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Buffalo Reunion Review



The Rod Congdon Family hosted an outstanding 2017 Reunion for our association and we would like to thank them for their hospitality showing off their hometown of Buffalo, NY!

Andy Congdon and his band played for us Friday evening after the Congdon's had a BBQ for their guests that night.

Saturday we held our memorial for our Brothers who gave all at the Servicemen's Park on the waterfront.

Everyone had a chance to see Niagara Falls and to *taste* the water mist and *wear* it too.

Banquet and speaker Roger Beamer was well received followed by an auction that paid for the event. Reunion pictures are in this issue.

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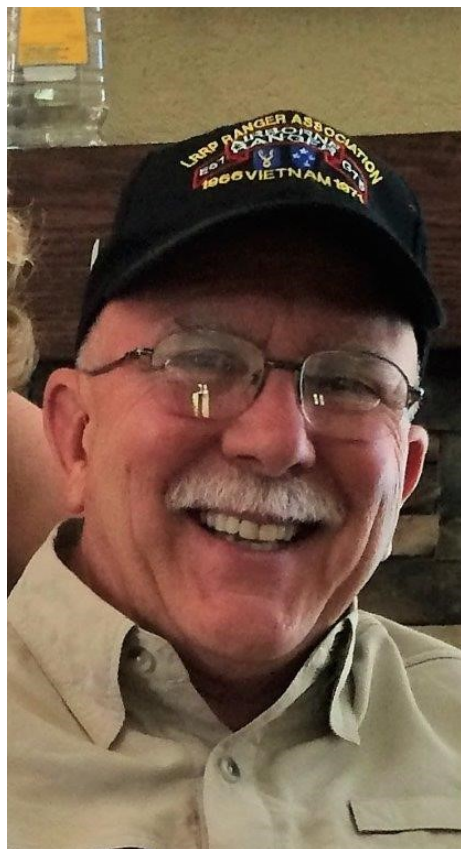
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Greetings,

It looks like fall has at long last arrived. In the upper states temps are lower and leaves are changing, and dropping. In the deep south, especially coastal states, we are anticipating the end of the Atlantic hurricane season. This year has been particularly devastating.

Halloween is in the rearview and the holidays will soon be upon us. The time we come together and gather with family can be both special and sometimes trying. If you'll forgive my self-indulgence, I would like to share what a certain family gathering means to me.

Of course, I'm speaking of our annual gathering at our association / company reunion. Each time I attend I renew old friendships and usually make some new ones. While it may seem cliché, I am a firm believer that

the common denominator of our service and especially our circumstances gave us that uncommon bond. We understand that as young men we had a seminal experience that had a powerful effect in shaping our lives. To put it in colloquial terms we "get" each other. We can speak our truths and know they will be understood and accepted. Over the years it has not been uncommon that some of our brethren have been wary of the affect attendance may produce. I think that most would agree that the effort has been revelatory. In fact, one member told me that reunion attendance was more productive for him than counseling had been.

So, when we gather for a day of Thanksgiving I will give thanks for my Ranger brothers, both those that I look forward to seeing soon and those who have proceeded us to the big Ranger in the sky.

Our Buffalo reunion was a large success and I would like to thank Rod Congdon and his family for an outstanding job. It was a great effort and they made everyone feel welcome. Next year we will be in Deadwood, S.D. and hope to have an even bigger turnout.

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 lrrp75thinfa@aol.com. Please have Ranger or LRRP in the title of your email.

I look forward to seeing you in Deadwood.

RLTW

Bill Martin

Deadwood 2018 Working Copy

The 2018 Reunion date are Thursday, September 6th with checkout date on Sunday, September 9th. The reunion will be at First Gold (Travel Lodge). The rates are:

State LRRP/Ranger Reunion for these prices

\$98.00 per night/dbl occupancy plus tax

\$80.00 per night/Single occupancy plus tax

Each room has Fridge, Microwave, Coffee K cup, Bottled Water

Request special needs at time of registration

Smoking rooms available must request at time of booking

4 Handicapped Rooms (request when booking)

Inform about Service Dog or Companion Dog (\$25.00 fee for stay)

Please give name of occupants and a name badge and breakfast tickets will be available on arrival

Price of Rooms remains the same for extended stays of 2 days prior or after event.

