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Deadwood LRRP/RANGER Reunion

Just a reminder to my Brothers if you are going to the reunion in Deadwood you need to do the following:

Hotel First Gold Hotel (Travelers Lodge Inn) If you make reservations call 1-605-717-7181 say LRRP/Ranger reunion. Give name of people staying in room for packet and breakfast cards. Taking reservations till August 15, 2018.

Tours (Mount Rushmore Bus Tours) say LRRP/Ranger tours. Shana 605-342-4461 . There are two tours and you have to pay your own way. Reservations until August 10th.

We need 30 people per tour for either tour to happen.

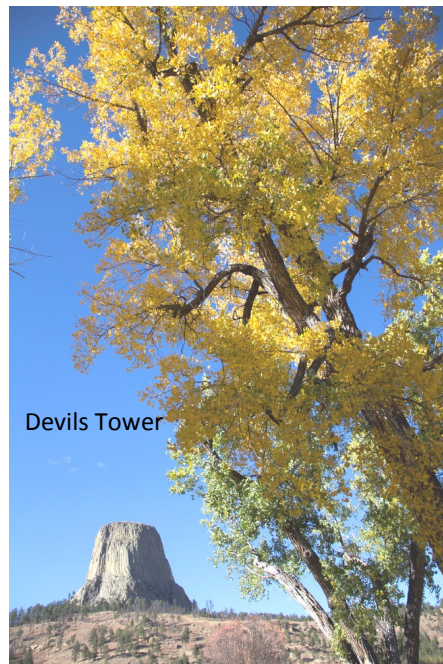
1. Mount Rushmore Evening Dinner tours \$46 per person.
2. Crazy Horse Memorial \$38 dollars per person.

Ron

September 6th-Checkout the 9th



Your typical "Wanabe" LRRP



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Greetings

On the 30th of May I had the honor of playing at the homecoming of a group of WW II veterans who were returning from a trip to Washington, D.C. They had visited the capitol specifically to see the WW II Memorial. While there, they also visited the U.S. Capitol, the Air and Space Museum, memorials honoring the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S.

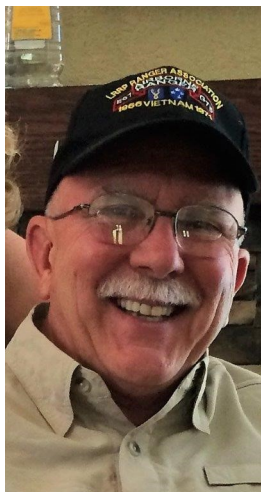
Navy and U.S. Air Force, as well as monuments honoring Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., Vietnam Veterans and Korean Veterans. It was an ambitious schedule for these seasoned warriors.

Several hundred people as well as local press and Acadiana Honor Guard had gathered to give a rousing welcome home to the vets who greatly appreciated the effort.

This trip was planned by Heroes Flight, which is hosted by Brookshire Grocery Group working in conjunction with the Honor Flight Network. Honor Flight is a national organization with local chapters across the country. There are hub cities but there are also newer local chapters as well. The trip is provided to the vets at no cost.

There are trips for one, two or three days. There are three classifications for the trips. One requirement is that the veteran must have a "guardian" to accompany them during the trip. The guardian may be a family member, but that is not a requirement, it may be a volunteer. It is required that the guardian pay their own way as per the schedule set by Honor Flight.

Honor Flight is trying to get as many WW II Vets as quickly as they can to visit the memorial. It is amazing that we had national memorials to both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts before one was built for WW II, which was opened in 2004.



There are several things we can do to assist in this mission, from volunteering to be a guardian to supporting the effort with a donation. You can learn more by going online at:

www.honorflight.org/Go

In my last message I shared that I had a bout (mild) of shingles. Now I want to give you a recommendation. There is a very good chance that many of us had chicken pox as children. Obviously, that is the

case with me. So here is my advice. Go get the new ShingRix vaccine. The original vaccine, Zostavax, which many of us may have gotten after turning 50 was only 51% effective at preventing shingles and loses effectiveness over time. The new vaccine, ShingRix, is 97% effective for those in 50s to 60s and 91% in the 70s to 80s and maintains its strength for a longer period. This information is from the CDC.

