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JILL STEPHENSON



Jill Stephenson, Gold Star Mother of CPL Benjamin Kopp, U.S. Army 3/75 Ranger Regiment, who died from wounds on July 18, 2009 sustained during combat in Helmand Province, Afghanistan is our guest speaker at our banquet and at our memorial service at Airborne Circle, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

We are privileged to have her with us and there shouldn't be anyone nodding off face-first into their salad bowl with Jill's presentation.

When I first contacted Ms. Stephenson and explained who I was and that we were having a LRRP-Ranger reunion in the Twin Cities, I asked if she would consider being our guest speak-

er. She mentioned that Rangers always held a special place in her heart and that she would be honored to be our guest speaker.

The first time that I met Jill was at a Twin Cities Ranger/SF Breakfast-Perpetuation the Great Ranger Legacy hosted by Sherry Klein. Jill asked me how she was sought after as our guest speaker. I said "Karma". She laughed!

A nationally recognized speaker on behalf of Veterans, especially Rangers, Jill is proactively involved with the 75th RRA Gold Star Families. She will share with you what she has done since losing her son and what she presently does to preserve Ranger Ben Kopp's name with honor.

We welcome you, Jill!

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I know, I have been harping on all of you guys about improving our organization by getting better turnouts for reunions, and more participation in the Association business. I am now also asking for input from our RANGERETT's I think they should have some say after all they have put up with us old LRRP/RANGERS and they make up 50% of the marriage. We often see the guys at the reunions but not as many of the wives. Why is that? Ladies, what would you like to see changed, added or deleted from our reunions? Is there something we as an organization can do to encourage more participation from the RANGERETT's? I would be happy to entertain any and all suggestions from you.

It is time for everyone to be packing their rucks, doing last-minute preparations and making reservations for this years Reunion. If you have not made your reservations at the Country Inn and Suites Mall of America, Bloomington, Minnesota (phone number 952-854-5555) now would be a good time to do so! When reservations are made early it reduces the amount of stress on the guy that is on the ground, in this case is Steve (Tower) Johnson. There is a lot that goes into the preparation for our reunions especially for the point man and his family. So please make your reservations. While I'm on the subject of the reunion don't forget to bring the items that you want to be auctioned. The auction is our way of raising money for the Association and generally we raise enough money at the auction to pay for everyone's meal at the banquet plus operating expenses for the Association.

I have had some inquiries from some of the guys as to why no one that served with them in the Nam attends the reunions. We as an association cannot twist any arms or make anyone attend our reunions however there is something that each of you can do. Pick up the phone and call the guys that you know or that you remember and asked them to come to the reunion. Tell them that you're going to attend and we would like to see them there. In fact I am taking my own advice and have started calling the guys that I served with and guys that I know, so far I've had a pretty good response and am looking forward to seeing these guys and the rest of you in Minnesota.

RLTW!

Richard "Boot" Corkan

2015 Minneapolis Reunion



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

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

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

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

Optional arrival/departure dates with pricing:
Thursday, September 10, 2015 thru Sunday departure,
September 13, 2015

There are 10 handicapped rooms; 4 have roll in showers.

Rate: \$111.⁰⁰ (Rate does not include 14.275% state and city taxes) for a King Suite with Sleeper Sofa or Standard Guest Room with 2 queens (additional rates for more than 2 people in a room).

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

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

The website where guests can book online is:
www.countryinns.com/LRRPRangers.

Room Details:

Room types:

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

Veterans with a VA Card ID that says "Service Connected" ride the metro train lines Free!

Itinerary

Wednesday, September 9

Early check in

Hospitality Room opens at 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

On your own for the evening

Thursday, September 10

Official Start of our Reunion

Hospitality Room opens from 12:00 Noon to 11:30 P.M.

Host and Hostess pizza party 6:00 P.M. in Hospitality Room

Friday, September 11

Board Meeting at 9:00 A.M. in Hospitality Room

General Membership Meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Hospitality Room

Hospitality Room opens from 12:00 Noon until 11:30 P.M.

On your own for supper

Country Rock Band plays from 8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. in Hospitality Room

Saturday, September 12

Memorial Service Rendezvous in hotel parking lot 9:00 A.M.

Drive to Ft. Snelling 9:15 A.M.

Ft. Snelling Service at 10:00 A.M. at Airborne Circle

Return to hotel at 11:00 A.M.

Hospitality Room opens at Noon until 12:00 Midnight

Banquet in dining room at 6:00 P.M.

