



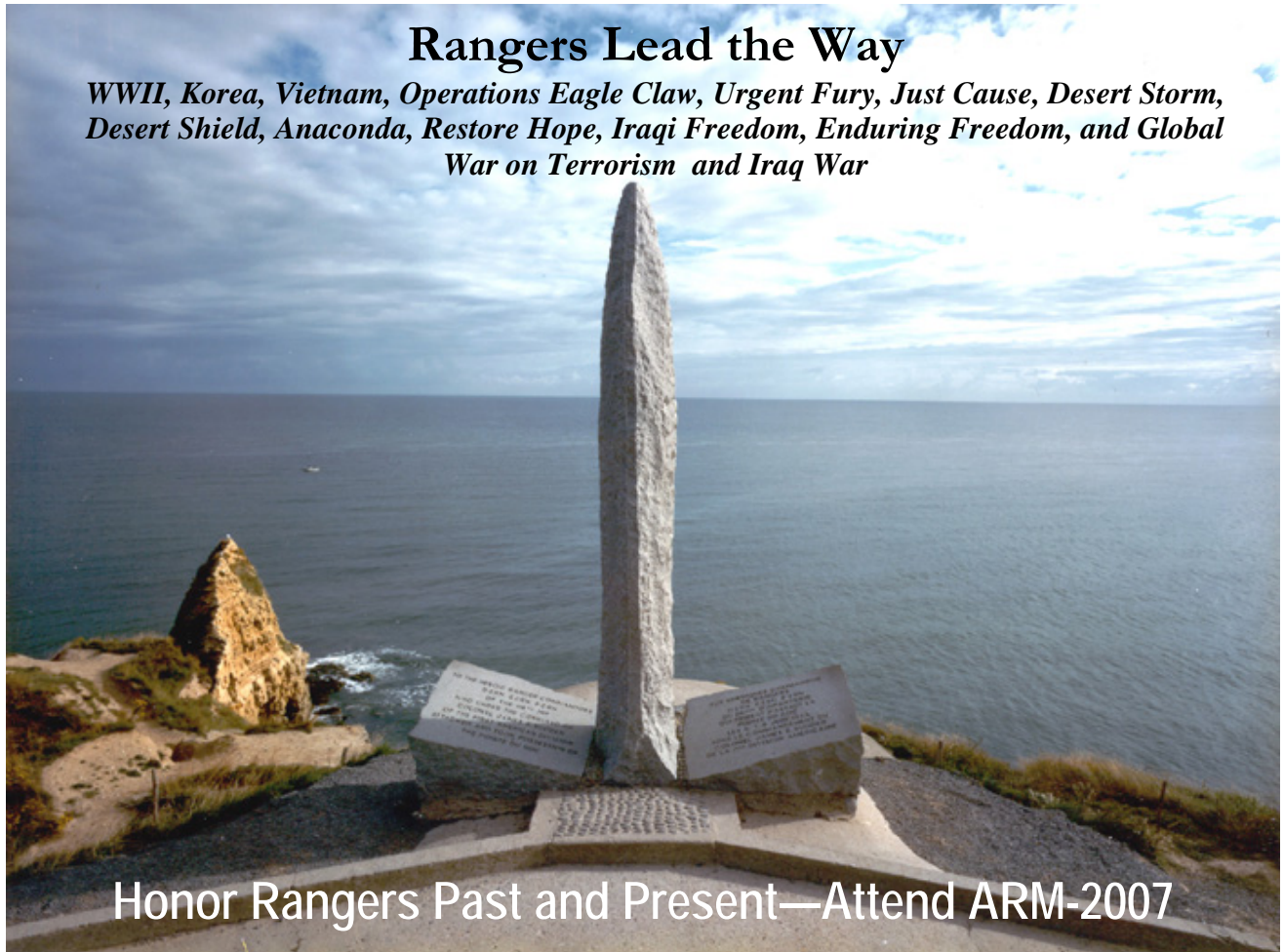
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FROM THE CO'S TENT

Rangers, it's been a busy year so far with fourteen E-board Meetings having taken place. I am pleased to report the campaign promise of submitting revised Constitution and Bylaws to you will happen this election cycle. Pocket size booklet will arrive with your ballot. On the fifteenth edition, the Board unanimously approved the revisions at E-board #8-2007. Ranger John Hollstein, Legal Advisor was OIC and did an outstanding job. Please vote to approve these new documents that now fully conform to GA State Corporate Law and good business practices with redundancies eliminated.