Complementary shuttle service to and from airport with **prior arrangements** (when booking Hotel)

Free covered on-site parking

Trolley Rides from hotel to anywhere in Deadwood \$1.00 each way

Camper or Motorhome parking area during stay in First Gold (Travel Lodge)

Address 270 Main Street, Deadwood South Dakota 57732

Telephone 1-605-717-7181

If you want to camp Days of 76 is across the street from hotel

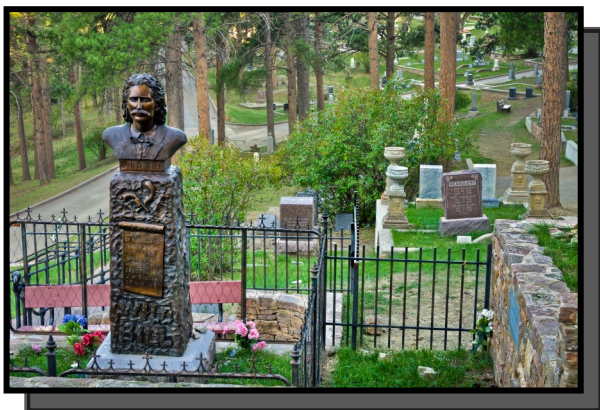
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Mount Rushmore National Memorial

South Dakota's Black Hills provide the backdrop for Mount Rushmore, the world's greatest mountain carving of 4 American Presidents - Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln. These 60-foot high faces, 500 ft. up, look out over a setting of pine, spruce, birch, and aspen in the clear western air. Night lighting ceremony pays special tribute to Americas Veterans.

1 hour from Deadwood near Keystone, SD.



MT. MORIAH CEMETERY

Deadwood's historic cemetery includes such notables as Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Stop by for a self-guided tour where you'll learn about some of Deadwood's most interesting characters!

1 Mt Moriah Drive/605-578-2600

Featured Member Max Donovan



Max and Terri Donovan at the Buffalo Reunion rode their Harleys from their home in Tennessee.



Sgt. Max Donovan served two tours in Vietnam. The first was with the 82nd then as a G 75th Ranger.

I was born in southwestern Indiana in Sullivan on June 27, 1950. My folks separated when I was a year and a half; my Dad took me while Mom took my six-month-old Brother. I would not see my Brother and Mom for 15 years and after that, another 35 years!

My Grandparents raised me for a time when he was a lumberjack in Colorado and Oregon. Grandpa then bought a farm in northeastern Wisconsin where we lived from 1956 through 1964. When Grandpa died we sold the farm and moved to my father's place in Florida for one year and then I went to live with my Uncle in Denver, Colorado.

These were high school days and I got into hot rods and Harleys and loved that scene. I started missing school and hanging out with the hot rodders all of the time. When my father came home to see me (he was a long haul trucker) he gave me two choices; either get back in school and graduate or get out of the house.

I suggested a third choice where he could sign for me and I'd join the army. He did sign for me.

Then began the army adventure.

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Featured Member Max Donovan



At age 17 on January 1968 I went to Ft. Bliss, Texas for basic training followed by advanced infantry training in Ft. Ord, California. While there recruiters came in trying to get volunteers for airborne and shake and bake (nco academy) in exchange for an extension of service. We signed up for the extension and went to Ft. Benning, Georgia. It was tough and I was just 18 and was in over my head. Two weeks before graduation I dropped out. Within another two weeks I had orders for Vietnam and was assigned to A Company 1/505 3rd Brigade 82nd Airborne and my boots were on the ground in Vietnam in January 1969. It was amazing what I had learned stateside that kicked in while assigned to the 2nd platoon where I met a bunch of great guys who made me feel welcome. Within six months I made sergeant and became squad leader. With the 82nd I was awarded the CIB, Bronze Star, Air Medal, VCM, VSM, and VN with Palm. In December 1969 I headed back to Fort Benning, Georgia where I was assigned to the Honor Guard. A good job but too much spit and shine for an old Boonie Rat so after 5 months I volunteered to go back to Vietnam. The second

time I landed in country, June 1970, in Chu Lai, I had orders for the Americal Division. But as soon as I hit the ground I went to G Co 75th Rangers and Volunteered. There were 22 in my class and 6 of us graduated on 8-15-70: Steve Deever (my Ranger Buddy), Baron Anaya, myself, and 3 others whose names I can't remember. Just 13 days later, on my second mission with Team Michigan, we were hit while trying to get to a helicopter for extraction. As tail gunner I got hit with shrapnel from an RPG. I made it to the chopper and passed out, woke up in the hospital. That's how I got my Purple Heart. After that I went to MACV Recondo School #3323 and completed that on October 17, 1970. I did a few more missions and went to sniper school Course 5-71 and finished that on December 18, 1970. Later on while I was on R & R, two team members from my Team Michigan were killed on extraction and the Team was disbanded. After I got back I transferred to the Warlords Aero Scout Co. and finished my tour, going home and getting out on June 15, 1971. (*Cont'd next page*)

Max Donovan Featured Member



I went back to Denver, Colorado but didn't like the cold winters so I loaded up my Corvette and Harley and went to Lakeland, Florida to my Dad's. I started trucking in 1972. Things went okay for a while but I got bored and in January 1974 I joined the Coast Guard, went to Gunners Mate School and graduated on July 5, 1974 as a Gunners Mate 3rd class (E-4). My first assignment was on a 95-foot cutter stationed at Hilo, Hawaii. I couldn't believe my luck. It was great duty and from there I was assigned to the Armory in Honolulu. I got out of the Coast Guard in July 1976.

