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Danny Jacks

September 13 1948-July 12 2022, Age 73

Danny Lee Jacks, 73, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 12, 2022, surrounded by family. He was born in Hot Springs, AR on September 13, 1948, but he called Rowell, AR home. Danny was a graduate of Woodlawn High School.



He served as an Airborne Ranger in the 75th infantry for the US Army from December of 1967 through October of 1970. He's received numerous awards for his service including the induction into the Ranger of Hall of Fame and Arkansas Military Veteran's Hall of Fame. He earned a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal w/V device, Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC), Sharpshooter Badge (rifle), Silver Star Medal, and Air Medal. Danny was well established in the community and spent many years as a chicken farmer. Danny was a wonderful husband, admirable father, loving grandfather, protective brother, and loyal friend. He was a devoted hunter and fisherman, but a fierce poker player. Danny was a captivating storyteller and spent many hours on his front porch swing reminiscing on his life.

He was a faithful member of Center Mis-

sionary Baptist Church and impacted many with his testimony.

Danny is preceded in death by his parents, RL and Betty Jacks and daughter Cindy Jacks, all of Rowell, AR.

He is survived by his wife, Marcell Jacks, his son Greg (Selena) Jacks, his sisters, Mary Ann (Don)

Parrish and Patti Wilson all of Rowell, and Jeannie (late Billy Bates) of Star City. His grandchildren Kirsten (Matt) Hepp of Fayetteville, Jacob Jacks and Kagan (Shy-Ann Rexroth) Easter, Jaxson Case and Tayte Jacks, all of Rowell. His great grandchildren Jack Edwards Easter and Maysen Hepp; his sister in laws Topsy Taylor and Judy King, both of Rison, AR as well as many other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation was held from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Center Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral Services were held on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 2:00 pm at Center Missionary Baptist Church with Brother Doney Blackerby, Jackie Richardson, and Jordan Ferris officiating. Interment followed the funeral service in the Rowell Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Rowell Cemetery.

RIP, Danny Jacks

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Greetings,

Usually, I haven't spent much time looking back over my life. I had constantly been focused on moving forward. I might review a recent project or decision and evaluate what went right or wrong (I have had plenty of both) then press on to the next task. This learn as you go, or OJT (on job training) method was reasonably successful. Being of modest education, I believed that obstacles could be overcome with hard work and I was determined to put in the time required to achieve my goals.

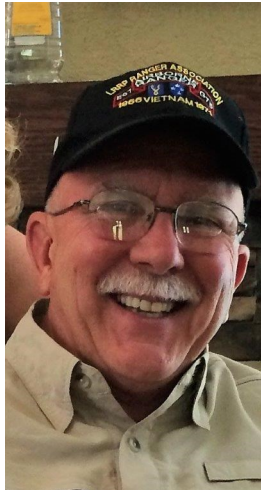
Since entering retirement I have more time for reflection and recently have taken the time to review the path my life took. How was I able to accomplish the things I did and what was the motivation that brought me to believe I could succeed?

Since starting my career as a twelve-year-old entrepreneur, I have had quite a few jobs and two successful careers. Other than just having some spending money, my first goal was to get enough money to buy a motorcycle. So, with the family lawn mower I started mowing neighborhood lawns for two dollars. Our development had modest houses but good size yards. Thank goodness I had a power mower (not the rotary push mower we used to have) and gas was thirty cents a gallon.

Sometime after returning from Vietnam, I settled on law enforcement as my career. I did well in the academy and after time spent in undercover and uniform, I was able to work in the detective division.

After eight years I made a career change and went to work in the energy services world. There I spent thirty-six years and worked both domestically and in international locations.

How had I been able to meet the chal-



lenges that I faced, that we all face, in our time on this earth. I surmised that I had an advantage that others I was in competition with didn't have. Though in the span of my life, it was a short time, it provided the foundation for the rest of my life. Of course, it was my time spent with G Company Rangers.

We had the advantage of having already learned and practiced the skill sets that corporate trainers teach. There is a whole industry built on teaching the lessons we learned as young men. For example, teamwork.

We understood teamwork, and not just that everybody on the team has a specific job. We knew we had to know our job and the other team members' job. We also knew we had to anticipate situations and how they would affect the whole team, not just one member.

It takes confidence, adaptability, enthusiasm, dependability, and the willingness to exceed the minimum requirements. Most importantly, resilience is what leads to success. That will to Charlie Mike no matter the odds, never give up!

