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FROM THE CO'S TENT

Hot News! Muster 2009 at Las Vegas news is inside. Sign up for what's to be a super week at the Flamingo arranged by Craig Vanek, Chair for the ARM-2009. #2- ARM-2010 will be in San Antonio, TX. Being chaired by Karl Monger, OK. Let him know what you'd like to do. Check with your Lady as the schedules will have something for wives entertainment also. She will want you to sign up; saves the hassle of you having to tick her off.

The latest Officer appointments were driven by Gregg Orth and Laf Keaton your SECY and WRD respectively, notifying me they'd not be running for Office this year. WR and the SECY slots are particularly busy this year, so I was fortunate talking other Officers to move to various assignments to have a

smooth transition. As Gregg and Laf transition out, Mark Pelphrey and Rafe Delli-Bovi step in, Rafe is now the WRD. Pel has assumed the SECY function with Gregg assisting with the smooth transition. Art takes over VPPERS, while Wade Lnenicka moves into the SRD slot. Matt Basik has been appointed Deputy to Wade. Karl is DDCR while Joe Mattison is DDNR. Among Craig Vanek's hats is DDWR so we need someone else to step up for Deputy Dir, WR. Gregg Orth remains your Chaplain, Mike "McGeek" McClintock Editor, Hal Marshall as ADMIN, Ranger.org, while Len Boulas Chairs the Nomination Committee, Budget & Finance I cite later, IG is Steve Jaeger while Historian remains Dick Stewart.

I stress, all the National and Region Director slots running for election this year are VPPERS, SRD, SECY, WRD, EXEC VP & IRD, so you will also get to vote for your choices, these Rangers or others. As Gregg Orth steps out as SECY, I must applaud his efforts (and his Family) to make order of those Cardboard boxes filled with unorganized mix of paperwork. Also to achieve a 10% membership gain.



Ranger Medic Dan Lichau applies fingernail polish for Iraqi girl. See page 5 for SGT Lichau's story.

Laf Keaton is this year's USARA Abn Man of The Year. Laf's service began during WWII and was among those 11th ABN DIV Recon elements opening Los Banos POW Camp in the Philippines. Served in Korea, earning the SS and later was SF MFF qualified.

The Ranger Robert Haywood Scholarship this year is awarded to Patrick Smith, Peachtree, GA. He's the son of LRR-6000 and had a SAT of 1330! Expect Pat will do as well as his two predecessors.

2009 EBoard Meetings:

1-2009 – Approved connection with the French SAS/Commando Assn. See:

<http://www.quiosegagne.asso.fr> and see bottom left legend, going to "Unites SF Dans Le Monde."

2-2009 – Tabled Motion of CRD.

3-2009 – As mentioned, Laf Keaton becomes our Abn Man of the Year.

4-2009 – Approved a \$1 K donation to the POWNetwork for inviting us to their event in Branson, MO for the Veteran's Day festivities. USARA gets recognition at the Banquet and a Ten Ranger Table. Also donated \$500 to the 1/75 Ranger Ball.

5-2009-- Approved 2009 Mid-Year Board Meeting Minutes.

2009 Mid-Year Board actions:

-EXEC VP submitted minor changes to the Awards SOP which were approved.

-2008 Minutes were approved.

-Manny Carreras, Ranger Store operator cited weaker sales and because his vendors were cutting back stock, items purchased sometime are taking longer to fill. He

contacts all customers this happens to. Another example, Bancroft Berets went out of business without notice. Manny had to buy some from Ranger Joe's. His commission checks to us that went previously thru CLA are now to be sent directly to us and we determine what share CLA gets rather than vice versa.

-Trademark Issue. Our Scroll and Crest need TM protection that the existing Copyright doesn't provide. Linc is authorized to commit up to \$5,000.00 the hire a Patent Attorney and seek TM's for both. Rafe is exploring hiring a Graphic Artist who can digitalize both before submitting the TM applications.

