

NATIONAL RANGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.
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21-23 August 2012

TO: Board Members

FROM: Joseph Leuer, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes, NRMF Board Meeting, Web-based Meeting Held 21-23 August, 2012.

1. Call to Order: The meeting of Board of Directors was called to order on August 21, 2012 and was planned to run through August 23, 2012.
2. E-mail invites to participate in the meeting were sent to:
 1. Chairman, Ranger Ken Leuer
 2. Secretary, Ranger Scott Henry
 3. Treasurer, Ranger Don Bowman
 4. Executive Secretary, Mr. Joe Leuer
 5. Ranger Roger Brown, Board Member
 6. Ranger Ralph Puckett, Board Member
 7. Ranger Michael Kelso, Board Member
 8. Ranger Emory Mace, Board Member
 9. Ranger Danny Davis, Educational Officer
 10. Public Affairs, Ms. Jonnie Clasen
 11. Counsel, Mr. Robert Poydasheff
 12. Descendants of WWII Rangers, Jerry Styles
 13. Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants (MMPD), Ranger Robert Passasini
 14. Airborne Rangers of the Korean War Association, Ranger Rex Masters
 15. USARA, Ranger Butch Nery
 16. 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc., Ranger Joe Little
 17. The Ranger Regiment Association (TRRA), Commander, 75th RGR RGT
 18. The National Ranger Association (RTB), Commander, RTB
 19. Worldwide Army Rangers (WAR), Ranger Willie Snow
3. The meeting was convened when the Executive Secretary sent out the agenda, Secretaries Report, Scholarship and Friend of the Rangers Reports, and previous minutes.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed, read, and a motion was made to accept them as published. No negative comments so the minutes were accepted as published.
5. Administration:
 - a. Treasurer's Report:
 1. CURRENT ASSETS

CASH - REGULAR	\$ 304,328.61
ENDOWMENT ACCT	291,348.62

ENDWM. VALUATION ACCT	9,728.53
CD PURCHASED 5-08	88,721.04
MONEY MARKET ENDM FUND	56,874.33
ACCRUED INTERESR RECBL	244.00
PETTY CASH	100.00
MONSY MARKET ENDM FUND	598.82
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 793,379.31
FIXED ASSETS	
LANDSCAPING	69,122.00
MONUMENT CONSTRUCTION	824,022.50
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	4,381.00
EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE	750.00
WEB SITE	2,500.00
ACCUM DEPR	(164,944.00)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	735,831.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,529,210.81

b. Secretary's Report:

1. 2012 engraving was finished in July, 2012. 113 Stones were engraved. Go to www.rangermemorial.org and click on the BUY A STONE link, fill out the form and attached a scanned copy of your proof of service. Pay with credit card.
2. 4 non-FOR level donations for 2013 year.
3. 27 FOR level donations for 2013 engraving period
4. CFC donations for 2011 is at \$66,693.90.
5. 20 Scholarships were awarded in 2012. 1 January is start date to receive scholarship application ONLY ONLINE. 1 June is close out and selection for 2013 winners. Apply at the web site.

c. Anet Publisher Report:

1. Anets produced by month through July

- A. January - 7
- B. February - 4
- C. March - 5
- D. April - 3
- E. May - 5
- F. June - 3
- G. July - 5

A total of 32 Anets have been distributed through July. As of August 20, two Anets have been distributed for the month with more planned.

2. Three Anets were distributed on the 2012 scholarship program. Topics have covered subjects ranging from a new Dietz print to Rangers being awarded the Silver Star. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Ranger battalions and the Ranger Training Brigade along with Camp Merrill have been

covered in Anets. We have covered the Ranger Hall of Fame ceremony, change of command ceremonies, Best Ranger Competition and Ranger graduations. For the first time, we did an Anet on the amount of print and photo coverage Rangers have received in the Bayonet. Anets were successful in prompting applicants to apply for the new National Ranger Memorial Foundation educational presenter position. Among other topics covered are the new Ranger Hall of Fame ring, mules named "Ranger" at West Point and stories about Ranger families. A media press release was distributed on scholarship winners.

