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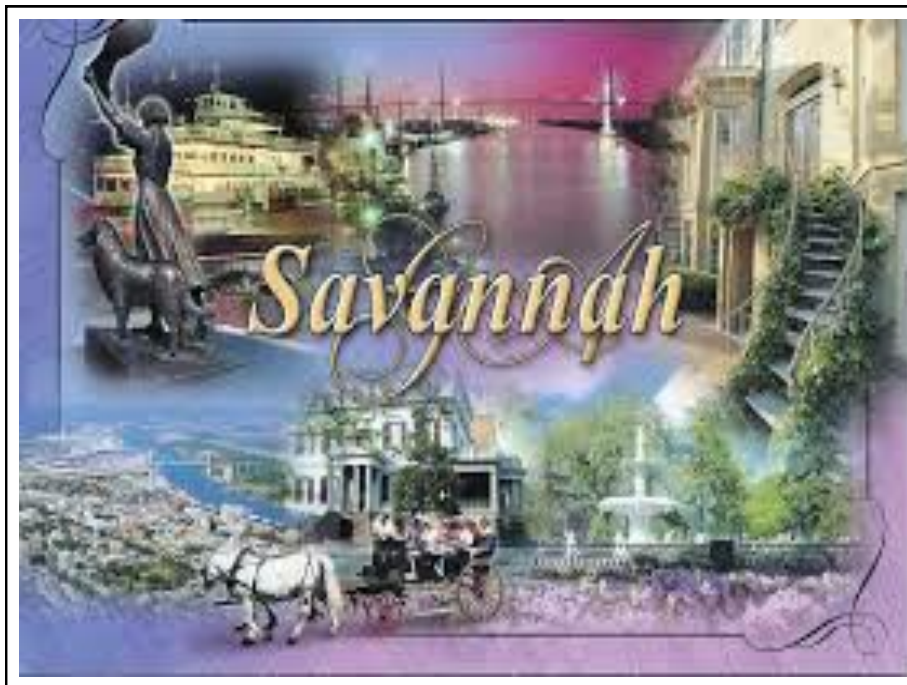
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By Steve & Lori Crabtree

2014 Reunion



It's hard to believe, but we are gearing up for our **25th annual Reunion** and preparations are all but finished. Official reunion dates are Wednesday, October 8th through Saturday, October 11 at Savanna, Georgia.

Our headquarters at Savanna will be the INN AT ELLIS SQUARE Circa 1853 that locals call the Guckenheimer building "THE GRAND LADY ON BAY."

The hotel has an ideal location that affords us the luxury of history, culture and cuisine all within walking

distance (You won't need a rental car). The Inn is on Bay Street, one block from River Street, Lady and Son's Restaurant (remember Paula Dean?), City Market and many other restaurants and shops. Historical homes and museums such as "Ships of the Sea" museum are close by, most within walking distance.

If nothing else, a walk through the "Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist" warrants an hour of your time. Savannah is known as "America's Greatest Walking City." (page 3)

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I will open this with sad news for all in the association. We lost three brothers between December 2013 and January 2014. David "Smitty" Smith, Rodolph "Rodie" Lindhe and David "Nine toes" Motlow.

David "Smitty" Smith went home to be with the Big RANGER in the sky. Smitty was one of my assistant team leaders, and took over the Team when I came home on extension leave in December of 1969. Smitty was a very accomplished Ranger and good friend. He arrived in country with some very accomplished Rangers and class mates, David "Apricot" Moncada, Roger "Sod" Peet, Robert "Prunes" Pruden, and Arthur "Scotty" Scott. Two of these classmates paid the ultimate price and are listed among our Killed In Action brothers. Rest in peace brother until we meet again!!! May God bless you and comfort your family.

David "Nine toes" Motlow. Motlow came in country in 1969, after completing Puke school he was assigned to team Arkansas which was my team. Motlow was a very good RANGER, was willing to carry his weight and more, and he was always looking out for the rest of the team members. At the second reunion Motlow and his wife along with their son were in attendance. The son looked an awful lot like Motlow did when he was that age and every one of the RANGERettes fell in love with him. Rest in peace brother.

Rodolph "Rodie" Lindhe. I did not personally know Rodie in Viet Nam but I had the distinct pleasure of meeting and talking to Rodie at some of the reunions. Rodie was with I Company, 75th prior to being transferred to G Company, 75th. He and Chuck "Wolf" Williams flew back home on the same flight. Rest in peace brother.

