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From the CO's Tent

The #1 issue is Muster-2008 at Lake George, NY. For those hesitant to make the trip when fuel is around \$4/gallon, I note two facts. The Saudis agreed to boost production and the ARM is just off-season. If these two do not drop prices to last year's level, thanks to our ample Treasury, I am prepared to ask our Board to help offset your costs coming to this Muster. Your attendance is most important.

ARM-2008 Special Guest

The Muster will be special with MGEN Jack Singlaub and his wife Joan with us the entire time, though they are mainly interested in viewing beautiful up-State NY at this time of the year. He groaned a bit when I asked him to be Speaker at the banquet, but he agreed. Jack is RHOF, and an OSS Jedburgh, who jumped into France during WWII. He also jumped into China to rescue POWs at War's end. He served in the Korean War, and in Vietnam as CMDR, SOG. Later on, in Korea during peacetime, he had to tell the truth (Rangers don't lie) incurring President Carter's wrath.



MGEN Jack Singlaub (RHOF)

Come listen to his freewheeling talk of his amazing service and experiences. I failed to mention he was among the few who established the Ranger Department, training Airborne-Rangers for Korea.

Banquet too stuffy a word? If that's of concern for those who never attended a Muster, we do it very casually. (Cont. on Pg. 2)



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RANGERS!!

Please visit the Ranger Store at

<http://armyranger.usptgear.com>

or

use the convenient order form in this issue.

ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2008

By Walt Eckhardt, Director, Northern Region
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Have you made your reservations with the Fort William Henry Resort and Convention Center for ARM 2008 September 15 - 19? The cutoff for the reduced hotel rate of \$92.00 plus tax per night, single or double is August 15. If you are not sure of being able to attend, reserve a room now anyway. The hotel will refund your deposit if you cancel by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12. The resort web site <http://www.fortwilliamhenry.com/Lodging/RoomsSuites.cfm> shows accommodations from very luxurious to standard and gives the normal cost per night. (Cont. on Pg. 2)

ARM 2008

(Cont. from page 1)

The site also shows there are no rooms available for the ARM dates. DO NOT WORRY! USARA has a block of rooms that are removed from inventory. However, the best rooms are going fast. Call the hotel reservations office, 1-800-234-0267, to reserve your room. Tell the reservations person that you are with USARA ARM 2008. Request to speak to Kerry Mason in Group Reservations if there is any problem. This is a resort, not the "NoTell Motel." This Muster is First Class at bargain rates.

Lake George is a very exciting area to visit. The month of September is the very best time. The weather is great and the attractions are almost unlimited. For example; Lake George Jazz Festival, 9/13-9/14; Lake George Triathlon 9/14; Adirondack Balloon Festival 9/18 -9/21; Lakeside Craft Festival 9/20 - 9/21; and Moonglow, a part of the Adirondack Balloon Festival, the night of 9/20.

For the more adventurous there is rafting or tubing on the Ausable Chasm, Balloon Rides over the area; and for those who want to reenact their Ranger training, take the Adirondack Extreme Adventure Course.

There are many golf courses in the area. Check them out at: <http://www.lakegeorgegolf.com/public-golf-courses.htm>.

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. The hotel will extend the USARA room rate for three days before and three days after the meeting dates. MGEN Jack Singlaub and his wife Joan are attending and plan to stay over for the French and Indian War re-enactors encampment. MGEN

Singlaub, who jumped into France during WWII as an OSS operative, is the planned Banquet speaker on Friday night.

To help cover the expense of this first class resort for ARM 2008, USARA is conducting a raffle with the winning tickets to be drawn at the ARM. **You do not have to be present to win. So even if you are not able to attend, buy some raffle tickets.**

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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**See you at the 2008
ARM
FORT WILLIAM HENRY
RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER**



<http://www.fortwilliamhenry.com>

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 and Convention Center, 48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845. Call 1-800-234-0267 for USARA ARM 2008 Reservations.

(CO's Tent continued)

The denim shirt issued at Reception works everywhere but for those who wish to dress up for the banquet only, a Sports Jacket is tops. Ladies dress as they prefer. Check out our Ranger Store uniforms, they are definitely in and appropriate. Schedule wise, it's very open, few events, lots of time for sightseeing, camaraderie and our Hospitality Suite. Finally, if you cannot attend, you can support us by donating \$20.00 for Raffle tickets that will be coming in the mail with your election ballot. The funds will assist with Muster expenses and active duty Ranger activities we support during the year. Great prizes too. Thank you US Supreme Court for making "The Judge" legal in DC by affirming the citizens' right to own a handgun.

