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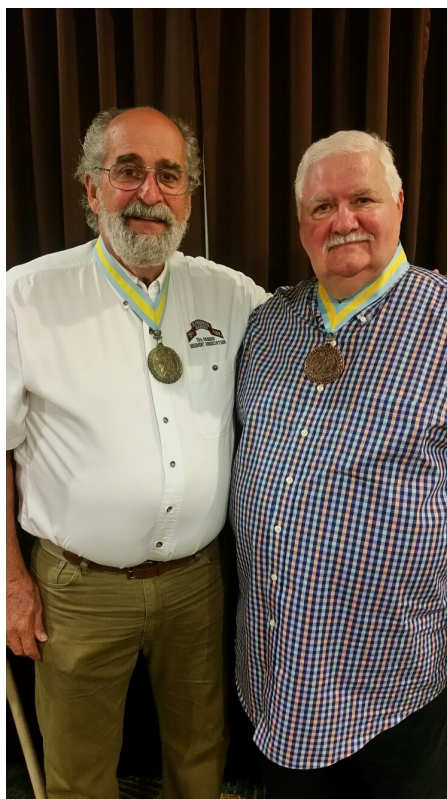
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NARRATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDALLION OF SAINT MAURICE FOR TOM NASH

By Stephen Crabtree



Crabtree and Nash

About five or six years ago Tom Nash proposed that Co G 75th (Infantry) Ranger Association purchase bricks at the National Ranger Memorial

(NRM) for each man from our units that had died since Vietnam. As this number exceeded 150 and bricks costing 2 for \$500 this would have depleted our treasury and was rejected by our Board of Directors. Tom took it upon himself to personally raise the money needed for his project. At the 2015 engraving at the NRM all of our deceased warriors from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (LRRP), E Company 51st Infantry (LRP) and G Company Ranger (Airborne) 75th Infantry now had a memorial brick. Tom's actions solidified his belief in the Ranger Creed: "Never shall I fail my comrades" and is a tribute to himself, his Vietnam Units and the United States Army.

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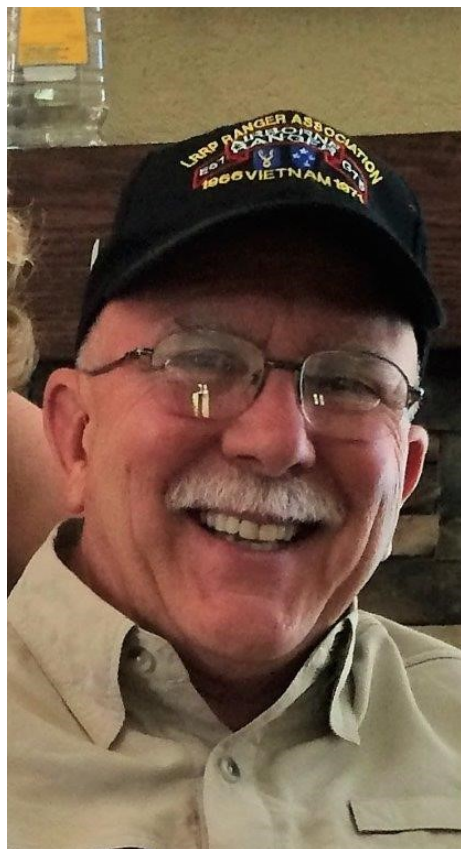
Chuck Ford, Board Member

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Greetings,

This is my first column since assuming office. I think it might be helpful if I gave a brief bio for the benefit of those members who might be wondering who I am.

I was born on a Naval Air Station in Florida...then I ended up in Vietnam. I served with Co. G in 1970 and early 1971 on teams Hawaii and Arkansas. When I returned to the U.S. I eventually got a job in law enforcement and pursued a criminal justice degree on the GI bill. I served as a patrolman and a detective for eight years. I then moved to the energy industry where I had a thirty six year career.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Norco reunion. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Steve Deever, his wife Cindy and his daughter for their dedicated efforts in

hosting the reunion. Also, thanks go to Frank Svensson and George Merkel for assisting Steve.

In 2017 our reunion is to be held in the eastern U.S. As voted by the membership at the Norco reunion the site will be Buffalo, N.Y. Rod Congdon has volunteered to be organizer and host. Our thanks to Rod for taking on this mission. More info will come as Rod progresses.

Hopefully, everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everyone all the best for the holiday season and hopefully your Christmas wishes will come true.

