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USARA Board of Directors at their February 2005 meeting in Charlotte, NC

From left to right Tom Herring, Walt Eckhardt, Linc German, Peter Stevens, Steve Maguire (seated), Art Silsby, Frank Casey, Tim Swain, and Gregg Orth. Jim Grimshaw in cover and concealment.

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FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S TENT

Rangers, I write these notes after just having returned from Charlotte, where USARA's Board of Directors held a "mid-year" meeting on February 18-19.

One of the first things on our agenda was some additional planning for our Annual Ranger Muster. Those who've checked out Ranger.org lately, will have seen that this year's ARM will take place during Ranger Rendezvous Week, July 5 thru 8, at Fort Benning. USARA will be headquartered at the new Hilton Hotel in Columbus. And, for those of you who have never attended an ARM, I strongly encourage you to join us there. It's a great opportunity to spend some time with an outstanding group of US Army Rangers, young and old. As USARA represents Rangers from all eras, some of our members can remember storming Omaha Beach, while others are recently back from the mountains of Afghanistan.; and of course, everything in-between.

Beyond ARM planning, we worked on a good number of other issues, and I'd like to summarize just a few:

After some considerable research on their part, our Finance Committee chair, Linc German, presented a new investment plan, and their rationale for it formed a recommendation for a policy going forward. As such, the bulk of USARA's assets will be invested in Certificates of Deposit with the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. The policy dictating this derives from a determination that we gain the highest return available, while

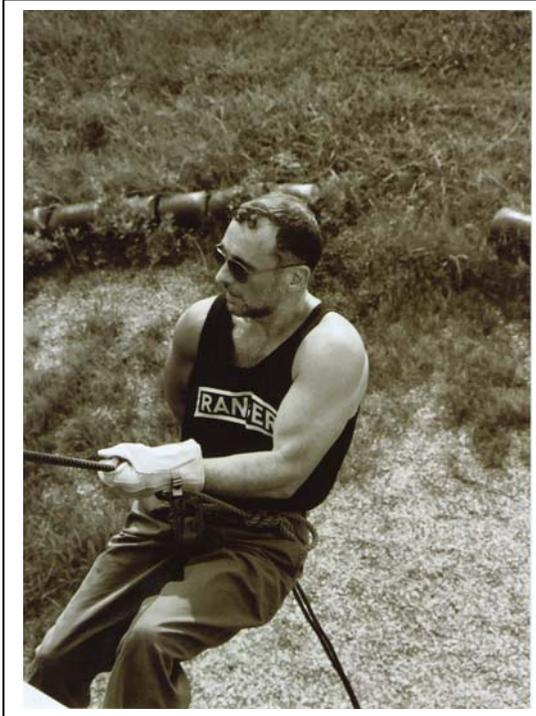
assuring that every dime is FDIC insured. In other words, we will not put any principal at risk in the hope of securing a greater return. The USARA treasury is presently healthier than at any previous time. Our current checking account will continue to be maintained at the Columbus Bank and Trust, given that most of our routine expenditures are made on or around Fort Benning.

Jim Grimshaw, our Marketing Director presented the status of our program and Ranger Store, the latter hosted by US PT Gear. Look for new developments in upcoming issues.

With our Secretary, Gregg Orth's presentation of our current Membership status, I took note that the issue of retention was something I'd like to bring up here. Each year, we get many new members, both Life and Annual. However, on account

of non-payment of dues, we lose a bunch. We do continue to send the Register for a while, but eventually they get dropped. What to do? We've tried to gain an understanding of this in a couple of ways; in 2000, our then Membership Chair, Ranger Milt Brown sent out surveys to all our members. However, with only 10% responding, we learned little from our "silent" members, and it is from this group that our losses occur.

One thing is clear though, that the more active a member is, the more likely he is to become a Life Member, and thus will remain a member, well, for life. At present, about half of USARA consists of Life Members. What is an "active" member? I'd say that it's one who at minimum attends USARA functions, principally the Annual Ranger Muster. In so doing, he meets other Ranger members, and they meet him. Yes, it's another reminder to sign up! Remember, this is



Maguire on rappel at ARM 2003

one of the few military organizations where every member is the “real deal.”

As some of you read in an earlier draft copy that went out by email, we aimed to tackle a number of other issues, and we did, some more than others. USARA’s bylaws need some updating and revision, and that is scheduled to be done prior to the ARM where changes can be voted on at the annual General Membership Meeting.

We went on to discuss several items related to the Ranger Hall of Fame, to include the recent volunteering of Ranger Gilbert Baca, BG (Ret), to work on pre-nominations. This will entail the identifying of “unsung heroes” who would likely meet the RHOF criteria. The names and accompanying information of such men will then be placed on an OML by our Awards Committee, with the top three (our allotment) being sent forward to the RHOF Board. I believe this will greatly enhance the submissions we make to this valued institution. But don’t forget, any member can bring a name forward. Do you know of any great Rangers with whom you served, who deserve such recognition? Let us know.

