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## Savannah Guest Speaker



Major General Kenneth C. Leuer (Retired) is our guest speaker at the E/51st G75th Memorial service at the 1st Battalion Ranger Memorial, Ft Stewart on Thursday, October 9th at 9:00 AM.

Leuer is a native of Wayzata, MN, where he was a two-time state wrestling champion. He was also an all-state player in football. He went to Iowa, where he earned Beg Ten and NCAA champion-

ships in the 191 pound class in 1956. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Army. He served for 32 years and was a charter member of the Ranger Hall of fame. Ranger Leuer served over 32 years of active service culminating his career as Commanding General of Fort Benning and Chief of Infantry. His career was filled with numerous command assignments that included the 2/5019 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam, the 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, the 193rd Brigade, Republic of Panama, and the 5th Mechanized Division while at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 1974, he was selected to activate, organize, and train the 1/75th Ranger Battalion. Ranger Leuer has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger and Special Forces Tabs. He has served as President of the Ranger Memorial Foundation since its inception in 1992 and is a charter member of the Ranger Hall of Fame.

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



Here it is time to send Mike and Steve my president's column again. It seems like only yesterday when I submitted the last one. The older I get it seems like time goes faster and faster! Do any of you guys have that same problem?

I am asking for feedback/input from all of our members and the Rangerett's. The participation at our annual reunions is less than it could be! We hold the reunions at a different location each year in order to help ease the expense of those closest to the reunion location, yet it seems like no matter where it is held the same people attend year after year. This is no bad thing because we definitely enjoy ourselves and each other. We would like to see more of our brothers attending the reunions and sharing the good times. What can we do to get better attendance at the reunions? Is there some reason that keeps some of you from attending? What would you like to see changed in the agenda? There are some of you that attended on a regular basis, then all of a sudden you no longer attend. Did the organization or someone in a leadership position do something wrong to cause you to quit attending? If so how do we correct the problem? I realize that with the economy the way it is and most all of us with family to consider and in some instances medical problems that

not everyone can attend every reunion. We have some guys out there who have never attended a reunion, how do we correct that situation? Our organization needs to get better attendance at the functions and we need to get greater involvement in the functions of the organization. I know that as we get older things take more effort than they used to but let me tell you the effort in this case is well worth it!

As we age, we continue to lose brothers, in the last Sua Sponte we wrote fairwell to three of our brothers. We have no idea what the morrow holds! We all shared experiences in Nam some of them good some of them not so good. It would be great to share some time with those we served with. Our motto "Sua Sponte" of their own accord explains it all, none of us were drafted, we all volunteered to be with an elite unit. Now we need to pitch in and make our association as elite and unique as we are! I am open to any and all suggestions.

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417-458-1347.

I look forward to hearing from you and look forward to seeing you in Savannah, GA.

Rangers Lead The Way

Richard "Boot" Corkan

# Savannah, Georgia October 8-11, 2014

Upon arriving on Wednesday, we will be treated to a "manager's reception" demonstrating the charm and grace of southern hospitality. Included each morning is a complimentary continental breakfast. As in the past we have reserved a large hospitality room for the duration along with a banquet room for Friday night. For those of you who wish an extended stay, the hotel will honor our reduced rates two days before and two days after our "official" reunion dates. The parking garage is very convenient positioned at the area where you unload your luggage. Accommodations for RV's can be easily made with the hotel. It is advisable to make arrangements for RV's and any other special needs when you make your room reservations.

The room rates are as follows: Double or King \$99.00 plus 13% tax plus \$1.00 city tax and a \$13.00 hotel parking garage fee (you really don't need a car!) For those of you who wish to reserve a King Suite the room rate is \$129 plus taxes. They have 18 handicapped rooms and two with roll in showers. If you are in need one of these, contact Linda Bell at 912 944-3286 immediately as these rooms sell quickly.

Please follow the following guidelines when making your hotel reservations; Call the hotel direct (912) 236-4440 ext. 147 group reservations Yvonne James or the sales department (912) 236-1024 0900-1730 Monday through Friday. Ask for the LRRP/Ranger block. DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ON THE WEBSITE OR THE 800 NUMBER AS THEY CANNOT SEE OUR IN-HOUSE GROUP RESERVATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE. The reservation block shuts off on September 8, 30 days prior to the start of our reunion.

