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PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2016

From John LeBrun

Greetings and salutations from Big White Ski Resort in the heart of British Columbia, Canada. The reunion in Las Vegas was a tremendous success with 42 members attending. The facilities were superb and there was a lot of entertainment from a number of sources for all that were there. For me Palace Station put on the best Lunch and Breakfast that I have had at any reunion. Killeen will have to do a lot of work to come even close at next year's reunion.

I usually don't have a lot to say in the newsletter but this year a lot has been happening. Will try and keep it short but.

Once again we hosted our raffle after the luncheon. Members continue to bring excellent items that are available to be won and this year was no exception. I personally want to thank all those that made, bought and brought items for the raffle and the many members that purchased tickets for the raffle. The prizes seem to get better each year. Once again thanks to all that participated to make this event so successful. We will once again have another raffle at the next reunion and if you have items please bring them or mail them to me at the hotel.

Las Vegas was election time for the following two years. We were fortunate that this year a number of members stepped forward and all the positions were filled. We need this to happen each election cycle to keep the executive fresh with new ideas and to reinvent all the old idea that we have all forgotten. To hold one of the positions requires relative little time. The membership needs members to fill those positions to keep the organization going. It does not require you to attend every reunion but it is helpful. As a non profit organization we need to have a full and active executive. Think about it and make a commitment to fill one of the positions over the next few years. We all need to participate to make the organization work.

As was said earlier the next reunion is in Killeen June 2017; at the Shilo Inn; 254-699-0999 and the reunion after that is 20-24 June 2018 at the Charleston, WV Marriott Town Center, 200 Lee St. East at 304-345-6500. Both reunions I would book early as I expect a large attendance at the 2018 reunion because of its location and as usual Killeen will fill up with Cav troopers.

Ron **Christopher** has penned another book about our unit. I have received a number of phone calls and emails reference the book. At the beginning of the book he states that the book and all of its contents are the sole property of the author. All I can say is that in the book he references a mission I was the team leader on; quite a humors mission from my perspective, which was written up in a earlier book from Michael Lee Lanning titled Inside The LRRP's, Ranger's in Vietnam published by Ballantine Books. He has copied almost verbatim from that book. I have forwarded my comment to the author and to the publisher to let them deal with it as they seem fit. I do not have the expertise or the time to go after some one for coping others work and calling it their own. I would recommend that if you have an issue with his book that you pursue what you believe to be good for you. If you need documentation about when your article was published in our newsletter I feel sure that we can provide that information to you.

Peter **Dencker**; pdencker@sos-retailservices.com is writing a book about our unit during the time frame he was in the unit. He would like input from members that served in the unit while he was there. His intent is to write a draft copy and bring that to the reunion in Texas next year for everyone there to review and I'm sure if you provide input and can't attend the reunion he would be more than willing to send you a draft copy via email or snail mail. He wants the book to reflect the input from members knowing that 40 years have past. If you have some thing that you want to say about your missions, the unit, or what ever I am sure he would like to hear from you. Remember our time is short our knowledge should be saved in some place maybe this book would be an appropriate place. Think about it and send Pete an email.

John LeBrun

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TREASURER'S REPORT

From Bill Hornbuckle

Hi Guys,

I received a call yesterday afternoon that I could come in to M&T Bank and establish an account. This morning at 9AM Marie and I met with Carlyn Szarowicz and filled out the paper work for our Non-Profit Business Checking Account. Hooray! One eventual step for me; one large step for the LRRP/Ranger Association.

We are back in business almost. I deposited cash in the amount of \$1301.35 (from Bob in LV) and all the various checks from Bob, Benny and our members in the amount of \$14,265.88 for a total deposit of \$15,567.23. The cash amount is available to us immediately, but the check amounts will only be available after clearing from the numerous banks they came from. That should only take a couple of days.

I have ordered checks (in blue) and a debit card. Checks should be here within a week and a half. The debit card should be here in 4-5 business days. I have put Marie on the account as a cosigner as recommended by Bob Carr. For your information the bank is the M&T Bank, Hamburg Branch, 6000 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075. You have Carlyn's name as above. Her title is Relationship Banker. Her phone number, if you should need it, is (716) 649-8401.

There are other items of business that I need to take up with you, but this is just for letting you know that our account has been established.

Bill, Treasurer

ps: We need to get it out to all our members that checks should only be written to: LRRP/Ranger Association. We had checks in every conceivable combination including Benny's and my name, including H Co or 75 Inf or other various names along with the LRRP/Ranger designation. They accepted all the checks because it is the start of a new account. Hopefully, none of the banks will refuse their checks coming back to them. I stamped all the backs of the checks with the M&T Bank's deposit stamp.