The last topic is another for which I invite you to consider or think about. Each year, USARA buys the engraving of two stones at the Ranger Memorial for Rangers who were killed in action, who do not already have one. If you know of such a Ranger, please submit his name to your Regional Director. If you are not sure as to whether this fallen Ranger brother already has a stone, you can check it out at the “stone locator” at the Ranger Memorial website: <http://www.rangermemorial.org/locator.php>

Finally, and with reference to all the issues above; if you have any comments or suggestions, email them, or better still, call your Region Director and let him know what’s on your mind.

Rangers Lead The Way!
Steve Maguire, President

Register Now for the USARA Annual Ranger Muster 5-8 July 2005

Discount for early registration!

Our Annual Ranger Muster 2005 (ARM-2005) will take place from 5-8 July 2005, coinciding with Col. Nixon's change of command ceremony on Friday, 8 July. There's no better way to spend your vacation week (4th of July is that Monday) than with the US Army Ranger Association back at Fort Benning!

Registration includes USARA golf shirt, hospitality room, beverages, and other operational expenses. ***Register by 1 May and receive a 33% discount!*** For more information, see the attached registration form and events schedule.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As all of you know January was the month for our annual members to renew their memberships in the Association. When renewals come to our PO Box, the checks are deposited in the bank and the deposit slips are forwarded to Tom Herring. The info on renewals and/or new members, life applications, etc. is forwarded to USARA Secretary, Gregg Orth. Some of this data, especially new members is passed to Ranger Register editor, McGeek, so he can get them on his mailing list for the Ranger Register. My figures reflect that we have approximately 491 annual members. Thus far, only 46 annual memberships have been renewed. Here is the breakout: Southern--17; Central--10; Western-- 10; Northern--8; and International-- one. **If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2005—PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS

The 2005 edition of Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents is now available on line. It is in PDF format and requires Adobe Acrobat (4.0 or later) or other PDF viewer. It can be accessed either through:

the Office of Public Affairs "Feature Items" page - <http://www.va.gov/OPA/feature/>, or

the "Current Benefits" link at the bottom of the VA Home page - <http://www.va.gov/>

Texas A&M Team To Dig At Historic Pointe du Hoc

From Texas A&M University AggieDaily



The land around Pointe du Hoc, where some of the most intense fighting of the D-Day invasion took place on the Normandy beaches, has been the site recently of numerous surface investigations and field documentation by researchers at Texas A&M University.

They now want to go under it.

A patchwork of underground tunnels - perhaps even containing a mini-railroad system - where German soldiers fought the Allies runs throughout Pointe du Hoc for hundreds of yards. They've never been investigated since the Germans left the area following the D-Day invasion and could contain valuable information - and quite possibly gun parts, equipment, even munitions - and might reveal some new light on the historic hours of June 6, 1944 when the invasion occurred, say researchers.

Robert Warden, associate professor of architecture; Mark Everett, professor of geophysics; Richard Burt, assistant professor of construction science; and Bruce Dickson, professor of anthropology, along with 12 Texas A&M students, examined the area of Pointe du Hoc for three weeks last summer and have just returned from Pointe du Hoc and are convinced new information could be learned by digging into the tunnel system.

"The Germans constructed what amounts to a small city at Pointe du Hoc, with large underground bunkers connected by tunnels," says Warden. "No one knows what is inside these bunkers. We'd like to find out."

To do so will require several steps. Permission must be granted by the French government to dig at the site, and also from the American Battle Monuments Commission, an organization that provides care and maintenance for Pointe du Hoc since it was turned over to it in 1979.

Pointe du Hoc has a special significance for Texas A&M. It was there on June 6, 1944 that Col. James Earl Rudder led a team of Army Rangers up the almost 100-foot high vertical cliffs that overlook the English Channel. Their goal: to capture huge German guns stationed on the hill that would be fired at Allied troops during the invasion. Rudder and his men scaled the cliffs at a high cost - of the 225 Rangers who embarked the cliffs; only 90 lived to tell about it.



Rudder, although wounded twice, and his men scaled the cliffs as the Germans rained down rifle fire and lobbed grenades at the Rangers. Pulitzer Prize winning author Steven Ambrose, in his book The Victors: Eisenhower and the Boys, wrote of Pointe du Hoc, "*The heavy bombardment of Pointe du Hoc had begun weeks before D-Day. Heavy bombers had repeatedly plastered the area, then the battleship Texas took up the action, sending dozens of 14-inch shells into the position. Altogether, Pointe du Hoc got hit by more than ten kilotons of explosives, the equivalent of the explosive power of the atomic bomb used at Hiroshima.*"

Rudder's Rangers eventually captured the site, and Rudder would go on to become president of Texas A&M from 1959 to his death in 1970. Many consider him the university's greatest president; it was he who urged women to be allowed to attend the all-male military school, and he also made membership in the Corps of Cadets voluntary.

