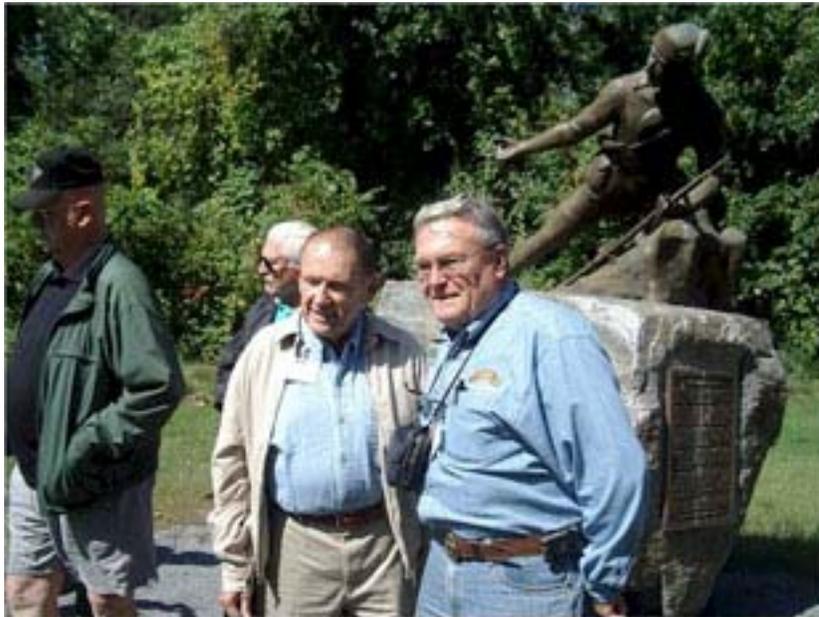




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# RANGER REGISTER

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L-R Rangers Steve Jaeger, IG; Gene Kuta, RICA Editor; MGEN Jack Singlaub; and Linc German, USARA President at Rogers' Rangers Monument, Rogers' Island, NY.

## FROM THE CO'S TENT

**M**uster 2008 at Lake George, NY was one not to be missed. Super location, weather, battle sites visited, notably Rogers Island on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the end of the French-Indian War in 1758. The island reenactment was surprising for its size and number of enactors including those portraying Rogers' Rangers. Folks running the Museum and Archeological Research Center there served us well with the Director escorting us on the tour of the island pointing out significant points.

I especially want to point out that we invited other Ranger association members to participate in our Muster. RICA, Korean Ranger Vets took us up on that with their President, John Walsh

and his wife plus seven other RICA members there with all but one with their significant others. The wives all had a great time as Walt Eckhardt arranged a tour during the time Rangers were occupied at Board meetings. Must add the Lake dinner cruise, sold out, was another highlight. Our "Littlest Ranger" Rosalie Beach running into her nineties now, gave a notable speech at the banquet. We hope to see her again with us in Las Vegas next year. Stay tuned for more details.

It was Ranger Jack Singlaub's presentation that

made this banquet very special. He spoke of his WWII OSS days like they were yesterday and followed with his history from the Korean War to Chief SOG in Vietnam, all combat time. Then spoke of his issue with President Carter over pulling our Troops from Korea. Jack lost that bout with the President but with his honor intact and the US did not remove the Troops. Few Generals place their careers on the line over principal. His theme was that SOF elements all have vital roles to play and all need to work together on an equal basis. He was therefore pleased to see this Muster having Rangers there from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the GWOT, the range of living Rangers. Also RICA demonstrating USARA is leading the way gathering all Ranger associations in one tent without preconditions. Thank you to Jack and Joan Singlaub for mak-



Major General John Singlaub (center) receives the Ranger Knife -- the Ek Fairbairn-Sykes MkII -- from USARA Vice President Mark Pelphrey (L) and USARA President Linc German. General Singlaub, with a rich and gallant military history, is probably best known for being the former CG of MACV-SOG. He was the guest speaker at the 2008 Annual Ranger Muster (ARM). Ek Knives are the Official Knives of the U.S. Army Ranger Association.

