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# *Sua Sponte*



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## REUNION DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

# Vegas Will Set Record

## Record attendance predicted from early returns

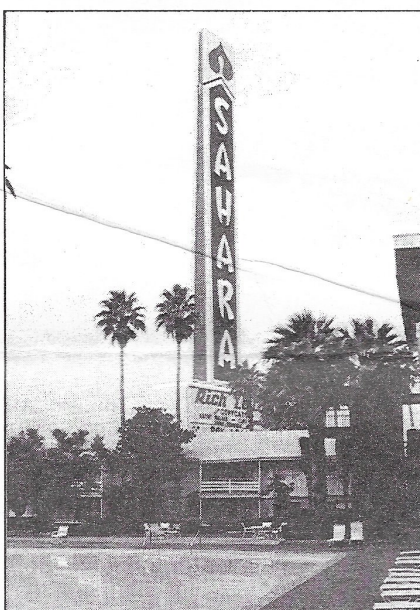
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LRRP/RANGERS and their families will be flocking to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend this year's Company G(RANGER) 75th Infantry Association Reunion. Headquarters has been flooded with responses from those who are planning to attend Reunion '93 at the Sahara Hotel and Casino in the middle of the famous Las Vegas "Strip". Returns to date are outpacing even those for Reunion '91 held in Washington D.C.

Based on early returns received at Association HQ, Reunion '93 promises to be the biggest yet. Since the New Orleans reunion, The Association has located nearly 100 new members and, along with those who have attended prior reunions and also a number of first timers, many of these new members have indicated they will be attending Reunion '93.

Due to the large numbers expected to attend the reunion, it is doubly important to register early so the association can insure adequate hotel space will be available to our membership.

**Hotel Reservations  
call:  
1 800 634-6666**



## Sahara will host Reunion '93

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The fabulous Sahara Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada will be the site of this year's Company G(RANGER) 75th Infantry Association Reunion which will begin on Friday, July 2.

Situated on the Las Vegas Strip, the Sahara has everything you expect from a major Las Vegas resort.

Newly remodeled guestrooms, two sparkling pools surrounded by landscaped gardens, a full range of restaurants, nightly entertainment, and one of the finest casinos in Las Vegas will make your reunion experience a fun filled and memorable event.

## Bob Klimp - Carol O'Shaughnessy wedding planned for Reunion '93

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In a history making Reunion first, the Company G(RANGER) 75th Infantry Association will host the wedding of Bob "Shades" Klimp (Baldy, '68-'69) to Carol O'Shaughnessy of Alsip, Illinois.

The double ring ceremony will be held on Sunday afternoon in the Sahara Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A full dress military ceremony is planned and former Co. G Commander James B. "Whip" Mc Williams (Cap'n Mac) will be on hand to give the bride away.

The couple will be married in matching Reunion T-Shirts and will be attended by an honor guard of former team mates and their guests - also in matching T-Shirts.

Wedding guests will include all attending Reunion '93 and the floral arrangements and decorations will be by Babysan of Oliver Springs.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom will be toasted at the annual Reunion Banquet that will conclude the activities of Reunion '93.

## The Association

# Association launches Information Line

### Newsletter Staff

A toll free 800 number is now available 24 hours a day to members who desire the latest information available on topics ranging from reunion details to placing orders for T-Shirts. Paid up members have received their Membership Handbooks which contain the Information Line number inside the back cover.

To use the Information Line, simply dial the number and listen for the instructions. Using a touch tone phone, you can select information on upcoming events, hotel and flight reservations, and ordering information for merchandise offered by the Association.