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-Hal Marshall's super work with our Website www.ranger.org was recognized. It was also noted the Site is in the Public Domain so isn't for viewing internal documents. Also one of the membership benefits is the Ranger Register (RR). That has been shown immediately after being sent via Ezine by McGeek. So, to keep the RR a benefit, we will no longer publish the current RR, rather wait for the following one prior to publishing it on the Website. Members will have exclusive receipt until all USPS delivery is confirmed.

-SECY Report was that 2008 saw 10% membership increase but we still lack 70 addresses of members. ALL-STAY ON TOP AND SEND US NOTICE OF NEW ADDRESSES SO WE WILL NOT LOSE YOU.

-Treasurer Reported especially good results in 2008. \$140,678 vs. \$118,305 at year's end in '07. We have no liabilities and all cash is invested at 100% insurance coverage. 2008 Budget results reveal spending \$9,000 less than expected, while income was \$10,000 more! Grants to Ranger Units and NCOs were \$6,650. Bill Biser our Budget & Financial Committee Chair is a CPA so you may be cer-

tain the books are straight. He and Bob, following a Lake George recommendation, have created three locations for duplicate Financial Excel records. Bob sends copies periodically to Bill and he stores them on his computer at work where a trusted and structured formal network exists that is backed up daily, automatically. Bob also has a USB Port Chip in his pocket having the records there also. The third is in Bob's computer.

-VPPERS is developing a Recruiting Poster to be sent to everyone on our Roster. It will be placed where our member thinks best. Art is nearly finished making a new member database.

-VPLOG/DIR MKING Reports- First Craig brought us up-to-date on the Las Vegas Muster. Board approved all his initiatives. He also provided a superb Property Report, very detailed that shows you have \$4,883 stored under Frank Casey's care in Columbus. Frank and Butch Nery (IRD) routinely attend every Ranger graduation where we provide shirts to best instructors.

-Legal Advisor John Hollstein cautioned us to be careful we do not stray risking our Tax Exempt status. Seems some Military 501C organizations are being audited by IRS for back Taxes due to significant advertising sales income over expenses that are taxable.

-Unresolved was an issue of opening membership to the new LRS Co. newly authorized in each DIV. Seems the TO&E shows 52 of 134 slots in the Company with Abn/Ranger designator "V." The others, less one are "P" slots, parachutist. The Ranger Tab remains the Gold Standard and for those soldiers in a "V" slot, in combat with the LRSC, without the Tab, may qualify for membership. This is the case in all units. Honorary membership is appropriate for non-Rangers with case by case Board approval.

-Fred Spaulding was noted for great recruiting effort in INANG es-

pecially. He has enough already to start a Ranger Base.

Lastly, Sign Up For Las Vegas! The limited rooms we have at this cheap price, \$60/night, double occupancy at the Flamingo is hard to beat and to insure I have a room, I have already Registered and Booked a room for the duration.

USARA 2009 Election of Association Officers

Len Boulas
Chairman Nominating Committee

It is almost that time again for the Annual Election of Association Officers.

USARA Election of Officers is an annual event with 1/2 of the Association's Officers being elected each year. The election is by mail in ballot conducted in the month prior to the ARM. With this year's Arm scheduled for Las Vegas, NV in September the election will take place in August. You should receive your ballot by the first day of that month, if your dues and contact information are current.

Qualifications for potential candidates are:

- A voting member of the Association in good standing
- Someone who has the time, is computer literate and has access to a computer, is interested in the welfare of the Association and its members, and
- a person who is a doer and wants to make a difference.