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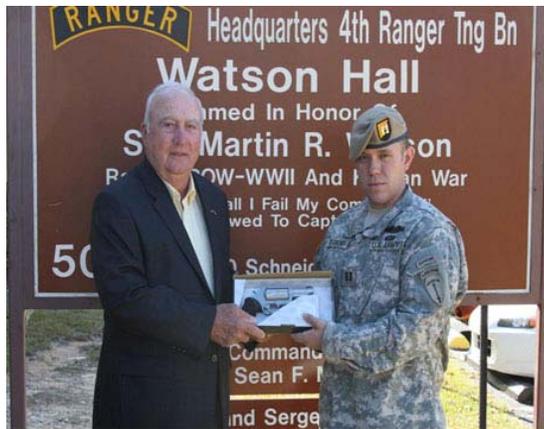
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ing this Muster special in many ways. MGEN Singlaub is in the RHOF as were two others attending, Harris Parker and Roy Lombardo. Also pointing out three ex-Presidents of the association, Rangers Tom Ohnemus, Roy Lombardo and Steve Maguire attended. Also I point out Art Silsby was there as always with Carol; Art has been a mainstay of the association since day one, and has held just about every job on the roster, including stepping in when others left key slots vacant.

Exec VP Frank Casey reported all candidates were unanimously elected. Given zero opposition that wasn't a surprise. All Officers are listed elsewhere in this issue. Thanks to Len Boulas and his Nomination Committee for superb work; see you next year. Note that elections cost us about \$1,600 a year. We tested Int'l. Region this year, permitting only Internet communications and voting. It didn't

work out well so our attempt using the very much less expensive Email route is not in the cards for some time. Our membership is not yet up to speed using this method.

Next, Treasurer Bob Kvederas reported \$132,646 as assets with \$9,126 liability for the then un-rented but USARA obligated rooms at the Muster Hotel. Walt later reported other anticipated expenses could reach considerably more. Good news; the raffle provided over 1,600 raffle donation stubs turned in, \$8,400 before expenses. Still, we were facing about a \$5 K deficit overall. The big Ranger in the sky was on our side! The hotel did not charge us for vacant rooms and the final bill came in much under Walt's estimate...Bottom line is we cleared a nearly \$5 K profit. Thank you all for your donations and the Hotel's kindness letting us off the hook. Obviously, we highly recommend outfits visit the Fort William Henry Resort and Convention Center for great deals and TLC. Tell them Rangers sent you! And speaking of the raffle; the three winners are:



**Taurus revolver raffle winner CPT Alan Deardorff receives prize from Frank Casey, USARA Exec.VP.**

*Taurus Revolver: Ranger (CPT) Alan Deardorff, XO, HHC, 4<sup>th</sup> RTB*  
*Ek Commando Knife: Ranger Tom Barley, NY resident*  
*Eagle Knife: Ranger Ed Perkowski, NY*

Interesting that Ed was the youngest Ranger attending and so selected to be the Drawer of the winning stubs from the barrel. His first "deep" reach pick was his own stub! Hey, was there some fix on? Nope, because he didn't pick my stub for that sweet revolver.

Newly appointed Officers are also repeats of those serving now except for Ranger John Senor who notified me prior to the ARM he had to step down. So, I pressed Bill Biser of NH to become the new Chairman of the Finance Committee. Joining him, are two other New Englanders, Jim Colligan from MA and Kerry O'Hara of VT. The entire committee comes from territory near the Treasurer who lives in CT. So perhaps next year we'll not have to press Len Boulas and Bob Copeland into Audit details at the last minute. Like last year, they found Bob's Books to be accurate. Given the Market meltdown of late. Be aware your assets are well protected in Columbus at the Bank for checking funds and invested of secure insured CD's or a Money Market at the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. Only Bob and Frank Casey are appointed to sign checks. Super reliable Rangers guarding your money. BTW Craig Vanek just is out of the hospital following the Muster with two

new hips; Craig, Bob Kvederas and Maureen Vanek ran the Ranger Store that did quite well helping balance the Muster Books too. Bill Biser and his wife helped pack up after the last of the booze was taken or left behind. Many hands helping make this Muster special and profitable. Thanks to all!

