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2026 Reunion— August 5th-8th-Louisville, KY

The Vietnam Helicopters Pilots Association and our reunion is taking shape and new updates will be posted on our website as they happen:

www.lrrpranger.org Our Association is providing free registration to its members and guest(s). Information on how to get the free registration can be found on page 3.

We plan on having our auction, business meetings, and memorial service. We will have our itinerary posted at a later date. The numerous events that the VHPA has lined up is many and then some. <https://www.vhpa.org/pdf/R2026-schedule.pdf> **Room Rates: \$154 plus tax per night (WEST TOWER ROOMS)**

Besides having reunion updates on our website, you can have up to date info sent to your email address. **Please send your email address to Tower:** towerg7th@yahoo.com

Page 3 has the "meat and potatoes" to get you started. **Deadline for free registration fee is May 15.** Once we have your information, all forms we be filled out by us, mailed as a group along with a Company check for the cost of registrations. After that, you are on your own for events provided. You will be able to register for a room when the VHPA provides that to us.

Room bookings at the Galt House will not be provided by the VHPA until early May. Again, you will get that phone number from us or checking the VHPA or our website. We will be using Constant Contact for updates **but you have to send us your email.** Using Constant Contact will provide you not only our reunion information, but you will stay updated on our Association news for you. For example, you will have your Sua Sponte PDF emailed to you about two weeks before you get your hard copy in the mailbox. VHPA website for reunion events: <https://www.vhpa.org/>

Tower is the liaison between the VHPA and our Association. Any questions please contact me with the email address provided above or call me at 218-333-1541 my home phone. Or text 218-368-7984.

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President's Report 2026 1st Issue

Greetings, Rangers!

Spring has sprung! At least that's the case on the calendar. In the South, nature is greening. Trees, plants and grass have sprung back to life and the leaf raking is over until Fall.

Many chores that have been put off until the weather warmed are on the to do list. However,

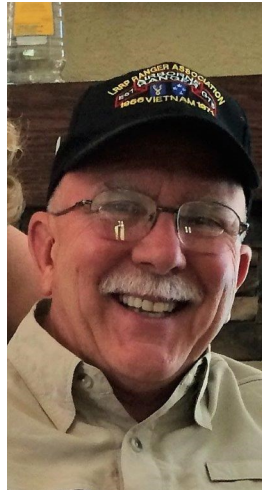
for some of us of a certain age, some of this work is more challenging. For example, my supervisor for life has advised me to stay off ladders higher than a step stool. This seems impractical. If you own a house there are just things that need to get done.

In today's society there are many conveniences that can lead to a sedentary life style. For example, there are lawn services, grocery delivery, shopping on line, etc.

Additionally, streaming services provide a myriad of programming availabilities not to mention the apps on our cell phones. I believe this can lead to aloneness. While not technically loneliness, it can lead to that. We humans are wired to interact. We are more productive when we work with others, teammates.

I don't think the above paragraph applies to Rangers, but we do have an opportunity to affect others and raise our spirits too. Some examples; when you mow your yard consider doing your neighbors as well. When grocery shopping, help a person who has trouble reaching an article on the top shelf. In the parking lot you can offer to help someone load their heavy items.

This is a common opportunity here



on the Gulf coast as we prepare for hurricane season and people buy cases of water. Some call these random acts of kindness but I see them as intentional acts.

More opportunities may come with local veteran's groups. In Lafayette, we have the AVA (Acadian Veterans Assoc).

This association works mostly at the state level to promote programs / laws to assist veterans. You may have a similar group in your AO.

As written in Toby Keith's song and highlighted in an earlier column by Al Stewart, "Don't Let the Old Man In."

Being Spring there are a number of events on the calendar.

Happy Easter to everyone April 5

The best Ranger competition April 10 -12 at Fort Benning

Mountain Ranger Assoc Critter Cook-out April 24 at Camp Merrill – Dahlonega, Ga.

Our organization exists for all our membership, so please let us know of any issues or ideas that you think need to be addressed or can be helpful.

You can email me at lrrp75thinf@aol.com.

Stay Well, Stay Safe and take care of one another.