Please see your private physician or better yet you can get it at a VA clinic with an appointment or as a walk in. It is given in two phases with the second shot taken 2 – 6 months after the first injection.

The time is drawing near and the reunion in Deadwood will soon be here. So, don't procrastinate! Make sure you have your accommodations secured. Hotel reservations should be made by 15 Aug. Ron and Vickie have worked diligently to give us a great time. Let's show our appreciation.

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

I look forward to seeing you in Deadwood.

Bill Martin

RLTW

Manning Inducted into the 2018 RHOF



Mandy Watts Dearborn-Photo

Congratulations to MSG Clifford Manning and Theresia

Every member of G 75 and the 75th RRA with whom I have spoken with and who has ever served or worked with MSG Manning agree that his record exemplifies the true character of the U.S. Army Ranger. I am pleased to submit his name of behalf of the 75th RRA and G 75 for consideration as a nominee for the Ranger Hall of Fame.

Rangers Lead the Way

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BY SFC (Ret)
Dave Travis

"The Best Soldier I Ever Met"

We've all seen those shows or read stories where some innocuous little thing like a butterfly spraining a wing resonates through history until some opposite event takes place like, I dunno ... Adolph Hitler, instead of a ruthless dictator, grows up to be a soft spoken milliner doing business as Hitler the Hatmaker. The story I'm about to tell doesn't quite work out that way, but it does show how the whole darned United States Army is a little bit better because of the 196th LRRP.

If you google CSM Ralph Beam, you will see a lot of information that tells the career story of a man whose achievements are far past impressive. I call it "DAAAM-worthy." Here is a little of what you'll see:

Command Sergeant Major Beam has completed overseas tours in Germany, Kosovo, Kuwait and Iraq. His stateside assignments have been at Fort Benning, Ga. and Fort Campbell, Ky. He has served as the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.; the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; Combined Joint Task Force Kuwait; Combined Joint Task Force Falcon (KFOR 4A) Kosovo; 2nd ("Dagger") Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in Germany; United States Army Alaska; Multi-National Corps – Iraq, the United States Army V Corps; United States Army Europe and Seventh Army Command Sergeant Major and is now serving as the Command Sergeant Major of NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan (NTM-A)/Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan(CSTC-A).

Another item you may notice is that he was named a Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment in 1999. He served as Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Battalion, 75th for a total of five years.

I went to Germany in 1977, assigned to 2-48 Infantry, 3rd Armored Division. A young SP4 who happened to be on detail as Duty Driver came to Rhine Main airport to pick me up; that was the first thing he did for me. The second was to tell his boss, the battalion Intel Sergeant, MSG Joe Norman, that the new guy



CSM Patrol in Iraq-DOD Photo

(me) had experience in G-2, a fact he learned on the ride from Rhine-Main to Gelnhausen. Subsequently, I was interviewed and chosen to replace the short-timer MSG Norman. That is how I came to be the young soldier's supervisor.

You should understand that in the Infantry battalions there is no segment so undermanned (and underappreciated) as the S-2. Our

entire roster comprised the S-2 (a 1LT,

later a CPT), an Intel Sergeant (me), and the track driver/jack of all trades (SP4 Beam). Here I have to admit that before arriving in this mechanized Infantry battalion, the only time I had ever been in a tracked vehicle was when a LRRP team was inserted alongside Nui Ba Den, a 15 minute ride that had only one result: disorientation. I had to lean very heavily on my young SP4 simply because he knew what I didn't. It was no time at all before I realized what a diamond in the rough I was in charge of. He had immense integrity. I could trust him implicitly. On one field exercise a company First Sergeant sneered in his face when he communicated on my behalf. When he reported to me, I walked back to the orderly room tent and informed the CQ (by that time the First Sergeant had left the area) that if SP4 Beam said anything to him, he was to consider it coming from me. There was never a question that he would ever let me down, never a question that he would overstep his authority.

Being his supervisor must have been something like being LeBron James's high school coach. At some point you realize that you have greatness before you. Then you begin to question yourself - Am I good enough to point a path for this superb young talent. I had nothing to do with the talent; it was either innate or instilled in him before I ever met him. My role was to offer any developmental tools that I could, to stand for integrity and honor, to exemplify what I was telling him. I don't know if I managed any of that. As I said, he was already bound to be a great soldier when I met him. I could only hope that in the building of one of the very best enlisted soldiers ever, I could somehow add one ingredient so that when he was a finished product, I had supplied one ingredient that added a little bit to his stature.

