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Presidents Message



This is a special edition of the *Ranger Register* specifically to deliver Election 2012 materials to all members in good standing.

We are also providing updated information regarding the Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) to be held July 10-15 in Columbus/Fort Benning, Georgia.

We have included information regarding **this year's raffle prizes**, and a sheet of eight raffle tickets. Send you ticket stubs and payment with your election ballot.

Rangers Lead the Way!

Butch Nery

USARA Member Survey is FINALLY coming...

The first week of June, all members with email addresses will be sent an invitation to participate in a survey about USARA events and activities.

For the first time, you will have the opportunity to tell us how you feel and what you want.

After the survey is complete, we will compile reports and graphs for all members to see. The President and Board of Directors will use the results to make changes within our association.

You will be notified by email when the survey is ready; and be provided with a link to the survey. The application allows a member to complete the survey only once. All answers are confidential; no one knows who answered "what" or "how". We only know if you completed a survey or opted-out (did not want to take the survey). A second survey directed toward each region will follow 10 days later. We hope you all take advantage of the opportunity to be counted!

USARA Election 2012

Enclosed are Election 2012 materials; please take time to read and cast your vote by mail in the envelope provided. Herein you will find:

1. Candidate Statements
2. USARA Bylaws Change Description
3. USARA 2012 National Election Official Ballot
4. Return Envelope (addressed to USARA)

Instructions are provided on the ballot.

1. **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).
2. Read the candidate statements and USARA Constitution and Bylaws changes
3. Vote to accept USARA Constitution and Bylaws changes and then vote for the candidate of your choice by placing a check mark or "X" in the () after the candidate's name.
4. You can only vote for the Regional Directors, **IF YOU RESIDE IN THOSE REGIONS** (States in those regions are listed below).
5. 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.

Mail the completed Ballot in the envelope provided so as to have it arrive at the National Headquarters **NLT 30 June 2012**. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

If you have any questions about the election or need information about the election process, please let me know. My contact information is below.

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USARA ELECTION 2012 CANDIDATE ELECTION STATEMENTS

The factual information and perspective contained in the Candidate Election Statements that follow are the responsibility of the individual candidates.

Position: President

Candidate: Ranger Gerald B. (Butch) Nery Jr.

I served as the International Director of USARA for three years and President for almost two years. I want to continue the transition of USARA into a strong viable organization and achieve the goals we set two years ago. My goal at the time was to bring rangers, past, present and future closer together and provide services to them and their families. These goals are not yet complete therefore I would like to see them completed if re-elected. More specifically, these include: our scholarship activities, member assistance, and our membership programs.

With these qualifications I feel I have been able to lead the Association as its President and would like to continue to do so.

- Reside in Pine Mountain, GA. located close to Ft Benning and able to participate in many of the Ranger functions with the Ranger Training Brigade and the 75th Ranger Regiment. Consider myself part of that family.
- Represented USARA on the many Ranger Organizational Events and Activities that take place in the Fort Benning Area Participating in these activities gives USARA a presence in this community which enhances us to meet the goals set forth in our bylaws. .
- Graduate of Ranger Class of 12-69 and was privileged to be in the class to activate the 75th Ranger Colors.
- Assigned as Infantry Platoon Leader in the newly formed B/75th Rangers stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado.
- Assigned to 4/503, 173rd Airborne Bridge in the Republic of Vietnam and later assigned to N/75th Rangers.

Please allow me the opportunity to continue to serve this great organization and to complete those goals we are currently pursuing.

Position: Vice President Logistics

Candidate: Ranger Craig Vanek

I have served in the capacity of Vice President (logistics) for the US Army Ranger Association since 2006. Since that time, a Property Book has been established for USARA that accounts for items purchased by USARA for resale, donated items, and station property. The Property Book is updated on an annual basis to reflect changes in inventory. One of my goals has been to increase the number of products sold both at the Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) Ranger Store and through the online store. In 2011, new items for sale at the ARM and online included pens, mouse pads, large decals, USARA coins, and coffee mugs. All of these items have the USARA logo.

