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The Quarterly Newsletter of The Company G (RANGER) 75th Infantry Association

MEMORIAL DAY, 1996

TWENTY NINE MEN

On this Memorial Day 1996, the Company G (RANGER) 75th Infantry Association once again publishes the names of the E/51 and G/75 men who were killed during their tour in Vietnam. As has become traditional, a brief memorial service and eulogy for all of them will be organized at the upcoming Las Vegas Reunion. Twenty nine men will be honored.

Their life stories, the events leading to their enrollment into the Company and their eventual deaths varies greatly. Some of us may be intimate with the details for some of them, but for most of us, they stands as a faceless group among us.

Nevertheless, the common thread between these men and our Association is our shared history of E/51 LRRPs and G/75 Rangers. This list of twenty nine names represents the broadest and most comprehensive listing on record. Having withstood the scrutiny of six years of publication through the Sua Sponte newsletter, a copy of this list will be submitted to the Department of the Army requesting their acknowledgment and acceptance of this list as an official record of the history of Company E, 51st Infantry (Long Range Reconnaissance

We Shall Remember
1968- 1971

*Killed In Action While Serving with Co. E 51st Infantry (LRRP) or
Co. G (RANGER) 75th Infantry, Republic of South Vietnam*

- ALEX J. HERNANDEZ • JAMES D. MARTINEZ •
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- JOSE E. TORRES • EDWARD M. LENTZ •
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- JOHN W. BENNETT • ROBERT J. PRUDEN •
- GEORGE T. OLSEN • HAROLD E. BASEHORE JR. •
- EDWARD G. MATHERN • LARRY A. MACKKEY •
- BARRY H. BERGER • DAVID L. MEYER •
- THOMAS E. SNOWDEN • DANNY G. STUDDARD •

Patrol) and the Company G (RANGER) 75th Infantry during the Vietnam war.

Any member of the Association may offer written comments or supportive testimony prior to this submittal. Send comments to Sua Sponte no later than Labor Day 1996 for inclusion. Anyone

knowing the burial site of any of the twenty nine men, please phone, fax or write this information into the Association HQ at Alta Loma, CA. or to "Gunner" Starnes, Company Historian for inclusion into the Association data base.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by: David 'Chief' Moncada

Greetings to all fellow LRRPs and Rangers. I have been extremely proud to have know all of you, and to have worked with many of you. All of you have been instrumental in rekindling and reshaping many of the fond memories I have- memories from Vietnam, up to all the Ranger reunions we've had. I can honestly say that I have never known a better group of men, individually or collectively. I would gladly and without hesitation, serve with any of you once again, in the service of our country. It is individuals like yourselves that make our nation that much better, for it is the uniqueness of the spirit of Sua Sponte- of our own accord- that continues to enrich all of us. Rangers always have, and will continue to lead the way.

This will be my last message as President of the Association, and it is important that all of you know what I have described above. Our Association began with an idea, an idea that a few of us had the time and the energy to develop into a movement. Helped along, little by little, the movement caught fire by the middle of 1990, and as we approach Reunion '96, we should all momentarily pause to reflect on what we have accomplished. By and large our overall goal has been met, as we have successfully formed the structure and mechanics through which Co. G (RANGER) 75th Infantry Association has operated. As is the nature of such things, the road and paths we have taken as an association, have not always met with good favor. Our choices have been dictated by the human dynamics found in boardroom decisions. However, I have always felt that these decisions have always been made in the spirit of selflessness, for the good of the team, for the good of the association, as opposed to the benefits of

the individual. This was how we functioned as Ranger Teams in combat- success measured by whether the team accomplished its stated mission, while collectively surviving. As we all know, we experienced casualties, sometimes more often than not. We should also recall know that our teams were also reconstituted, or reformed, so as to allow the continuance of future missions.

The Association is undergoing reconstitution, as our leadership is being reformed. The mission remains the same, our stated goals are unchanged, and you may be called upon to provide leadership. It is my deepest hope that if and when certain of you are called to step forward, to lead so that others can follow, you will not hesitate to do so. I have wondered of the past few years whether the flame of our cause has been cooled by the winds of apathy or complacency. The Association is now in need of new fire, of certain other individuals to reconstitute the team of leadership- board members and officers alike. After all, you are Rangers!!

MR. PRESIDENT, 1996

Underwhelmed by volunteers to assume the Association presidency, the corporate officers have undertaken an informal search, nationwide, and will be recommending Charles "Jolly" Haussler to succeed David "Chief" Moncada as the next President. Jolly will not be receiving the nomination by default. Once determining his availability, he was the unanimous choice among the officers and the chairman.