I will call Benny and let him know. He did a great job at the Reunion of telling our members how to write the checks while they were there, but that is only a once a year happening and limited to those attending our Reunion. (I'm now calling it "our Reunion".)

2016 LAS VEGAS REUNION ATTENDEES

Alexander Robert	Allen, Andrew
Anton, Bill	Baily, Phillip
Beal, Robert	Beer, Roy
Blewett, Patrick	Brennan, Michael
Campbell, Tom	Carpenter, Bill
Carr, Robert	Chavez, Gregory
Claypoole, Harvey	Curtis, Larry
Declue, Leonard	Dixon, Sam
Donahoo, Charles	Faulkner, Jim
Floyd, John	Forrest, Decker
Gallagher, Kenneth	Gentry, Bennie
Gill, Robert	Hammon, Ronald
Hanson, David	Hinz, James
Holden, Mark	Hornbuckle, William
Jolin, William	Jorgenson, Gregg
Klimek, David	LeBrun, John
Leerburg, Craig	Lorenz, Gary
Lyons, Patrick	Matze, Douglas
Ochoa, Carlos	Okken, Albert
Parkinson, Douglas	Phillips, Keith
Russell, John	Shute, Howard
Simmons, Roger	Smith, Darrell
Sweeney, Richard	Voelkel, Albert
Weaver, William	Wells, Bernard
White, Ken	Wood, Jerry
Zilka, Richard	

From Roger's Standing Orders

13. Every night you'll be told where to meet if surrounded by a superior force.
14. Don't sit down to eat without posting sentries.
15. Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack.
16. Don't cross a river by a regular ford.

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OBITUARIES

LOUIS CARISTA

Age 75, 2/26/35 – 1/21/16

Lou was born in Brooklyn, NY and died in Tyler, Texas. He is survived by three children. He enlisted in the navy in 1952 and served for six years before enlisting in the army. Lou was in the Golden Knight Sky Diving Team, '65 – '68. He had 2250 free fall jumps. Lou served in Company H, Rangers in '70 – '71 as a platoon sergeant. Lou told stories about jumping for the Queen of England and being wined and dined. He was a very colorful and interesting person.

ROBERT ANKONY

Age 67, 9/21/48 – 3/19/16

He is survived by his wife Cathy and children. Bob was born in Detroit and died in Palmdale, CA. His death was a result of PTSD and depression. He served with the LRRPs in '67-'68 as a team leader. After the army, he was with the Wayne County, MI Sheriff's office until retiring from it in 1982. During this time he earned a doctorate in criminology. He wrote extensively about criminology. A lot of what is on Wikipedia about the 1st Cav and LRRP/Rangers was written by Bob. He also published his own autobiography LURPS.

RICHARD ARDEN

Age 66, 10/26/49 – 4/20/16

He is survived by his wife Janelle and two sons. Rick was born in Marmet, WV and died in Columbus, OH. He served in Company H, Rangers in '69 – '70, becoming a team leader as a 19 year old Spec. 4. Rick worked for Lucent for 37 years before retiring to his family, woodworking, and golf. He was active in the Peace Lutheran Church.

FRANK STEWART

Age 77, 5/23/38 – 4/29/16

Frank lived in Twin Falls, ID at the time of his death. He died from cancer, possibly caused by Agent Orange. Capt. Stewart was CO of Company H from 9/6/70 – 7/18/71. He had previously served with the 1st and the 5th Special Forces Groups, and had come up through the ranks.

GEOFFREY KOPER

Age 70, 12/1/45 – 5/19/16

Geoff is survived by his wife Lynn, he had no children. He was born in Passaic, NJ and died in Barnstable (Cape Cod), Mass. He died from a very rare form of cancer, as well as fighting malaria since Vietnam. Geoff was the medic on the very first 1st Cav LRRP team to pull a mission. He came home and earned a degree in architecture. He first worked in New York City before a heart attack convinced him to move his business to Martha's Vineyard. Geoff was well known in his neighborhood for his patience, love of animals, artistic photography, and beautiful wood work.

RICHARD WALLS

Age 65, 8/8/50 – 5/24/16

He is survived by his wife Shirley, two sons and three daughters. Dick was born in Chehalis, WA and died in Covington, WA. He died from cancer. He served in Company H, Rangers '70-71. Back home he was a long-haul trucker before becoming terminal manager for Matlack transportation in Kent. But his passion was flat track motorcycle racing. In 2000 Dick was awarded a national number which is given to less than 100 riders in the U.S. annually. He lived life to the fullest – always at full throttle.