Featured “Best Soldier I Ever Met”



*CSM Beam-Talking with Deployed Troops
DOD-Photo*

surpass where I was. I had already been told that because I was a single parent who had to turn down drill sergeant school, I would never be promoted again. I shared as much responsibility and authority with him as I could. I remember once we were inspecting our track park. Since we shared it with 1-48, our sister battalion, we inspected the entirety of it. We found the 1-48 commander's jeep with the secure radio (a radio cleared for the passage of classified information) unsecure. When I made my report, the 1-48 LTC flatly denied that his radio was insecure. Knowing my integrity was questioned, I alerted SP4 Beam that we were repeating the inspection the following night. When we found the radio unsecure again, we removed it from the jeep,

took it to the duty NCO's office, and deposited it on his desk.

I really wish I could say that I mentored him and nurtured him to become the man he was and is. Maybe a little of me rubbed off on him. I hope so, but the truth is that I probably learned more from him than he ever learned from me. He was already a great young soldier when he picked me up at Rhine-Main. One thing I can proudly say is that I am the one who got to recommend him for promotion to Sergeant, beginning a rise that came within a step or two of the pinnacle of enlisted service. I had the privilege of kicking that door open for CSM Ralph Beam. Of course I almost made that messy too. When I recommended him for promotion, the HQ company commander sent me a memo that upon promotion, SGT Beam would be reassigned because the TO&E for the S-2 maxed out at SP4.

I got pissy and wrote a response that snidely informed the commander that of course I would release him, that he deserved promotion, and that it would benefit the Army more to advance such an outstanding young man than to impede his progression just because of his value to the S-2. CPT Arnal, my boss, calmly suggested to me that it would help neither SP4 Beam nor our tiny section if I pissed off our commander. He was correct, of course, so I communicated my acknowledgement to CPT Transom that we would lose him once he was promoted.

SP4 Beam had a sense of military discipline and bearing that many of my peers, soldiers with decades of service and three or four grades of rank above him seemed to lack. A comment he made to me once hit my brain and stuck there forever. He perfectly described one of the two roles of the sergeant when he said to me, "You're my lord and protector. You're supposed to take care of me." That was not said in any confrontational or argumentative way. He and I discussed anything and everything. He was telling me how he saw the awesome responsibility of the combat arms leader, and he had it just right. Leadership has two functions. The first is to accomplish the mission, but the second is to take care of your troops. One could take it a little farther and say that mission accomplishment is the purview of the commissioned officer while the welfare of the troops is the emphasis of the sergeant. The so-called leaders who think that it is all about them are the ones who, even though they may be successful regarding mission accomplishment, fail the soldiers who depend on them.

SP4 Beam was much, much more than a track driver. He quickly became my trusted partner. Remember that the S-2 had an officer, a sergeant, and an enlisted man. Our S-2 had duties and responsibilities peculiar to officers. In addition, there is that class system within the Army that discourages fraternization, so I wasn't best buds with the S-2, even though we got along very well. Ralph, on the other hand, was where I had been a few years earlier. Soon he would be my peer, and there was no question that he would far

2017 Board Meeting Working Copy

The board meeting was called to order by Association Chairman David Moncada in Buffalo, NY at 0903 EDT on 22SEP2017. In addition to Mr. Moncada, board members Chuck Ford, Steve Deever and Tom Nash were present. Steve Franklin was the only board member not attending. Also in attendance were association president Bill Martin, association vice-president Max Donovan, treasurer Lynn Walker and secretary Frank Svensson. A quorum of the board was present for the meeting. Secretary Frank Svensson advised the board that based on the information gathered from treasurer Lynn Walker and the number of dues paying members in attendance, there was also a quorum of members in attendance for the upcoming general business meeting. He also presented the board with the corrected minutes from the 2016 board and business meetings for their consideration and for any possible further corrections. Tom Nash moved that the minutes be accepted as published, Chuck Ford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Moncada began the discussion of new business with the treasurers report. There has been an ongoing concern with our finances and the ongoing viability of the Association. Treasurer Walker has been keeping close tabs on our income versus expenses. He reported that there has been a slight improvement in our income due mainly to including a dues renewal form in one copy of Sua Sponte per year. He suggested to the board that we increase that to twice a year to see if that meant a further increase in dues income. There followed a protracted discussion regarding the publication of Sua Sponte. It included how often to publish, paper versus electronic publication and how we are going to include dues renewal forms for our members. It was decided that further examination of the publication of Sua Sponte is necessary. Chuck Ford moved that we accept the treasurer's report, David Moncada seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