3. Future Anets will encompass a backlog of feature topics along with those pertinent to the everyday business of the National Ranger Memorial Foundation such as stone sales, combined federal campaign and the scholarship program.

4. For numerous Anets, the editor is physically present at events to obtain information for story content and photos. Credit is given to the appropriate persons for story and photo content. We continue to work with Tracy Bailey, 75th Ranger Regiment Public Affairs and with the battalion secretaries.

d. Educational Officer Report:

1. In June 2012, I (Danny Davis) was appointed by the board to head up our education program. The education presenter is "responsible to create, plan, organize, and conduct educational presentations about the NRMF and the history, role, and contribution of United States Army Rangers to military and national leadership" forums.

2. The purpose of the Ranger educational presentations is to qualify the NRMF for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). As required by CFC, we provide a free public service, the presentations, and CFC provides funds to NRMF.

3. It is important to note that as education presenter for the NRMF, I am not a fund raiser. I do not solicit donations when speaking to groups. During a presentation should someone express an interest in purchasing a stone or donating to NRMF, I provide our contact information to include web address and contact information.

4. After being appointed to the position I spent about three or four weeks developing a "US Army Ranger History and Contributions" presentation. Information for this talk was pulled from the Ranger Training Brigade's and the Regiment's (unclassified) command briefs and other historical sources. I can tell you that I will constantly be adjusting and updating the talk. The presentation agenda consists of:

- Introduction (Who, What, When, Where and Why of the NRMF [short and to the point]);
- Early Ranger History: French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, Mexican War and War – Between the States;
- Rangers and Marauders in WWII, Rangers in Korea, Rangers in Vietnam, and Rangers in the Gulf War;
- The Ranger Training Brigade (Organization, Mission, Operations);

- The 75th Ranger Regiment (Organization, Mission, Operations);
- Ranger Units and Leaders Serving in Current Operations in Afghanistan;
- Questions

5. The base presentation is supported by 70 Power Point slides and several video clips. Before each talk I tailor the brief to the particular audience and any time constraints. The talk I give to a particular group is based on the audience's level of military and or Ranger knowledge and to the constraints of time, as required.

6. All my talks have two themes. First is to present the story of Army Rangers. The second theme has a lot to do with how well I accomplish the first, and that is to connect with the audience. One example will serve to illustrate the importance of establishing a connection with an audience. In January I will speak to a Long Island University group. I know that many of that group's members have a particular interest in Rogers Rangers. So in that talk I will spend more time on Major Rogers and his "Standing Rules". Then transition to modern RTB training and explain how many of our modern tactical principles can be traced back to Rogers' operations. In such a way I try and personalize the presentation to each group engaged.

7. So far most civic groups, Rotary, Chambers of Commerce, and Lions, for example. and patriotic groups, such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Daughters of the American Revolution, desire a 30 minute presentation. For these 30 minute venues I am normally using 22-25 slides and two or three videos, to cover the material. I currently have longer classes or seminars scheduled at high school JROTCs, two college ROTCs and a university related retirement group. But I think the majority of our audiences will call for the 30 minute variety.

8. To date I have given one talk. That was on 9 July to the American Legion Post #41, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Twenty-one persons attended. The talk was very well accepted by the audience. Many questions and complements.

9. As I have been contacting groups, interest in scheduling presentations has been high. Ranger Presentations scheduled for 2012-13 are below. Based on estimates from the contact people I have talked to, the audiences projected below should reach about 600 folks in four states.

- 12 September, two high school JROTCs, SATX;
- 3 October, San Antonio de Bexar DAR Chapter, SATX;
- 9 October, Rotary Club, Dothan, AL;
- 10 October, Veterans of Foreign Wars Gatesville, FL;
- 6 November, Atasosa County DAR Chapter, Blanco, TX;
- 8 November, Army Residence Community; SATX;
- 15 November, Green Mountain Boys DAR Chapter, SATX;

- 8 December, James McHenry DAR Chapter, SATX;
- 23 January, Learning in Retirement Group (U of MA, Lowell), Lowell, MA (two hours);
- 25 January, Long Island University, Homeland Security Management Inst., (half day);
- 14 May, Colonial Dames, New Braunfels, TX
- 21 May, Daughters of 1812, SATX;

10. Am in various stages of coordinating and scheduling other talks in PA (Army War College), DE (U of DE), LA (NSU [LA]), Ole Miss Army ROTC, and Texas A&M Army ROTC.