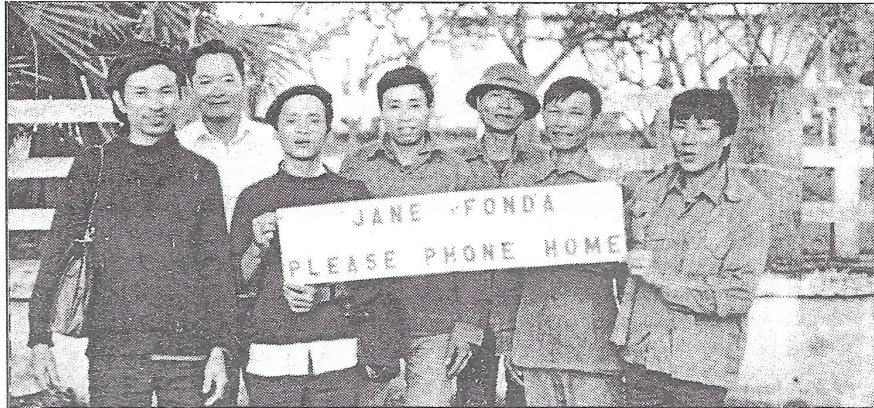
At any time during the call, you can begin a new message by pressing the appropriate number on your telephone. If you require information not available in one of the messages, simply wait for the message to end and you will be able to record your request for further information on a particular subject. You will then be contacted by an Association representative who will attempt to provide any information you have requested.

Although we tried every combination of catchy words we could think of like 1 800 G-RANGER etc all of the numbers that would have spelled out something easily remembered were already in service so you'll just have to keep your Members Handbook handy.

The toll free number is provided as a service to members of the Association. Feel free to give it a try any time you need to receive information, report address changes, locate a former team mate or wish to be contacted by an Association representative.

For Info Call:

**1 800 457-8652**



## From the Prez

**Dave Moncada**

Brother LRRPs/Rangers,

We have much to proud of as we approach Ranger Reunion IV, as much has been accomplished during last year. Since Reunion III in New Orleans, for example, Company G/75th Ranger Association has had the privilege of claiming the creation of our very own documented history video.

The undertaking was not a simple mission, and John "Kraut" Fritzingler has truly done a masterful thing with this video, which is entitled "WHO WERE WE." It depicts the history of our combat company, from 1967 to 1972.

We were fortunate to have our first company commander Gary Bjork on hand to illustrate our genesis, as we were born from an idea, and soon thereafter, we grew into a self-realized brotherhood of unique soldiers. "Frtiz" captured the essence of what it meant to us to be counted among the elite of US soldiers in Vietnam, and that arguably, E/51st Inf. LRRP and G/75th Rangers was the best of all Ranger companies in Vietnam.

"WHO WERE WE" is both rewarding and poignant. I can't say enough to really give the video the just accolades it deserves. Our hats are off to brother Fritz!! Do yourself a favor, and purchase the video for your own video library- the \$30.00 investment will be worth every cent.

The association also continues to advance in contacting others from within our ranks who had not yet heard of our exist-

ence. I hope many, if not all of them, will find their way to Las Vegas this coming July.

Our scheduled reunion at the Sahara Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas will in all probability be our biggest turnout. Ballerina reports from early returns that the numbers in Las Vegas might easily exceed 200 strong! Can you imagine a showing of over 200 LRRP/Rangers in Las Vegas?

The Treasurer's Report looks good, but it can and must continue to grow, for our existence depends on your input. No matter how much "spending change" you're planning to bring for the Las Vegas game tables, be sure to have a little for our Ranger Auction. Historically, the Ranger Auction has proven a bonus toward our Treasury and your continued support is anticipated.

On that note, please be sure to bring any old war memorabilia or such for the Ranger Auction. Let's hope that those who bid against themselves in our New Orleans showing will again favor us with a repeat performance: Here's "looking for you to bid" Gary and Earl!!

And a word of caution for the gamblers - budget the amount of money you're willing to "game with." In short, should you sample and play the tables, allow it to be recreational, and not stressfull!!

In any event, we all look forward to your arrivals in Las Vegas for Ranger Reunion IV, which should prove to be our largest showing so far. You guys truly amaze me with your continued commitments and I am very proud to be among all of you. We are achieving Synergy. Synergy, simply defined, is that the sum of all the parts is greater than the whole. LET'S SYNERGIZE IN LAS VEGAS . . .