1ST PRIZE "TAURUS JUDGE"

- MODEL 4510 .45/.410
- 2.5 " CHAMBER
- LENGTH 7 1/2 "
- FRONT SIGHT RED FIBER OPTIC
- REAR SIGHT FIXED
- STAINLESS STEEL



▪ <http://www.taurususa.com>

▪ <http://www.taurususa.com/video/taurus-thejudge-video.cfm>

Go to this site and see the revolver in action

Our significant USARA business since last report follows:

- #1- Marketing results for 2007, as now known, top all previous annual funds at \$14,441.16. Thank you Craig Vanek and Susan Notarides of CLA.
- #2- Treasurer's report inside reflects the most cash in the Banks, ever.
- #3- Perhaps another first, all positions up for election this year are uncontested with seated Officers all agreeing to extend. No other Ranger volunteers, that's A-OK as you have super guys Giving Way Together for you. Thanks for your support.
- #4- Congratulations to our two RHOF Inductees this year, CSM Ramon Rodriguez, 2/75 and SF Service, and Col. John Ripley, USMC. Also, our

Airborne Ranger Man-of-the-Year, Sam Hernandez.

#5- We need to thank Bob Morrison, Bob Buerlein and Jon Burckholter, Presidents of Taurus Int'l. Manufacturing, Ek Commando Knife Co., and Eagle Bay Co. respectively. They provided our raffle prizes; the Taurus "Judge" revolver, and Fairbairn-Sykes and Eagle Bay knives. And Ranger Bill Biser reports from NH that Scott Sterling of Insight Technology has just donated to USARA an M6X, Pistol Tactical Laser Illuminator. Come see and buy this baby at the Ranger Store for a great price at Lake George. Bill is doing the Books for the Muster. Walt Eckhardt as NR Director is OIC, working hard to make this a super Muster.

#6- The Ranger Murray Clan is notable among growing new members. Retired Dad and two Ranger sons on AD have joined, a triple play. Welcome to them and all the new members.

#7- EBoard Meetings:

- 4-2008- Considered and rejected request we recognize members of the new Long Range Surveillance Company (LRSC) as eligible for membership. Rationale: (a) DA does not recognize the LRSC as a Ranger unit. (b) The RTB Reconnaissance and Surveillance Course (RSLC) is not considered by the RTB as being a Ranger Course. (c) While many slots in the LRSC are designated Ranger, either primary or an additional skill identifier, many are not. Those qualified Rangers are already eligible for membership. Thirteen LRSCs are authorized, one per Division. More about this unique unit in a future issue.
- Approved Honorary Membership of Bob Buerlein, President of Ek Commando Knives. Should add, Bob

has donated two knives for NCO and Soldier of the Year and a Presentation knife for this Muster too.

- 6-2008- Added the Ranger Training Brigade (RTB) to the list of Ranger units cited at ART. III, Sect. 2, paragraph 4. How did that escape our amending of the Bylaws last year? Duh!
- 7-2008- Board approved new USARA Internet communication system. VP Personnel Mark Pelphrey is designated Net Control. The new system permits for the first time, National Officers to email you important Ranger and Association news without having to go via the Regional Directors. The RDs may also use the Net for their use and this system does not in any way diminish the role the Regional Directors have in being your primary source of leadership within the Region. But be on the lookout for "VPPERS" Email and do not add it to your SPAM list. We protect your address, that's why only Mark/VPPERS may access the Net. We'll try to contain the traffic to minimums and news of interest.
- 8-2008- A reward is established for the member selling the most US Army Ranger Assn., Inc. raffle tickets. The reward will be determined at sales close at Lake George, NY, the site of the Ranger Muster 2008.

Some final items. The first test run of VPPERS revealed a surprising result, of the 637 Email addresses we have for you, only 11 failed to connect, a 98% success! We have 988 active members, meaning we have 63% of membership for Internet communications. For a comparison, the Special Forces Assn. has about 35% of membership having email addresses. No INFO about how many of those are good. Bottom line, pop your chests up Rangers, we're doing rather well. Keep us informed when your address changes. BTW, these results are due to your RDs keeping track of you and the Secretary maintaining an accurate record.

