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# RANGER REGISTER

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



To all U.S. Army Rangers serving at home and in the farthest corners of the world. God bless you and we wish you a safe and prosperous New Year.

*USARA President Jim Grimshaw and the USARA BOD*

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

### VIVA LAS VEGAS!

Starting this issue through May 2004, the Ranger Register will be published monthly and sent to you via first class mail to all members except those who want it by email (e-zine) only. Sending it by e-mail saves money and gets it to you sooner and in color.

We are doing this to promote the Annual Ranger Muster 2004 in Las Vegas in June 2004 and encourage you to attend. We are hoping you will bring your wives, girlfriends, close family members and guests. This will be a great time to have a vacation in Las Vegas and enjoy being around fellow Rangers. Even if you don't like to gamble, there are many entertainment shows, good restaurants and other activities in and around Las Vegas.

Our goal is to have 200 or more USARA members attend this muster. *We are going to have a raffle of high-value items, including the new USARA .45 Cal Commemorative Pistol, our engraved .45 Cal compact carry pistol, and our engraved combat knife.* We will also have door prizes at the banquet. Sorry, we can't auction off Las Vegas showgirls!

All you need to do is complete and send the ARM-2004 Registration Form and Fee to the address shown on the form. You are responsible for making your hotel and travel arrangements. The Riviera Hotel phone numbers are on the form. **REGISTER NOW! BRING ANOTHER RANGER WITH YOU WHO WILL JOIN USARA AND REGISTER FOR THE ARM AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A 25% DISCOUNT ON YOUR REGISTRATION FEE!**

For those of you who are also Special Forces veterans, this will be a good time to be around fellow SF soldiers as well as Ranger veterans. The Special Forces Association is holding their annual convention at the Riviera Hotel the same time as USARA.

Western Regional Director Peter Stevens and his planning group have been working hard to organize

ARM-2004 and motivate YOU to attend. If you have any ideas on how to make this the best ARM ever, don't hesitate to contact him. His email address and phone number are on the last page.

We also welcome Dennis Fox, our new Nevada Area Commander who lives in Las Vegas. Dennis is enthusiastic about working with Peter to bring USARA members to his hometown for a great time. Thanks to Bo Gritz for serving as the Nevada Area Commander for the past year. Hope all is well, Bo?

Sometimes as your Prez I get so wrapped up in USARA matters that I forget to properly recognize somebody for their outstanding support. Bill Schwartz was the latest victim of my CRS, as I did not publicly thank him in the last edition of the Ranger Register for his outstanding service. My apologies, Bill! As International Regional Director, Bill served honorably for the past five years, provided sage advice and was a leavening factor on the Board of Directors. Wish you the best!

Your Board of Directors recognizes USARA must have a strong support base in Columbus, GA and wishes to announce the formation of a Columbus based Operational Support Team headed by Frank Casey. This team of volunteers will handle a variety of responsibilities that will assist the President and Secretary, especially if members living outside the Columbus area fill these two positions. If this project goes as planned, it will become an official Ranger Base whose primary mission is dedicated support of USARA national responsibilities.

Frank is also our Chairman, Awards Committee and wants to remind you that this is the last month for nominating outstanding Rangers for the Ranger Hall of Fame. If you need help, contact your Regional Director first and they'll get you hooked up with Frank. See you in Las Vegas! RLTW!

*Jim Grimshaw, President USARA*

## USARA Annual Ranger Muster 2004

June 20 - 24 at the Riviera Hotel  
Las Vegas, NV



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

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

USARA 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

**Web:** <http://www.rivierahotel.com> (note: uses Flash and a whole lot of bandwidth)

**Phone:** Toll-free (800) 634-6753 or (702) 794-9561

**Fax:** (702) 794-9410

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

For more information contact:

Peter Stevens, Western Regional Director  
(801) 583-8458  
(801) 294-2634

# 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](mailto:PlayGolf44@aol.com) for information about nomination procedures.



