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OUR MEMORIAL SITE 2019



Frank Svensson has made arrangements, with the assistance of Stephen Crabtree, for our Association's 2019 Memorial Service.

It will take place at 1100-1200 hrs., Friday, July 12th at the Ranger Memorial on Fort Benning.

Opening prayers will be facilitated by Joe Marquez, 75th Ranger Regiment Chaplain who served with the 173rd Company N 75th. He lost his younger brother who was serving in the Americal Division and died in combat.

A Ranger Honor Guard will be present

and the playing of taps will either be by a bugler or Bill Martin using his harmonica. The reading of our fallen Brothers' names will be read and remembered. Just like we do every year. This service has, for most of us, become the most important reunion event for us to attend.

Frank will have the final information for you at Columbus or posted on our website when it becomes available.

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News Update CSM Williams passed away today, March 17th 2019 surrounded by his family members.

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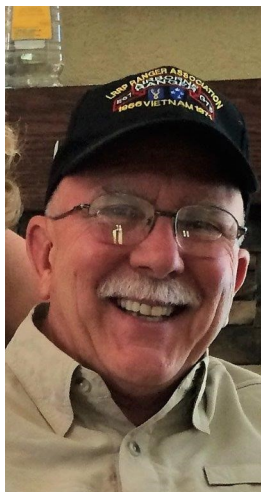
Greetings,

I have a cautionary and somewhat embarrassing tale. First, a little back story. I have always had a fondness for heights which is a good thing for a Ranger. We knew this from an early age. In kindergarten, when we got our short recess, I was enthralled with the monkey bars. So, I climbed to the top to get a good view. The trouble came when the teacher cut short our time outside (in my opinion). Naturally, I refused to come down and would not relent no matter what the teacher said. She left and a short time later my mother arrived. She was less than pleased that she had been told that I was unwelcome at the school as I was too disruptive. Thank goodness kindergarten wasn't a requirement to begin elementary school back then.

My first adult real job was as a lineman for Southern Bell. This was in the era before bucket trucks and of rapid expansion in Northeast Florida. I was on climbers every day, all day. I went from that job to the Army. After the Army I spent eight years in law enforcement and six of those on the department SWAT team where I was the rappelling instructor.

Fast forward (way forward). We have a tree in our back yard that has needed trimming for a while but we just hadn't got around to it. The branches in this 40-50' foot tree were so dense, they blocked the sun and kept the grass from growing. Linda said she was going to call a tree service since I had procrastinated and by the way, was too old to be climbing trees, can you imagine that?

Of course, I would hear none of that (those tree trimmers are expensive) and started to gear up for the job. So, the first day I hung a snatch block in a high crotch to lower the cut branches and commenced. By day's end I had a significant part of the job done. I wanted to get one more branch before quitting for the day. The branch



was over the house so I rigged a line so that Linda could pull a bind when I cut it. Well that didn't work quite as well as I planned and the branch was caught on the lower peak of the house so I tied off my end by the tree and grabbed the step ladder to go up and throw the branch over my head and off the house. It worked out almost as I thought it would. The end of the branch on the house went into the yard. This is where Newton (Sir Isaac) got

involved. It was that thing about equal and opposite reaction. Apparently, I had not properly locked the legs of the ladder. In quick order I bounced off, or more accurately, broke through a picketed garden fence and ended my descent on some slate stepping stones which did not break. Reflecting on this event later with a clearer mind I wondered why I did what I did. By taking a little more time I'm sure it would have come to me to use my extending pole saw to push the branch up and off the roof while standing on the ground. I had fallen into that reactionary trap of needing to respond immediately. I ignored a premise that I preach, that just because we can do (or say) something doesn't mean we should.

I think that it is a healthy virtue to pause before taking action or responding. That moment gives us time to consider and respond intentionally and hopefully intelligently instead of just reacting.

A reminder; the 5th Ranger Bn "training" will have their open house and demonstrations on 27 April 2019 in Dahlonga, Ga. at Camp Frank Merrill.

This will be followed by the Mountain Ranger Assoc. Critter Cookout. The MRA will also have a fish fry on 26 April at the same location. If you can make it there it's a guaranteed good time!