The National Ranger Memorial Foundation (NRMF) fund drive is this Fall and watch for the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC designee #11460 is the NRMF!

The Army Ranger Memorial Assn.(ARMA) meets at Carlisle Barracks, PA on 11 JUL. All Ranger units/assns. expected. Discussion to be about where the proposed new Ranger monument should go. The Washington, DC area or Carlisle where the Post welcomes it. DC options are few and difficult to achieve. More INFO after the meeting.


2ND PRIZE

**EK Fairbairn-Sykes
MK II
COMMANDO KNIFE**
With sheath and a walnut case for display.
"RANGER" is etched on blade.



<http://www.ekknife.com/knives.html>

3 RD PRIZE



- **EAGLE BAY**
- **BLACK KA-BAR KNIFE WITH USARA LOGO**

And finally, vote please; Ballots and Raffle Tickets will be mailed shortly. Int'l. Region to vote electronically/Email as a test of this method. Thanks to our Nomination Committee, Len Boulas, Chairman, Butch Nery, IR; John Holbert, NR; Wade Lnenicka, SR and Karl Mon-

ger, CR and Len also serving as WR contact. Last year's IR Rep was Bob Copeland, Canadian from Alberta. This year, Bob's coming to the Muster with dual citizenship, Canadian-American. Now with Bob attending from Alberta, CN, no sniveling from Stateside Rangers about distance to this Muster. Come to NY. Buy raffle tickets. Pray for our Rangers in harms way.

USARA Election 2008 Update

The filing date of 20 June, for candidates for this year's election of officers has passed. The following candidates have filed to run for the offices as indicated below.

PRESIDENT:
Ranger Linc German

VICE PRESIDENT LOGISTICS:
Ranger Craig Vanek

NATIONAL TREASURER:
Ranger Bob Kvederas

CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR:
Ranger Tim Swain

NORTHERN REGION DIRECTOR:
Ranger Walter Eckhardt

All of the above candidates are current office holders seeking re-election.

The election packet, to include the Ballot and Candidate Election Statements, is currently being processed for distribution to all voting members of the Association. If you are a voting member you should receive your election materials by 1 August. If you do not received your election materials by that date, there is most likely one of two reasons.

1. The association does not have current contact information for you.

2. Your annual dues are not current.

In such cases you should contact your Regional Director or The Association's Executive Vice President, who can assist you in obtaining an election packet.

International Region members have been authorized as a test to vote by e-mail in this year's election. If you are in this region, have a current e-mail address, please insure that you:

1. Arrange to allow your spam controls to accept e-mail messages titled USARA Election 2008.

2. If your e-mail address has recently changed, please provide the new address to us, so we can e-mail you the election packet.

When you receive your election packet, I would encourage you to open it, then complete the election ballot and return it at that time.

Although the candidates are running unopposed, your vote is important in showing your interest in the Association and its leadership, so please vote.

If you should have any questions on the election, please let me know.

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Marketing Report

By
Craig Vanek, Marketing Director

Income from royalties, commissions, and advances for the 4th Quarter 2007 and the 1st Quarter 2008 is \$ 7,686.97. Please visit our vendors who sell USARA Logo'd items:

Hot Sauce
WWW.SAUCE2U.COM
Cell Phone/Laptop Skins
WWW.SKINIT.COM
T-shirts
WWW.BALZOUT.COM
Sunglasses
WWW.SOSEYEWEAR.COM
USARA Ranger Store
[HTTP://ARMYRANGER.USPTGEAR.COM](http://ARMYRANGER.USPTGEAR.COM)

Ranger Scuttlebutt

Did you know that recent Ranger classes have been beefed up because each Ranger battalion will be activating a fourth rifle company, if they have not already done so.

Did you know that U.S. Special Operations personnel have been conducting clandestine operations in Iran since last year? Read about them in the New Yorker Magazine (7/7/08) at: http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2008/07/07/080707fa_fact_hersh?current

ARM 2008 Raffle

To purchase raffle tickets contact Art Silsby:

E-mail: asilsby@windstream.net

478-628-2406 (H)

478-456-0870 (C)

Donation of \$5.00 per ticket

Make check or M.O. Payable to USARA

Mail to:

Art Silsby

P.O. Box 341

Gordon, GA 31031

Drawing is September 18, 2008 at the ARM

USARA is a Georgia Corporation [501(c) (19)]

**SEE YOU AT ARM 2008
RANGERS LEAD THE WAY**

Ranger Fairbairn-Sykes MkII Knife in USARA's ARM 2008 Raffle

By Mark Pelphey, Vice President, Personnel

USARA has forged a new relationship with the makers of "America's Best Military Knives", Ek Commando Knife Co. of Richmond, Virginia, and one of their very special knives is included in the ARM 2008 Raffle, to be held 18 SEP 08.

