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Presidents Message

By Butch Nery
President, USARA

As my term of office comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President from 2010 to 2014. I would also like to especially thank the Board of Directors and all appointees. Although all has not been easy and we did not agree on several issues we have been able to pull together as an association and grow to a level beyond my expectations. Regularly, I receive positive comments from within the Ranger community, including individuals whom in the past had been skeptical of our purpose and existence. We have overcome those negative perceptions due to the association's growing credibility and reputation. USARA has become the "go to" association regarding the Ranger community policy, guidance and council. You should all be proud of the high esteem of which USARA is held.

I am preparing a complete, written After-Action-Report that outlines the significant accomplishments, changes, and stumbling blocks that occurred during the past four years. It also includes my assessment of items that must be continued or started by the next President to maintain USARA growth into the future. I will share more comments at the General Membership Meeting and at the President's Reception & Banquet at ARM 2014.

Final preparations are being made for ARM 2014. The following outlines the various activities planned this year; with a **bigger Opening Reception**; a **Trap/Skeet-shoot Competition** (win a shotgun); and a full day **tour of Callaway Gardens** highlighting this year's activities. The following provide more detail regarding all scheduled activities. Inside, is information regarding DoubleTree Hotel reservations and the USARA ARM Registration Form. Also, you will find information about this year's Raffle Prizes. Please make your reservations as soon as possible; this is going to be a great time for all.

The new Electronic version of Election 2014 is under way, and based on the number of members voting, appears to be well-received. You may also vote with the included Election 2014 material.

Send your check for raffle donation and ARM Registration to our post office address as soon as possible.

See you in Columbus in July.

Rangers Lead The Way!

Butch Nery
President

USARA Election 2014

USARA election of Association Officers is an Annual Event, with ½ of the Officer holders being elected each year. The election is held in the month prior to the Annual Ranger Muster (ARM), with the results of the election being announced at the ARM.

It is the responsibility of each Association member to insure that his contact information is up to date, and that his Association dues are current (members cannot vote if dues are not current).

The following positions are up for election this year:

- President
- Treasurer
- Vice President Logistics
- Northeast Region Director
- Midwest Region Director
- South-Central Region Director
- Northwest Region Director

Election 2014 Ballot

The ballot and candidate statements are included with this issue of the *Ranger Register*. A separate mailing to members will not occur.

Voting Instructions

ONLY REGULAR MEMBERS CAN VOTE (*If you are an Affiliate; Associate or Honorary Member you cannot vote. Disregard this ballot; do not return to USARA*).

Read the candidate statements.

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing a check mark or "X" in the () after the candidate's name on the ballot.

You can only vote for the Regional Directors, **IF YOU RESIDE IN THOSE REGIONS** (States in those regions are listed on the ballot).

Be sure to PRINT AND SIGN your name and provide your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and REGION then place your ballot in the self-addressed envelope provided. If you do not know the USARA Region of which you are a member, you will find that information provided **above your name on the Ranger Register address label**.

Ballot Return Instructions:

Mail the completed Ballot in the envelope provided so as to have it arrive at the National Headquarters NLT 30 June 2014. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

We encourage all regular members to vote.

Show your support - **VOTE!**

Candidate Election Statements

Position: President

Candidate: Travis J. West

I have served as the USARA Midwest Regional Director since April 2011. As director my priority has been to ensure that the Association exists for the benefit of its members, not the other way around. The hallmark of the region's success over that time has been a focus on serving Rangers locally. To that end, I helped to organize ten events across the region from 2011-2013, and have scheduled five events in 2014. I worked with the leadership of the Bill Butler Ranger Base to help it maintain its charter and with Rangers in Michigan to create the Glenn H. English Jr. Ranger Base. The region's membership has grown substantially over the past few years, including a 20% increase in 2013.

I seek the opportunity to continue to serve Rangers as president. This includes ensuring that USARA's national leadership provides sufficient resources and support to enable the regions to serve members locally. In addition, we need to improve our communications with members, ensuring that methods of communication such as the Ranger Register and website operate efficiently and regularly. Finally, as USARA continues to grow our organizational structures must grow with us, which means reviewing our bylaws to ensure they make sense.

