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## From the CO's Tent



Let me introduce Devon Walker, the 2008-2011 Ranger Robert S. Haywood scholarship recipient at Georgia Southern University (GSU). This young lady is a self starter who, along with her parents, paid attention to last year's USARA call for applicants that resulted in Tony Collazos capturing the 2007-2010 prize at GSU. They checked things out with the Collazos' and Devon contacted the school

early. As she had a 1300 SAT and 3.9 GPA along with many scholastic/civic achievements, GSU admitted her before USARA put the call out for applicants this year. As they say, early bird catches the worm and she was a quick shoo-in.

But wait, the USARA role is to vet the parents' Ranger ties to insure no non-Ranger children get this scholarship, Mom and Dad, Laura and Matt Walker. I called a trusted CSM at RTB who said of Matt, "Super Ranger and then some." That was enough for me, so informing GSU we had a Keeper. Saving best for last, Ranger Matt Walker is current CSM, USAIS:

- '91-95....A/3/75, Squad to Platoon Leader---Somalia.
- '95-97....Recon Team SGT, 75th Rgr. Regt.
- '99-01....A/2/75, INTEL & 1st SGT
- '02-03....HHC, 2/75 Bn OPS SGT--Afghanistan and Iraq

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<http://armyranger.usptgear.com>

or

use the convenient order form in this issue.

## ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2008

By Walt Eckhardt, Director, Northern Region  
(waltrgr5@att.net)

The 2008 ARM will be Monday, September 15 to Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Fort William Henry Resort and Convention Center in Lake George Village, New York. We have negotiated a reduced hotel rate of \$92.00 plus tax per night, single or double. Additional persons in the room will cost \$10.00 each per night. Use the Registration Form to register with the ARM 2008 committee. Call the hotel reservations office, 1-800-234-0267, to reserve your room. Tell the reservations person that you are with USARA ARM 2008. If all the USARA blocked hotel rooms are reserved by August 1, 2008, we will raffle some free room nights to members who are registered with the hotel and the ARM 2008 Committee (postmarked before August 1). The cut-off date for the hotel reduced rate is August 15, 2008. (Cont. on Pg. 3)

**CO's tent (Cont.)**

- '03-05.... HHC 3/75 Bn  
CSM---Afghanistan and  
Iraq

Yes, Ranger and then some.

Devon joins Tony at GSU; the University is really impressed with our RANGER Kids. Pleased USARA could lend a hand getting these two, four years paid up tuition and books.

Moving to key issues. Final EBoard meeting of 2007 was the appointment of Karl Monger as DDCR, that's Deputy Director Central Region, deputy to Tim Swain who all in CR know is doing a great job staying in touch with the Troops. Karl's pay equals the other USARA officers, zero bucks. We go on faith. Have to say all your current USARA leaders are super; working hard for your association. The first two EBoard meetings of 2008 are appropriately the 2008 Budget and Grant decisions, both covered in following pages.

Important are the Treasurer and Marketing Reports. Bob Kvederas' numbers are impressive. Our 2007 year end cash in the Banks are 26.5% increase since 2006! Craig Vanek's labor as VP Log & Marketing paid off big time. Also the Ranger Store under Manny and CLA, our partner there Susan Notarides. She brings Vendors, commissions and royalties to my tent. Collective efforts for the first three quarters of 2007 exceed the entire 2006 per-

formance of \$2,659.68 by 264.4%. That doesn't include the final quarter that's due momentarily. I don't want to delay this issue's publication. Look for blow-out numbers next issue.

**ALERT!** Go immediately to your Wal-Mart. Look in the Men's Section, T-Shirt shelf Display Racks and look for the USARA Thermal, long sleeve, brown in color, crew collar USARA Scroll shirt with the Regimental Crest atop a respectable Skull. Our shirts are for sale in Wal-Mart! Go get a dozen for your friends and neighbors.

Start your own Ranger Base. And speaking of Rgr. Bases. Laf Keaton, WRD says the A.J. Baker Ranger Base is alive and well up in the NW AO. Where are other Bases? Want to set up one? Get four other nearby Rangers to join our merry encampments and apply to HQ for Ranger Base status. VP Pers, Mark Pelphey with SECY Gregg Orth are working to keep up with the Tribes expansion. See their insert about checking your card.