I decided to go back to Florida and had my old '57 Panhead Harley Davidson shipped to California. When I picked up my bike I made a stop in Sacramento, California to visit an old friend and never left Sacramento until 2002. I fell in with a bunch of bikers and bought my first truck and was living the fast life. That's when I met Terri and we got married in 1986. Best thing I ever did! She is my wife and my best friend. I love her to death!

While in California I was an owner-operator pulling a reefer hauling meat and produce. I started running the West Coast then later on going to all 48 states. In 1999 I let my truck go back to the bank and went to work for Crete Carriers out of

Lincoln, Nebraska. I have now been with them for 18 years and have been Driver of the Month several times and 2007 Driver of the Year. I have two "1 million mile" safety awards and 16 years of safe driving awards. I have been driving 40 plus years and have logged over 5 million miles. It has been a fulfilling career. I'll soon be retired but I know I will miss the road.

We moved to east Tennessee in August of 2002 where my Mom and Brother live. My Mom gave me an acre of land and we built our home there at the foot of the Smokey Mountains. I have finally found peace and slowed down somewhat. Terri and I have our bikes and good friends and I've got my Hot Rod Falcon. Life is good here in East Tennessee.

I started going to reunions back at Myrtle Beach. I missed San Diego but I don't plan to miss anymore. I look forward to each and everyone!

Max

Scrooge: Stuff the Envelope

Please send our association \$30 using the provided addressed envelope within this newsletter.

Please make checks payable to: G 75th Ranger Association.

Should you misplace the enclosed envelope, send your envelope to:

Lynn Walker
PO Box 916
Livingston, MT
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Without your yearly contribution we wouldn't be able to send out triannual newsletters in a timely fashion nor would we be able to continue with our website, among other things, to say the least.

Just because those of us who are a life members, and we appreciate that, doesn't mean that you can't contribute the \$30 for someone else who may not be able to afford it.

We are a 501 (c) (19) recognized by the IRS as a non-profit and the monies sent to our association are **tax exempt!**

The association whose members include the 196th LRRPs, E-51st LRP's, and the G 75th Rangers thank everyone for their generosity and continued support!



All the "moonshine" did not make it to the Buffalo auction and was consumed prior. This "Sippin Chokecherry Whiskey" sold for a few cents less than an original Rembrandt .

Buffalo Reunion Photos



LYNN Walker, CPA, Financials

10:59 AM

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

11/10/17

Profit & Loss

Cash Basis

January 1 through November 10, 2017

	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 10, 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	2,805.00
Total Direct Public Support	2,805.00
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	1,905.00
Reunion Auction Proceeds	6,015.00
Reunion Concession Proceeds	1,745.00
Total Other Types of Income	9,665.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	2,605.00
Total Program Income	2,605.00
Total Income	15,075.00
Gross Profit	15,075.00
Expense	
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	20.00
Total Business Expenses	20.00
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	354.91
Printing and Copying	1,616.16
Website rental	67.75
Total Operations	2,038.82
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	
Coin Costs	757.50
Total Other Costs	757.50
Total Other Types of Expenses	757.50
Travel and Meetings	
Reunion Concession Expenses	2,537.04
Reunion Expenses	2,841.48
Total Travel and Meetings	5,378.52
Total Expense	8,194.84
Net Ordinary Income	6,880.16
Net Income	<u>6,880.16</u>

LYNN WALKER, CPA, FINANCIALS

11:01 AM
11/10/17
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of November 10, 2017

	Nov 10, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	23,138.90
Total Checking/Savings	23,138.90
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	34,160.11
TOTAL ASSETS	34,160.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
National Ranger Memorial Founda	250.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	250.00
Total Current Liabilities	250.00
Total Liabilities	250.00
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	186.85
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	6,880.16
Total Equity	33,910.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	34,160.11



Concessions



Here is the new pricing for concessions,

1. Black polo shirts - \$35 ea.
2. Legacy t-shirts - \$30 ea/
3. Ball caps - \$20 ea.
4. Travel bags - \$30 ea.
5. Americal LRRP or Recondo pins - \$5 ea.
6. Challenge coins - \$35 if shipped
\$30 if purchased at a reunion site.

ASSOCIATION CONCESSIONS...

Great Bags for Travel @ \$30



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JoJo Corkan's companion dog, Shotzy in Buffalo