I served as a member of the 3rd Ranger Battalion from 2001-2004, graduating from Ranger School Class 02-02 and deploying in support of both OEF and OIF. I currently reside in Wisconsin with my wife and two children, where I practice as a civil litigator and VA disability benefits attorney.

Position: Treasurer

Candidate: Robert A. Kvederas

It has been both an honor and pleasure to serve as USARA Treasurer since December 2006. If re-elected, I will do my best to carry out the duties of the office.

Position: Vice President Logistics

Candidate: No candidate for this position

Position: Northeast Region Director

Candidate: Jayson A. Taylor

The Ranger family is an unconditional brotherhood. I feel that it is USARA's mission to preserve that family's high esprit de corps and ensure that we never fail our comrades.

I entered the Army 6 days after graduating high school. I served in A Company, 1st Battalion 75 Ranger Regiment. After incurring a jump injury, I went to college where I earned a bachelor's in business, a Law Degree, and an MBA. I am now an attorney in Toledo, Ohio. Over the past several years I have worked to shoulder more than my share of the task and support our Ranger family. One way I have done this is by creating a nationwide network of fellow Rangers who became lawyers. These Ranger/lawyers have served both individual Rangers as well as groups such as GallantFew to assist our fellow brothers in need.

I would like to further my support of our Ranger family as USARA's Northeast Regional Director.

If elected I intend to use the opportunity to schedule events here in our region that will allow Rangers of all eras to participate and connect with their Ranger brethren. Further, I intend to encourage and facilitate the creation of local Ranger bases in the region, which can take the Association's goals further, faster within the local charter's immediate AO.

On a personal level, I am married with three children. For hobbies I play the guitar and have a recording studio in my home.

Position: Midwest Regional Director

Candidate: Arthur F. Attaway

I had the privilege of serving in the Rangers on active duty beginning the first year of the creation of the 1st BN/ 75th Inf. I served as platoon medic, company SR. Medic, and finally at the BN level. I began a management career in 1977 after my ETS, and served in MI at FORSCOM as an active duty reservist with a real world mission. I later moved into business development and procured or created and managed businesses in many different fields, and am currently acting as a consultant in the Bakken Oil Region in ND. In all of my life and many endeavors, being an Airborne Ranger and serving in the 75th Regiment is the most impactful, meaningful, and brings me the most satisfaction. As a regional director, I will begin by learning how the board operates and what the current initiatives are. I will then support my brothers on their worthy projects, and initiate programs to expand outreach to other Rangers, and look to the future of our current worldwide and domestic situation, and how to best adapt to the impacts we now face with an influx of returning warriors. Contributing to and supporting the brotherhood and their loved ones is my primary mission. My extensive and varied business background will assist my effectiveness in working on a board and within a

group that share varied opinions about direction. Contributing to the Ranger community is my goal for my semi-retired life. Rangers do and always will Lead the Way!

Position: Midwest Regional Director

Candidate: Brain H. Ganhs

I served with 1/75 A co 3rd platoon from July 82 to June 85 June. I was part of a low level parachute assault to free American students being held hostage on the island of Grenada, Operation Urgent Furry 25 October 1983. Then I had the privilege to attend Ranger school and earn my Ranger Tab, class 5-84. I and seven other Rangers were lucky to survive a crash in a HH53 that lost its tail rotor. I have been privileged to be a part of the establishment of the Glenn H. English, Jr. Ranger Base located in Michigan. We have twenty-two charter members and are still growing. I currently have the honor of serving as the Executive Officer of this organization. I know that the Midwest Region has set the example for holding local events to get Rangers to come together. It is my hope that you will give me the honor of a term as Regional Director and permit me to continue the course that has been set in the Midwest. RLTW