Also, note all but one current office holder running for reelection. I support them all and encourage you do likewise as they uphold your best interests in all that they do. The exception is the return, actually, of Lafayette Keaton as Western Region Director, welcome back Laf!



USARA President Linc German and Grandsons preparing to defend "The Wall" from defacement by anti-U.S. protesters

July is election month; please return the ballots promptly. Results will be announced at the ARM-2007 in Columbus, GA; please sign up to come. If you cannot make it, at least note the super good raffle prizes. We have Ranger Butch Nery, International Region Director to thank for arranging for these great prizes. We are especially thankful to Mr. Morris Peterson, President and CEO of the Ashbury International Group, Inc. of Charlottesville, VA for purchasing and donating the Heckler

& Koch-USA HK45 45 cal. pistol, and to Ms. Kathy Burns, Military Rep for the Ontario Knife Co. of Franklinville, NY for donating the engraved TAK D2 knife.

Now to the Board meetings and results:

#1-2007. Approved my appointment of Len Boulas as Chairman, Nomination Committee. Len's done one great job and had some bumps in the road along the way that he overcame.

#2. Approved selection of Dana Bowman as this year's USARA Airborne Man of the Year.



Rangers Art Silsby and Sam Hernandez with SFC Dana Bowman at the *Static Line Magazine* "Airborne Man of the Year" award ceremony

#3. Approved a new USARA Challenge Coin. This the initiative of our Marketing Director and VP Personnel and Logistics, Craig Vanek.

#4. Complied for the first time with a Bylaw requirement we have liability insurance. A half million for \$1,254/year with State Farm.

#5. Approved \$1,500 donation for the Best Ranger Competition. In 2006 we approved \$250 for the Benning SGM Assn. POW-MIA that was paid out this year.

#6. Approved \$400.00 for Ranger SFC Gustin to attend his Ranger buddy's funeral. This was to cover travel expenses. I received a tearful request from the widow of Ranger Joshua R. Hager who was KIA in Iraq 2/22/07 with the 2d ID. Heather wanted a Ranger as Body Escort but Josh's brother, a Coast Guardsman was already selected and DoD would not pay for two. Proud your Board members all responded within 12 hours approving this expenditure. Assume you'd agree. Both Rangers had been RI's in the 6th RT Bn.

#7. Approved 2007 Budget for normal recurring grants. These were cited in the last Issue. Part of this was approving \$500 for 2/75's Ball.

#8. The BIG one; approval of the Constitution and Bylaws revisions.

#9. Approved a \$500 grant for the 6th RT Bn, \$200 of which was to help defray unfunded costs of the Reptile Team's annual State testing requirements.

#10. Approved \$250 for 5th RT Bn's annual Open House and Run sponsorship.

#11. Due to breakdowns in WRD and NRD communications, approved the interim appointment of Deputy Directors Craig Vanek and Mark "Pel" Pelphrey for the respective Regions.

#12. Unanimous approval of John Senor (past Treasurer) as Chairman, Finance Committee and as USARA Representative to the Commander, 75th Ranger Regiment.

#13. Board approved the Motion, "Eliminate the President Emeritus Title, and all living persons having received it, the Title is hereby rescinded. The leveler since day one of Ranger School has been "Ranger," rank having no distinction. For those earning that coveted title, Ranger remains the single title of respect within the association, no elitism necessary.

#14. Approved the appointment of Lafayette Keaton as interim Director, Western Region on the resignation of Peter Stevens. At Peter's request, I accepted his resignation. Peter participated actively since he came to the Board and as a member of the Finance Committee. The way he and his wife ran the 2004 ARM in Las Vegas was outstanding. His daughter also pitched in. Peter has said he remains behind USARA and Rangers all the way. Thank you Peter.