"Pointe du Hoc holds a special place for Texas Aggies and for military historians," Everett says. "The bombs that hit the area left huge craters that are still there, some of them 30 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep. But the tunnels and bunkers still remain a mystery. You can see clearly where many are underneath your feet, but what's inside them - who knows?"



One big problem: there are no maps or original drawings of the bunkers and tunnels. *"We have some of the maps and drawings the Rangers made when they took control of Pointe du Hoc, but nothing very accurate," Warden adds. "It's very possible the Germans made no original drawings themselves - at least we can't find any. So the only way we can learn about the tunnels is to go down into them."*

Everett says the local French farmers and others tell of a possible underground railway system the Germans used. To distribute supplies and ammunition around Pointe du Hoc, the Germans built a small rail system on underground tracks. *"That's what we've been told, it's very possible that the markings in the grass we've seen could be the signs of an underground rail system," Everett explains. "If so, that could tell us a lot of valuable in-*

formation. But to prove it, we need to go down there and see for ourselves."

Burt says one of the most important things the team did was to measure the command post that was a central part of the battle, and *"it's still got bullet and shrapnel holes all over it, and a big dent where the Rangers used a bazooka on it. It's partially above ground and partially below it. We'd like to make a digital model of the building and project what it looked like on D-Day compared to what it looks like now."*

Burt adds that the team hopes to solve one big mystery - the location of the huge 155 mm guns the Germans moved from Pointe du Hoc. During the heavy bombing at the site before D-Day, Germans troops moved the large guns to prevent them from being disabled.

"There are three books we had that tell where the Germans moved the guns, but each book gives a slightly different location for the guns," Burt explains. "Also, the local mayor and the owner of the land where the guns were placed identified different locations for the guns. There were six of these huge guns in all and one was damaged, so the Germans moved five. But no one seems to know where, and we'd like to solve that part of the mystery."

Warden says the team will make formal proposals to the French government and the American Battle Monuments Commission so that necessary digging into Pointe du Hoc can begin. The group hopes to get permission and funding to begin the underground work in June of 2005.

Though the team has applied for funding assistance, the multi-year project is currently moving forward with small donations gathered from a variety of sources. Any Rangers interested in supporting the project, preserving this historically significant battlefield and honoring the sacrifice of Rudder's heroic rangers, should contact Dr. Richard Burt at rburt@neo.tamu.edu or (979) 845-0994.

NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS

USARA Executive Vice President, Frank Casey reports the following new and returning members:

- Ranger Joel F. McGuire, Harrison, OH. Joined for 3 years.
- Ranger William B. Tapp Jr. Alexandria, VA. Life Member
- Ranger David L. Grange, Wheaton, IL From annual to Life
- Ranger Wm. J. Watson, Montgomery, NY.
- Ranger Bob Kvederas, Annual
- Ranger Michael B. Moore. Life Member
- Ranger Paul Luarca, Guam. Annual

Ranger Moore's wife paid his membership fee while he is serving in Iraq. Ranger Luarca is our first International Region member from Guam. He graduated Ranger School in 1986 as a Captain.

Art Silsby has recruited the following Rangers who served with him A/1/75:

- Bill Krebs, NC
- Peter Bostrom, VA
- Mark Pelphrey, OH
- Bill Wilt, CA
- Ralph Delli Bovi, CA

Ranger Scholarships Available

The response to the RMF scholarship program has been outstanding. This note is to let you know that the \$750 scholarships are still available. Get your application in now for 2005. Please let your organizations know of this great benefit.

Joseph C. Leuer, Director

Lost Members!

Not getting your hard copy of the Ranger Register? Have you moved? You need to let us know so we can keep in touch and keep our membership roster up to date. If you have moved or will be moving in the future, please notify the USARA Secretary at isolutionsgorth@aol.com

Include your name, membership number, mailing address and e-mail address. Ranger Registers returned by the Postal Service cost our Association over \$100 per year.

Looking For Lost Soldier

Woody Lechause writes that he is trying to locate the family of a World War II soldier from D-Day. He served with the 82nd ABN DIV. Anyone with information on the individual listed below, please contact Woody.

PFC H. T. Bryant, Jr., ASN 38476694
Home State = Texas
F2 Company, 505 PIR, 82nd ABN DIV

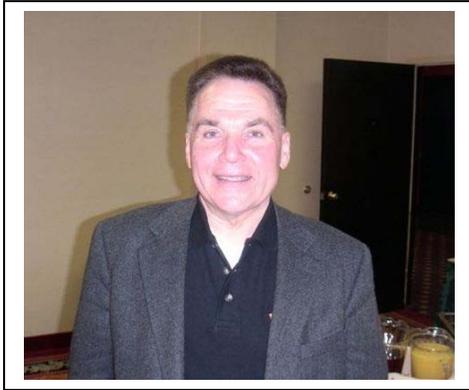
Elwood A.D. "Woody" Lechause
82nd ABN DIV Association
114 Carriage House
Enfield, CT 06082-6043
Phone (860) 253-970

International Region News

Linc German, International Region Director, reports that he's heard from the Portuguese Special Operations Association, AKA *Associacao de Operacoes Especiais* (aoe@clix.pt). It was pointed out by his contact that this outfit was founded by graduates of the US Army Ranger School in 1962! The senior Officer was Capitaine Bacelar Begonha. Linc says that they welcome our contact and hope we take up their invitation to meet at their northern Portugal HQ in Lamego. Another contact is:

rangerfonseca@sapo.pt, check them out!