In 2011, I wrote three SOP's covering all aspects of Ranger Store and logistics operations. I am currently working on an SOP that outlines procedures for processing outside requests from vendors who want to sell items through the USARA website (for example, books).

I have been a member of USARA since 1975 and my past assignments include: 1/48th Infantry; 3/10th SFG(A); 2/4th Infantry; 1/7th Infantry; 1st Special Operations Command; 3/5th SFG(A); Exchange Officer French Military Academy; US Army Special Operations Command; US Special Operations Command; Special Operations Coordinator 1st US Corps.

Position: Treasurer

Candidate: Ranger Bob 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: Northeast Region Director**Candidate: Ranger Joe Mattison**

My name is Joe Mattison and I am a Life Member of USARA. My goal as Director of Northern Region, USARA would be to serve the Rangers of our Association.

If elected to this position I would:

- Serve the Rangers of our Association in the region.
- Serve as your representative to the USARA Board of Directors and make your suggestions and ideas known to them.
- I truly believe that USARA is an ALL Ranger Association and I promise to work diligently on your behalf and to represent all Rangers of all eras – peace time and combat equally.
- Honor and remember all Rangers from WWII, through Korea, Viet Nam, Grenada, Panama, and Somalia.
- Recruit newer Rangers who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and those that will serve in future conflicts.

To meet these goals I offer the following as my qualifications and background:

- Served as the Assistant to the Director of the Northern Region and am currently a Board Appointee.
- Retired from US Army.
- Employee of the Veterans Administration.
- Original Member (Modern Day) of 1st (1974) and 3rd (1984) Ranger Battalions.
- Served as Ranger Instructor at the Mountain Ranger Camp, Dahlenega, GA.
- Hold CIB, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge with 1 Gold Combat Jump Star, Pathfinder Badge, and other Awards and Decorations.

Position: Midwest Regional Director**Candidate: Ranger Travis James West**

Since assuming the position of Midwest Director in April of last year my goal has been to assist Rangers in remaining connected to the Ranger community at the local level. To that end, the Midwest Region has taken the lead in this regard by setting up small events in locations that are closer to where Rangers are currently living. To date, this has included two cookouts in the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor, a happy hour event in Chicago, and dinner events in Indianapolis and Des Moines. We hope to conduct future events in 2012 in Minneapolis in June and again in Chicago in October.

So far the events have proven to be successful, and attendance has grown larger at each one. The events have proven to be beneficial for both the Rangers who attend, as well as the USARA as an organization. They have allowed Rangers to reunite with old buddies that haven't been seen in a while, meet new Rangers, and in some cases heal old wounds that have spanned decades. Further, the good will created at these events has started to compel attendees to become members of the USARA.

While we've made great progress in the past year we are far from done. It is my hope that you will honor me with an additional term as Regional Director and thus permit me to continue the course we've set to help strengthen our Ranger community here in the Midwest.

Position: South Central Region Director**Candidate: Ranger Karl Monger**

It's been my distinct honor to represent the Rangers of the original Central, now South Central Region of the US Army Ranger Association. As many of you know I am working extensively to ensure that every Ranger leaving active duty achieves a peaceful and successful transition. USARA has a great role to play in helping these newest Ranger veterans learn how to become civilians again, while retaining the pride and esprit-de-corps of being a Ranger. As a tabbed Ranger for seven years prior to the privilege of serving in the 1st Ranger Battalion, I understand the unique aspects of both major populations that comprise our Ranger membership. I ask you to support my efforts and to become involved in growing an exciting and dynamic South Central Region. RLTW!

Position: Northwest Region Director**Candidate: Ranger Mark W. Vance**

I enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1974 and after completion of Airborne School was assigned to 2nd Ranger Battalion. I graduated with Ranger Class 7-76. My Tab and service with the 75th Rangers was the crowning star in my short military career and the standard by which the rest of my life was measured.