11. Recommend title change from “education presenter” to “education officer”.

12. POC this report is Danny Davis; [830 556-4069](tel:8305564069) ©, [830 996-0076](tel:8309960076) (h); email: danny.wayne.davis@us.army.mil or ddavis@bushschool.tamu.edu

e. Association and Organization Reports:

1. Descendants of WWII Rangers Report: – Our new organization has been progressing with new memberships and renewals. To save money, all were informed that the yearly newsletter would only be sent hard copy to WWII Rangers and widows; all others to receive the newsletter via email. Our Web Master has updated old information, input new information and making maneuvering easier. Our biggest challenge is finding someone to assist in Fund Raising and getting others involved. Our next Reunion takes place October 17-21, 2012, Columbus, GA at the Holiday Inn, Manchester Expressway. It will be the first Reunion under the new organization. The planning has been finalized and registration is in full swing. We expect to have 15 to 20 WWII Rangers. Our speakers are Friday: Major William Spies and Saturday: CSM(r) Jeff Mellinger. We have maintained the integrity of the Rangers of WWII by keeping to our commitment of honoring their history; maintaining their memorials; arranging for reunions; informing those who seek information and history of the Rangers; researching information for those who email with requests, assist with funeral arrangements, sending out birthday cards and holding events in local areas. We continue to support all battalions and training events to honor all Rangers all eras.
2. Merrill's Marauders Report: A few years ago the Merrill's Marauders Association (MMA) has turned it reunion activities over to its descendants, known as Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants. They have picked up the mantle and are doing an outstanding job in keeping the tradition going. They will be hosting MM's 66th reunion this year in Kentucky. Sadly the Merrill's Marauders Veterans are in the winter of their lives, all are in their upper eighties and into their upper nineties and a few are preparing for their centennial. I still managed to publish 850 copies of a newsletter that is slated to end this November, but may be revived with a time infusing by Jonnie Melillo Clasen or another of our descendants. The MMA has actively a number of military related organizations, with donations and this July participated and supported the local Babylon Town's Annual Wounded Warriors

Project. I also had a MMA challenge coin made, it is fashioned after the very impressive 2' Special Troops Battalion's.

3. Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants Report: Information about 2012 Merrill's Marauder reunion can be found by going to: [2012 Merrill's Marauders Reunion](#). 1LT Daniel M. Krieger, Camp Merrill platoon leader, will be attending the Merrill's Marauder reunion with two of his soldiers.
4. Airborne Rangers of the Korean War Report: During the business meeting with WAR July 13, 2012 it was decided that The Airborne Rangers of the Korean War assn and WAR will have a joint Ranger reunion during the RHOF and Ranger Rendezvous July 22 - 26, 2013. Our Treasurer Ranger Henry P. May died August 12, 2012. I will temporary take over his duties until a new treasurer is found.
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6. USARA Report:
 1. USARA Report-Executive Summary:

