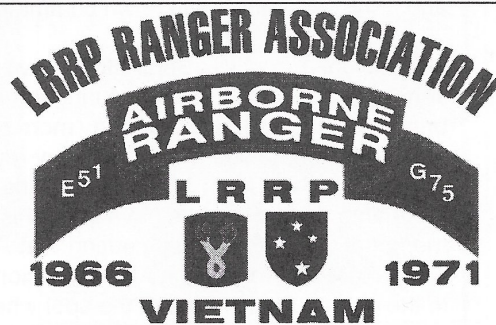


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REUNION REFLECTIONS

It's been almost two months since the reunion in San Antonio, and like all the others I've attended, it holds a special place in my memory. I'm incredibly appreciative that I've been given the opportunity to visit with comrades and teammates with whom bonds of friendship were forged over 30 years ago. This is, as the well-known commercial likes to suggest, priceless.

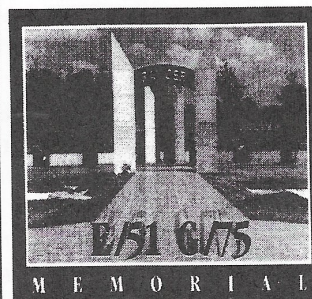
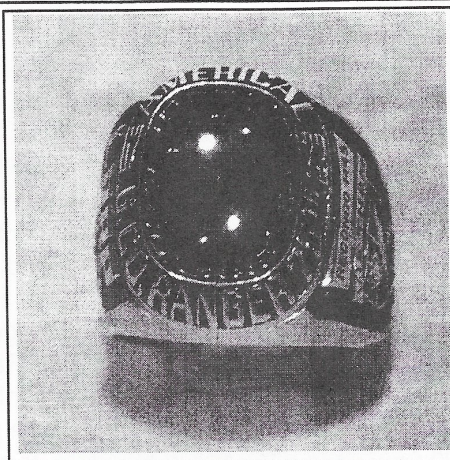
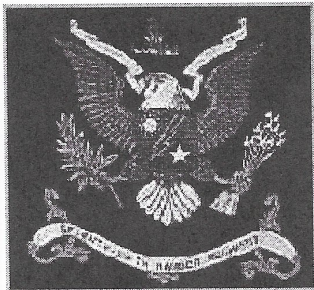
Like anyone who visits San Antonio, I visited the Alamo. I visited it with some of my teammates early during the reunion, and then again for our brief memorial service on Sunday morning. I was struck with an acute awareness of the courage and history represented by that building and those grounds. I felt a sense of awe and reverence for the special place the Alamo and its martyrs have in our history. On Sunday, prior to our memorial service, I saw something that I had missed on the earlier visit. As we gathered in front of the Alamo Mission, I saw the brass strip embedded in the ground (just in front of the spot where we set up our podium) that marked the approximate spot where Col. William B. Travis drew his sword and made the famous "line in the sand." Those who would join in defense of the Alamo and all that it represented would cross that line, despite the odds against them, to stand with Travis. This caused me to consider that despite the many cultural, ethnic, religious, and other differences among the men of our unit, they had something immensely larger in common with each other, and, in fact, with the men of the Alamo. The men of our unit also stepped forward and crossed a "line in the sand" when they volunteered for the unit. Each veteran of our unit knowingly stepped into "harm's way." When I joined the unit in December of 1966, and for the next month, there would not be more than 15 men in the group. And one thing I remember about them, despite their differences, was the fact that they shared a sincere commitment to the unit, strong moral convictions, and a real sense of what "team" actually meant. Big or small, brash or quiet, each was possessed of a deep inner strength that combined to assure the success of the unit's mission, establishing a tradition upheld by all those who followed. All of this could also have been spoken about the defenders of the Alamo. In the final analysis, I think the men of the Alamo would have liked our group. And it all made me begin to look forward to the next reunion already.

Each of our reunions has been unique and memorable, for different reasons, but each has produced for me a similar sense of bonhomie and comradeship. Our reunions are special, if for no other reason than the standards of excellence exhibited by our teammates, individually and as a group. Where else in our lives can we have the opportunity of hanging out with such men? Elsewhere in this issue of Sua Sponte, the reunions for 2004 and 2005 are mentioned. As we approach the 40th anniversary of the formation of the unit, we are going to make every effort to publish the particulars – location, dates, hotel, etc. – far enough in advance to allow ample time for vacations and trip planning. Try to make your plans as soon as we are able to announce the particulars. Call your friends and teammates and join us as a group. You will not regret doing so.

