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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

SECRETARY HUMPHUS STEPS DOWN

The USARA Board of Directors is deeply saddened by the resignation of Tom Humphus as Secretary and Quartermaster/Ranger Store Manager. Tom was a driving force in USARA since 1997, volunteering for a national leadership position just a few weeks after he joined and holding various positions for the past several years. He was my "right hand man" in leading the way to restore the honor and prestige of USARA in the Ranger community. Many of the policies that are now in effect were Tom's ideas and his dedicated service will be sorely missed. He was an important part of the national leadership team in more ways than you can imagine.

Tom did more than just serve the membership by being on the Board of Directors, and processing memberships or Ranger Store orders. He deposited money in our Synovus Brokerage Account, coordinated the effort with our Treasurer to insure proper accountability, participated in financial reviews and generally kept the wheels turning for USARA in Columbus. I'm talking about driving to the bank at his own expense, driving to the Ft. Benning post office and checking the mail several times a week on his own time and at his own expense, going through the mail, and taking action as required.

Ranger Humphus was our point of contact with the Ranger Training Brigade and the 75th Ranger Regiment. He attended more Ranger Course and Ranger Indoctrination Program graduations than any Ranger veteran, coordinating USARA's effort to present awards to honor graduates and Ranger instructors. I'm talking about coordinating with the units to get the names of these graduates and the TAC OFF and NCOs, printing the certificates, framing them with frames he purchased, and presenting them at the graduations. He purchased the certificates for dress blues that we awarded to the Regiment Soldier and NCO of the Year and insured they were presented. He planned and organized two

Annual Ranger Musters and assisted in planning others. And of course, he ran the Ranger Store. You Rangers who sent orders in for berets or patrol caps might not understand the process involved. It wasn't just sending you a beret, flash and insignia or a cap with the scroll patch, name and luminous "eyes" on it. It meant driving to Ranger Joe's at his own expense, purchasing the items, getting them sewn on and going to the post office to send them to you!

Tom did all this and more for USARA....for YOU! I could not have remained as your President without his dedicated support. Now he has resigned and USARA.....that's YOU as well as your Board of Directors needs to find a suitable replacement. USARA has a big pair of jump boots to fill! Who is going to do it? Who is up to the task? (See more on page 3).

ARM-2003

If attendance at ARM-2003 and the Ranger Rendezvous last month and voting in the national elections are any indication of the support members are willing to provide this association, then only a handful of you measure up to Ranger standards! As I say in my article inside this edition, "*Where Were You?*"

Your Board of Directors works hard EVERY DAY to keep this association on its course, serving you and the active duty Rangers. But we need YOUR help, your input and ideas, and somebody to volunteer to be Secretary....IMMEDIATELY!

I am challenging USARA members to step forward and assume your share, and in this case a very large share, of the responsibility to keep USARA moving on to the Ranger objective. Go look in the mirror and ask yourself, "*What can I do for USARA?*" "What can I do to support the objectives of USARA and make it the premier Ranger association in the Ranger community?"

RLTW!

Jim Grimshaw, President



USARA SECRETARY NEEDED-- NOW!

USARA needs a volunteer to fill the position of Secretary....**immediately!** This is a critical national leadership position that requires a computer literate USARA Ranger who wishes to devote much effort to serving the members of USARA. The Secretary is a voting member of the USARA Board of Directors. Prefer this position be filled by a Ranger living in the Columbus/Phenix City/Ft. Benning area, but will consider volunteers who live elsewhere. Must be a USARA member in good standing. Contact Jim Grimshaw by email jim_grimshaw@yahoo.com or by telephone 520-940-0161 cell or 706-596-1104 (Columbus residence) for a full explanation of duties and responsibilities.

Both the Secretary and Quartermaster/Ranger Store Manager positions are vacant. The USARA Board of Directors realizes that there are membership applications and store orders that have been received, but not processed and we apologize for any delay. We are on top of the situation and developing solutions that will be announced shortly. In the meantime, members should refrain from sending in Ranger Store orders, as it will only add to any backlog that exists.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

Our renewal date for ALL annual memberships is 1 January each year. The Board Of Directors adopted this change so that a proper budget can be developed for the Association each year. It will be greatly appreciated if members pay their dues in November so the new membership cards can be mailed out by the end of January.