Our organization exists for all our membership, so please let us know of any issues or ideas that you think need to be addressed or can be helpful. You can email me at lrrp75thinfa@aol.com. Please include Ranger in the subject line. RLTW!



G/75 - E/51 LRP - 196TH LRRP

UNIT DIRECTOR—AL STEWART



Patrolling— March-2019

Steve (Tower) Johnson sent out a reminder a week or so ago reminding those of us who are tasked with writing Unit specific articles that we had 30 days to submit them. I appreciate Steve's Warning Order as things like that often slip my mind without some prodding. When I thanked Steve for his "reminder" email, I advised him that I was on a beach in Mexico getting inspiration for my article. Typically, Unit articles talk about some of the people who have recently been written about, done something good for our unit (E-51st, G/75th) or have passed away. Since I don't have regular information coming in to me regarding those issues, it is easier for me to simply free lance my writings with whatever stirs my soul.

I am a very fortunate person. I believe that most of us are. We are alive (at least I am as I write this) we don't know what tomorrow brings and probably young at heart even if our bodies don't work as well as years past. I read a great article a few days ago and in it, Clint Eastwood was quoted. He had just turned 88 and was asked why he still works hard each day. His simple but brilliant answer was that everyday he tries to "Don't let the old man in." He was simply telling us to not let our age impact the way we act and live. I sometimes find myself acting as a grumpy old man. I now find myself saying out loud, "Don't let the old man in."

Before 2004, I had not done much international traveling; Vietnam, working a 30 day assignment in England, vacation in Mexico and a short trip to Canada was my little exposure to the rest of the world. Between 2004 and 2013 however, I did a lot of work in the Middle East; Kuwait, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Dubai, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan are all places I have spent time. Since my retirement, I have traveled in a fair number of countries where you don't

get shot at. All of this rambling leads to my real point. There is no more satisfying a trip than to see old friends. That is my true purpose of attending reunions. Of course, you don't have to go



to a reunion to visit an old friend, nor does it have to be a pleasant event. I recently saw the last G Company Commander while a part of the Americal Division; Ted Mataxis (Ted never gets old) and one of the G Company Team Leaders; Clem Lemke, at a funeral. A sad event can still be a meaningful reunion if you don't let the old man in.

Before the start of our Company reunion in Deadwood last year, I spent a couple of days with an old partner from Iraq. Most of us have friends all over the country and if you are going to be close by, a quick visit may make the travels much more fun and rewarding. All of this generally requires an effort to reach out and call or email an old friend to make the coordination. Even if the visit does not work out, the call or email will likely result in a lot of conversation and catching up. Make the effort, make the call and don't let the old man in. Occasionally, when feeling nostalgic, I will thumb through old photos from my military past. If I pull out my "Jump School" book, I see Frank Svensson of G Company and Grady Thibodeaux (Lima Co and Alpha Co Ranger) beside me and I look forward to seeing both this summer.

OK, it is hot at Fort Benning in July...and humid too. You can probably think of a dozen reasons not to go. But, if you don't you will be missed by others. And, you will miss seeing an old friend that you have not seen in decades and you may never get

another chance. Don't let the old man in!
In our current political environment, it is easy to become jaded by the decisive, toxic behavior of others.

We still live in the greatest nation on earth so remember how really well off we are. We are in charge of our attitudes and there is nothing more important than a positive attitude. For those of us on the far side of 50, we should start everyday remembering not to let the old man in. So, to help me keep a positive attitude this

morning, when I take my bride her first cup of coffee I will put a sticky note on my mirror that says, "Don't let the old man in." Thanks Clint for giving me this simple reminder for life.



Working Copy Board Meeting Deadwood

The 2018 board meeting was called to order on 07SEP2018 at 0905 CST in Deadwood, SD by Board Chairman David Moncada.

All board members and officers were present for the meeting which established a quorum.

The minutes from the 2017 board meeting had been provided to the membership for review. Tom Nash moved that the 2017 minutes be accepted as written, Chuck Ford seconded. It was unanimously carried.