JAMES DICKMAN

Died on 5/31/16 in Jefferson, MA

He is survived by his wife Paula.

He died after a long battle with leukemia.

He served with Company H, Rangers, in '71. He enjoyed reading the Saber and the LRRP/Rangers newsletter. No other information is available about Jim.

ROBERT HOFFMAN

Died on 7/30/16 in Huntersville, NC

He is survived by his wife Barbara, a son and a daughter. Bob was the last company commander for Company H, Rangers, from 6/23/72 – 7/20/72, before it returned home. He retired a lieutenant colonel. Pete Dencker and he were team mates on the track team at West Point.

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POEM FROM HOME CHRISTMAS 1070

from Robert Oakes rtoakes@yahoo.com

This is not a combat historical item but it reflects
the times. My wife wrote this to me for Christmas
1970. I think it is for all of us. Jo-Ann passed
away 4 years ago and writings like these keep me
going.
Bob

CHRISTMAS 1970

By Jo Ann Oakes

The tree in place
The tinsel shining
The decorations hanging
The light glowing
Presents gathered,
Tightly wrapped
Children happy in anticipation
The cold wind carrying
The white snow

.... And the Nativity
With angels and wisemen
And Mary and Joseph
And the Babe

The bright star shining
Promising PEACE

My body here
Witnessing these artifacts
Of Christmas

Elsewhere ...

The trees in place
Shining only in those
Places where the raindrops cling
And the sun illuminates
The air heavy from the
Humid heat
The bugs of the jungle
Crawling
The mines in their places
The men in drab green
In tense anticipation

.... And the Nativity
Placed respectfully in the
Room constructed of old
Ammunition boxes
With angels and wisemen
And Mary and Joseph
And the Babe
The bright star shining
Promising PAEACE
and the bullets and rockets
And mortars glittering in mockery

My heart here witnessing
These artifacts of Christmas 1970
Through the eyes of my husband – the soldier ...

Resent Found Deceased

From Sam dixon

James Earnest Barney, 23 November 2002	Moir, NY
John Joseph Craven 1 September 2003	Quincy, MA
William Rush Duncan 7 August 1999	Roanoke, VA
Samuel C. Gilbert 10 August 2007	Weddington, NC
Ronald Greene Johnson Sr. 28 June 2009	Chicago, IL
Stephen Joseph LaPorte 13 October 2000	Providence, RI
Marvin Glen Littlefield 15 April 2015	San Antonio, TX
Charles Franklin Meadows 19 September 2003	Milton, WV
Marvin C. Wyatt 1 May 2003	McDonough, GA

LAST MAN STANDING

From Howard SHUTE

Dear LRRP/ Rangers,

An update from the last reunion consisted of a discussion about what happens when we no longer are able to get together at these events. So, I volunteered to start looking into the day that is off in the distant future, that we are so few in numbers what happens to our organization and whatever funds are with the unit. It seems we had several members insist that they will outlive everyone else. That might well be, but somehow what happens to our history and our leftover funds needs to go to a greater cause.

There will be funds that have accrued in the organizational bank account, at some time in the distant future we need to decide how we want that money to be distributed. I am asking for suggestions how to develop a proposal that may be adopted at part of our bylaws. For example, when we no longer are able to fill the four positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer that the existing money go into a trust fund monitored by the First Cavalry Division Association to be distributed to our relatives as an educational scholarship. This is just an idea of mine, I would hope some constructive ideas would come from all of you.

We have had reunions for the last 30 years and a lot of members of the unit have given money, time and established an organization that has welcomed all from our history. We have seen over those years that we are not immortal, we have lost many friends. So in planning for one day in the future I need ideas from you the membership on how look ahead and plan our future. With this in mind you may respond to this request and send your suggestions to me at howard.shute@gmail.com

If you do not use email my home address is
234A Berkeley Way Monroeville, PA 15146.

Howard Shute

MY RTO – ROBERT ANKONY

By Doug Parkinson

My RTO was always ready with the handset. No matter how difficult the climb up a steep hill, the vines, the razor sharp elephant grass or the sharp thorns of the scrub brush, as the team leader I only had to reach my arm behind me and the handset would be there....it had to be...even in the rapidly developing situations of combat

My RTO was with me at some of the largest operations the First Cavalry Division performed during the Vietnam War; The 1968 Tet offensive, relief of the siege at Khe Sahn, the massive deployment into the A Shau valley.