David Moncada followed with the concessions report. He reported that sales has fallen off in the last couple of years. His intent is to stick to the basics such as coins and shirts. There were no comments nor questions.

Steve Johnson briefed the board on the Ranger Hall of Fame packets that our association has submitted. He informed us that Clifford Manning's packet had gotten all the way to the final cut before it was rejected. He further explained that the requirements for approval have evolved to include not only their Rang-

er service years but additional things subsequent after his service. The board directed Mr. Johnson to submit Clifford Manning's packet for an additional attempt for approval.

Steve Johnson requested that someone else from our Association take over as the Unit Director with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. The unit director acts as a representative for our association with the 75th RRA and submits articles for Patrolling Magazine published by them. It was decided that his request would be put before the members during the general business meeting.

Tom Nash briefed the board regarding the Ranger Memorial brick efforts. He reported that we have purchased a brick for every member of our association who has passed. He further reported that we still have a cushion of two bricks. There followed a discussion of the process for buying a brick from the Ranger Memorial Foundation, the cost, etc. The board commended both Tom Nash and Steve Crabtree for their efforts to insure that our members are represented at the Memorial with a brick.

Chairman Moncada began the discussion regarding our reunion in 2018. He informed the board that Ron Olson has put together a proposal that we hold the reunion in Deadwood, SD. Mr. Olson will be making his presentation to the membership during the general business meeting. Chairman Moncada also briefed the board on membership in the Mountain Ranger Association and the benefits of joining. Most of those benefits involved strange but wonderful foods.

Chuck Ford moved that the board meeting be temporarily adjourned, David Moncada seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The board meeting was temporarily adjourned at 0955 EDT.

The board meeting reconvened at 10:00 EDT.

Chairman Moncada informed the board that all four of the sitting officers requested that they continue in their respective positions. Those officers are President Bill Martin, vice-president Max Donovan, treasurer Lynn Walker and secretary Frank Svensson. Tom Nash made a motion that the entire slate of officers be retained. Shawn Ranahan seconded. The nominations carried unanimously. Max Donovan moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Chuck Ford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2017 General Meeting Working Copy

2017 COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The general business meeting was called to order in Buffalo, NY at 1006 EDT.

Association secretary Frank Svensson reported that after consulting with treasurer Lynn Walker it had been determined that there was a quorum of 33 dues paying members present allowing for Association business to be conducted.

Chairman David Mocada briefed the membership on Steve Johnson's request for a replacement as our representative to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. A thorough job description was provided to our members. A request was made for a volunteer from the members present. Al Stewart later volunteered to assume the duties as our representative to the 75th RRA.

The location for our 2018 reunion was discussed next. Chairman Moncada informed the membership that Ron Olsen and his wife, Vickie, had offered to act as point and set up the reunion in their hometown of Deadwood, SD. Ron provided the membership with a briefing regarding the hotel, transportation, attractions, cost, etc. Chairman Moncada asked for a member vote on the proposed reunion in Deadwood, SD. The vote from those present was unanimously in favor of the proposal. The reunion will be held from 05SEP-09SEP18.

Chairman Moncada briefed the membership regarding the proposal that we cut publication of Sua Sponte from four (4) issues per year to three (3) issues per year. Steve Johnson, our editor and publisher, briefed the members regarding this issue. He expressed his concern over the lack of material and news worthy items for publication. He'd like to avoid publishing "fluff". A reduction in issues would help with this problem. The membership decided that if it is allowable per the bylaws, we will reduce the number of issues of Sua Sponte from four (4) to three (3) issues per year. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Moncada provided the membership with a briefing regarding the Mountain Ranger Association and their annual Critter Cookout. He recommended that all of our members consider joining this association (there is no charge for membership!) and attending one of their Critter Cookouts at the mountain Ranger camp in Delonaga, GA.

