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Editor. Address page 2 inset

## Jacks Arkansas MVHOF



Danny Lee Jacks was one of 16 military veterans to be inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans' Hall of Fame this last October. U.S. Senators John Boozman and Mark Pror presented the heroes or surviving family members with medallions.

Danny had two tours in Vietnam serving with Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry and was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star w/ V device, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal, and the Sharpshooter's Badge.

Most everyone wore their uniform and Danny said he didn't wear his

because he no longer had a 28 inch waist or else the uniform shrunk!

Danny had 24 friends and family in attendance and was sorry that his dad had passed away, but was extremely grateful for those family and friends that were there to share his induction. According to Danny, he had by far the biggest crowd of well wishers.

In 2005, Jacks was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Danny has been married to his wife, Marcell, for 33 years. They have a son, Greg, a daughter, Cindy, and several grandchildren.

At the next reunion, you will have to talk with him; he's not shy!

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**Newsletter Submittals and Deadlines:** see page 1



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a grand new year!

First, I would like to see everyone at the reunion in Minneapolis for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual reunion. Ranger Johnson and Rangerette Johnson are going all out to surpass Ranger Crabtree and Rangerette Crabtree at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual reunion in Savannah. I understand that Pam has conducted a few visual recons of the Mall of America (which cost Tower quite a few bucks) and she has strip maps and overlays for all the shops with the best bargains. I guess us old farts will have to hold down the hospitality room and indulge in some adult beverages and maybe tell a few war stories or some tall tales. I personally and my wife JoJo are really looking forward to our trip to Minneapolis.

Secondly, I would still like to get some objective input to how we can improve our organization. What is it that keeps guys from becoming more involved in the organization and the activities of the organization? Is it health, money or personal matters? It could be a combination of all the above. There's not a thing the organization can do to help with money but we can give it a go with healthcare and personal problems. We have a few of our brothers that have worked the system and have helped others in the Association to resolve problems with the VA and the government. As far as personal problems I personally feel that being with guys who have been there and done that helps. I guess I beat this dead horse to death so I'll get off my soapbox, but one last time I'm open for all objective suggestions in any way that we can improve our organization and get greater participation in the organization activities and governing body.

Last, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Ranger Steve (Tower) Johnson for taking over the lead of the *Sua Sponte* after the untimely death of our comrade Michael Chu and going above and beyond to help our organization move forward. Thank You Tower!!!

Rangers Lead The Way

Richard (Boot) Corkan

# 2015 Minneapolis Reunion



## 2015 Reunion County Inn & Suites Mall of America Bloomington, Minnesota

Everyone will enjoy the Bloomington-Mall of America area for the reunion since it is central to places our group plans to visit (Fort Snelling Cemetery, Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, Mall of America, etc.).

The Country Inn & Suites Mall of America is located directly across the street from the Mall of America, only a 5-minute walking distance via the new skyway that crosses over Killebrew Drive!

The hotel offers complimentary hot, buffet style breakfast every morning from 6:00AM – 9:30AM (weekdays) and 6:00AM – 10:30AM (weekends). Two restaurants are connected via hallway to the hotel as well: TGI Friday's and IHOP.

Optional arrival/departure dates with pricing:  
Thursday, September 10, 2015 thru Sunday departure,  
September 13, 2015  
There are 10 handicapped rooms; 4 have roll in showers.

**Rate:** \$111.<sup>00</sup> (Rate does not include 14.275% state and city taxes) for a King Suite with Sleeper Sofa or Standard Guest Room with 2 queens (additional rates for more than 2 people in a room).

\*\*Guests may book 3 days prior to the arrival date, and 3 days post the departure date and will receive the same group rate. **Special Rates and Cancellations are 30 days prior to the reunion.**

The hotel's direct line (952) 854-5555 and/or reservation line (800) 456-4000. Make reference to LRRP Ranger Reunion.

The website where guests can book online is:  
[www.countryinns.com/LRRPRangers](http://www.countryinns.com/LRRPRangers).