Where Were YOU?!

By Jim Grimshaw, USARA President

Many thanks to those of you who took time out from your busy schedules to vote in the national elections and attend ARM-2003 and the Ranger Rendezvous at Fort Benning, GA. No doubt, we set some records here for the shortest Board of Directors and general membership meetings, as well as the shortest banquet in the history of this administration. We mighty few accomplished a lot of business, had a great time and wish that the rest of you would have attended. General Buck Kernan delivered an outstanding speech about being a Ranger and we appreciate his coming to our banquet and socializing with young and old Rangers alike.

At the Ranger Rendezvous, USARA presented two sets of Army dress blues to the 75th Ranger Regiment Soldier and NCO of the Year the night of the BBQ at Lawson Field.

USARA has reached the 1000 member mark, but those whose annual memberships have expired recently lower this figure. The Secretary has mailed reminders to obtain renewals. **Please RENEW!** Also, don't forget to send us your change of address if you have moved!

Even with over 1000 active members on the roster, we did not get 10% of our members to attend the Ranger Rendezvous and ARM-2003. Nor did we get 10% response for the election.

This raises the question of "Why won't more USARA members participate in these annual events?" I would deeply appreciate it if you members would contact your Regional Directors and me to let me know why you won't participate in USARA priority events. We understand family and business priorities, but apathy goes against what Rangers are all about.



Maybe you'll change your mind by next year when USARA holds its annual meetings ([Annual Ranger Muster 2004](#)) in Las Vegas. We'll be at the [Riviera Hotel and Casino](#) at the same time as the Special Forces National Convention, 20 — 24 June. USARA will hold its business meetings over a three-day period within these dates. [Peter Stevens](#), Western Regional Director, is planning this event. More details below.

National Election Results

Our national elections also set a record for the smallest ballot returns with only 54 votes. And one of those was cancelled because it was blank. Because the elections did not generate a 30% vote by the membership through mail ballots, we voted to validate the election during the general membership meeting, per our Bylaws.

For those 53 members who mailed in their ballots, and for those who did not vote, Steve Maguire was reelected Executive Vice President; Tom Humphus was elected Secretary; Peter Stevens was elected Western Regional Director; Jim Zieba was elected Southern Regional Director. Humphus, Stevens, and Zieba were appointed to these positions earlier this year, but now that Humphus has submitted his resignation, the Secretary's position is again open.

During ARM-2003 we also filled the Central Regional Director position by appointing Karl Monger. Nobody stepped forward during the election to run for International Regional Director and nobody from that region cared to vote for a write-in candidate. Therefore, we recruited Linc German. Many thanks to Linc and Karl for volunteering! Look for some big changes in these regions!

Bill Anton stepped down as Northern Regional Director because he will be moving to Las Vegas, NV soon. He has served USARA in an outstanding manner and will be missed as a Regional Director. Walt Eckhardt has been appointed to replace Bill. Deeply appreciate your effort, Bill, and thank Walt for stepping up to the plate.

Special Thanks

Many thanks to Moe and Kaye Elmore for bringing their wares and assisting in running the

Ranger Store when Tom Humphus became ill. Also, kudos to the management and staff of the Holiday Inn North, Manchester Rd., Columbus, GA. Great place to hold a reunion.

ARM-2003 could not have happened without the great efforts by Frank Casey and Tom Humphus. These two Rangers have been the pillars of USARA in the Columbus, GA area and every member owes them a debt a gratitude for not only planning ARM-2003, but for all of their other hard work throughout the year. USARA cannot operate without the support of Rangers like these!

Looking at the Future

Now that ARM-2003 is complete, it is time to look to the future. Our marketing program is in full swing and the revenues generated enable USARA to pay for its annual Ranger community obligations while investing most of our membership dues. This adds up to financial stability. We currently have over \$60,229 in our Synovus Brokerage Account, and over the next four years we project well over \$20,000 in advance payments and royalties for the use of our trademarked USARA logos on products.