On to other business...Marketing income this year will be under that of the 2007 Blowout performance but respectable near \$8 K. Our Licensing Agent Susan Notories' husband died suddenly and her Mom needed special care in No.CA that kept Susan's attention focused on family rather than our Vendors. We expect things to turn round soon. As Craig has graduated to a cane from crutches, that will help too.

EBoard meeting 9-2008 approved \$200 donation to the BDQ (Vietnamese Ranger) Advisors' memorial. EBoard 10-2008 approved \$250 repeat annual donation to the POW Network for their uncovering Ranger and other Wannabees. EBoard 11-2008 approved an admin amendment to the Bylaws to adjust the audit timeframe to conform to the CY you approved last year. We simply overlooked the dates; now our financial review will be ASAP after 31DEC and NLT 31MAR the following year. Also during a second Board meeting at the ARM your Legal Advisor Ranger John Hollstein recommended approval of the President's request to allocate about \$5 K to obtain Trademarks for our Scroll Logo and Crest. Neither is sufficiently covered by the Copyright obtained long ago

by Susan at CLA. Also, John asked and it was unanimously approved, to amend the Bylaws into conformance with revised GA State Corporate rules governing termination of membership. These changes will be published in the next issue of the Bylaws.

That's about it. Some dates to remember:

8-10 MAY will be the Best Ranger Event.

3-6 AUG is the Ranger Regiment Change of Command from Clarke to Kurilla and Ranger Rendezvous.

DTBD Las Vegas Ranger Muster [We need local Las Vegas Rangers to volunteer to assist this one.]

Did ya know? Dogs are now in the Regiment. The RTSB, Regimental Special Troops Battalion also has a Ranger qualified Veterinarian assigned. The dogs have proven to be especially useful.

RLTW,

Linc

## HOLIDAY CARDS FOR WOUNDED RANGERS

The Holidays are now upon us and we want to wish all our Ranger brethren the happiest of holidays, especially those overseas and those recuperating in military hospitals around the world. However, before sending any mail to wounded and recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) please read on:

*"Thank you to all who sent mail to our recovering Warriors this past holiday season. We also thank the American Red Cross and Pitney-Bowes for their voluntary partnership that resulted in the processing of more than 700,000*

*pieces of mail! WRAMC is a Department of Defense hospital and must comply with the US Postal Services Policies. We are deeply grateful on behalf of our patients for the number of cards and letters that thousands of Americans sent showing their concern and support for our warriors here and at military medical facilities across the nation. Unfortunately, we must now revert back to the US Postal Services policy that prohibits receipt of packages, letters, and cards addressed to 'Any Wounded Soldier' or 'A Recovering American Soldier'. For security and safety reasons, the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver "Any Service Member" or "A Recovering American Soldier" letters or packages. Every one of the 700,000 letters and cards that were sent over the holidays were screened by the American Red Cross and several hundred volunteers helped with the screening process. The volunteers found a number of parcels that contained inappropriate comments but because of the screening process, these were not delivered to a recovering service member. The US Postal Service policy, not WRAMC's policy is that mail to "Any Service Member" that is deposited into a collection box will be returned to sender.*

*However, the good news is that we are actively exploring relationships with various organizations to enable us to accept this wonderful support in the form of letters and cards on a full time basis. We have heard your voice of support in this Global War on Terrorism and our Warriors and families appreciate your thoughtfulness. Keep checking the website for updates and we will make a public announcement as soon as we establish the details of the unique partnership developed with private organizations.*

*People who want to express their appreciation to American service members may also consider making a donation to one of the more than 300 nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping our troops and their families listed on the "America Supports You" website,*

*[www.americasupportsyou.mil](http://www.americasupportsyou.mil)*

*Other organizations that offer means of showing your support for our troops or assist wounded service members and their families include:*

*<http://www.usocares.org>*

*<http://www.redcross.org>*

*<http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers/>*

## USARA BALANCE SHEET 31 October 2008

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Columbus Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 8,816.00
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	\$123,882.00
Total Current Assets	\$132,698.00