Linc also reports that he's had contact with Barry Grant of the "1 Commando Assn., Inc." Our great Aussie Mate, Robbie Robinson hooked us up. Bottom line is that this outfit is most akin to ours. Barry informs us that on 2 July the Commandos will observe their 50th anniversary in Sydney with a dinner followed with an 1100 hours Reserve Forces Parade the next day. Of course that's for those still able to walk (those being Barry's words). US Rangers who are "Downunda" in July need to let Linc know ASAP! Get a hold of him at lincgerman@aol.com. He'll pass the info to the Commando Assn. who has asked for info on possible US Ranger participation. More good info on the history of our Aussie Commando Brothers will be found at www.1commando.com. Check it out!



Ranger Tim Swain is the new Central Region Director

REMAINS OF FOUR US MIAs REPATRIATED FROM LAOS

HANOI, Feb 18 (AFP) - The remains of four Americans listed as missing in action (MIA) in Laos during the Vietnam war have been repatriated to the United States, the US embassy in Vientiane said Friday. "Four sets of remain were repatriated. Two of them had been recovered by us and another two were handed over by the Lao government," an embassy official said. They were flown to a laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii, for identification. The state-controlled English daily Vientiane Times said the remains were discovered in the southern provinces of Savannakhet and Saravan. "We have witnessed a great effort and an extraordinary amount of investigation and excavation, carried out concurrently by the joint Lao-US teams in very difficult conditions and terrain," Lao Deputy Foreign Minister Phongsavath Boupha was quoted as saying in the paper. The US government says the full accounting of MIAs who died during its ill-fated intervention in Indochina is a top priority. Over 1,800 Americans remain unaccounted for in the region, most of them in Vietnam. Some 3.14 million Americans served in Vietnam during the war which spanned most of the 1960s and continued until the fall of Saigon in 1975.

Remains of US Serviceman Repatriated from Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Feb 17 (AFP) - Remains believed to be those of an American serviceman missing in action (MIA) from the war in Indochina 30 years ago were repatriated Thursday from Cambodia to the United States. The remains were excavated by a team of Cambodian officials and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), which is tasked with searching for missing US personnel in Southeast Asia. The search was conducted last

month in Cambodia's central Kampong Thom and eastern Kampong Cham provinces. The remains were found last week in Kampong Thom, said US ambassador Charles Ray, who presided over a solemn repatriation ceremony at Phnom Penh airport.

"It's a point that reminds us that their sacrifices in protecting our nation's interests and the cause of peace will never be forgotten," Ray said before the remains were flown out on a US military plane. There are currently 55 Americans listed as MIA in Cambodia, down from 81 before 1990 when the two countries began cooperating in the search, Ray said. Washington says that in neighboring Vietnam, where around 1,870 Americans remain unaccounted for, a full accounting of MIAs who died during the ill-fated US intervention in Indochina is its number-one priority.

Note: US Ambassador to Laos Patricia Haslach also participated in the repatriation ceremony, and she will also be participating in the upcoming POW/MIA Consultations to be held February 26-27th in Luang Prabang, Laos. Like Ambassador Charlie Ray in Cambodia and Ambassador Michael Marine in Vietnam, Ambassador Haslach is a tremendous asset to the issue. (Note also that Ambassador Ray is a former Army Ranger--McGeek)

Articles courtesy of Ann Mills Griffiths,
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USARA REGIONS

Northern Region: **Walt Eckhardt, Director**

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, DC, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, New Jersey.

Central Region: **Tim Swain, Director**

Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma.

Southern Region: **Art Silsby, Director**

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi.

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.

SELECTION AND SCHEDULING OF SOLDIERS FOR UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER SCHOOL

From the PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER

A. REFERENCE AR 350-1, ARMY TRAINING AND EDUCATION, DATED 9 APRIL 2003.

1. THE CONTEMPORARY OPERATING ENVIRONMENT DICTATES A CHANGE TO ARMY POLICY ON ATTENDANCE AT THE RANGER SCHOOL. COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (CS/CSS) SOLDIERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE ASSIGNED AGAINST RANGER AUTHORIZATIONS IN ORDER TO ATTEND RANGER TRAINING. ATTENDANCE TO RANGER TRAINING REMAINS LIMITED TO SOLDIERS FOR WHOM THE DOD DIRECT COMBAT RULE POLICY APPLIES AS OUTLINED BY AR 600-13 AND AR 680-29. AN INCREASE OF CS/CSS RANGER QUALIFIED SOLDIERS ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE ARMY IS THE INTENDED GOAL OF THIS POLICY CHANGE.