The GRACE SHUTTLE SERVICE AT 912 657 4155 will accommodate those flying. You may call that number upon landing or beforehand giving them your flight number and landing time in order for them to meet you. The cost is \$28 for the first rider and \$5 for each additional one. As most of you will be flying to Savannah via Atlanta, it should be easy for many of you to meet and join up to keep the cost per person down.

**You need to make your reservation now to help for banquet numbers with related activities and to secure your room!**

## **Reunion dates:**

Wednesday, October 8th through Saturday, October 11th

### Wednesday, October 8th:

Check in.

Hospitality Room open noon - 2200 hrs.

1600-1700 - Reception at The Inn at Ellis Square

### Thursday, October 9th:

0800-0830 - Stage with Patriot riders for travel to Fort Stewart

0830-0900 - Travel to Fort Stewart and take positions

0900-1000 - E/51 G/75 Memorial service at 1st Battalion Ranger Memorial, Fort Stewart.

Guest speaker MG Kenneth C. Leuer

(ret).

1000-1030 - Return to hotel

Free time - Historic Trolley from Hotel time TBD

Hospitality Room open noon - 2200 hrs.

### Friday, October 10th:

0800-0900 - Board Of Director's meeting.

0900-1000 - Membership meeting

Hospitality Room open 1100-1800 hrs. and 1930-2300

1100-1800 - Free time

1800-1930 - Association Banquet

1930-2300 - Auction

### Saturday, October 11th:

Hospitality Room open noon - 1900 hrs. and 2030-2300

Free time until 1715

1715 - Assemble at the hotel for walk to Kevin Barry's Irish Pub

1900-2100 - Dinner at Kevin Barry's Irish Pub in the Hall of Hero's Room with floor show.

### Sunday, October 12th:

Check out & travel

## Featured Member David Stanfield

I was born in Mitchell, South Dakota on 9 June 1943 a dependent of the army air force. The first real clear memory I have is of living on a mink ranch in the black hills fifty miles from the nearest paved road and farther than that from the nearest neighbor. I was 6 and every morning I got up, fed and watered the animals, collected the eggs ate breakfast, then got on my horse and went exploring the hills or prairie. There was almost every wild animal you can think of ,bison elk, antelope. Beaver, mountain lions, grouse, quail, there- were plenty of fish in the ponds and streams. I did not go hungry during those trips. The horse always knew when to start for home. I was one sad kid when we left there.

My father worked for the border patrol, customs service and the Dept. of Agriculture while I was growing up. The place I lived in the longest,[3 years] was Long Beach Ca. where I Met the Pacific Ocean. It was love at first sight. I learned to free dive, scuba dive, serf and sail, I also started commercial fishing. A friend who lived in San Padro had a 30 some foot lifeboat we rigged out for lobster. We were going broke from the instant we left the dock till one day we were at his uncle's marine chandlers and saw some little clay pots that looked like little Grecian urns almost 3 inches long that turned out to be octopus pots. We made up a couple of lines of about fifty pots a line put three anchors on the line and dropped them outside the breakwater. A couple days later when we checked them almost every pot was occupied, little live octopi paid well and we were the only supplier in Ca. We had a successful business for a year and half, the demand kept growing and that got the attention of the fish houses they could not only meet the demand but beat the price we were charging. I had lived all over the western U.S. before I was 13. About that time we moved to Ehernberg, Arizona, where my backyard ended at little backwater of the Colorado River. A little backwater away from the current was a good place to have a dock and somebody had already built one for me. Life on the river in the middle of the desert is a strange phrase at best. Less than a month later I was going up stream in a small boat when I saw a bulldozer without a driver coming downstream I got up behind it as fast as I could and tied the boat to the dozer and turned it back upstream because it was about to run out of the shallow water of the

