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2027 Reunion— Deadwood, SD

The 2027 reunion will begin on Thursday, September 23, 2027 with checkout on Sunday, September 26. Room rates are also available from September 21 through September 27 for anyone who would like to arrive early or stay late, as there is much to see in the area.

The Motel is the Comfort Inn and Suites 255 Cliff Street, Deadwood SD 605-578-7550. I have reserved 24 rooms with 2 queens, 5 rooms with a King, and 1 Handicapped room.

Our rate is \$140 plus taxes with a cut-off date of September 1st for that rate. You must state, "Ranger Reunion" when making reservations and leave all guest info and card on file to hold the rooms.

The motel is about .7 miles from downtown (25-minute walk). You can take a trolley from the motel to downtown. it is \$2 dollars each way per person.

The nearest airport is Rapid City. You will have to rent a car. Deadwood is about 1 hour from Rapid City.

In Deadwood you have the following to see:

Mt Moriah Cemetery; Adams House; Gold Mine; and Deadwood itself.

Withing 45 minutes to an hour, you have the following to see:

Mt Rushmore; Crazy Horse; Custer State Park; Spearfish Canyon; and Devils Tower, WY.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ron Olsen at:

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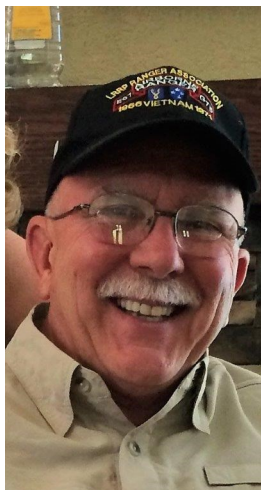
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President's Report 2026 Fall Issue

Greetings,

As this is the 250th year of our country's founding I have been thinking of patriotic themes throughout this year. I was impressed when at the banquet of this year's reunion in conjunction with the VHPA we together sang the Star-Spangled Banner.



People of our generation have been singing the anthem since elementary school. Of course, it is often (usually) sung at many sporting events.

With this history of knowing and singing this song since our youth I wondered how many of us knew the history of its composition and when it was adopted as our country's anthem.

It was during our second war with England (1812) that Francis Scott Key penned the words in a poem. Key was a lawyer and was on a mission to negotiate the release of an American prisoner held on a British ship in Baltimore harbor. He was successful in gaining the man's release, but as the British were preparing to bombard the American fort, they were held on the ship.

The attack started on Sept. 13 and continued for 25 hours. During the bombardment, the fort displayed a storm flag through the night. On the morning of the 14th the storm flag had been lowered, and a large (30ft x 42ft) garrison flag had been raised revealing that the fort had survived the bombardment.

After seeing the flag, Key was in-

spired to write his poem on the back of an envelope. He titled it "Defense of Fort McHenry. The poem had four stanzas. The poem was reprinted and distributed widely.

Later, the poem was set to music ironically using the tune of a British song popular in a gentlemen's club in London.

The song was widely sung in America usually only using the first verse. It was later renamed the Star-Spangled Banner in reference to the giant garrison flag of 15 stripes and 15 stars that flew on Fort McHenry.

The poem / song that had been around since 1814 was not officially adopted as the national anthem of the U.S.A. until the passing of a congressional joint resolution which was signed by President Herbert Hoover on March 3, 1931.

While the lyrics from the Key poem are unaltered per federal law, musically it has been performed differently. Various versions changing tempo, rhythm, phrasing have been performed. Most memorable and definitely on opposite ends of the scale are Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock and perhaps the most renowned, Whitney Houston's 1991 Super Bowl rendition. Even though it is musically diverse the words and the sentiment are consistent, true, and revered.

See you in Deadwood next year.

RLTW!