I married my wife, Cindi, while at 2/75th. I served as NCOIC for the 9th ID's Mountain Training Center, '77-'78. After 12 years, I re-enlisted in 104th TNG DIV as a DI. Deployed at the onset of the Gulf War and attached to the 1st CAV. Time in service ended in '93.

Education: B.S. Huxley School of the Environment and M.ED. from Western Washington University.

From 1982 to 1993, I worked in the field of Experiential Education, developing and directing stress-challenge wilderness programs in the Pacific Northwest. From 1999 to 2010, was self-employed as an Educational Consultant/Tutor through international distance learning and online tutorials.

Volunteer Positions:

- Two terms Washington State Commissioner for Parks & Recreation.
- Ten year Member of North Cascade Mountain Rescue Council & the American Mountain Guide Association.
- Board Member of Batten Disease Support & Research Association (disease to which I lost three children).
- Member of Patriot Guard Riders.
- Eagle Scout, involved in BSA over forty years.
- Life member VFW, DVA, and 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

Many Rangers I served with went on to careers of distinguished service and sacrifice. It would be my honor to follow their lead by helping develop the Northwest into a strong, vibrant region for the USARA.

Position: Northwest Region Director**Candidate: Ranger Ricky R. Bonnell**

I entered service in '74, I was assigned to Ft. Lewis where I served as Scout, Gunner, and BN. Commander's driver after second for Soldier of the Year I drove the Asst. Div. Cmdr. Reassigned to 2nd ID where I served as a Brigade Cmdr.'s driver and squad leader. Then assigned to 2/75, I attended Ranger and Jump Schools and served as squad leader and S-5 NCOIC. Next Drill SGT. Duty where I won Drill SGT. of the Year, I moved to Germany where I assisted in forming the first LRRP since Vietnam and served as Commander of the 3rd ID Replacement Detachment. On return stateside I went back to Regimental HQ and served as S-1 and S-5 NCOIC. I was direct commissioned to 1st LT USAR. Europe again where I served as the S-2/3 of the 21st Replacement BN. I also earned my BS from University of Maryland. On return to the states, I was assigned as an Asst. Professor ROTC and completed a Masters from Fordham University.

Awards: RANGER TAB, EIB, MASTER PARACHUTIST, MSM3, ARCOM5, AAM5, NDSM2, GCM2 OSR3, NCODR3 DS Badge, 30+ Army and NATO courses

After my retirement I served as the leader of NLT 9 fraternal and civic organizations, I am a life member of USARA, VFW, DAV, Freemasons, Scottish Rite and many other groups

It would be my honor to serve you for the next two years

**USARA ELECTION 2012
USARA BYLAWS CHANGE**

The following change to the USARA Bylaws requires approval by the general membership.

At the USARA Mid-Term Board of Directors Meeting held at Columbus, Georgia 24-25 February 2012 the Executive VP discussed the March 2011 resolution to re-align USARA regions. The resolution approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2011 included the need to test the new aligned regions for one year. If the new regions worked out successfully, they would be formally adopted. *MOTION*: Ranger Kvederas: That the actions contained in the region realignment resolution be carried out forthwith. Second: Ranger Monger. The motion carried with all ayes.

The Region Realignment Resolution stated that if, after the interim period, the concept is declared successful; changes to USARA bylaws changes would be made in accordance with the USARA Constitution and Bylaws; any and all final changes affected by the Ranger Regional realignment will follow the provisions Article IX including a vote by general membership.

The Realignment of USARA Regions Resolution and the USARA Bylaws are available to all USARA members in the documents page on the USARA website at www.ranger.org.