Calling all LRRP/RANGER brothers to mark your calendar and begin preparations to attend the 2014 reunion. There will be a good time had for all. We will gather in Savannah, GA, close to Fort Stewart. We will meet with those who served with us in Viet Nam and in addition we will be able to tell old war stories with some of the new Rangers who are stationed at Fort Stewart. Just think all those old war stories we have told each other over the years now we will have virgin ears to bend. We should be able to share a few beers with the young men and compare notes with these young Rangers how it was then and how it is now. It should be very enlightening. So start planning on making it to the 25th annual association reunion. It would be great if everyone would contact a former team member and both of you attend the reunion. As we get older and our numbers dwindle we need more than ever to keep in contact with those who shared the experiences with us. We all need to be thinking about the reunions in the coming years, who will volunteer to take the lead on these reunions.

I hope each and every one of you had a Very Merry Christmas, and a glorious New Year. JoJo and I celebrated New Years by having a few beers. Then we were in bed by 2100 hrs, must be age is catching up with us. I know that some of you stayed up until after 2400 hrs just to welcome in the New Year so maybe you have found the fountain of youth and do not need your beauty rest as much as we do.

The association received a thank you letter and certificate of appreciation from the 3rd RANGER Battalion for our contribution to them. I will have it with me at the reunion for all to see.

RLTW
Richard "Boot" Corkan



Savannah, Georgia October 8-11, 2014

Upon arriving on Wednesday, we will be treated to a "manager's reception" demonstrating the charm and grace of southern hospitality. Included each morning is a complimentary continental breakfast. As in the past we have reserved a large hospitality room for the duration along with a banquet room for Friday night. For those of you who wish an extended stay, the hotel will honor our reduced rates two days before and two days after our "official" reunion dates. The parking garage is very convenient positioned at the area where you unload your luggage. Accommodations for RV's can be easily made with the hotel. It is advisable to make arrangements for RV's and any other special needs when you make your room reservations.

The room rates are as follows: Double or King \$99.00 plus 13% tax plus \$1.00 city tax and a \$13.00 hotel parking garage fee (you really don't need a car!) For those of you who wish to reserve a King Suite the room rate is \$129 plus taxes. They have 18 handicapped rooms and two with roll in showers. If you are in need one of these, contact Linda Bell at 912 944-3286 immediately as these rooms sell quickly.

Please follow the following guidelines when making your hotel reservations; Call the hotel direct (912) 236-4440 ext. 147 group reservations Yvonne James or the sales department (912) 236-1024 0900-1730 Monday through Friday. Ask for the LRRP/Ranger block. **DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ON THE WEBSITE OR THE 800 NUMBER AS THEY CANNOT SEE OUR IN-HOUSE GROUP RESERVATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE.** The reservation block shuts off on September 8, 30 days prior to the start of our reunion.

The GRACE SHUTTLE SERVICE AT 912 657 4155 will accommodate those flying. You may call that number upon landing or beforehand giving them your flight number and landing time in order for them to meet you. The cost is \$28 for the first rider and \$5 for each additional one. As most of you will be flying to Savannah via Atlanta, it should be easy for many of you to meet and join up to keep the cost per person down.

Tentative reunion schedule (subject to change)

Reunion dates:

Wednesday, October 8th through Saturday, October 11th

Wednesday, October 8th:

Check in.

Hospitality Room open noon - 2200 hrs.

1600-1700 - Reception at The Inn at Ellis Square

Thursday, October 9th:

0800-0830 - Stage with Patriot riders for travel to Fort Stewart

0830-0900 - Travel to Fort Stewart and take positions

0900-1000 - E/51 G/75 Memorial service at 1st Battalion Ranger Memorial, Fort Stewart.

Guest speaker MG Kenneth C. Leuer

(ret).

1000-1030 - Return to hotel

Free time - Historic Trolley from Hotel time TBD

Hospitality Room open noon - 2200 hrs.

Friday, October 10th:

0800-0900 - Board Of Director's meeting.