RLTW!

Free \$40 Reunion Registration Fee

The Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association will pay the registration fee for each member and guest(s) attending the 2026 Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association/LRRP-Ranger Association Reunion. The caveat is that you must register through us which will be easier for you and the Association who is footing the registration costs for its membership and then some.

The 2026 reunion dates are from Wednesday August 5th through August 8th and checkouts Sunday August 9. Our normal dates are Thursday the 6th through Saturday but the Wednesday date gives more time to sightsee. Your choice.

Before you can make reservations for a room or activity you must have registered for the reunion with information provided for a name tag for each person attending. An example of a registration name tag sent to us from the VHPA:

**JOHN
Powell**
Stafford, VA

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Class 67-26
CAVALIER 25



If you want the free \$40 registration fees to be paid for by the Association, you must email or snail mail (regular mail) the following information sent to: towerG75th@yahoo.com

Mailing address: Johnsons; 10433 Juneberry Rd NW; Bemidji, MN 56601.

For our registration info we would need for each attendee: names, mailing address, phone contact & email. And also needed for the name tags for members: the unit listing, either the 196th LRRPs, E-51st LRP, or G 75th Rangers including the year(s) you served in that unit. Optional, your code name if you have one. If you served in more than one, pick the one you served longest. The guests would have Names & City/State.

The important thing to remember is to provide us with that

information and we'll fill out the registration name badge information correctly and in uniformity.

May 15, 2006. That's our registration deadline otherwise you must register on your own.

Your provided Information is needed to the VHPA who are manning the registration network.

From Steve and Pam Johnson, G 75th Association 2026 Ambassadors and Liaison to the VHPA:

We will mail in the information you've provided to us so we can do the registration form and send that in to the VHPA contact with payment for each person.

We will email to you more information in a mass mailing that



we are now using Constant Contact to make our reunion as smooth as possible.

Our Association is having our Memorial Service with the VHPA for our prayer and the reading of our fallen Brothers.

We also will be provided a room for our business meetings and auction. We have to sign up for time slots so we need to keep our auction items in our room until we have access for our auction. **Please remember to bring an auction item** to help offset registration and other reunion costs.

We cannot provide any food or beverages in our hospitality room and there are limited hours. At this point, the VHPA is not charging us for our room. That is still being coordinated and the VHPA has been going out of their way to assist us.

Once we get a count we will request tables so we can sit together as a group at the banquet. The cost of the banquet is \$75. for each person. **Should any member or their guest not be able to afford the banquet cost, please contact an officer or board member and we will discretely cover those banquet costs.**

Galt House Hotel

140 North Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202

\$154 + tax (WEST TOWER) over the dates of 05 August, 2026 – 08 August, 2026

BASED ON AVAILABILITY

(VHPA room rate availability limited pre & post reunion dates)

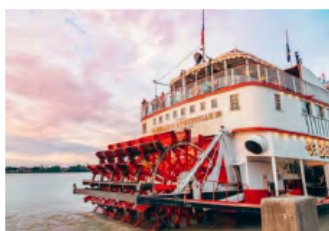
Cutoff date for VHPA hotel rate is Thursday, 09 July, 2026

Hotel Reservation information will be provided with Reunion Registration confirmation email

PLEASE consult www.vhpa.org for the most current Reunion information and details.

VHPA 2026 PRELIMINARY REUNION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 05 Aug	Thursday 06 Aug	Friday 07 Aug	Saturday 08 Aug
Starting @ 4:00 PM: Pre-Registration Vendor Room	Golf Vendor Room City Tour Welcome Reception	Gold Star Breakfast Quilters Show & Tell Vendor Room Dinner Cruise	Memorial Service Business Meeting Spouse Event Closing Banquet

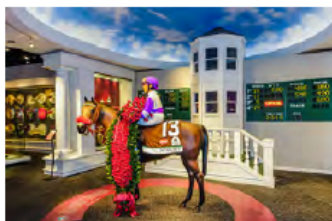


Skyline Dinner Cruise

Step outside the hotel and onboard the Belle of Louisville, the oldest operating Mississippi River-style steamboat in the world. Dine on a delicious dinner; enjoy the sights and sounds of the river as VHPA Guests view Louisville from an all-new perspective—out on the water. Spend time with friends while dancing the night away in a truly special evening.

Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory

Step inside the museum where the history of this famous bat comes alive. This tour will walk through the heart of the factory production line and check out the steps that go into the bat-making process, including creating fan-favorite mini-bats. Get ready to smell the wood, see the wood chips fly, and learn about the history of an American icon.



Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs

Home to the most exciting 120 seconds in sports, Churchill Downs is best known as the home of the famous Kentucky Derby. VHPA Guests will visit places closed to the public, such as the Barn and Backside of Churchill Downs. Seeing life on the backside is a one-of-a-kind, unforgettable experience and explore the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Louisville City Tour

Board the trolleys to see all the history and highlights of Derby City on the 75-minute, narrated city tour. Our guest will see downtown museums and attractions, the Ohio River Wharf and classic river boats, beautiful architecture in Old Louisville, which is America's largest Victorian neighborhood, the University of Louisville campus and of course Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.





Louisville, Kentucky

August 05-08, 2026

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Rangers Past, Present, and into the Future-Stephen Odin Johnson

Traveling to Fort Benning this year and observing major events like the Best Ranger Competition or Rendezvous 26 will not be quite the same as previous years with the passing of Colonel Ralph Puckett Jr.

Colonel Pucket was always one of the heartbeats and voices for the Ranger community and continually went out of his way immersing himself amongst Rangers of all ages and eras wherever he went. It was a pleasure talking with him whenever I could.

The West Point 1949 graduate was assigned to serve in Okinawa. During the Korean War, he volunteered for the 8th Army and quickly became a legend serving in the 8th Army Ranger Company serving as its company commander.

I thought it might be useful to put together a quick reference for those Rangers who served during different eras that I could use and others as well. Thanks to artificial intelligence (AI) and a thesis written by John Provost, I was able to gain facts and other information for this article. If anyone has other information or can point out errors for this article, please contact me: <mailto:TowerG75th@yahoo.com>

In this issue of Patrolling, I've collected minimal details about both the World War II Rangers and the Korean War Rangers, including provisional units. The Army chose to award the Ranger Tab to all of the WW2 groups and the Korean War 8th Army Ranger Company. The Korean Ranger companies were already tabbed upon company completion by the Fort Benning Ranger Training Command when they arrived on the Korean peninsula. So were those other Korean War era Ranger companies who were assigned in the United States and one in Europe.

Retroactive awarding of the Ranger Tab is authorized by the Army for WW2 veterans with the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) in specific units (1st-6th Battalions, Merrill's Marauders) and Korean War 8th Army Ranger Company veterans with a CIB. Documentation is processed by Human Resources Command to recognize this service.

Key Regulations and Criteria for Retro Awarded Ranger Tab

- **WWII Personnel:** Soldiers awarded the CIB while serving in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th Ranger Battalions, or the 5307th Composite Unit (Merrill's Marauders).
- **Korean War Personnel:** Soldiers awarded the CIB while serving with the 8th Army Ranger Company. Interesting to

note, the sources I read concluded that the 8th Army Ranger Company does not share the lineage of the Ranger or 75th Ranger Regiment, but can be awarded the Ranger Tab.

- **Approval Authority:** The Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (formerly PERSCOM/AR-PERSCOM) and the Commandant of the Infantry School, holds the authority to retroactively award the tab.

Vietnam Ranger Personnel: There is an ongoing initiative by the 75th Ranger Regiment Association with other Associations' support to have the Ranger Tab awarded to those who served in a Ranger, LRRP, LRP unit during the Vietnam War that uses the same criteria as the WW2 and 8th Army Ranger Company. At present, representatives from the 75th RRA are in conversation with the Commandant and staff of the Infantry School in Fort Benning.

World War II

From Army AI: U.S. Army Rangers were elite, specialized units designed to spearhead amphibious assaults and conduct daring, high-risk raids, often acting as the tip of the spear to break through enemy lines, such as at [Pointe du Hoc on D-Day](#) and the assault on Gela in Sicily. Led by figures like William Darby and James Rudder, these battalions were used for specialized, rapid-strike missions across North Africa, Italy, France, and the Pacific.