Treasurer Lynn Walker next presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the association continues to maintain a steady financial position as compared to previous years. Since some of the expenses for this year's reunion have been prepaid he expects our finances to improve once the proceeds from the 2018 reunion are accounted for. Per the association balance sheet, our total liabilities and equity are \$34,516.93. A discussion ensued regarding what will be done with any money left in the treasury once the Association becomes non-viable. The decision was made to put off making a decision on the matter until at least the 2019 reunion. Dave Moncada moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented, Steve Deever seconded. It carried unanimously.

There were no old business discussion items.

The first item in new business were the four proposed changes to the Association bylaws. The board and officers discussed the basics of the changes. It was decided to make a full presentation to the membership at the business meeting later in the morning thus allowing for only one full description and explanation of the changes. Secretary Frank Svensson will make the presentation to the membership.

Steve Johnson discussed our Ranger Hall of Fame nominees and our progress with their applications. Steve described some of the changes that have been made to the selection process by the Ranger Hall of Fame. One of the major changes is the determination of how a candidate has carried the Ranger ethos into their subsequent undertakings as soldiers and civilians. He made the case for us to consider Tom Nash as a possible candidate. Gen. Mark Brennan (ret.) was also suggested as a possible candidate. Tom Nash had discussed it with Mark and found that he is not interested in being nominated because he feels that there are too many generals and other officers in the RHOF already. Shawn Ranahan moved that the Association move forward with an application for Tom Nash's induction into the RHOF based on Tom's approval. Steve Deever seconded the motion. Tom Nash recused himself from the vote due to the conflict of interest that would be created with the remainder of the board members approving the motion unanimously.

Chairman Moncada briefed the board regarding the LRRP/Ranger Heritage Project. The Project is an effort to gather as much history in the shortest time frame possible regarding the service of LRRPs and Rangers in Vietnam. Dave has volunteered to be the Association point man for the Project. Dave requested that our members send him any and all experiences that they might want to have in-

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cluded in this compilation of our history. Dave also requested that anything sent to him includes a waiver/release of responsibility allowing for the publication and use of each write-up.

The next item discussed was the 2019 reunion. For the first time in our history we don't have a proposal for the reunion scheduled to be in the West Coast region. The possibility of reaching out to one of our members who lives in Seattle was discussed with the thought being that we would hold the reunion near Joint Base Lewis/McChord where the Second Ranger Battalion is based. Steve Johnson then presented an alternative to having the reunion on the West Coast. The RRA will be holding their reunion at Ft. Benning celebrating the 45th anniversary of the forming of the battalions. The RRA has already laid the ground work regarding hotels and other accommodations and activities making it cheap and easy for our Association. The board discussed the proposal at length. The decision was made to present both proposals to the members at the business meeting and make a final decision at that time.

The board had an extensive discussion regarding meals provided by the Association for members and their guests.

Tom Nash briefed the board regarding the dangers of liver fluke for Vietnam vets. Liver fluke is a parasite that apparently was contracted as a result of eating under cooked fish. There is a test that a person can request their doctor to order that will determine if liver fluke is an issue. Tom will also brief the membership during the business meeting.

Chairman Dave Moncada informed the board that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. As a result of this he has decided that he would like to step away from active board membership for an undetermined period of time. This will necessitate an immediate search for a new board member. Final determinations will be made during the business meeting.

Dave Moncada presented a brief report regarding concessions. Sales continue to be very slow probably because we're getting old and we by now have pretty much everything that we want that has been in past inventories. Dave suggested that we hold steady with the items that are currently in our inventory. He also informed the board that he would retain his position as concessions manager. He provided the board with a breakdown of costs and income.

Tom Nash briefed the board regarding a change to the cost of purchasing bricks for the Ranger Memorial. The original person who was engraving the bricks has passed away and as a result of that his business has changed hands. Since this occurred the cost of engraving a brick has increased from \$50 to \$150 per brick. Tom encouraged anyone who doesn't have a brick and wants one to buy it soon.

Shawn Ranahan requested that a sign-in sheet be provided at the business meeting to provide information regarding attendance at this year's reunion. He will provide this sheet and encourage our members to sign in.

Chuck Ford moved that the board meeting be adjourned. Shawn Ranahan seconded the motion. The board passed the motion unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1020 CDT.

Working Copy General Members' Meeting

Board chairman Dave Moncada opened the Association general business meeting at 1030 in Deadwood, SD. Treasurer Lynn Walker confirmed that we have a quorum of members in attendance allowing us to conduct business.