BRIEF NOTES:

1. Last issue saw Robbie Robinson, our Aussie mate getting lost awards. You didn't know that was due to the persistence of his Vietnam buddy

and our Ranger (BG) Mike Ferguson who is also a Civilian Aide to the SECARMY from Pensacola. Good work Mike.

2. Ranger Memorial Fund has a United Federal Campaign ID #11460 so look for that next time your arm is twisted at the office. RMF to which we give a \$500 grant annually collected \$30K in 2006 this way, beating 2004's \$4.4K! Perhaps we should get our USARA member Ranger Ken Leuer, President of the "National" RMF to send USARA money. Joking Ken! Got in trouble saying that about 75th RRA. We do get two "stones" for that grant. This year we selected Rangers Thomas W. Pusser, our RHOE Inductee this year. He was KIA in II Corps with SFOD-Delta, Vietnam. Joshua R. Hager, 6th Bn, RTB being the other.



Rangers Walt Eckhardt, GEN John Singlaub, Donald Allen, Winston Jackson, Linc German, Minister, Herc Dias, and two members of First Special Service Force Association at Arlington National Cemetery for internment of Ranger (COL) Dan Gallagher. Rangers Allen, Jackson, and Dias were with the 2nd Ranger Co. during the Korean War.

3. The "American Ranger Memorial Association, Inc. (ARMA) had a very well attended meeting at Ft Myers, VA discussing the Ranger

Monument we hope some day will be in the Washington area. Nearly every Ranger outfit was represented. The meeting was outstanding with local experts, including a Congressional Aide from Ranger Duncan Hunter's Office providing guidance. The initial response for the Monument's Commission was about new rules for DC monuments and to check out Ft. Belvoir. As expected, that did not go over well. Bottom line is a Ranger Monument along Memorial Drive into the Arlington Cemetery will be a long campaign and iffy at best. Ranger Bob Black gave a passionate speech to fight for the best possible outcome. That's the direction.

4. Still no proper property accounting has been received from Ranger Grimshaw concerning the missing Vendor items sent to him for ARM 2006. Our Legal Advisor sent him what's required to

meet minimum GA State and our Bylaw requirements. That was months ago. I promised transparency.

5. The money. At First Quarter's end \$99,375.85 on account. Total revenues amounted to \$11,935.89; \$2,650.00 in grants paid out and \$1,904.26 in expenses. Only bucks away from six figures!

6. If anyone's interested in seeing a Ranger Handbook or getting a copy, go to

www.indiana.edu/~rotc/files/RangerHandbook.pdf
Strange spot but there you will find it.

7. Please, if you moved or changed Email address, phone numbers drop us a note:

Secretary
USARA, Inc.
PO Box 52126
Ft. Benning, GA 31995-2126

8. FACTOID: Did you know? William Orlando Darby, as in Darby's Rangers, born Arkansas 12/8/1906, graduated West Point Class of 1933. CMDR of first American Rangers participated in Landings in No. Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. KIA 4/30/45 posthumously to BG (2DSC-DSM-SS-LM-BSM-3 PH) *BET YOU WERE NOT AWARE HIS BRANCH...FIELD ARTILLERY!*

THE BEST GENERALS

It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late. Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll, in turn, do my best for the Cause by writing editorials - after the fact."

-- Robert E. Lee in 1863



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REGISTER NOW FOR THE ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 6 – 10 AUGUST 2007

Rangers, as you know, The United States Army Ranger Association returns home to Fort Benning every time the Regiment changes command for an ARM or a picnic. We join with the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Ranger Training Brigade in their celebration of Ranger Rendezvous Week, where we coordinate a number of our events with theirs. We will be headquartered at the New Hilton Garden Inn. Cost of the room is \$89.00. The contact person at the hotel is Wanda Haden at (706) 660-1000; tell them you're coming for the Ranger Muster to get the special rate. For those of you Rangers who haven't been to Fort Benning and the Columbus area in a while, you will be surprised by the many changes that have taken place. There are a lot of other things to do in the area.