**Property & Equipment**

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

Total Other Assets	\$ 3,201.00
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$137,399.00</b>
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**LIABILITIES & CAPITAL**

**Current Liabilities**

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

Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 0.00
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
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**Capital**

Retained Earnings	\$113,970.00
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Net Income	\$ 18,728.00
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Other Assets	\$ 4,701.00
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<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$137,399.00</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>	<b>\$137,399.00</b>
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## USARA 2008 ELECTIONS

**Len Boulas,  
Chairman Nominating Committee**

As noted else where in this newsletter the 2008 Election of Officers is over. This year's election was uncontested. Based on the election, the officers were sworn in at the ARM.

An e-mail voting test was conducted of the voting membership in the International Region who have e-mail access. The test indicated we have a lot of work to do before we will be able to move to an Association wide e-mail voting system. A committee made up of members of this year's nominating committee and the technical staff of the Association will continue to work on this issue.

USARA Election of Officers is currently an annual event with 1/2 of the Association's Officers being elected each year. It is not too early to begin thinking about the 2009 Election which will take place during the month prior to the 2009 ARM. The positions up for election will be: Executive Vice President, Vice President Personnel, National Secretary, International Region Director Southern Region Director, and the Western Region Director

If you are interested in running for one of positions or would like to get involved as a member of the nominating committee, or just have questions about the

elections process, please contact me or one of the officers of the association. I can be reached through one of the following methods:

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AC 505 541-1449 (H)

AC 303 522-7374 (C)

## Financial Review By Len Boulas

A committee consisting of Rangers Bob Copeland from Canada, Jim Colligan, Treasurer Bob Kvederas, and myself at the request of the USARA President conducted a financial review of the Association's financial records, and supporting documentation at the ARM. This review also covered the processes and systems in place to insure the safe guarding of Association funds, and their proper accounting to include investment policy, financial controls, accounting software, bonding and insurance, and general financial policy and procedures.

Based on this review a report was rendered to the Board of Directors indicating that the accounts were in excellent order, all funds were properly accounted for, and that the Treasurer had established a financial accounting system that provided for the safe guarding of Association's Funds.

Treasurer, Bob Kevederas continues to make improvements to the Association financial records and systems and to provide the Board of Directors with meaning full reports that can be use to base financial policy and decisions on.

The report additionally covered several recommendations discussed with the Treasurer and made to the Board of Directors for improvements to the current system.

## Battlefield Surveillance Brigade

The Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BFSB) conducts intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations to enable the division or corps commander to precisely focus joint combat power and simultaneously execute current operations while preparing for future operations. The brigade is composed of a headquarters, a military intelligence battalion, a reconnaissance and surveillance battalion, signal network support and logistics support companies. A variety of unique assets, such as a Long Range Reconnaissance Company, Reconnaissance Troop and HUMINT Company provide another tool to address the commander's priority intelligence requirements (PIR).

## RANGER ROBERT S. HAYWOOD SCHOLARSHIP

### Ranger Children and Grandchildren Urged to Apply

The U. S. Army Ranger Association, Inc. (USARA) announces the Ranger Robert S. Haywood Scholarship at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. The scholarship is renewable for four years and covers all tuition and books. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2009.

The scholarship was established by the family of Ranger Robert S. Haywood, a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) during the Korean War.

Award of the Ranger Robert S. Haywood Scholarship can only be to the child or grandchild of someone who has earned the Ranger Tab or is serving (or previously served) as a U. S. Army Ranger. Applicants should go to <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/scholarships.htm> for details. For additional scholarship information contact Kevin Chambers at [Kcham@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:Kcham@georgiasouthern.edu).

To qualify for the scholarship, a minimum 1100 SAT score or a 24 ACT score is required. Higher scores will be more competitive and the need of the student is a consideration in the process.

Application for this scholarship must be accompanied by an application for admission, assuming that was not submitted previously. Apply for admission at <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu>.