The knife is their Fairbairn-Sykes MkII. This is the American update of the famous World War II knife, but with up-rated materials and design, to offset the weaknesses of the WWII original. The double-edge blade is far more robust, and the knife features the strongest design possible – full tang (full length, full width, and full thickness). And the thick forward curving crossguard reduces the thumb jamming of the original. This is a true, battle-worthy military fighting knife.

Importantly, this Ranger model features the Ranger Tan wrist strap (available only to past and present Rangers) and a foliate sash etched along the cen-

ter of the blade, "RANGERS". The curvaceous, sculpted grips are deluxe Checkered American Walnut, reminiscent of the knurling on the original F-S brass grips and also reminiscent of the Checkered Walnut grips on early Colt Autos.

Ek knives date back to 1941, and their motto, justifiably, is "Battle Proven in Five Wars".

As you have probably seen, the crossed knives on the "Best Ranger" trophy for the past 20 years are Ek Commando Knives.

Ek knives are now the Official Knives of the U.S. Army Ranger Association. Ek is supplying us, with their compliments, five of their deluxe Ranger F-S MkII Knives, complete with Walnut Display Cases with glass lids. We will present one each to the Best Soldier and Best NCO of the Year in the Ranger Regiment and to the Best Soldier and Best NCO of the Year in the Training Brigade. The fifth

one will be presented on a special occasion as USARA sees fit.

Also, members of USARA receive special benefits:

- a 10% discount on all Ek knives;
- priority order treatment (member orders will be placed ahead of orders from the general public; only active duty military orders will take precedence over us).

To take advantage of these special terms, you can contact Bob Buerlein, president of Ek, who also happens to be an Honorary member of USARA. See their web site at www.ekknife.com. You can email them at hq@ekknife.com, or call them at (804) 257-7144.

Rangers lead the way, and now we can do so with America's Best Military Knives.



Israeli Defense Minister Receives New Ranger School Diploma



Israeli BG (R) and Director General, Ministry of Defense, Pinchas Barel-Buchris receives his USARA membership certificate and Ranger School diploma from U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, the Honorable John J. Young, Jr. at the Israeli Defense Ministry. Ranger Barel-Buchris was the Distinguished Honor Graduate of ranger Class 14-1980. COL Stephen Rust, a Ranger who works at the Pentagon found out about the Director General's fond memories of his Ranger days and the fact that Ranger Barel-Buchris had lost his Ranger School diploma. USARA assisted COL Rust in procuring the replacement documents for the Undersecretary to present to Ranger Barel-Buchris on his recent trip to Israel. Welcome back Ranger Barel-Buchris.

2008 USARA Ranger Hall of Fame Inductees

On 11 June 2008, fourteen distinguished Rangers were inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. The Ranger Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contributions of America's most extraordinary Rangers. The members of the Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Board take particular care to ensure that only the most extraordinary Rangers are inducted, a difficult mission given the high caliber of all nominees. The 2008 (16th Annual) Ranger Hall of Fame Inductees and their unit associations are:

COL John Ripley – U.S. Marine Ranger School graduate, Force Reconnaissance, Royal Marine Commandos, Advisor Malaya Commandos (**USARA Nominee**)

CSM Ramon Rodriguez – 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment (**USARA Nominee**)
CSM George Conrad – 1st Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, Headquarters 75th Ranger Regiment
PFC Elwood Dorman - 5th Ranger Battalion
GEN John Galvin - Advisor Colombian Rangers
COL James Holland - Merrill's Marauders
LTG Lawson Magruder – 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment
MAJ Gordon Meanley - 1st Ranger Company, Florida Ranger Camp
SGM Frank Moore – E Company (LRP) 20th Infantry, C Company 75th Infantry (Ranger), N Company 75th Infantry (Ranger), Mountain Ranger Camp
1SG Douglas Perry - Advisor 42nd and 44th Vietnamese Ranger Battalions, Mountain Ranger Camp
MG John Raaen – 5th Ranger Battalion
LTC Ellis Reed – 5th Ranger Battalion
SGT Robert Scully - 3d Ranger Company
COL Leo Strausbaugh - 6th Ranger Battalion

USARA Nominee **COL John W. Ripley** served 35 years with the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1965 he completed Jump School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, and the Navy's SCUBA School. He deployed to Vietnam in 1966, where he saw extensive action in the areas of Khe Sanh, Dong Ha, Con Tien and the "rock pile." He was WIA four times. He returned to Vietnam in 1971 and served as senior advisor to the 3rd Vietnamese Marine Battalion. COL Ripley earned the Navy Cross during the 1972 North Vietnamese Easter Invasion of Dong Ha.