## Treasurer's Report (As of 30 SEP 03)

Investment acct = \$47,654.49  
 Checking acct = \$14,108.54

### 2003 YTD- Income

Dues	\$13,410.00
Store	\$ 1,521.25
ARM	\$ 3,600.00
Marketing	\$ 1,250.00
Uncashed cks.	\$ 291.64

### 2003 YTD- Expenditures

Dues cards	\$ 985.22
Store	\$ 836.99
ARM	\$ 5,183.33
Marketing	\$ 520.00
Register	\$ 1,080.86 (3 issues)
Officer travel	\$ 1,999.24
Sec.expenses	\$ 1,269.08
Other expense	\$ 2,090.75
Donations	\$ 2,575.50
Bills due	\$ 1,354.90

## USARA SECRETARY STILL NEEDED

By Jim Grimshaw, President

**USARA still 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.

We prefer this position be filled by a Ranger living in the Columbus/Phoenix 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](mailto: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.

## USPTGEAR TO RUN RANGER STORE

By Jim Grimshaw

USARA has just closed a deal to outsource the Ranger Store to USPTGEAR, an Internet military apparel firm located in Vienna, VA. Soon you will be able to order Ranger Store items directly at <http://armyranger.usptgear.com/>. This part of the operation is for USARA members only. Operational details are not final, but envision you will be asked to provide your membership number to place your order.

USPTGEAR will also sell military apparel recreation items such as running suits, sweatshirts, polar fleece jackets and vests, t-shirts, shorts, and other products with the trademarked USARA logos on them to the general public, as well as USARA members. This is a great deal for USARA in that we eliminate the requirement for a Quartermaster/Ranger Store Manager, we transfer the operation to a professional firm that will manage the store and we will profit from the sales. Oversight of the store is provided by yours truly.

We are hoping to have the store operational before the end of December. Check both their and our websites for the grand opening of the store. Simply put, this a far better way to serve USARA members, as well as profit from sales from the general public. Orders will be shipped within 48 hrs after you place them. We will have a link to <http://armyranger.usptgear.com/> on the USARA website [www.ranger.org](http://www.ranger.org) for ordering convenience. Stay tuned for the details. Also, USPTGEAR will be operational at ARM-2004.

I have several Ranger Store orders that came in during the period the Ranger Store was closed and before the deal with USPTGEAR was approved. I will send these orders to them as soon as the store becomes operational. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

## ROLL CALL PROGRAM FROM THE AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM

By Lori Pastor

I am working with the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC on a special program for soldiers. The museum has established the Roll Call program, which honors those who have served or are now serving in Airborne & Special Operations units. While other branches have their database programs, this is the only permanent archive and Internet service that preserves the shared history of airborne and special operations soldiers. The tremendous contributions and sacrifices these soldiers have made and continue to make for America's freedom is a part of history that is too important to be left to chance and forgotten.

As an interactive database Roll Call provides basic historical background information including units a soldier served with, tabs, badges, military decorations, awards, etc. Their insights into what their service has meant to them may also be included. They may enter as much or as little information as they wish.

In order to provide access for as many soldiers as possible, the Airborne & Special Operations Museum has authorized a special promotion through December 31st, 2003. During this time they can add their name and information to this special list free of charge (normally a \$25 fee). They can go online to [www.asomf.org](http://www.asomf.org) and include their service in this important historical record. I have attached to this e-mail a shorter information piece on Roll Call for your use should you so choose.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below or via e-mail. I look forward to seeing you in Roll Call.

Lori Pastor, Manager, External Operations  
Suggs Group Inc.  
Phone: (910) 483-2221  
Fax: (910) 483-8090

**P.S.** Just so you are aware, the \$25 is a fee that goes to the museum foundation and is a one-time fee. The only other fees that exist in the program are: if there is a need to change/modify their data beyond the first 2 times (the first two times modifying their data is free); if they would like to include their picture; and if they would like to purchase an additional web page to write more about their history.

## BAD ADDRESSES

The following Rangers have relocated without updating their addresses with USARA. If you are on the list, or know of the whereabouts of those who are, please let us know the new address.