**AIRBORNE!!!!**

# A Visual Recon

**Mike Chu**

For Co. G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association, the Spring season represents a cornerstone in which we shift from broad planning matters, and turn our attention towards the finer details of the next reunion. The major decisions and negotiations are behind us, the AO has been defined, and the focus is now centered on such things as 'how many men will be showing up?', 'what should the tee shirts look like?', 'who will be the guest speaker?' and 'where should the memorial service be held?'

By now the word should have gotten out to all LRRPs and Rangers that Las Vegas is the place to be on the 4th of July. We are anticipating the largest turn out ever in the history of the Association. There may never be a greater collection of E/51 and G/75 men gathered in one single spot of the universe.

Dave Moncada, John Shenkaruk and Michael Chu did a 3 man recon of the Sahara Hotel this past February. We reconned the situation and cut the deal. It is a great place and we will enjoy ourselves immensely. The hospitality room will be a 24 hour HQ and party center. We will have exhibits, memorabilia for sale, flowing booze, continuous videos, and other activities available for your enjoyment.

Babysan will be manning the concessions; Parker will head up the registration desk and passing out the goodies bag; Richard 'Jarhead' Collier will once again be humping his music gear from Louisiana and will provide great sounds for listening and dancing enjoyment. Many other LRRPs and Rangers are working in the background to insure that LZ Vegas is secured and operational.

The Las Vegas reunion will also feature another outstanding auction in which priceless

items of uncalculated value will be placed on the block to the highest bidder. This year the auction will be hosted by Richard 'Boot' Corkan. He will auction off unique collector items that hold untold military history of either factual or fictional origin. Call Richard Corkan and tell him that you want to put up for auction some old, useless, Viet Nam vintage items lying around the house. For those without anything to donate, bring a wad of money and participate to the hilt. Be generous as all proceeds go directly to the Association.

In keeping with the tradition of past reunions, a memorial service will be held. Mandatory tee shirt uniforms, soberness and 100% attendance at the Company formation will be required before moving out to the designated site. If you have had the privilege of seeing the video, or if you participated in past services, you will know the significance and sacredness of his event. This is a simple but moving memorial service that honors not only our fallen brothers, but also re-confirms our commitment to the LRRP/Ranger brotherhood.

There are rumors and the report of rumors that the Rangerettes are organizing and are planning an insertion but we do not have a reliable nor factual intelligence re-

port on this at the moment. Anyone with an accurate situation report on this, please radio relay into HQ.

A business meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in the morning of 3 July 1993. The primary participants will be the 11 Board Members and Officers of the corporation, however all Association members are invited to attend. In the evening, the Association will host the General Membership meeting and the annual banquet will follow the wedding ceremony on Sunday. The membership meeting is usually a free-wheeling bull session in which the overall plans and goals of the Association are discussed. Anyone with a 'burning issue', great idea, an upset, or whatever, is allowed to take the floor and state their case. This meeting will be conducted by President David Moncada with the full cadre of the Board of Directors standing by as a reactionary force.

The annual banquet night is a tee-shirt, baseball cap and black tie event. We normally try to get a guest speaker of great prominence, equal to the likes of Lt. Tildon. This is under wraps and we will not know who this person will be for another couple of months. However we will also be wine and dined, breaking bread and sharing good thoughts amongst the greatest group of men ever assembled under a single Army Company. These are the LRRP of E/51 and the Rangers of G/75. You must pre-order your tee shirts and caps prior to showing up, or take your chances at the door.

The Sahara Hotel will provide us with low room rates (\$50 per night), a free hospitality room, a banquet room, a board meeting room and usage of the swimming pool.

They have several restaurants situated around their hotel to include an excellent buffet. They are located right on the famous Las Vegas strip and have an outstanding casino.

All in all, Reunion '93 is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet. There will be plenty of activities for everyone and lots of surprises including a full blown wedding ceremony.

We are busting our butts in pulling this reunion together. Do your part by planning to be there. Las Vegas 1993!