Jolly comes to the Association from the great state of Utah where he has recently retired from the police force. He stands 6 ft.+ and 300 lbs. He is a SMJ in the Utah National Guard. He spends his free time teaching defense courses.

Jolly is from the "early" era of the Company. He served with the blue tab E/51 LRRPs under Capt. B and can be seen on the video, "Who Were We."

And if that's not enough, the next Chairman of the Board is viewed as being Danny Jacks. Danny brings would bring not only seniority and documented heroics, but country wisdom, astuteness and finesse to the Association board.

With no politics intended, Sponte supports Danny Jacks and Charles Haussler for Chairman and President respectively, provided that AJ does not decide to mount a last minute campaign.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Association membership drive continues with over 100 renewals and/ or new members signing up for 1996. Another large influx of membership dues are expected at the registration desk of Reunion 1996.

If you have forgotten to renew your \$20. membership, please do so now. And of course, Life Time Membership is always available. Send your dues to:

Co. G (Ranger) 75th Inf. Assoc.
6964 Berkshire Ave
Alta Loma, CA 91701

Svensson reports that a nice note was received from Dan Neises along with his 1996 dues. Another Ranger was recently found in NY. Frank Cole has reported in. He can be reached at 512/ 277-1483.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

by: Frank Svensson

64 days and a wake-up!!! As I write this, that's how many more days until we again get together for our annual reunion. As you undoubtedly know, we are returning to Las Vegas again this year. Mike Chu and Dave Moncada did an area recon with the help of Darrell Wasson who lives in Las Vegas. They have secured our AO and NDPs' for us at the Aladdin Hotel. I know it's getting close because Mike is getting worried. Did we block out too many rooms, not enough rooms, will we have a good turn out, etc. I'll tell you without Mike and his planning skills, we'd go to hell in a hand basket real quick.

Seriously, it's important that all of us make our reservations at the Aladdin as soon as possible. We need to get a handle on how many rooms we need, how much food to order for the banquet and dozens of other variables that need to be dealt with. Firm reservations are the best indicator of how things are going and what we'll need to do to adjust. The reunion registration cost is still \$55. per person. By the way, the winner of this year's prize for making the first registration deposit goes to Danny Jacks. He and Marcel must have sent their check in the day they got the latest Sua Sponte in the mail. Their prize is getting

mentioned in this issue of Sua Sponte. Congratulations, Danny and Marcel!

On a real positive note, I talked to Rick (Jammin' Jarhead) Collier. Jarhead and I served together with Co. G. I'm happy to report that he's planning on being in Las Vegas and will bring his huge library of music and his loud and effective music system. Make out your list of golden oldies from the 60's and 70's and bring 'em along. Jarhead even threatened to bring along that pretty daughter of his. Somebody has to keep him line. Thanks for being there, bro! It goes without saying that I look forward to seeing each and every one of you. Las Vegas is a great time for not only Mom and Dad, but also for the kids. So bring them along. Our first reunion there was a big success. I hope we can repeat that feat. See you in 65 days. RANGER!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash in Checking Account	
	\$6,015.28
Lifetime Member Account	
	\$3,300.00
Reunion Deposits Received	
	\$ 110.00
Working Balance, 01May96	
	\$2,605.28

The above figures represents the current cash status of your Association. To date we have received 110 dues renewals from Rangers and our friends from all over the country. Of the 110 checks and money orders that have been received, 21 had additional donations included. This money is very much appreciated and will be used carefully.

I have personally been encouraged by what I have seen up to now in the dues renewal process. There have been numerous checks from LRRPs and Rangers who we haven't heard from for 2 or 3 years. The level of donations is also an encouraging thing to see. Your generosity is appreciated. As nice as all of this is, we still need all of you who haven't sent your 1996 dues in to take the time to do so now. The money from your dues help to publish and mail out Sua Sponte, dues renewal notices, membership handbooks and other communications the board deems necessary. Dues



money provides the day to day operating capital to keep our organization going. I would like to take this opportunity to cover a couple of additional things. As most of you know, Jerry Schuster had to resign as Treasurer of our Association. Jerry retired and is making the big bucks managing carnival and country western bands. I took over as acting Treasurer in view of this fact. I would like to announce my intention to run for the Treasurers position that Jerry vacated. To date I have opened an account at Charles Schwab and have deposited the Association assets into a Charles Schwab One Account. The current yield on this account is 4.55%. We have full check writing privileges and the convenience of offices all over the country. As Officers come and go, they simply go to a local Schwab office, fill out a signature card, send it in to the branch where our assets are held and we are in business with that new Officer. He can now sign checks and conduct Association business within our account. All current Officers have the full account information and can call the Schwab computer system and check on the available balance in the Association account at any time.