Position: South-Central Region Director

Candidate: No candidate for this position

Position: Northwest Region Director

Candidate: Ernesto Estrada

I have been active as Commander of Ranger Base AJ "Bo" Baker and have served as Deputy Director of the Northwest Region, to bring the members of the U.S. Army Ranger Association together as well as increase our membership numbers. I have increased the events and functions of the Ranger community in the State of Washington. As Director of the Northwest Region, my goal is to motivate Ranger members and develop more Ranger Bases as our membership grows. I want to bring not only our members, but those of other Ranger Associations and Military Associations that support our Ranger community together. I will strive to keep all

Regional members informed and updated on USARA National events and activates. I want to do this in accordance with our By-Laws and S.O.P.'s. When a Bylaw doesn't work for the good of both the Ranger Base and USARA accountability I will bring it to the Board attention for a solution. I will do these things if elected to this office. I was in the 187th Airborne Infantry "Rakkasan" Association and the American Legion. I served in the: 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Inf.; 5th M.A.S.H., 44th Medical Brigade; 93rd Inf. Brigade, A Co 3/5 (ABN) Inf.; 2nd Battalion 187th Airborne Inf. "Rakkasan"; and 2/2 Inf. My MOS were 11B2V and 91B2V.



Annual Ranger Muster 2014



The U.S. Army Ranger Association Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) will be held Monday July 14 through Friday, July 28 2014 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbus, Georgia.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Sunday July 13, 2014 – Friday July 18, 2014. The special room rate of \$83 per night will be available until June 23rd or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions about ARM 2014 contact Bob Deale at (770) 846-9529 or email: ranger0570@gmail.com

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The DoubleTree Hotel offers a great north Columbus, GA, location just off of I-185 within a mile of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport (CSG) and 90 miles southwest of Atlanta Hartsfield Airport (ATL). Our modern, upscale hotel is convenient for business trips, family vacations, and military travel alike. Fort Benning, downtown Columbus attractions, historical sites and corporate offices are all just minutes away. The DoubleTree Hotel provides complimentary Columbus airport shuttle service; convenience close to the heart of Columbus; a sparkling outdoor pool and whirlpool; a state-of-the-art, Precor®-equipped Fitness Center; plenty of complimentary parking; and onsite dining at Houlihan's, serving Classic American food cooked from scratch for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily and your favorite beverages.

We recommend that you book as soon as possible.

You can make you reservation online at the USARA website and clicking [U.S. Army Ranger Association Room Reservations](#) to book a reservation at our preferred rate.

You may also call the hotel at the telephone number shown below. Be sure to use the Group Name and Group Code to receive the preferred room rate.



DoubleTree Hotel

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Group Name: ARM 2014

Group Code: ARM

ARM REGISTRATION

Registration includes an ARM 2014 Program; a Polo Shirt with USARA logo (choice of size); Discount coupons at local restaurants/businesses; Maps/directions; Tickets for significant door prizes; Hospitality suite (premium beverages and snacks); Ranger store; and other surprises.

It is important that we have an accurate count of those attending each activity. Make sure you select only those you and/or your guest(s) will attend.

- **REGISTER ONLINE** - The easiest way to register for ARM 2014 and pay by credit card by going to the USARA website at www.ranger.org and logging in. Complete the online registration form, add guest registrations and pay the total amount by credit card.
- **REGISTER BY MAIL** - If you prefer, you can complete the ARM 2014 Registration Form included and send the form with a check to USARA.

ARM SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The following activities are scheduled during ARM 2014; register for each online or by mailing the ARM 2014 Registration Form that can be downloaded here and is included with the Election 2014 version of the Ranger Register.

Click [here](#) to view or download the Schedule of Events and Activities.

Dress for ARM 2014 will be casual; we will be getting “dirty” at some activities so dress accordingly with jeans, etc. The President’s Reception and Banquet is “business casual” *no jeans; no shorts; no tennis shoes*. In short, we want our members to enjoy the ARM and not be concerned with their attire. Leave your “coat & tie” at home and come to ARM 2014 to enjoy! Of course, those that want to “dress” can.

The **USARA Hospitality Suite** will be open each evening; serving premium beverages and offering various snacks. The Ranger store will also be in operation from Monday through Wednesday evenings.

National Infantry Museum Tour

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center is a \$100 million, 190,000-square foot facility located outside the gates of the Fort Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence, home of the Infantry.