2. IN SUPPORT OF THIS ACTION, THE FOLLOWING IS DIRECTED:

A. OFFICERS MAY REQUEST VOLUNTARY RANGER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY SUBMISSION OF A DA FORM 4187 THROUGH THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC) (AHRC-OPL-L), 200 STOVAL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332, ATTN: MR. RIVERA [FAX: (703) 325-4590] FOR CONSIDERATION. ENLISTED SOLDIERS MAY REQUEST VOLUNTARY RANGER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY SUBMISSION OF A DA FORM 4187 THROUGH THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND TO THE APPROVAL AUTHORITY WHICH IS HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (AHRC-EPT-T), 2461 EISENHOWER AVE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332, ATTN: MR. BAILEY [FAX: (703) 325-4590] FOR CONSIDERATION. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FAXED, MAILED, OR ENTERED THROUGH ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS RESOURCE (ATRRS).

B. ALL DA FORM 4187 S MUST INCLUDE THE ORGANIZATION S 1SG AKO ADDRESS. APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR SOLDIERS THAT VOLUNTEERED FOR RANGER TRAINING IS HRC AND MAY NOT BE FURTHER DELEGATED.

C. SOLDIERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT AIRBORNE PHYSICAL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ATTENDANCE AND MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO RANGER SCHOOL WITH THE SUBMISSION OF DA FORM 4187. VOLUNTARY REQUESTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST BE FAVORA-

BLY ENDORSED THROUGH THE SOLDIER S CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE SCOPE OF RANGER TRAINING INCLUDES TASKS THAT NORMALLY ARE NOT FULLY REINFORCED IN CS/CSS SCHOOL PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION. SOLDIERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A PRE-RANGER COURSE (OR EQUIVALENT) HAVE A GREATER CHANCE FOR SUCCESS AND WILL THEREFORE RECEIVE MORE FAVORABLE

CONSIDERATION BY HRC. THE ARNG PRE-RANGER COURSE AT FORT BENNING CAN BE SCHEDULED THROUGH ATRRS USING SCHOOL CODE 964A, POC IS MSG SITER AT

sitert@benning.army.mil,

(706) 544-7500 OR DSN 784-7500.

3. FUNDING TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT AND IS CHARGEABLE TO UNITS OPTEMPO INDIRECT, TDY TO SCHOOL ACCOUNT. TRAVEL ORDERS WILL DIRECT GOVERNMENT HOUSING (BARRACKS) AND DIRECT GOVERNMENT MEALS, SEVEN DAYS, PER WEEK. TRAVEL ORDERS MUST BE PREPARED PER HQDA GUIDANCE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.HQDA-ODCSOPS.ARMY.PENTAGON.MIL/MTSS](http://www.hqda-odcsops.army.pentagon.mil/mtss).

4. POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS CSM LIONEL PARKER AT:

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COL JOE T. BACK, JR AT

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5. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 9 FEBRUARY 2007.

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ESSENTIAL VIEWING DEPARTMENT

"A Company of Soldiers" This PBS Front Line program is surprisingly objective for PBS in that it brings you up close to some of the action in Falujah last November with D/1/8 Cav. The entire show is archived at this site in six parts:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/company/>



Fellow Rangers,

I would like to take this time and introduce to you the CPL Jamie Smith Patrol Base of the United States Army Ranger Association Inc. located in Allentown, Pa. We were officially recognized as a Patrol Base by USARA on the 15th of March, 2001. In addition, we obtained the written expressed permission of the Smith family to name the Patrol Base after their son and brother, CPL Jamie Smith; Co. B, 3/75 (KIA in Mogadishu, Somalia). This is a great honor and we hope that we can continue to succeed at all of our future endeavors in representing the association, and CPL Smith's family.

Let me describe to you some of the things that we do as a Patrol Base at large in the Northern Region. We are recognized as an official Veterans Organization in the community of Allentown, Pa. We are members of the United Veterans of Allentown which is comprised of all of its Veteran Organizations such as the VFW, Vietnam Veterans Association, Military order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans to name only a few. We have supported and assisted with the establishing of the Korean / Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is currently becoming a reality. We participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies, where Ranger Bill Anton, former Northern Region Director, was the honorary guest speaker in 2002. We also make appearances in ceremonies on Veterans Day. At times, we travel to make special appearances at other organizations' request. It's a lot of fun too. These times bring back memories of camaraderie and brotherhood which in the civilian world, does not exist the way it did when we were on active duty. We have also been informed in a letter that we would be supported for future events by the Pittsburgh Steelers Organization. We also initiated some Copenhagen relief (the tobacco) with officials of Copenhagen when the hooahs deployed to Afghanistan shortly after the attacks on the World Trade Center.

If you are interested in forming a Patrol Base to represent your area, contact your Region Director and simply follow USARA guidelines in doing so. Membership requirements can be found at www.ranger.org as well as applications for regular membership into the association.