As Edison said, "Genius is 2% inspiration and 98% perspiration".

This is an email from Ralph Tildon regarding the passing of Danny Jacks.

Our dear brother, **Danny Jacks, died** at approximately 5:30 AM, Central Time, **this morning, 12 July 2022**, at his home in **Rison, AR**.

His son informed me of Danny's death at approximately 4:30 PM, Eastern Time, this afternoon.

Danny's son continued: Danny had been sick and in a VA Hospital for several days. When Danny was released on 11 July, Marcel--Danny's longtime Sweetheart--and their son brought Danny home. There he passed away this morning.

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President's Message Continued from previous page-

Please pray for the Jacks family, **especially Marcell**. She and Danny lost their daughter, Cindy, about three weeks ago, and now she has lost her beloved husband.

God bless Danny Jacks.

Danny was one of a kind and beloved by all who knew him. While this is the inevitable culmination of his life on earth and the fate of us all, Danny had a unique personality and certainly left an impression on all who met him. A good Ranger and a good man!!

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 lrrp75thinf@aol.com. Please include Ranger in the subject line. Stay Well, Stay Safe and take care of one another.

Remember, tough times don't last, tough people do!

RLTW



Mark your calendar for this year's Association reunion. The Sheraton hotel is within walking distance of Niagara Falls. Thursday the 15th with checkouts Sunday, September 18

\$169.00 per night plus tax and Destination Amenity fee (\$14.95) per day. Fee covers parking. 2 bottles of water in room per day, enhanced WI-FI, An Adventure passport with BIG \$ SAVINGS AND EXCLUSIVE OFFERS FOR THE CASINO.

CUTOFF DATE "IS-Was" TUESDAY AUGUST 16 2022- Don't lose special rate, book early!

Here is the link AND THE BEST WAY to make reservations for the reunion.

<https://sheratonatthefalls.com/group/lrrpreunionsept22>

CONTACT 1-866-961-3780 YOU SHOULD REQUEST LRRP REUNION ASSOCIATION FOR RESERVATIONS

YOU CAN FLY INTO EITHER NIAGARA FALLS AIRPORT OR THE BUFFALO NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SHUTTLES CAN BE ARRANGED FROM BOTH.

The physical address for the "Sheraton At The Falls" is, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls NY 14303.

Rod and his son, Andy Congdon, are our 2022 hosts this year.

All kinds of food vendors and restaurants are very close by the hotel.

Travel Safe!

IN-COUNTRY VET



STILL FEELING A NEED TO WATCH YOUR SIX!



Tribute to Danny Jacks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Li4SjO5AbI>

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/25336456/danny-jacks>

There are characters you meet during your life that simply stand out as unforgettable. For me and I would guess many others, Danny was one of these people. Danny passed away on July 12, 2022 (see link to obit above) leaving a large hole in the heart of our E/51st-G/75th Association.

Danny was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2005



Staff Sergeant Jacks repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's fire while marking their positions for friendly fire support.

Despite the continued pressure, he remained in his vulnerable position until the enemy force was completely defeated. Through his timely and courageous actions, he contributed greatly to the overall success of the mission and served as an inspiration to his entire unit. Staff Sergeant Jacks' commitment to his men, and his resolve to complete the mission set him apart for all time as an exceptional role model for all military leaders.

His personal courage, high skill level and competence, and his devotion to duty, his team, and his Country are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Ranger community, and the US Army.

STAFF SERGEANT DANNY L. JACKS

Staff Sergeant Danny Lee Jacks is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for exemplary leadership and courage during long range reconnaissance patrols in 1969 and 1970 while assigned to Company G (Ranger), 75th Infantry Regiment, Americas (23rd Infantry) Division. Specifically, in August 1970, Staff Sergeant Jacks was assigned the mission of conducting an area reconnaissance southeast of Tra Bong, Vietnam; with a secondary mission to capture enemy personnel. While on the patrol, the team became aware of a hostile force in the vicinity. Staff Sergeant Jacks' team watched as the enemy force, consisting of more than the one hundred thirty men, passed in front of the team's concealed position. The team's plan was to allow the enemy element to pass, picking a straggler or two at the end of the enemy column. But, as the team began to execute this plan, the team came under heavy fire as a result of a counter ambush by the enemy. Reacting to the urgency of the situation and recognizing that his team was also in danger of an assault by the larger enemy element that had passed them, Staff Sergeant Jacks, immediately and unhesitatingly, led a counter assault against the enemy's ambush position. Without regard to the personal danger involved, Staff Sergeant Jacks maintained a highly accurate barrage of small arms fire that eliminated two of the enemy attackers and routed the remainder of the hostile soldiers. Then, recognizing the need to regroup and reassess the larger enemy unit's strength and position relative to his team, Staff Sergeant Jacks led his men across a stream when the team again suddenly came under intense hostile fire. Although he was wounded in the ensuing fierce exchange of fire, Staff Sergeant Jacks directed his men to defensive positions while continuing to engage the enemy. Again, with complete disregard for his personal safety,