The registration and schedule forms are enclosed and can also be found at www.ranger.org. We will also hold a raffle with the 1st prize H&K HK45 .45 cal. pistol and 2nd prize Ontario TAK DK-2 Knife. Tickets cost \$5.00 and you need not be present to win. Registration includes a USARA golf shirt, hospitality room, beverages, and other operational expenses. If you're not coming you might think about sponsoring a couple of young Rangers for \$30.00 each.

USARA Election 2007

By
Ranger Len Boulas
Chairman, Nominating Committee

By now you should have heard through one source or another that this year's election of Officers is scheduled for 1-31 July. The positions up for election and the announced candidates for those positions so far are:

- **Executive Vice President:** Ranger Frank Casey
- **National Secretary:** Ranger Gregg Orth
- **International Region Director:** Ranger Butch Nery

- **Southern Region Director:** Rangers Arthur Silsby and Ranger Jim Grimshaw
- **Western Region Director:** Ranger Lafayette Keaton

The filing deadline for candidates was 25 May. The Election Ballot packet will be mailed to the voting membership of the Association by snail mail so as to arrive NLT 1 July 2007. All Life Members and those annual members who have renewed their membership dues are eligible to vote.

The National Secretary will publish an "eligible roster" just before the election. Electronic voting is authorized if a signed written mailed confirmation is received by National Headquarters within 10 days of the electronic vote, but NLT 2400 hrs EDT of the seventh (7th) day of the month following the election. The members of this year's Election Nominating Committee are the following:

- Ranger Len Boulas, Chairman-Lboulas1@aol.com
- Ranger Bob Copeland, International Region
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- Ranger Wade Lnenicka, Southern Region
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- Ranger Walt Eckhardt, Northern Region
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- Ranger Tim Swain, Central Region
timswain@airborneranger.us
- Ranger Len Boulas, Western Region
Lboulas1@aol.com

If you have questions about the election please contact your regional representative or the committee chairman. The committee encourages all voting members of the Association to cast their ballot in this year's election. In addition to voting for officers, in this election you will be asked to voted on proposed revisions to the Association's Constitution and By-laws. The all important operating documents of the Association. It is therefore all the more essential that you vote in this year's election.

1st Quarter 2007 Marketing Results	
From Craig Vanek, VP Personnel & Logistics	
Vendor Advance (Kutmaster):	\$ 1,000.00
Vendor Advance (Fortune Fashion):	\$ 2,500.00
Ranger Store:	\$ 296.05
Total 1st Quarter	\$ 3,796.05

2007 Ranger Hall of Fame Inductees

Submitted by
Ranger Art Silsby, Director, Southern Region

Here are the Rangers selected for induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame for 2007 (induction ceremony Wednesday 8 Aug 007 @ 1300 hrs - Marshall Hall, Fort Benning, GA - during ARM 2007):

- Ranger Stanley E. Shaneyfelt
- Ranger John W. Franklin
- Ranger Gordon H. Mansfield
- Ranger James E. Mace
- Ranger Vincent H. Okamoto
- Ranger George I. Beach
- Ranger Barry R. McCaffrey
- Ranger Charles W. Dyke
- Ranger William Musegades
- Ranger Roy Boatman
- Ranger Alvin H. Buckelew
- **Ranger Thomas W. Pusser**
- Ranger Edison E. Scholes
- Ranger Stanley Karbowski
- Ranger William J. Leszczynski Jr.

Honorary Inductees

- Mr. Tom Biggs (HON)
- MSG Gilbert M. Berg (Ret). (HON)

USARA nominated Ranger Thomas W. Pusser, KIA, VN, SF, Project Delta.

Congratulations to each of these Rangers who, by their individual actions, have brought honor, strength, pride and glory to all Rangers, the United States Army and the United States of America.