In conclusion, I would like to add that we have members who served in RTB, the Regiment, both, or are graduates of Ranger School and never served in a Ranger Unit. We are all related by heritage. It's not so much what your accomplishments were in the military, but more importantly, what you are doing now with that heritage. This association survives only by what its members do. **You are the association** and you can make a difference. Remember, Rangers Lead the Way and set the example for others to follow. I encourage more participation from members abroad and look forward to meeting most of you somewhere down the line. The memories of our fallen comrades rest upon us to keep those memories alive and well. It is our duty to ensure that this happens. Thank you for your time. RLTW!

Sincerely,
CPL Jamie Smith Patrol Base
US Army Ranger Association Inc.



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Any additional information or questions, please e-mail to idacasting@messmediatv.com or call 310-566-6247

BEST RANGER COMPETITION

1. GENERAL: The Ranger Training Brigade will sponsor the 22D Annual David E. Grange, Jr. Best Ranger Competition from **22-25 April 05**. The competition is a multi-day event that will test the mental and physical stamina, as well as the tactical and technical skills of the participants.

2. CONCEPT: Units will select teams to serve as their representatives in the competition. Officers and enlisted personnel may compete, and must be both Airborne and Ranger qualified, on hazardous duty orders or permissive jump status, and have no adverse personnel actions pending. Awards will be presented on 251000APR05 at the Ranger Memorial, Fort Benning, Georgia. The overall sequence of competition events will remain unknown, but competitors will receive task, condition, and standard prior to the execution of each event. Team allocations for each unit are not flexible. Each unit may train one (1) alternate team. The alternate team may enter the competition on a stand-by basis in the event of a no show. The Ranger Training Brigade (RTB) commander will determine which and how many alternate teams are permitted to compete.

3. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: a. The Best Ranger Competition is a military competition. No civilian/locally purchased items are authorized for use. In an effort to reduce unit and individual cost, the RTB recommends that teams train at home station, utilizing military issued equipment. Participants will not modify their TA-50 or uniforms in any way. All equipment is subject to inspection prior to and during the competition. b. The land navigation and foot marching events are the most physically demanding and fatiguing events conducted during the competition. We recommend foot marching and land navigation at varying distances (up to 25 miles) carrying a 65lb rucksack in Battle Dress uniform, LCE, M-4 Rifle, and military issue boots and original outsoles (no ripple soles, modified outsoles, etc). c. Teams are allowed to billet/mess at 4th Battalion, RTB, NET 10 APR 05. d. The RTB will not store/secure unassigned weapons or equipment. e. Competitors may conduct preparatory training on the Darby Queen obstacle course 0900-1200 and the Todd Field prusik climb/rappel 1300-1600 from 13-15 APR 05. f. All competitors on permissive jump status must complete basic airborne refresher (BAR) and perform a jump with an MC1-1C parachute within 60 days of the competition report date (19 April 04). Teams unable to conduct BAR and a proficiency jump at home station must coordinate with the 1/507th (US Army Airborne School) at Fort Benning for training prior to 19 APR 04 and submit certification of completion to the RTB S3 Air, SFC Pacheco, 706-544-6931 (DSN 784), or email frank.pacheco@benning.army.mil. g. Competing units must submit names of competitors

NLT 01MAR04 to Commander, Ranger Training Brigade, ATTN: ATSH-RBO (Best Ranger) or e-mail stephen.mintz@benning.army.mil with the following information: Name, rank, SSN, unit of assignment, complete unit address, Defense Service Network (DSN), commercial telephone number and e-mail address. Please fill out the enclosed biography form (Appendix A). The basic competition uniform will consist of BDUs, BDU cap, Boots, LCE, weapon and rucksack. i. Teams will report NLT 181600APR05 in duty uniform (BDUs) with all records and equipment at the RTB headquarters. Competitors must also have cash to purchase seven MREs for consumption during the competition. j. After the competition inbrief, the loss of one team member will result in elimination of the team from the competition. k. RTB cadre will control all clothing and equipment exchanges once the competition begins. Receipt of any item from an outside source after the competition starts will result in the team's disqualification from the competition. l. COMPETITORS MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK TO INPROCESS: (1) DA FORM 1610. DA Form 1610 should read "TDY, attached to Ranger Training Brigade for the period 22-25 April 05 to participate in the Best Ranger Competition and return." Units assigned to Ft. Benning do not need attachment orders or 1610's. (2) Hazardous duty orders or permissive jump orders from present assignment (DA Approved). (3) Enlisted - DA FORM 2-1 and ERB. (4) Officers - DA FROM 2-1 and ORB. (5) Complete health records to include: Ranger/airborne qualified physical, signed by a doctor within last 18 months, Panorex statement verifying that a dental panorex exists at home station and is available by sending unit upon request. (6) Copy of orders indicating graduation from Ranger School. (7) Certification of basic airborne refresher and proficiency jump within 60 days of report date if on permissive status. IF ANY IDENTIFIED TEAM PAPERWORK IS MISSING BY TEAM MEMBERS, THE TEAM WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION. m. Visitors and unit supporters are highly encouraged to attend the Best Ranger Competition. A visitor's center with appropriate event information will be located vicinity the Ranger Training Brigade, Building 5024 from 220500-251300APR04. n. Coaches/Trainers assisting competitors in training will not have access to competitors or RTB CADRE during the competition. Coaches/Trainers are not authorized to attend competitor briefings. Coaches will be treated as spectators. 4. MEDICAL: Competitors will be tested multiple times IAW Army regulations for illegal drug or steroid use and must comply with the following: DRUG DOPING: ANY SUBSTANCE, regardless of its origin or intended purpose, mode of administration, or quantity, is banned. Banned substances include performance-enhancing drugs and also blood & blood products. All over the counter medication (Motrin, Aspirin), is prohibited unless provided by RTB medical staff.