0900-1000 - Membership meeting

Hospitality Room open 1100-1800 hrs. and 1930-2300

1100-1800 - Free time

1800-1930 - Association Banquet

1930-2300 - Auction

Saturday, October 11th:

Hospitality Room open noon - 1900 hrs. and 2030-2300

Free time until 1715

1715 - Assemble at the hotel for walk to Kevin Barry's Irish Pub

1900-2100 - Dinner at Kevin Barry's Irish Pub in the Hall of Hero's Room with floor show.

Sunday, October 12th:

Check out & travel

FEATURED MEMBER KEN FENTON



Fenton Family, Myrtle Beach- Clockwise-Ken Fenton, Pat Fenton (wife), Chris Fenton (son), Joy Fenton (daughter-in-law), Ethan Hooker (grandson), Jennifer Hooker (daughter), SSG Eric Hooker (son-in-law). Not pictured Erica Fenton (granddaughter).

My military experience began as a young child living on military bases across the country. My dad was a 25 year WWII Army Air Force Vet and my mother was a WWII RN vet. As a child I would go to air shows watching military exercises, all of the military equipment and paratroopers jumping made a lasting impression on all of us young boys as we looked up to these soldiers with their jump boots and wings, they were our heroes. We all wanted to do this too.

After my father retired from the Air Force we moved to Dalton, GA where I graduated from high school in 1966. During this time Vietnam was all over the news and a big topic at the dinner table. I knew I had a military obligation and wanted to serve. After graduation myself and two other buddies volunteered for the draft. In September 1966, I processed at Ft. Benning, GA. I was told I could be a mechanic or work with electronics, but I wanted to go airborne. I was informed the only way to be airborne was to be infantry; I told them yes that is what I wanted to do. I was feeling pretty good things were going my way until the third day in the Army during formation the drill instructor asked for one side of the formation to step forward. We were informed we would be going to Ft Hood, TX. I knew this was not an airborne unit and could not believe this must have been a mistake; they must have gotten my paper work messed up. Well so much for that, off to Ft. Hood I went. After I completed basic training and AIT I wanted to pursue my dream of being airborne one more time. I went through my chain of command to the company CO who informed me this would not happen because no one was being sent to jump

school, but instead I could be part of a unit that had a lot of history and awarded many citations, (they were building up H troop 17 Armor Cav). This was a recon unit for the 198th LIB, I was assigned to Track 37, left side M-60 gunner, this was a crew of 10. We trained up until the time to go to Vietnam. This track performance was unbelievable we went up banks, down hills, up river, down the river it did not matter; this was high speed for this time period and for old country boys.

We were off to Vietnam on the USS Upshore a Troop carrier along with the 198th LIB. We were part of the buildup of the Americal Division. We saw action within the first week in country, the Benson Bridge was a good place to earn your CIB. After three weeks in country CPT Gary Bjork posted a bulletin at the base camp anyone interested in volunteering for E-51st LRRP meet at the mess tent. I went to this briefing and was notified of the patrols and duties of LRRP's. Something inside of me said this is what I wanted to do, yes I will go. I had to complete the training. This Recondo school was the most intense and enduring schools that I had went through, with a dropout rate of 50%. After training I was assigned to team Camel. This is where I met one of the most unforgettable people in my life SGT Corraley. He was a Hungarian who had been fighting wars since he was eight years old and dropping Molotov cocktails on Russian tanks during the Hungarian revolution. He was on his second tour in Vietnam. He loved calling in artillery if in range, he was good at it as well at second guessing the enemy. He was a team leader who could motivate people, was demanding, and had a reputation of finding the enemy and completing the mission. But if things did not go his way he would go into the wildest Hungarian outrage and temper tantrum you have ever seen. SGT Corraley is gone but most certainly not forgotten.

Henry Rivera was the point man for team Camel and I can still see him working the bush. He was very observant; he loved to carry the M-79 with a bee hive canister. Joe Meinike was part of Team Camel, very observant and fast to respond. Other team members have passed on or have not been located. I have often thought of Team Camel and the experiences we went through. These were some of the best and worst times of my life, thank you team Camel of the life long memory.

I had the privilege to serve under LT Chaney. He was a born leader who led and motivated by example, making you want to excel. I often would pick up a newspaper or magazine looking for Cpt Bjork or Lt Chaney knowing these were two outstanding leaders who I believed would rise to the top no matter which field they were in. It was a sad day to hear of Chaney's death. He was a great role model for a 19 year-old. I learned a lot from him and tried to use his examples in my working career to motivate and lead by example. *Continued on Next Page*

Ken Fenton

Since I have been going to the reunions I have had the opportunity to talk to and thank some of the people who I looked up to and were professional soldiers, such as SGT Toomey at Ft. Meyers just before his passing on. SGT Williams was an aggressive patrol leader with a known reputation that if the enemy is out there he is going to find it. It was his call that got us out of some bad situations.