I did not serve during the same period as did Danny, but I got to know him during our reunions. The fun side of Danny was always present when he and his wonderful wife Marcell were together. Danny's standard claim to fame always began with his announcement as being "an Arkansas chicken farmer." His down-home country wit and wisdom endeared himself to all. He also would at times announce to his listening audience that he was a bonafide war hero.

I was fortunate enough to sit and listen to Danny on many occasions. Most of the time, Danny spoke of family, fishing, hunting, and raising chickens. On one occasion, my wife and I were at the home of Frank and Carol Svensson for one of our California reunions. Danny was talking about how he almost died, was saved, and almost died again. It seems that after being severely wounded, he was flown to Japan for medical care. Staff from the military hospital were busy unloading the wounded from the aircraft. Like most of the wounded soldiers, Danny was on a gurney and had been positioned outside the aircraft on the tarmac with a number of others. The hospital staff were busy moving patients into the facility. It was about lunch time and Danny found himself alone on the tarmac, unable to move, and in the very hot sun. Danny was doing his best, calling out for help but his pleas were unanswered. You would think that moving all wounded into the treatment facility would have a failsafe procedure so that "there would be no man left behind." Dehydrated, and suffering from the sun beating down, Danny believed he would die. Fortunately, a lone (I don't remember if it was a soldier or airman) was walking by and Danny called out to him. At first the person simply ignored his calls but Danny's pleas for help finally got his attention.

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He had to beg to be rolled into the shade and then beg some more for the guy to walk into the admitting area (he was afraid to roll him there himself) and notify hospital staff that he had been forgotten.

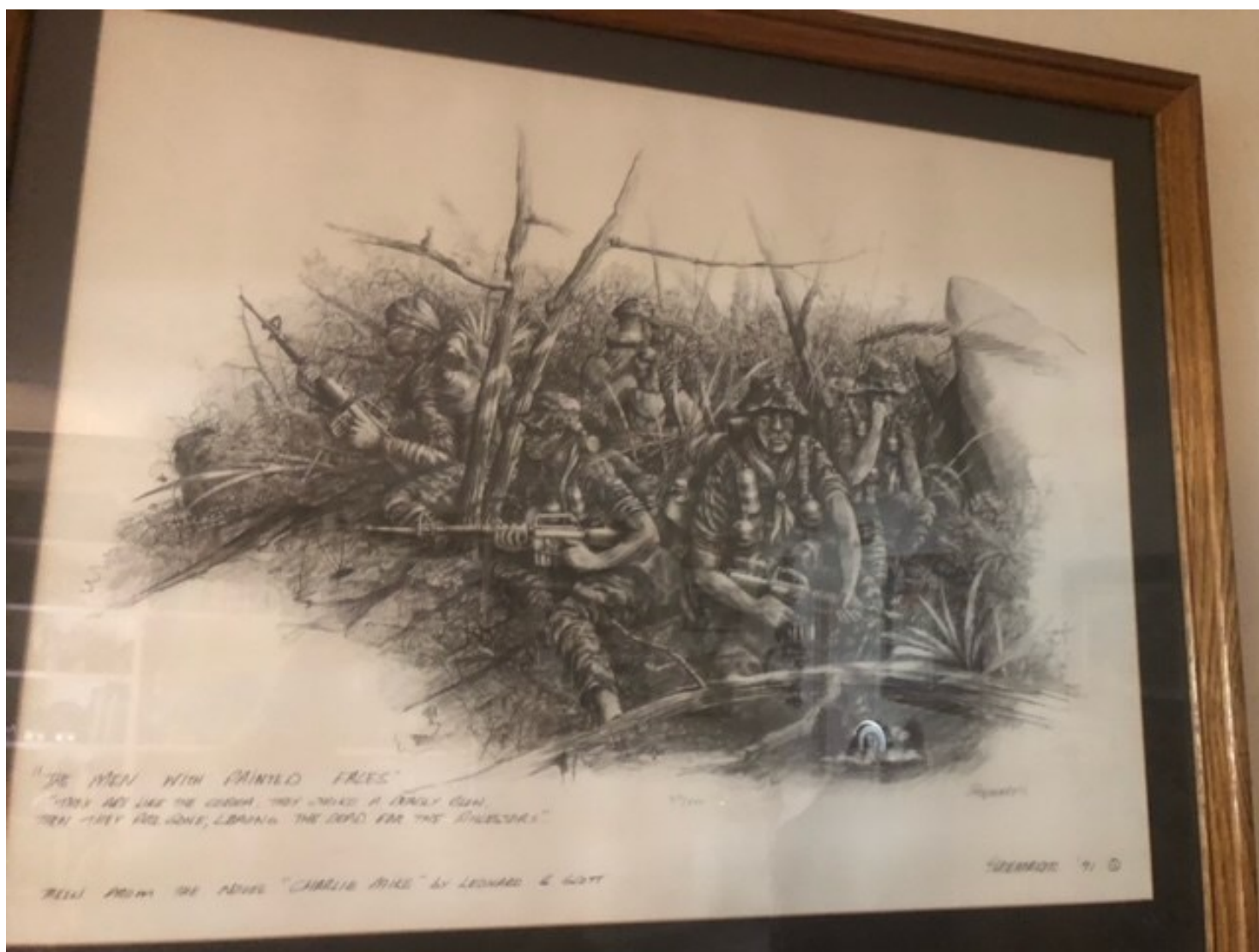
While Danny's presence always drew a crowd at our reunions, he didn't have much clout on the airfield that day.