Auction in Hospitality Room at 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 13

Check out and farewells

Unnoticed and No Claim to Fame: Chuck Ford



Chuck and Anne Ford-43 Years Together

My life has been divided into three phases: Pre Nam, Nam, and Post Nam.

Pre Nam was a very simple life, as I was raised on a small farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Times were tough, but we survived and grew because of it. At 11, my father took a second mortgage on the farm and probably one on me too, and built a 10,000 capacity chicken house. For my 12th birthday, he gave me a 14 inch steel shovel to help clean that house every 10-12 weeks. Two years later, he expanded and built another one. One might say, I learned about chickens before Danny Jacks knew what came first, chickens or the eggs.

I had a passion for baseball, but it was hard to get to the higher leagues in the summer because of the work on the farm, but did try to play in high school. Because of my size, I was also recruited to play football, and got reasonably good for my level. I even had hopes of playing both sports at a higher level. That was until I got to walk on the same field with Fred Miller, Artie Donovan, Jim Parker, and John

Mackey. I found out that Lenny Moore and Raymond Berry could walk faster than I could run. Out went the football dream. While I was not exactly a good model for academic excellence in high school, I did set a goal to get my college degree, and spend at least two years in the US Military. I tried college first, but put my efforts in the wrong subjects. As I found out too late, *Women and Alcohol* do not count as college courses, but I did put in a good effort. For that effort, I was rewarded by the US Government, with all-expenses paid trip to Exotic South East Asia. The US Army decided I needed some pre Vietnam training at Fort Bragg, NC. Not a bad idea, but I could not figure out why I needed to learn how to peel potatoes, clean grease pits, or scrub pots and pans. I already knew how to do that. Twelve weeks later, they moved me to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to learn of all things how to drive a tank. It seems they forgot that I wanted to be an MP. I did well at that and came out number three in my class, and on my 20th birthday, was given orders to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington for my trip to South East Asia.

Vietnam was in the picture; I just did not know it. Remember, I said I was not gifted in high school! My orders did not say Vietnam; they just said S. East Asia, RVN. But I got on the plane and went anyhow. We landed in Cam Rahn Bay, stayed one day and left for some place called Chu Lai. On the flight up, I saw some tanks stuck in the rice paddies, and knew that was not the life for me. In Chu Lai, a nice SSG named Miller recruited me for Co G Rangers 75th Inf Div. LRRPs. That had a nice ring and I thought I would try it. He also had not mentioned getting shot at in the middle of the night. When the school finally started, the bottom fell out. I found out that SSG Miller, as well as Hardy and La Brie were not such nice guys after all. I started the school at 220 lbs., and graduated at 180. I did not know if I was hard enough to make it, and was considering dropping out. Then I found out that some of my future Ranger Buddies had started a pool, as to when, not if, but when I was going to drop out. That motivated me to stick with it, and fooled both them and myself, by graduating as the Honor Student. That was a building block for my future. 1st SGT Williams got me drunk that night, and then shipped me to Hawk Hill. My experience was not easy, and we had many close calls but I made it through my 14 months. Lots of people had a positive influence on me.

Ford Feature

There were some good times, and some things I regret. The loss of three teammates, still hangs heavily over me, especially knowing that if I had done something different, 2 of them may still be with us. Going into Nam, I was an E2: 14 months later I was an E5; something that I was extremely proud of. Being a part of the 75th Rangers was the 2nd most rewarding accomplishment of my life.

Post Nam: I came home to a very un-appreciative nation, as did most all of us. Had it not been for my Ranger training, a great Uncle, and a lovely young Lady, I may not have had the success I had. My uncle got me into coaching baseball, and the Lady chose that hard task of marrying me. I did finish college with a BS in Business Administration and had Anne's name put on my degree, worked 12 years in the trucking Industry, and 17 years in the concrete Industry. My wife graced me with three lovely children (now expanded to 6 grandchildren with another one on the way) and I still coached baseball. I had my own program for over 15 years, working mostly with less fortunate young men, ran tournaments for over 20 years. I used the Ranger philosophy of going in with a mission, doing what I had to do, drawing no attention to myself, and by doing that called it a successful mission. I also was an assistant high school coach for 11 years and head coach for the local American Legion Post for 9 years. Now I am mostly retired, relearning how to fish and enjoying life. And I forgot to mention, that lovely young Lady, my life partner Anne, we are still married after 43 years, and I consider that my most rewarding accomplishment.