sandbar it on, I followed the tracks back up the river to where it entered the water nearby there was a place where I could get it back up the river bank and parked. There was a guy waiting in a Studebaker pickup when I pulled up, he said he was the owner of the bulldozer. I told him that was fine as I was thinking of claiming salvage. After a short conversation Jake made me a job offer I could not refuse. Two weeks later I took the driver's license test to get an agriculture permit and was given an Arizona driver's license with no restrictions. At age 13 a license is a big deal and protecting that license probably kept me out of a lot of trouble. Over time Jake and I worked out a system where I sort acted as a subcontractor in order to keep the heavy equipment working which was better than letting it just sit around. Most of the work was for small mines and prospectors and odd jobs for whatever kept things working. I worked around a lot of different mines gold, silver, tungsten, uranium, molybdenum, even turquoise and I got the bug I worked for mines on a percentage bases and invested in a couple and owned a couple mostly I prospected and sold the information for a percentage. I learned to run a single tree and a double tree set and blast for different results.

School was interfering with my education so I did the logical thing I cut my school week down to four day a week and volunteered to do some extra reports to keep my grades up, most of my teacher were ok with that. The administration wasn't but the truant officer could not enter Arizona, so everybody learned to live with the situation. Later in my junior year when the home front was unsettled I checked my bank account and emergency cash and figured I had more than enough for collage so I joined the Marine Corps, boot camp, ITR , H co 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. I did a Caribbean cruise and was drafted to go to Hawaii. On arrival I volunteered for Bravo reconnaissance Co. and spent the rest of my tour running around the hills and surfing. After my discharge from the Corps I spent 6 months trying to get a job with one of the big diving outfits doing saturation diving there was nothing going on the field. I enlisted in the army to fly fixed wing aircraft, the army was starting a new program for qualified pilots with prior military experience.

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# Stanfield Feature



to Americal LRRP. I was the first intel Sgt but I kept harassing the office till they gave me a team and I went to the field. In July of 68. The last time I went to the field Lt Chaney was my ATL there were two SSgts. and two indigenous scouts From the Ha Thanh SF camp. I got shot up pretty good, (paralyzed from the waist down) on the LZ. Later at second surgical Hospital as they were wheeling me out of the O.R. after 8 hours, I heard one Dr. say to another "He doesn't have a 20% chance of seeing the sun rise tomorrow." About a year later I walked off a PanAm flight in Port of Spain Trinidad where my mom and stepdad were living at the time. I spent around two years down in the islands doing a little commercial fishing some customer relations for the crop dusting co. my stepfather managed. I spent a couple moths island hopping back to the states with my parents and my future wife, Charlene, we were married the day after my birthday in 71, I have not forgotten an anniversary yet. We have been staying busy since then.

I passed all the tests, physicals, evaluations and went before the selection board and accepted for the first class in a month And a half or two months at the mos.

I AM JUST GOING TO SKIP THE WHOLES STORY OF HOW I GOT T VIETNAM THE FIRST TIME. Trying to get a phone call to my handler in the pentagon on a military phone from Viet Nam took over four months, with the month it took to locate my orders the army decided to have me finish my tour in country and when I reenlisted to acquire the time needed for the program they would tack on the extra time I spent waiting to get into the school to my time in grade as a W1. Being a lrrp in the 25<sup>th</sup> div in the flat lands of the south meant tough navigation and a lot of movement at night I was in the first class at Recondo School so my recondo number was 11. The terrain didn't restrict movement so there were VC all over the place even under ground, otherwise it was business as usual. After that tour I went to Fort Carson Colorado where they policed up a bunch of just back from the war nco's gave each one half a platoon of newbe's and sent them to Fort Riley, Kansas to support training of ROTC officers who were doing their last summer training before going to Vietnam. The stateside army chased me back to Vietnam where I went

Best wishes to you all.  
David Stanfield, SSgt U.S. Army  
Retired

# NOT FORGOTTEN STONE PROJECT

By Tom Nash

We **acknowledge** with gratitude, the generosity shown by the following in financially supporting the Association's Memorial Stone project at Fort Benning: Tom & Dianne Nash; Tom & Sharon Robison; Rod & Marilyn Congdon; Al Stewart; Chuck Thornton; Joe Meinike; Bob Clarke; Mickey Boothe; Dave McLaughlin; Tim & Tracey Shur; Ken & Patricia Fenton; Tom Sagan; Stephen & Lori Crabtree; and Titan Industries.