Richard Corken discussed the Long Range Reconnaissance Association, a fairly new organization encompassing all of the military units that qualify for membership in the 75th RRA but also includes the Long Range Surveillance (LRS) companies that are not currently accepted into the RRA. He encouraged our members to consider joining this association and possibly attending one of their annual reunions in Branson, MO.

The next order of business was from Ralph Tildon. Ralph provided biography sheets to our members that asked for our individual stories regarding our military service. That included such things as dates of service, code names, team names, training qualifications, etc. Once the forms are completed, the information will be collated and retained for historical purposes.

Board of Directors nominations were the final order of business for the meeting. Three (3) board members had another year left of their two (2) year terms. They were Chairman David Moncada, Steve Deever and Chuck Ford. The two (2) outgoing board members were Tom Nash and Steve Franklin. Tom expressed a desire to continue as a member of the board. David Moncada moved to retain Tom, Frank Svensson seconded. The membership vote was unanimous. Shawn Ranahan was nominated for the remaining board position by Chuck Ford, Max Donovan seconded. The membership vote was unanimous.

Frank Svensson moved that the general business meeting be adjourned. Tom Nash seconded. The membership vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 1055 EDT.

Attention Members-Annual Meeting Notice 2018

On Friday September 7th, 2018 at the Travel Lodge Inn & Suites-Hotel First Gold, 250 Main Street, Deadwood, South Dakota, 57732, The Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association will be having its annual general membership meeting to consider by-law changes (see page 8) and other important matters.

The time of the general membership meeting starts at 10:15 a.m. in the Hospitality Suite of the above mentioned hotel and location.

Four Proposed Changes to the Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association BYLAWS

SUA SPONTE OPERATING RULES

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- Any member of the Association shall be permitted to submit material for inclusion into Sua Sponte. All material shall be subject to editing as determined necessary by the editor. Editing shall be limited to grammar and brevity. Submitted material shall not be returned unless specifically requested by the sender.

ARTICLE FIVE, OFFICERS

SECTION SEVEN, SECRETARY/TREASURER

TREASURER- The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial Officer of the Corporation. He shall (a) have charge and responsibilities for the maintenance of adequate books of accounting for the Corporation, (b) have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the Corporation and be responsible therefore, and for the receipts and disbursements thereof, and (c) perform all duties incident to the Office of Treasurer to include the preparation of a complete financial statement for review by the Board at the annual Board of Directors meeting and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him from the President or the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECRETARY- The secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose, (a) see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law, (b) be custodial of the corporate records, bylaws and subsequent amendments and of the seal of the Corporation, if any, (c) keep a register of the address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such manner, the Secretary may, at his discretion, delegate the responsibility for maintaining this register to any person(s) of his choosing with the approval of the Board of Directors and (d) perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him from the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE FOUR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2 NUMBER, QUALIFICATION AND TENURE- The number of Directors shall be five (5). The number may be decreased to not fewer than three (3) or increased to any odd number from time to time by amendments to the bylaws. Each Director must be a member of the Association. Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years. There shall be no limitation of the number of terms or consecutive terms that a member may serve on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE THREE, MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the members shall be held on a date and place that shall be determined by the board of directors. Such meeting shall be held each year for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such business matters as brought to the attention of the Board.

LYNN Walker, CPA, Financials

1:10 PM
07/09/18
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Profit & Loss January 1 through July 9, 2018

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 9, 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	1,315.00
Total Direct Public Support	1,315.00
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	185.00
Total Other Types of Income	185.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	1,950.00
Total Program Income	1,950.00
Total Income	3,450.00
Gross Profit	3,450.00
Expense	
Operations	
Concession Expenses	779.90
Postage, Mailing Service	117.74
Printing and Copying	558.72
Total Operations	1,456.36
Total Expense	1,456.36
Net Ordinary Income	1,993.64
Net Income	<u>1,993.64</u>

1:12 PM
07/09/18
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of July 9, 2018

	<u>Jul 9, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	25,111.71
Total Checking/Savings	25,111.71
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	36,132.92
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>36,132.92</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
National Ranger Memorial Founda	50.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	50.00
Total Current Liabilities	50.00
Total Liabilities	50.00
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	7,246.18
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	1,993.64
Total Equity	36,082.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>36,132.92</u>

WESTERN REUNION HOST NEEDED

One of you lucky members who live in the "West" has the chance to show off your hometown to the Association. We rotate every year from the East Coast to the Midwest, then the West Coast and start over again taking turns. This year we are on the Midwestern part of the country so for 2019 it's in the western part of the country..