CAPTAIN THOMAS WILSON PUSSE

USARA RHOFF Inductee 2007

By
Ranger Len Boulas

The name brings back vivid memories of a young West Point Ranger qualified Special Forces Captain. A hard charger, professionally competent officer, good natured, of mild manner on his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

It is said that the measure of a Ranger is his intestinal fortitude under the most adverse of conditions to do the right thing and take the high road. It is also said that heroes are ordinary people who do extraordinary things when called upon to do so.



Captain Pusser fills the bill on both accounts.

This summer he will be recognized by the USARA and the Ranger community. First by an engraved granite stone placed in his name at the Ranger Memorial. Then on 8 August by his induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame. The latter recognition based on his actions on the battlefield of Plei Me, Vietnam for which he was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

It is humbling to know that his name will be placed amongst those of the famous Rangers of history. As I re-read some of the citations of the Rangers in the Hall of Fame, Downing, Shelton, Beckwith, Mize, and Her-ring, I know Tom's spirit will be in good company.

Captain Pusser's induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame recognizes his actions as a Ranger on the battlefield and in life. Those actions were in keeping with the long history of Rangers, and all that the name "Ranger" conveys

It is my honor and privilege to have served with Captain Pusser, to have known him as a professional counterpart, friend, and human being, and to have nominated him for this award.

"Rangers Do Truly Lead the Way"

ARM 2007 Raffle

This year at the ARM we will have a Raffle. The 1st prize is an H&K HK45 45 cal. ACP pistol and the 2nd prize is an Ontario Knife Company TAK D2 knife. Tickets will cost \$5.00 and you don't need to be present to win. Here is the web site for you to check out the pistol:

http://www.gunsandammomag.com/ga_handguns/birthhk_033007/

Check out the TAK D2 knife at:
<http://www.ontarioknife.com/>

USARA SCHOLARSHIPS

From Linc German, President, USARA

As mentioned in the last Ranger Register we have a USARA Scholarship program to initiate. There are many good programs open for Ranger kin to get assistance; what will make ours different? Given the demographics of our membership, it will be open for grandchildren of members also. My search of how to establish ours brought some insight into other good programs you need to check out.

For Ranger KIA from Special Operation Forces (Regiment, SF, Navy, USAF, CA, PSYOP, 160th Avn Regt [Nightstalkers] and some others) the best program covering all higher education costs is found at the SOF Warrior Foundation. Their Website is the best source for assistance info regardless if one qualifies for help there; www.specialops.org/fcollege.asp. This is a must see site! Bottom line is our program is not needed for these Rangers' families. The Ranger Memorial Foundation provides Ranger kin \$750.00/year, www.rangermemorial.org. Here it's to provide assistance for any Ranger qualified soldier or his immediate family. Another site to find monetary assistance will be found at www.militaryscholar.org.

Another consideration is the U.S. Military Academies. Here NOK of Rangers KIA get special entrance treatment, not requiring a Congressman's Appointment. Pass the Entrance exams and you are in. Great education and you are paid to attend, enough to pay academy bills and have a little left over if the Cadet is careful. At least two of our members followed this route to successful Army careers and in the civilian world since, Rangers Mike Ferguson and Wayne Downing whose Dad's were KIA during WWII.

For 2007, I propose mimicking RMF with four \$750.00 scholarships leaving another \$750 in the Bank for one in 2008. The entire donation was from Ranger Dr. Bill Gould who set the criteria i.e., being open for grandchildren at my request. Anyone desiring to contribute so we may have enough for four in 2008 or beyond, do so by sending your check payable to USARA to our P.O. Box. Specifically citing it is for "USARA Scholarships" on the check's memo line.

I must still get Board OK for particulars about our program but here are some thoughts. A three Ranger member committee composed of no sitting Board members will select an order of merit list from submitted applicants. These appointed members may not select any applicants who are from their families. The list will be provided to the President for approval by the Board of Directors. Checks will be paid directly to the winners, intended for deposit into the student's account at the School being attended. The exact format for our application still needs to be completed. Expect more info in the next Ranger Register or our Website www.ranger.org.