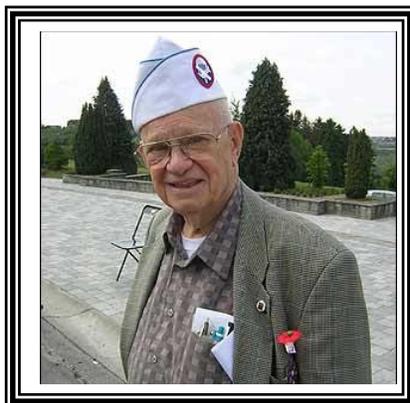
[n.edu/apply.htm](http://www.usara.org/apply.htm). Questions concerning admission may be obtained from "Brook" at [BHook@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:BHook@georgiasouthern.edu).

USARA is responsible to verify the Ranger credentials of the father or grandfather for the University after the student has applied for the scholarship and has been accepted for admission.

The United States Army Ranger Association, Inc. is a 501-C(19) tax exempt membership organization of serving and former Rangers. The purpose of USARA is to promote and preserve the U.S. Army Ranger heritage, spirit, image and service. Rangers interested in joining the USARA should go to [http://www.ranger.org/html/join\\_usara.html](http://www.ranger.org/html/join_usara.html) for membership requirements and application.

## Tribute

**Corporal Don Lassen  
505th Parachute Infantry  
Regiment  
82nd Airborne Division**



Some of you might not recognize his name, but to those who are members of the Airborne community Don Lassen was known as "Mr. Airborne," the patron of those proud soldiers who are often first to the battle. He was one of the first to parachute into Normandy with the 82nd Airborne Division during the D-Day Invasion and was also a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge.

But it was his service after the war that endeared him to the Airborne Community. In 1947 he began publishing the Static Line, a one-page newsletter designed to maintain the brotherhood of those who had served in the Airborne Infantry. He hosted an annual Airborne Awards Festival which brought together paratroopers from many generations. Later he founded and served as president of the Airborne Historical Association, as well as president of the Atlanta chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association. He also led the efforts to construct the Airborne Walk at Fort Benning, where thousands of new paratroopers have pinned on their wings each year since its dedication in 1986. At a recent ceremony at the Walk, LTC Jon Ring, commander of the 1/507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, paid tribute to Don Lassen: *"Don was the man who carried the pride of the airborne community on his shoulders. Here (at the Walk) he forever linked the paratroopers of that day – his day – and every phase of Airborne history since."*

From Larry Lunceford  
Soldier Café  
([www.rangercoffee.com](http://www.rangercoffee.com))

## MARKETING REPORT

Craig Vanek, Marketing Director

Income from royalties and commissions for the 4th QTR 2007, 1st QTR 2008, and 2nd QTR 2008 is \$7761.63.

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page at [www.ranger.org](http://www.ranger.org) for more details or contact a USARA Board member.

## Korean War Ranger Returns Home

Ranger Walt Eckhardt, Northern Region Director and veteran of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) in Korea reports that the remains of a Korean War Ranger have been returned home for burial. He is Cpl. Librado Luna, of Taylor, Texas. He was buried on Nov. 25 in his hometown.



In late November 1950, Luna was assigned to the 8th Army Ranger Company, 25th Infantry Division, then attached to B Company, 89th Medium Tank Battalion as part of Task Force Dolvin. The 8th Army Ranger Company was deployed on Hill 205 in Kujang County along the leading edge of the U.S. position. On November 25, the Chinese Army struck in force in what would become known as the Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River. Task Force Dolvin, including the 8th Army Ranger Company, was forced to withdraw to the south. Of the 91 men from B Company, 89th Medium Tank Battalion and the 8th Army Ranger Company, only 22 made it to safety. Ten men, including Luna, went missing on November 26 near Hill 205.

In 1998, a joint U.S.-DPRK team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a burial site in Kujang County where a girl had uncovered possible American remains on a hill near her school. The site correlates with the area where members of the 8th Army Ranger Company fought as part of Task Force Dolvin. The team recovered human remains and non-biological material evidence.