We will open a Memorial Building Fund account soon and will continue our effort to locate real estate in order to build a National Headquarters in Columbus. Donations to the Memorial Building Fund will be deeply appreciated. Make sure you specify on your check that it is for the Memorial Building Fund.

The most important thing for USARA in the future is to continue on our journey, insuring we remain on course. This takes good leadership and membership solidarity and participation in USARA activities. Do you have what it takes? I hope so, because the future of USARA rests with all of us, not just a handful of national leaders and members who attended the recent business meetings. "If you think you can, or if you think you can't, you're right!" Think about it! RLTW!

AN EARLY RANGER MISSION

"...to use my best endeavours to distress the French and their allies..."

Robert Rogers (French and Indian War)

CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS AND BEQUESTS
An Appeal From the
USARA Board of Directors and Officers

The U.S. Army Ranger Association, Inc., (USARA), is a Georgia Corporation organized, for tax purposes, as a Tax Exempt Organization pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (19). Accordingly, cash and appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, airplanes etc. contributions to the USARA are deductible by the donor based upon the assets' market value on the date of the contribution or gift. Many donors choose to contribute appreciated assets since it avoids the tax on the capital gain while giving the donor the tax benefit of the fair market value of the donated asset.

USARA participates in many Ranger community causes such as the Ranger Memorial Foundation, Ranger Hall of Fame, Best Ranger Competition, and the Antelope Island Memorial. We also have our association programs such as the USARA Memorial Building Fund and award of Army dress blues to the Soldier & NCO of the Year for the 75th Ranger Regiment and Ranger Training Brigade, as well as other Ranger and Special Operations causes. As a donor you can target your donation to a specific USARA cause or dedicate it to general use.

This is an appeal to please keep the USARA in mind when doing your periodic contribution, donation, and gift assessments and your estate planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!

**2004 Ranger Hall of Fame
 Nominations**

If you want to nominate a deserving Ranger for the Ranger Hall of Fame, you need to submit your nomination packet to Frank Casey, USARA Chairman, Awards Committee, by the end of December. Nominations will be prepared in accordance with RHOF Bylaws and USARA Awards SOP. Call Frank at 706-565-8199 or email him at PlayGolf44@aol.com for information about nomination procedures.

**Cold War Certificates Still
 Available**

The Army News Service reports that service members, veterans and federal employees who served between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 are still eligible for a Cold War Recognition Certificate. In 1998, the secretary of Defense approved awarding the certificate to personnel who served during the Cold War. Thus far, about one million people have responded out of the 22 million entitled to receive the certificate, officials said. An application for the Cold War Recognition Certificate can be found on the Internet at this Cold War site. The Website informs applicants about the correct procedures and the required documentation to receive a certificate. Applications will only be accepted by fax or mail, officials said. More information on the certificate can be found on PERSCOM's Cold War Web site or by calling customer service at (703) 325-5864.

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Western Region: Peter Stevens, Director

Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii.

International Region: Linc German, Director

APOs, Guam, CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the allied nations of the world.



USARA ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2004

June 20 — 24 at the Riviera Hotel in
Las Vegas, NV

Greetings from the Headquarters of the USARA Western Region. Mark your calendars and start making your reservations NOW!

This is an initial notice which will be updated from time to time as more details and programs are developed.

Our President, Jim Grimshaw, thought it would be a good idea to have the ARM at a family-friendly location in close proximity to the Special Forces Association's (SFA) annual convention since many Rangers were also SF. The USARA Board of Directors (BOD) agreed.

The [Riviera Hotel and Casino](http://www.rivierahotel.com) is the site of the SFA's national convention and the dates are concurrent. Many events are in the works along with our regular BOD, Membership meetings and banquet. Also, we are working with the SF to see what activities can be appropriately combined and will advise via updates to this notice.

So far here is the deal. The Riviera is a first class hotel with a long and good Las Vegas tradition. It is located on the north end of the strip and has all amenities one would expect: great swimming, tennis, gaming, food, etc., plus it is perfectly located for visits to all of the other major attractions on the strip and a nice place to take your family for vacation.