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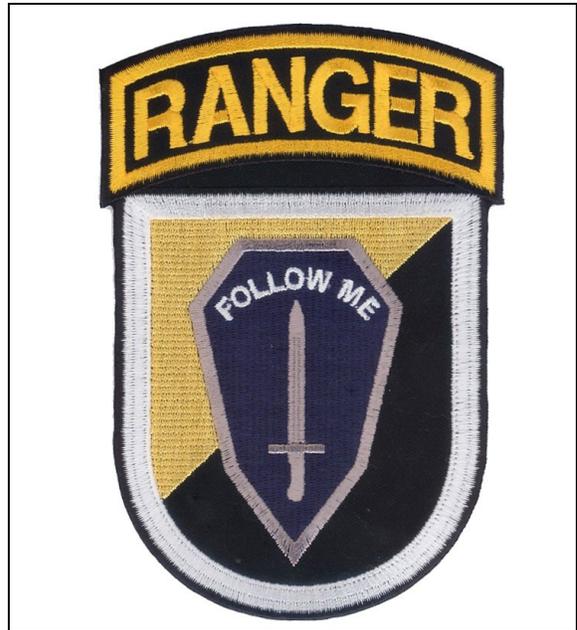
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# History of the Ranger Training Brigade

*On April 10, 2014 Ranger Thomas Bragg and his wife, Marjorie, attended the Distinguished Member of the Brigade Ceremony at the Ranger Training Brigade in Ft. Benning, GA., where Ranger Bragg was the keynote speaker.*

*Ranger Bragg and Marjorie will be at our 2014 Reunion in Savannah this October and will bring a display including: SCAR-L MK-16 (weapon of choice for special ops) and a tomahawk that the World Army Rangers– Company C Rangers presents to each honor graduate of Ranger School. He also informed Sua Sponte that other items of interest will be on display.*

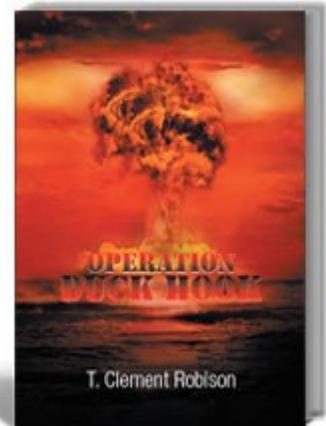
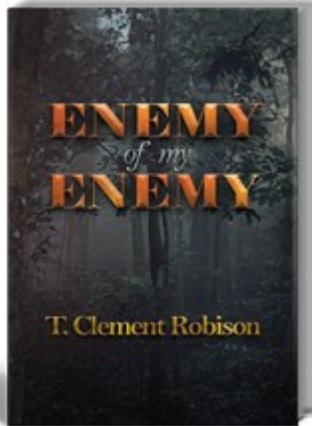


Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia began in September 1950 during the Korean War with the formation and training of 17 Airborne Ranger companies by the Ranger Training Command. In Department and extended Ranger training to all combat units in the Army. The first class for individual candidates graduated on 1 March 1952. The Korean War Rangers were the very first Rangers to wear the now famous and highly coveted Ranger Tab. On 1 November 1987, the Ranger Department reorganized into the Ranger Training Brigade and activated the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Battalions. The Ranger Training Brigade later expanded with the activation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ranger Training Battalion but in 1995 returned to its original three battalions when the Desert Training Phase was removed from the Ranger Course Program of Instruction.

On 28 August 2013 as part of the Maneuver Center of Excellence reorganization plan, a transfer of authority was approved by the Infantry Commandant, United States Army Infantry School, to attach the 1-507<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) from the 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade to the Ranger Training Brigade and to re-designate the Ranger Training Brigade as the Airborne & Ranger Training Brigade. The official transfer of the 1-507<sup>th</sup> PIR is scheduled for 1 October 2014.

The Induction of Distinguished Members of the Brigade began in October 2000 to fully recognize the contributions of the Brigade's most renowned and influential members. Inductees are nominated by an active duty member of the ARTB and they must have served in the Ranger Training Command, Ranger Department, Ranger Training Brigade, one of the four Ranger Training Battalions, or have contributed significantly to the promotion of Ranger training in ways that stand out in the eyes of all Rangers past and present.