Charles H Ford (Chuck)
Codename: Jellybelly/Rotundo



MEMORIAL STONE PROJECT By Tom Nash

There is both good news and bad news to report about our project whereby we are making an effort to raise enough money to purchase memorial stones at the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning for all of our honored dead.

The good news is that we are almost about halfway to our goal. We have raised \$9,000 toward the goal of \$21,000 - we greatly appreciate the generosity of those who have already contributed to this project. But the bad news, of course, is that we are still \$12,000 short of the goal. We have had some additional good news in that Colt's Industries has indicated that it will donate a firearm for our auction - model to be determined - at the next reunion in Minneapolis with the proceeds going toward the project. But there is some additional bad news as well. Counsel has warned us that we have to be careful to maintain no less than an 85%/15% ratio of total membership contributions to the Association compared with outside contributions. This is an IRS requirement as we understand it. This means that no less than 85% of total monies to the Association for any reason (memorial stone project, dues, gifts, etc.) must be contributed by the membership. Since we are currently soliciting contributions from corporate entities, this could pose a problem. This issue may be mitigated to a degree by ensuring that contributions toward the memorial stone project from sources other than members - corporate contributors for example - are made payable directly to the National Ranger Memorial Foundation which manages the Ranger Memorial. Nonetheless, care must be taken to ensure that we stay within the regulated guidelines.

This brings me to my point. One way to remain within the guidelines is to ensure that we maximize member contributions to the project. So, I am renewing my plea to you. Please consider making a contribution to this project. Any amount will be helpful - any amount. Remember that each memorial stone costs \$295. We can arrange for two stones for \$500. A particular meaningful way of making a contribution would be to team up with old teammates on a contribution for one or more of our honored dead with whom you served. (You can check with Steve Crabtree who is keeping the master list of guys for whom a memorial stone has not yet been placed at the Ranger Memorial, and select those for whom you are providing memorial stones.)

Remember, these are our friends, our comrades, our teammates with whom we shared such an important time in our lives. There is no more important duty we have as members of the Association than to remember to never leave a fallen comrade behind. This is one way of doing that!

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IMPORTANT - INFORMATION NEEDED

We have had some success, but we continue to require your assistance. There are now only 10 of our deceased brothers for whom we do not know specifically when they served with us, and for whom thus, we do not know whether our brother served with E51, G75 or the 196th LRRP. Please review the following list carefully once more and, if you recognize a name and potentially when he served, tell us with which of the three units he served.

Edmund Adams
Harry E. Lewis
William Watson

Donald L. Denney
Ronald Robertson
Leroy A. Mouton

John Evans
Bridgeforth Simmons

Hubert H. Hudgens
Dial L. Skinner

THE RELUCTANT WARRIOR

By Tom "Dolly"
Robison



As Gary Gentry would say, "This ain't no shit."

I basically grew up in a family owned business; what many would call a supermarket. I worked full time while attending high school. I was a good worker but an average student. My parents didn't really care where I went or what I did as long as I showed up for work on time. I always had great cars and money in my pocket, but no time to enjoy either.

My father died two weeks before I was to graduate in 1964 and my mother took over the daily operation of the business. I continued to work at the store after graduation. I was taking classes at a business college and received a deferment from the draft as long as I attended school full time. I decided to take off the winter semester and attend school during the summer. I figured it wouldn't matter as long as I was enrolled in school full time. But the draft board didn't see it that way.

I was ordered to appear at Fort Wayne in Detroit Michigan for a physical. I passed with flying colors and was told to go home and wait to be contacted by the army.

I met a guy at Fort Wayne and we decided to join the Air Force. We filled out all the paperwork and were told to standby to take the oath. So we sat on the steps to the induction center and waited. We could see Windsor Canada across the river. We were both aware many young American males had left the United States and fled to Canada to avoid the draft but neither of us felt leaving was the right thing to do.

We discussed what it would be like spending four years in the Air Force and then sat quietly pondering our fate. Suddenly he turned to me and announced that he had changed his mind and four years was too long to spend in the military. Ironically I was thinking the same thing so after a few seconds we stood up, shook hands and went home.

Three weeks later I received my notice to appear for induction. On the early morning of August 1st 1967, I boarded a bus to Fort Knox Kentucky for basic training. Two weeks into training, my mother told me a letter had arrived from the Air Force ordering me to report. I told her to contact them and convey my regrets along with my military serial number. After basic I was sent to Fort Polk Louisiana, the arm pit of the world, where there was no gravity, everything just sucked, for AIT.