More bragging, 2007 saw another first, a Ranger Unit has joined as a unit. Super welcome to the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, we are honored by your request to join as a Unit. You lead the way for other units to sign on. Also added are the CO and CSM also signing on for Life memberships. A thought, sure you have five other guys there to establish the USARA Ranger Base, RTB. Rules stay

the Base be named after a deceased Ranger, generally local to the unit in this case.

Membership grows in lock step with improving USARA reputation as supporting any and all Ranger associations and activities whether or not the activities are USARA's. If it's Ranger, USARA supports it. 2007 membership dues income = \$20,212.50, part of our overall \$48,818.84 income. Less our 2007 expenses of \$26,843, added considerably to your bottom line that is also cited in the Balance Sheet that follows.

The ARM-2008. Sign up early as our Lake George, NY Hotel is offering deep discounts on only the first 75 rooms. Cannot announce it yet, but the raffle prize this year will be real tasty treat for those desiring a concealed revolver pistols carrying a big punch. Keep checking our Website [www.ranger.org](http://www.ranger.org) for latest details.

Speaking of our Site; Hal Marshall has acquired a new Host for USARA that will increase his ability to meet new and continuing needs as the association grows. Hal's hard at work as I speak tuning the new digs up to impress.

Exec VP Frank Casey labors on keeping us straight at Home Base, Ft. Benning. Frank and Butch Nery, when available, attend every Ranger Graduation. Frank also hands out our checks to Ranger Soldiers and NCOs of the year and Runner Ups if appropriate. Congratulations

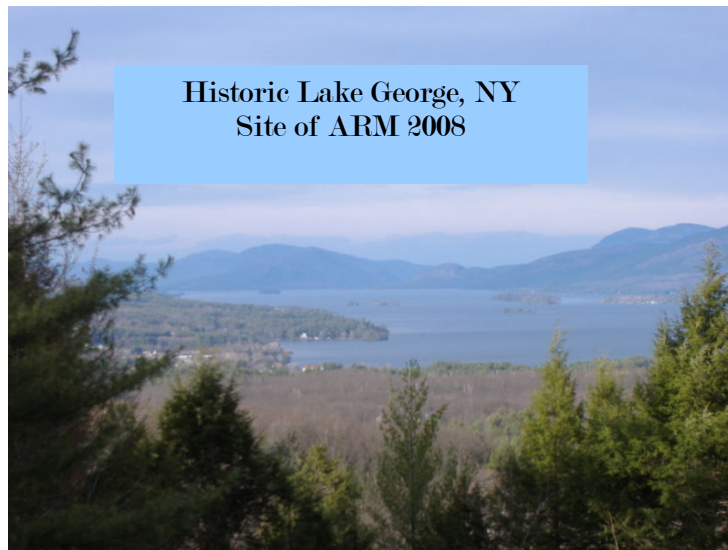
to 2007's recipients: NCOs of the Year SSG Blake Simms and SSG Shanye Cherry. Soldiers of the Year, SGT Ryan Stokes and SPC Heyz Seeker of the RTB and Regt, respectively. Also Runners up SGT Brandon Farmer and SPC Michael Holcomb, 2/75 & 3/75 respectively.

Butch Nery, our Int'l Region Director often accompanies Frank. IR wise I gave a Ranger visiting DC my Ranger tie. He is Commandant Brian Cleary of the new Ranger Special Operations Unit, part of the new Army Ranger Wing, Defence Forces, Ireland. UK, Italy, Canada have all established Ranger units of late. Portugal has long standing Ranger capabilities from Ranger School grads going back home to establish like schools. We have Finns, Germans, Brits, always our friends, Aussies, Greek also. An Iraqi was a recent grad and Africans too. Pacific Rim through Southern Hemisphere, Ranger lineage spreads.

Where did all this begin? It began a short distance from ARM-2008's Hotel at Lake George. The island is known as Roger's Island. Come to ARM-2008 and walk the walk on Roger's Island where Roger's Rangers trained and fought.