My ETS was September 22, 1968. I was not sure if I should reenlist or work in the private sector. I took a job with Grinnell Fire Protection as an apprentice; this was a five year program. The program was a challenge with a high dropout rate, but nothing compared to LRRP and Recondo School. While working to complete this program I often thought of this, "don't give up endurance" this is what pushed me to pass and complete the program. I am more mechanically inclined and like hands on work.

After completing this program the Nuclear power houses were in full swing. I continued to improve my skills in the building trade by attending a welding school to become a certified welder. I worked on main steam, stainless steel, and other nuclear systems. This type of work was hard and not for everyone, but this interested me, so I went on to take a Level 3 American Welding Society certification. I took a job at the Vogtle Nuclear Power House as a QC welder and piping inspector. This was a challenging and stressful job at times.

During stressful times I always looked back to my LRRP days and think no this is not stress, LRRP's know what stress is. I would continue on being an aggressive worker wanting to excel. Just when you think you're climbing the ladder to success, all the rounds bust out. Because of the Three Mile Island accident and other nuclear issues the nuclear industry was shut down. I may be down but not out, so I returned to the industry of installing fire protection. Most of all this work was industrial or commercial. The job required a lot of climbing, safety rigging, be willing to work out of town, but the money was good and provided a good living for my family.

I continued my education in fire protection with certification and licensure in special and extreme hazard fire protection. This opened a bigger job market opportunity even during hard times, but you had to go where the work was. This was an opportunity to see the country and make decent money. I took my family to Washington State; this was a great working vacation where I installed Fire protection in the non-magnetic dock for Trident Submarine at Base Banger in Tacoma, WA.

I installed Fire Protection in the C5A airplane hanger Lockheed in Marietta, GA, many high rise buildings, and military installations such as Ft. Leonard Wood, Warren Robins, Charleston Naval Base, and several others.

I went back to Washington to work on modules for the Alaskan Pipeline, and was looking forward to going to Alaska to finish

the work on the module, but was later informed to forget about the project because the barge the module was on had been caught up in a storm and sunk to the bottom of the Pacific. I was told to report to Kansas City office for Western State Fire Protection for a pre-job meeting. At the first of the meeting the District manager said, "Ken we have the perfect job for you." I was startled at this statement because I was unsure what I was in for.

In 33 years of installing fire protection in various facilities I had never sprinkled a Bat Cave, Bobcat Den, beaver hut, but my assignment was to sprinkle the Wonders of Wild Life Museum in Springfield, MO. This was a challenging, but an interesting job.

I walked steel beams on high rise buildings up until I was 55 years old with my pension locked in I decided it was time to retire from the building trade. I continued my new adventure working around home with heavy equipment and truck driving. I enjoyed the challenge of learning and gaining confidence to do the work.

Shortly after retirement I received a call from Jerry Schuster. who spent a lot of time locating people who served with E-51st. At first I was startled by this guy because he knew too much about me. He talked about things that I had never mentioned to anyone. I thought to myself, I hope this guy is not an army recruiter because I'm too old to go back in the military. He then explained who he was and we talked for a while. He told me of those who had passed on, those who he had located, informed me about the association, and other VA benefits I had put off for over 30 years.

After supporting me during my Vietnam tour, I married my wife of 43 years in 1970. We have two children, two grandchildren and one on the way. Hobbies I have enjoyed over the years include race car driving; taking glider pilot lessons, snow skiing, four-wheeler riding, motorcycle riding, canoeing, and fishing. Currently I spend my time working on personal projects such as landscaping and remodeling. I just finished making a pond last summer and stocking it with fish; I look forward to fishing in it with my grandkids this summer.

I want to thank E-Co 51st for the training and experience that helped develop my confidence and endurance to help me through my life. I would also like to thank Tom Nash and Larry Hogan for helping me with my VA benefits. May God bless our military and God bless America, see you at the next reunion.