Danny's passing, and those of others over the past few years reminds us of how fragile our association has become. We have plans for 3 more reunions including our upcoming meeting in Niagara Falls. I have reached out to several Rangers who I know can still travel, encouraging them to make the trip this year. We are all fortunate to still be around, but we are also on the down-

hill slope. Take the time and make the effort to attend. It might be the last time you are able to shake hands with a dear friend.

While I am talking about old friends, there is one person who has done more than anyone else I know to keep our Association and the Ranger Association running and healthy over the years. His fingerprints are all over our nominations for the Hall of Fame, our Ranger Community, and our own Association. If you are conscious and alert, you know that I am talking about Steve "Tower" Johnson. When you read a newsletter, it is Steve who makes it happen. Thanks, Steve for all you have done and all you still do to keep ours and the Ranger Regiment Association alive and well. A job well done with little thanks or recognition.

2022 Reunion T-Shirts at the Niagara Falls Reunion



The picture above from an artist commissioned by Dave Purser will be featured for this year's reunion T-Shirts at the Niagara Falls Reunion next month!

Photo Courtesy of Frank Svensson

Short Timer - My Last Mission 17-19 May 1969

By SGM (Ret) Paul W. Reynolds (*Coyote*) – Team Leader-Team OKLA-HOMA, Co. G Ranger 75th INF, RVN

It was late in May 1969, I was close to departing (DEROS-Date End Return Overseas Service) from the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) and ETS (Estimated Time of Separation) from the Army on 10 June 69. Captain (CPT) McWilliams (Whip) had assigned me a short timer's job as lifeguard on the Boxcar/Ranger beach as per his Short Timers Company Policy. Lifeguard on the beach was mostly a boring detail. Much of the time the beach was empty except for me sitting in the lifeguard chair wearing my bikini trunks, bush hat, and whistle, watching for sharks. The pavilion was nice, decorated with picnic tables and a barbecue grill (half of a 55-gallon drum). Teams on stand down would come over, bring something to BBQ and beer or maybe just the BEER. The sunburn/tan was getting me ready to return home.

On one of the boring days, nothing going on, the Company Clerk (Lightning) approached the lifeguard stand. He said, "CPT Mac wants to see you". I asked, "what does he want"? Lightning responds, "I don't know, but he wants to see you right now"! I followed Lightning into the orderly room. 1SG Clifford Manning (Mother) said to knock on the door three times, the usual procedure, and enter CPT Mac's office when he says to come in. I entered his office, in my beach uniform, came to attention and saluted. He returned my salute and said, "At Ease. SSG Reynolds, I need you to take out, one more team. Your replacement is in the Combat Center and will finish on Friday. He is a graduate of the NCO School (an Instant NCO) and was the Honor Graduate of his class. He also graduated from Ranger School". My 5-man team was still intact, my job was to take the new Team Leader (TL) out on the patrol, observe him and his performance. I was already tired of lifeguard duty, and I figured it was only one more mission, so I agreed to take the team out.