My RTO was where he wanted to be, a dependable member of a long range patrol team, at the tip of the spear, watching combat unfold as the storied 1st Cavalry Division deliver wrath.

My RTO became the nearest thing next to God...a team leader; the first person off the helicopter on a mission and the last person on at the end of the mission.

As the TL he could look into the eyes of the other team members on the flight out and know they depended on him to get them in and out of combat safely, parents, future spouses, unborn children and grandchildren depended on the TL my RTO.

The TL would experience the quiet tension as the helicopter descended into the landing zone not knowing if the tree line would light up with muzzle flashes and tracers.

The TL knows the relief at the end of the mission when you feel the cold metal floor of the helicopter and the bird lifts safely out of the landing zone.

The relief of his team members shows in their eyes as he looks at them, a silent thanks. We performed our duties against a determined foe that really didn't want us to be there.

Teenagers with automatic weapons.

Bob is still my RTO...he still communicates with me.

The calm comforting voice of Sgt Parkinson

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HISTORICAL OCCURRENCES

SIN CITY

From Bruce Cain

It was just another day, for a LRRP anyway.

It was March of '68 if I remember correct, or maybe April, who can really remember. We had just returned from a mission from "Hell" led by team leader "Parky". For those of you who had done a mission with "Mountain Man" Parky you know what I'm talking about.

Doug never has seen a hill he didn't want to climb, or go down and back up. (Did I mention it was raining?)

No contact, no drama, just a Rangers' movement from one hill to another. After the debrief, shower, some grub, and some beer, **Dish**, **Whitten** and myself were sitting on some sand bags outside of our hootch. When from behind us came the most awful smell, as we turned to look here came **Ankony**, all slicked up, hair greased down and at least a gallon of cheap aftershave poured on from head to toe. "Where the hell you going?" asked Whitten.

"I'm heading into the city (Sin City), anyone want to come along?" **Whitten** said he had some letters to write, **Dish** said he was going.

Ankony had his .45 on his hip, **Dish** and I carried our AR's. As we walked off the LZ we saw **Carr** and **Kitt** coming from the city, "If you guys are heading into town, there is a bar at the very end with a good band" **Carr** said.

Kitt said he'd go back with us and show us where it was,

Four happy LRRP's heading into Sin City (a movie producer would have loved it).

We drank cheap beer along the way and tried to avoid trouble. You could hear the band from 100 feet away, *House of the Rising Son*, and *Let's Do The Twist*, were loud and clear. We entered the bar, and the ladies escorted us to seats at a table. Cold beer and ladies by us, what the hell, this mission isn't all that bad.

I don't know how long it was but I leaned my AR against the wall and was dancing with a young

girl, to the bands *House of the Rising Sons*, (did I mention they only knew three songs?)

It was getting late and the bar door opened and two MP's came in and stood in the door way looking over the room. One sees **Kitt** at the back table with his AR on the table and his young lady by him.

"Didn't we tell you not to bring your weapon into the city?" the MP yelled at **Kitt**. **Kitt** just sat there, not paying attention. "Hey you, gook, can't you understand English?" **Kitt** lifted his AR with one hand and points it at the MP's. Things were getting serious! I stood with my back against my AR and hand on it so I'd know right where it was.

"What you going to do, shoot us, you little gook?" one MP said. I yelled to them, "I don't think I'd push too much, he's a crazy LRRP."

The MP's stood there and just looked at each other. Then one looked at me and said, "All you LRRP's are crazy." They turned and walked out the door.

So, I'm getting out of there, **Ankony** comes walking from the back and says, "What's all the excitement?"

I said "Get **Dish**. We got to get out of here." Back to the base we went, yelling and laughing all the way.

Our next mission a couple days later was more productive, but after we got extracted and back to base. I hear **Dish** in the latrine yelling like crazy. **Ankony** told him where to go to get some medicine for Sin City Disease.

Nothing like memories from Sin City

SUPER RANGER

From Bill Hornbuckle

All I know is I was such a killing machine that the TL's would only allow me to carry a P38 as a weapon because it would be unfair to the enemy to allow me unleashed and fully armed. Did I mention that I went to the field with a Claymore duct taped to my chest. And when I ate a lurp I ate the plastic bag it came in and the lurp container all without water. And I used a "Two Step Charlie" as dental floss afterwards. Ask Jim Faulkner if it isn't all true...

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HE ASKED FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND REALLY GOT IT

Key Member of Ranger Team

by Spec. 4 Jim Smith

Stars And Stripes Correspondent

Submitted by Gilbert **Ramerez**

BIEN HOA, Vietnam

Dropping out of the straight world is fashionable these days. Not everyone wants a grey flannel suit and a nine-to-five routine. So PhDs in chemical engineering commune with nature and blow grass somewhere in the wilds of New Mexico.