Finally, I attend Ranger burials when I'm aware of them. Lately, I've represented USARA at three. First

SF/Ranger SGM Greg Mateo. He would be of CSM title had that rank been available during his AD time. He was



with 4th Abn Rgr Co. Korea. He was also the 5th SFG Abn Group senior SGM when the Group returned the colors to Ft. Bragg, NC. Next was Carl Franquet of the 6th Rgr Bn, WWII and Korean service. His son, Carl, worked for me during my tour as CO in the 10th SFGA. Also represented RICA at their request. The family really appreciated attending Rangers. CSM Mike Hall, USSOCOM and CSM Jeff Mellinger, AMC also attended. Finally Ranger CPT Ben Tiffner, CO SFODA- 5136 KIA, Afghanistan. Ben's Uncle had things to say at the Funeral Home Service. The Home was really crowded with many SF guys and lots of Ranger Tabs showing. Also some Combat Scrolls. The Uncle said he asked an Officer what it was to be a Ranger so he might make some remark of Ben's Ranger experience. The Uncle repeated what the Ranger CPT said to him in response,

"Ranger School is traveling the road less traveled and three rules apply, No Food, No Sleep, and No Fun for ten weeks."

God Bless Our Rangers in Harm's Way and their Families who await their Safe Return.

Linc German, OUT.

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## Annual Ranger Muster 2008 (Cont.)

The ARM 2008 dates were selected because there will be a French & Indian War Encampment by re-enactors at Rogers Island, Fort Edward, New York, on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st. Lake George is only 15 miles northwest of Rogers Island and about 25 miles north of Saratoga Springs. The hotel will extend the USARA room rate for three days before and three days after the meeting dates. The Adirondack Balloon Festival is also on the 20th and 21st of September. The Lake George - Saratoga Springs area is a very busy vacation spot so hotel rooms are in great demand. Rangers need to make reservations early to get one of the blocked rooms at the USARA ARM 2008 room rate.

A Welcome Mixer is planned for 6 to 9 p.m. Monday evening, September 15. A Dinner Cruise on Lake George will be held on Wednesday or Thursday night if



at least 80 are signed up. The USARA General Membership meeting will be held Friday afternoon. The traditional Ranger Banquet with speaker will be Friday night.

A shopping and sightseeing tour to Saratoga Springs for ladies and Rangers not part of the USARA Board of Directors is planned while the Board of Directors meet Tuesday, September 16. On Wednesday and Thursday September 17 and 18, we will schedule narrated bus tours of the historic sites in the area. The French & Indian War narrated bus tour will include Fort Edward and Rogers Island, Rogers Rock, and Fort Ticonderoga. The Revolutionary War narrated bus tour will include Whitehall, Bennington, and Saratoga battlefields. The Fort William Henry Museum is on the hotel property and has a significant inventory of French and Indian War memorabilia. The museum is open 9AM to 5PM daily.

Lake George is at Exit 21 off Interstate 87. Saratoga Springs is serviced by Amtrak. The Albany International Airport is 50 miles south of the Resort. Albany is serviced by several carriers including Southwest Airlines. The Fort William Henry Resort offers airport transportation for \$25.00 each way if you request it and advise them of the flight number and arrival time.

The Fort William Henry Resort and Convention Center, 48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845. Call 1-800-234-0267 for USARA ARM 2008 Reservations. Request to speak to Kerri Mason in Group Reservations if there is any problem.

## ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2008

Len Boulas  
Nominating Committee  
Chairman

USARA Annual Election of Officers takes place in the month prior to the Ranger Annual Muster (ARM). With the ARM for 2008 being scheduled for September the election will take place during the month of August. Ballots will be mailed out so as to arrive by 1 August for all voting members of the Association who are in good standing and whose Association dues are current. Special attention for International Region members: as a test we will be using Internet and Email voting to both speed up and reduce postal costs serving, USA wise, our overseas international Rangers.

The positions up for election are: President, Vice President for Logistics, Treasurer, Northern Region Director, and Central Region Director. Note, only members of a Region can run for the office of Region Director. The others are National Offices open to all voting members of the Association.

Currently appointments to the Nominating Committee are being considered by the Region Directors. If you would like to be involved in the Nominating Committee process as a member of the committee let your Region Director know. If you are interested in running for one of the positions up for election and would like more information concerning the election process please contact me or one of the officers of the association.

For those members of the Association, who have the time and are motivated to making USARA a premier professional organization, I strongly encourage you to run for election.

I can be contacted through one of the following methods:

E-mail [Lboulas1@aol.com](mailto:Lboulas1@aol.com)  
(575) 541-1449  
(303) 522-7374

### 2007 Contributions

By Linc German, president

USARA wants to acknowledge the generosity of the following Rangers and USARA supporters, who contributed \$7,590 to USARA in 2007. Donations ranged from \$10.00 to \$3,000.00. Thank you all for your generosity.