I went to the Ranger Tactical Operations Center (TOC) for a briefing. Our area of operation (AO) was very close to the Laos border. Tm Oklahoma would communicate thru a Radio Relay Team on Hill 707 manned by SGT Fritzinger (Kraut) and SGT Wolch (Dutchman/Roach). The mission was beyond artillery range. 155mm howitzers on high angle couldn't reach the area, Gunships and slicks were on call, if we got in trouble. The new TL was still at the Combat Center and did not go on the overflight. On the overflight, we observed the entire area had been bombed heavily, probably by B52's. This area had not been visited in a very long time, if ever by GI's. The Americal wanted to know what was coming into their area. Large trees were laying everywhere. I asked the pilot, "can you land Tm Oklahoma in that location". He stated that spot was good for him. I selected an alternate location and returned to Ranger basecamp at Chu Lai to continue mission preparation.

The new TL would arrive the next day, 17 May 1969 after 1200 hours. We were scheduled to arrive at the helipad at 1400 hours and insertion shortly after. The team packed the rucksack, laid out a new

set of camouflage fatigues, weapon, webgear, and all necessary Ranger equipment for the new guy. CPT Mac must have been desperate. This was like taking a new guy with almost one year of service, no combat experience, and throwing him into a fire with a 5 gallon can of gas. To my knowledge, the only new guys that traveled with a team before attending our Americal Recondo School were incountry volunteers with combat experience.

Knock, knock, knock on Team Hooch 13 (Tm Oklahoma). I said come in and the new TL entered and introduced himself. I'm SSG Roger Peet (Gunn/Sod) and I just signed into the company. I informed him, we are going to the field at 1400 hours, and you are the Team Leader! I briefed him on the mission and told him he would carry my rucksack (approximately 80 lbs.) and I would carry his (approximately 35 lbs.) His maps were identical to mine and ATL Sgt David Smith (Doe). If we get into trouble, you and I switch rucks and I'll take charge and get us out. SSG Peet asked if he could observe me for a day or two and then take over the team. I thought that was a very reasonable request and wound up with my heavy rucksack. In the dry season, I always carried 5 gallons of water (8 lbs/gal).

Murphy's Law: "if anything can go wrong, it will", is always in a Ranger's thoughts. On 17 May 1969, we loaded the Huey, took off, and flew west toward Hill 707. We had to stop and drop off rations, radio batteries, and of course mail to Fritzinger and Wolch on Hill 707. They looked like they hadn't taken a bath in a month, their fatigues were nasty, and they hadn't shaved in a while. Two-man radio relay team was tough duty and our life support. Back in the air, the cool air at altitude felt good. I looked at a river below between two mountains. We had just left maximum artillery range and were now in the gunships on call area.

Nearing the LZ in God's Country, the pilot says he can't land, the LZ is too small (**Murphy's Law**). I directed the pilot to fly north on the ridgeline and find a spot. He selected a spot which was over the steep downward slope, east side of the mountain. Three of us were to go out each door, I jumped first, with my 80 lb ruck. The steep slope sent me rolling down the hill (**Murphy's Law**). The remainder of Tm Oklahoma exited the left door. As they went out the left door they had to turn right and move toward the nose of the Huey. The rotor blade was very close to the ground out the left door. Fortunately, no one got decapitated. The Huey departed. When I finally stopped rolling, I saw the last Tm Oklahoma member disappear into the wood line.

In the woodline, we laid dog in a good hide that was well covered. Ten minutes passed when we spotted the first enemy soldier wearing Kakis (**Murphy's Law**). He was uphill 50 meters away looking in our direction but saw nothing. I called in a report to the Radio Relay Team on Hill 707 while observing the soldier. He turned and went back up the hill and disappeared into the woodline near the top of the hill.

After 20 more minutes, Tm Oklahoma moved westward up the hill, crossing the open hillside. Soon, we were near the top of the hill. The trees had thinned out a little, large rocks were all around. On the east side of the rocks, we walked past three graves side by side with small ceremonial teacups on top. On the north side of the large rocks, we found a major trail recently used.