The one exception to the above criteria is that: Only members of a Region can run for the Office of Regional Director for that Re-

gion. The positions up for election are:

- Executive Vice President
- Vice President Personnel
- National Secretary
- International Region Director
- Southern Region Director
- Western Region Director

If you are interested in running for one of positions up for election this year, or would like to get involved as a member of the nominating committee, or just have questions about the election process, please contact me or one of the officers of the association. I can be reached through one of the following methods:

E-mail: Lboulas1@aol.com

AC 505 541-1449 (H)

AC 303 522-7374 (C)

ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2009 IN LAS VEGAS

The Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) this year will be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please use the Registration Form found in this issue of the Ranger Register. Registration at the Flamingo will begin after 3 PM on the 7th of September in the Metropolitan Suite of the hotel. The Metropolitan Suite will also be the location of the Hospitality Room. USARA has a block of 40 rooms set aside for the ARM. The room rate for the USARA block of rooms is \$60 per night plus tax and you must make your own reservations. The room reservation number at the Flamingo is 1-800-835-5686. When you call to make your reservation, either say that you are with

the USARA Annual Ranger Muster or use our convention code of SFARM9. The hotel requires that you reserve your room with a major credit card. They will charge the first night's fee when you make your reservation and will give you instructions about check-in on the day of your arrival. The USARA rate of \$60 for our block of rooms is valid until 7 August. After that time, the prevailing room rate will apply. This year's events start on the night of 7 September. There will be a welcome Mixer in the early evening. We are planning to get a group rate (no host) to eat at the Paradise Garden Buffet before the Mixer starts. The Paradise Garden Buffet has been noted as one of the best buffets in Las Vegas. The next scheduled event is a tour of nearby Nellis AFB on 9 September. The tour will include a visit to the USAF Thunderbirds facility, the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Center, the Search and Rescue Center, a fighter squadron, and a mission brief. Please note that certain facilities may not be available for visitation due to mission requirements. On the 10th of September, we will travel to Lake Mead for a dinner cruise. Those attending last year's cruise at Lake George can attest to the great time had by all. The ARM banquet will take place on the 11th of September. We are planning a great buffet dinner set up by the hotel, as well as a guest speaker, raffle items, and door prizes. Two of the raffle items this year will be the stainless steel Taurus Judge in a 3 inch Magnum (handgun) and an MX6 Laser Illuminator. Your regional directors will announce when the raffle tickets are ready for purchase. USARA is also exploring the possibility of visiting a Nuclear Test Site and/or a Las Vegas city facility. We are also looking at getting reduced rates on some Vegas shows, but this is still

in the works. The USARA Board of Director's meeting will take place on 8 September, while the USARA Members meeting will happen on the 11th. Please note on the registration form that event fees are more expensive after 1 July. Also, USARA is not set up to accept credit cards for Registration or ARM events. Please send your completed registration form with payment in full to Craig Vanek, 2223 Forrest Street, DuPont, WA 98327. See you in Las Vegas!

Central Region Report

By

Karl Monger, Central Region Director

Ranger Class 14-83,
1/75 1990-1993

The Central Region of USARA is strong and growing. We are actively seeking personal and professional networking opportunities for Rangers and we encourage you to think about your Ranger contacts and get them active in the association. Look for Karl Monger on several networking sites, including LinkedIn.com and facebook.com.

This is a unique period in our nation's history. Today's Rangers have an optempo unmatched in our history. Recently I read an article in the Savannah newspaper that described a 1/75 awards ceremony recognizing a three month deployment resulting in 350 combat missions, 750 suspected insurgents detained and 360 enemy combatants killed. Rangers who have earned the tab and/or worn the scroll are the most highly qualified combat leaders in our nation's history. USARA is uniquely positioned to keep these Rangers affiliated and plugged-in to our heritage as well as to provide them support as they progress into the civilian world. I en-

courage each of our members to get involved as we grow the association.

Mark your calendars; this is the warning order for the Annual Ranger Muster 2010 to be held in San Antonio, TX. Timeframe is August/September. If any Ranger has a suggestion for events, or is willing to assist in the logistical arrangements please email Tim Swain

(timsvain@airborneranger.us) or (175tabbedranger@yahoo.com).