"Remember the Alamo!"

Tom Nash

The Ring



Achievements can be recognized by numerous techniques. One way is to create a symbol that associates you with an elite group of individuals that share a common objective. The E51/75th LRRP Ranger Association has recently created such a symbol. Now you can demonstrate your pride at being part of this elite group of warriors when you wear the new Ranger Ring. It will publicly identify you as being a cut above the rest when you proudly slip that symbolic award on your finger and tell the world "Who We Were." It is a timeless tribute which lends dignity and significance to the milestone in your life.

Operation Gathering of Eagles

Mission: To bring together past and present Ranger brothers and their extended families, paraplegic Rangers, wives and/or mothers and fathers of Ranger KIA's to be honored individually for sacrifices made to ensure the American way of life for their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and future generations.

On 5-Feb.2004 the SOUTHERN REGION of RICA will host what may be, with your participation, hopefully the most prodigious gathering of past and present Rangers ever assembled, possibly a thousand + not including family members and friends.

One can only envision a Ranger brotherhood with the WW-II Ranger Battalions including Merrill's Marauders, Airborne Rangers of the Korean War, LARP Rangers of Viet Nam, with all past/present members of the 75th Ranger Regiment bonding this unique relationship and observance of their family's collective acknowledgement, with pride, their accomplishments, and sacrifices. I would guess even tough old Rangers or guests would not have a dry eye.

All Rangers and their families should recognize this "GATHERING OF EAGLES" will in all probability never be repeated insofar as the WW-II Rangers and Korean Airborne Rangers are all 70 to 80 years young and our ranks are thinning fast.

By meeting and mingling with Rangers, past and present, Ranger guests will glean a true lesson in living history. These Rangers are the brave warriors of lore. Books and songs have been written about them. Motion Pictures depicting their valor abound. We will all meet young Rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment who served in Granada, Panama, Somalia, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and currently Iraq.

I encourage the following from every one of you: Help RICA transform Operation "GATHERING OF EAGLES" into the grandest Ranger victory possible, to honor our BROTHERHOOD. Please help jump start our momentum by communicating with me and every Ranger and Ranger family member possible and alert all that our Operation "GATHERING OF EAGLES" is AIRBORNE, the GREEN light is on and as of now scheduled to make DZ Ocala on 5-Feb.2004.

Location: Ocala Florida on a warm February day, near the famous tourist attraction of Silver Springs, numerous golf courses, and thoroughbred ranches. Information on Hotels/Motels, programs, etc. will follow as all the final blanks are filled in.

This operation will be a monumental undertaking. A successful event will require that we give 100% and then some. RICA is counting on all Rangers to commit to this mission and secure our objective. Remember the Ranger Creed: We never leave a wounded comrade on the field of battle, therefore HELP this old Ranger.

I ask you please disseminate this to all Rangers, and families that you know. I will follow up with future heads up memos and progress reports. I will circulate these throughout the entire Ranger neighborhood on a monthly basis thru January 2004.

Reunion Photos

Photo Credits: George Shook



Dennis Nye, second from the left, and surrounded by his daughter and Percilla, talk with "Boot".