USARA Nominee **CSM Ramon Rodriguez** graduated from Jump School at the tender age of 17. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and later the 5th Special Forces Group (ABN). He attended the Special Forces Intelligence School and was a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Ranger Course. He also attended the Special Forces SCUBA School, Pathfinder School, and Russian Language classes. He was afterwards assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (ABN) SCUBA Detachment. His SCUBA Team was responsible for rescue operations in Central and South America. His team also built a ranger school in Honduras. CSM Rodriguez retired from active duty in 1984. He is currently the Chairman of the Los Angeles County Veterans Affairs Commission.

75th Ranger Regiment Soldier and NCO of the year with their Ek FS Mk II knives



From left to right; Ranger Butch Nery, USARA International Region Director, 75th Ranger Regiment Soldier of the Year Ranger SPC Barrett Kauling (3/75), 75th Ranger Regiment NCO of the Year Ranger SSG William Israel (RSTB), and Ranger Frank Casey, USARA Executive Vice President. The awards presentation/ceremony was held at the 3/75th RHQ atrium on June 18th.

RANGER MEMORIAL BRIDGES DEDICATED

Recently, two highway bridges in West Virginia were dedicated to the memories of two fallen Rangers from different eras. On 10 May 2008, USARA President Linc German attended the dedication of a bridge in Huntington, WV to the memory of Ranger SGT Jackie L. Waymire. SGT Waymire was KIA in Vietnam while saving the lives of many of his U.S. and Montagnard soldiers. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces. SGT Waymire distinguished himself by exceptionally valourous actions on 9 January 1967 while advising a Vietnamese Mike force on a combat reconnaissance patrol. After successfully destroying a hostile village complex, the unit was returning to its base camp. As the lead element entered the perimeter, the entire camp came under fierce automatic weapons fire from a reinforced Viet Cong platoon. SGT Waymire dauntlessly exposed himself to the savage barrage and maneuvered his platoon into two defensive positions. However, the intense hail of hostile fire threatened to inflict heavy casualties on the besieged camp if aggressive action was not immediately taken. Without hesitation, SGT Waymire called for covering fire as he led an assault against the insurgent flank. Shouting encouragement and orders, he stormed up the hill ahead of his men. Completely disregarding his safety, SGT Waymire charged a Viet Cong automatic weapons emplacement and killed three insurgents

before being fatally wounded. With the last effort of his strength, he continued to encourage his men as he vainly struggled forward himself. His unimpeachable valor saved many lives and contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. SGT Waymire's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and United States Army Rangers. Linc said that he was pleased to represent both the U.S. Army Ranger Association and Special Forces at the ceremonies for SGT Waymire.

On Friday, 4 July 2008, the State of West Virginia dedicated bridge number 17-NO310- 0.09 (2930) located at the east end of Main Street in Clarksburg, Harrison County, as the "PFC Hotty Herrick Bridge". A beautiful plaque was unveiled by his family on this day, Hottie's 85th Birthday, and the City of Clarksburg has designated July 4th as Hottie Herrick Day. PFC Herrick served in F Company, 1st Ranger Battalion and served his country honorably, making the ultimate sacrifice during the Allies' advance from Naples to Rome in 1943. Had it not been for PFC Herrick volunteering to take the place of a married man with children on that fatal mission, he might have returned to his home and family. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for his valiant service and it is a fitting and proper tribute to memorialize his life by renaming the Clarksburg Industrial Bridge as the "PFC Hotty Herrick Memorial Bridge."

Santa Rosa Ranger Laid to Rest

Excerpts from article by
Nathan Halverson
Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat
June 9, 2008

Army Ranger Christopher Gathercole, 21, was buried with full military honors in Santa Rosa, CA on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Gathercole died of wounds from small-arms fire during combat in a remote Afghan village. Hundreds of people turned out to wave American flags, shed tears and tell stories in honor of the Santa Rosa native.