*Featured Member Story and Picture provided by
Ken Fenton*

THE PASSING OF DAVID SMITH & DAVID MOTLOW

Two of our Ranger brothers were lost to us in the last few months. David Smith on about 12/22/2013, and David Motlow on 1/14/2014. Both were my friends and one was my teammate for nearly a year in 1969. Both meant something special to me in different ways, and both will be tremendously missed.

By David Chief Moncada

ON DAVID SMITH

I first met "Smitty", as we called him, in the summer of 1968 at Ft Benning, GA. We were both attending the Non-Commissioned Officers Candidate School (NCOCS), or as we called it – the "Shake & Bake School", to prepare for combat leadership in Vietnam. Although we were in separate platoons, we were in the same company and we quickly became friends. Our quick friendship was made easier because we were both from California. Imagine two 18 or 19 year old CA guys, volunteering for combat leadership training, lost in the crowds of non-CA soldiers. We both graduated and we decided to volunteer for Airborne Training (more volunteering...what the hell were we thinking?). We completed Jump School, and then volunteered for Ranger School – there had to be something in the water in Georgia to cause all this volunteering business! In Ranger School we met Arthur Scott (Scotty), and Bob Pruden (Prunes). We went through Ranger School in the winter phase of 1968/1969 – once again, imagine two CA guys in the cold ass winter of No. Georgia. After Ranger School we separated and went home on leave before reporting to Vietnam. As we all did with our Army buddies, we vowed to stay in touch, somehow. Well...in early March 1969, we ran into each other at the Americal Div Combat Center in Chu Lai. What were the odds of that happening? Needless to say, we 4 brand new Airborne Ranger NCOs volunteered for the LRRPS/Rangers. I had the honor and pleasure of going into the bush on several missions with Smitty, including our rookie mission, and while spending time on Hilltop 1362 with he and his Tm. Smitty became TL of Ranger Tm Illinois, while I was TL of Ranger Tm Hawaii. If and when there were explosives and other things that blew shit up, Smitty was all over it! In fact, he was sort of dangerous around those explosives, especially on Hilltop 1362. He was loud in expressing his certainty, that if Capt Mac really wanted to level Hilltop 1362, all he had to do was give Smitty enough shape charges, TNT, det cord, etc, and he would level that mountain to a flat pancake! Smitty was a helluva Ranger and even better friend. After we were discharged from the Army, we often got together in No. CA to party and to recall with fondness and sadness, all the great moments we shared in Vietnam, especially the men who operated in the bush with G/75th Rangers. Smitty and practically his whole team – "The Bully Boys" – as he called them, were at the very first Ranger Reunion in Sacramento, CA in August 1990. Shortly after his death (cardiac arrest), I attended a memorial service for Smitty in Nevada City, CA, along with his former teammates Chris Whittingham (from Maui, HI) and David Benhoff (from Ramsey, IL). It was a nice send off for Smitty, which included military honors. This coming Spring when the snows melt in the Sierra Nevada Mtns, we will scatter his ashes over Salmon Lake, one of his favorite spots, where he and I and many other Rangers had previously met and we recalled our old "Warrior Days", and consumed generous amounts of beer and other "medicating remedies."