Therefore, during Election 2012, members are asked to vote YES or No to accept the following changes to the USARA Bylaws:

Section 4 - Regional Association Officers Duties

CHANGE TO:

- A. Regionally Elected Officers.
1. Northeast Region Director.
 2. Mid-Atlantic Region Director.
 3. Southeast Region Director.
 4. Midwest Region Director.
 5. South-Central Region Director.
 6. Northwest Region Director.
 7. Southwest Region Director.

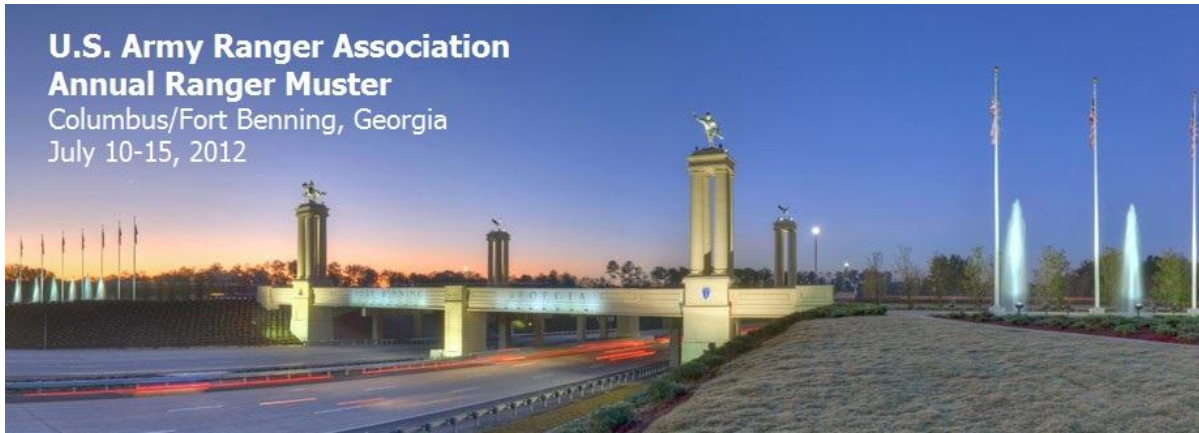
All Region Directors are the Chief Executive Officer within their respective region. Each is a Director on the USARA Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Elections

- A. Terms: In order to provide continuity to the management and direction of the Association, election of positions shall alternate as follows:

CHANGE TO:

Position	Term Ends
President/Chairman of Board of Directors	Even Year
Executive Vice President/Director # 2	Odd Year
Vice President Logistics/Director #3	Even Year
Vice President Personnel/Director # 4	Odd Year
Secretary/Director #5	Odd Year
Treasurer/Director # 6	Even Year
Northeast Region Director/Director # 7	Even Year
Mid-Atlantic Regional Director/Director #8	Odd Year
Southeast Region Director/Director # 9	Odd Year
Midwest Regional Director/Director #10	Even Year
South-Central Region Director/Director # 11	Even Year
Northwest Regional Director/Director #12	Even Year
Southwest Region Director/Director # 13	Odd Year
International Regional Director/Director # 14	Odd Year



The U.S. Army Ranger Association Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) will be held Tuesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 15, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbus, Georgia. Hotel check-in begins on Tuesday, July 10.

The schedule of activities for ARM 2012 has been coordinated with, and is being fully supported by, the Ranger Training Brigade; the 75th Ranger Regiment; and other units at Fort Benning. Through creative planning and the generous support of our corporate sponsors, this the least expensive USARA ARM ever held. By significantly reducing the ARM price member's overall transportation and hotel expenses is offset.

If you have any questions about the ARM please contact Mike Ranger at (660) 287-6604 or email: ranger-usara@charter.net.