This state-of-the-art facility tells the story of the United States Army Infantryman, from the fields of the American Revolution to the sands of Afghanistan. The museum houses an amazing display of artifacts from all eras of American history and contains numerous interactive multimedia exhibits, bringing our nation’s past to life through the latest in technological innovation.

The National Infantry Museum is so much more than a museum. Experience the NIM Combat Simulators, take in a movie at the IMAX Theater, and enjoy a delicious meal at the Fife & Drum.

Next to the Fife & Drum Restaurant stands the Ranger Hall of Honor. This gallery preserves the legacy of the most extraordinary soldiers in the military, the U.S. Army Rangers. Here, are honored the 346 Rangers who have been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame since 1992. A computerized database of RHOH inductees is available.

This year the **Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall** is part of a permanent memorial to Vietnam Veterans at the National Infantry Museum. For 23 years, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall has traveled throughout our country to make the Wall experience real for those who had not had the opportunity to see the original Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC. Construction has begun at the museum to feature this Wall as part of the Vietnam Memorial Plaza.



Registration and Ranger Store

Early registration will begin Sunday afternoon, July 13 in the Azalea Room. Registration will continue in the Azalea Room; also the location of our Hospitality Suite and the Ranger Store.

Opening Reception

Come join us in the Somerset Room at the DoubleTree Hotel for a gala opening reception.

Meet old friends and new ones; meet our sponsors and active duty Rangers as well. USARA has invited 40 soldiers of the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade and their guests to join us in the Somerset Room for our Opening Reception on Monday.

This is an opportunity to them to meet Rangers who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as Ranger brethren who have served in every modern conflict; meet the 2014 Ranger Hall of Fame Inductees; and moreover USARA can honor their service though enthralling conversation; and abundant food and drink. Our menu includes:

Slow Roasted Steamship of Beef Crusted with Black Pepper, Garlic and Smoked Paprika Served with Basil Mayonnaise, Creamed Horseradish and Tarragon Sauce and Include Sweet Yeast Rolls, Silver Dollar Rolls and Butter; **Smoked Sugar Ham** with Coca-Cola Glaze, Mayonnaise, Coarse Grain Mustard and Country Biscuits; **Smoked Salmon** Served with Chopped Onion, Lemon, Capers, Chopped Egg, Pumpernickel Squares and Toast Points; **Fresh Seasonal Fruit** with Berries and Honey Yogurt; **Grilled Vegetables** Including Portobello Mushrooms, Roasted Red Peppers, Zucchini, Squash, Eggplant, Artichoke Hearts, Roma Tomatoes and Spring Onions Drizzled with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar; **Fresh Vegetables** Served with Choice of Blue Cheese and Bacon Dip; White Bean Hummus; Onion Dip or Roasted Pepper and Cumin; Crackers and Ciabatta Bread; **Domestic and International Cheeses** including Cheddar, Swiss Pepper Jack, Blue and Warm French Brie topped with warm Maple Syrup, and Toasted Pecans served with Sliced Baguettes.

The Opening Reception Includes a Full, Open Bar service with Premium and Top-Shelf Sprints; Premium Wines; Domestic and Imported Beers; Freshly Brewed Iced Tea; Chilled Mineral and Spring Waters and Assorted Soft Drinks.

Callaway Gardens Tour

Callaway Gardens is 2,500-acres; the world's largest public, self-guided woodland garden. It offers the perfect opportunity for fun, education and beauty.

An experienced step-on guide will board the USARA bus and take you on an informative tour through Callaway Gardens for approximately three hours.

The tour includes the Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center, Day Butterfly Center, Sibley Horticultural Center, Mr. Cason's Vegetable Garden, Callaway Brothers Azalea Bowl, Overlook Azalea Garden, Discovery Bicycle Trail, Pioneer Log Cabin, Ida Cason Callaway Memorial Chapel, Nature Trails, and the Birds of Prey Show.

A generous Southern charm lunch buffet will be served at the Plant Room Restaurant, after which additional time can be spent at the various Callaway Gardens venues.