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Secretary Frank Svensson made a presentation to the membership regarding changes to the association bylaws. The changes are designed to realign the reality of how we've been operating to what the current bylaws require and to address some requested changes to the publication of Sua Sponte.

The first proposed change was to Article Three, Meeting of Members. Under the existing bylaws the Association is essentially tied to July 4th as the anchor date that determines when business meetings must be held. The proposed change would define the determining factor as a calendar year thus allowing us to have our reunions and required meetings at any time during any given calendar year.

The second proposed change addresses the bylaw requirement in Article Four, Board of Directors for nine (9) board members. The proposed change would reduce that number to five (5).

The third change addresses the current position requirement for a secretary/treasurer in our bylaws. This is in Article Five, Officers. The proposed change would split that position and create both a secretary and a treasurer's position.

The fourth and final change is to the Sua Sponte Operating Rules. The proposed rule changes allow the editor/publisher to produce Sua Sponte in any medium as selected by the editor. It also allows the board to select how often it would be published. Questions were asked and answered.

After this presentation Chairman Moncada asked for a vote on the proposed changes as presented. Al Stewart moved that all changes be accepted, Rich Kaiser seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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ethos into their subsequent undertakings as soldiers and civilians. He informed everyone that the board had approved moving forward with Tom Nash as a possible candidate. There were no questions nor objections to this decision. The next item discussed was the 2019 reunion. For the first time in our history we don't have a proposal for the reunion scheduled to be in the West Coast region. Dave Moncada informed the membership that he was going to reach out to one of our members who lives in the Seattle area to see if he would be interested in acting as our point man. An alternative to having the reunion on the West Coast was then presented. Steve Johnson discussed the fact that the RRA will be holding their reunion in 2019 at Ft. Benning celebrating the 45th anniversary of the forming of the battalions. The RRA has already laid the ground work regarding hotels and other accommodations and activities making it cheap and easy for our Association. The membership discussed the proposal at length. Al Stewart moved that we hold our reunion at Ft. Benning concurrent with the RRA, Dennis Nye seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Dave Moncada informed the membership that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. As a result of this he has decided that he would like to step away from active board membership for an undetermined period of time. He informed the membership that it will be necessary to nominate a new board member and then elect a new board chairman. The five current and serving board members are Dave Moncada, Tom Nash, Steve Deever, Chuck Ford and Shawn Ranahan. Carl Velerrri volunteered to submit his name for nomination and approval as a member of the board. Tom Nash nominated Carl for a position on the board, Shawn Ranahan seconded. The nomination carried unanimously. Shawn Ranahan volunteered to move into the position of Chairman of the Board. Steve Deever and Chuck Ford both requested to be reelected to terms on the board. Dennis Nye moved that Shawn, Steve Deever and Chuck be approved for these positions, Al Stewart seconded. The motions carried unanimously. Shawn Ranahan moved that the general business meeting be adjourned at 1122CDT. Richard Corkan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

“WAR IS COMING”-FATHER JOHN DANE

FEATURE-OPINION

Here in England there are many controversial issues these days – but then again, where in the world aren't there any controversial issues?

There was a march in London just recently by folks we call "tree huggers", and you know, that class of young people we love to call "snowflakes". Anyway, they were demanding immediate action to prevent global warming (or whatever they are calling it these days) and their demands were noisy, predictable and a bit disturbing.

The predictable bit came out during the usual interviews carried out by the British fake news, you know: they didn't want a Brexit as they believe in unlimited immigration and open borders. And that all industry should be closed down in order to clean up the air. And all aircraft should be grounded to stop the pollution and depletion of the ozone. And I suppose we should all sing "Kum ba Yah" around a (presumably imitation) campfire while everyone starved to death! Predictable!

The disturbing bit the media reported centred on some interesting opinions spouted by the more spotty-faced of the activists: that all "useless" pensioners should be subjected to euthanasia and thus allow the dwindling and precious resources of the fragile world to be safeguarded and redirected to the more "needy" and "deserving" classes (the "snowflakes" in case you missed it). According to this group, and the media who repeated it, the questions about euthanasia in Parliament should not be about a "right to die" but rather should be one of a "duty to die". In other words, Britain should be just like Holland and Belgium with euthanasia on demand. Look how well that's working out for them!