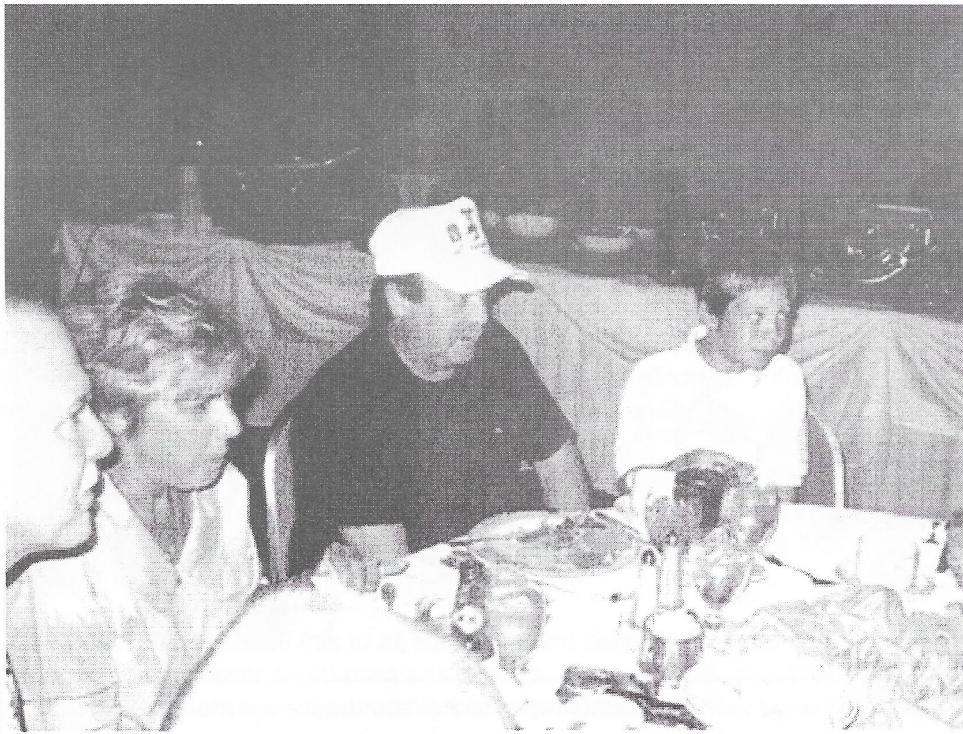


"Boot" Corkan and his wife JoJo have brought with them their daughter and son-in-law from Bama.

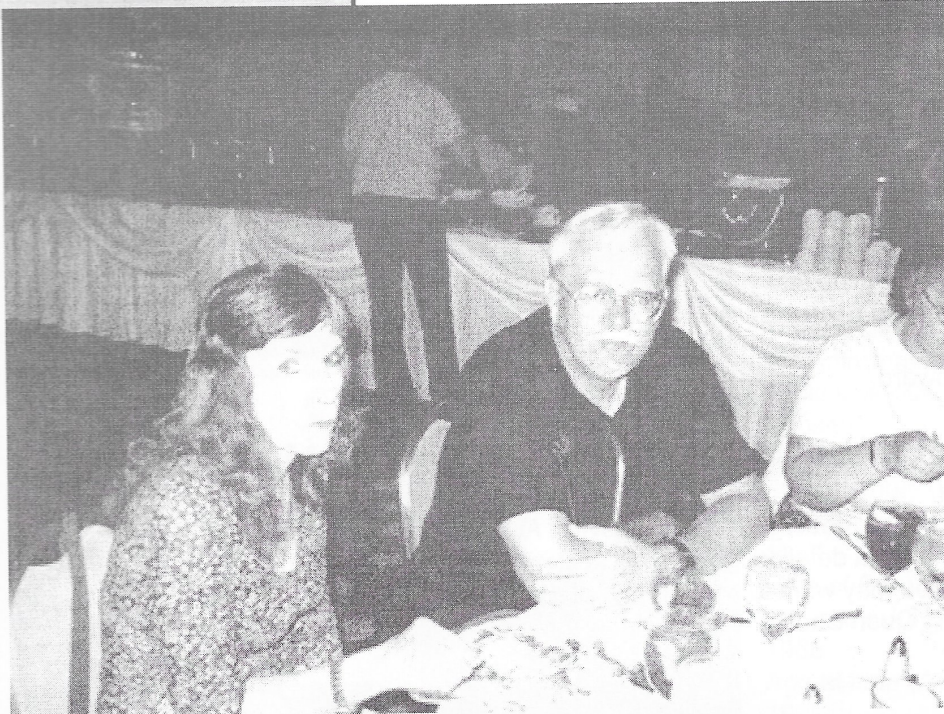
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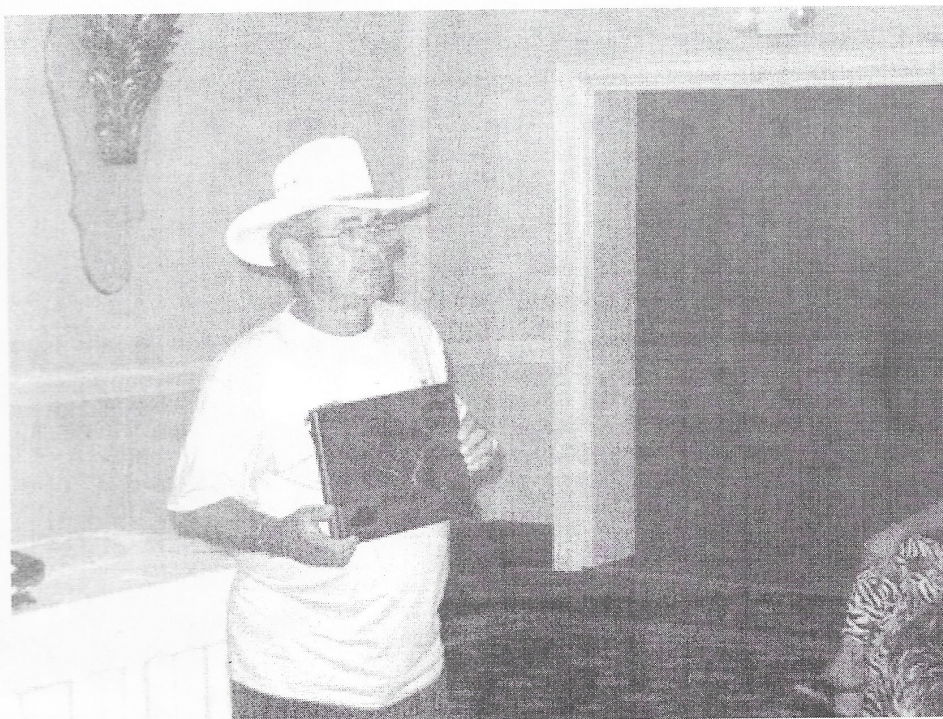
First time attendees, Juan Gomez, top photo, and Wayne Barber, center-bottom, enjoy Tex-Mex.



