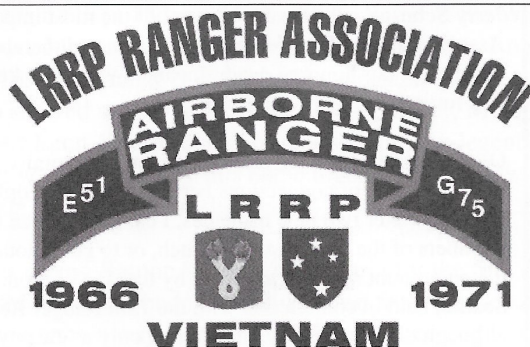


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President's Report

by Tom Nash

Schuster's Project

Jerry Schuster is involved with one of the most important tasks undertaken by the Association – looking for lost teammates and members of the unit, as well as the families of our honored dead. I wanted you all to know about it, as he may call on you for input.

Over the past couple of years, I had the opportunity to be involved in helping to make a couple of connections between several people and the Association. Recently, after two new instances, I came to realize that providing a forum for members of the unit to stay in touch, or to get in touch for the first time, is one of the paramount services provided by the Association. At the recent reunion in Seattle, held in conjunction with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association Reunion, although disappointingly attended by only a few guys from our unit, I nonetheless had the opportunity to meet some folks from the unit that I had never met before – George Beach and Steve Lemaire. But perhaps more importantly, I was able to see members of our unit that hadn't seen each other since Vietnam – Rick Lett, Steve Franklin and John Starnes – get together. Apparently, Rick hadn't been in contact with any of his teammates since Vietnam, and the mini-reunion among them came about because some kid about to go into the Army made an inquiry of the Association about one of his neighbors, who, as it turns out, was Rick. Seeing those guys get together was clearly one of the rewards of being at the Reunion. But, also, about two months ago, I received a phone call from the father of Stephen Chaney. Some one had told him about our website, and somehow he tracked me down and called me. It turns out that he hadn't known his son had served with a LRRP/Ranger unit, and was glad to speak with someone from the unit. I was able to give him some feedback from members of the unit that had served with his son, and point out to him that there was a brick placed for his son at the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning. He expressed an interest in attending a reunion. In both cases, i.e., Rick and Mr. Chaney, the common denominator was that we – as a unit or as an association – simply did not have contact, and that points out a continuing problem for the Association, i.e., keeping our roster up-to-date. Jerry Schuster has volunteered to work on the problem.

Jerry's task is to find all the guys who have fallen off the map – the ones who we have had contact with and who moved, for example, forgetting to give us their new address, but also, he's going to make an effort to find those guys who served with the unit, but with whom we have never had any contact. And finally, he's going to try and locate the families of all of our honored fallen. Jerry can do much of the work necessary to accomplish the task, but in the final analysis, he may need help. To the extent each member of the unit has stayed in touch with his teammates, he should check with them to make sure we have their current addresses, phone number, and email addresses. Some of you will have information about the families of our fallen that might otherwise prove difficult to come by. That information should be passed on to Jerry.

Our next reunion is in Florida from Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3, 2005. I hope to see a bigger turnout than I've seen in recent years, perhaps to rival the attendance at some of the early reunions I've heard about. I want to make this reunion an event for the families of the guys on "Our Wall." Having people there who served with their sons, fathers, husbands or brothers will help to make the reunion special. As will the work that Jerry has undertaken.

Tom Nash

Dave Moncada

WEST COAST MINI-REUNION

Thanks to hard work and energy by George Beach and Tom Hardy, (16) G Company Rangers converged at Tom Hardy's place on Sept 18th and 19th, 2004. Some of the West Coast usual suspects were there – Dan Linehan, Dave Moncada, David E. Smith, Rody Lindhe, Ron LaBrie, Tim Shur, Tom Hardy, and Mike Chu (Hawaii). What made this somewhat special however, were some new faces, some “first timers,” who also showed up – Dan McBride, John Gaffney, Mike Dodson, Mike O'Hara, Ramon Santamaria, and Robert Leon-Gherrero, and of course, our own legendary George Beach. What made this even more amazing was how quickly this came together, with a few phone calls and letters, George Beach and Hardy made this possible in short order.