### Room Details:

Room types:

- Standard Guest Room with 2 Queen Beds OR
- King Suite; King Bed and a sofa sleeper

Included in your stay are the following amenities:

- \* Free Parking
- \* Complimentary airport shuttle service is available 24-hours.
- \* Complimentary shuttle service to and from the Mall of America at the top of every hour from 10AM to 11PM.
- \* Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet that consists of hot and cold cereal, fruit, yogurt, bread items and pastries, coffee, cocoa, milk, tea. There are a few hot items as well that include: freshly made waffles, either scrambled eggs or omelets, and sausage patties, daily.
- \* Complimentary wireless internet throughout the hotel
- \* Microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and ironing board in every room.
- \* The Mall of America is just across the street, a 5-minute walking distance via the brand new skyway that crosses over Killebrew Drive.
- \* Breakfast-To-Go is available complimentary if flights leave before 6am.
- \* The hotel has 2 pools and 2 hot tubs open until 11PM for person under the age 18 and Midnight for adults, 18 and over.
- \* 24-hour Fitness room
- \* 2 restaurants attached to the hotel by hallway: TGIFriday and a 24-hour IHOP.

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# Featured Member Tim Garver

Just out of High School in 1962, I got a job as a driver, apprentice Embalmer, ambulance driver, etc. at Burns Funeral Home. It was exciting and demanding work, 24/7 for 13 days and then one day off. Then in 1963 I purchased my first Horse, Robbie, a mixed breed (1/2 Thoroughbred, 1/4 Quarter horse and 1/4 Bronc) of the Tom Ford Ranch in Wyoming. He was green and I was happy. I've always loved horses and this was one of my many dreams to accomplish. I learned how to rope and trained Robbie myself. During 64 to 66 we participated in many Rodeos from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. In the summer of 1966 I worked at United States Steel as a Laborer and did many jobs. I bought 3-250# calves to practice roping and made a deal with the guy I purchased them from: If I got drafted, I wanted my monies back and the calves would be in better shape. He agreed at the end of September I would bring them back.

Beginning with the draft notice. Went down to the Air Force to sign up. Being that I served in the ROTC in college. Took the Test and scored high in electronics. Paper work was in and figured I was a go. However, the draft board thought otherwise, the Air Force said: Cannot take you, should have been here sooner!

Basic at Fort Campbell, Ky. Another round of tests: scored high in Morse code and came in 2 points short of Helicopter training. Asked if I wanted to retake the test? I turned that down. In High School I played in the marching band and was used to discipline and marching. Mr. Resur (our band director) made Basic a trip in the park. Being I was Platoon STG, with my own room, I thought I stay put.

Next, Drill Corporal School at Fort Polk, La. Then, on to Mortar School training. I became leader of our three man team. Our team won first place in set-up and firing accuracy. There I became a lifelong friend with my teammate Bob O'rand.

I left Fort Dix for Viet Nam by Boeing 707 airliner. While at Fort Dix, I ran into a high school class mate, Jerry Wally, who was stationed there.

I arrived in Bien Hoa AFB. Still can feel the heavy humid air as I got off the jet. Over to repo depot and wait for further assignment. Six days later at 9pm or so, climb



**Tim Garver in his younger days in Nam**

in my first of many C-130 flights. As I walked into the plane I saw an enormous artillery piece on board. "What's that?", I asked. It was a 175 MM Cannon. "This plane will never get off the ground!", I said to myself. Around 3 to 4am we landed at Chu Lia Military field. Shuffled off to the waiting area for the 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

The next day or so, cannot remember exactly how long; a Ranger, Capt. Maxwell came by to talk to us about volunteering for the L.R.R.P.'s. A newly started unit and they needed men. I believe Bob Balluff or Bob Mitchell or both were with me. Next came a Major from the 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Before he informed us of the Unit, he asked who his Mortar men were. We raised our hand, he informed us they do not have 4 duce mortars but, have 60 mm & 90 mm mortars and we carry them on our backs. To hell with that, I asked the two Bobs: where is that Ranger?

Before we signed up, Capt. Maxwell explained: if you do not pass the courses for any reason, you go back to your original outfits.

Training, classes, running, physical training, more classes, more training. We were the 196<sup>th</sup> L.R.R.P.'s. The handful of L.R.R.P.'s that returned from the Iron Triangle down south. They were the men who did the training!