Sgt. Harry **Wedington** dropped out of the straight life last May. But he didn't go to Algeria and he didn't go underground. **Wedington**, in the U.S. Army Reserves at the time, asked to come on active duty, volunteering for Vietnam and by July had become a member of the 75th Ranger Co. of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Air Cav. Div. here.

The 75th is the last U.S. Ranger unit in Vietnam. It is responsible for reconnaissance patrolling and ambush of Communist guerrillas in Military Region III, primarily in areas within a 40-mile radius of Saigon.

When he left his home in Wilmington, Del., **Wedington**, 27, left his wife and three young children behind. He left a good job as a stock broker and insurance salesman.

He had his reasons.

"My wife understands why I came over here," **Wedington** said. "I just got tired of the middle class routine. One day I looked at myself and I didn't like where my life had come to. I decided to put myself through a little crap.

"Lots of Americans take too much for granted. I came from a ghetto. I've gotten a chance to see war and to see poverty and to see people living in even a lower standard than myself. I've gotten a chance to reevaluate myself."

Wedington's family is not hurting financially by his absence. His wife is a college graduate and a registered nurse at a hospital in Wilmington. "What I send home goes right in the bank," he said. "she makes more than enough to support the kids."

And while his wife's first few letters expressed constant fear for her husband's safety, she has learned to have confidence in him. **Wedington** is a team leader, "One of the best," said M. Sgt. Robert **Taylor**, first sergeant of the company. "Squared away in the field. Knows what he's doing out there."

Wedington has been out on about 25 missions, 15 of which he considered "hot". "Yes" he said, "I have personal kills. But I have a hangup about talking about them. It's not something I brag about like a lot of people."

ON a recent mission, **Wedington's** team (the Rangers do not what it known how many are in a team) was dropped by helicopter into an area and spotted four Communist right away. "They ducked into the brush and we fired them up," **Wedington** said. "We know we hit one because he left a lot of blood, but they all managed to get away. Once we'd lost our element of surprise, they lifted us out.

"See what happens," he said, "is that a box comes down from brigade. You know, an area they want us to work. We fly over the area, check it out, pick out a landing zone. We survey the area for trails and streams. Then we usually go back to the nearest fire base for a briefing. Then we go back out and are inserted into the box.

"We can move about in the jungle so much more quickly and quietly than a company of grunts. We can be sitting there monitoring the dudes and they do not know we are there."

Editor note: the rest of this article did not copy.

FROM 101 SOLDIERY THOUGHTS

24. Pregnant females are overweight soldiers. Thus, the US Army Weight Control program is not based on equal enforcement of the rules.
25. Tears on the cheeks of any soldier, regardless of gender, are only acceptable on the death of a relative or comrade and when "Old Glory" passes by.
26. Pregnancy is self-inflicted, thus abortions should be paid for by the soldier, as a non line of duty procedure.

USING VIRTUAL REALITY TO TREAT PTSD

The Vietnam War ended in 1975, but four decades later, upward of 200,000 veterans still suffer from war-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In 2014 alone, more than 60,000 new Vietnam-era veterans came forward seeking help — a number almost as high as the new cases of PTSD among those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dr. Albert “Skip” Rizzo, director of medical virtual reality at the University of Southern California Institute of Creative Technologies, wants to help them. For more than a decade, Rizzo has been working to create VR worlds designed to help war veterans confront traumatic situations from their past.

There are currently 14 such virtual worlds, resembling scenes from various contemporary war zones around the world. These relatively blank canvases can then be updated to reflect situations specific to an individual — with clinicians adding customized elements like helicopters, small-arms fire, and more. The therapy involves patients donning VR headsets and experiencing recreations of the events that haunt them.

“It can sound counterintuitive when people first hear about this,” Rizzo tells Digital Trends. “But the goal is to help patients to confront and process difficult emotional memories in a safe, well-supported environment. We revisit the stimuli which surrounded the trauma many, many times. As a result, the stimuli no longer invokes the same sense of threat because people see that nothing really bad happens. It was bad when it happened, yes, but it’s not dangerous now. People are always going to feel sad about traumatic events, but they’re not going to be waking up screaming in the middle of the night. It’s a method of processing things in a way that people haven’t done before.”

In fact, the use of VR simply adds a 21st-century spin to a well-documented older technique called prolonged exposure therapy, in which therapists ask patients to imagine the scenario that

affected them. With virtual reality, however, it’s possible to go further than simply imagining.