Time Magazine Ranger

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, May 18, 2007)

Among the ranks of Oprah Winfrey, Brad Pitt, the Pope and even Osama bin Laden stands Army Ranger and combat veteran Capt. Timothy Gittins. Time Magazine has put Capt. Gittins on its annual list of the world's most influential people this month. Appearing in the May 14 issue, Capt. Gittins is described as "an apt symbol of the heroism that the U.S.'s pair of lengthening wars have demanded of the roughly 1 million men and women who have fought them."

Joined on the list by only one other military member, Gen. David Petraeus, commander of multinational forces in Iraq - the 31-year-old Ranger said he feels much like any other Soldier. But his leaders have also voted him into the elite General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award alumni. The program recognizes company-grade officers who demonstrate Gen. MacArthur's favored ideals of duty, honor and country.

"Tim is a prototype company commander for the war on terror. He's got all the tools of a great leader," said Maj. Bo Davenport, executive officer for the 101st Airborne Division's Company C, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Campbell, Ky. "His ability to direct the appropriate response, to move fire teams and get additional combat support is exceptional, especially under fire, and he's been there on more than one occasion." While the recognition by "Time" is an honor, Capt. Gittins said one day before the May 16 Pentagon awards ceremony that it's the approval of his peers and leaders that he values most. "Receiving the MacArthur award says your superiors believe you're doing all the right things," said Capt. Gittins, who was awarded the Bronze Star for valor for a two-hour battle with insurgents outside of Baghdad last year. He also has a Purple Heart for injuries he sustained fighting the Taliban during Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan in 2002.

Capt. Gittins' call to leadership came two years after he started college, when an empty bank account sent him to the Reserve Officer Training Corps. As

part of his Cadet Troop Leadership Training, Capt. Gittins went to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, stationed along the Korean demilitarized zone. "I was put in place as an infantry rifle platoon leader in charge of Soldiers, and I instantly knew that was what I wanted to do," he said. "I wanted to be an airborne Ranger, leading troops."

"I love leading Soldiers, period. But leading Soldiers in combat is even more exhilarating. It's a responsibility that you can't just go home at night and be done with. You live it; your wife lives it," he said.



Ranger Captain Tim Gittins

Taking charge of a company - he's had two now - tops Capt. Gittins' list of memorable Army moments. But his proudest point, he said, came days after the Aug. 26 killing of one of his Soldiers by an explosively formed projectile. "Less than 24 hours later we caught the guy, but my Soldiers exercised great restraint, knowing full well that he was the one who ordered the killing of one of their buddies," he said. "I was very proud of my Soldiers that day."

Raised on a farm in Iowa, he confessed to feeling tongue tied behind the microphone at Time Magazine's gala at the Time Warner Center in New York May 8, although he'd been seasoned by interviews with national reporters during his recent deployments.

"In Iraq we got comfortable talking with reporters. We knew there was a certain way we needed to respond, especially out forward," he said "But it felt more dangerous being on the red carpet and not having a chance to step back and think about what I'm saying."

Shelley Gittins said she rates her husband's leadership abilities a "10." "He's so dedicated to everything he does. To me, he's a hero because he says he does what he does so our kids don't have to," she said.

Of his newfound fame, Capt. Gittins said he's not letting it "get to him." "You can't do this job alone; you can't take credit all by yourself," he said. "I want people to know that I appreciate what they've done to help me succeed."

God Bless Our ARSOF

By
Linc German, USARA President

Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF), Active and Reserve Components, have been on, over, under and behind the Front Lines of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) for decades. It was just ratcheted up a bit since 9/11. Recognizing this, Administrations and Congress have increased funding and end-strengths for ARSOF.

Rangerwise, the 75th Ranger Regiment has recently added its fourth battalion. Elements of this Ranger Support Battalion support Rangers from the other three Ranger Battalions when deployed to the point of the spear, with necessary and unique equipment and people to function in unilateral SOF, Joint and Combined operations, worldwide.