The Army Ranger Muster was held from 10-14 Jul 2012 at Columbus/Ft. Benning, GA. The following are excerpts from the minutes: a. The finance reports reflect that USARA is solvent and the amount of funds within the treasurer is increasing due to membership growth. b. Logistics/Marketing Report reflect income from our sales and marketing. Ranger Vanek has added new items to the store. He has submitted a new SOP for the BOD to consider and approve. c. VP Personnel reported that we have streamlined our membership process and that the new membership card maker has aided in this process. All members will get a new design membership card in the near future.
 2. USARA President Report:
 - a. The 2012 ARM had 179 paid registrations, 4 invited guests and 7 sponsors attend. This number exceeded previous ARMs. The membership participated in events hosted by the RTB, NIM and local establishments. We had two guest speakers. COL Kyle Lear, RTB Commander spoke at our membership breakfast and COL Don Hill, DCO, 75th Ranger Regt spoke at our President's dinner. It concluded with a BBQ at Uchee Creek DMWR activities center with members of the 75th Ranger Regiment attending.
 - b. The USARA Survey was completed among our members. We now know what the membership desires as far as future ARM locations and provided guidance into the local Regional event desires.
 - c. Future elections will be done electronically; however, those requesting "hard copy" ballots will continue using the old method. The electronic method has been researched and analyzed to ensure full security.
 - d. USARA awarded three new scholarships under the LT. Dimitri del Castillo scholarship program. This new scholarship program was established by his father, Carlos del Castillo in memory of his Ranger son who was killed in the GWOT. Three \$5000 of these scholarships were awarded IAW our scholarship SOP. In addition, we awarded three \$1000 and one \$2000 scholarship under our legacy scholarship program.
 - e. The regional directors provided their reports. There are several regional events planned and will be funded through their regional director budgets. Any member is invited to attend any regional event. They will be held throughout the United States and many have already been completed. This program will allow our members to participate in Ranger events and maintain close ties to USARA regardless of where they live.

f. The Ranger Register will be provided electronically for those who desire. This will cut down on our mailing expenses and expedite its delivery. Members who desire will continue to receive the RR via USPS.

g. More communications will be done electronically to expedite communication especially within the Regions due to the increased activity and ease of communication. The membership rosters with emails address are available to all Regional Directors. All Ranger events and activities will continue to be posted on our web site, www.ranger.org.

h. USARA has approved admitting all WWII Rangers a life time membership to USARA. They will need to fill out an application on line and submit documentations of their affiliation (DD214 or orders) as members of these units. We will provide them a life time membership certificate, membership card and a USARA lapel pin. They will be granted all privileges outlined in our bylaws and constitution. Please refer to our web site (www.ranger.org) for the exact process. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Ranger Art Silsby.

7. 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc – No Report Posted.

8. The Ranger Regiment Association (75th) – No report Posted.

9. The Ranger Association (TNRA-RTB) – No Report Posted.

10. Worldwide Army Rangers (WAR):

1. Since February, Worldwide Army Rangers has reorganized its leadership with Bob Dawes, Gary O'Neal and Pete Bacerra appointed Pres., V.P. and S/T respectively. Our BOD include Dawes, O'Neal, Bacerra, David Santini from H. Caro Chapter, Gary Dolan (non-voting advisor), Howard "Max" Mullen Sgt at Arms, Rex Masters and Chuck Waters with Airborne Rangers of the Korean War. New Chapters are being planned for North Carolina (Ft. Bragg), Colorado (Ft. Carson), West Coast (Ft. Lewis) and Huntsville AL. Once up to strength these Chapters will have the opportunity to join the BOD.

2. A WAR Business meeting was held on July 14th 2012 with a BOD meeting on the 13th. The membership agreed to a joint reunion in 2013 at Ft. Benning over RHOV between WAR and AR of the KWA. After members of the EC attended "Charlie Rangers" (Vietnam) reunion at Ft. Carson it was agreed that they will join in the reunion.

3. A projected budget has been approved that allows for support of RTB at Ranger School Graduations with awards for Honor Graduates and Leadership awards. Also support of 4th Batt. And the Darby Association at the Darby Run and BRC in addition to the 75th Ranger Regiment with annual, quarterly and monthly awards for excellence, in cooperation with USARA. The Budget also allows for support on Fryar Drop-zone during the Ranger Rendezvous in 2013 and a donation to 4th Batt. FRG on day two of BRC.

4. We are also proud to be in a working relationship with NRMF and Gallantfew and have committed WAR's resources to their missions.

5. We are in the process of an election for WAR's entire Executive Council which will be decided on Nov.10, 2012. – No Report Posted.

6. New Business: None.

8. The next meeting will be on-line and be planned for Dec 2012.
9. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 hours, August 23, 2012.