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President Ronald Reagan at Pointe du Hoc, June 6, 1984
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JUNE 6, 1944-2004 60th Anniversary of D-Day and Pointe du Hoc

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S TENT

Rangers, I just want to say one last time how much I have appreciated your support over the last five and half years. We've come a long way! And we have a long way to go to build the membership and increase our services to members and support the active duty Rangers. I'm sure we can accomplish these objectives if we cooperate and graduate. Come to ARM-2004 and stand tall in the USARA Formation on 23 June. Show your Ranger pride and meet some fine young Rangers from the 75th Ranger Regiment who will be our Color Guard! See you on the Objective or at the Rally Point. Many thanks, and see you in Las Vegas!

Jim Grimshaw, President

ARM-2004 USARA FORMATION 0900 HRS 23 JUNE RIVIERA HOTEL

USARA will hold an ARM-2004 Formation in the parking lot of the Riviera Hotel on the date/time indicated above. 75th Ranger Regiment will provide the Color Guard. This will be an outstanding opportunity to show our presence in Las Vegas. An official USARA ARM-2004 photograph will be taken and copies of photos will be available for sale. Preferred uniform is tan beret w/flash and distinguished unit insignia pin, white summer uniform shirt with all qualification badges, ribbons, patches, nametag, black slacks. Wear all decorations just like you did on your Army uniform. If you do not have this uniform, you can order the beret and shirt from USPTGEAR. Otherwise, you should show up in the USARA golf shirt you will receive when you register with USARA upon arrival and a tan beret (or any color beret you once earned). Commander of Troops is President Jim Grimshaw. You will want to be there!



USARA White Summer Uniform Shirt



Tan Beret w/USARA Distinctive Unit Insignia

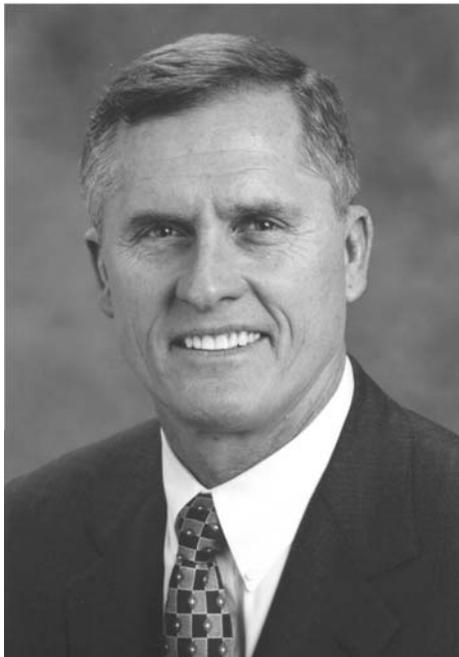
USARA ARM- 2004 20-24 June at the Riviera Hotel Las Vegas, NV.

It's not too late to register now. If you still haven't decided, take a look at the next page for what's going to raffled off at the banquet!!

For reservations, call the hotel toll free at (800) 634-6753. The rate is \$73.00 per night plus tax. Be sure to tell the hotel that you are with USARA. Vegas is booked but we still have some rooms available.

Contact Peter Stevens, Western Regional Director at (801) 583-8458 or (801) 294-2634 and let him know that you are coming.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Brigadier General (Ret.) David L. Grange will be the special guest speaker at the ARM-2004 Banquet on Wednesday, 23 June. General Grange served with L Company, 75th Rangers in Vietnam. During two tours of service in Vietnam, Grange was awarded three Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts. During his 30-years of military service, he operated in Infantry, Ranger, Special Forces, and Delta Force units throughout the world.

BRING YOUR MEMORABILIA

Peter Stevens has requested that all Rangers attending ARM-2004 bring some of their Ranger pictures and memorabilia, but please do not bring your ex-wives or those C-ration cigarettes you've been saving since 1962.

Lost Ranger

Lorraine Henderson is seeking her son's father, Rgr. Wayne R. Hart. She can be reached at P.O. Box 2502, Augusta, Maine 04338. Tel. (207) 445-3957

ARM-2004 Raffle

Rangers attending the ARM-2004 Banquet on Wednesday, 23 June will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the Ranger Commemorative compact carry .45 caliber pistol. The pistol is made by Springfield Armory and was specially designed for USARA. Other items to be raffled off include the USARA combat knife, USARA sunglasses and teddy bears (teddy bears??).



The retail value of this pistol is estimated to be around \$2,700.00. It is a real collectors item. Other items of special interest to Rangers will also be auctioned off. And, NO, the showgirls will NOT be up for auction.

The Boys of Pointe du Hoc

*President Ronald Reagan -- Pointe du Hoc, Normandy
June 6, 1984 (The 40th anniversary of D-Day)*

We're here to mark that day in history when the Allied peoples joined in battle to reclaim this continent to liberty. For four long years, much of Europe had been under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried out for liberation. Europe was enslaved, and the world prayed for its rescue. Here in Normandy the rescue began. Here the Allies stood and fought against tyranny in a giant undertaking unparalleled in human history.