Roy Allen, Rosalie Beach, Gil Berg, John Biggs, Bill Bizer, BLACKWATER, Bill Block, Pete Bostrom, Len Boulas, Milt Brown, Eddy Burton, Walt Cartisser, Frank Casey, Bob Copeland, Mike Cowart, Dan Crnkovic, Rafe Delli-Bovi, R.E. Dingeman, Bill Dubbs, Walt Eckhardt, Mike Ferguson, Doc Gould, Noah Halfacre, John Heekin, Jesse Helms, Sam Hernandez, John Hollstein, Steve Jaeger, Pete Joannides, Dave Johnson, Bill Jones, Roger Knight, Charles Krohn, Bob Kvederas, Earle Lassiter, Wade Lnenicka, Bill Maroney, Mike McClintock, Rick McGee, Sid McMahan, Art Mitchell, Lucille Mohr, Dick Nardo, Butch Nery, IMO A.E. Nichols, Mark Pelphrey, K.B. Prince, John Senor, Stu Sharf, Angel Sievert, Art Silsby, Dick Stewart, Tim Swain, Tex Turner, Virginia Pilot News, Bob Weeks, B. Workman, and Ken York.

## Ranger Robert Stone Haywood Scholarship

By Linc German

While a Junior at Georgia Tech, a Mississippi lad was called to active duty with his USANG Mississippi Division for Korean War deployment. Sent to Fort Benning for BCT, PVT Haywood volunteered for Airborne and Ranger training. He was an original member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Ranger Company, comprised of volunteers from 31<sup>st</sup> Inf "Dixie" Division.

He never cut his ties to his Ranger Buddies or Ranger associations, and he became President of the Korean War Ranger Assn. (RICA), at one point. His daughter, Elizabeth recalls how proud he was of his Ranger experiences. He was also mindful of the hardships Ranger families faced trying to educate their children at the college level.

When Ranger Haywood left active duty he settled down in the Atlanta area where, in 1972, he made a profitable acquisition, a 24-acre industrial complex, E. Van Winkle Gin and Machine Works. The area is known locally as Murray Mill from the original Murray Cotton Gin Company. Over the years the area has been used as movie sets and attracted artists, painters, jewelers, etc with over forty tenants on the property.

As Ranger Haywood's health was declining the family decided to sell a portion of the land, creating the Haywood Family Foundation. Based on her father's desires, Elizabeth and her husband, Paul Gillespie decided to establish a scholarship for children of Active Duty and former Rangers, if they could find support from the Ranger

community and that is where the USARA came in. We promised to provide that support, helping find qualified students and especially to insure applicants were in fact, sons or daughters of Rangers. Why GSU? Paul was the Football Coach and an Alumnus; plus the University was all for it.

2008 is the second year since this great opportunity is open for our children. Our first two entrants are outstanding. So outstanding, the University told me to spread the word they have other scholarships available from \$500 to \$5,000 annually and welcome students to apply. Applicants should apply to <http://scholarships.georgiasouthern.edu>.

Students need a minimum SAT of 1100 or ACT of 24 to qualify unless extenuating circumstances apply. More INFO may be acquired from "Brooks" at [BHook@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:BHook@georgiasouthern.edu).

For specific information for applicants seeking the Ranger Haywood Scholarship contact Kevin Chambers at [Kcham@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:Kcham@georgiasouthern.edu).

GSU is just west of Savannah, nice location, great school. Michelle Pittman, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at GSU said, "It is truly exciting to think of the impact this scholarship is going to have for families who apply....This generous gift from the Haywood Family Foundation is going to make a difference in many (Ranger) students' lives for generations to come."

The US Army Ranger Association, speaking for the entire Ranger community, thank you Elizabeth and Paul Gillespie. Thank you GSU. And to you

Ranger Bob Haywood, well done, Rangers Lead the Way.