Of personal interest to me was seeing Ramon “Saint” Santamaria for the first time since I left Nam in March, 1970. We had all heard that Saint had medically retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and was in some unknown way having difficulty with coming to Ranger Reunions. His showing set all of that aside. Saint looked great, sounded great, and seemed just fine! We had a wonderful visit, joking and laughing about some of our crazy antics. Naturally, we discussed some old missions in the bush. “HELL, HE AIN'T CRAZY, HE'S JUST ANOTHER RANGER LIKE THE REST OF US!!!!” I look forward to seeing and hearing more from Saint. Let me say it here and now, while realizing how controversial this might sound – Saint was without a doubt, the best “back door, rear security Ranger in the Nam” (all right, I'll admit my bias – just cuz he was on my team).

George Beach, as you may have heard by now, is in Southern California to receive medical care from the VA Hospital in San Diego. He continues to wage his personal battle with cancer, and we all should pray for his speedy and safe recovery. He looked and sounded fine, as did Saint, but he intends to receive on-going care from VA doctors. Nonetheless, George is waiting to hear news of a “Security” job he's applied for in the “Big Sandbox” across the ocean. Undoubtedly, George will do well in whatever endeavors he places himself in – but we all hope he settles his medical care first (I told him this very thing as often as I could). Beach is amazing all the same, for he was in the Nam for at least four – I say again, four – tours and his knowledge and experience covers a wide and colorful cloth of time. What's equally amazing is that his recall of missions, events, and simply “who did what” is phenomenal. He is worth a book or two in my humble opinion. He was Team Texas and G Company, 75th Rangers all in one!

As a group, we decided on planning and putting together another West Coast reunion on or about September/October 2005. We will converge on a beautiful setting in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, in a small and quaint town known as Sierra City. In fact, Ron Labrie and his life partner, Cheryl, will host it. They will have completed their bed and breakfast inn by then, but they also know of many other lodging proprietors in Sierra City. Ron says he and his town can accommodate easily 200 Rangers and their wives, if need be. We were wondering if this might work out for the whole G/75th Association. The planners will be Labrie, Moncada, Gaffney, and O'Hara. We'll keep everyone posted as plans develop.

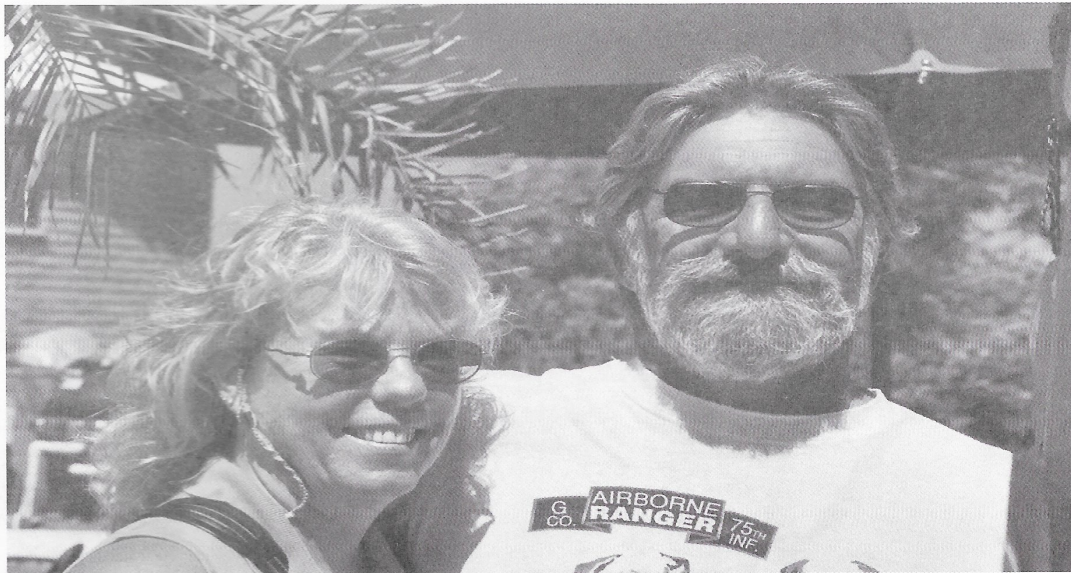
Our mini-reunion was a terrific success, for which George Beach, Tom Hardy, and the lovely “Dawn” deserve our many thanks.