**"We are busting our butts putting this reunion together" . . .**

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## The Early Days

Jerry Schuster

### Speedy Mincey

This here is another of the "This ain't no shit series." It's about Ole Claude "Lee" Mincey. He was something else. The boy never did get in a hurry about anything. He was one of those guys that could flop down and sleep anywhere, anytime. He moved not slow, but gradually. He was also a pretty good size guy and used up stand downs by lifting weights.

Well, you see, the gooks just loved to shoot up the Marine Aircraft Wing's air strip and planes. Even blowed up the fancy new p.x. the Gyrenes had built. Every two or three nights we would wake up to the Ka-whacks of the 122mm rockets hitting the

place. As a routine, we would roll over and go back to sleep. After all, the action was taking place over a half mile to the east of us.

The night TET '68 kicked off, we were snoozing on our comfortable canvas cots, under our stolen poncho liners, in our snazzy little hooch, without a care in the world. Suddenly, about 0300 hours, we heard a Ka-whack that sounded closer than normal. I told Mincey, who was in a nearby bunk, "That sounded close." He replied, "Oh, go back to sleep, they are hitting the airfield again." Moments later, he was snoring like a horse.

At that point, I decided to put my trousers and boots on. Just as the task was completed, a great Ka-whack sounded as a round hit about one hundred feet away. As shrapnel whizzed through the air, I made a mad, Olympic-record-setting dash for the bunker, and dove in. Lo and behold, there set Ole Mincey, fully dressed, calmly lacing up his boots.

## Baby Talk

Babysan

Yo Dudes!!!

A lot of great things are on the concessions menu this year. Like special Vegas T-shirts, super-duper Bancroft ball caps with embroidered Lrrp-Ranger stuff, beer steins-perfect for toasting old friends, coffee cups for handling the much-needed Java for sobering up each morning, LRRP-Ranger belt buckles for self-defense. You, know, when that Vegas show girl attacks your poor defenseless body- hell you'll need something which stands out!! This is just a small sample of what concessions plans to offer. Believe you me, it's going to be great. If the black-jack table don't get you, the concessions table will.

Corky is the team leader for the raffle and auction..... in talking to him... he has in the making a great program for both. Great stuff will be available, but he also wants some help. If you've got something

for the raffle or auction, contact Cork ASAP!

Crabs is the awards chairman. Although he is operating under a classified order, of keeping his mouth shut- or his tongue will be nailed to his nose, I have learned that the awards ceremony will be one that you don't want to miss. Especially if Crabs shows up in Vegas with a nailed tongue.

And guys, I keep hearing the rumor about some Lrrp-ladies. Like the info is unclear, something to do with toys, and lingerie. Now, I don't know about you, but Chief, Chu, Parker, Corky, Crabs and myself are going to be in Vegas to find out what all this is about.

For my good friend, Danny Jacks, the country bumpkin, you may know what lingerie is- however, I think when it comes to "toys" more than likely you'll need an interpreter. Whereas, not to bring great embarrassment upon yourself (Danny) contact anyone whose code name is Pervert, Heat, Pill, Beaver, Hose, Swing, Sperm, Beef, Pole, or Perfume. Any one of these fine Lrrps will act as your TL in this matter.

Babysan

## Book Review

Babysan

For your information, the "book" Babysan is putting together on E/51 LRRP-G\75 Ranger for "hard copy" publication is being supported as if a Ranger team was calling in for a hot extraction. The idea has created a hot LZ, and the action around Babysan is nothing but 100 percent fire support.

Babysan has sent out hundreds of support mailers to members and non-members of the Association for data input. What's catching on is Babysan's op-order plan, whereas all who supply input become authors within the book. You know, it's like your name is like put on a lighted billboard for the whole world to see.

Think about it, when the book is published, Ranger Dad's will become super war-heroes to their kids just by seeing their dad's name in print. At work, your fellow employees will put you on a pedestal of admiration for who you were as a special operation team member. For all you single LRRP's, at your local beer joint, you may become the talk of the town, and get a date without using "bull shit" lines.