Last night I watched a smashing video: "Saving Private Ryan." Just 75 years ago, the Rangers, as depicted in that film, had no qualms about putting themselves in the line of fire for the greater good. But as I watched the film, the noise of the global warming nutters echoed in my head and I couldn't help but wonder what those early Rangers would have made of that lot of "snowflakes" protesting in London a couple of weeks ago.

It occurred to me that those noisy young twerps waving their placards and shouting their slogans have never gone hungry – although most of them have never worked a single day in their lives. And more: they have never paid a penny of tax, but the welfare state has always provided them with a state-provided roof over their heads so they've never had to sleep rough in a field or anywhere outside of their own warm and comfortable beds. And although they have never contributed to the cost, the "free" Na-

tional Health Service has never failed to provide them with free condoms and abortions and has always made sure a fully-trained

doctor treated their STD's whenever they demanded it. They have never had their lives threatened by anything worse than a common cold – and they have never, never had to make a decision greater or more important than deciding what to wear on a particular day.

Today I look around me and see what is happening – not only here in the UK – but all across Europe and I see things that I wish I couldn't see! I see people who were once proud of their great cultural heritage reduced to being merely "subjects of the state" rather than the proud "citizens" of a nation as they used to be. I see people who have no voice or control in what their own governments are doing and have to suffer an unelected bunch in Brussels overseeing the whole enterprise. I see free speech criminalised and even wrong thinking made verboten. I see people who are afraid to leave their own homes. I see barricades and conspicuous security in market places, shopping precincts, sports stadiums, concert halls, and even at libraries and museums. Every government office is now guarded by armed police and protected by airport-style security systems at all the entrances. The population in England was disarmed 20 years ago, and yet London has a murder rate much higher than that of New York. Oh, and we have a Mayor of London who says all of this is "normal".

And if you said out loud that you are proud of your country or your nationality you will be immediately accused of racism, Nazism and fascism and any one of all the other "isms" of the present day. What's wrong with this picture?

Well, some 50 years ago, a rather interesting and controversial politician named Enoch Powell famously observed that the world had gone mad and that civil unrest and even war would come again to this island nation because of its open border policies.

(See this video for a short taste: <https://youtu.be/91ZCpxSZQa0>). The newspapers at the time called it the "Rivers of Blood" speech and they castigated and reviled him in news editorial after news editorial for predicting war and unrest. But besides being an MP, he was also an accomplished military historian and he simply pointed out the obvious truth: "history is littered with wars that everybody agreed would never happen."

Enoch Powell died on 8 February 1998, but as I look around me today, I can only conclude that he was right!

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But all is not lost because there's a new movement starting to sweep across Europe; a movement of nationalism that is proud of its identity and its aspirations, and it's growing despite all the concerted efforts to suppress it by the European elites. This movement openly rejects the vapid snivelling of the "snowflake" generation and laughs derisively at them every time they trot off to yet another protest at which they endlessly wave and signal their empty virtues to a vacuous and ever-increasingly irrelevant press.

Rejecting the official mantras of the EU elites, their numbers are growing despite all efforts to the contrary. And worse! These unusual men and women are doing the unthinkable: they are seeking out the wisdom and experience of the "endangered" elderly pensioners – those who have seen war "up front and personal". And they are quietly making their preparations accordingly. The movement is called by many names but they all share the same vision and the same goals.

You see, there's something the "snowflakes" haven't quite caught

onto yet: the elderly have survived wars and hardships before and they will outclass and out-think all the pimply snot-nosed opposition. Despite the careless demands of the "snowflakes", the elderly are not going to let themselves be carted off to some extermination camp in order to make way for more self-indulgence and hedonistic privilege. No! This class of elderly knows how to survive.

So yes, it will get worse before it gets better, but hasn't it always been thus?

Here's a thought: how would a Recondo School go over in South Yorkshire do you think? Any volunteers for a cadre of instructors?

We live in interesting times, don't we?

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CONCESSIONS



“Hot” new item:
Blanket that is better
than a poncho liner.

\$50 includes
shipping!