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We set up in the rocks, 10 feet from the trail. Our Claymore Mines were deployed for ambush. Enemy troops, indigenous women and kids moved northeast down the trail in front of us. Eight to twelve were in each group. The trail was so hard the sandals and boots didn't make noise as they passed. All groups moved northeast. On the morning of the third day, I called the Radio Relay Team and informed them that we plan to blow the claymores on the first Enemy Soldiers passing on the trail. The first group was women and children. We let them go. We spotted two indigenous Montagnards moving in a southerly direction on the west side of our position (**Murphy's Law**). They stopped and stared in our direction. After a couple of minutes, they turned and returned to the direction they came from. Called the relay team and reported that we have been spotted and need an extraction ASAP (choppers on call). Our PZ was 20 meters from our position. The chopper would have to hover five feet above the ground because of fallen trees on the PZ.

Time seemed to go into slow motion. The two Montagnards returned. This time they carried AK47's (**Murphy's Law**). They stopped and looked toward our position. One split off and walked south a short distance and disappeared among the fallen trees. I signaled to engage the solo Montagnard. The Montagnard fell where he stood. The second Montagnard opened fire on our position. A member of our team was hit in the head and died instantly. Another team member signaled, two were moving in toward our position on the north side of the trail in front of our ambush position. Radio Relay was notified Tm Oklahoma was in contact with 1 KIA. Huey's and Gunships were launched. It took another 30 minutes before the Choppers arrived. Without artillery support, we held off an unknown enemy force for over an hour and a half. The choppers arrived on station and my radio spoke my callsign. I answered the pilot, telling him that the PZ was hot, and one VC was on the LZ to their left front and don't come in until we blow the claymores. I told Frank Cole (Heat), my pointman, to blow the claymores. The two enemy soldiers on the north side of the trail disappeared into the smoke. Unfortunately for them, they had knelt down right in front of our camouflaged claymores. **KABOOOM!**

I gave orders for SSG Pete (Gunn/Sod) and Sp4 Larson (Carpetbagger) to take care of our KIA. ATL SGT David Smith and SP4 Frank Cole (Heat) were assigned to clear the LZ. I covered our position and picked up the equipment and weapon of our KIA brother. I fired a couple magazines before my weapon jammed. I fired another magazine with the KIA brothers' weapon until it jammed. I pulled out my 45-cal pistol and heard the Huey crew and Tm Oklahoma yelling for me to get on board. The right-side door gunner grabbed my pack and pulled me into the Huey. He pulled with so much force, I landed with my head between the pilot seats. I gave them a thumb up signal and the Huey lunged forward. Suddenly all the lights on the center console turned red. My first thought was, this Huey is going down (**Murphy's Law**)!!! We were still flying and slowly one by one the lights went out.

The return trip to Chu Lai was silent, I don't remember anyone saying a word. The pilots requested a direct flight to the helipad. The Huey was damaged, four AK rounds went past the left seat pilot's head and thru the plexiglass above him. Three or four rounds hit one of the rotor blades, and three rounds hit the door frame above Frank Cole's head. The left door gunner and Frank Cole fired on the enemy soldier's position on the PZ. I'm sure the Montagnard didn't survive.

An ambulance was waiting at the helipad. We offloaded men and equipment and got out of the way so the medics could do their job. CPT Mac and MAJ Dom (Americal Division G-2) met us at the helipad. We watched the ambulance drive off with our KIA. SGT Smith and Team Oklahoma got in the deuce and a half and returned to the Company area. CPT Mac told me to get in his jeep. I briefed him and MAJ Dom on the mission before arriving at the company area.

17-19 MAY 1969 - MISSION RESULT

Counted 78 NVA/VC using the trail moving east into Americal Division area of operation.

Length of mission: 43 ½ hours

Casualties: 1 Ranger KIA,

4 enemy soldiers KIA

Damage: Helicopter 10/12 AK47 hits

Findings: A small village or rest area northwest of the ambush site was established by NVA/VC and groups of 10/12 passed thru using the trail.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

8:30-9:30 am Board-Officer Meeting;

10:00-11:00 am General Membership Meeting

"Sheraton At The Falls", 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls NY 14303;
G/75th Association Hospitality Room

2022 AGENDA ITEMS

1- Call to order

A. Roll call of officers and board members.

B. Establish presence of a quorum.

2- Review of the 2021 minutes.

3- Treasurer's report.

4- Old business

A. Possible donations to Ranger organizations.

5- New business

A. Ranger Hall of Fame briefing.

1- Update of active candidates.

2- New nomination candidates.