Long-Overdue Honor for Korean War Hero

Compliments of Ranger Walt Eckhart, USARA Director, Northern Region (and himself a Korean War combat veteran of the 5th Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne)), a story on the long-delayed and deserved award of the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously, to Ranger Wm. T. Miles, Jr. for his exceptional selflessness and heroism in the Korean War on 6 July 1951.

By John Kelly
washingtonpost.com
April 28, 2009



Sgt. William T. Miles, Jr. disappeared in Korea in 1951 while trying to draw the enemy away from his team. (Family Photo)

On July 6, 1951, a 22-year-old Army Ranger from Philadelphia named *Sgt. William T. Miles Jr.* radioed the other members of a clandestine team known as Operation Spitfire. The team had been working for a month setting up partisan bases 75 miles behind enemy lines in North Korea, but a bad supply drop -- a U.S. plane had buzzed their position in broad daylight -- had alerted hostile forces to its location. The Chinese and the North Koreans were moving in.

I'm going to draw the enemy's attention, Sgt. Miles radioed. You guys get out of here. Twenty-one days later, the exhausted remnants of the Spitfire team made it across friendly lines. Sgt. Miles wasn't among them.

His story might have been largely forgotten -- remembered today only by the aging men who owed him their lives -- if it wasn't for an 83-year-old retired Army officer from Bowie who has spent the past six years fighting to recognize the actions of a young man in a long-ago war.

Douglas Dillard arrived in Korea six months after Sgt. Miles's death. He was adjutant of the Eighth U.S. Army 8240th Army Unit, the outfit that absorbed the 8086th, in which Miles had served. He heard of Miles's exploits, including an earlier mission that had gone disastrously wrong. In 2003, as he was researching a book on clandestine operations in Korea, Col. Dillard started trying to reconstruct Sgt. Miles's final hours. He pored through various archives. He interviewed Koreans who had been there that summer day. He had no doubt: Sgt. Miles was a hero who had been denied the recognition he deserved.

Said Col. Dillard: "When I ran across the details, I thought, 'My God. This is really a travesty of justice. That sergeant sacrificed his life for his comrades.'"

It took six years, but last Wednesday at Fort Myer, the U.S. Army awarded Sgt. Miles his long-overdue honor. *Brig. Gen. Ruben D. Jones* awarded Miles the Distinguished Service Cross,

presenting it to the sergeant's surviving siblings. It's one of the military's highest awards, second only to the Medal of Honor.

"The only reason I didn't do the Medal of Honor is I knew I'd never live to see it done," said Col. Dillard, a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Why was it so important to remember the actions of a long-dead soldier he'd never met?

"In my career of 35 years in active duty, I've seen so many veterans that were ignored, overlooked or their actions were just not known, and they were never recognized," Col. Dillard said. "When I found that information, I was duty bound to do something about it. Come hell or high water, I was going to try."

When Sgt. Miles was killed, his brother *Donald* was 15, his sisters *Marjorie* and *Janice* 12 and 10.

"At that point, I didn't even know where Korea was," Marjorie told me yesterday. "I started trying to learn. We didn't realize what the Rangers were. At least I didn't." She's not surprised that her brother did what he did. "He was that type of person. What was the old expression? Gung ho? He was gung ho."

Marjorie, 71, and her husband, *Andreas Hantwerker*, live in the Hampton Roads area now. She said her mother never got over her oldest son's death. She kept the family in the old house for years, fearful that if her Billy ever returned, he wouldn't be able to find them.

"Col. Dillard has been wonderful through all of this," she said. "Without him, this never would have happened."

Sgt. Miles has occupied Col. Dillard's time for the past six years, but he has other projects. He has compiled 1,500 pages of documents in an as-yet-unsuccessful attempt to get official U.S. recognition for the thousands of Koreans who worked with the military as partisans during the conflict.