Dave Moncada

West Coast

by Rody Lindhe





Ft. Lewis Photos

by Rody Lindhe



Lemire on the botton, ready to "tock and roll"..New 2nd Batallion with us old guys on top..



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Reunion Information

Itinerary Ft. Myers Reunion June 30-July 3rd Ramada Riverfront

Thursday 30. June 1700 hr	Advance party arrives, set up Hospitality room opens	Room Rates are \$59 Telephone # is 1-800-833-1620
Friday 1. July 1300 - 1800 hr 1900 - 2100 -	Check in , reunion registration in hospitality room Opening ceremonies, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres in hospitality room Association auction	
Saturday 2. July 1000 hr 1030 hr 1130 hr 1300 - 1600 hr 1300 - 1500 hr 1800 - 1900 hr 1930 hr	Formation in front of hotel for pictures Short walk to the Airborne memorial for memorial services Boardmeeting TBA Ladies shopping trip General membership meeting in hospitality room Cocktails and pay as you go bar Buffet dinner	
Sunday 3. July 900 hr 1100 hr 1900 hr	Breakfast get together in hotel restaurant Sunday Brunch and sight seeing cruise. Cost \$22.00 per person optional. It is a 3 hour cruise. Dinner in area restaurants. Hospitality room open til the last war story is told.	
Monday 4. July	Check out, final drinks and good byes	

Make sure to bring something for the auction. This helps pay for the hospitality room. The association is paying for the dinner buffet. Looking for a great turn out.
POC on the ground for any information will be Earl & Karin Toomey at 239-542-4306. Cell phone is 239-357-1011 or email TOOMEYEK1@aol.com

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AMERICAL REUNIONS

The Americal Division Veterans Association ("ADVA") has extended an invitation to all members of E 51 G75 LRRP/Ranger Association to attend not only its Annual Reunion in 2007, but also the reunion of its Eastern Chapter later in 2006. Col. Dave Taylor (Ret.), who wrote great articles about our unit, and about Danny Jacks in particular, for the ADVA Newsletter, is on the steering committee, and extended the invitations.

The ADVA Reunion in 2007 will be held at the Adams Hotel in Buffalo, New York, from Thursday, June 21 through Sunday, June 24, 2007. The room rate is \$89 plus tax. The ADVA plans trips to nearby Niagara Falls and to the USS Sullivans Destroyer.

The ADVA Eastern Chapter will hold its reunion in Gettysburg from November 3 through November 6, 2006, with its headquarters at the Holiday Inn – Battlefield. Room Rates are \$59 plus tax.

If you have any question, or are interested, let me know, and I will pass your questions or interest along to Col. Taylor. More information will follow.

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Vietnam Fact Sheet

emailed by Chuck William

Vietnam War Facts: Facts, Statistics, Fake Warrior Numbers, and Myths Dispelled 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the official Vietnam era from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

2,709,918 Americans served in uniform in Vietnam

Vietnam Veterans represented 9.7% of their generation.

240 men were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War

The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.

58,148 were killed in Vietnam

75,000 were severely disabled

23,214 were 100% disabled

5,283 lost limbs

1,081 sustained multiple amputations

Of those killed, 61% were younger than 21

11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old

Of those killed, 17,539 were married

Average age of men killed: 23.1 years

Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.

The oldest man killed was 62 years old.

As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

97% of Vietnam Veterans were honorably discharged

91% of Vietnam Veterans say they are glad they served

74% say they would serve again, even knowing the outcome

Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.