Down to the Beach where the Marine Recon were stationed. More physical training and the opportunity to do joint missions with Marine Recon.

# Garver Feature

Equipment issues made us scout out whatever we needed. Ammo Magazines, boots, jeeps, ¾ ton truck, a deuce in half, plywood and other materials for housing. This is when Sgt. Toomey and I together found many things. Toomey was great and we became friends later on. He still reminded me that I tried to kill him in the jeep. We were going way too fast down the beach when we hit a water inlet, last I remember seeing Toomey hanging on the windshield and he was way out of his seat. He screamed, "Do you think you can slow down now!"

We still laughed about that many years later. One day in the hooch; Toomey said something and I backed mouth him. He came over to me and hit me over my foot locker (which I never touch). Lesson learned I apologized and he had forgot about it, but, I never did. Many years later we laughed about it.

We would come back from missions and the next teams going out would get our ammo, magazines and anything else they needed!

When the Marines left the Beach facilities to go north, we moved in. What a change in facilities, WOW! Our own mess hall, no more canvas over wooden frames and the China Sea out our front door.

I was lucky to get assigned to Vic Valeriano's new team along with Mac McLaughlin, Bob Balluff, Joe Cope. Vic was very demanding, a great teacher and teammate. I knew if I stayed on his team, I would make it home ok. After Vic left to go home, Mac got Vic's team and found his brother Dave and had him join up. (Big Mac and Little Mac).

Teams changed once in a while. Some of us served on different teams from time to time but I always felt better with our original team. Just before the TET Offensive, Bob Balluff, Bob Mitchell and I went to Japan for R&R. We had a blast, we stayed at the Star Hotel in Yokohama, took the fast train to Tokyo, what a beautiful city, then to the movie theater to watch *The Dirty Dozen*. Can't get enough war!

Flying back to Da Nang, we had to turn back and land at Guam Island. Communications could not be established so we could enter the Viet Nam airspace. We spent many hours at Guam and finally took off and landed in Da Nang.

The aircraft never taxied in, but, stayed on the runway to get us off and a new bunch of guys on. I remember seeing the

Boeing 707 start to leave and the stewardess closing the door. Mortars and rockets were incoming while the 707 was taking off. All three of us stood out on the tarmac and watched the mortars and rockets bombing the area. People were yelling at us to get into the bunkers, but we said: We don't get to see this action at all.

In April of 68 I rotated back to the world. Station at Fort Ord, California next to Monterey, California. I ran into Peppy, who was injured along with Vic and Doc on a mission. I enjoyed California and Bob O'rand was in the next company down from mine. He lived South in Bakersfield which we seemed to drive every night and return by 5 a.m. in time to fall out in the street for the head count. I mustered out October 68 and headed home to Gary, Indiana.

I applied for admission to Midwestern College in Denison, Iowa. A small college of about six hundred students which was a plus. That summer (1969) I reconnected with my wife to be Linda. She just graduated from college and was home for the summer. I was visiting a mutual friend when she came over to visit. 5 long dates later, we were married 45 years ago.

Midwestern college closed September 1970, Linda and I had 24 hours to find a place to live at the far south eastern part of Iowa, Fairfield. I was accepted at Parson's College. We had a two story farm house of furniture and three horses to move.

I majored in Business and minored in Aviation. I graduated with a four year B.A. degree in Business Administration. I got my private pilot license at Parson's then headed home to Gary, Indiana to help my father run the frozen food business.

Meanwhile, I got my instrument, commercial pilot, multi-engine and finally my DC-3 Rating. I sold the business in 1994 and started to work for Superior Coffee Company as a Service Technician.

Later, Sara Lee Foods purchased Superior Coffee and I retired in 2009. Then got hired by Farmers Brothers Coffee who brought Sara Lee Coffee and Tea. I couldn't retire from Farmers Brothers so I quit December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

I play Golf, enjoy model railroading and most of all; attending Ranger Reunions, such a deal!

Later, Tim Garver

# IMPORTANT - INFORMATION NEEDED

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We continue to require your assistance. There are still too many deceased men from our unit for whom we do not know specifically when they served with us, and for whom thus, we do not know whether the guy served with **E51**, **G75** or the **196<sup>th</sup> LRRP**. Please review the following list once more and, if you recognize a name and potentially when he served, tell us with which of the three units he served.