Only a few years ago, such honors would have seemed improbable. Gathercole endured a severely troubled childhood, bouncing from one foster family to the next. By 17, he was living in a treatment house. His rise from troubled teen to member of the Army's elite Ranger unit is remarkable. "He didn't feel he was entitled to anything," said his brother, Edward Gathercole, 23, of Santa Rosa. "He didn't feel he was a victim. He viewed himself as a conqueror."



Ranger Christopher Gathercole is carried to his final resting place by his comrades in arms (Santa Rosa Press Democrat photo).

Friends and fellow soldiers described SPC Gathercole as a charismatic young man who buoyed the spirits of those around him and contained the willpower to rise above his past. To his fellow soldiers, Christopher Gathercole was known as "Gator," a take on his last name that embodied his assertive personality. "He was just a fine soldier," said SGT Daniel Higgins, who was with Gathercole in Afghanistan when he died on Memorial Day. "He liked to tell jokes," Higgins said. "He kept up our spirits all the time."

On Sunday, SGT Higgins helped carry Gathercole to his final resting place. A Ranger Chaplain delivered a short eulogy, which was followed by a 21-gun salute. Higgins remained stone-faced as he folded the flag draped over Gathercole's casket. But as Gathercole's body was lowered into the ground, tears flowed freely. Family members, friends and uniformed soldiers embraced, prayed and grieved.

Those who didn't know Gathercole said they attended his funeral to honor his sacrifice. Many people arrived hours before the 2:30 p.m. service and lined the entrance to the cemetery in northeast Santa Rosa. "We're showing support for a soldier who gave his life in the line of duty," said Randall

Muelheim, a firefighter from Occidental. Two fire engines raised their ladders to form an arch as an entryway to the cemetery and then hung a 20-foot-long American flag that billowed in the wind. More than 100 people arrived on motorcycles adorned with American flags. Most were veterans wearing patches that indicated when and where they fought. Ranger Mike McClintock attended the ceremony on behalf of USARA and was joined by 75th Ranger Regiment Association representative Ken York and his wife, Susanne, and their youngest son, Kenny. The York's currently have two sons serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment, and Kenny is due to join them this Fall. Also in attendance was Marie "Mama Smooth" Martinoni, whose son Daniel is also serving with the 75th Regiment.

USARA Balance Sheet

30 JUNE 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Columbus Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 8,706.90
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	\$ 120,167.51
Total Current Assets	\$ 128,874.41

Property & Equipment

Total Property and Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
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Other Assets

Total Other Assets	\$ 3,201.00
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Total Assets

\$ 133,575.41

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities	\$ 14,973.60
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Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 0.00
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Total Liabilities

\$ 14,973.60

Capital

Retained Earnings	\$ 113,970.06
Net Income	\$ 14,904.35
Other assets	\$ 4,701.00

Total Capital

\$ 133,575.41

Total liabilities & Capital

\$ 148,601.81

Wounded Ranger Warrior Speaks Up for Support Groups

The following is some very good information and includes a very nice unsolicited mention of USARA's support for wounded Rangers. Wounded Warrior, Mike Schlitz, who was at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, TX prepared the information below. Ranger Schlitz was badly burned and will have a long rehab. We are pleased to have been of help to him.

The following is a list prepared by Ranger Schlitz of the organizations that have helped him and others, along with some personal notes about how they helped him:

Warrior Scholarships:

<http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org/>

If you read over their site they are dedicated to helping wounded soldiers get back on their feet. I have a four-year scholarship waiting for me on top of my G.I. Bill. So whatever I decide to do next the education will be there. They also paid for mom's stuff to be shipped from CA to here. Plus a lot of visits to my hospital room.

Warrior Support:

<http://www.returningheroeshome.org/>

This organization helped mom during the 10 month stay in the hospital. They were also great help to me. They provided mom with activities to ease her mind as well bringing special food requests to my room.

Wounded Warrior Morale

www.operationcomfort.org

I will say this right off the get. I will never say enough about this organization and one of the women (Janis) who started it. She started the org with some of her own money trying to help the wounded. Now they do movie runs, dinners, mini vacation to different locations (NASA), and so many other events. They are planning a visit to France with 20 soldiers. So they can see the 5 beaches of Normandy. I have been lucky enough to have been on a few of these outings.