We stand on a lonely, windswept point on the northern shore of France. The air is soft, but forty years ago at this moment, the air was dense with smoke and the cries of men, and the air was filled with the crack of rifle fire and the roar of cannon. At dawn, on the morning of the 6th of June 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing craft and ran to the bottom of these cliffs. Their mission was one of the most difficult and daring of the invasion: to climb these sheer and desolate cliffs and take out the enemy guns. The Allies had been told that some of the mightiest of these guns were here and they would be trained on the beaches to stop the Allied advance.

The Rangers looked up and saw the enemy soldiers -- at the edge of the cliffs shooting down at them with machine-guns and throwing grenades. And the American Rangers began to climb. They shot rope ladders over the face of these cliffs and began to

pull themselves up. When one Ranger fell, another would take his place. When one rope was cut, a Ranger would grab another and begin his climb again. They climbed, shot back, and held their footing. Soon, one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe. Two hundred and twenty-five came here. After two days of fighting only ninety could still bear arms. Behind me is a memorial that symbolizes the Ranger daggers that were thrust into the top of these cliffs. And before me are the men who put them there.



These are the boys of Pointe du Hoc. These are the men who took the cliffs. These are the champions who helped free a continent. These are the heroes who helped end a war. Gentlemen, I look at you and I think of the words of Stephen Spender's poem. You are men who in your 'lives fought for life...and left the vivid air signed with your honor'... Forty summers have passed since the battle that you fought here. You were young the day you took these cliffs; some of you were hardly more than

boys, with the deepest joys of life before you. Yet you risked everything here. Why? Why did you do it? What impelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs? What inspired all the men of the armies that met here? We look at you, and somehow we know the answer. It was faith, and belief; it was loyalty and love.

The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge -- and pray God we have not lost



it -- that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those others did not doubt your cause. And you were right not to doubt.

You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man. All of you loved liberty. All of you were willing to fight tyranny, and you knew the people of your countries were behind you.

RANGERS TILLMAN AND CAMPBELL SERVICES

BY RANGER BOB EPPENS

May 3, 2004 was a beautiful day at the Rose Garden in San Jose. Over 3000 people came to Ranger Pat Tillman's home-

town Memorial Service. I was humbled and honored to attend on behalf of the US Army Ranger Association.

Unless you were in isolation or in a coma, you have been following Tillman's NFL sports career turned military following the terrorist attacks in 2001; how he teamed up with his brother Kevin to volunteer for the Army- and the Infantry- and the Airborne- and also the Rangers; and how he was killed in action while on patrol with 2nd Platoon, A Company, 2/75 Rangers in Afghanistan. Ranger Pat Tillman died at age 27, widowing his high school sweetheart, Marie. He was posthumously promoted from specialist to corporal, and was awarded the Silver Star.

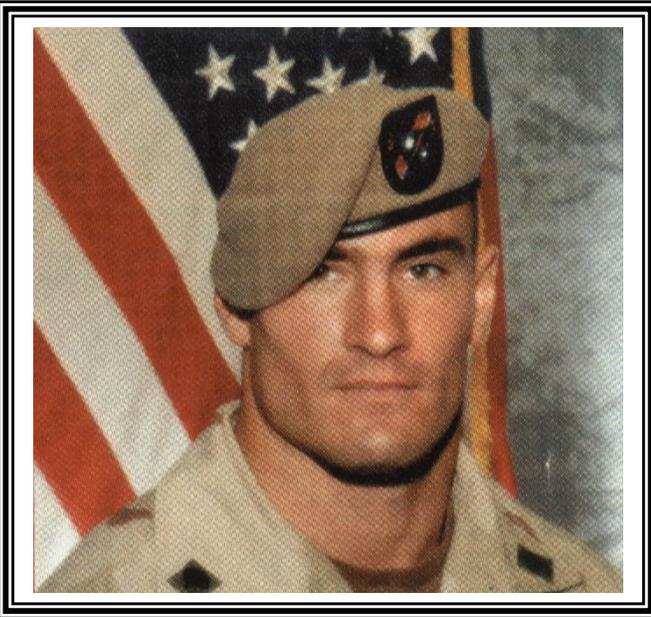
I arrived early. It was a duty day, and I was in uniform. Several strangers emerged from the crowd, and surprised me by saying "thank you so much for serving our country." I quickly linked up with SOCOM's public affairs officers and the casualty affairs officer. They assured me they would communicate to Tillman's family our condolences. I was introduced to several of the Rangers from Ft Lewis, to include a staff sergeant who was Tillman's squad leader. These Rangers looked sharp in their class A's--several had CIBs, most had foreign jump wings. Their tan berets mingled with several black berets.

The Rose Garden had a perimeter of mounted and dismounted policemen, park officers, sheriff deputies and highway patrolmen. Five fire and EMS vehicles were near the SW corner, and seven television broadcast masts shot upward outside the park's fence. No cameras were allowed, but the event was televised on ESPN and other networks. There were businessmen and cowboys in attendance; women in sun dresses and high heels (had a rough time of it on the turf). Tillman's old Arizona Cardinal teammates looked like security: black suits with white shirts, and communication headsets. Looking closer, they had helmet lapel pins. Several veteran's organizations were there too, and I rendez-

voused later with area Rangers, including USARA member Gerry Rush, once the service was over.