Another reason the guys are jumping aboard with major input, is the book is not based around war stories or military history but builds a character profile on each man and what made him special. Therefore, the book is hot.

Don't pass up the opportunity to participate. If you have not received a data packet from Babysan, contact him immediately at (615) 435-1221 or write to :

Book  
234 Burney Drive,  
Oliver Springs, TN, 37840.

The opportunity to participate is for "all" who served in E/51-G/75. So, sharpen your pencil, blow the dust off your typewriter, access you computer, get out your old photo albums, or contact Babysan for a tape interview.

Do whatever it takes to support this action. Remember our motto "one out- all out and never leave a LRRP behind." Babysan is out and running. You should be out and running too!!

You can now get all of your LRRP/RANGER stuff from  
Babysan at 234 Burney Drive - Oliver Springs, TN 37840

## The Mailbag

Dear Sua Sponte,

I am grateful for having viewed the documentary, "Who Were We?", and want to share my reaction.

The absorbing one hour is a varied-textured weave around a grounding theme. Yes, a grounding reminder that I am, thank God, footed on American soil and that my freedom must not be taken for granted. I have response- ability to guard, nurture and cultivate that freedom, continually, for all of US.

The title "Who Were We?", a question that's answered throughout, a looking back for some...comes full circle to "Who We Are!", a looking forward for all, a challenge to BE, more fully. As Colonel Ralph Tildon so pointedly expressed, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

This is more than a remembering for the LRRPs/Rangers, it is an alert to all viewing to re-activate movement towards ever broader expression of our essence as human beings. Col. Tildon refers to "the service of our country and its most noble principles", which I interpret as simply acknowledging and supporting everyone as already possessing nobility. Our forefathers declared that we are, "endowed with inalienable rights." As I recall those words, I also hear the familiar - "use it or lose it."

You may relate to what I have heard labeled as the PANG Syndrome..."People Are No Good." Too many people are conditioned to come from that thwarted viewpoint. Even I, in my relative comfort, have at times fallen for "lies" about human beings not being at their core - Good. The viewing of "Who Were We?" reaffirms for me that "We Are!". The men, placed in hard circumstances with unity of purpose ...didn't operate from PANG. Let us not wait for war, crisis, to come from who we really are.

Speaking for all, Col. Tidon says, "War is not to be glorified". While the interaction of these men was extra- ordinary, it is up to US as "ordinary" people to make similar noble interaction just ordinary, everyday events in our lives.

Aloha,  
Yetta L.C. Chu

Dear Rangers,

I believe I've read every word of the Fall/Winter "Sua Sponte." Also, I just ordered a copy of the Documentary. I can't believe all the talent that keeps turning up to publish a newsletter and coordinate the reunions. Sorry I couldn't make it to New Orleans, and I probably won't be able to make it to Las Vegas either- July 4th time frame is just a bad time for me to leave auctions, horses, farm, etc., but if I can I'll sure get away.

Glad to see that Captain Bjork made it to New Orleans. Never had the pleasure of meeting him but had lots of good reports on him.

Reference the code names- I still get a chuckle when I think about Ma Sawyer and I sitting down with a company roster back in November, '68 and assigning code names. I'm sure "Hustler" remembers how he got his - why he could requisition almost anything we needed without even filling out a written request. He was more reliable than S-4 supply any day. How could "Ballerina" ever have taken such a tough looking picture? And the theory of how he got that name - I recall a fine-looking young soldier that didn't look old enough to shave and moved like a dancer, HA!. But really, most names, if one investigates, had logic to them. Names like Chief, Ho, Boot, Crabs, Babysan, Kraut, Rock, Beans, Tower, Blondie, Buffalo (man I still hear him bellow sometimes), Pineapple (by the way, has anyone had contact with him- I seem to remember he came through the Hawaiian NG to us), Otter (lean and clean-moved well), Aries (we were thinking about flowers that day I guess), Prunes, Gator, Ferret, Lucy. Almost every one of these names are self explanatory ha. Hey I bet Gator made a super Highway Patrol. I recall he was a great machine gun man.