I want all of you to know that your money is safe. To that end, the books are open to anyone at anytime. I have the checking and other Association accounts

**Welcome
Home!!**

**Dan Neises
Franklin Cole**

set up in the latest version of Quicken. If my financial advisor ever approves it, I'll buy a laptop and have the entire program available whenever we meet. She says I have to buy her a new kitchen floor first. The books are open, folks. If you think its not being run right, let me know, or better yet, another Assoc. Officer know.

LIFERS

Our list of lifetime members continues to grow with the addition of three additional bodies over the past year. In view of the fact that I took over the Association data base, I thought it would be a good idea to publish the complete list of our lifers. If your name isn't here and should be, or if it's here and shouldn't be, let me know. I'm still trying to get a handle on some of the information contained within the data base.

Lifetime members in alphabetical order are:

Sedell Bailey
 George Boyd
 Michael Chu
 James Clark
 Wayne Diede
 Robert Hammond
 Richard Jones
 Steve Johnson
 Walter Keating
 Dan Linehan
 Jim McWilliams
 Thomas Sagan
 Brian Sandell
 Richard Simpkins
 Howard Slaughter
 Jerry Schuster
 Earl Toomey

NO JULIET RANGER

by: Gunner Starnes

Juliet Company is not included in the 75th Infantry's line up during the Vietnam war. The idea of creating a Juliet Company however was considered by the US Army as early as December 1967.

Co. J was to be from the 11th Infantry Brigade (Light), stationed in Hawaii as a separate brigade. It had its own LRRP detachment known as the the 70th Infantry LRP Detachment. The 11th was eventually sent to Vietnam and merged with the Americal Division. It was known as the 3D Brigade of the Americal Division however but still retained its identity as the 11th Infantry Brigade. Its LRRP detachment unit, the 70th Infantry LRP Detachment, was targetted to be come "Juliet Company" of the 75th Infantry Regiment (CARS). The 70th LRRPs however were instead deactivated.

By December of 1968 the alignment of LRP units in Vietnam was well established. The assets of the deactivated 70th LRRP Detachment, as well as the LRRP Detachment of F Troop 17th Cav, and Detachment "A" LRRP, 196th Infantry Brigade (Light) was transferred to HHC, 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) by order of the Division Commander. They were then placed into the new DA approved E Company (LRRP), 51st Infantry, which later became Company G (RANGER) 75th Infantry Combined Arms Regimental System (CARS) (AIRBORNE).

On November 9th 1994, the first commencement of the United States Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) dedication took place. The place, the new ARSOF Command HQ building located at Fort Bragg, NC.

Congress and the Federal government has authorized funds for the growth of Army Special Operations. The facilities located around the Wadkin Road area houses Special Operations soldiers.

Previously, Special Ops were only tenant units at Bragg. Now, the United States Army Special Operations Forces has a home. It is like an Army post within a post. The modern day 75th Ranger Regiment's memorial stones were also moved to the new Wadkin Road site.



Invitations had gone out to many Special Ops soldiers who converged on the site. OSS, Special Forces Jedbur teams, Psychological Ops and Civil Affairs Elements, 5217th Alamo Scouts, 1st Special Service Forces, 1st thru 6th Ranger Bat. of WWII, 5307th Merrill's Marauders, Korean Conflict Airborne Ranger Companies, MACV Ranger Advisors, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol and Ranger Companies of the Vietnam Conflict were present and accounted for. It was a line up of the most elite elements of men that walked on these hallow grounds.

The news media, bagpipers, 101st Airborne Div. band/ choir and government agencies connected to Special Ops were there. Men of the black and green berets from past to present were in attendance. The bagpipes played their haunting sounds followed by the playing of the Nation Anthem. It brought tears to many eyes and all showed their pride by standing and saluting as the National, Army, SF and other Special Ops colors were brought into view.

A static display of both SF and Ranger cape past. The 75th Rangers were sharp in appearance. The former combat LRRPs/Rangers were highly proud of their present day Ranger soldiers, who came to honor this special occasion.

The event was an opportunity for all of these men to meet and talk. They had don berets. Some wore civilian suits, others wore their military medals, and some came just to reflect on their fallen comrades. The names of their buddies that had fallen in combat are now etched on this wall of reverence. Their units carved in stone to weather the past, present and future. They were and are the United States Army "American Commandos."

