OF 1ST CAVALRY  
DIVISION ASSOCIATION ALUMNI OF THE FIRST TEAM. If interested  
contact Richard S. Lacey, c/o Vietnam Veterans of America,  
Chapter 475, P.O. Box 1031, Newport, R.I. 02840, or call and  
leave a message at: 401-849-6796.



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