Names like "Limp" Did Purser sprain an ankle at one of our Volleyball games or on an early morning run during Recondo School?

Really enjoyed Bean's story. Guess we "failed to communicate". Did Ferret fail to tell you the Faro Pistol was for use in tunnels only? Let's hear one about the 9mm with silencers. I seem to remember the silencers didn't last long. Also, who was the first team that used the "Remote Claymore Detonator" from hill 1362?

2/17/93- Hope to finish this letter today.

Received my documentary last Saturday and have watched it two times already. Fritz, you and your assistants did a great job. Otter, I can't begin to tell you how proud all the Rangers and myself are of the words and thoughts you brought to our reunions and this film. It is impossible for me to express in words how proud I am of every member of E-51st and G-75th, especially those who served from October '68 until September '69. I guess Captain Bjork expressed it best - after commanding a group of men like this, there wasn't much challenge left in the military.

I can't believe I understood someone in the documentary refer to "LZ Pineapple Hill 1362" as "Mad Mack's Mountain." I know it's true that we used up several 500 lb bombs, several rounds from USS New Jersey, lost 2 Huey helicopters and damaged a 3rd when it ran out of fuel, and had a back injury before we finally got it established properly, but it was instrumental in maintaining radio communications with teams and many were saved even at night because of that capability.

Keep up the good work. Everyone renew your membership. Anyway I can help, let me know. All the best to each of you.

James B. "Whip" McWilliams

Hey G Company,

Great publication- great association! You've recaptured the spirit of the VN era LRRP/Rangers. Hope to see you all in the 75th Ranger Association, we need your spirit and leadership.

I'm enclosing an extra \$12 for one of yours who can't swing the membership fee. Keep up the great job and keep trying to bring our "lost" brothers back into the fold.

A fellow Ranger,  
Gary Linderer  
"Rangers lead the way"

From Grease,

In reply to the Sua Sponte code names article I was personally impressed by Ranger Bob Parker's quick fast and in a hurries defense of his own code name. From the east coast in S.E. Washington, D.C., I have seen almost every imaginable thing under the sun growing up in a tough, not to polite environment with a leather jacket and "take it easy greasy you gotta long way to slide" attitude. I have been called a lot of things,

from my own rented neighborhood have earned me the honor of Ranger along with all of my fellow brothers of G-75.

I will always call every man of the greatest company of men that served in the largest area of operations of South Vietnam Ranger first. We ranged more cubic miles of northern military region one, I Corps, than any other Ranger company in Vietnam. Hats off to all Rangers of G-75.

"Grease"

Sua Sponte,

I have just received my Associate Membership card and Membership Handbook - 1993. Thank you for sending them so promptly. As I looked through the Handbook it hit me that G/75 just may be the only unit with direct/indirect ties with the World War II Americal Division to wit:

The 75th was reorganized 1st of January 1969

On 26 October 1954 it was allocated to the Regular Army

On 21 June 1954 it was redesignated from 475th Infantry to become the 75th.

On 10 August 1944 it was organized as the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)

Now, here comes the goodie: The original 5307 was organized 3 October 1943 in the China-Burma-India Theater. At least one-fourth of the manpower had been recruited from the Americal Division while the Division was still engaged with the Japanese on Guadalcanal (January, 1943). The promise of the recruiters was that those who volunteer would participate in "only one more mission" and then go home. It would be fitting to add here that that was quite a promise as all of the men of the Americal then realized that it was going to take a long time to reach Japan.

Thusly, the current G/75, as a part of the 2nd Battalion, was, during WWII, the only Vietnam unit which had direct connection with the original Americal Division and the

special person in my life now, I thought it would be a day for a lot of T.V. That changed around 1300 hours.

A van with Ohio plates pulled into my driveway. Obviously, someone was really lost. I opened the front door to help, and a fellow got out of the van. He said he was looking for Ron Grguric. I found myself looking at the G-75 cap instead of him. He asked me if I was on team Arkansas. When I said 'yes', he said "I'm Dennis Nye." Instant recall!