The Ranger Schoolhouse has not been idle. Fortunately under our member Ranger Jack Singlaub, the Ranger Dept began at Ft. Benning supplying qualified Airborne-Ranger Companies for the Korean War. War ended, the Companies disbanded, the School stayed. It has grown since but more importantly, has been the backbone sustaining Rangers in the non-Ranger Regiment period between the end of WWII and the current GWOT. Today we have the Ranger Training Brigade (RTB).

For nearly six decades the RTB has provided qualified Rangers to the entire Army and others without standards being relaxed, despite pressure to fill the 75th with fully qualified Rangers, while meeting other Army Ranger needs. Any graduate of the Ranger Course knows his coveted Tab was earned being pushed beyond what he thought were his physical and psychological limits. As another USARA Ranger and RTB Commander Tex Turner said, the Ranger Course is supposed to make real combat seem easy.

Ranger Tabs and Ranger Regiment combat Scrolls are found throughout ARSOF. Who are they, other ARSOF, and what are their contributions to this long, tough GWOT? Stats tell the tale:

ARSOF KILLED IN ACTION (GWOT)

75TH RANGER REGT.....	19
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (PSYOPS).....	10
CIVIL AFFAIRS.....	31
SPECIAL FORCES.....	76
160TH SOAvn REGT.....	27
TOTAL ARSOF KIA's a/o May, 2007.....	163

May their Souls rest in peace. Thank God for these Soldiers, other Ranger KIA's uncounted here, and the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and other international participants with us in this GWOT.

2007 Best Ranger Competition Results

The 2007 David E. Grange, Jr. Best Ranger Competition was held at Ft. Benning, GA on April 20-22 and was won by a two-man team from U.S. Army Special Operations Command out of Ft. Bragg, NC. In first place were Master Sgt. Walter Zajkowski, 34, and Maj. Liam Collins, 36. Congratulations to the best of the best.

This year's competition was notable in that it also had the first father-son team ever known to compete in the brutally demanding competition. Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Greenway and his son, Staff Sgt. Brandon Greenway, from Ft. Benning had the distinction of being the first father-son team to compete. They were each first-time competitors and took 13th place. This was CSM Greenway's last Ranger mission before retirement.

Phony Ranger Busted!



The FBI says Louis Lowell McGuinn called himself a lieutenant colonel and wore a chest full of medals that symbolized a life of valor, medals that he never earned. But another vet noticed that McGuinn seemed to be wearing the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross incorrectly - and

a 40-year lie started to unravel. Manhattan federal prosecutors used a brand new law to charge McGuinn with posing as a war hero - making the Flushing, Queens, man one of the first in the New York region to face prosecution under the Stolen Valor Act. The law makes it a felony to falsely claim to have received an award authorized for members of the U.S. armed forces. He faces a year in jail. McGuinn served in Vietnam, but was discharged as a private in 1968. But over the years he bumped himself up to lieutenant colonel to help him win lucrative security consulting contracts. He also said that he had served with the Special Forces. He was released on \$5,000 bond after a brief court hearing.

2008 ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER

By Walter Eckhardt, Northern Region Director

An on-the-ground three day recon of the Saratoga Springs, New York area was conducted April 11 to 13, 2007. The weather was not very nice due to the big snow that fell a few days earlier and the winds were also unusual. Hotels were checked out. We stayed in two different ones; the Holiday Inn on the south side of the Broadway business district and The Saratoga at the north end. In between are many big name shops, multiple restaurants, and NO parking meters on Broadway! In addition, we checked on several hotels a few miles out of town to get an idea of possible better room rates

The New Your State Military Museum is two blocks off Broadway and a small Navy Base, with a Class 6 store is on the west side of the city. We also visited the Rogers Island Visitors Center and drove down to the south end of the Island. Several monuments to Ranger history have been erected on Rogers Island. Plans call for a three level Rogers Island Museum and Archaeological Research Center to be constructed adjacent to the Visitors Center. In addition to exhibits and research relating to Ranger history, the new center will have exhibits and conduct research on the Native Americans that used the island.