\$35 shipped

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FINANCIALS-LYNN WALKER, CPA

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COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

02/25/19

Profit & Loss

Cash Basis

January 1 through February 25, 2019

| | Jan 1 - Feb 25, 19 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Direct Public Support | |
| Individ, Business Contributions | 40.00 |
| Total Direct Public Support | 40.00 |
| Program Income | |
| Membership Dues | 60.00 |
| Total Program Income | 60.00 |
| Total Income | 100.00 |
| Gross Profit | 100.00 |
| Expense | |
| Operations | |
| Printing and Copying | 61.89 |
| Total Operations | 61.89 |
| Total Expense | 61.89 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 38.11 |
| Net Income | 38.11 |

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| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| Company G Ranger 75th Infantry | 31,798.35 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 31,798.35 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Charter Oak Capital Management | 11,021.21 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 11,021.21 |
| Total Current Assets | 42,819.56 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 42,819.56 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| National Ranger Memorial Founda | 100.00 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 100.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 100.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 100.00 |
| Equity | |
| Equity Prior Year | 15,838.35 |
| Opening Balance Equity | 26,843.10 |
| Net Income | 38.11 |
| Total Equity | 42,719.56 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 42,819.56 |

2019 HYATT PLACE IS OUR HOTEL



For our Association, The Hyatt Place is where we are booking. Located at 2974 N Lake Parkway, Columbus, GA. The hotel is holding 50 rooms for the 75thRRA and 20 plus rooms for our Association. The rate is \$93.00 plus tax and fees. To make reservations specifically for our group, call Tosha Cook at 706 507-5003.

Looking out its front doors is a sports bar across the street. To the left is the Texas Roadhouse and to the right is a great Mexican restaurant. A liquor warehouse adjacent to the Mexican restaurant and an IHOP to the left of the sports bar. Several fast food places all within a very short walk. If you started up your car and drove over to anyone of these places you would probably get there later than those walking. Hyatt provides a free-hot breakfast for us!

Gil's Auto is a short walk away; it houses a large showroom of hotrods and classic cars. I spent about two one-hour trips in the showroom last year. No doubt Max will be there and so will lots of other car buffs.

There are three other hotel within grenade distance of one another; The Hampton, Holiday Express, and Western which is the host hotel for the 75th Ranger Regiment hospitality room and Herb's free will offering Early Sunrise Service Tent with all profits going toward the Ranger Family Fun.

Memorial Service

Our memorial service will be held 1100-1200 hrs. Friday July 12 at the Ranger Memorial on Fort Benning.

Wednesday RHOF Induction

The Ranger Hall of fame induction is always a huge event and is open to us all. This is an important Benning must.

Wednesday BBQ

A No-Host-BBQ will be held on post at a large, air conditioned hangar as before. The cost of the BBQ is inexpensive as is the beer and soft-drinks. Seeing all the active Rangers and family members and greater Ranger community make this is very popular thing to do for us.

Board and General Membership Meeting

Al Stewart our Unit Director-Liaison will meet with the other Unit Directors prior to most everyone's insertion and will have for us a date when we will hold our meetings. He already has established our hotel and we thank him for that!

Banquet

Our banquet will be held 1800 Friday early evening. Originally it was slated for Thursday, but by moving it to a Friday it allows for the current serving Rangers and their guests a chance to break bread with us. Having the greater Ranger community at the banquet is very important. We are eating at the Iron Works Convention Center, downtown Columbus.

Reunion Dates

Tentative dates are Wednesday through Friday with checkouts Saturday for our Association. July 10-July 12 with checkouts on Saturday the 13th. Myself and Al will be there Monday on the 8th and checkout the 13th. You can always stay the whole week if you want.

More events and their dates will be forthcoming as the 75th RRA irons out their tentative itinerary until it becomes set. The finished itinerary will be available on our website and in Columbus.

In order to get a room, book it. You can always cancel.

2019 RENDEZVOUS BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

P. K. (Ken) Keen
Lieutenant General, USA, (Retired)

Lieutenant General (Ret) P. K. (Ken) Keen is a native of Hyden, Kentucky. Following graduation as a distinguished military graduate from Eastern Kentucky University, he was commissioned as a 2LT in the Infantry in December 1974. LTG (Ret) Keen retired from active duty on 1 March 2013.