Edmund Adams	Kenneth B. Akers	William Barton	John M. Bees
David Cipker	Delbert DeLowe	Donald L. Denney	John Eckert
John Evans	Bruce Fisher	Gary Fortson	Cecil M. Fountain
Ted D. Grimble	D. Guthmiller	Jimmie Haselden	Alan G. Hendley
Marlyn	Melvin D. Johnson	Ronald E. Kinnison	Raymond E. Klein
Hubert H. Hudgens	Richard A. Likely	Terence Longway	Raymond R. Powers
Harry E. Lewis	David L. Roeher	Bill Ross	Robert Salwin
Ronald Robertson	Dial L. Skinner	Morris E. Smith	Julius W. Smith
Bridgeforth Simmons	Steve Ward	William Watson	Leroy A. Mouton
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## 2015 DUES NOTIFICATION

Dear Members:

Please help us continue our operations by paying your annual dues and monetary contributions to the Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association. Our association consists of the 196th LRRPs, E-51st LRP, and the G 75th Rangers.

Annual dues cost is **\$30** that can be sent to our treasurer, Lynn "Cowboy" Walker, in the enclosed addressed envelope after affixing a stamp on it.

Please be sure to put your name and address on the enclosed envelope.

Lifetime members do not have to pay annual membership dues. However, they too, have been most generous with monies to the association.

Please help us with ongoing costs like the quarterly newsletter, website, supporting active Ranger Battalion Christmas party for the children, and other worthwhile projects.

Your generous contribution to the association is tax deductible!

# Ranger Bike Ride to the Twin Cities

Bill Martin and his wife Linda propose to ride their motorcycle to the 2015 reunion in Minneapolis.

While in Savannah I mentioned this to a number of people who said they would be interested in participating. So this post is to gather information on those willing to join the ride.

I would like to get the information listed below so that I may plan a route with respect to the location of interested riders, their bikes and riding habits. For example; what is their typical daily mileage when on a trip.



We will be starting in Lafayette, La., so we are likely the farthest point south with the exception of Fl. and south Tx. This is an initial message, but we will need to firm up the itinerary and participants by mid-summer most likely so that I can look into lodgings, etc.

Name and contact information - location you would start from (email address for preferred commo)

Type of bike, including range / tank

Mileage – before break and per day

Motel preference if any (Ms. Linda doesn't camp)

Preferred road type (we typically avoid interstate if possible)

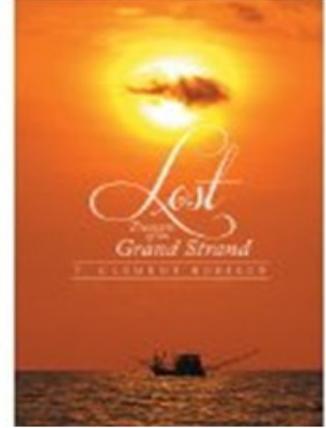
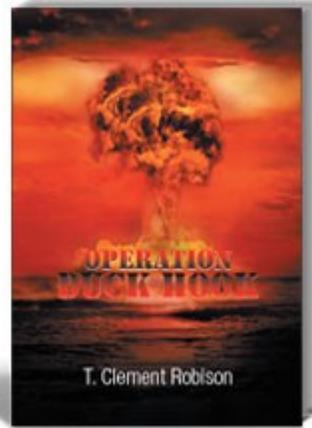
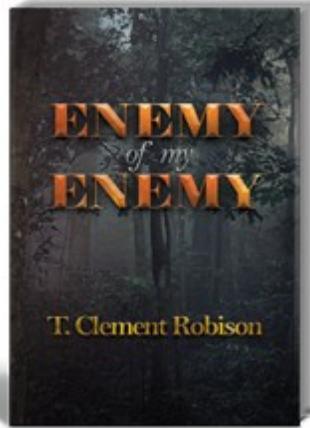
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From U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Famer and now author T. Clement Robison comes a thrilling story where he can showcase what he does best. An action-packed adventure awaits anyone who dares to look for the *Lost Treasure of the Grand Strand*.