He also compiles information on U.S. soldiers who are still listed as missing in action from that war.

"We know a body was washed ashore on the west coast of Korea and was buried by partisans on an island controlled by North Korea," he said. He thinks he knows which mission the body may have come from.

"It keeps me going," said Col. Dillard. "If I didn't have a cause, I'd probably just dry up."

SGT Daniel P. Lichau

Army Ranger, Combat Medic, Patriot, and Hero

By Richard D. Lichau, USN Vet



Editor's note: Ranger Register editor, Mike McClintock works with the author, Rick Lichau, who is a Vietnam vet and SGT Dan Lichau's proud uncle. Ranger Lichau is the only son of Greg Lichau & Sally Moratto, and a native son of Sonoma County, CA. His Lichau ancestors came to Sonoma County in the 1850's. Dan comes from a long line of veterans from both sides of his family, including both his grandfathers and great Uncle Ernie Lichau (2 purple hearts) who served in WW II. His uncle Rick and 2nd Cousin Mike Paddock (Army-KIA) both served in Viet Nam. Dan's father served in the U.S. Navy and both sides of his family have a long and proud tradition of military service. Here is Ranger Dan Lichau's story as told to me by his uncle Rick:

As is typical of today's Rangers, SGT Dan Lichau's story is one of duty, courage, bravery, commitment, and dedication. Dan has served in both Afghanistan and Iraq, and was wounded for the second time in Iraq during his fourth deployment. His actions exemplify what it means to be an Army Ranger, soldier, patriot and good citizen. He has served his country, his family, the Army, and most particularly, himself and his fellow Rangers with distinction, honor and bravery. He has earned the highest level of respect and has been recognized for his service and sacrifices for his country. He has brought a tremendous sense of pride to his family and friends and is greatly appreciated for being the extraordinary young man that he is. In the field of combat, he has shown great courage, commitment to and dedication to his fellow Rangers that is above and beyond the call of duty, and epitomizes the Army Ranger spirit.

Dan originally enlisted in the Army after graduating from high school. During basic training a knee condition (pre-army) and injury (basic training) resulted in his medical discharge two weeks prior to graduation. Out of his own pocket, he paid for the corrective surgery he needed to meet the Army's requirements for him to be able to re-enlist. Approximately two years later, after two knee surgeries and rehabilitation, Dan was able to re-enlist and became an Army Ranger and combat medic. Dan has received two purple hearts and was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his meritorious actions in Afghanistan, where he was wounded in action.

This wound was a gunshot to his left wrist/forearm and it occurred during the last twelve hours of his second deployment. He recovered (partially-80%) from that wound and remained on active duty. His unit was scheduled to redeploy to Iraq this past January. Dan's enlistment was due to expire so he did not have to go, but chose to go anyway. Due to his strong sense of loyalty to his unit and fellow soldiers, Dan voluntarily extended his enlistment so they would have the benefit of an experienced medic in the field, not inexperienced "rookies" who didn't have any combat experience. He deployed with his unit, and was wounded on their 2nd mission 10 days later.

This mission was to take out an IED manufacturing operation and the people running it. On previous night missions in the area U.S. forces had been fired on. This was no exception, and the bomb-makers had set up an ambush with an IED and waited for the Rangers to arrive. Dan's team of 15 was approaching the target building along a dirt street. Other elements of his unit were providing backup and they held their Stryker vehicles approximately one mile back from the target. When the advancing team was in their most vulnerable position, the IED was remotely detonated by the enemy wounding 11 members of the Ranger team.

Dan and his platoon sergeant were in the middle of the column and the blast took them and the rest of the team down. Immediately after the IED exploded, Dan began to assess the situation; his first thoughts were to provide cover and care for his wounded platoon sergeant and other downed teammates, not his

own safety or physical condition. His NVG equipment was malfunctioning and he couldn't see very well. He took off his helmet and NVG device and tried to stand up, but found he couldn't because of the wounds to his right leg and buttocks (*"It felt like my leg was on fire"*). He then tried to shoulder his weapon, but discovered his right arm would not work and realized part of his triceps was missing. So he retrieved his weapon left-handedly and began providing cover for the downed team while waiting for backup and extraction.