The Tillman family and VIPs were rushed in and out of the ceremony, and I was unable to visit directly with Ranger Tillman's family. I would have liked to pull his brother Kevin aside, tell him how proud we are of him, and of his brother. I wondered: having lost his brother in action, did he get a choice of opting out of combat? Knowing the Ranger bond, I expect he returned to his squad, "fully knowing the hazards of his chosen profession."

There were two and a half hours of eulogies from families, friends, and athletes. Navy SEAL Steve White talked briefly about Tillman's character, and how they teamed up for ops in Afghanistan, and last year in Iraq. Other than US flags and about 20 military uniforms, there was little patriotic or spiritual flavor to the memorial. No taps. No prayers.



I wished we could have honored Ranger Pat Tillman like we honored Ranger Alan Campbell in Sacramento five days later. Campbell, a 2/75 plank holder, died suddenly following a bacterial infection. Within 24 hours of alert, nine Rangers (veterans from 1st & 2nd Ranger Battalions as well as Viet Nam Ranger Companies) assembled for his funeral, with two driving from eight hours away. Minutes

before his service was to begin, we asked if we could share our own ceremony with the mourners.

The Campbell family was all for it, and we added a Ranger roll call at the very end of the memorial. As our names were called, we bolted to attention, sounding off: "Here, sir!" But then: "Ranger Campbell..." No response. "Ranger Alan Campbell..." "Ranger Alan C. Campbell..." Taps sounded. We Rangers snapped our final salute to our comrade. I could hear sobs around me as the final notes played; there were few, if any, dry eyes. It was a very intimate farewell we shared.

Ranger Campbell, 51, left behind a wife and 15 year-old son.

Ranger Christian Kilpatrick Remembered

BY RANGER MIKE MCCLINTOCK

I had the honor of representing USARA at the funeral of Ranger Sergeant Christian Kilpatrick. Ranger Kilpatrick, 25, served with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment on multiple tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, and had fought at Haditha Dam in Iraq. Kilpatrick was working for CSC/DynCorp in Iraq when the vehicle he was driving was struck by RPGs and machinegun fire. His DynCorp team leader, former Ranger Scott McMillan said the convoy was "trying to find a safer route to transport the people that we protect," and that "All of the fire was concentrated on our vehicle." After returning fire, the convoy sped away and headed straight to a first aid station, but it was too late for Kilpatrick. Another American in the same vehicle as Kilpatrick and McMillan was wounded and will recover.

May 20, 2004 was a mild spring day in Northern California. With two bagpipers playing mournfully in the background, the black hearse carrying Ranger Kilpatrick's flag-draped casket arrived promptly at 1100 at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery

outside of the small town of Sebastopol. The hearse was met by an honor guard of Christian's Ranger comrades from B/3/75. The honor guard was led by SSG James P--- (last name omitted for op sec), formerly of Bravo Company and now on active duty with Special Forces. Under the young SSgt's direction the Rangers slowly carried the remains of their fallen comrade to his final resting place. The Rangers then reformed and waited for the services to conclude, at which time they returned to the graveside, removed the American Flag from the casket, folded it smartly and presented it to



Ranger Christian Kilpatrick's mother, Patty Ann Foley, his father, Jim Kilpatrick and girlfriend, Tara Scott at an earlier memorial service for the fallen Ranger. (Photo Credit: Thomas K. Sorenson. Novato Advance)

Christian's mother, Patty Ann Foley. You could see Patty Ann's love and respect for her son's Ranger friends when she hugged the young SSG who presented the flag to her and for each of the Bravo Company Rangers as they came through the reception line a little later. When I introduced myself to Ms. Foley as a representing USARA, and offered her and her family our condolences, she replied that "Rangers were truly special people." As I looked back at the young Rangers in the honor guard, I had to agree with her. In addition to the military honors accorded Ranger Kilpatrick by his brother Rangers, the "Petaluma Veterans," a volunteer group led by Larry Meaney provided a 21-gun salute. Thanks guys for your support of all deceased veterans and their families

in and around Sonoma County. You did a great job too. Earlier, Christian's father, Jim Kilpatrick said his son was doing exactly what he wanted, and that "He had made the decision to stay in Iraq. He believed in what he was doing. You couldn't talk him out of doing something he wanted to do. That's just the kind of guy he was." Christian's girlfriend, Tara Scott said "He was very proud of what he was doing." I spoke briefly with Ranger Tommy Wallace, who escorted Christian's body back from Iraq. He too concurred that Christian was truly a special person. May God grant Ranger Kilpatrick the peace that he has so justly earned.

ARM-2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sunday, June 20:** Arrival, check-in and registration. Get credentials. Hospitality Room open.
- Monday, June 21:** BOD meeting. Hospitality Room open.
- Tuesday, June 22:** Open time (see exhibits, golf, sightsee, shopping, etc. Hospitality Room open.
- Wednesday, June 23:** General Membership Meeting, Banquet, Auction.
- Thursday, June 24:** Departure or remain for SFA Convention. No hospitality room.

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