## 62 Year Old Ranger Walks 500 Miles for Rangers and Air Cav



USARA member Dr. William Gould presents his new book, **At Harmony Church**, to LTC Erik Kurilla, CO of 2/75. Dr. Gould's book is a fictional account of Ranger candidates as they struggled through the Ranger course in 1968. Two years ago, when Ranger Gould was 60, he petitioned the Pentagon to allow him to go through the first 3 weeks of Ranger School again. After 2 years of back and forth negotiations, the Pentagon gave him a final "no!" Not to be denied, Ranger Gould decided to raise money for both the Rangers and the CAV (he flies helicopters too). On 18 October 2006, Ranger Gould and a buddy started walking from Camp Frank T. Merrill in Dahlenega, GA through Fort Benning's Camp William O. Darby to the swamps of Florida, ending their trek at Camp James E. Rudder on 11 November, Veteran's Day! His walk of over 500 miles earned USARA and the CAV approximately \$3,000 each! Thank you Ranger Gould.

RLTW!

## Ranger Dick Agnew Supports Fisher House

Ranger Richard S. "Dick" Agnew, Commander of the North Texas Chapter, Legion of Valor and retired president of Dynaflex Corp. served as campaign chairman of the Fisher House--VA Advisory Council North Texas Health Care System fundraiser. Under Ranger Agnew's able leadership and the efforts of the Advisory Council, the North Texas Health Care System and the Dallas VA Medical Center now has a new Fisher House.



The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Fisher Houses are built on the grounds of military and major VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one in the military who is hospitalized because of wounds, illness, or injury. Fisher houses are typically 5,000 to 7,800 square foot homes, with eight to eleven suites which provide temporary lodging for family members. There is at least one Fisher House at every major

military medical center to assist families in their time of need. Fisher Houses serve more than 8,500 families annually.

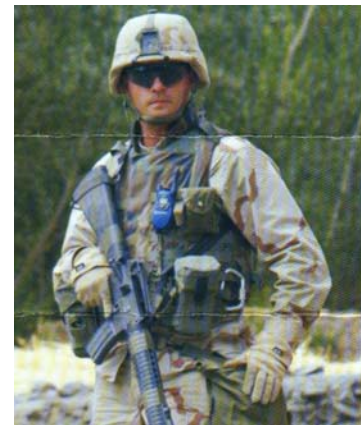
Ranger Agnew adopted the Fisher House program as the primary organization he would devote his considerable sales and fundraising abilities, time, energy, and enthusiasm to as a debt of gratitude to the military for the influence it has had on his life. Betty Bolin Brown, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, North Texas Health Care System, said of Ranger Agnew, "The Dallas VAMC would not be getting a Fisher House were it not for your leadership and the tremendous efforts of the advisory council. You are a distinguished veteran who has never stopped serving his country and your leadership to secure a Fisher house...will forever serve veterans and their families..." Ranger Agnew committed to raising over \$1.5 million toward the construction of the 7,500 square foot, 21-room Dallas VAMC Fisher House. A groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 19, 2007. Financier T. Boone Pickens contributed \$600,000 to the campaign and has offered an additional \$1.1 million to complete a Fisher House in San Diego, California.

## COL Ralph Puckett Writes Book on Leadership

*Words for Warriors: A Professional Soldier's Notebook* was written by Ranger COL Ralph Puckett (Ret.) about leadership, both in combat and in garrison. A legendary Ranger, Col Puckett tells what he has learned over more than fifty-eight years of training and leading warriors. His book addresses a broad range of subjects that are applicable to both combat and business leaders.

The subjects discussed in the book are not limited solely to COL Puckett's experience. It includes many examples of what other leaders have experienced and the courses of action they took to resolve the challenges they faced. This book is a valuable resource that presents ideas for dealing with many of the problems of military life.

COL Puckett knows whereof he speaks. In 1950, as a newly-minted 2LT, he led 47 men of the 8th Ranger Company in repelling five assaults by much larger Chinese forces. He was



wounded severely in the battle and did not order his men to pull back until the 6th assault. Too wounded to withdraw himself, he had to be dragged back by two of his men. He received a DSC for the action in Korea and a second in the Republic of Vietnam. Before he retired in 1971, Puckett was recognized as one of the nation's most decorated soldiers, with 2 Silver Stars, 3 Legions of Merit, 2 Bronze Stars, the Commendation Medal, 10 Air Medals, 5 Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Graduate Award from West Point, and the infantry's Doughboy Award (joining the ranks of eminent leaders such as Gen. Colin Powell, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, LTG Hal Moore and H. Ross Perot). For



the last 10 years, he has served as Honorary Colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment, coaching Rangers in training and in the field in Afghanistan and Iraq. Words for Warriors is available from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, or from the publisher at <http://www.wheatmark.com/bookstore>