Now Rizzo wants to use his lab’s expertise to build a scenario to fit Vietnam veterans. “Whether it’s due to an aging population which is becoming more emotionally vulnerable; people retiring from work and suddenly having more time on their hands; people nearing the end of their life and wanting closure on something which has always haunted them — whatever reason it is, we feel that it’s important that Vietnam-era vets have access to the same forms of treatment we’ve shown to be effective with other veterans of war,” Rizzo says.

The campaign is seeking a lofty \$500,000 to develop a system specifically designed to replicate the sounds, scenes, and other emotional trigger-points of the Vietnam War environment. This will then be made it freely available to clinicians. “We just need the funding,” the project’s page notes.

Provided it has the impact Rizzo believes it will, there surely can’t be too many more worthy crowdfunding projects.

Related: New study suggests that therapy via virtual reality can help patients with depression

WAR HORSES FOR VETERANS

from Loyd Pittman

I would like to let Rangers know about War Horses for Veterans . It is org for combat veterans who miss being with other veterans or just want to get a way for three days they pay for everything . I promise you will love it.

WHFV MISSION: To unite combat veterans in an equine environment to network with each other in order to assist with transitioning from combatant to civilian or military garrison life.

It is a three-day equine and networking experience The program provides veterans a peaceful break from everyday life challenges, giving them a chance to have quality time to clear their minds. The bond that the veteran builds between him/herself and the horse is invaluable.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 3D BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
1 ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 95489
AVDACS 8 May 1972

SUBJECT: Ranger Operations Policy Sheet
(this supercedes Policy Sheet dated 4 May 1972)

PURPOSE: to reduce to writing certain standard operation procedures concerning Ranger operations.

1. AO (box) selection: When the Bde S-2 has a Ranger team available for tactical operations, he will select a tentative center of mass (C) for the box based on the current intelligence situation. A box is defined as a 2 km x 2 km gird square with a 1 km buffer on all four sides. The S-2 will then contact the battalion in whose AO the C is located and request permission to insert the team on a given day for a five day operation. The battalion concerned has the option of rejecting under the jurisdiction of the Ranger Team. All Ranger Team Boxes must fall within the range fan of U. S. artillery (either 105 or 155). RAP fans are not acceptable. Battalions are encouraged to submit their own request for Ranger CM's.

2. Briefings: All Ranger Teams will have received a briefing by the Brigade S-2 and the OB section, 191st SID, prior to reporting to the Battalion S-2. The Battalion S-2 is required to also brief the team concerning all aspects of the box. Suggestions as to LZ's and areas to work are encouraged. However, final LZ selection and the method of working the box are reserved for the Ranger Team Leader.

3. Insertion: Battalion representatives are encouraged to observe the Ranger insertion. However, weight/space limitations preclude the battalion representative from riding on the insertion aircraft. In addition, all other aircraft must remain a sufficient distance away from the insertion grid to preclude compromise of the actual insertion site.

4. Communications: One of the most critical times of Ranger operations is during the first minutes on the ground when communication must be effected with the Ranger Relay Team. The Pink Team is required to remain on station until such communications are established. Battalions will not divert the Pink Team to other missions during this critical period.

5. Contacts / Extractions:

a. 0700 - 1700. Battalion Commanders or their S-3's, are required to position themselves in the vicinity of Ranger contacts which fall within their AO's. Their responsibility is to monitor the contact/extraction and to step in only when, in their opinion, their personal influence is required or when their RRF is committed at which time they will take command. Normally, the Pink Team high bird AC will conduct the contact/extraction in conjunction with Ranger Team Leader on the ground.

b. 1700-0700. Battalion Commanders or their S-3's have the option of positioning themselves in the vicinity of the contact/extraction or monitoring from the Battalion CP. The Ranger Company Commander will accompany the extraction ship and control the contact/extraction in conjunction with team leader on the ground.

c. Blues/Browns. The Blues/Browns are bounced on the request of the Ranger Team Leader. Battalion Commanders or their S-3's will monitor and if, in their judgment, the Blues/Browns should not be inserted they will so inform the Ranger Team Leader as to the reason for noninsertion.

6. Debriefings:

Regardless of the circumstances under which the team is extracted, the Team will report to the Battalion CP for debriefing by the Battalion S-2. All documents captured will remain with the Team.