Dennis and his family spent the afternoon. The kids slept, and his wife Prescilla mainly listened as we talked, pulled out photos, and remembered.

Too soon, they had to go. We took a few pictures, then I "drove point" down to the interstate and headed them south to Florida. After another hug, and a tear or two on my part at least, they were gone.

Several weeks later, copies of Sua Sponte arrived. I read them from cover to cover some twice. Thanks Dennis!

I can't believe that after 22 years the feelings of closeness and brotherhood were still there. You can't stop being a Ranger!!

By the way, the Summer 1992 issue of Sua Sponte had a picture of our team after a heavy walk off. Dennis gave me a copy of it, along with a t-shirt from the New Orleans convention. The Ranger with helmet between Tim Shur and Gerald Ciccanti is Jim Pushnik. The guy next to Dennis Nye is ME!!

I can't wait for Vegas '93!! I look forward to seeing all you guys again. Until then, may all your LZ's be cold.

Ron Grguric  
"Split End"

P.S. If anyone communicates with John Martin, last known AO Garden Grove, California, I would really like to hear from him. He and I came up to G-75 from K-75 together.

group has been formed to facilitate communication and discuss items of interest to us. Our goals for this group are as follows:

1. Support Our Men
2. Support the E Co. 51st LRRP/G Co. 75th Inf. Association
3. Support each other
4. Have Fun

We have brainstormed several ideas and activities that we think might be enjoyed by all. Some of these include:

1. A "Good for the Goose" lingerie and toy party to be held during the men's business meeting.
2. A column like this in the newsletter,
3. A scholarship fund for children of E Co. 51st LRRP/G Co. 75th Inf. Rangers.
4. Organized baby-sitting for Reunion activities.
5. A telephone tree.
6. Message T-shirts.
7. Shopping/Gambling groups while the men are having business meetings.

Profits from all money-making activities will go to the Co. G Ranger Association general fund. These are just some ideas. We would like to know what you think. We invite and encourage...Nay, we beg you to let us know your thoughts on this. Any and all ideas are welcome. We also need a name. Possibilities include:

1. Rangerettes
2. LRRPettes
3. Co. G Ladies
4. Ranger Mates
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please write or call to share your ideas and opinions with us. Addresses and phone numbers are in the Ranger Directory.

SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS!!

Jo Jo Corkan ("Boot"-Richard)

Dena Dunham ("Babysan"-Ralph B.)

Florita Tilden ("Otter"-Ralph)

Heidi McWilliams (Cpt. Mack-James)

P.S.- Have you hugged your Ranger today?

Ranger Association,

I, Dave W.L. Hilchey served in 75 Rangers 25th division Company F. In 8 months I went on over 48 mission. I was one of those who used the M-60 saw off barrel in front of gas plug. On an assault mission where the Viet Kong surrendered the whole hospital to a 7 man team. They saw the large muzzle flash and they must have thought we were a tank unit. There was a N.V.A. General as one of our P.O.W.'s. Out of 20 P.O.W.'s there were 15 that survived our assault. There was the nurse that was hit with breast and buttock wounds that we did first aid and put her on the Medvac without any clothing. The pilot almost had a blade strike. Another mission there was total wipe-out of a Ranger team and we went in to rescue them and I was awarded Army Commendation with V device, as a hero. This is another adventure I can share another time. All of this was within my first 90 days as a Ranger in combat.

F Company was sent to a rear area and was to be sent home. So I went to the Americal division transfer center and was told I could transfer to G Company Ranger if I got their O.K. At this time, the first Sgt. did not like other Rangers and I was told not to wear the state-side head gear. Black beret or the original red one I still had. So I got out an old bush hat. After a review of my 201 file I got the O.K. I served with G Company until they left (Chu Lai) on the beach. My code name was 'suffer'. It was a misspelling. I wanted 'surfer' since I was the one who paid 500 for Austral board and would go surfing without a weapon and was also caught by the division commander. Another adventure - always made good use of the three days between missions.