ARM 2012 registration is only \$40 per person

There are no additional registration costs

Unlike previous ARMs, the registration price includes all activities and tour costs; all meals and beverages for designated activities; and transportation by 45/49 passenger charter busses to/from activity locations. Registration includes:

Registration Materials:

- ✓ An ARM 2012 Program (*with schedule, activity menus, etc.*)
- ✓ A Polo Shirt with USARA logo (choice of size)
- ✓ Discount coupons at local restaurants/businesses
- ✓ Maps/directions
- ✓ Tickets for significant door prizes
- ✓ ... And possibly other surprises

Scheduled activities:

- ✓ Opening Reception
- ✓ Individual Weapons Firing at Fort Benning
- ✓ Lunch at the 75th Ranger Regiment /Display/Tour
- ✓ USARA Member Breakfast with Speaker
- ✓ National Infantry Museum Tour with lunch at the Fife & Drum Restaurant
- ✓ Ranger Hall of Fame Ceremony / Ranger Memorial Tour
- ✓ Rangers in Action Demonstration and Ranger School Graduation
- ✓ Presidents Reception & Dinner with Speaker
- ✓ Ranger BBQ
- ✓ Optional activities (see schedule)

Hospitality suite with beverages and snacks

Ranger Store

ADDITIONAL ARM INFORMATION

Currently there are several optional activities being considered for members and guests. Depending on registration responses one or more may be scheduled. Sign up for the optional activities when you register. As registrations are made we will provide an update to the schedule. Refer to the [ARM 2012 Event/Activity Schedule](#) for more detailed information.

A list of restaurants within walking distance of the DoubleTree hotel is provided with links to their menus and pricing. Go to the USARA website at www.ranger.org to see a map and directions.

Dress for ARM 2012 will be more casual; we will be getting "dirty" at some activities so dress accordingly with jeans, etc. The President's Reception and Dinner is "**business casual**". If you're not sure what that means; look it up on the internet. No jeans; 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 2012 to enjoy!

ARM REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE - The easiest way to register for ARM 2012 and pay by credit card by clicking on [Register online for ARM 2012](#) on the USARA website and logging in. Complete the online registration form, add guest registrations and pay the total amount.

REGISTER BY MAIL - If you prefer, you can complete the included [ARM 2012 Registration Form](#) and send the form with a check to USARA.

Even though the cost of all activities is included in the low cost registration; 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 will attend.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree Hotel for July 10, 2012 - July 15, 2012 for members, guests and sponsors. The **special room rate of \$85 per night** will be available until June 10th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Go to the USARA website for **detailed information about the DoubleTree Hotel**. We recommend that you book as soon as possible.

You can go to the USARA website at www.ranger.org and click on the ARM 2012 web page; then click [U.S. Army Ranger Association Room Reservations](#) to book a reservation at our preferred rate or **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.



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ARM 2012 SPONSORS

See the companies and individuals who are proudly sponsoring ARM 2012 listed on the USARA website at www.ranger.org. We appreciate their generosity.