### *Operation Duck Hook*

In an effort to end the Vietnam War, President Richard M. Nixon developed a diabolical plan and placed the United States military on the highest combat alert status while setting in motion one of the most dangerous scenarios ever conceived by a national leader. So dangerous that it could trigger a world war.

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Based on actual events and set against the historical backdrop of America's longest war, *Wounded in Action* tells the compelling and gripping story of courage and determination of one of the Army's most elite combat soldiers as he faces the realities of surviving near-fatal wounds and struggles to overcome the life-changing devastation inflicted on his mind and body from the explosion of an enemy landmine. This is author T. Clement Robison's real-life drama of struggle and survival.

### *Enemy of My Enemy*

Facing a military court martial for the murder of a Vietnamese soldier, Army Sergeant John L. Coletrane is offered a plea bargain if he agrees to return to South Vietnam for one final combat mission. The agreement would save him from the gallows but the near suicidal mission could cost him his life.

# Company Financial Report

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Cash Basis

## COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Profit & Loss January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	730.00
Total Direct Public Support	730.00
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	734.00
Reunion Auction Proceeds	5,716.00
Reunion Concession Proceeds	2,644.00
Total Other Types of Income	9,094.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	960.00
Total Program Income	960.00
Total Income	10,784.00
Gross Profit	10,784.00
Expense	
Bank Fees	27.00
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	20.00
Total Business Expenses	20.00
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	501.08
Printing and Copying	2,234.38
Supplies	233.76
Website rental	113.88
Total Operations	3,083.10
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	
Donations	1,500.00
Ranger Memorial Bricks	730.00
Ranger Rings	
Ranger Ring - Bragg	1,470.73
Ranger Ring - Jacks	1,470.73
Ranger Ring - Williams	1,365.98
Total Ranger Rings	4,307.44
Total Other Costs	6,537.44
Total Other Types of Expenses	6,537.44
Travel and Meetings	
Reunion Concession Expenses	807.00
Reunion Expenses	9,740.08
Total Travel and Meetings	10,547.08
Total Expense	20,214.62
Net Ordinary Income	-9,430.62
Net Income	-9,430.62

# FINANCIAL REPORT CONT'D

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Cash Basis

## COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	9,143.62
Total Checking/Savings	9,143.62
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	20,164.83
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>20,164.83</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
FT. Benning Memorial Stone Fund	1,048.88
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,048.88
Total Current Liabilities	1,048.88
Total Liabilities	1,048.88
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	1,703.47
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	-9,430.62
Total Equity	19,115.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>20,164.83</u></b>

### Two Addendum Motions Passed by the Board

1. Motion unanimously approved by the Board with Moncada abstaining: The board has approved for a RHOF packet to be presented to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association for consideration for the Ranger Hall of Fame For David Moncada
2. Motion unanimously approved by the Board: To donate \$1500 from the Treasury of our Association with \$500 to the two Ranger Battalion Christmas fund and \$500 to the Ranger Memorial Fund

# 2015 Reunion Itinerary

## Wednesday, September 9

Early check in  
Hospitality Room opens at 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.  
On your own for the evening

## Thursday, September 10

Official Start of our Reunion  
Hospitality Room opens from 12:00 Noon to 11:30 P.M.  
Host and Hostess pizza party 6:00 P.M. in Hospitality Room

## Friday, September 11

Board Meeting at 9:00 A.M. in Hospitality Room  
General Membership Meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Hospitality Room  
Hospitality Room opens from 12:00 Noon until 11:30 P.M.  
On your own for supper  
Country Rock Band plays from 8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. in Hospitality Room

## Saturday, September 12

Memorial Service Rendezvous in hotel parking lot 9:00 A.M.  
Drive to Ft. Snelling 9:15 A.M.  
Ft. Snelling Service at 10:00 A.M. at Airborne Circle  
Return to hotel at 11:00 A.M.  
Hospitality Room opens at Noon until 12:00 Midnight  
Banquet in dining room at 6:00 P.M.  
Auction in Hospitality Room at 8:00 P.M.

## Sunday, September 13

Check out and farewells



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Garver photo of a 196th LRRP hooch April, 1967

2015 Reunion in Minneapolis