When the backup/extraction teams arrived, Dan refused to be moved and continued to provide cover until all of the other wounded were taken care of and transported to safety. He then directed them to move him to the Stryker ambulance where he refused morphine injections because he wanted to keep his mind clear enough to allow him to monitor the actions of his "junior medics". He asked to be given a milder pain killing "lolly-pop" instead, so he could ensure they were taking proper care of his severely wounded platoon sergeant and other wounded team mates. Dan's wounds were the second most serious, only his platoon sergeant's wounds were worse, ultimately resulting in the amputation of both legs.

Six of Dan's teammates received treatment and returned to their unit within 24 hours at their own request; five were eventually returned to the U.S. Dan and three others were brought back

to Madigan Army Medical Center in Ft. Lewis, WA for further surgeries, rehabilitation, physical and occupational therapy and follow up care while the platoon sergeant was taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in critical condition. He has since been transferred out of WRAMC and is back home in Texas.

The latest information on Dan's status is as follows:

Dan's recovery has not been easy, but he is slowly coming along, and is making good progress with the healing of several major injuries. Dan had multiple surgeries (7or 8 surgeries in 11 days); initially in Iraq, then in Germany, and then finally at Ft. Lewis. His injuries include: damage to his right shoulder/upper arm area; shrapnel in his shoulder, face, and neck tissue (two fragments in his nose bone near the bridge, one piece in his neck, and several in his shoulder); 2" diameter/deep wound to right buttock; 10-plus inch long gash to right calf and loss of control of right foot; and partial hearing loss and concussion.

Dan was released from the hospital into family care in February and went into the Fisher House at Fort Lewis until housing near rehab could be found. Fisher Houses are similar to a Ronald McDonald house, but located on military bases. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury. Up until this month Dan was living with

his fiancée, Jessica in an off-base apartment. He turned 25 on February 24, when he celebrated his Birthday by having a homemade dinner at the Fisher House with Jessica, his maternal grandparents and his Mom, Sally. He and Jessica are expecting a baby girl in July. His Dad, Greg lives about 65 miles from their apartment. In late March, Dan was sent to San Antonio Army Medical Center/Brooke Army Medical Center for more surgery. This time on his shoulder to remove several pieces of shrapnel lodged there. It is hoped that while he is in San Antonio, Dan will also be fitted with a high-tech carbon fiber leg brace that will facilitate his recovery. Dan wants to get back to Jessica as soon as possible. She had quit her job so she could provide the daily care and assistance that he needed. Now she is having problems with her pregnancy and is unable to travel, so Dan wants to get back to her as soon as possible.

Editor's post script: *Dan's Uncle Rick and I have talked about this at length, and he is obviously very proud of his nephew, as we are all proud of our young Rangers today. Rick brought Dan's story to my attention because Dan's family was concerned over the post-operative care that he was receiving. That's largely behind them now; but let me just say that if we are going to send our young military men and women into harms way, we should back them up 100% with the best medical care and rehabilitative services available.*

I know that many of you reading this have been in the same situation as Ranger Lichau and know from experience that recovery is a long and painful process. This is all the more reason that we should stay informed about the condition of our Rangers after they have been wounded in combat. We need to let

our elected officials know in no uncertain terms that our wounded and injured veterans have earned the right to the best treatment and care that our country can provide for them, and as voting citizens and veterans we will not accept anything less than the best for them.