REUNION

REUNION NEWS

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CALL 1-800-RUB-LAMP

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY & ASK FOR THE G/75 RANGER RATE.

It's not too late to make reservations at the Aladdin Hotel for the 1996 reunion. Call the hotel today!

Reunion 1996 will mark the 7th consecutive gathering of E/51 and G/75 men and families. It will be a great weekend in a great city. But you must move quickly. The Aladdin Hotel will hold 75 rooms for us at a special rate. But these rooms must be reserved 30 days prior to insertion. In addition, call Association HQ and let us know you are coming. We must get a head count in advance to plan our cost and banquet arrangements.

The \$65. rooms are located in the lowrise older portion of the hotel around the swimming pool. The \$75. room rates are in the hotel's newer highrise tower. Either way, these rates are excellent for a full casino strip hotel.

You will once again enjoy a great hospitality room layout, stocked with refreshments and finger foods. "Jarhead" Collier will occupy a corner of the room spinning CD's for your pleasure and per your request. "Chief" and "Rock" Hardy will be pinch hitting at concessions with a new black polo shirt, designed for our formal occasions.

Those seeking a commemorative ball cap will find another new design, so secretive that its look has not been unveiled as of this writing. For the Hill 1362 vets, an "off the wall" tee-shirt collector's item will be available in limited quantities only. Just a couple of "Who Were We" tapes remain. Back orders for just about anything worn, displayed, exhausted or rumored will be taken. The registration team of Svensson, Schuster, Johnson will accommodate.

If you are sitting on the fence, pick up the phone, call a few buddies and plot our your July 4th weekend for Las Vegas. We will all be there to party with you.



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day 1 Wed. 3 July	Advance party Inspect facilities
Day 2 Thur. 4 July	Open hospitality room 11 am Board meeting 2 pm
Day 3 Fri. 5 July	Memorial service 9 am Group photos General membership meeting 10 am Spouse slot tournament 10 am Auction and raffle 11 am Night club show (individuals)
Day 4 Sat. 6 July	Free day Storm Hoover Dam (optional) 8:45 am Cocktail hour 6 pm Banquet 7 pm
Day 5 Sun. 7 July	Board debriefing 9 am Shut down hospitality room noon Consolidate finances, Close hotel and vendors contracts Departure

\$55. per person registration fee includes all
hospitality room refreshment and banquet dinner
\$65.-\$75. room rates per night



CHECKING INTO THE NET

by: Michael S. Chu

It was Sunday morning, Mother's Day to be exact. I rolled into the office shortly after noon feeling an urgent need to work on this newsletter. There were two messages waiting on the phone. The one that caught my attention was from Frank Cole with a 512 area code. He said he served with me in Vietnam. "What?" I thought as I listened to the message over and over. It was like traveling on a time machine back into the past.

Each time I listened to it, a layer of old cob webs melted away and my memory of

Frank Cole gradually came back into focus. About 6 ft., 150 lbs. I recalled, dark brown hair, NY accent.

His hooch was opposite ours, on the other side of the metal grate sidewalk at our Chu Lain base camp. Like me, he was a SP4 at the time. He was on team Michigan, probably their ATL with Marc Scott as TL, Ronald On (La Bar) and a few others I don't remember at the moment.

But what really floored me about he phone message was his mention of \$114. I had lent him back in 1969 to purchase a Sansui amp from the PX. This occurred just prior to the "Bloody Valley" event (Sua Sponte, Fall 1995) which was my exit from the company. I never saw Frank again, never collected the money and our Association data base has never carried a current address or phone number on him.

Somehow, somewhere, someone found Frank Cole, or he found me. Being Mother's Day, the long distance lines were jammed so I did not return his call immediately. I did however reflect on my re-found memory of an old Ranger buddy, and chuckled over his detailed recollection of

the \$114. How he remembered this debt, not to mention the exact amount after 27 years, I'll never know. He either still has the receipt or has a memory like an elephant.

He called again. This time I was sitting by the phone and spoke to him. He said he still had the amp!

I couldn't help but compare this to the exciting J.R McCulloch/Vic Valeriano story reported last year, nor the incredible detective work performed by Parker in tracking down Perry Hughes in Texas; nor numerous other solo discoveries where guys have called to check into the net. Each discovery contained its own unique and often convoluted circumstances that led toward reestablishment of contact with yet another LRRP/Ranger brother.

Each incident is a success story and a positive step towards our stated goal...to find all our E/51 LRRPs and G/75 Rangers.

The widest possible distribution of the Sua Sponte newsletter and the continued support of the Association membership are key elements in achieving this goal.



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