Upon graduating from "Tiger Town" I stood in the company area awaiting my orders to Vietnam. But they didn't come. For some reason there had been a mix up

THE RELUCTANT WARRIOR

in orders and while all but five of us received orders for Nam, the rest of us were ordered to Schofield Barracks Hawaii.

I became an RTO for the Recon Platoon, Echo Company, 4th Battalion, 11th Brigade, 21st Infantry, 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) and spent the next four months training in the beautiful hills on Oahu.

We were lucky if we trained four hours a day and spent the rest of the time in beach bars at Waikiki or body surfing and snorkeling at one of the military beaches on the North Shore.

Not surprisingly, on one spectacular morning in April of 1968, as I crossed the second story open veranda on my way to the latrine, I noticed our "quad" was ringed with six by six metal connex containers. Instantly I knew my time in paradise had come to an end.

Less than a week later, as our names were called, we climbed aboard a bus to Hickham Airfield where we reluctantly boarded a Braniff Airlines Boeing 707 bound for Vietnam.

We touched down at Chu Lai and were convoyed to the Welcome Center. After processing in we wandered over to an outdoor movie being shown next to the Center. Before the movie started I saw two soldiers dressed in tiger fatigues and black berets working the crowd. They were looking for volunteers for a LURP Company located down the beach. When I found out what Lurps were and the missions they pulled, I was glad to be part of a thirty-five man recon platoon.

The following morning we were again convoyed south on the Red Ball but this time to LZ Bronco along with Echo Company's sister unit, a four duce mortar platoon. We sat on the LZ getting acclimatized. But after two weeks of doing nothing but pulling guard duty, reluctantly, Recon Platoon, 4/21, walked through the wire and into harm's way.

Our motto was "We Hump" so command took us at our word and rarely did we see another LZ for months at a time. We "humped" our AO getting dysentery and shot at on a regular basis, all the while the PRC-25 strapped to my web gear and banging the back of my head, was becoming an irritant. Romeo Six-Oscar was not happy.

I became disillusioned with what I saw as our meaningless wandering and was looking for a way out. Admittedly I was reluctant to leave my friends but I had to believe there was something better. Something that would make me feel like my efforts would make a difference in the outcome of the war.

I discussed my disillusionment with Carl Ritter who was the leader of the first squad. He confirmed he felt the same

way.

Injuries and illness had taken its toll on our unit. We were short several men so simply requesting a transfer was out of the question. We had heard if Division Lurps wanted a man the request could not be denied by the soldier's command.

In early July Carl and I developed a plan for me to fake foot problems and get medivaced, which turned out to be a resupply chopper, back to Chu Lai where I would find my way to the Lurp Company and sign up both of us.

Two days later, I stepped off the chopper as it came to rest on the helipad outside of the 2nd Evac Hospital. I walked through the emergency room doors and out the front doors of the hospital, hitched a ride in a jeep with a fixed wing fighter pilot to the Lurp Company.

I walked out of the hot sun and into the shade of the orderly room and completed all the required paperwork; I knew Carl's information just as well as I knew my own. I was told that if we were accepted, we would hear in about two weeks.

With my feet miraculously healed, I caught another resupply chopper back out to the field. It took slightly longer than two weeks but when a resupply chopper appeared in the sky, one late hotter than hell afternoon, Carl and I were ordered to report to Echo Company 51st Infantry, Americal Division, Long Range Patrol, for duty. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Thomas "Dolly" Robison
United States Army Rangers (retired)

MEMBER'S OPINION LETTER*

Stephen C. Crabtree
President-elect, 75th Ranger Regiment Association
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June 6, 2005

Mr. James A. Bell
President, The Boeing Company
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Dear Mr. Bell,

Just as a matter of curiosity, how much money did Boeing's Memorial Day Commercial cost? In the last few days I have received over two dozen phone calls and e-mails asking me, as a Boeing retiree, "How could Boeing air such a wonderful commercial declaring support for and praising our troops after they turned their back on the children and wives of fallen United States Army Rangers?" Without a doubt your commercial was the most hypocritical act I have ever witnessed.

In 1996 I started raising money to put named bricks in at the Ranger Memorial, a 501 (c) (3) charity, for every Ranger killed in action in Vietnam. I raised over \$30,000 which The McDonnell Douglas Foundation matched. When news of the merger was announced I questioned Tony Bailey as to whether Boeing would continue to match the funds. She told me via e-mail that "I should continue to raise funds for the bricks and that she (Boeing) would continue to match my donations (or words to that effect)." I believed her and raised another \$13,360 and submitted the requests. I asked that the monies be used for "Educational Endowments" for the wives and children of Rangers killed in action or training. In November of 1998 a representative of the Boeing Company attended a dinner in the Fort Benning area and received a clock engraved with acknowledgment of the donation, personally witnessed Boeing's name engraved in granite on the "Friends of the Rangers Marker," and graciously accepted thanks from over 1000 Rangers in attendance. The clock was still hanging in your Mesa Arizona facility when I retired.