If you would like to host next year's 2019 reunion, please put together a short letter (no more than three to four paragraphs) to be read at the general membership meeting. Attending members will then vote on the reunion site for 2019.

The letter should be sent email or snail mail to our secretary, Frank Svensson and needs be in his possession no later than August 25th. Frank's contact information is on this page. Some suggestions: Attractions nearby? For example, this year we have our reunion in Deadwood and a major attraction would be Mt Rushmore. If you think of previous reunions there was always an attraction nearby.

Secondly, is there a major airport hub service nearby for those that fly in? At least half of those attending arrive via air travel.

Is there an appropriate place nearby that we can use to honor and read the name of our Brothers who gave all? This year, for instance, we are holding our memorial service at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Is there a suitable hotel (Best Western is banned) that can provide free shuttle service to and from the airport and other amenities like a free, adequate space for our banquet-hospitality room so we can serve our own adult beverages and sell our concessions and hold our "world -renowned" auction.

These are some of the things that you might want to mention in your letter to Frank. Just provide some basic information from the above and include whatever else you think would draw our members to your hometown.

Mail, email, or snail-mail Frank Svensson by August 25th. The membership will decide at our annual meeting in Deadwood

where our next reunion will be. You will be notified of the members' decision.

Dates and hotel: We hold our reunions, usually, Thursday and checkout Sunday.

To save money, we have found it best to have our reunions after Labor Day and no later than the second weekend in October.

We also would like to get the special room rate 2 days prior and after our reunion for additional time for sights of interest. Having the information as soon as possible, allows time to share the information with our members in the Sua Sponte last 2018 issue.

If selected you will have a small reunion advisor group to work with you. They will give you cheap advice and sometimes even reliable information (you get what you pay for)!

Send to Frank Svensson no later than August 25th. Thank you for your consideration for hosting next year's reunion!

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Jim “Lotz” Lotzgesell’s Offer

It is 1969 – U.S. Astronauts walk on the Moon. Back on Earth, the Viet Nam War rages.

Rangers, or *Lurps* (the nickname arose from Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols) were widely used across the theater of war. Most Divisions had a Ranger company attached. Consisting of small six-man teams, they often had surprisingly high kill-ratios. Thirty-plus missions into enemy territory could have a pretty severe effect on a man’s psyche. And then, there was his last mission. This story of fiction narrates just such a final mission, which just happened to coincide with Apollo 11 – where famous astronauts first trod the surface of the Moon.

The author was an Infantry Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He served on 35 missions into enemy territory in I, II, and III Corps, while attached to three different Ranger companies.

Jungle on the Moon
Lotzgesell

Jungle on the Moon



Jim Lotzgesell

I’ve written a book about Vietnam called, *Jungle on the Moon*...If anyone in the Association wants a copy, they can just e-mail their address and a phone number (Amazon requires that for shipping) and I will be happy to send them a free copy. The only thing that I would ask is that if someone likes it, that they might consider writing a review for it on Amazon.

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ASSOCIATION CONCESSIONS...

A couple left

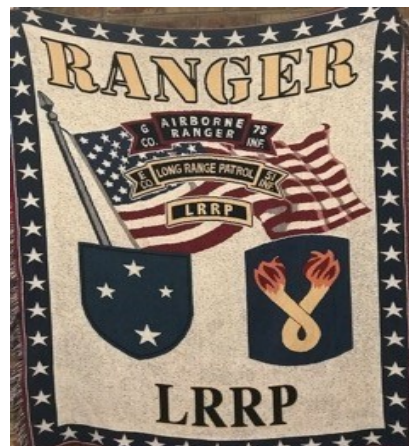


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