B. 2023, 2024 and 2025 reunions.

1- Recap

C. Sua Sponte

6- Adjournment

Five remaining WW II Merrill's Marauders presented Congressional Gold Medal in April 2022



Russell Hamler
98, June 24, 2022
Pennsylvania



Robert "Bob" Passanisi
July 24, 1924 – April 26, 2022
New York



Gilbert "Gil" H. Howland,
April 12, 1923 – May 19, 2022
New Jersey



Raleigh E. Naves
Sept. 8, 1922 – April 21, 2022
Wisconsin



Gabriel "Gabe" B. Kinney, 101
Alabama

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If you haven't had a chance to attend a Ranger breakfast or if you are travelling to other parts of the country, you can find out where and when there are breakfasts that you can attend by using the following email: rangersbreakfast@75thrra.org

Sherry Klein, Brenda Acebes, and Karen Murphy will send you updated information on dates and location for a breakfast rendezvous!

Sherry will contribute a regular breakfast page starting with the September issue of Patrolling.

Below-Mid Michigan Breakfast this July



Below-San Antonio this last month



Below-Savannah July Breakfast



**All California Rangers:
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

You and your family are invited to the following U.S. Army Ranger Association event.

When: Sat., 27 August 2022, 1000 hrs

Where: 4975 W. Pico Blvd, LA CA 90019

Who: All Rangers

What: USARA All-Ranger Breakfast (no charge for attending Rangers, family and guests.)

Why: Build Brotherhood & Kinship

Please RSVP with number of attendees you will bring to:
Bill Wenger: wwenger@yahoo.com and
Joey Gatton: joeygatton@mailpac.net

More information to follow soon!

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**Fargo-Moorhead Area
SOCOM Breakfast**

Saturday, July 9th
1030 hours

The Blarney Stone Pub
1910 9th Street East
West Fargo, ND 58078

Family
Welcome!

SPECIAL FORCES

RANGERS

SPECIAL FORCES AIRBORNE

SPECIAL FORCES

*There are two Traveling Walls.

From the Traveling Wall Website-

On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, *The Wall That Heals* has been displayed at nearly 700 communities throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions.



Steve Johnson and Ron Olsen at the Gonvick, MN site this July

mobile Education Center.

The Wall That Heals exhibit was on the road for more than 13,000 miles and visited 26 communities from coast to coast during its 2021 season. We were escorted by more than 3,000 vehicles into those communities, and we were able to spread The Wall's healing legacy to nearly 200,000 visitors. Guided tours of the exhibit were provided to more than 12,000 students.



Opening Ceremony
Gonvick, MN



Gonvick, MN
Population 233



The Vietnam Memorial Wall

THERE ARE 58,307 NAMES NOW LISTED ON THE POLISHED BLACK WALL, INCLUDING THOSE ADDED IN 2010. THE NAMES ARE ARRANGED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WERE TAKEN FROM US BY DATE AND WITHIN EACH DATE, THE NAMES ARE ALPHABETIZED. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE IT IS 30 YEARS SINCE THE LAST CASUALTY.