ARM 2012 Schedule of Events/Activities				
Date	Schedule Activity	Location	Start	End
July 10, 2012 Tuesday	Registration	DoubleTree Hotel Lobby	12:00	UTC
	Opening Reception	Somerset Room	18:00	20:00
	Dinner (on your own)	--	17:00	UTC
	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room	20:00	UTC
	Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room	20:00	UTC
July 11, 2012 Wednesday	Breakfast (on your own)	--	06:00	08:30
	Registration	DoubleTree Hotel Lobby	08:00	19:00
	Individual Weapons Firing	Red Cloud Range	09:00	11:30
	Lunch at 75th Ranger Regiment /Display/Tour	75th Ranger Regiment	12:00	15:30
	Optional activities for guests	See list below	09:00	15:30
	Ranger Hall of Fame Dinner (invitation only)	Ranger Training Brigade	17:00	UTC
	Dinner (on your own)	--	17:00	UTC
	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room	19:00	UTC
Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room	19:00	UTC	
July 12, 2012 Thursday	USARA Member Breakfast	Somerset Room	07:00	08:30
	Registration	Azalea Room	09:00	UTC
	USARA Board Meeting	Georgia Room	09:00	12:00
	National Infantry Museum Tour with lunch at the Fife & Drum Restaurant	National Infantry Museum	08:30	12:00
	Ranger Hall of Fame Ceremony and Ranger Memorial Tour	Building 4 / anger Memorial	13:30	16:30
	Dinner (on your own)		17:00	UTC
	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room	20:00	UTC
	Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room	20:00	UTC
July 13, 2012 Friday	Registration	Azalea Room	12:00	17:00
	Breakfast (on your own)	--	06:00	08:00
	Rangers in Action Demonstration and Ranger School Graduation (Class 07-12)	Hurley Hill / Victory Pond	08:30	12:00
	Lunch (on your own)	--	12:00	13:00
	Free time	--	13:00	16:30
	National Civil War Naval Museum Tour (option)	Columbus, GA	13:00	16:30
	Presidents Reception & Dinner	Somerset Room	17:30	22:00
	Hospitality Suite	Azalea Room	22:00	UTC
Ranger Store Open	Azalea Room	22:00	UTC	
July 14, 2012 Saturday	Breakfast (on your own)	--	06:00	08:00
	General Membership Meeting	Somerset Room	08:00	11:00
	Lunch (on your own)	--	12:00	13:00
	Free Time	--	13:00	15:00
	Ranger BBQ	Uchee Creek	15:00	19:00
	Hospitality Suite	Georgia Room	20:00	UTC
July 15, 2012 Sunday	Breakfast (on your own)	--	06:00	08:00
	Departure	--	08:00	UTC
Options for members and guests				
July 11, 2012 Wednesday	Callaway Gardens or the Coca-Cola Space Science Center	Calloway has the greatest interest thus far	09:00	15:30
Any date	Golf at Fort Benning		--	--

USARA ARM 2012 Raffle

Winners will be announced on July 13, 2012 at the ARM 2012 President's Reception and Dinner. You do not have to be present to win!

Note: Regarding firearms; USARA complies with all legal requirements with regard to the transfer of the above named prizes. Details will be explained to each winner.

A sheet of eight [8] USARA raffle tickets is enclosed. **Tickets are \$5 each.**

1st Prize Custom Built USARA 5.56 Assault Rifle Package



Custom built 5.56 Assault Rifle by **2 Vets Arms Company**. Mil-Spec A3 with free floated 16" barrel, customizable rail system, flip-up front sight gas block/sight post, and Magpul buttstock and furniture; A-TACS AU Camouflage finish and inlaid USARA logo donated by **Southern Draw Studios**. **Body Armor/Load Carriage System (BALCS)** Low profile body armor vest (LBAV) donated by **BEEZ Combat Systems**. A **set of ACUs in A-TACS AU (Smock, Pants and Boonie hat)** donated by **A-TACS (Digital Concealment Systems)**. **Tactical Gun Case** donated by **Blackhawk Products Group**.

2nd Prize Smith & Wesson Military Version M&P .45



Smith & Wesson Military Version M&P .45 with optional night sights and three magazines. Winner has a choice of full size, commander size or compact; and choice of color. Donated by Smith and Wesson. Winner will also receive a holster donated by Blackhawk Products Group.

3rd / 4th Prize Glock Pistol [model picked by each winner]



Each pistol is delivered only after passing stringent quality inspections, exhaustive quality control checks, and test firing. In addition, each pistol comes in a hard shell case with a speed loader, two magazines, a cleaning set, a cable lock, instructions for use manual, and firearm safety brochure.

5th Prize EK Fairbairn-Sykes MkII Knife



The Fairbairn-Sykes is probably the most-revered military fighting knife of all time, made famous in World War II by the British Commandos, the U.S. Army Rangers, the SAS, SOE and Allied combat troops in all theaters of operations. The U.S. Army Ranger Association recognizes the Ek Fairbairn-Sykes MkII as the evolutionary successor to the World War II F-S.

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