**Book Review: Tribute**

Debbie McCabe has compiled a book of tributes by and for veterans of all eras. Tribute is a collection of personal stories from WWII through OIF, and includes the thoughts of at least one Vietnam Ranger. The book was published on Veterans Day 2007, and the author plans to release future books every Veterans Day. Her organization, Military and Veteran Search, is dedicated to buddy searches, author assistance, and paying tribute to veterans and their friends and families. The book is available for \$11.95. Please contact Ms. McCabe at: [MAVSnews@aol.com](mailto:MAVSnews@aol.com) if you are interested in purchasing a copy or if you want to submit your own tributes.

**USARA Balance Sheet**

31 December 2007

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Columbus Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 7,188.02
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	\$ 106,782.04
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 113,970.06</b>

**Property and Equipment**

Total Property and Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
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**Other Assets**

Total Other Assets	\$ 2,835.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 118,305.06</b>

**LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL**

**Current Liabilities**

Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
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**Long-Term Liabilities**

Total long-Term Liabilities	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Capital**

Retained Earnings	\$ 93,494.22
Net Income	\$ 21,975.84
Other Assets	\$ 2,835.00
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 118,305.06</b>

**Total Liabilities and Capital**

	\$ 118,305.06
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**Treasurer's Report**

**Estimated 2008 Revenue**

1. Contributions	\$ 5,500
2. Dues	\$ 20,000
3. Bank Interest	\$ 4,500
4. Royalties	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>

**Estimated 2008 Expenditures**

1. Admin	\$ 5,000
2. Board Exp	\$ 4,000
3. Grants	\$ 10,000
4. Election	\$ 1,000
5. RR/Printing	\$ 6,000
6. ARM 2008	\$ 5,000
7. Reserve	\$ 2,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>

**USARA Grants for 2007/2008**

The following is a listing of the customary grants made by USARA to individual Rangers and Ranger units in 2007 and carried forward for 2008, with the addition of the new 4<sup>th</sup> Ranger Bn. at Ft. Benning. The USARA Board of Directors has approved these grants en bloc to eliminate the need for calling Board Meetings for recurring donations.

1. \$1,500 for National Ranger Assn. for the Best Ranger Competition
2. \$300 for both RTB and 75th Rgr. Regt. Soldiers of the Year
3. \$100 for 75th Rgr. Regt. Runner up Soldier of the Year
4. \$300 for both RTB and 75th Rgr. Regt. NCOs of the Year
5. \$100 for 75th Rgr. Regt. Runner-Up NCO of the Year

6. \$500 for the National Ranger Memorial Foundation, Friends of Rangers Fund
7. \$500 for each Regt. Rgr. Battalion's Organization Day/Christmas Ball
8. \$300 for RTB & each RTB Battalion's Organization Day/Christmas Ball

**MARKETING REPORT**  
**Craig Vanek,**  
**Marketing Director**

**Income from royalties and commissions for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> QTRs of CY 2007 is \$7031.89. Please visit our vendors who sell USARA Logo'd items:**

**Hot Sauce:**  
[www.sauce2u.com](http://www.sauce2u.com)

**Cell Phone/Laptop Skins:**  
[www.skinit.com](http://www.skinit.com)

**Sunglasses:**  
[www.soseyewear.com](http://www.soseyewear.com)

**T-shirts:** [www.balzout.com](http://www.balzout.com)

**RANGER STORE:**  
<http://armyranger.usptgear.com>

**B/1/75 Thanks Ranger John Senor for His Support**

When Ranger John G. Senor III returned home from work on January 3, 2008, there was a package waiting for him. It was from B/1/75, and it contained a folded American Flag mounted in a flag case, together with a certificate of authenticity signed by the CO and 1SGT of B/1/75, certifying that the flag had been flown on 4 July 2007 during

combat operations in Northern Iraq as a part of the war on global terrorism. The certificate was inscribed simply "Presented to Ranger John Senor." The flag was presented to Ranger Senor because of his personal support for B/1/75. Ranger Senor said he was humbled by the gift.

## Soldier Family Management Specialists Help Wounded Warriors

(from U.S. Army Stand-To!)  
Wednesday, 20 FEB 2008

The Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) assists and advocates for severely wounded, injured and ill Soldiers and their Families. AW2 representatives, called Soldier Family Management Specialists (SFMSs), located across the nation at military installations and VA Medical Centers, make sure severely wounded Soldiers and Families get their non-clinical needs met.