Having spent a good amount of time overseas I have, in the past, had to maintain two residences. When I finally came back to the U.S. I had the issue of combining two of many similar things. As a result, I found I had way more clothes than one person needs. Now that I have retired, I need even fewer clothes. The solution to my space problems was to donate clothes to veteran's homes and service organizations. Especially as we enter winter there are needs for warm clothing. If you're anything like me there may be some items you haven't worn in a long time. Also, I have reconciled that I am not getting back into those 30-32 inch waist trousers. So please check in your area and see if there is a need that we can help with.

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 lrrp75thin@aol.com

I wish you all the best for 2017!!

RTLW

2017 DUES ARE CRITICAL TO SURVIVE

The board and officers that serve you, greatly thank those of you who are consistent in renewing your membership and those who contribute generously to our Association.

The board has asked me, as editor, to emphasize the importance of paying dues and/or making contributions to our Association every year. The life time membership bought several years ago was too good of a deal as it no longer generates income. Several of our life time members continue to contribute monies to our coffers directly or otherwise. If everyone out there receiving a newsletter contributed \$30.00 annually we could generate \$12,570.00 towards our operating costs. Generous members, associate members, family and friends please support the Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association by dropping whatever you are doing, make out a check, and send it in the enclosed, self addressed envelope to our treasurer, Lynn "Cowboy" Walker.

The board, officers, and everyone else thanks you for doing this!

Cam On Ban!

Thank You (in Vietnamese)

Come on Man!

American (for hitting you up for money!)

Veteran's Plaza @ Norco, CA 2016



Feature-Rangers Find Rocket Site



(SGT) Olsen (Watertown, S.D.), noticed signs of enemy presence as soon as it touched down at the designated landing zone (LZ).

"We sat down in some fresh gardens where someone had been working just hours before," said SGT Olsen.

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Rangers Find Rocket Site

BY SP4 Dale E. Reich

LZ Bronco, Vietnam (Americal IO) An Americal Ranger Patrol for Company "G" 75th Rangers, recently discovered a large enemy base camp 6 miles southwest of LZ Bronco and may have put some rocketeers out of business at the same time. LZ Bronco, home of the 11th Infantry Brigade, has been the target of several rocket attacks since the post-TET offensive began in Southern Quang Ngai Province late in February.

The Ranger team, led by Sergeant

"The earth was freshly turned and there were numerous piles of freshly cut vegetation. The trails in the area were well-used and it looked like someone had been working to make them wider."

The Ranger team moved down one of those trails until it came upon a large hut complex, consisting of about 16 structures. Several containers of water and rice indicated an enemy force to be nearby, although the area was completely deserted.

SGT Olsen and his men continued to move down the same trail until they discovered a second and third hut complex.

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Feature-Rocket Launcher Destroyed



Again, it appeared as though someone had been there just minutes before the Americal soldiers arrived.

"We found a fresh water buffalo carcass near one of the hootches," said SGT Olsen. "And it looked like they had been cutting meat from it earlier in the day."

After searching the area the team moved to the top of a nearby hill. Here they discovered two trees, each about 15 feet long, and hollowed out for probable use as rocket launchers.

SGT Olsen and his men moved quickly to destroy the two large objects, which pointed directly to LZ Bronco.

"After that we moved off the trail to take a break," said Specialist Four (SP4) John E. Shultz (Howard City,

Mich.). "It seemed pretty quiet and we didn't expect anyone to be in the immediate area. Then, just a split second after I scanned the trail, a VC appeared to my left. I put my M-16 on automatic and dropped him before he could run."

As the Americal soldiers moved toward the enemy body, three more enemies appeared. The quick reaction of the Rangers sent the trio flee-

ing in a hail of M-16 fire.

"Right after that we began receiving heavy fire," explained SGT Olsen. "So we called for extraction. Fortunately, gunships came along to provide needed firepower."

The "Shark" gunships of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company put suppressive fire on suspected enemy positions and enabled the Rangers to make it to their LZ for extraction.

SP4 Shultz, relaxing after his harrowing experience, remarked, "The rocket fire from the gunships came within 40 meters of our position, but I was never happier to see them come in with all that firepower. Without them we could not have been extracted."