Ranger Alfred Charles Stewart, Jr. Obituary

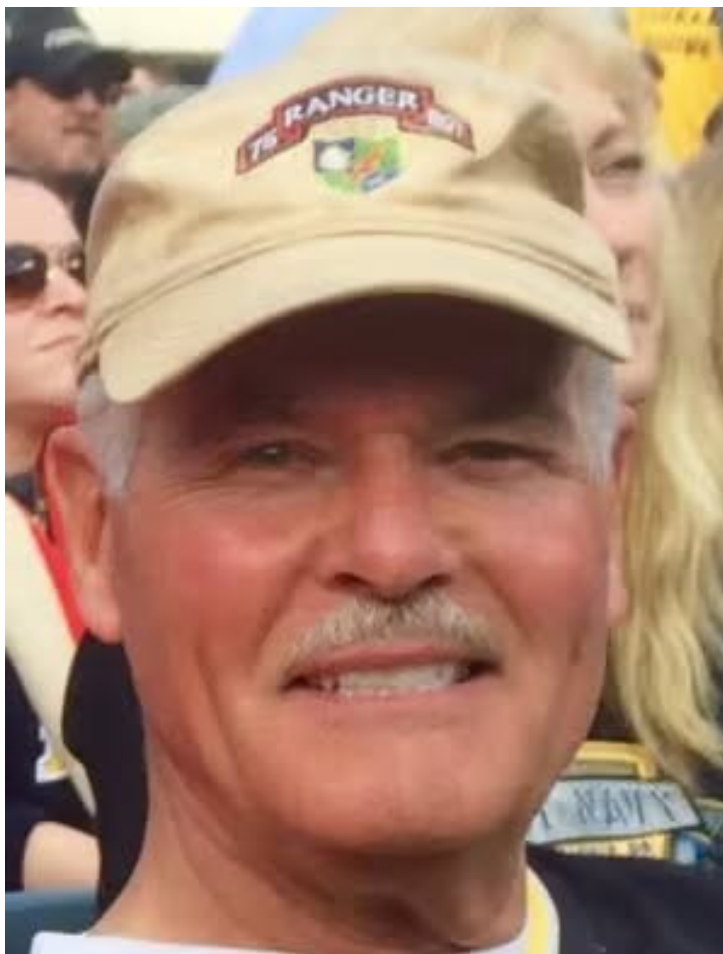
Alfred “Al” Stewart Jr., a decorated U.S. Army Ranger, retired Greensboro police captain, devoted veterans advocate, and beloved husband, passed away on August 15, 2026. His extraordinary life was defined by courage, loyalty, service, and a steadfast commitment to helping others.

A native of Greensboro, Al graduated from Ben L. Smith High School and Guilford College. Al served in Vietnam with G Company Rangers and later as a gunner aboard a Nighthawk helicopter. For his bravery in combat, he received the Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Stars, one with “V” device. In June 2025, he received one of the greatest honors of his life: induction into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame.

His service to his country continued long after Vietnam. Al spent four years in Iraq as a civilian advisor to the U.S. Army, served 15 months with the U.S. Department of State helping rebuild the Lebanese police, and worked for one year as an Army advisor in Afghanistan.

At home, Al dedicated 30 years to the Greensboro Police Department, retiring as a captain. His continuing education included graduation from both the FBI National Academy and the Southern Police Institute. After retirement, Al continued his public service with the Guilford County District Attorney’s Office. He brought to law enforcement the same courage, integrity, leadership, and sense of duty that distinguished his military service.

Al remained a tireless champion for those who served. As long-time chairman of the Guilford County Veterans Memorial, he devoted his time, energy, and heart to preserving the stories and sacrifices of veterans for future generations. He was not simply a chairman; he was a driving force behind the memorial’s mission and a steadfast guardian of its purpose.



As leader of the Black Cap Military Veterans Group, Al helped ensure that Memorial Day in Greensboro remained a solemn remembrance of the men and women who gave their lives for their country. His leadership, friendship, and generosity left a lasting mark on the community he loved.

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Nicki, and a loving family and circle of friends whose lives were enriched by his humor, loyalty, and generous spirit.

In Al’s own words:

“I have lived a wonderful, happy life with great family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Guilford County Veterans Memorial, give blood, pick up some trash, help someone who needs it and give some time to nonprofit organizations. Life is great. Make the most of it.”

A military burial service was held Thursday, September 3,

2026, at 12:30 pm at Salisbury National Cemetery, 501 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, North Carolina. A celebration of Al’s life followed from 2:30pm to 5:00p in Greensboro, NC at the Elks Club, 2201 W. Cornwallis Dr. Many shared funny stories, favorite memories, and what Al meant to them.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Guilford County Veterans Memorial at <https://gcveteransmemorial.org/>. Al would also be honored by the simple acts of kindness he valued: giving blood, picking up trash, helping someone in need, and volunteering with nonprofit organizations.

Ranger. Soldier. Police officer. International advisor. Veterans advocate. Leader. Friend.

Rest easy, Al. Your mission here is complete. You will not be forgotten.

We’ll see you in the Tall Grass, Al!

2026 COMPANY G (RANGER) 75TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Please note: this document is a working copy.

BOARD Chairman Ron Olsen opened the general business meeting at 1006 EDT in Louisville, KY on 07AUG26. Secretary Frank Svensson confirmed that there was a quorum present allowing business to be conducted.

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 \$66,651.31. 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.

Old business was the first category presented. Steve Johnson gave a presentation regarding our website. He pointed out that there are numerous hotlinks that no longer connect to anything and that the website is still quite out of date. The board urges the membership to access the website and use it. If anything is found to be wrong or missing, Steve suggested forwarding the information to him or to Justin Stay, our webmaster.

Steve Johnson briefed the membership regarding the efforts to get approval for Vietnam era veterans that served in LRP, LRRP or Ranger units to wear the Ranger Tab. The process has been underway since 2019 and appears to be getting close to finishing. The one big thing that was missing was for the Commandant of the Infantry School to sign off on the proposal. That signature was recently obtained so it now has been forwarded to the

pentagon for a final decision.

The next category of discussion was new business. Steve Johnson briefed the membership on changes to the criteria for Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) candidates. In the past a candidate for admission to the RHOF was allowed to be submitted for consideration three (3) times. The rule has changed to five (5) times. The total number of candidates for consideration each year was reduced from fifteen (15) to ten (10). They were also briefed on the packet for Steve Johnson. His packet will be reviewed and adjusted for submission.