- AW2 serves Soldiers rated, or expected to be rated, 30 percent or more disabled.
- AW2 provides holistic life skills to every severely wounded Soldier and Family.
- SFMSs first contact Soldiers, as soon as can be, after they are wounded.
- AW2 is there for these Soldiers and Families as long as they need.

AW2 gives these 30 percent or more disabled Warriors nationwide access to support and services, by phone, email and in individual counseling. The program assures severely wounded Soldiers' and Families access to, and understanding of, all available re-

sources and benefits. Through SFMS, and the rest of the AW2 Team, Soldiers and Families get help to make informed decisions on their future:

- Career, education and benefits advice
- Military transition assistance
- Family assistance and life coaching
- Connections to local resources

What's planned for the future?

AW2 stays with wounded Soldiers during treatment, rehabilitation, and their transition back to duty, or to civilian life. When needs arise, the AW2 is there to assist (1-800-237-1336). AW2 will continue to take an active role in changing policy, advocating for severely wounded Soldiers and their Families.

The Army lives by the Warrior Ethos: "Never Leave a Fallen Comrade." As part of this foundation, AW2 takes care of the most severely wounded Soldiers and their Families, no matter the need, no matter how long. Every leader knows support on the battlefield is their key to success. Leaders now know their wounded Warriors will have just as much support if they have to come off the battlefield.

For more information:

<https://www.aw2.army.mil/>

## Veterans' Benefit Expiration Dates

Military.Com (Week of 28 JAN 2008)

Many of your benefits have an expiration date. Military.com has listed a few important ones to remember so you don't lose out. You can review a complete list at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com):

**Montgomery GI Bill for Active-Duty (MGIB):** 10 years from date of last discharge or release from AD.  
**Veterans Education Assistance**

**Program (VEAP):** 10 years from date of last discharge or release from active duty.

**Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR):** 14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard. Some extensions available if activated.  
**Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VocRehab):** Generally, 12 years of separation from service or within 12 years of being awarded service-connected VA disability compensation.

**Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI):** Ends 120 days after separation. Can be extended up to 1 yr. for totally disabled veterans.

## Death Squads Undoing Surge's Progress

Joseph L. Galloway  
(Miami Herald, January 29, 2008)

A wave of assassinations by al-Qaida in Iraq and by Shiite Muslim militiamen is threatening the American-paid tribal leaders and fighters of the Sunni Awakening Councils, which are at the heart of the reduced violence in some of the most dangerous places in Iraq. There is no question that the homegrown Iraqi chapter of al-Qaida has been hurt and driven back, but there also is no question that the Islamists are rebuilding, refitting and once again making their presence felt by attacking their former Sunni allies. If the U.S. commanders cannot find some way to shield their new Sunni friends from the death squads — both the Sunni militants and the Shiite militias — then a rising tide of violence will sweep away both the surge and the shaky calm it has brought.



**“SPRING DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP 2008”**

RANGERS, ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED AND THEIR FAMILIES,

THE SWAMP RANGERS IN SUPPORT OF THE 6TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION WILL BE HOSTING AND SPONSORING A SPRING DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP.

THE TRIP IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 90 RETIRED OR ACTIVE DUTY RANGERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT MAKE RESERVATIONS. YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION PRIOR TO THE FISHING TRIP. MAKE IT EARLY BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE. YOUR CHECK FOR \$35.00 WILL SECURE YOUR FISHING SPOT.

(Make your check to Swamp Rangers & mail to Tom Moody, 3229 Audrey Dr, Crestview FL, 32539)

CALL OR E-MAIL ME WITH QUESTIONS, 850-682-5399 OR EMAIL: [tomandcarolretired@cox.net](mailto:tomandcarolretired@cox.net)