# Tom “Dolly” Robison Books for Sale



## **Three Riveting Stories Of Vietnam From T. Clement Robison:**

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### ***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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## COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

### Profit & Loss

January 1 through April 28, 2014

Lynn "Cowboy" Walker, CPA

	Jan 1 - Apr 28, 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	100.00
Total Direct Public Support	100.00
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	325.00
Total Other Types of Income	325.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	60.00
Total Program Income	60.00
Total Income	485.00
Gross Profit	485.00
Expense	
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	125.27
Printing and Copying	538.72
Supplies	233.76
Total Operations	897.75
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	
Ranger Memorial Bricks	280.00
Total Other Costs	280.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	280.00
Total Expense	1,177.75
Net Ordinary Income	-692.75
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Reimbursements	1,365.98
Total Other Expense	1,365.98
Net Other Income	-1,365.98
Net Income	<u><u>-2,058.73</u></u>

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## COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

### Balance Sheet

As of April 28, 2014

	<u>Apr 28, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	16,801.63
Total Checking/Savings	16,801.63
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	27,822.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>27,822.84</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
FT. Benning Memorial Stone Fund	1,785.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,785.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,785.00
Total Liabilities	1,785.00
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	1,253.47
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	-2,058.73
Total Equity	26,037.84
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>27,822.84</u></b>

# Savannah Reunion



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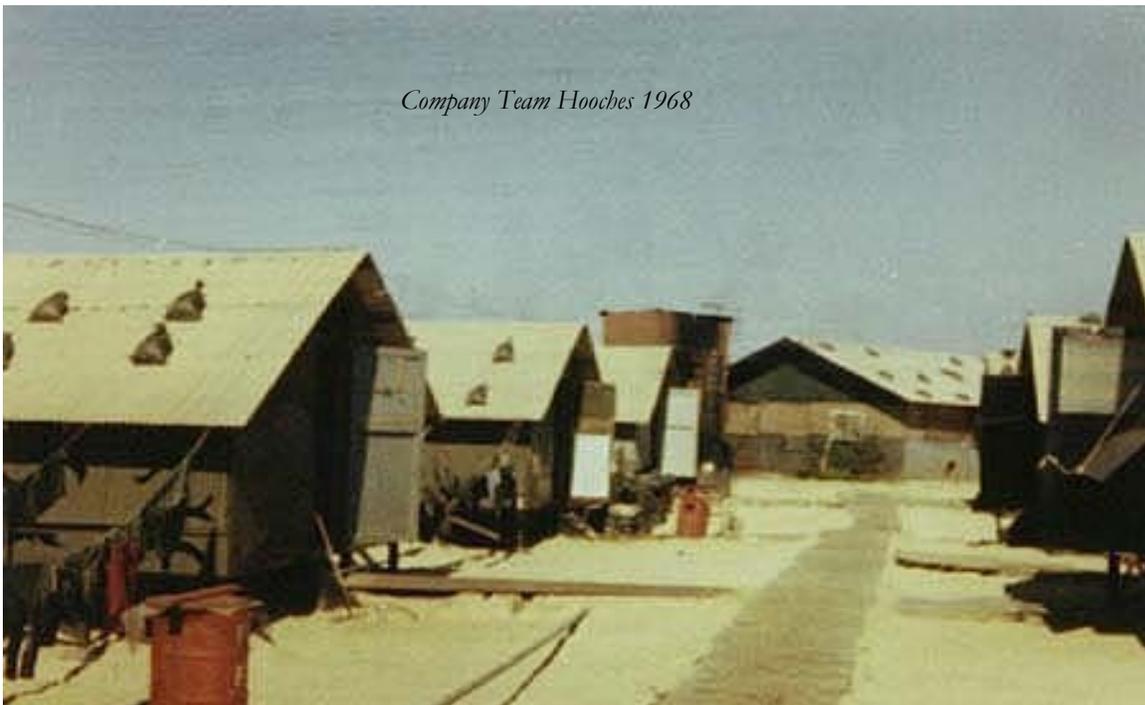
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