CSM (Ret.) Hall to Speak at ARM 2009 in Las Vegas

Ranger REGT CSM (ret.) Michael T. Hall has accepted the USARA invitation to speak at the USARA 2009 Muster! CSM Hall, US Army Special Operations Command command sergeant major, retired Jan. 17 at Fort Benning, Ga., with the same unit where it all began 32 years ago—with the men of the 75th Ranger Regiment. He served as the Army Special Operations Forces senior enlisted Soldier at Fort Bragg since November 2001. "I got to A Company, 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Infantry and on my first day, had the 10 best friends I had ever had in my life," said Hall. "Those friends, along with my NCOs leading the way taught me what was expected, you did it or you did not and if you did not, well we did without you before you got here," he said.

CSM Hall did not expect to make the Army a career. "I came in during a time in our nation's history where it was expected that you would serve your country. You served, you grew up and then you got on with life. For Hall, one thing led to another, and he stayed 29 years longer than he expected. "It went by very, very quickly. I think it was because I served with good people, not just good Soldiers, but good people. Mostly because I was lucky enough to start with the 1st Ranger Battalion," said Hall.

Hall attributes his successes to the Ranger leaders who mentored him. "I had great leaders who all contributed to who I am today. However, it was mostly the Rangers; It had to

be done," Hall said. One of those "great commanders"; life long friend, mentor and leader was on hand to send Hall off with a Ranger farewell.

"Serving from a time when the Ranger Battalions had just been re-established as unequaled light infantry, to a time when they reflect the most cutting edge tactics of complex joint special operations, Mike has been the continuity of leadership, values and mission focus that is uniquely reflected in the Ranger Regiment" said Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, Joint Special Operation Command commander. McChrystal served as the 10th Colonel of the Regiment from June 1997 to July 1999 with Hall as his Regimental Sergeant Major. Hall, who spent more than 17 years with the Ranger Regiment, perfected the doctrine, taught the tactics and mentored many successive leaders during his time in the Army. "It was an amazing feat, accomplished with little fanfare but unceasing sacrifice and effort," the general said.

"You could say that Hall is leaving the ranks today but that is not the case," said McChrystal. "Some of Mike is in every Ranger here today and every Ranger everywhere. When Ranger machine guns fire in Afghanistan because they are properly oiled, or a squad leader drills his Rangers in preparation for a raid in Iraq, a bit of Mike is there," he said. "It is the legacy of the finest Soldier I've ever known," said McChrystal (see picture on back page).

MARKETING REPORT

By
Craig Vanek
Marketing Director

Income from royalties and commissions for the 1st through 3rd QTRs of CY 2008 is \$1,207.08. Figures for the 4th QTR CY 2008 will be in the next RR.

RANGER STORE

<http://armyranger.usptgear.com>

Ranger Store note. The Ranger Store is receiving complaints from members concerning the unavailability or slowness in getting some items ordered. The Ranger Store apologizes for any inconvenience. The store is experiencing difficulty from its' suppliers and is correcting the situation as quickly as possible.

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USARA BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Columbus Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 6,055.00
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	\$126,129.00
Total Current Assets	\$132,184.00
Property & Equipment	
Total Property & Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Other Assets	
Total Other Assets	<u>\$ 3,383.00</u>
Total Assets	\$137,067.00

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00

Capital	
Retained Earnings	\$135,795.00
Net Income	\$ (3,611.00)
Other Assets	<u>\$ 4,883.00</u>
Total Capital	\$137,067.00
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$137,067.00

**35TH ANNUAL
RANGER BALL
1ST BN., 75TH RANGER
REGIMENT**

**Hunter Army Airfield
(HAAF), Savannah, GA**

A review by Ranger Leo Starkey

First my disclaimer: Since I was unaware that I would be tasked to write this article, no notes were taken by this Ranger at the event. Therefore, many names are sure to be left out, along with other vital details.

On Friday, March 20th, 2009, I had the privilege of attending the 35th Annual 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment Ball. It was an event I will never forget!