The USARA has arranged a block of rooms with a special rate of **(now get this)** \$73 bucks a night, single/double occupancy, plus 9% Clark

County room tax. This rate is good for all USARA members attending the ARM for the dates of June 18th through the 27th. While our conference is for the 20th through the 24th, the extended dates were arranged for those wishing an extended stay. Prices and a detailed agenda for the ARM will follow but I can assure you that the cost will fit your pocket book.

Reservations must be made individually.

THE RIVIERA HOTEL AND CASINO

2901 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109

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BE SURE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USARA MEMBER UNDER THIS PLAN.

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POINTE DU HOC RANGER MONUMENT IN PERIL!

*By Mike McClintock, Editor
USARA Ranger Register*

June 6, 2004 will be the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion and the Ranger assault on Pointe du Hoc. Pointe du Hoc is a sacred place to U.S. Army Rangers, but the Ranger Monument is now **fenced off and is in danger of collapsing into the sea!**



Rangers, we cannot allow this to happen!

The Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument is located on a cliff eight miles west of the American Cemetery near Colleville sur Mer, which overlooks Omaha Beach. The monument was erected by the French to honor elements of the U.S. 2d Ranger Battalion under the command of LTC James E. Rudder, and is administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). The Ranger Monument consists of a simple granite pylon positioned atop a concrete German bunker with tablets at its base inscribed in French and English. The monument was formally transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission for perpetual care and maintenance on January 11, 1979. This means that monument belongs to us, the American people, and it was shameful to see the monument barricaded off by barbed wire (you can't get in to see the plaques honoring the Rangers), and, as a consequence, there was no American flag flying over the monument.

Pointe du Hoc is part of the Omaha Beach invasion area (assault sector Charlie), it was the object of a daring assault on D-Day by 225 Army Rangers,



who scaled its 100-foot cliffs with the aim of silencing artillery pieces placed on its heights. At a high cost of life, they successfully defended against determined German counterattacks, even though the Germans had removed their big guns from their concrete emplacements to escape destruction by aerial and naval bombardment. This battle scarred area on the left flank of Omaha Beach remains much as the Rangers left it almost sixty years ago.

Pointe du Hoc itself is a forbidding spur of land jutting into the English Channel, and was considered by the Germans to be virtually unassailable from the beach below because of its steep cliffs. It provided a vantage point from which five large-caliber (152 mm) German guns with a range of 15 miles emplaced in reinforced-concrete casemates could deliver fire onto both Omaha Beach to the west and Utah Beach to the east. Allied commanders believed that the neutralization of these guns was the key to the fate of the Omaha and Utah Beach landings.

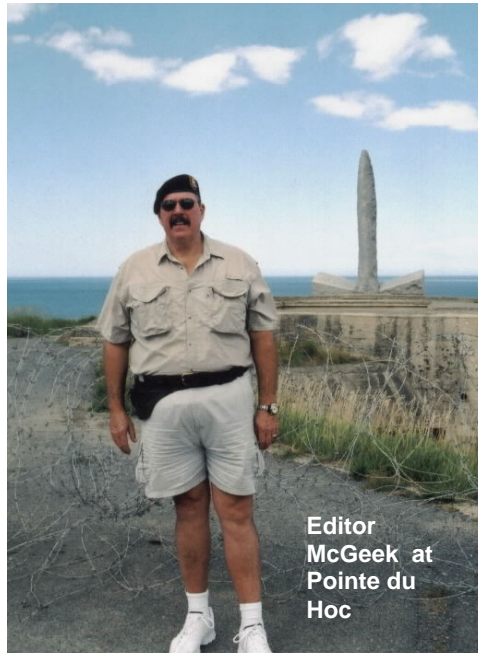
The task of neutralizing the guns, and of cutting the road running behind the point from Saint-Pierre-du-Mont to Grandcamp, fell to three companies of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. The plan was to land Companies D, E, and F of the 2nd Battalion in a cliff-scaling attack on Pointe du Hoc while Company C landed to the east to destroy gun positions on the western end of Omaha Beach. While these assaults were taking place, Companies A and B, along with all of the 5th Ranger Battalion, were to mark time off the beach and wait for a signal that the cliff scaling had succeeded. If the signal came, they were to follow in and also scale the heights. If

the signal did not come, they were to land at Omaha Beach and attack the point from the rear.