Ed Mathern Family Gathering

Photo: Lynda Neumann



The family of Edward Mathern were special guests at this year's reunion. Ed's brother and 5 sisters traveled from around the country to take part in the Norco Remembrance Ceremony. I hope Ed's family enjoyed meeting his "other brothers" as much as we appreciated meeting all of them. Lest We Forget! Shawn Ranahan

Photo and Reunion Tee Shirt provided by Frank Svensson



2016 Board & General Membership Meeting

By Frank Svensson

2016 COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The board meeting was called to order by association board president David Moncada in Norco, CA at 0805 PDT on 08OCT16. In addition to Mr. Moncada board members Chuck Ford, Steve Deever and Tom Nash were present. The only missing board member was Steve Franklin. Also in attendance were association president Steve Johnson, treasurer Lynn Walker and secretary Frank Svensson. The vice-president position was at the time vacant. A quorum of the board was present for the meeting.

Secretary Frank Svensson advised the board that based on the information gathered from treasurer Walker and the number of dues paying members in attendance, there was also a quorum of members in attendance for the upcoming business meeting. He also presented the board with the minutes from the 2015 board and business meetings for their consideration and for any necessary corrections. Tom Nash moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, Chuck Ford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The board was briefed and discussed the three possible locations for our 2017 reunion. Those cities are Philadelphia, PA, Melbourne/Cocoa Beach, FL, and Buffalo NY. There was a brief discussion on the pros and cons of all three locations. The board decided that the location selection should be left up to the membership and deferred a final decision until the general business meeting.

Tom Nash moved that the board meeting be adjourned briefly in order to conduct the general business meeting. Chuck Ford seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned temporarily at 0902 PDT.

The board meeting reconvened at 1009 PDT.

The board was advised that Billy Martin had expressed an interest in serving as the association president and Max Donovan in vice-president. Lynn Walker and Frank Svensson both volunteered to continue as treas-

urer and secretary respectively. Tom Nash moved that a slate of officers consisting of Billy Martin, president, Max Donovan, vice-president, Lynn Walker, treasurer and Frank Svensson be confirmed for the next year. David Moncada seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Dave Moncada moved that the board of directors meeting be adjourned. Steve Deever seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1020 PDT.

2016 COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The general business meeting was called to order in Norco, CA at 0911 PDT on 08 OCT 16.

Twenty-nine dues paying members were present for the meeting. Secretary Frank Svensson confirmed that this did establish a membership quorum so business could be conducted.

The first order of business was a general discussion of where to hold the 2017 reunion. That reunion is to be held in the eastern part of the country. A thorough discussion of Philadelphia, PA, Melbourne/Cocoa Beach, FL and Buffalo, NY followed. The membership generally expressed their gratitude for so many association members stepping forward and offering to walk point for us. After a discussion outlining both the pros and the cons of all three cities the members in attendance voted on where they would like the reunion to take place. The results of the first vote was Philadelphia nine votes, Melbourne/Cocoa Beach ten votes and Buffalo ten votes. In a tense runoff vote, Buffalo prevailed with a sixteen to thirteen tally. Dave Moncada told the membership that he would direct Rod Conger, who volunteered to be our Buffalo point man, to begin the process of arranging the 2017 reunion.

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General Membership Meeting Continued

The annual discussion of board members followed next. The two ongoing board members were Steve Franklin and Tom Nash. The three outgoing members were David Moncada, Steve Deever and Chuck Ford. All three of these men expressed a desire to continue as board members. Tom Nash moved that the three volunteers be selected for another two year term as association board members, Max Donovan seconded. The nominations were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Lynn Walker briefed the membership regarding our financial condition. We continue to be in fairly good financial condition. However, the treasury is slowly being eroded by some of our high cost items. Lynn reported that our net income from 01JAN16 through 03OCT16 was -\$3,138.70 and our current net assets are \$19,650.77. There followed a discussion of various ways to save money and generate income. The possibility of making Sua Sponte an online publication to the maximum extent possible was discussed. Steve Johnson, our publisher, explained that the big savings if we do that would be postage and handling. We will continue to explore this possibility as well as other cost saving possibilities.

David Moncada gave the membership a briefing regarding concessions and ongoing issues of concern. There was a discussion regarding the cost of shipping as it related to both individual concession items as well as shipping things from his home to where ever the reunions are held. The members discussed and crafted general guidelines for concessions. The shipping should be as cheap as possible regardless of where the shipment is going. It was pointed out that retaining all concession items isn't practical so the board once again directed that reunion tee shirts be retained for no more than one year. Anything older than that is to be donated to a worthy charity. Chuck Ford made a motion to adopt these guidelines, seconded by Tom Nash. It was unanimously approved.