<b>AOR 3400</b>	<b>Adamy, Edward S.</b>
<b>AOR 3488</b>	<b>Anderson, James R.</b>
<b>ARR3582</b>	<b>Beck, Dean A.</b>
<b>ARR3467</b>	<b>Denman, Jariko C.</b>
<b>LRR0506</b>	<b>Dowse III, Byron C.</b>
<b>AOR2697</b>	<b>Mendoza-Heinrich, Rodrigo</b>
<b>LRR1216</b>	<b>Oliver, John T.</b>
<b>AOR3575</b>	<b>Prokop, Jason M.</b>
<b>LRR1817</b>	<b>Van Camp, James P.</b>

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**Western Region: Peter Stevens, Director**  
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**International Region: Linc German, Director**  
APOs, Guam, CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the allied nations of the world.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

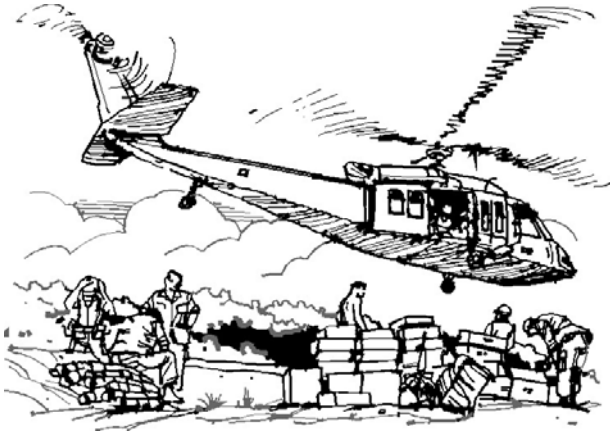
Our renewal date for ALL annual memberships is 1 January each year. The BOD adopted this change so that a proper budget can be developed for the Association each year. It will be greatly appreciated if annual members pay their dues NOW so the new membership cards can be mailed out by the end of January.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.rangermemorial.org).

## USARA DUES

**(Annual Dues Payable NOW!)**

**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.

## POINTE DU HOC UPDATE

*By Editor McGeek*

I received a response to my letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission concerning the deplorable conditions at the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument. The response was from Mr. Kenneth S. Pond, Executive Director, who replied that as a result of heavy rains in Normandy two years ago the cliffs underlying the monument have eroded badly. As a result, the French government closed public access to the old German bunker upon which the monument sits. The ABMC originally believed that this closure would only be temporary. However, it is now clear that the monument must be relocated.

The ABMC is working with the French government to renovate the entire area of the Pointe du Hoc monument. A major project to create a visitor's center and add additional parking is currently underway. Part of the project includes a new ceremonial area with a clear view of the entire site. More details to follow.



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USARA ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2004  
RIVIERA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NV.  
20-24 JUNE, 2004  
REGISTRATION

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ USARA MEMBER NR \_\_\_\_\_

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GOLF SHIRT SIZE: (Circle one for you and one for your guest) COLOR: NAVY BLUE W/USARA LOGO  
SM MED LG XLG XXLG

Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XLG XXLG

REGISTRATION	Check#	Cost	X	#Attendees	Total
1. REGISTRATION FEE (per person) Fee covers shirts, Hospitality Room food and beverage and other operational expenses.		\$85 BEFORE 1 MAY		\$ _____	
		\$100 AFTER 1 MAY		\$ _____	
2. BANQUET FEE (per person) BANQUET IS JUNE 23 GUEST SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED.		\$65 BEFORE 1 MAY		\$ _____	
		\$75 AFTER 1 MAY		\$ _____	
3. RAFFLE TICKETS FOR COMMEMORATIVE 45 CAL PISTOL, COMPACT CARRY PISTOL (PISTOLS FROM SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR USARA); USARA COMBAT KNIFE; USARA SUNGLASSES AND TEDDY BEARS. THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR EACH ITEM OFFERED AT THE BANQUET.		\$30	X TICKETS	\$ _____	
Grand Total Enclosed:				\$ _____	

THE CP IS THE RIVIERA HOTEL, 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD SOUTH. HOTEL POC: JON STANTON.  
YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH USARA.  
CALL (800) 634-6753 FOR RESERVATIONS. ROOM RATE IS \$73 PER NIGHT.

BUSINESS MEETINGS, HOSPITALITY ROOM AND BANQUET AT THE RIVIERA HOTEL. YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS EXCEPT THOSE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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**RANGER STORE**

**MANAGER:** *(See Page 4 this issue for latest on USPTGEAR contract)*