Companies D, E, and F landed at the base of Pointe du Hoc at 0710 hours, 40 minutes later than their planned landing time. They were the victims of heavy seas and winds, one of their landing craft having sunk on the way in. Once landed, however, the Rangers engaged the Germans on top of the cliffs in a heavy firefight, and within minutes the first man was up. In small groups the Rangers fought their way to the casemates, only to find them empty of the big guns. They moved forward and cut the road behind the point, and then a two-man patrol went down a narrow road leading south and discovered the guns some 550 yards from the casemates. The guns were zeroed in on Utah Beach, and a German force, totaling some 100 men, was assembled a short distance away. Using thermite grenades, the two Rangers melted and destroyed the guns' elevating and traversing mechanisms, rendering the pieces immovable. They then returned to their positions. The other Rangers offshore, not seeing the signal from the point, landed at Omaha Beach but were not able to accomplish their mission of attacking Pointe du Hoc since they became involved in the desperate fighting on Omaha Beach itself.

Although early reports characterized the attack on Pointe du Hoc as a wasted effort because the German guns were not there, the attack was in fact highly successful. By 0900 hours the Rangers on the point had cut the road behind the point and had put the relocated guns out of action. They were thus the first American unit to accomplish its mission on D-Day--at a cost of half of their fighting force. By the end of the day they were holding onto a small pocket on the heights of the Pointe, and the Germans were counterattacking. The Rangers held out for two days until relief finally arrived.

Their actions of almost sixty years ago will live long in the annals of military history and it would be a shame if the Ranger Monument were not restored to its honored status. The French government is purportedly working with the ABMC to improve the facilities at the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument, but my impression of the site when I visited it in July of this year was that it was on the verge of abandonment, and I saw no evidence of restoration. Something needs to be done, and it needs to be done now, before it is too late.



Editor
McGeek at
Pointe du
Hoc

To this end, I have written to the American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington, D.C., to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and to key Congressional representatives asking them to have this situation corrected as quickly as possible (note also that U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy, Pat Roberts, Ted Stevens, Daniel Inouye, Thad Cochran, and Ben Nelson visited U.S. military cemeteries in Italy this summer and are attuned to the situation).

I ask my fellow Rangers to do the same, before it is too late. The boys of Pointe du Hoc who are still alive are in their late seventies and eighties now. We need to do this for them. Please write to the chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission to express your concern:

**GEN P. X. Kelley, USMC (ret.), Chairman
American Battle Monuments Commission
Arlington Court House Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201
Telephone (703) 696-6897**

We must never forget the struggle, courage and sacrifices of those participating in the Normandy invasion, nor the importance of honoring America's War Dead, and the achievement of America and her allies in conducting the greatest amphibious invasion in history.

RANGER MEMORIAL STONES

The Ranger Memorial Foundation has raised the price of stones to \$280 effective 1 Oct 2003. The stone will have your name engraved on it and will be enshrined at the Ranger Memorial, Ft Benning, GA. Applications can be downloaded at: www.rangermemorial.org.

USARA DUES

(Annual Dues Payable in November)

RANGER MEMBER: Annual dues \$30 (\$15 for active duty Rangers in grade E-5 and below), three years \$80, five years \$120. If you reside outside the USA, and do not have an APO address, add \$5 per year for postage. Overseas non-US citizens pay \$20 (officers and civilians), \$15 (NCOs and below).

LIFE MEMBER: A one-time fee of \$250 (\$280 if not in good standing). For "old-timers" aged 60 and over, the fee is \$200. Fee may be paid in 4 installments within one calendar year, with Life Membership being imposed upon receipt of the final installment. US Army Rangers who have been found 100% disabled by an Agency of the US Government will be granted Life Membership upon receipt of documentation from the awarding Agency.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Non voting): Dues are the same as for a Ranger Member.