1. DATE: SATURDAY, 3 MAY 2008
2. LENGTH OF TRIP: 10 HOURS DEEP SEA (IN THE GULF)
3. TIME: 0700 HOURS TO 1700 HOURS
4. SHOW TIME FOR CHECK IN AND THE SAFETY BRIEFING: 0615 HOURS
5. NAME OF BOAT: “AMERICAN SPIRIT”
6. LOCATION: BEHIND AJ’S RESTAURANT, 116 HARBOR BLVD. DESTIN, FL. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HWY. 98 EAST.
7. COST: \$35.00 EACH  
RANGERS E-5 AND BELOW FISH FREE  
IT IS CUSTOMARY TO TIP YOUR MATE FOR FISH CLEANING AND HELPING YOU. WE RECOMMEND AN \$8.00 TIP.
8. FOOD AND DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON BOARD. (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)  
YOU MAY BRING A COOLER WITH FOOD AND DRINKS
9. WHAT TO BRING: APPROPRIATE CLOTHES FOR THE DAY, HAND TOWEL, SUN GLASSES, SUNTAN LOCATION, CAMERA AND A HAT. IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ROD & REEL, YOU MAY BRING IT. YOU WILL NEED A COOLER FOR YOUR FISH. IF POSSIBLE, GROUP UP WITH FRIENDS.
9. WEATHER: IF THE WEATHER IS BAD, A WEATHER DECISION WILL BE MADE NO LATER THAN 0600 HOURS, 3 MAY AS TO GO OR NO GO. IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD, DO NOT BE LATE FOR THE CAPTAIN’S BRIEFING. IF IN DOUBT, CALL TOM MOODY AT HOME 850-682-5399 OR CELL 850-865-0398.

GENERAL INFORMATION: THERE WILL BE A BIG FISH POT FOR THE LARGEST FISH CAUGHT BY WEIGHT. (\$5.00 EACH) IN CASE OF A TIE, THE FIRST FISH WINS. THE POT WILL BE SPLIT 50/50 AS A FUND RAISER FOR THE SWAMP RANGERS.

**SEASICK: IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT GET SEASICK TAKE A BONINE OR DRAMAMINE.**

I LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT FISHING TRIP.

TOM MOODY



**UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2008 REGISTRATION FORM  
Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center  
48 Canada Street  
Lake George, New York  
15 – 19 September 2008**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

USARA MEMBER NR: \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER RANGER ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Certain reservation data will be provided to the ARM 2008 Committee by the Hotel. By making a reservation for the **USARA ARM 2008** room block, you agree that selected information (Name, Dates of Check-in and Departure, Phone Number) can be provided by the Fort William Henry Resort to the ARM 2008 Committee (does not include credit card or other personal info).

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|---|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1. REGISTRATION FEE (per person)<br>Covers Denim Shirt, Hospitality Room<br>Beverages, Other Operational Expenses.        | \$35.00 BEFORE 1 Aug* | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
|   | \$45.00 AFTER 1 Aug   | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. WELCOME MIXER FEE (per person)<br>Covers Two Drinks and Finger Food,<br>For Three Hours (also, cash bar available).    | \$20.00 BEFORE 1 Aug* | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
|   | \$30.00 AFTER 1 Aug   | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. BANQUET FEE (per person)<br>Covers Two Drinks, Wine For Toasts<br>and Buffet Dinner (cash bar available)               | \$45.00 BEFORE 1 Aug* | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
|   | \$55.00 AFTER 1 Aug   | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. DINNER CRUISE (per person) w/cash bar<br>(At least 80 participants required. Money<br>refunded if not enough sign up.) | \$40.00 BEFORE 1 Aug* | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. ADDITIONAL Denim USARA Shirts<br>Provide details of male / female shirts below   | \$30.00 EACH          | X Number _____ | \$ _____ |

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUEST(S) \_\_\_\_\_

**Denim Shirt USARA Logo:**

For registrants and guests (Item 1 above)  
XXLGTall

Circle desired sizes MALE \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XLG XXLG XLGTall

FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XLG XXLG

Additional denim USARA LOGO shirts (Item 5 above) Circle desired sizes MALE \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XLG XXLG XLGTall  
XXLGTall

FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XLG XXLG

Fort William Henry Resort & Conference Center, 48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845. Hotel POC: Kerri Mason, Group Sales. **YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.** Please state that you are with **USARA ARM 2008**. Call 1-800-234-0267 for reservations. Rate is \$92.00 per night plus 11% tax.

No credit cards can be used with this ARM 2008 Registration Form. Make all checks payable to: **USARA ARM 2008**

Mail completed Registration Form and fees to:

USARA ARM 2008  
C/O Ranger Bill Biser, REGISTRAR  
1 Checkerberry Lane  
Bedford, NH 03110-6300

NOTE: \* Postmarked 31 July 2008 or before.

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