Key Spearhead Operations and Roles:

Pointe du Hoc (D-Day): [Rudder's 2nd Ranger Battalion](#) scaled 100-foot cliffs to destroy enemy artillery threatening Omaha and Utah beaches, a critical spearhead mission, says [ARSOF History](#).

Sicily (Operation HUSKY): [1st, 3rd, and 4th Ranger Battalions](#) spearheaded the assault by capturing the port of Gela and inland positions.

North Africa: [Darby's Rangers](#) conducted night raids and seized enemy-held ports like Arzew.

Battle of the Hurtgen Forest: The 2nd Ranger Battalion fought to seize the crucial [Hill 400](#) in intense, close-quarters combat, says the National Archives.



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World War II Ranger Operational Limitations:

While highly effective as shock troops, the Rangers suffered from being used in conventional infantry roles, which led to high casualties, notably at the [Battle of Cisterna](#) where they were overwhelmed by German armor, says a DTIC report.

World War II, the U.S. Army fielded **six combat-operational Ranger battalions**. Some historical records also include the **29th Ranger Battalion**, a short-lived provisional unit, bringing the total to seven.

These battalions were organized into three main operational "spheres" based on their theater of combat:

Mediterranean Theater (Darby's Rangers)

Led by Colonel William O. Darby, these units specialized in amphibious assaults and mountain warfare in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

- **1st Ranger Battalion:** The first activated (June 19, 1942, in Northern Ireland).
- **3rd Ranger Battalion:** Formed in North Africa in May 1943.
- **4th Ranger Battalion:** Also formed in North Africa in May 1943.

Note: Most of these three battalions were captured or destroyed during the [Battle of Cisterna](#) in early 1944.

European Theater

These units are most famous for their role in the D-Day landings at Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc.

- * **2nd Ranger Battalion:** Famous for scaling the cliffs at [Pointe du Hoc](#) to destroy German coastal batteries.
- * **5th Ranger Battalion:** Landed at Omaha Beach, where the motto "**Rangers Lead the Way!**" was born.
- * **29th Ranger Battalion (Provisional):** A temporary unit formed in England from the 29th Infantry Division; it conducted raids with British Commandos before being disbanded in late 1943.

Pacific Theater

- * **6th Ranger Battalion:** The only Ranger battalion to serve in the Pacific. They are best known for the **Great Raid** at [Cabanatuan](#), which liberated over 500 Allied POWs in the Philippines.

Other Notable Units

While not officially designated as "Ranger Battalions" during the war, the **5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)**, famously known as **Merrill's Marauders**, is considered a direct ancestor of today's [75th Ranger Regiment](#).

Korean War Rangers

When the Korean War started in June 1950, planning for marauder type troops were soon organized and training would be ongoing stateside with the Rangers in name by Colonel Kraus and in Japan with United Nations provisional Raider volunteers from different countries, including the 8th Army Ranger Company. By Kraus naming the trainee companies at Fort Benning, Rangers there carried the tradition of a direct lineage from WW 2 Rangers to the Ranger Companies in Korea.

This purpose of this article is to inform some high-point information about the Rangers during the Korean War. If you want more information into deeper detail of who, what, when, and where that would paint a clearer picture in one's mind, I would encourage the reader to access a thesis released by the Army to the public with unlimited distribution, written by Major John G. Provost, an easy read that is full of information about the formations, time frames, and key players involved in the making of Ranger Companies serving in Korea, Europe, and stateside.

Ranger training began at Fort Benning, Georgia, in **September 1950** with the formation of 17 Airborne Ranger companies during the Korean War. The first formal Ranger class for individual candidates graduated on **March 1, 1952**. It was originally established as the Ranger Training Command before becoming a department of the Infantry School.

Key details on the early history:

- **Initial Purpose:** The school was created to train units for the Korean War, focusing on leadership and small unit tactics.
- **Evolution:** In October 1951, the Ranger Department was established, transitioning from unit training to individual training for all combat units.
- **Location:** While the training in 1950 was at Fort Benning, it has since grown into a multi-phase, 62-day course.