WANTED: RANGERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION URGENT FURY

Joe Muccia, a SSgt in the USMC, has contributed to the accuracy and maintenance of our web site several times. Now he is looking for help finding Rangers who participated in Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. Please contact him at ZiggPalff1@aol.com if you can help.

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN RANGER HISTORY

October 3, 1993 – 2003 10th Anniversary of the Battle in Mogadishu.

October 19, 2001 – 2003 2nd Anniversary of the Jump into Objective Rhino.

October 25, 1983 – 2003 20th Anniversary of Operation Urgent Fury, this one operation is attributed to starting the path to "jointness" in military operations that continues to this day.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT

The author of this request for information Duane Frederic, an amateur military historian who did much of the heavy lifting on the research side in obtaining the MOH for CPT Rocky Versace. If any of you can provide Duane with the information he's requested it would be very helpful.

Bill Schwartz

Subj: Looking for Sr. Advisor & G3 for IICTZ, circa December 1964

From: defrederic@alltel.net

I am starting archival research for a high level (DSC/MOH) valor award for SSG Harold George Bennett. He was assigned to Advisory Team 95 at Bien Hoa, from October-December 29, 1964, when he was captured at the battle of Binh Gia, Phuoc Tuy province, with elements of the RVN 33rd Ranger Battalion. The Viet Cong executed him in June, 1965 for being a hard-core POW-resister.

I have located his immediate CO, (then) CPT James E. Behnke. The IICTZ Sr. Advisor was COL "Jap" Wilson (deceased), and IICTZ G-3 was LTC Plummer (first name unknown.) I would like to contact LTC Plummer if he is still alive. I am also trying to find anyone else who has knowledge about the battle of Binh Gia (such as MACV staffers), or who may have served with SSG Bennett either stateside or in Vietnam ARVN 33d Ranger BN.

RANGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know the Ranger Memorial Foundation gives scholarships of \$750 to Rangers and their family members? Check with RMF at their website www.rangermemorial.org.

WARNING ORDER

The Central Region is planning a mixer/social get together in Dallas in November, Wichita in December and at Fort Leavenworth/Kansas City in January. More information to come via Frago soon. If you live in or near one of those areas and would like to help plan the op, please contact Karl Monger at 316-290-8813 or kmonger@ksbbbs.org

COMBAT LESSONS LEARNED, SHARED AT INFANTRY CONFERENCE

Rangers & Special Forces Share Battle Space with Mech Units

(excerpts from The Bayonet on the Web, 19 SEP 2003)

The recent Infantry Conference held at Fort Benning, GA concluded that "operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown the relevance of infantry," according to COL Tony Cucolo, assistant division commander for support, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY. "Our infantry training works. Our leader training works." COL Will Grimsley, commander, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), from Fort Stewart, GA., echoed Cucolo's statement. Cucolo, Grimsley and officers from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX; 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY; 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, GA; and the 5th Special Forces Group (Abn.), Fort Campbell, KY offered observations on the evolving nature of military operations.

The Army is fighting a multifaceted threat against a tenacious enemy, they said, and the conventional fight has evolved into a paramilitary fight. But the bottom line, COL Grimsley said, is that "while mechanized forces in Iraq provided excellent combat capability on initial entry, combined with armor, field artillery, engineer and close air support assets, they became unstoppable," he said. "The combined force wins." The contemporary battlefield, the leaders said, needs units that are adaptable, flexible and characterized by interoperability with joint and combined forces.

Both Ranger and Special Operations units found themselves working side-by-side with mechanized units. "We were sharing the same battle space," said LTC Sean Jenkins, 75th Ranger Regiment operations officer. "And there was the additional dimension and complexity of having other governmental agencies there as well." Infantry company commanders in Iraq found themselves working directly with Special Forces A-Teams, which was previously unheard of, said MAJ Chris Miller, operations officer for the 5th Special Forces Group (Abn). "This low-level, tactical interfacing, this sharing of intelligence, will become more of the norm," Miller said.