ON DAVID MOTLOW

When I was appointed Team Leader of Ranger Tm Hawaii in March or April 1969 (Chu Lai), David had just graduated from the Recondo School, along with Michael Chu, Ramon Santamaria, and others. David was a rather tall Seminole Indian, about 6 ft 4in in height. He asked me if he could carry the M-60 machine gun on some missions, and after sizing up the fact that he was strong enough to do so, I agreed. On all our Hunter-Killer missions, David carried "the 60 pig", along with plenty of ammo – which came in quite handy on all those missions. David had previously completed a tour with the 173rd Airborne Bde in Vietnam, and on his second tour, he volunteered for the Rangers of the Americal Div. When we were establishing our "unofficial" code names within the team, we asked him how we should refer to him – since I was "Chief" because of my Native American roots, we couldn't have a second Chief on the team! David asked to be called "9 Toes", an Indian sounding name, and he took his boots off and one of his socks. He had only 9 toes!! He disclosed that while on a hot combat assault with the 173rd Airborne in his previous tour, he was dangling his feet outside the helicopter and one of his toes was shot off. So it was definitely "9 Toes". Without a doubt, David was a damned good Ranger (who loved his M-60 pig), and he certainly proved to me that the Seminole Nation could be quite proud of his courage and valor on the battlefield. Despite his intimidating size and behavior, David was easily one of those guys I called "a gentle and kind man", who would do anything for anyone he knew as a friend. And he was a friend to all his Ranger brothers. But...he had his wild & crazy side, as many of us did...we almost killed each other one night on LZ Hawk Hill, after drinking lots of straight whiskey from the bottle on Christmas Eve. We began to argue over which Indian Tribe was the toughest in battle – of course, we were comparing ourselves – he of the Seminole Tribe and me of the Yaqui/Apache Tribe. David came after me with his rather large Bowie knife, which was always strapped to his leg, and I had to defend myself as best as a drunken Ranger can. I won't go into greater detail, except to say that it was a mutual stand off. Of course, we joked about it the next day while being hung over as hell!! After David left the Army, he returned to his tribal lands in Hollywood, FL, where he lived and worked on the Seminole Big Cypress Reservation. David attended several Ranger reunions after 1990, and brought his oldest son to one such reunion in Washington DC. His son was a identical image of David in Vietnam, except that his son was even larger and had long hair (imagine that) in a pony tail. His son was playing football on the offensive line for the Oklahoma State football team. David developed diabetes over the ensuing years, and in time, it was more than he could handle. I find some solace in the fact that in the last few years, we spoke on the telephone several times – just to catch up – and he never forgot to ask me about our mutual Ranger brothers, and he would ask me to pass along his greetings & best wishes to his brothers.

REST IN PEACE MY FRIENDS....

David "Chief" Moncada

We Leave No Comrade Behind By Tom Nash

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to you on a matter of utmost importance.

It was Marcus Tullius Cicero, the Roman philosopher who said
"The life of the dead is set in the memory of the living."

How do we, as an Association, do this? How do we set the memory of our Fallen in the memory of the living? The bylaws of our own Association require, among other things, that we memorialize the memory of who we were and what we accomplished while serving our Nation during the Vietnam War. This takes many forms, including the informal story swapping and tall tales exchanged at our reunions, and the annual reading of the names of our KIA. We share our experiences with family and friends. And, we can memorialize our comrades by providing Memorial Stones at the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning, where they will be memorialized for all time. And, there was the massive task shepherded by Steve Crabtree, who is our Association's liaison with the Ranger Memorial Foundation, of harnessing the resources to have a Memorial Stone placed for each of our KIA at the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning. Now, I want to ask more of each of you.

I have, on behalf of the Association, committed to undertake the project of securing Memorial Stones for each and every one of our Brothers who have fallen since Vietnam without having had a Memorial Stone purchased for them for a variety of reasons. Some members of our Association have had Memorial Stones purchased for them by their families, and some who have already passed have had a Memorial Stone purchased for them by former teammates. There are roughly 90 of our members who have fallen since Vietnam who have not yet had a Memorial Stone placed for them, costing in the area of \$22-25,000 to memorialize them for all time. I hope that we can redress this situation.

We have concluded that the Association's Treasury cannot, and should not, for a variety of reasons, cover the cost of purchasing a Memorial Stone for each one of our Fallen who has not yet had one purchased for him. Chief among these is that such an action could well ultimately jeopardize our continued efforts to lay on the annual reunions that we schedule, or even to publish Sua Sponte. The answer seems to be to a public fund raiser, and I will now undertake such an effort. But, in doing so, I wanted to be sure to bring this project to your attention since it is far better that we – their teammates – do our personal bests to raise the funds internally while we are also making the public appeal. It is now your turn – I am now asking that you consider making a contribution to our effort for your contributions.

Please consider contributing to the campaign. It goes without saying that no amount is too small or too insignificant. However, you should know that a contribution of \$280 will allow you to specifically designate which of our Fallen's memories your contribution will

preserve; while a contribution of \$500 will allow you to choose which two of our Fallen's memories you will be preserving. Moreover, a contribution of \$500 will also entitle the contributor to recognition on the Friends of the Rangers marker. If you are not yet retired, you can check to see if your employer has a matching gift program, where a contribution of \$500 will entitle the employer to such recognition. If you, or if several of you join together to contribute \$280 or more, please contact me directly so that I can keep track of who has and who has not yet had a Memorial Stone provided for them. Steve Crabtree and I will maintain a list of those for whom a Memorial Stone has not yet been purchased.