The Ball was held at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center and I am here to tell you, when the Rangers do something, they do it right. To be in the midst of all those young Rangers (were we ever that young and good looking?) in their dress uniforms with all of their awards and decorations, and that look in their eyes, that sharpness in their stance, (you remember and know what I am talking about. I am talking about that Warrior Spirit that each of we fellow Rangers have) made this Ranger's chest puff out and his eyes water up with pride. The attire was formal/semi-formal, but the truth is, I thought that I was at a beauty pageant. It

was almost like I had died and gone to Ranger heaven. I have never seen so many truly beautiful and gorgeous women gathered in one place.

Before I get to the events at the Ball, allow me to state what a true honor it was for me to spend a couple hours of the morning with SGM (ret) Lester B. Cook. Ranger Cook was one of the Original 1st Ranger Battalion "Darby Rangers," hand-picked and trained at Achnacarry, Scotland by Darby himself in

life experiences that he recounted left one completely amazed. Just like the younger Rangers looked upon us Nam'era Rangers with awe and respect, I was in complete amazement at SGM (ret) Cook's experiences. Then, back to the active duty Rangers of 1/75, there are no words to describe the pride I felt in those young Hooahs serving in Ranger units today.

I would like to thank LTC Brian Mennes (1/75th Bn. Co) and Ms. Sheila Dudley (1/75 Bn. secretary) for a job well done. If you would like to see more photos, please go to my page on MySpace and go to "my photo's". The e-mail address for my page is rgr3969@hotmail.com



1st Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment Command Sergeants Major pose at 1/75 35th Annual Ball in Savannah, GA. From L to R: CSM (Ret.) Dave Dalton, CSM (Ret.) Bill Acebes, CSM Jeff Mellinger, CSM (Ret.) Doug Greenway, Regimental CSM Chris Hardv. and 1st Battalion CSM Dennis Smith.

WWII. He was also an Original Rakkasan in Korea, a Silver Star from WWII and another from Korea, Master Parachute Wings with two combat jumps into Korea! This Legend holds two CIB's he'll admit to, but I think there may be more. I met up with he and Ranger Arlie Nethken (CSM ret who now lives in Alaska) from B/75, B/1/75 and C/2/75 directly after the Change of Command ceremony. And even though I enjoyed my time of reminiscing with Ranger Nethken, being in the presence of SGM (ret) Cook was a rare and precious treat. The

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LAF KEATON AWARDED USARA AIRBORNE MAN of the YEAR

Former Western Region Director, Laf Keaton with USARA 2009 Airborne man of the Year Award given by the All Airborne Association's 32nd Annual Airborne Awards Festival in Atlanta on 4 APR 2009. Ranger Keaton commands the Bo Baker Ranger Base in Portland, OR, and is also the Cultural Center Committee Chairman of American Indian Association there. Laf is also Chaplain for the 511th PIR Association.

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RANGER RENDEZVOUS 2009

FORT BENNING, Ga.(USASOC News Service, Feb. 22, 2009) — More than 1,000 Rangers from the 75th Ranger Regiment will conduct a mass tactical airborne operation here to kick-off Ranger Rendezvous, August 3-6.

The Ranger Rendezvous is a unit tradition to bring the entire Regiment together for the Regimental change of command. The days leading up to the ceremony are filled with Ranger demonstrations and events. Ranger families and veterans traditionally attend the event as well. Overall, Ranger Rendezvous helps foster esprit de corps within the Ranger community.



Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal presents Command Sgt. Maj. Michael T. Hall with the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal Jan. 17 as Hall's wife Brenda looks on.



USARA Secretary Mark Pelphrey congratulates Ranger Todd Harless, one of USARA's newest members as he accepts command of 1st Bn 293rd Infantry (Nightfighters), INARNG on 28 MAR 09. The Indiana Army National Guard has had a recent surge of USARA membership mostly from Co. C 2/152 LRSC. They can be found on the web at <http://www.152lrs.co.cc/> USARA