USARA Breakfast

Meet COL David G. Fivecoat and CSM Curtis H Arnold Jr. the newest Airborne & Ranger Training Brigade (ARTB) Commander and Command Sergeant Major. COL Fivecoat will present a status of ARTB.

Enjoy a breakfast buffet Fresh Fruit Salad with Citrus, Toasted Almonds and Honey; Fluffy Scrambled Eggs; Crisp Bacon and Sausage; Grits with Cheese; Lyonnaise Potatoes; Orange and Cinnamon French Toast with Maple Syrup, Topped with Caramelized Bananas and Toasted Pecans; Southern Biscuits and Gravy, House Made Fruit Breads, Butter and Preserves; Freshly Brewed Starbucks® Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea; Chilled Orange, Grapefruit, Apple and Cranberry Juices.

Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) Ceremony

The Ranger Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contributions of America's most extraordinary Rangers. The members of the Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Board take particular care to ensure that only the most extraordinary Rangers are inducted, a difficult mission given the high caliber of all nominees. Their precepts are impartiality, fairness, and scrutiny. Inductees were selected impartially from Ranger units and associations representing each era or Ranger history. Each nominee was subjected to the scrutiny of the Selection Board to ensure the most extraordinary contributions are acknowledged. The selection criterion is as unique as our Ranger history. To be eligible for selection to the Hall of Fame, a person must be deceased or have been separated, or retired from active military service for at least three years at the time of nomination. He must have served in a Ranger unit in combat or be a successful graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. A Ranger unit is defined as those Army units recognized in Ranger lineage or history. Achievement or service may be considered for individuals in a position in state or national government after the Ranger has departed the Armed Forces.

Each inductee is presented with an engraved, specially cast bronze Ranger Hall of Fame medallion (shown to the right), suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon. The medal signifies selfless service, excellence and remarkable accomplishment in the defense of the nation and to the highest ideals of service.

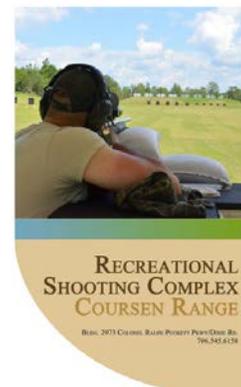
The 22nd Annual (2014) Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) Ceremony is at 1:30pm, Wednesday July 16, 2014 at Marshall Auditorium, McGinnis-Wickam Hall (Building 4), Fort Benning, Georgia.



Trap/Skeet Shoot (competition)

Try your hand at the USARA Skeet Competition to be held at the Recreational Shooting Complex (Coursen Range) on July 17, 2014. **The winner will receive a shotgun from the outgoing USARA President.** Entrance and fees are paid by donation.

The Recreational Shooting Complex (Coursen Range) includes two trap and skeet ranges, a 50-yard handgun range, a 300-yard rifle range and a store with ammunition and supplies available for purchase. Annual memberships and daily user passes are available. Members can store firearms at the facility, as MCoE 190-11 does not allow for temporary storage of weapons in vehicles. Shotguns, spotting scopes, pistols, gun vests and vices may be rented on site. The Recreational Shooting Complex will host tournaments and classes beginning in the fall.



President's Reception and Banquet

Full open bar and hors D'oeuvres Including Lobster Empanadas, Jerk Chicken Sweet Potato Biscuits, Andouille Cheese Puffs and others will be served.

The Banquet menu includes: Mixed Green Salad with Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots and Choice of Dressings (Blue Cheese, Thousand Island, Caesar, Ranch, House Vinaigrette); Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter; **Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin** (Carved at Service) with Basil Mayonnaise, Creamed Horseradish and Tarragon Sauce; **Chicken Marsala** in Wine and Mushroom Sauce; Au Gratin Potatoes; Broccoli and Cheese Casserole; Honey and Lemon Glazed Carrots; Bread Pudding with Ice Cream; Freshly Brewed Starbucks® Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea Selection and Iced Tea. The Reception Includes a Full, Open Bar. Red and White Wine Served at Dinner. This year, tables will be set with salads and wine present. In addition, desert and coffee will be served table-side.