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LTC, Infantry, Chief of Staff

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WOMEN RANGERS

From Jim Kraft

Enjoyed the article "Women Rangers" in the January 2016 newsletter. Particularly glad to see it conveyed a positive note. I recall reading another article by a fellow classmate, a guy who had the same good things to say and that he would have no problem following either of these gals into combat. He talked about a patrol where the guy carrying the SAW was struggling to keep up and asked for help. None of the guys would take it. The woman on the patrol took the weapon and finished the patrol with that extra weight.

I had the opportunity to work with women during my 20 years in the Army, a little unusual for an infantryman like me, especially during the previous millennium. On the Army Parachute Team we had a woman who not only did everything the guys did, she did it better. I was told she has received more gold medals and won more championships than any other man or woman, not only in parachuting but also in any other competitive sport. Her style times were better than most of the men's times and so were her accuracy scores - if you know anything about competition skydiving. Being a "Golden Knight" doesn't make her a Ranger, but her accomplishments are still impressive.

In an assignment at the Pentagon I worked alongside some female colonels and served under BG Patricia Foote. All were very professional in every sense, with even-tempered, levelheaded judgment in dealing with some pretty dicey, sensitive matters.

In my experience, when truly professional men and women work as a team, and have the maturity to focus on the mission and the mental discipline to subordinate the sex thing, better outcomes occur because more varied perspectives are introduced in analyzing the situation and selecting the best course of action. The force will become more integrate, like most everything else - by fits and starts, but it will happen. And, our military will be the better for it.

Jim Kraft, 68-69, SGM, (Ret.)

National Ranger Memorial- Stone
www.rangermemorial.com/purchase_stone.aspx

The Background

For a number of years, the LRRP/Rangers has been assisting families and loved ones with the purchase of a Memorial Stone for their deceased LRRP/Rangers. In the past, these stones were referred to as bricks. Memorial stones are cut from granite blocks the size and shape of a brick and then engraved.

The 1st Cavalry Rangers got a late start in providing names and stones for the National Ranger Memorial Walkway. It is my understanding that funding for the start of the walkway came from major donators. It is also my understanding that the first named stones were Ranger KIAs. Ranger Company KIAs during the Vietnam War are included. I know Tim Harper is listed as Co I 75th (RGR). Co H 75th did not have representation when the first orders of stones were engraved. I did a random search from our KIA list and found names of KIAs that while assigned are searchable. Our KIAs that are listed as 2nd and 3rd tours with the Cavalry are not listed. I see no reason why they should not be included, other than these names were not submitted.

Now with this background, here are some issues that need to be worked out. As I said in the beginning, the Chapter has assisted families with the purchase of a Memorial Stone. This assistance has only been when we get a notification within a reasonable amount of time after the LRRP/Ranger has passed. Getting notification of a death or an address change has been a major issue. Please keep this in mind when moving.

There is a small fund of money made possible through donations to pay for Memorial Stones. Some family/loved ones have chosen to pay for a Memorial Stone. Family/loved ones still need to that list fellow LRRP/Rangers, please let John Lebrun or me know what you have. Copies of Qualification Criteria and Proof of Service are strictly adhered to by the Ranger Memorial Foundation.

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This question was recently asked. In light of the number of past found deceased adding to the most recent found deceased, do we try to get a Memorial Stone for each of these men? Can we do such a task with the current funds on hand? We may be able to do a few. I would prefer to have some money in reserve. We will need some sizable donations before creating a short list. Right now our roster has 153 deceased. When we add the 6 Cavalry KIAs that were not included in the first KIA stone order, the number of deceased becomes 159. We can subtract the number of already paid for Memorial Stones. I do not know at this time what that number is.

For your information, a Memorial Stone is currently \$295 if paid by check. If paid by credit card, an additional charge will be added to offset the credit card charges. You may purchase a Memorial Stone at any time. Applications are on line.

Please think about this article and submit ideas for creating funds and what number deceased should be funded above the current allotment.

Article by Sam Dixon

MOUNTAIN RANGERS REPORT

From Chuck Windham

The U S Mountain Ranger Association held the annual fish fry and Critter Cookout at the open house at Camp Merrill on April 22nd and 23rd. Our company was represented by CSM Jim Regan and myself. I was told that another member of Hotel Company was there, but I was unable to locate him. The Mountain Ranger Division of the 5th Ranger Battalion hosts an open house at Camp Merrill each year for the public, old Rangers, their families, and camp cadre. The individual departments perform the different drills and physical requirements for those attending the open house. Hand-to-hand, air assault, rappelling, weapons display, and mountaineering techniques are just some of the demonstrations put on by the Ranger Instructors and the support cadre. It was estimated that over one thousand attended this

year, as the weather was beautiful in the north Georgia mountains for the event.