The membership next discussed the active duty Long Range Surveillance companies and how they related to the lineage of the 196th LRP, E/51st LRRPs and G/75th Rangers. This discussion was initiated because the LRS companies are being deactivated. The active duty army has determined that none of the LRS units fit into the Ranger lineage. Our discussion centered around how the unit that we think is, in fact, in our lineage, E Company, 51st Infantry (LRS) could **NOT** be related to us. While there is nothing that we, as veterans, can do about this active duty army decision, the membership expressed their dissatisfaction with this stand. We will continue to consider the men who serve and have served in E Company, 51st LRS as our direct descendants and honor them

accordingly.

Steve Crabtree addressed the membership giving us a thorough briefing on the effects of Agent Orange and how it might affect our health as we grow older. Steve recently experienced a cancer that was directly attributable to the chemical. The takeaway from the discussion was to stress that we all needed to monitor our health, get regular checkups and have blood work done.

John Rossman and Casey Maxwell were introduced to the membership as first time reunion attendees.

Ralph Tildon made a presentation to the membership proposing to gather basic information regarding our members. He had already prepared a form that he volunteered to distribute, collect, collate and then present to the board. Chairman David Moncada directed Ralph to proceed with this project.

The membership was briefed on the known passings that we experienced in the previous year. The men that we lost were Robert Leon-Guerrero, Doc Bronson, David Squires and David Standstill. We'll see you in Valhala, brothers.

David Moncada thanked Tom Nash for his past and ongoing efforts to secure money to pay for bricks at the Ranger Memorial, Fort Benning. Tom informed the membership that all of the deceased men that served in our companies now have a brick at Benning. He reminded the membership that the cost of the bricks is \$295 each or \$500 for two. Steve Crabtree was also thanked for his assistance with the Ranger Foundation. Our members owe both Tom and Steve a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

Steve Johnson briefed the membership regarding new applications for the Ranger Hall of Fame. Tom Nash has suggested that Gen. Mark Brennan (ret) be considered given his extensive special operations experience. Steve suggested that we submit an application for Clifford Manning. Both men would be very worthy additions to the RHOF. David Moncada directed that the application process proceed and asked that the board be kept apprised of the progress.

Shawn Ranahan moved that the general business meeting be adjourned, Carl Valerri seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1002 PDT.

2017 Reunion Buffalo, NY

The 2017 Reunion dates are Thursday, September 21st with a checkout date on Sunday, September 24th. The rate is \$109 per night plus tax (\$13.75). For those that want an extended stay you can get the special rate 2 days prior or after our reunion.

The reunion will be at the Marriott Airport Fairfield Inn with free airport shuttle and a hot breakfast and free parking.

The phone for booking is 1-716-633-2488. The address is 4271 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY, 14225. More to follow next issue. Rod Congdon



Upper Left is Bob and Debbie Guynn; Lower Left is Danny Jacks and Lewis Lincoln. Top Right, our Hosts; Steve and Cindy Deever Middle Right is Bob Hammond sitting with Ron and Vickie Olson. Lower Right is first time reunion attendees, John and Faye Rossman.
More photos of Norco in the next issue!

CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT

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11/20/16
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Profit & Loss January 1 through November 20, 2016

By Lynn Walker;
CPA

	Jan 1 - Nov 20, 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	1,110.00
Total Direct Public Support	1,110.00
Other Types of Income	
Coin Sale Income	305.00
Concessions	1,410.00
Reunion Auction Proceeds	7,322.92
Total Other Types of Income	9,037.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	1,940.00
Total Program Income	1,940.00
Total Income	12,087.00
Gross Profit	12,087.00
Expense	
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	20.00
Total Business Expenses	20.00
Operations	
Concession Expenses	350.92
Postage, Mailing Service	363.19
Printing and Copying	1,616.16
Supplies	678.19
Website rental	155.40
Total Operations	3,163.86
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	
Coin Costs	1,750.00
Total Other Costs	1,750.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,750.00
Travel and Meetings	
Reunion Concession Expenses	1,846.98
Reunion Expenses	1,543.24
Total Travel and Meetings	3,390.22
Total Expense	8,324.08
Net Ordinary Income	3,762.92
Net Income	3,762.92

11:04 AM
11/20/16
Cash Basis

COMPANY G RANGER 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of November 20, 2016

	Nov 20, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	15,531.18
Total Checking/Savings	15,531.18
Other Current Assets	
Charter Oak Capital Management	11,021.21
Total Other Current Assets	11,021.21
Total Current Assets	26,552.39
TOTAL ASSETS	26,552.39
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	-4,303.63
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	3,762.92
Total Equity	26,302.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	26,552.39



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Association 50th Anniversary Coin



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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