Raffle Drawing

The 2014 drawing will take place after dinner. In addition, we have many outstanding door prizes for those attending the dinner.

Information regarding this year's raffle items follows. A sheet of eight (8) raffle tickets is enclosed; send your donation with your vote an ARM 2014 registration.

Guest Speaker



Mr. Milton Bearden

Milton Bearden is President and CEO of the Asia-Africa Projects Group, a Washington, DC-based resource development and advisory services firm with an office in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Mr. Bearden was born in Oklahoma and spent his early years in the Washington state, where his father worked on the Manhattan Project, and later moved with his family to Houston, Texas. After serving in the United States Air Force, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where he rose through the ranks to become one of its most senior officers. His early career was split between German-speaking Europe and Hong Kong. During the early 1980s he moved to Africa to serve as CIA Chief in Nigeria

and later in Khartoum, where he covered Sudan's civil war and the ultimate overthrow of the regime of Jaafar Nimeiri.

In 1986 Mr. Bearden was selected by CIA Director William Casey to take charge of the CIA's covert operations in support of the Afghan resistance, an effort that ultimately succeeded in forcing a Soviet withdrawal, symbolically marked by the final march of Soviet troops across the Friendship Bridge over the Oxus River on February 15, 1989, ending almost ten years of struggle.

From 1989-92, Mr. Bearden directed the CIA's clandestine operations against the decaying Soviet Union. He finished his career as the CIA Chief in Bonn, in the newly reunified Germany. He retired in 1994, after thirty years in the CIA's clandestine services. He received the Distinguished Intelligence Medal and the Intelligence Medal of Merit for his CIA service; and the Federal Cross of Merit from the President of the German Federal Republic for his service in Germany at the end of the Cold War.

Mr. Bearden is a frequent contributor to the Op-Ed pages of the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and has contributed to *Foreign Affairs*, *The National Interest*, *The National Journal Online*, and to the book on September 11, 2001, *How Did This Happen?*, published by *Public Affairs*. He is the author of a novel about the Afghan resistance, *Black Tulip*, and co-author, with James Risen, of *The Main Enemy*, a non-fiction account of the end of the Cold War. He has consulted on several films, including *The Good Shepherd* and *Charlie Wilson's War*.

Mr. Bearden is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, with a B.A. in Linguistics, and of the Yale University Institute of Far Eastern Languages (Mandarin Chinese). He lives in Virginia with his French-born wife, Marie-Catherine.



ARM 2013 Schedule of Events

Date	Start	End	Event	Location
July 13, 2014 Sunday	All day	UTC	Early arrival	DoubleTree
	12:00	17:00	ARM setup	Azalea Room
	15:00	17:00	Early USARA ARM Registration	Azalea Room
	17:00	18:00	Happy hour	Houlihan's
	18:00	UTC	Dinner on your own	---
July 14, 2014 Monday	All day	UTC	USARA ARM Registration	Azalea Room
	06:30	8:00	Breakfast on your own	DoubleTree Hotel
	08:00	12:00	Free Time	---
	8:30	11:30	USARA Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
	11:30	12:30	Lunch on your own	---
	13:00	16:30	National Infantry Museum Tour *	Ft. Benning
	13:00	17:00	USARA Board Meeting (regular session)	Georgia Room
	18:00	20:00	USARA ARM 2013 Opening Reception	Somerset Room
	20:00	UTC	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room
20:00	UTC	Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room	
July 15, 2014 Tuesday	06:30	8:00	Breakfast on your own	DoubleTree Hotel
	08:00	16:00	Callaway Gardens Tour with Lunch *	Pine Mountain
	17:00	21:00	Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) Dinner (by invitation)	RHOF Building
	18:00	UTC	Dinner on your own	See restaurant list
	20:00	UTC	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room
	20:00	UTC	Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room
July 16, 2014 Wednesday	07:30	09:30	USARA Breakfast	Somerset Room
	10:00	11:30	General Membership Meeting	DoubleTree Hotel
	11:30	12:30	Lunch on your own	---
	12:30	15:30	Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) Ceremony *	Marshall Auditorium
	15:30	16:30	Ranger Memorial Tour *	Ranger Memorial
	18:00	UTC	Dinner on your own	---
	20:00	UTC	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room
	20:00	UTC	Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room
July 17, 2014 Thursday	06:00	08:00	Breakfast on your own	DoubleTree Hotel
	08:30	12:00	Trap/Skeet Shoot (competition) *	Coursen Range
	13:00	15:00	USARA Board Meeting (transition session)	Georgia Room
	17:00	22:00	USARA Presidents Reception & Banquet	Somerset Room
	22:00	UTC	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room
	Closed	Closed	Ranger Store Closed	---
July 18, 2014 Friday	06:00	09:00	Breakfast on your own	DoubleTree Hotel
	07:00	UTC	Depart ARM 2014	DoubleTree Hotel