Thirteen months later both the Ranger Memorial Foundation and I received notice that Boeing would not honor our requests. I was appalled and wrote to Harry Stonecypher who immediately turned the investigation over to Tony Bailey. Needless to say, this act was like asking the fox to guard her henhouse. I even made a trip to St. Louis at my own expense to plead my case before Ms. Bailey. She told me it was still under investigation. Several weeks later she told me that Boeing does not match donations to "Memorials." I pointed out that my requests were earmarked for "Educational Endowments." She still refused. Had my donations went to the United Negro College Fund, The United States Naval Academy or any other institution of higher learning the request would have been honored immediately.

On 29 March of this year, I personally handed the Chairman of the Ranger Memorial Foundation a check for the shortage. The funds came from the 75th Ranger Regiment Association Family Emergency Fund and our Children's Christmas Fund. The expenditure of these funds will greatly affect our ability to support the Ranger communities in Georgia (2), Washington and Iraq. Unlike Boeing, Rangers don't leave anyone behind. We considered this a debt of honor that had to be repaid. One caveat was that the name of Boeing be removed from the "Friends of the Rangers" marker at the Memorial. Both Major General Leuer and I agreed that this would not happen: 1) because removing it would permanently disfigure our Memorial, 2) it shall forever stand as a reminder to all of Boeing's apathy for the brave service personnel of the United States of America and 3) Boeing's renege on a promise.

This is the last time that I will ask anyone from Boeing to make good on their promise. As you read this, I sincerely hope that you and Ms. Bailey sleep well tonight knowing that the United States Army Rangers are laying their lives on the line in order to protect your freedom.

Rangers Lead the Way!

Stephen C. Crabtree

**Editor's note: This letter was never sent to Boeing. However, the writer wanted to share with the Association about Boeing's sponsorship program*

CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT

7:35 PM
04/08/15
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Profit & Loss January 1 through April 8, 2015

	<u>Jan 1 - Apr 8, 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	640.00
Total Direct Public Support	640.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	1,135.00
Total Program Income	1,135.00
Total Income	1,775.00
Gross Profit	1,775.00
Expense	
Bank Fees	16.75
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	123.49
Printing and Copying	583.36
Website rental	120.00
Total Operations	826.85
Total Expense	843.60
Net Ordinary Income	931.40
Net Income	<u>931.40</u>

7:41 PM
04/08/15
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of April 8, 2015

	<u>Apr 8, 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	9,145.02
Total Checking/Savings	9,145.02
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-70.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-70.00
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	20,096.23
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>20,096.23</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
FT. Benning Memorial Stone Fund	48.88
Total Other Current Liabilities	48.88
Total Current Liabilities	48.88
Total Liabilities	48.88
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	-7,727.15
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	931.40
Total Equity	20,047.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>20,096.23</u>

1st Ranger Battalion Thanks



THE 1ST RANGER BATTALION SUA SPONTE FOUNDATION

January 31, 2015

Company G Ranger 75th Infantry Association
PO Box 916
Livingston, MT 59047

Dear Company G Ranger 75th Infantry Association ,

On behalf of everyone at 1st Ranger Battalion Sua Sponte Foundation (1/75 SSF), I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation. Our mission of supporting the men and the families of the 1st Ranger Battalion would not be possible without the kindness of patriots such as you. Thank you for your gift of \$500.00. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

As no goods or services were exchanged in return for your generous donation, the full amount of your gift is tax deductible for federal tax purposes to the extent provided by law.

Once again, thanks for all you do for 1/75 SSF. Without your continued support, our work to help meet the needs of our great Rangers would not be possible.

Thank you,

Chuck Fountain
Treasurer
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I thought it might be of interest that a PERMANENT Vietnam Memorial Wall was just dedicated April 30th in the Central Valley of California town of Dinuba. It's a small farming community just off Hwy 99 south of Fresno, CA. I attended the dedication ceremony (see photo on left). The Wall is located in the outdoor garden area at the Veteran's Memorial Building located at 249 S. Alta Ave. and is open to all who stop by. Anyone traveling on Hwy 99 can easily detour for a visit.

George Merkel