## Ed Freeman, MOH



If you are asking yourself "who was Ed Freeman?" then you were not one of many 18 or 19 year old kids, critically wounded, and dying in the jungle in the Ia Drang Valley on 14 November 1965 at LZ Xray, Vietnam. Your infantry unit is outnumbered 8-1, and the enemy fire is so intense, from 100 or 200 yards away, that your own Infantry Commander has ordered the Medevac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns, and you know you're not getting out. Your family is 1/2 way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.

Then, over the machine gun noise, you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter, and you look up to see a Huey, but it doesn't seem real, because no Medevac markings are on it.

Ed Freeman is coming for you. He's not Medevac, so it's not his job, but he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire, after the

Medevacs were ordered not to come. He's coming in anyway. And he drops it in, and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 2 or 3 of you on board.

Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire, to the Doctors and Nurses. And, he kept coming back..... 13 more times..... and took about 30 of you and your buddies out, who would never have gotten out.

Medal of Honor recipient Ed Freeman died recently at the age of 80, in Boise, ID. May God rest his soul.



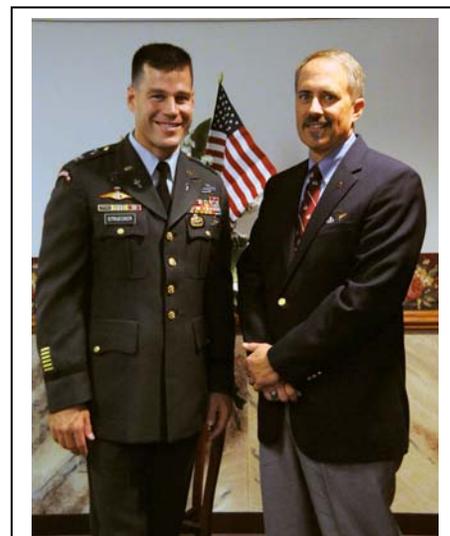
## Hand Salute Authorized for Vets

On 14 October, CINC/President G.W. Bush signed into law the Defense Authorization Act of 2009. Therein is cited, Military Veterans are authorized to render the Hand Salute in lieu of placing their hand over the heart during appropriate honors, funerals, our flag passing, raising or lowering, etc. The law also applies to Active Duty and Reserve Component Soldiers when out-of-uniform.

Thank you Mr. President and notably to the sponsoring Army Vet who wrote this important bit of legislation into the Act of 2009, Senator Jim Inhofe, OK(R).



Rgr. Art Silsby presents CPT Vitale, 1/75 with \$500.00 donation from USARA. Silsby was at Hunter AAF for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Reunion of Operation Urgent Fury.



STB, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Chaplain, CPT Jeff Struecker chats with USARA VP personnel Mark Pelphey at Hazelwood Christian Church, Hazelwood, IN. CPT Struecker had just presented an inspiring sermon related to his personal experiences in the "Blackhawk Down" battle in Mogadishu, Somalia on 3 October 1993. In attendance were many IN Rangers and members of Indiana's Co. C, 2-152 LRS.

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**RANGERS IN THE NEWS**



USARA Executive VP Frank Casey presents Ek Commando Knife Co. Fairbairn-Sykes MkII knives to 4/75 top NCOs SFC Simms and SSG Williams at 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 2008 Annual Ball

**The Great Ranger in the Sky...**

has called more of our brothers to their last muster. Ranger **William Z. Duncan**, one of the last of Merrill's Marauders, passed away on 12 November. RHOE member **John Franklin** was called on November 10. RHOE member and Navy Cross recipient USMC COL **John W. Ripley** passed away recently. MOH recipient and RHOE member COL **Robert Nett** has passed away. COL Nett was awarded the MOH for actions with the 305<sup>th</sup> PIR during WWII. He is also a member of the OCS Hall of Fame.

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Ranger Training Brigade Soldier of the Year SP/4 Cox receives Commemorative Ek Commando Knife from USARA EVP Casey.

**General Wayne A. Downing Airport Dedicated**

The first airport to be named after a Ranger, the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport, was dedicated on October 10, 2008. Peoria was GEN Downing's hometown, and naming the Airport after him is a fitting tribute to one of the truly great Rangers.