West Coast Debriefing

LZ Hardy

by Dave Moncada

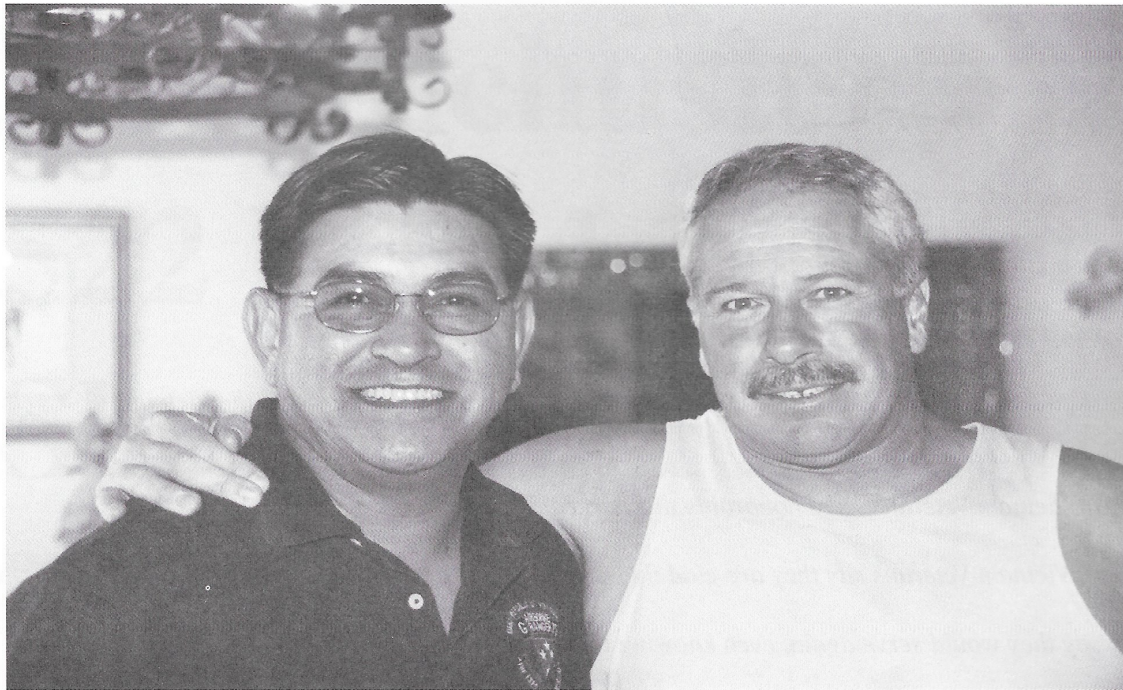
AFTER ACTION REPORT: OPERATION BEACH RONDEVOUS

On 18 Sep 2004, sixteen members of E/51 and G/75 assembled at the Objective Rally Point (ORP) at LZ Hardy, Tom Hardy's base camp in Jemul, California (East of San Diego). The mission was to conduct a link-up operation with the legendary George Beach, who served continuously for three years with the company. George has been back in the U.S for the first time after many years of SE Asian operations. Most recently, George was doing security work in Azjerbajian.

We assembled a sixteen man heavy team at LZ Hardy, as many of us are now too heavy for light teams. Present were: Tom Hardy, George Beach, Dave Moncada, Dan Linehan, Dan McBride, David E. Smith, John Gaffney, John Haines, Michael Chu, Mike Dodson, Mike O'Harra, Ramon (Ray) Santamaria, Robert Leon-Guerrero, "Rody" Lindhe, Ron LaBrie, and Tim Shur.

The amenities as LZ Hardy were much better than anything we experienced at LZ Baldy or Hill 1362, or even Hill 327 (West of Da Nang). The LRRP/Rangers spent the evening getting acquainted and reacquainted. "Rody" Lindhe gave us a slide show that brought back memories of the Company's rappelling tower and the "Club", where more than one cockroach gave the full measure in one of the "roach" eating contests. His photos of Kham Duc also brought back some less fun memories for some. As the evening waned we retired to the campfire by the pool and exchanged many hair-raising stories of our various adventures, both in and out of the bush. During the course of the afternoon and evening we pulled the "pins" our fair share of 12 oz. "grenades," and chowed down on some fine home-cooked rations, courtesy of our hosts, George, Tom, and Dawn.