All monies collected will be added to the Association's treasury, but with a separate record for this project, maintained until allocated to purchase Memorial Stones. If ultimately, there are excess monies collected, those monies will be used to purchase memorial Stones for those who die in the interim without otherwise having a Memorial Stone provided for them.

Make your check out to "E51 G75 LRRP/Ranger Association" and send it to me at: 3 Prospect Place, Kearny, NJ 07032 so I can keep track of our receipts. The Association is a 501(c)(19) organization and thus your contribution may be tax deductible.

Any amount will be helpful in ensuring that we leave no comrade behind.
Tom Nash



3rd Ranger Battalion Thank You Letter



HEADQUARTERS, 3D BATTALION, 75TH RANGER REGIMENT
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December 19, 2013

Company G Ranger Infantry Association
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Dear Association Members:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your superb support during our recent deployment in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom". The support you provided to the families of our fallen Rangers proved to be the foundation for others to emulate. Every Member of the 3d Ranger Battalion has expressed heartfelt gratitude in your assistance to our family members.

People speak of their patriotism and pride themselves on their devotion to this great nation, but you have demonstrated that your words are backed by your deeds. As Commander of the 3d Ranger Battalion, I thank you for your partnership with us in supporting these great American families.

Please accept my humble thanks and deep appreciation for your commitment to the Ranger family. Your actions inspire and fuel my confidence in the faithfulness and goodness of the American people in support of their troops.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Ellis".

Patrick J. Ellis
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding Officer

Certificate of Appreciation



Certificate of Appreciation

is presented to

Company G Ranger Infantry Association

In recognition of the valuable contributions made to the families of the Fallen Rangers of 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Dear actions inspire and fuel confidence in the faithfulness and goodness of the American people in support of their troops.

Given on this 19th day of December 2013

Handwritten signature of Victor A. Ballesteros.

Victor A. Ballesteros, Command Sergeant Major

Handwritten signature of Patrick J. Ellis.

Patrick J. Ellis, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Commanding

Rangers Lead the Way

FINANCIAL REPORT

January through December 2013

Balance Sheet
As of January 15, 2014

Ordinary Income/Expense
Total Direct Individual Contributions \$3,555.00

Other Types of Income
Concessions \$2,881.50
Reunion Auction Proceeds \$8,555.50
Reunion Concession Proceeds \$1,435.00
Total Types of Income \$12,872.00
Membership Dues \$5,380.00
Total Income and Profit \$21,807.00

Expenses Bank Fees \$ 43.50
Business Registration Fees \$ 60.00
Postage Mailing \$ 791.88
Printing \$5,161.43
Supplies \$3,852.78
Total \$9,806.09

Other Costs
Ranger Memorial Bricks \$ 500.00
Other Costs \$1,950.00
Total \$2,450.00

Reunion Concession Expenses \$1,963.80
Reunion Expenses \$6,358.57
Total \$8,322.37
Total Costs \$20,681.96

Net Ordinary Income \$1,125.04

Other Income/Expenses
Dividend Income \$ 21.75
Interest Income \$ 9.87
Total Other Income \$ 31.62
Investment Management Fees \$ 55.19
Net Other Expense \$ -23.57
Net Income \$1,101.47

Ordinary Income/Expense
Direct Business & Individual Contributions \$ 320.00
Concessions \$2,168.00
Reunion Auction Proceeds \$4,355.00
Total \$6,523.00

Other Income: Membership Dues \$ 600.00
Total Income \$7,443.00

Other Expenses: Bank Fees \$ 21.00
Registration Fees \$ 20.00
Operations: Postage & Mailing \$125.27
Printing \$2,514.97
Supplies \$2,377.63
Total \$5,017.87

Other Types of Expenses \$1,950.00
Reunion Expenses \$3,796.29
Total Expenses \$10,805.16
Net Ordinary Income \$-3,362.16

Assets (As of January 15, 2014)

Total Checking/Savings: Association \$21,465.36
Charter Oak Capital Management \$11,021.21
Total Current Assets \$32,486.57

Liabilities & Equity Ft. Benning Memorial Stone Fund
\$4,200.00

Total Current Liabilities \$4,200.00

Equity
Equity Prior Year \$1,253.47
Opening Balance Equity \$26,843.10
Net Income \$ 190.00
Total Equity \$28,286.57
Total Liabilities and Equity \$32,486.57

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