Structure: On November 1, 1987, the Ranger Department was reorganized into the Ranger Training Brigade, [notes the Fort Benning \(.mil\) site](#).

[Ranger Companies in the Korean War, 1950-1951 - DTIC](#)

The Eighth Army Ranger Company (Provisional 8213th Army Unit) was the first American Ranger unit formed after World War II.

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Lieutenant Puckett was personally sought out and as a lieutenant filled a captain's slot as company commander of the 8th Army Ranger Company. They trained in Japan as a special operations unit shadowing Merrill's Marauder's *lessons learned*, capable of infiltrating enemy lines and raising havoc and destruction of enemy forces as did the Chinese who had small group tactical teams that were successful in their missions during the Korean War.



One major drawback the 8th Army Ranger Company and ensuing Ranger companies had to overcome was lack of good intelligence information. How could one effectively attack a target when its location or target type couldn't be accounted for? Secondly, the dedicated support for Ranger missions was not always available.

For example, the artillery was often engaged in other combat operations, resulting in its support not consistently being available when needed. Collaboration was often an *alien* term between services. For example, the U.S.A.F. refused to lend the Ranger companies their communication devices for aerial support. No wonder the première collegiate football game is the Army-Navy game and playing the Air Force is just an afterthought (opinion)!

The 8th Army combat operations in Korea spanned from October 1950 until March 1951. Most notable was the battle of Hilltop 205. All Ranger companies had short duty during the Korean War. The divisions they were assigned to could not invent missions for the Rangers. So, all remaining Rangers were transferred to different units by August 1, 1951. Each Ranger company was assigned to a division. It was up to each division commander to employ the capabilities of their Ranger company. By August 1951, the remaining Ranger companies became a line company within the division they were originally assigned to as Rangers, and by far, most transferred to the 187th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) better known as *Rakkasans*.

For anyone who doesn't know what a Rakkasan is, be brave: grab an umbrella, climb a tree to your liking, open up your umbrella, hang onto the handle and jump; Japanese term for parachute or falling umbrella.

8th Army Ranger Company Key Distinctions and Historical Significance

First in Combat: Activated on August 25, 1950, they were the first Rangers on the Korean peninsula operational by October of that year. Unlike subsequent companies that were formed at Fort Benning and had permanent lineages, the 8th was an ad hoc unit created from Far East volunteers.

Unique Identity: To build esprit de corps, officers ordered all members to shave their hair into mohawks. They were also the only Ranger unit to wear the Eighth United States Army shoulder patch instead of the traditional Ranger scroll.

Understrength Composition: The company operated with approximately half the "foxhole strength" of a standard infantry company, making them highly mobile but vulnerable when tasked with holding terrain. Its ranks included 10 South Korean troops (KATUSAs) who served as translators and guides.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Ranger companies were said to be in Korea, operational in December. This group of Ranger companies was the first to graduate from Ranger Training in Fort Benning as companies and earned the first Ranger tab that is still used today. The Ranger tab was authorized right before their graduation. On paper, the 5th and the 8th Ranger Companies were also said to be operational in December 1950, however they did not arrive in Korea until the end of March 1951.

Army AI: Vietnam had the same number of units as the Rangers in Korean War era with fifteen Ranger companies each; Vietnam A and B companies were stateside and with the other thirteen combat companies were each attached to a division or stand-alone brigade. Korean War also had fifteen numbered Ranger companies plus the specialized Eighth Army Ranger Company and Able and Baker companies attached to Ranger training. Activated starting in October 1950, these volunteer units served as elite light infantry for raids, patrols, and spearheading assaults, with six main companies (1st–5th and 8th) seeing combat before being disbanded by August 1951.

Key Ranger Companies in Korea:

- **8th Army Ranger Company (Airborne)** Attached to the 25th Infantry Division
- **1st Ranger Company (Airborne):** Attached to 2nd Infantry Division; arrived Dec 1950.
- **2nd Ranger Company (Airborne):** The only all-Black Ranger unit in US history ("Buffalo Rangers"); attached to 7th Infantry Division/187th ARCT.
- **3rd Ranger Company (Airborne):** Attached to 3rd Infantry Division/I Corps.
- **4th Ranger Company (Airborne):** Attached to 1st Cavalry Division/187th ARCT.
- **5th Ranger Company (Airborne):** Attached to 25th Infantry Division/I Corps.