After Vietnam: was training instructor Fort Ord. Finally Hawaii was a 25th and went from the inf. to 725 maintenance and became top inspector of all mechanical equipment. How I made this transfer is another adventure. My VH stood for air-borne Ranger. They had the same mos code for division inspection was a 2H. I had owned my auto repair since the age of 16 and was an expert in repairs. This was a great job 3 to 4 hours a day with no formations and no brass to get in our way. This was a 2 NCO position. I still love the high adventure, I have done about 200 movies which include T.V. shows and commercials. See movie fax flyer for some

of the many adventures. Also use our time for free to save whales and have many adventures on the high sea. As we would say: blood and guts, Rangers all the way, sir.

Sincerely yours,  
Dave W.L. Hilchey

Fellow Rangers,

I have been receiving your newsletter for about 2 years now, with great interest. It has stirred some old memories and I have found 1 old friend, Leonard Jasmer.

I was part of D Co. 75 Rangers out of Long Binh 1969 and 1970. Our company was deactivated in 1970. Some of our guys went home early. The rest of us were reassigned to G Company in Chu Lai.

Once settled in assigned to a platoon, waiting to join a team, I was told I had 35 mission and they would not let me go back to the bush! Well you can imagine how upset I was, being on the beach and all.

This was a great two months of beach time. My new 1st Sgt. was C.P. Williams and C.O. was Captain Avgoulis. After about my 3rd day, 1st Sgt. called me into office for duty assignment. I thought 'Oh, the party's over.' All I remember him asking me is if I could add and subtract. 'Of course,' I said, being a highly trained Ranger. Then silence came over our room. Then he said "Report to Ranger club, and Sgt. in charge. He's going home Friday." Oh, the party was back on. I had just turned 20 years old and I was the new Ranger Club Manager. Was I proud or what?

I spent the next two months enjoying myself. Made a few club improvements and made sure guys had cold beer and a clean place to relax and enjoy themselves.

Reading your newsletter, most of the names were before me and your stories hard to relate to not knowing the A.O. which was so different from Long Binh, but the Ranger Club was a place we all had in common, a place to be with our friends, put things back together and try and make some sense out of that crazy time.

I'm going to send a couple of pictures of the old club and see if it will stir any old memories. (I hope the good ones.)

I'm still looking for two close buddies-SSgt Randy Stepek and SFC Joe Ouelette. Thanks for your time and I think your association is great.

Mike "Bones" Millan

## Ranger Mother

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Dear Ranger Mothah,

I have a major problem that **MUST** be wrecktified prior to the reunion in Las Vegas. At a gig about a month ago, one of my CD players started playing the Marine Corps Hymn repeatedly. (and before you accuse me- I have no-REPEAT- no Marine Corps CD's!!) I unloaded the machine and programmed up another- with the same results. I consequently sidelined the recalcitrant machine and next morning took it to my local doctor of digitology (spit that one out 10 times real fast and you'll have your tongue wrapped around your eye-teeth so tight you'll be blind for life.) Dr. D. informed me that it was suffering from a virus, promptly quarantined it, and has been working with it since- but to no avail. To make matters worse, another player has come down with the same malady- that leaves me only one more. Can you picture me at the Ranger reunion with three CD players that will play only the Jarhead Hymn? I believe in stereo but this is stretchin' it kinda far!! Mothah, what can I do? Please help me!!

Jammin' Jarhead

Dear Jammin' Jarhead,

Man, you've definitely got a problem there. One Marine Corps hymn at the Ranger reunion would mean certain disaster.

I've heard of this problem occurring before. It seems that after 20 years or so some of that Jarhead brainwashing begins to leak out through the ears and can cause auditory hallucinations in certain unstable individuals.

The disease is similar to Optical-Rectalitis except in this case it's the ears that are affected. Oto-Rectalitis occurs when the ears are subjected to an overwhelming amount of B.S. (as in the Marine Corps) thereby causing the ear canals to atrophe and assume the functionality of an anus.

You've heard the expression "It's all in your head"? Well, as any good Marine can tell you - after being in the Crotch, you have absolutely nothing to worry about.

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