LTG (Ret) Keen is currently the Associate Dean of Leadership Development and a faculty member in Organization and Management for Emory University's Goizueta Business School in Atlanta, Georgia. In this role, he manages a school-wide leadership development program, which includes teaching crisis leadership; developing high performing teams; implementing a Coaching Fellows Program; and coaching in the Advanced Leadership Academy.

LTG (Ret) Keen served 38 years in the Army with over 11 years working and living abroad in the Republic of Panama, Brazil, Colombia, Haiti, Germany, Egypt, and Pakistan. Ken commanded a SCUBA detachment in 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group; a company and Battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division; Joint Task Force – Haiti following the Jan 2010 earthquake; as well as serving on three U.S. Embassy Country Teams leading all military forces in Colombia, Haiti, and Pakistan during crisis periods. He participated in Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989 as the Assistant S3 of the 75th Ranger Regiment; commanded a Ranger Task Force during Operation DESERT STORM in 1990, as part of a Joint Special Operations Command, while serving as the S3 of the 1st Ranger Battalion; was the Executive Officer and Commander of 1st Ranger Battalion; and was the 11th Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1999 to 2001.

LTG (Ret) Keen is a graduate of the Brazilian Command and General Staff College, Defense Language Institute - Portuguese Course, the University of Florida's Master of Arts in Latin American Studies program, and U.S. Army War College.

LTG (Ret) Keen also serves on several non-profit Boards in support of military veterans, education, and international humanitarian organizations. Ken is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the U.S. Army War College; on the Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere of Security Cooperation;



Board member for the Witness to War Foundation; Board member of the Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE); Chairman of the Ranger Hall of Fame Board; and Honorary Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment. LTG (Ret) Keen also serves as an Executive Coach with True Growth Leadership and as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University. In 2016, LTG (Ret) Keen was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame and the National Reserve Officer Training Corps Hall of Fame.

LTG (Ret) Keen has been married to Mary Ellen Hume for over 44 years. They have a daughter, Marta Keen, a junior at Georgia State University; two sons, Dr. Ryan Keen and Jonathan Keen, who is married to Jennifer Wu; and have 2 grandchildren.

FINAL DINNER BUFFET-SOUTHERN LOVIN

The Buffets includes one Salad selection, two Entrees selections, three Side Dishes, and two Desserts selections. They will provide Iced Water, Iced Tea, and Freshly Brewed Coffee.

Salad Selections

Caesar Salad with Crisp Romaine, Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

Southern Lovin'

Lemon Pepper Chicken

Marinated Beef Tips w/Homestyle Vegetables

Side Dishes

Sautéed Summer Vegetables

Green Beans Amandine and Scalloped Potatoes

Assorted Desserts

Chocolate Layer Cake or Peach Cobbler

Gratuity is included with the purchase of your meal.

Banquet is \$45 per person; age 11-17 is \$20; under 11 free

Complete prices go to Irrpranger.org

Wine on Table

- We will have 2 bottles of wine on each table one red and one white.
- We are also requesting ice water and tea on each table
- Coffee should be served at the end or made available for all who desire. Being late in the evening not all will want coffee

Room Requirements

- Guests to enter dining area
- Room setup with Rounds of 10 people.
- Center Aisle need to be clear for the posting and retirement of colors
- One Straight Head Table for 24 people; the 75th RRA and USARSA officers, wives, plus the Guest Speaker
- Sweet Tea and Water. Unsweet Tea available upon request.

Time Line for Evening Event

- Guest to arrive at 1800 till 1900 hrs for Cocktail hour
- Welcome, Post Colors and Invocation by Chaplin at 1915hrs
- Dinner service to commence at 1930 hrs.
- We will also require a lone table for the Fallen Ranger memorial.

Fallen Ranger's Table

Items provided are as listed: Small 40-inch table, white table linen, empty chair, dinner plate, salad plate, slice of lemon, salt, inverted wine glass, fork and knife, crystal vase with yellow ribbon and Red rose.

BEVERAGE

Time: 6:00 PM Qty: 2 Premium Cash Bar Service

NOTE: Bartender fees: A bar setup fee of \$125.00 does apply for each bar. We are requesting that fee be waived at the conclusion of event if \$250.00 in Liquor, Beer and Wine is purchased.

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