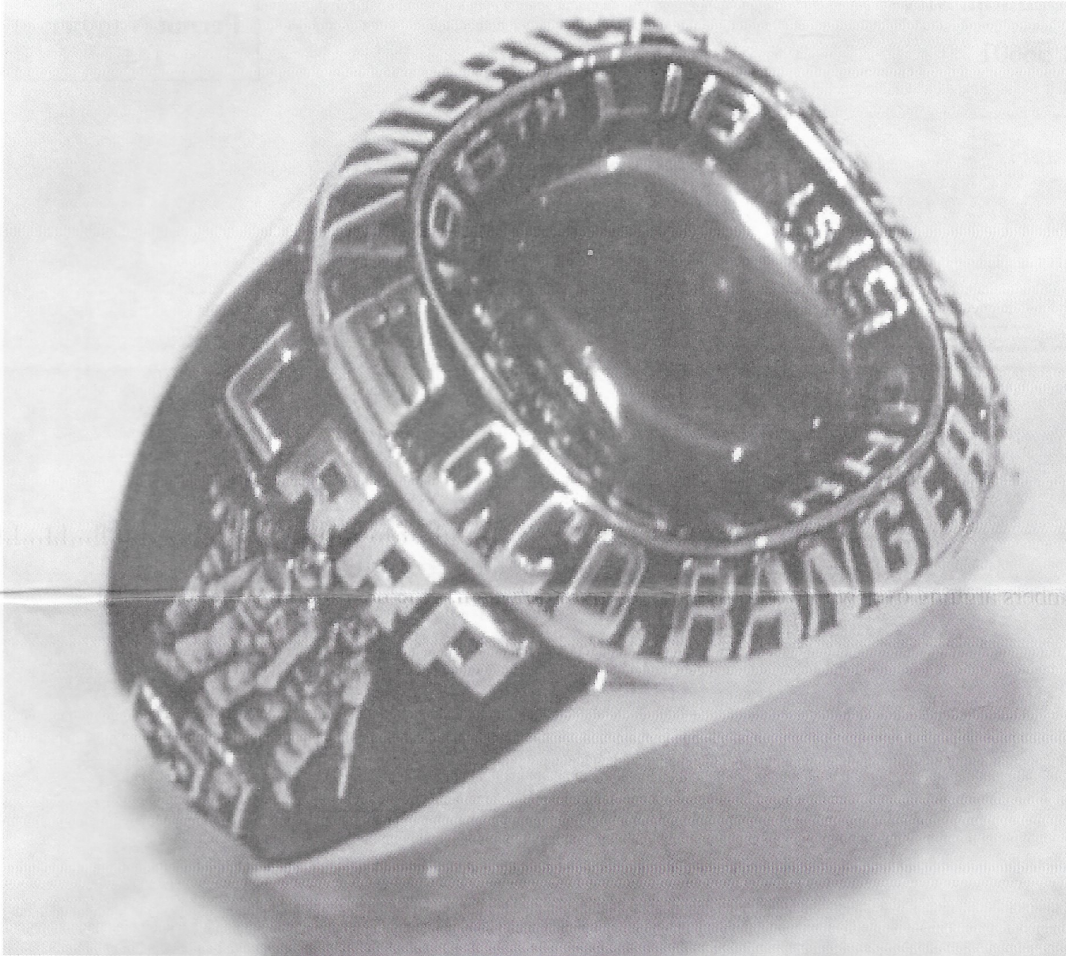
The evening concluded with a six-man team circled up in an NDP in Tom's living room, with the team members arguing over who would pull the 0200 radio watch. The next morning the remaining team members had a sumptuous breakfast and, later, lunch. We said our farewells to old and new found friends, all with a common bond, "Rangers Lead the Way." *Photo Credit: Rody Lindhe*



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