Wounded Warrior Support:

<http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org>

When I was able to stop wearing hospital garments I was still unable to get into my clothes. This was due to my injuries and medical dressing. This Org. was contacted on my behalf and donated clothes with Velcro so they could be put on around certain areas. I was really impressed. Not only did they donate special clothes, they asked what my interest were. Then donated based off that. I know of many soldiers here who have benefited for this Org.

Provides air travel: <http://veteransairlift.org/>

This Org. holds a special spot in my heart. I was still

in the hospital and a wheelchair in NOV 07. I wanted to go from TX to NY for my unit's homecoming. I had offered to pay if I could just go. This Org. picked me up and flew me round trip so I could see my friends come home. On the plane ride was my mother, a doctor, a nurse, 2 pilots, and of course me. The gift they gave me meant the world. How often does a common person off the streets get to ride in a private plane.

RGR. SCHLITZ'S HONORABLE MENTIONS

Rangers helping Rangers: <http://www.ranger.org/>

Anyone who knows anything about Rangers know we always stick together. This Org. is key in making that happen as well as keeping you up to date on key events.

Ranger Rush: email address- Rangerrush@aol.com

Ranger (Gerry) Rush is a remarkable man who has dedicated his life to Rangers, Soldiers, and most of all Wounded Soldiers at Brook Army Medical Center (BAMC). He takes both family members and Soldiers out to eat at a local theme restaurant, air shows, parades, and many other events. He was contacted by the Ranger Training BDE (RTB) when I was injured and was the first one by my bedside. He was there to great and consul my mother as well as other family members. I consider him and his wife Bev close friends. I have asked him to pin on my SFC stripes this summer when I get promoted. At this he does not have a site but I have added his email information.

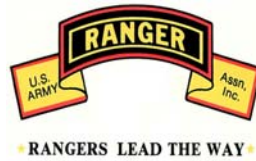
Troop Support: <http://www.anysoldier.com>

Sending packages to oversea soldiers who would normally not get mail.

Dogs for Wounded Soldiers: I do not currently have this email address, but if you know someone who is interested then I will contact the people who offered the service to me. At this time the service will not meet my needs, but it has other soldiers.

BOOK REVIEW

Ranger Frank Casey recommends reading "*Take Down—The 3rd Infantry Division's Twenty-One day Assault on Baghdad*" by Jim Lacey as being a highly focused combat narrative that takes the reader into high intensity actions by platoons, companies, battalions and brigades. Lacey interviewed key leaders from the 3rd ID including E-3s and E-4s to NCOs and officers to obtain their accounts of what they did, how they fought, and how the enemy reacted. Lacey even interviewed Iraqi generals to find out why they did what they did tactically and what they failed to do. Their greatest failing was that they did not know that we could see through the dark! *Rock of the Marne!* \$19.77 plus S&H at www.Amazon.com



**UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2008 REGISTRATION FORM
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ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2008
Tentative Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Events
Monday Sep 15, 2008	0800-1200	Setup for ARM
	1300-1800	Registration Open
	1800-2100	Reception Includes Finger Foods, 2 Drinks, Open Bar
	2100-2200	Status of 75th Ranger Regiment Briefing
	2200-2400	Hospitality Room Open
Tuesday Sep 16, 2008	0800-TBD	USARA BOD Meeting
	0900-1500	Shopping and Tour of Saratoga Springs
	1200-1800	Registration Open
	1500-2400	Hospitality Room Open
	2100-2200	Briefing on Ranger John Stark, F&I and Revolutionary War Hero
Wednesday Sep 17, 2008	0900-1600	F&I War Site Tour
	1200-1800	Registration Open
	1200-2400	Hospitality Room Open
	1800-2100	Dinner Cruise
Thursday Sep 18, 2008	0900-1600	Revolutionary War Site Tour
	1200-1800	Registration Open
	1200-2400	Hospitality Room Open
	1800-2100	Alternate Date for Dinner Cruise
Friday Sep 19, 2008	0900-1300	Registration Open
	1300-1500	General Membership Meeting
	1500-1700	Hospitality Room Open
	1800-2100	USARA Banquet
	2100-2400	Installation of Officers MG John Singlaub, Speaker Hospitality Room Open
Saturday Sep 20, 2008	0800-2100	F&I War Re-enactors
Sunday Sep 21, 2008		Rogers Island

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