Any medication or nutritional/performance enhancing supplements is strictly forbidden during the competition. The medical director validates any/all prescription medication during in processing. Drug surveillance and testing is accomplished prior to, during, and after the competition. Refusal to submit to testing will result in disqualification. There is no appeal process. A positive test for any illegal substance will result in disqualification and will be forwarded to the competitor's unit for potential UCMJ action. 5. Packing list for first event: WORN NSN ID Tags w/chain 8465-00-261-6629 ID Card DA Form 2 (Active) BDU Shirt w/rank, branch, nametape, US ARMY, unit patch As listed below BDU Trouser As listed below Black Web Belt (Tan Belt for Marines) Brown T-shirt (OD for Marines) N/A Pair Wool Cushion Sole Socks Black or OD 8440-00-543-7778 Army Boots (Hot Weather and/or Combat) 8430-00-186-7173 8430-01-312-7XXX *Belleville boots are authorized ITEMS IN ALICE PACK (MARKED WITH TEAM NUMBER) NSN 1-Alice Pack LG 8465-01-019-9103 1-Alice Frame w/Straps and Kidney Pad 8465-01-073-8326 2-BDU Shirt (as issued) 8415-01-184-1335 2-BDU Trouser (as issued) 8415-01-184-1347 3-Pair Wool Cushion Sole Socks (Black or OD) 8440-00-543-7778 2-Brown T-shirt (OD for Marines) N/A 1-Pair Running Shoes N/A 1-Poncho, Individual, Camouflaged 8405-01-100-0976 1-BDU CAP/Service cover 8415-01-084-1685 or 8415-01-393-7952 1-Poncho Liner 8405-00-889-3683 1-Below Listed Item (Competitor Selects) Sleeping Shirt 8415-00-890-2099 Field Jacket Liner 8415-00-782-2888 Poly Pro Top 8415-01-228-1354 1-PR Black Leather Gloves 8415-01-310-7338 1-Military Flashlight (L-Angle w/D-Cell Batteries) (Flashlight will be the full-size L-angle flashlight, not the miniature version) 1-Wet Weather Parka 8405-00-001-1548 or Gortex Parka 8415-00-401-0002 1-2-Quart Canteen (empty) 8465-01-118-8173 1-2 Quart Cover w/GP Strap 8465-00-927-7485 1-Pencil 7510-00-286-5750 1-New Notebook, memo-randa (3 5/16"x5 5/8") 7530-00-222-0078 1-Waterproof Bag 8465-00-261-6909 1-Pair of Boots (Jungle or Combat) 8430-00-186-7173 1-Ranger Handbook SH 21-76 1-Can, Foot Powder N/A 7-MRE, Factory Sealed (Can be purchased at RTB) **1-Kevlar Helmet (to include items listed) 8470-01-092-7527 1-Kevlar Cover 8415-01-092-7514 1-Elastic Band (Camouflage Band) 8415-01-110-9981 1-Head Band 8470-01-092-8492 1-Shock Pad N/A 1-Parachutist Retention Straps 8470-01-092-7524 1-Chin Strap 8470-01-092-7534 **Items to be placed in rucksack after Sustained Airborne Training 22APR04 ATTACHED TO OUTSIDE OF RUCKSACK (MARKED WITH TEAM NUMBER) NSN: LCE to include the following: N/A 1-Pistol Belt 8465-01-322-1965 1-Suspenders/Load Bearing Vest 8465-00-001-6471 8415-01-296-8878 2-Ammo Pouches (30 round) 8465-00-001-6482 3-Magazines (30 round) 1-Lensatic Compass w/Pouch 6605-00-151-5337 1-First Aid Pouch w/Dressing 8465-00-935-6814 2-1