- THE FIRST KNOWN CASUALTY WAS RICHARD B. FITZGIBBON, OF NORTH WINDMOUTH, MASS. LISTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS HAVING BEEN KILLED ON JUNE 6 1968. HIS NAME IS LISTED ON THE WALL WITH HIS SON, MARINE CORPS Lance CPL, RICHARD B FITZGIBBON II WHO WAS KILLED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1968.
- THERE ARE 5275 OF FATHERS AND SONS ON THE WALL.
- 38,998 ON THE WALL WERE JUST 22 OR YOUNGER.
- 8,283 WERE JUST 19 YEARS OLD.
- THE LARGEST AGE GROUP - 33,103 - WERE 18 YEARS OLD.
- 12 SOLDIERS ON THE WALL WERE 17 YEARS OLD.
- 45 SOLDIERS ON THE WALL WERE 16 YEARS OLD.
- ONE SOLDIER, PFC DAN BILLOCK WAS 15 YEARS OLD.
- 897 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED ON THEIR FIRST DAY IN VIETNAM.
- 1,448 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED ON THEIR LAST DAY IN VIETNAM.
- 31 SETS OF BROTHERS ARE ON THE WALL.
- 21 SETS OF PARENTS LOST 2 OF THEIR SONS.
- 54 SOLDIERS ATTENDED THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA.
- 8 WOMEN ARE ON THE WALL, NURSING THE WOUNDED.
- 244 SOLDIERS WERE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. 153 OF THEM ARE ON THE WALL.
- BEALLSVILLE, OHIO, WITH A POPULATION OF 475 LOST 6 OF HER SONS.
- WEST VIRGINIA HAD THE HIGHEST CASUALTY RATE PER CAPITA IN THE NATION, THERE ARE 711 WEST VIRGINIANS ON THE WALL.
- THE MARINES OF MORENO - THEY LED SOME OF THE SCARPIEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS THAT THE LITTLE ARIZONA TOWN OF MORENO (POP. 5,650) HAD EVER KNOWN AND CHEERED. THEY ENJOYED ROARING BEER BUSTS IN QUIETER MOMENTS, THEY FORGE HORSES ALONG THE CROWNWOOD TRAIL, STALKED DEER IN THE PINECONE NATIONAL FOREST, AND IN THE PATRIOTIC CAMPBARRIERE OF MORENO'S WINNING FAMILIES. THE NINE GRADUATES OF MORENO HIGH ENLISTED AS A GROUP IN THE MARINE CORPS. THEIR SERVICE BEGAN ON INDEPENDENCE DAY IN 1966. ONLY 3 RETURNED HOME.
- THE BUDDIES OF MIDVALE - LEROY TAPOTA, JIMMY MARTINEZ AND TOM GONZALEZ WERE ALL BOYHOOD FRIENDS AND LIVED ON 4 CONSECUTIVE STREETS IN MIDVALE, UTAH ON 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH AVENUES. THEY LIVED ONLY A FEW HOURS APART. THEY PLAYED BALL AT THE ADJACENT SANDLOT BALL FIELD, AND THEY ALL WENT TO VIETNAM IN A SPAN OF 16 DARK DAYS IN LATE 1967. ALL 3 WOULD BE KILLED. LEROY WAS KILLED ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 - THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. JIMMY DIED LESS THAN 24 HOURS LATER ON THANKSGIVING DAY. TOM WAS SHOT DEAD ASSAULTING THE ENEMY ON DEC. 7, PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY.
- THE MOST CASUALTY DEATHS FOR A SINGLE DAY WAS ON JANUARY 31, 1968 - 245 DEATHS DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE.
- THE MOST CASUALTIES SUFFERED ON JAN. 31 - 2ND BN, 5TH MARINE REG. 1ST MARINE DIVISION REGIMENT (MACPAC) REINFORCED - II MAF AT HUE.
- THE MOST CASUALTY DEATHS FOR A SINGLE MONTH WAS MAY 1968 - 2,415.

FOR MOST AMERICANS WHO READ THIS, THEY WILL ONLY SEE THE NUMBERS THAT THE VIETNAM WAR CREATED. TO THOSE OF US THAT SURVIVED THE WAR, AND TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DID NOT, WE SEE THE FACES. WE FEEL THE PAIN THAT THESE NUMBERS CREATED. WE ARE UNTIL THE TOP PAINS HEAVY MOUNTED WITH THESE NUMBERS, BECAUSE THEY WERE OUR FRIENDS, FATHERS, HUSBANDS, WIVES, SONS AND DAUGHTERS. THERE ARE NO NOBLE WARS, JUST NOBLE WARRIORS.

Bringing The Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.

The main components of *The Wall That Heals* are The Wall replica and the

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
Profit & Loss
January 1 through July 27, 2022

		<u>Jan 1 - Jul 27, 22</u>
Lynn "Cowboy" Walker	Ordinary Income/Expense	
CPA	Income	
	Direct Public Support	
	Individ, Business Contributions	915.00
	Total Direct Public Support	915.00
	Other Types of Income	
	Concessions	40.00
	Total Other Types of Income	40.00
	Program Income	
	Membership Dues	1,070.00
	Total Program Income	1,070.00
	Total Income	2,025.00
	Gross Profit	2,025.00
	Expense	
	Operations	
	Postage, Mailing Service	134.68
	Printing and Copying	635.62
	Total Operations	770.30
	Total Expense	770.30
	Net Ordinary Income	1,254.70
	Net Income	<u>1,254.70</u>

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet
As of July 27, 2022

		<u>Jul 27, 22</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
	Checking/Savings	
	Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	43,048.12
	Total Checking/Savings	43,048.12
	Other Current Assets	
	Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
	Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
	Total Current Assets	54,069.33
TOTAL ASSETS		
54,069.33		
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	25,871.53
	Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
	Net Income	1,254.70
	Total Equity	53,969.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
54,069.33		

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