I was in charge of the food prep again this year. We had 350 Rainbow Trout delivered for the event on Friday. The trout are provided by the U S Game and Fish Hatchery and we fed some 175 or so folks at the fish fry. The following day, the eating group increased to around 276. Those eating, were able to eat a wide array of entrees. Rabbit, coon, possum, bison, turkey, chicken, wild hog, venison, elk were just some of the dishes that we prepared for consumption. No one provided rattlesnake this year as is normally the case. And no bear either. The USMRA provided side dishes of French Fries, Cold Slaw, Burgers, Hot Dogs (for those who don't eat critters), and camp gumbo.

CSM Regan nominated and presented Louis Carista from Hotel Company for the Fallen Ranger Memorial. Lou was a platoon sergeant with the unit in Vietnam. This marks the second year in a row that our unit has been represented on the Fallen Ranger Memorial at the entrance to the airfield at Camp Merrill. Every ranger student and their R. I.'s must pass by the memorial several times during each cycle of training.

The Camp is undergoing a complete renovation of new buildings to replace the old ones that have stood since the early 1950's. The Camp now belongs to the U S Army, and is not under the Forestry Dept. of the Government. In the past, it was almost impossible to do renovations to the camp since it was located on U S Forestry property, and the Army had to get permission for changes. It is also expected that the female students will be attending in the next cycle of training.

Please give my regards to those attending, and with good health, I should not miss any more reunions. Our members can join the Mountain Ranger Association by going to our website. The membership is free, with no dues, and is open for those who have earned the Ranger Tab, or served in a Ranger unit in combat.

Chuck (Windy) Windham, Vice Chairman
U S Mountain Ranger Association

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2 Bear Cat Training	
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NONFICTION BOOKS by and about LRRP/Rangers in Viet Nam

The Ghosts of the Highlands

by Gregg P.J. Jorgenson, Ivy Books. This is about the beginning of the 1st Cav LRRP/Rangers, 1966-67

LRRP Company Command

by Gregg P. J. Jorgenson, Ballantine Books.
The 1st Cav LRRP/Rangers, 1968-69

Acceptable Loss

by Gregg P. J. Jorgenson,
Ivy Books. Gregg's autobiography, 1969-70.

MIA RESCUE LRRPs in Cambodia

by Gregg P.J. Jorgenson, Ivy Books. One mission gone bad during the Cambodian Invasion.

Above All Else

by Ron Christopher, PublishAmerica.
Ron's autobiography about being the TL of the first team to pull a mission as the 1st Cav's LRRPs

One-Zulu

by Curtis "Randy" Kimes, published by author.
About one mission, May 7-9, 1968.

Lurps: A Ranger's Diary of Tet, Khe Sanh, A Shau, and Quang Tri

by Bob Ankony University Press of America,
of Rowman and Littlefield Publishing group, 1967-68

In The Jungle ---Camping with the Enemy

By Jim "Spanky" Seymour, Outskirts Press
Memories of Spanky's LRRP missions, 1967-69.

Lurps at War Vietnam

An anthology of personal stories by the
LRRP/Rangers and the chopper pilots who supported them, compiled by Ron Christopher.
Christopher has added some personal foot notes.

CHAPLAIN'S BOX

From Jim Regan

A while back, as I was gettin' into my pickup, I noticed something stuck under the wiper blade on my side. I got out and saw that it was a small, clear, plastic envelope, w/ a White Star, and a brief note. The note said;

"I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. The sun and winds caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that, **YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN** *
StarsForOurTroops.org.

Many thoughts went through my mind. Who put that there and why. It prayed on my mind and I "goggled up" the website. WOW! Never heard about this program. Well I sent off for some Stars and soon received my first packet. Immediately, I began sending to my family and close friends who had served. Then I extended to some of our fellows, LRRPS/Rangers. Even sent one to a guy TWICE!

Here's a challenge for you. Check out the website, get involved. It takes a little time and effort. I got to see the smiles from my buddies at church, and the D.A.V. meeting, when I gave them their Stars. I will try my best to get a Star to as many folks as I can. I'm keeping a list, just to help this ol' fellow remember who got them.

I properly separated the Blue Field w/ Stars from four of my ol' worn out flags. (These had been properly folded in freezer bags at my work bench, gathering dust.) Sent them off, and soon after received a couple of packets w/ Stars. Try it. It's yet another way we can stay in touch w/ our Brothers.

Don't fail to reach out. That one phone call, post card, letter, or e-mail, may be all our Brother, or his surviving family member may need! Bless you all. Take care, stay cool, and dry.

Jim RLW/L&P



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