

## Extra Edition

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# Sua Sponte

## Hi-Tech Communications hit the Modern Battlefield!

To: Association Members

From: Bob Simpson, Association Board Member

Subject: Up-coming Ranger Pruden Competition and Ceremony in Germany.

Dateline:

Do you remember when, not so long ago, we were beating out messages on the hollow stocks of our M-16s, or, shouting into the mouthpiece of that worn-out AN/PRC-77 radio so that our radio relay guys could hear us? All that has changed now. Point in fact: One day out of the blue, a couple of the members from the Army's present day E/51 LRS unit contacted me, via the Internet, from their forward base in Kosovo. You got it right, the laptop is now right there with them and think of the damage we could have done with such an aid.

Now to the meat of the subject: As you have already surmised, E/51(LRS) is alive and well, our old unit is presently based in Germany and pulls Long Range Surveillance duty over in Kosovo. Two members of that unit, Sgt. Jeff Balduini and Sgt. Kain Horn, have done a lot of research on our LRRP/LRP/Ranger outfit. And, in doing so, they took it upon themselves (along with their fellow team members) to wear bracelets inscribed with the names of our fallen comrades and the date(s) of their KIA status - certainly a memorable, a lasting and great honor to all of our men. And in further tribute, their unit is going to host a Ranger Pruden Competition and Ceremony in honor of our SSG Robert Pruden, Medal of Honor recipient (posthumously). The event will take place February 6-8, 2001, at their home base in Germany. Graciously, the unit is picking-up the tab for Lawrence Pruden, Robert's brother, and Danny Jacks, so that they may attend. As most of you remember, Danny Jacks was with SSG Pruden's team when Pruden so valiantly gave of his life.

Now, if anyone else is interested in attending this honor ceremony and event in Germany, at their own expense, please contact Tom Nash, our president, soonest. The E/51 troops in Germany have also offered to make billeting available in their homes, and possibly their barracks, so the hotel bill will most likely be nil for this event. The unit is located in Darmstadt, Germany, at Kelly Barracks, which is about 30km south of Frankfurt. Jeff Balduini also has indicated that they will pick-up those folks, who show up for the ceremony, at the airport in Frankfurt. This entire event will culminate with a ball being held the evening of 8 February, so, if you attend, you may give thought to bringing along appropriate dress attire. A sport coat, slacks, or suit, with tie, would be fine. Ladies, evening dress wear would be suitable for the uniform of the day. Food while there, will most likely be on a pay-as-you-go basis, although I'm sure some accommodation will be made by the unit and men. A valid passport is needed for entry into the country, but no visa is required.

Bottom Line: If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, contact Tom Nash soonest by emailing him at: mail to: [Znhoboken@alo.com](mailto:Znhoboken@alo.com) or writing him at 3 Prospect Place; Kearney, NJ; 07032. Tom's phone number is (201) 991-8562 You may also want to visit our association's website and read about the troops from the present day E/51 (LRP). The feature article, along with its accompanying pictures of the men, is a great piece of work, all put together by Steve (Tower) Johnson (Sua Sponte editor) and Justin Stay, our web master. [www.paulbunyan.net/users/ssponte](http://www.paulbunyan.net/users/ssponte)

Bob Simpson

# 196th LRRPs/E 51st LRP/G 75th Ranger Association Reunion/Get-Together Survey

In order to better understand the needs of the members of the Association, with respect to our Reunions and Get-Togethers, we ask that you complete the following survey, and return it to Tom Nash, President, 196th LRRPs/E 51st LRP/G 75th Ranger Association, 3 Prospect Place, Kearny, NJ 07032.

## 1. Location

Where would you prefer that reunions/get-togethers be held?

<input type="checkbox"/>	West Coast	Comments:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Coast		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central States		_____

## 2. When

When is the best time of the year for reunion/get-togethers?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer	Comments:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter		_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring		_____

## 3. Cost

Is cost a factor in deciding whether or not you will attend a reunion/get-together?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	Comments:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		_____

Should we charge an up-front cost, or continue to finance through the auctions?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Up -front costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auctions	Comments:	_____
					_____

## 4. Food

What is your preference?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffet	Comments:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	On your own		_____
					_____

**5. Amenities**

What do you look for in a reunion sit?

Sightseeing

Transportation

Weekdays

Weekdays

Affordability

Local Shopping

Other (Please specify):

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**6. Family**

Should we schedule more official activities at our reunions and get-togethers?

Yes

No

Should we schedule activities for families?

Yes

No

Comments:

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**7. Other**

Would you be willing to host a reunion/get-together or mini-reunion in your area?

Reunion

Mini-reunion

No

Comments:

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**8. Upcoming Reunion/Get-togethers**

Will you attend the E/51st invite to Germany?

Yes

No

Will you attend the Gettysburg 2001 get-together?

Yes

No

If not,why?

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Will you attend the 2002 West Coast reunion?

Yes

No

If not,why?

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**Thank You!**