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* **8th Ranger Company (Airborne)** Attached to the 24th Infantry Division

Operational History & Role

- **Origins:** Initiated by Gen. J. Lawton Collins to operate as "Marauder" units behind enemy lines following early North Korean infiltration tactics.
- **"Nomadic Warriors":** Companies were attached to larger infantry divisions rather than being self-contained battalions, serving as specialized raiding forces.
- **Major Actions:** The 2nd and 4th Ranger Companies conducted a historic combat parachute jump at Musan-ni in March 1951.
- **Disbandment:** By August 1951, all Ranger companies were disbanded, with their training curriculum forming the basis of the modern Army Ranger School.

Casualties: The companies suffered high casualties, with approximately one in nine Rangers killed in action.

Other Formed Companies (Served elsewhere or in training roles):

- **6th Ranger Company:** Deployed to Europe.
- **7th Ranger Company:** Assumed cadre role for training.

9th-15th Ranger Companies: Formed as part of the total 17 airborne Ranger companies authorized during the conflict.

In the upcoming issue of *Patrolling*, we'll highlight the Vietnam era Ranger and Ranger-type companies.



Collection of Korean War scrolls and others.

RLTW!

Stephen Odin Johnson

2026 General Membership Meeting by Frank Svensson

BOD Chairman Ron Olsen opened the general business meeting at 0951 MDT in Livingston, MT on 26SEP25.

Secretary Frank Svensson confirmed that there was a quorum present allowing business to be conducted. He also presented the members with copies of the minutes and information related to them. **Treasurer Lynn Walker** presented the treasurer's report. He reported that the Association continues to be in sound financial condition with total liabilities and assets of \$64,202.63. The members were briefed on the progress of the account that the association established with Edward Jones Financial. Lynn reported that the account is generating much more income when compared to where it was before. The importance of paying dues was stressed by Lynn. The membership was briefed on the **proposed reunion in Louisville, KY**. This reunion will be a piggyback reunion with the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot's Association (VHPA). It was announced that Steve Johnson was the point man for us with the VHPA. While there wasn't much specific information to put out, Steve assured everyone that as soon as he had more specific information, he'd post it to Sua Sponte (SP). **The membership was briefed**

on the on-going Ranger Hall of Fame packets. The decision was made to not resubmit Steve Chaney's packet due some extenuating circumstances. There will be efforts to gather more information and then resubmit Steve's packet. Tom Nash's packet will once again be resubmitted in 2027. It was announced that Steve Johnson would be a new candidate for induction into the RHOE. Work on his packet will start this coming year. **The membership was briefed** regarding the board's decision to donate \$1,500.00 to the regimental chaplain to be disbursed at his discretion. Other Ranger Organizations will be challenged to match our donation. **Members were advised** to submit anything that they might want to see on our website to Justin Stay, our webmaster. This will keep the information posted more up to date. **Ron Olsen volunteered** to host a reunion in Deadwood, SD in 2027. If anyone else is interested in hosting please let a board member or officer aware of your interest.

Steve Deever moved that the general business meeting be adjourned. Harry Adams seconded the motion. The general business meeting was adjourned at 1028 MDT.

**2025 COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

By Secretary Frank "Swede" Svensson

Board member Ron Olsen called the 2025 board of directors meeting to order at 0810 MDT in Livingston, MT on 26SEP25. Present for the board meeting were board members Ron Olsen, Steve Johnson and Harry Adams. Association vice-president Max Donovan, treasurer Lynn Walker and Secretary Frank Svensson were also in attendance. Steve Johnson advised the board that he had been assigned Dave Moncada's proxy vote. A quorum was established and the meeting commenced.