Reunion Photos



James and Elva Schat, top photo attend reunion; "Booi" Corkan gets the highest bid at auction.



Gathering at Howard's

I plan on having a special gathering of friends at our place, Friday the 12th-14th of September. You can either stay at our place or stay at a nearby lodging. My address is 22328 SE 424th Street in Enumclaw, Washington. Please contact me by phone at 360-825-8496. We did the same thing last year and hope to continue this. Please give me a call; I realize this is short notice because of the publishing date of this issue, but let's get together!

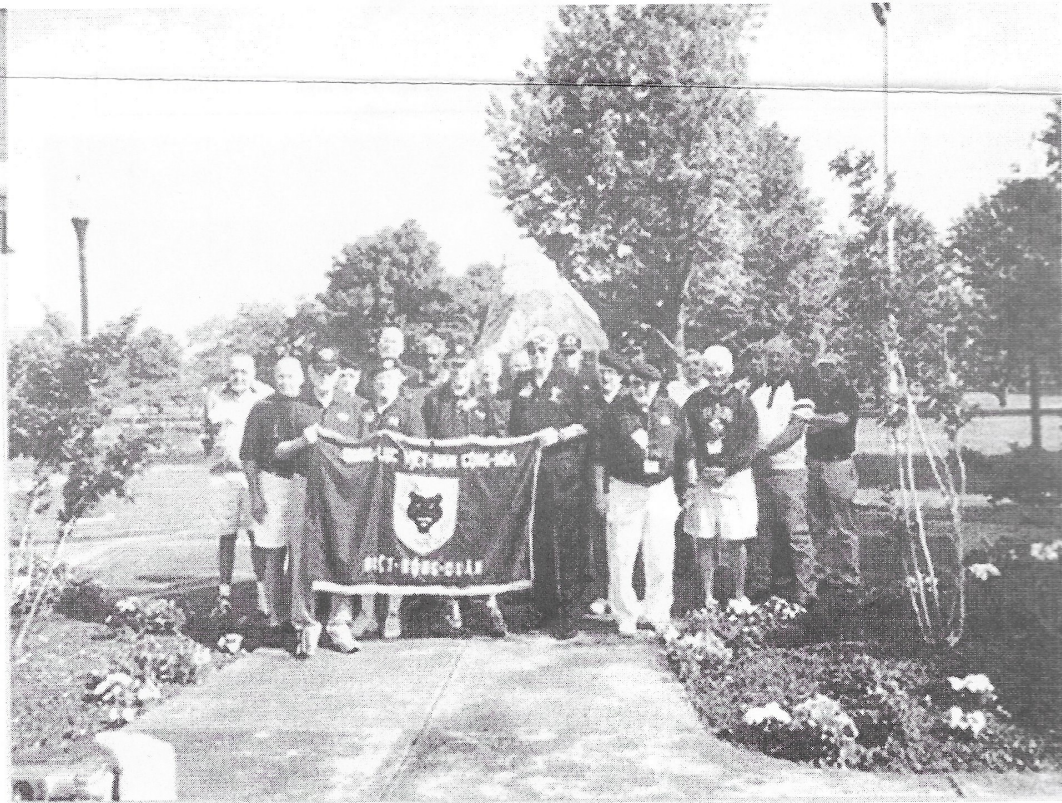
Jerry Howard

Submitted photo and information sent by Michael Chu

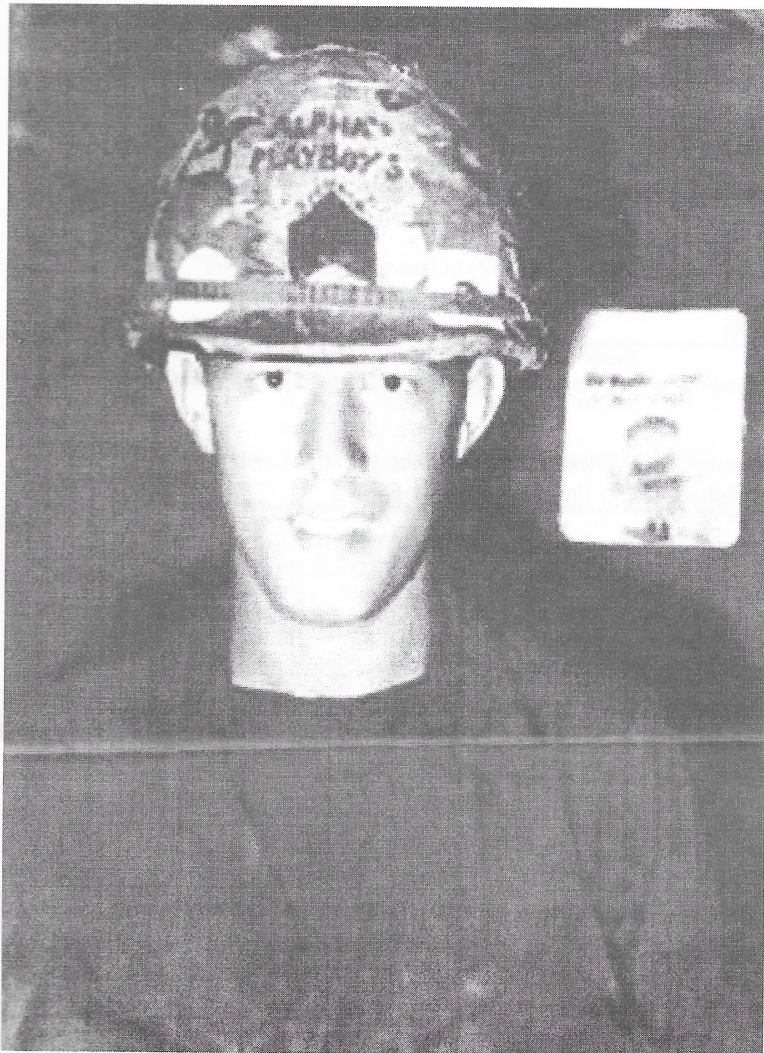
Rangers,

We had a great get together in Huntsville, AL 2 - 4 May. A great time was had by all!!! Mike Martin will put a detailed story in the next issue of Patrolling Magazine. In the meantime, thought you may want to see a photo of those still standing on Sunday morning. Biet Dong Quan Sat!!!

Jim



Bulletin Board



Dear,
Justin(webmaster).
Here is the photo of
my brother. Sgt. Alan
F. Angell. Thank you
for your help.

Robert M. Racicot II

Editor's Note:
This information and
photo is in our
website
www.Irrpranger.org
Start of Tour: Tues-
day, September 5,
1967
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Saturday, July 20,
1968
Age at time of loss:
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Casualty type: (A1)
Hostile, died
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fragmentation
wounds (Ground
casualty)
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VietNam
Province: Quang Tin
The Wall: Panel
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THANK YOU

Dianne and I wish to thank the Association and the men of the Association for their many kind gestures and words of support following the passing of our daughter Kimberly. They were greatly appreciated.

Tom Nash

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SHIP TO

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(Please Type or print)

The name engraved on the inside of the ring will be the "sold to" name unless specified here.

*Prices may vary from amount listed. Prices listed are based on gold selling at \$350 per ounce.
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METAL TYPE	QTY	STONE	E SIDE	RIBBON	INFORMATION	SIZE	PRICE*
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7. Size

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*(Accuracy is important for engraving and should be printed. This will help reduce the number of errors.)

Credit Card Information

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hombres been at
the Alamo in 1836,
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been a different
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From left to right:
Earl, George, Jerry,
Jerry, Vic, Tom, and
Dave.

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