Quart Canteen (empty) 8465-01-115-0026 2-1 Quart Canteen Cover 8465-00-860-0256 w/one Canteen Cup 8465-00-165-6838 1-Whistle 8465-00-254-8803 ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN PRUSIK BAG (MARKED WITH TEAM NUMBER): 1-Sling Rope 13-14', 7/16" Laid, Nylon 4020-00-931-8793 2-Sling Ropes 7/16" Laid, Nylon (stirrups) 4020-00-931-8793 1-Pair White Work Gloves 8415-00-268-7870 2-Snaplink, Steel Oval 8465-01-276-8189 -Pads, Padding Material, Tape (Optional) NOTE: Team members can share the same Prusik equipment. Sharing Prusik equipment with other teams is prohibited. OPTIONAL ITEMS: -Wristwatch. (Watch will not have any type of GPS or digital compass capabilities) -Boot inserts (any type). -Insect repellent. -Sunscreen. -Additional Wool Cushion Sole Socks (Black or OD), NSN 8440-00-543-7778. ITEMS NOT AUTHORIZED: -Any type of water container other than listed above. -Any type of light source other than listed above. -Any type of Global Positioning System. -Any type of internet/e-mail capable device. -Contact lenses. -Additional food supplement, powder drinks, vitamins, or any other consumable items not issued by the RTB. NOTE: ANY ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NOTED DURING THE INITIAL INSPECTION MUST ALSO BE PRESENT DURING THE FINAL INSPECTION. ALICE PACKS ARE INVENTORIED AT THE COMPETITION START, DURING AND FINISH. NO ITEMS CAN BE DISCARDED/THROWN AWAY IF THEY BECOME WET OR DAMAGED. LOSS OF ANY INSPECTED ITEM WILL LOSS OF POINTS FOR EVENT EQUIPMENT WAS MISSING ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. NOTE: RTB WILL ISSUE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED. 6. Historical event listing: a. RPFT (Push-ups, Sit-ups, 2MR, and Pull-ups) b. Malvesti Obstacle Course c. Marksmanship (M4, M9, M240B, M249, M203) d. Water Confidence Test e. Airborne Operation f. 20+ Mile foot march g. Map reading h. Call for fire i. Use of PLGPR j. Operate SINCGARS k. M18A1 Claymore l. Knot test m. Weapons assembly n. Demolitions o. Hand Grenades p. Enter a building, clear a room q. Bayonet Assault Course r. Prusik Climb/Rappel s.. 20+ Mile Orienteering course t. Helocast and Swim u. Darby Queen Obstacle course v. Buddy Run w. Unknown Distance Run NOTE: Tasks and events listed could be changed and / or modified at any time prior to the event execution. 7.

Scoring: a. All events possess a point total (weight) based on an identified degree of difficulty. Each team member must receive a GO on individually scored events or receive a GO as a team on team events to receive points. The team with the highest cumulative point total will win the competition. If a tie occurs, the team with the best overall time on the Foot March will determine the winner. Included below are the historical events included and the historical weight value of the event; however, this is only a guideline and the actual task, condition, standard of the event as well as then event's weight is subject to change every

year. b. PUSH-UP / SIT-UP /PULL-UP: Total repetitions successfully executed by each team member will be assigned points (one repetition = one point). Once the scores of both team members are combined. Teams will be rank ordered and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (2). c. MALVESTI FIELD CONFIDENCE COURSE: The event will begin with each team member executing 6 pull-ups (palms facing body). Obstacles will be negotiated as outlined during the competitor brief. Each obstacle improperly executed will result in four minutes (per infraction) being added to the finishing time of the confidence course. Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (4). d. AIRBORNE OPERATION: Time will begin when the first jumper touches the ground, and time will stop when last team member reaches the designated finish point. Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (3). e. MARKSMANSHIP: Total hits per team member will be combined. Teams will be rank ordered by total hits and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (4). f. 20+ MILE FOOT MARCH: Teams will be rank ordered by time. A finishing time that exceeds 6 hours will result in the team being dropped from the competition. Points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (5). g. RANGER STAKES (DAY and NIGHT): Teams (both members) will be rank ordered by total number of "GOs." To receive a go both team members must achieve the standard. A team must receive at least one "GO" to receive any points for Ranger Stakes. Points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (5). h. PRUSIK CLIMB ANDRAPPEL: Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (3). i. 20+ MILE ORIENTEERING COURSE: The first six points must be found. Teams will be rank order by total points found and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (5). A bonus of 25 points for each point over 6 will then be awarded. In the event of a tie on number of points, rank order will be by time. If a team fails to find the first 6 points or fails to finish within 12 hours the team will be dropped from the competition. j. HELOCAST AND SWIM: Teams will be rank ordered by time (raft construction and swim time combined) and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (2). k. DARBY QUEEN OBSTACLE COURSE: Each obstacle improperly executed will result in a six (6) minute (per infraction) being added to the finishing time of the obstacle course. Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on

the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (4). l. WATER CONFIDENCE TEST: Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (1). m. BUDDY RUN: Teams will be rank ordered by time and points will be assigned according to position on the degree of difficulty matrix for the event weight (3). o. The weight of an event is multiplied by the number of teams initially entered into the competition. The product of that multiplication will be the number of points awarded to the 1st place team.

8. Updated information will be available on the Best Ranger home page at:

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