Our trip to the Saratoga Battlefield was a highlight. The battle, considered a turning point in the Revolutionary War, was fought September 19, and October 7, 1777. British General Burgoyne surrendered on October 16, 1777. There are several locations in the Saratoga National Historical Park and the 10 stop tour with narration can take four hours. The new Saratoga National Cemetery is located in the area between the actual battle positions and the surrender. Additional sites in the area include Fort Ticonderoga that can be included in a tour.

We also traveled to Lake George and saw the cruise ships that are available. In addition to an ARM Banquet, we are considering a dinner cruise on Lake George as part of the attractions. Other cruises are available on the Champlain Canal and on Lake Champlain. Tours to see the many mansions in Saratoga Springs are also available, including a Gossip Tour as in: Who did What with Whom, Where and When. There is a harness racing track, Saratoga Gaming and Raceway, with a video game casino and restaurant.

We encountered two local Rangers (non-USARA members) who were recruited on the spot to assist in the preparations for ARM 2008. Applications for membership are in the mail. Everyone we talked to about our plans to have the 2008 USARA Annual Ranger Muster in the Saratoga area were very supportive. ARM 2008 dates are still being negotiated with the hotels. If you have a preference for a date, please send me an e-mail waltrgr5@att.net and let me know what dates you would like.

BOOK REVIEW:

Secret Operations: Pointe du Hoc
Peter Howard, Author

On June 6, 1944, LTC James A. Rudder led the men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion's D, E, and F companies up the 100 foot-high cliffs of Pointe du Hoc into the face of ferocious German resistance. Rudder's troops faced immense problems in seeking to ascend the supposedly impenetrable cliffs but eventually succeeded in their objectives. The rest is history. Peter Howard provides a graphic account of the background to the raid, the men and equipment used, the tactics adopted and how the raid evolved. This large format paperback book is one of a series on "secret Operations" published by Ian Allan Publishing of the UK. Its U.S. distributor is Casemate Publishing. Casemate is a highly regarded publisher and distributor of military history and travel books.

Pointe du Hoc is a well written book that is chock full of WWII Ranger history, historical photos, tactics and weaponry. There are some great pictures of the DUKWs that were fitted with 82 ft. London Fire Brigade ladders that were to be used to scale the cliffs. Unfortunately, as the book points out, only one of the four DUKWs was able to get close enough to the cliffs to extend its ladder. The maps and graphical depictions of the bunkers and gun emplacements are particularly good, as are the "then-and-now" pictures. Pointe du Hoc represents one of the U.S. Army Rangers' finest hours, and coming from one who has walked the battlefield and championed the preservation and protection of this hallowed ground, I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Ranger history. It is available from Casemate Publishing (www.casematepublishing.com) and Amazon (www.amazon.com). List price is \$29.99.



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**USARA ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2007
NEW HILTON GARDEN INN, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
6 AUGUST – 10 AUGUST 2007
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

MONDAY, 6 AUGUST

1000 TO 1700 USARA REGISTRATION HILTON GARDEN INN

1700 - REGIMENTAL MASS TACTICAL JUMP

1900 TO 2300 USARA HOSPITALITY SUITE / VENDOR ROOM / RANGER STORE OPEN (HILTON GARDEN INN)

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST

0600 - REGIMENT PT AND RUN PERDEN FIELD

TEAM SPORTS, RANGER COMPETITIONS, BOXING, AND COMBATIVES ALL MORNING

1000 - STATE OF THE REGIMENT BRIEFING

1000 – 1400 REGIMENT OPEN HOUSE 3RD BATTALION AREA (DISPLAY OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT)

1400 - BOXING / COMBATIVES (LAWSON AAF)

1800 - RHOF DINNER INDUCTEES AND FAMILY ONLY

1900 - USARA HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN (HILTON GARDEN INN)

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST

0700 - REHEARSAL, DISTINGUISHED / HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

0830 – 1130 USARA BOD MEETING (HILTON GARDEN INN)

1030 - CEREMONY, DISTINGUISHED / HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

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