MAJ Miller said his seasoned Special Forces soldiers wondered if the young infantrymen would be up to the task of conducting a joint search for documents in downtown Baghdad. As the A-Team followed the Bradleys down a street, they came under attack by rocket-propelled grenades. "The last thing this A-Team NCO saw was the ramp on the Bradley coming down and the looks of stone-cold determination on the soldiers' faces," he said. Both Ranger and Special Forces units

identified the need for increased mobility as a result of recent operations. Miller drew laughs from the audience with a picture of Special Forces soldiers on horseback in Afghanistan, but he delivered a serious warning: "Technology is not a panacea."

"We want infantrymen who can operate in a joint environment, who can transition to stability and support operations," COL Cucolo said. "But we still have to field infantrymen who will have to break in the door of a building and have to shoulder the fight." The 75th Rangers are focusing on small-unit infantry skills," LTC Jenkins said. "We call them the 'big four' - physical training, medical, marksmanship and battle drills."

After training, equipment received mainly positive reviews. Across the board, units had high praise for the new interceptor body armor, which stopped 7.62 mm rounds, and the Javelin, used extensively by Special Forces soldiers and others to kill enemy vehicles. The highlight of the new equipment was the Blue Force Tracker, which allows units to see other "friendly" forces on the battlefield. The system, hailed as "incredible and phenomenal" by some units and "critical" by others, reduced the instances of fratricide. "But more importantly," MAJ Miller said, "we didn't have to spend a lot of time on the phone finding out where people were." Leaders also highlighted the need for improved, "on-the-move communications."

Capstone speaker GEN William Wallace, commander of the Combined Arms Center, said the nature of current operations "may involve you to be fighting to your front and be handing out Band-Aids to your rear." As the V Corps commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom, GEN Wallace said he was able to see how reconnaissance, fire and maneuver were used in the "right balance at every echelon. "It was magnificent to watch," he said.

RANGER HISTORY: ROGERS RANGERS

(From Acidus.com/Rogers.html)

Robert Rogers was a colonial farmer recruited from New Hampshire in 1755 by the British for service in the French and Indian War (1754-63). He created a unit called Rogers' Rangers in 1756 (the first Rangers), and by 1758 the British placed him in charge of all colonial Ranger companies. The Rangers wore distinctive green outfits and developed tactics called "Rogers' Ranging Rules", which the British considered unconventional. These tactics are still in use by Rangers today, including the Green Berets.



Rogers' Rangers were most famous for their engagement with the Abenaki St Francis Indians, who lived midway between Montreal and Quebec. These Abenaki were credited with the deaths of over 600 colonists during the duration of the war. After the Indians attacked a retreating British unit under a flag of truce, Rogers led a handpicked force of 200 Rangers to destroy the Indian's village.

Rogers' Rangers took part in General James Wolfe's expedition against Quebec and in the Montreal campaign of 1760. The Rangers were later sent by General Jeffrey Amherst to take possession of the northwestern posts, including Detroit. In 1763 the Rangers were in the West again, during Pontiac's War (1763-64), and they participated in the Battle of Bloody Bridge.

After the war, Rogers went to England to write of his accounts. In 1766 he asked King George III to fund an expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific. The King refused, but granted him command of the northwest post called "Michilimackinac." From there, Rogers conducted his own expedition anyways. His ambition caused him to be sent to England on the charges of treason, but he was acquitted.

Historians believe the spark of the American Revolution may have begun in the ranks of Rogers' Rangers. One of America's best officers during the Revolution was John Stark, who had been Rogers' Lieutenant. The British had treated the Rangers poorly during the French and Indian War. In 1775 former members of Rogers' Rangers fired upon the British at Concord and Lexington. Rogers returned to America to join the Revolution when it started. George Washington refused his offer of help, because he feared that Rogers might be a loyalist spy.

Outraged by this, Rogers openly joined the British and organized and commanded the Queen's Rang-

ers, which saw service in areas around New York City, and later created the King's Rangers.



Robert Rogers (b. Nov. 7, 1731, Methuen, Mass.--d. May 18, 1795)



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