Our association had been donating \$1,500 to the Regiment Chaplain to be awarded to families of E-6 and below Rangers in need for the holidays. The board approved an increase to \$2,000.

The membership was briefed on the proposed reunion in Deadwood, SD. Ron Olsen has volunteered to act as our point man. The tentative dates are 22-26 SEP 27. Ron advised the members that he is actively looking for a hotel and will get the information out as soon as he has finalized things. Steve assured everyone that as soon as he had more specific information, he'd post it to Sua Sponte (SP).

Steve Crabtree has volunteered to host the 2028 reunion in Savannah, GA. No information is available yet.

Max Donovan moved that the general business meeting be adjourned, Dave Moncada seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Patriot Priscilla Nye

Ron Olsen stopped by to visit the Nyes on his way to the Louisville reunion. He enjoyed a nice dinner with family, and Priscilla sent a craft for our auction. Priscilla showed Ron the backyard and Dennis's bench. The Nyes also support an annual poker run, with proceeds used to send Veterans to the Wall. The Nyes are true Patriots in Seneca County, Ohio.



Priscilla has done a remarkable job for the Nye backyard





SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26TH
4th Annual Dennis Nye
Motorcycle Poker Run



Singles: \$20.00 Couples: \$30.00
Poker Cards: \$5.00

LOCATION
New Riegel Moose
13 East Tiffin Street
New Riegel, OH 44853

TIME
Registration: 10 - 11am
Kick Stands up at 11am

End at Left Field for a buffet, poker card draw
and live music by the **Fender Bender**
from 7:00 - 11:00pm

50/50 Raffle & More!



All proceeds go to the Seneca County Honor Bus

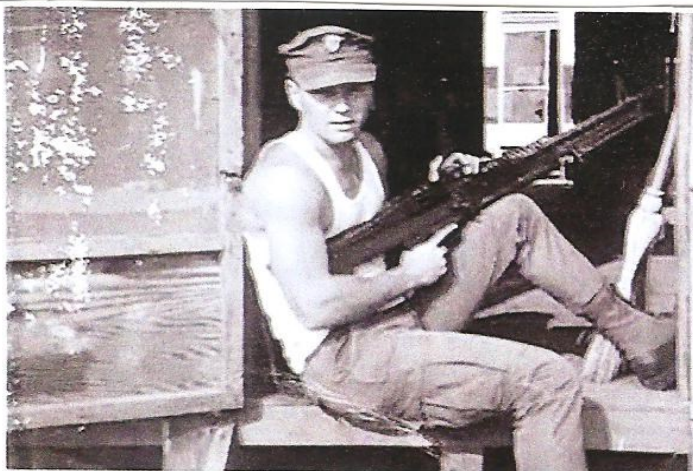
The Dennis Nye Poker Run is rumbling into its fourth year. All proceeds are going to the Seneca County Honor Bus. This organization helps send our Veterans in Seneca County Ohio to Washington DC for a memorable trip and helps give closure. Save the date and come out a support a great cause. Starting poker run at the New Riegel Moose at 10:00 and ending the run at Left Field in New Riegel with food, raffles, and music by **Fender Bender Band**.











To my Brothers along with me (Mitch) who served together with CPT Stephen Chaney in Chu Lai Vietnam, E COMPANY (AIRBORNE) 51st INF REGIMENT (LONG RANGE PATROL) 23rd INF DIV (AMERICAL) prior to his transfer to 5th SPECIAL FORCES. God Bless CPT Stephen J Chaney. It was and still is a honor & pleasure to serve with Steve and you my Brothers,

Mitch

Profit & Loss

January 1 through August 26, 2026

	Jan 1 - Aug 26, 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	1,040.00
Total Direct Public Support	1,040.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1,267.74
Total Investments	1,267.74
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	1,006.95
Reunion Auction Proceeds	7,155.45
Total Other Types of Income	8,162.40
Program Income	
Membership Dues	594.55
Total Program Income	594.55
Total Income	11,064.69
Gross Profit	11,064.69
Expense	
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	132.56
Printing and Copying	231.19
Website rental	293.00
Total Operations	656.75
Travel and Meetings	
Reunion Concession Expenses	2,008.03
Reunion Expenses	1,820.00
Total Travel and Meetings	3,828.03
Total Expense	4,484.78
Net Ordinary Income	6,579.91
Net Income	6,579.91

Balance Sheet

As of August 26, 2026

Cowboy's granddaughter with a Salmon somewhere on an area lake in Montana this last July!



ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Company G Ranger 75th Infantry

18,809.08

Total Checking/Savings

18,809.08

Other Current Assets

Edward Jones Money Market

57,294.97

Total Other Current Assets

57,294.97

Total Current Assets

76,104.05

TOTAL ASSETS

76,104.05

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Equity Prior Year

42,379.75

Opening Balance Equity

27,144.39

Net Income

6,579.91

Total Equity

76,104.05

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

76,104.05

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