*transportation is scheduled

USARA ARM 2014 Raffle

1st Prize 2 Vets Arms Custom Built 5.56 Assault Rifle



USARA Officers and Directors thank Amber and Dean Brandy owners of 2 Vets Arms, LLC, for their gracious donation for the ARM 2013 raffle. You thought their package last year was great – this year’s is unbelievable. For those that don’t know, Amber is a U.S. Army combat veteran who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom as an Army Intelligence Analyst. Dean is a US Army combat veteran; an Infantryman who served as a Sniper/Sniper Team Leader and Joint Fires Observer during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Custom built 2VA 5.56 Alpha Assault Rifle by 2 Vets Arms Company. Rifle Specifications:

- 2 Vets Arms 7075T6 billet side charged upper receiver
- 16" 416R Stainless Steel match barrel with full flutes & Mid length gas system
- 2 Vets Arms 7075 Forged lower receiver
- Geissele SSA fire controls
- KNS anti-rotation pins
- Battle Arms Development Ambi Selector
- Phase 5 Enhanced Side Charged compatible BAD Lever
- B5 SOPMOD Alpha Stock
- 13" Keymod compatible free float rail
- BCM Gunfighter grip



2 Vets Arms Co, LLC is a Female Service-Connected Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) that specializes in developing and building high performance custom rifles for American patriots with an emphasis on serving the US Military Veteran and those actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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2nd Prize USARA Custom Built Brinkley Guitar**About the Guitar**

Right handed standard thin compound radius with mother-of-pearl dot inlay; headstock custom inlay, American Eagle with American Flag cut, hand routed and inlaid with the USARA Crest. Padouk wood with ebony fret board with 25 1/2 inch scale; 1 1/16" graph tech nut; 6130 medium jumbo frets; tuning machines are gold plated grovers. Construction is solid mahogany, a thick Pau Ferro cap with thin white pinstripe binding. The finish is clear gloss. It is rear routed for controls, and configured for three Joe Barden Soap Bar pickups. It utilizes a gold plated stop tailpiece and adjustable bridge. Input jack is side mounted. Electronics are passive and consist of master volume, master tone, and one blend control (this is used to blend neck pickup with middle and bridge pickup in positions one and two).

**About the Builder**

Gary N. Brinkley, Ph.D., began modifying guitars in 1957 while attending high school, but he didn't begin building guitars for other people until he retired in 2003 from the University of Illinois. Since that time Gary has built guitars for international recording and touring artists. Gary has been licensed by Fender as a Gold Repair and Restoration artist for both electric and acoustic guitars.

Some of the Gary's customers include blues artists, Jimmy Thackery, Mark Bumgarden, Ronnie Baker Brooks, and Scott Holt. Country music artist include Jeff Bates (seven Billboard hits, three in the top ten), and "Big" Shane Thornton, and folk artist Meridian Green (daughter of folk legend Bob Gibson).

After retiring from his law enforcement hazardous devices position, Gary, still too young to officially retire, transferred to the University of Illinois Housing Division as Director of Computer Services and later to Director of Business Systems Analysis for the University of Illinois, Office of Business Affairs, where he retired officially with a total of thirty-six and one half years of service.

Gary now devotes most of his time now to the service of the U.S. Army Ranger Association as Midwest Region Deputy Director.

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