Ron Olsen advised the board that our current board chairman, Carl Velleri, has tendered his resignation due to health issues. The decision was made to replace Carl with Ron Olsen. Harry Adams made a motion to approve, and Steve Johnson seconded. The motion carried. At this point Ron took over conducting the meeting. Al Stewart was nominated to become a board member. The board unanimously approved.

Association Secretary Frank Svensson presented the board with the minutes from the 2024 board and general business meetings. Steve Johnson moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Harry Adams seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was then delivered by Treasurer Lynn Walker. He reported that the Association continues to be in sound financial condition with total liabilities and assets of \$64,202.63. The board was again briefed on the account that Lynn opened with Edward Jones Financial that is generating much more income. Harry moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as delivered. Ron seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

The board was briefed by Steve Johnson regarding the proposed reunion in Louisville, KY. This reunion would be a piggyback reunion with the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot's Association. Steve had a little information to share but promised to pass anything more that he got via our website. Steve asked the board to approve proceeding with the proposal. Harry moved that the board approve moving forward, Ron seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Under the heading of new business, Steve Johnson briefed the board regarding our Ranger Hall of Fame nominees. Due to various factors Steve suggested tabling Steve Chaney's packet. The board unanimously approved his recommendation. Steve suggested that Tom Nash's packet be resubmitted again. The board unanimously approved. It was suggested that our next nominee for entry into the RHOFF should be Steve Johnson. The board unanimously approved this suggestion.

***Update:** The new RHOFF Bylaws, effective in 2027, will give Tom three more chances instead of his last one. Three times and you are out from the old bylaws versus five submissions and you are out with next year's RHOFF nominations. So Tom's packet was pulled and will be resubmitted next year.*

Lynn Walker advised the board that his daughter, Laura, who is a practicing lawyer, would assume the responsibilities as our association attorney. Steve moved to approve, Harry seconded.

Steve requested board approval for sending the Ranger Regiment Chaplain \$1,500 to be donated as he sees fit within the Regiment. After a short discussion, Steve moved that this proposal be approved, Ron seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

***Update:** Al Stewart has seen to it that the money has been distributed as intended to Ranger families E-4 and below within the 75th Ranger Regiment through the Regimental Chaplain.*

Steve Johnson requested approval to purchase access to a service that makes mass mailings cheap and easy. This would open the door to online delivery of Sua Sponte as well as other important communications. Steve made a motion to approve his request. Harry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Steve advised the board that the approval for Vietnam era Rangers to wear the Ranger Tab even if they didn't graduate from Ranger school is now in the hands of the Commandant of the Infantry School.

***Update:** Honorary SGM of the 75th Regiment Michael Hall has already spoken with the Infantry School Cadre and Honorary SMA (Sergeant Major of the Army) Rick Merritt and Steve Johnson will be meeting with the Infantry School leadership during the 2026 Best Ranger Competition in April. Both Hall and Merritt have served the 75th Regiment as Regimental Sergeant Majors (RSM).*

Ron moved that the board meeting be adjourned at 0935 MDT. Harry seconded. It passed unanimously.

Profit & Loss

January 1 through March 28, 2026

Lynn "Cowboy" Walker, CPA

Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association 501(c)19

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	590.00
Total Direct Public Support	590.00
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	111.95
Total Other Types of Income	111.95
Program Income	
Membership Dues	360.00
Total Program Income	360.00
Total Income	1,061.95
Gross Profit	1,061.95
Expense	
Operations	
Website rental	293.00
Total Operations	293.00
Travel and Meetings	
Reunion Expenses	300.00
Total Travel and Meetings	300.00
Total Expense	593.00
Net Ordinary Income	468.95
Net Income	468.95

Balance Sheet

As of March 28, 2026

	<u>Mar 28, 26</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	13,845.86
Total Checking/Savings	13,845.86
Other Current Assets	
Edward Jones Money Market	56,027.23
Undeposited Funds	120.00
Total Other Current Assets	56,147.23
Total Current Assets	69,993.09
TOTAL ASSETS	69,993.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	42,379.75
Opening Balance Equity	27,144.39
Net Income	468.95
Total Equity	69,993.09
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California Hot Rod Fly Fishing Ranger George Merkel in action near the Yellowstone River in Livingston, Montana.