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# RBA National Reunion

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It was the night before the reunion, and all through the hall,  
 Lots of scurrying about, assuring perfection for all.

This reunion has been nicknamed: "NO Time For Naps" and rightfully so.

Rangers, family members and friends started arriving Wednesday at the Holiday Inn and were greeted by Ranger t-shirt wearing ladies at the Check-In counter. This was a great welcome for the more than 200 who attended the reunion. It was a good thing that Steve Ketzner had the Hospitality Room up and running as it was certainly the place for story telling, laughing and renewing friendships. Glasses were filled promptly and trays of snacks were always available thanks to Eric Ketzner and Jeff Hessenflow. And, if you tried taking a nap and slept through dinner, the snacks got you through to breakfast, right Ranger Temkin, 4D? First time reunion attendees, Lonnie Johnson, 1C (one of the 9 who made it out of Cisterna), Bill Fauber, 1D, David Owen, 5E and Russell Smith, 4A were proudly wearing their Ranger Hats throughout the reunion. They had the time of their life and all have said "We'll be back, God willing and the creek don't rise." Bill Fauber was disappointed that Ted Fleser was unable to attend as he was looking forward to talking with him since both were in 1D. Fran Coughlin thought he and Bill Boyd should be near Columbus, only to find out Bill missed a turn and they weren't anywhere near Columbus. Donations to get Bill a GPS are being taken. Ranger Ray Sadoski, 1F, Ranger John Van Cott, 5D and Ranger Noel Dye, 1F/4F, brought their grandchildren and even a few Great Grandchildren. The S&D now has a future following, dedicated to assuring the Legacy of the Rangers. Traveling from France, were Franck Maurouard and his family. Each carried home with them memories for a life time. Franck's son Alexandre has already put information of the reunion on his website. Go to [http://pagesperso-orange.fr/normandiehistoire44/index\\_ANGLAIS.htm](http://pagesperso-orange.fr/normandiehistoire44/index_ANGLAIS.htm) for viewing. Stan Kinmonth and his wife Lily ran the Ranger Store so smoothly, T-shirts and Ranger paraphernalia were flying out the door. Registration found Lynn Towne, Wendy Towne and Colleen McDevitt handing out registration bags filled with treats for the Rangers. It became a place to sit and talk with your buddies as they came in to Register; have a bottle of water and eat candy. Across from the Hotel Check-In, Bob Black set up his tables to sign his latest book "Ranger Force," a history of Darby Rangers. Darby Rangers who have read the book have said the book is accurate and brought back many memories. Ben Temkin, 4D, has offered to autograph Page 164. Ben purchased books for all his children and grandchild so they will know what PAPA did during the war. The Ladies at the Check-In counter wore Superman masks when Jerry approached the check-in counter. It was easy for Jerry Styles to find his room as the front door was a full picture of Superman, and entering the room found Superman truly lived there. A very fitting description of Jerry's many accomplishments made.

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## Rangers & Widows: RBA Roster

If you didn't attend the 2009 Reunion and didn't receive an RBA Roster, drop us a card to the address in the header of this page and we'll send you one.



## **Ranger Roll Call**

**Rangers lost since the last RANGER  
publication in the Fall of 2009**

**Ranger Julian “Blackie” Cavazos 1st and 3rd Bn: December 3, 2009**

**Ranger Frank Knight 2nd Bn: February 9, 1986**

**Ranger Windle Hurd 5D: November 6, 2009**

**Ranger Charles Libby 4th Bn**

**Ranger Hubert Putney 5A: September 13, 2009**

**Ranger wife Frances Evans (Bing Evans): November 9, 2009**

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### National Reunion 2009 (continued from page 1)

Thanks to Ranger Bill Spies and Willie Snow, Rangers were treated to a hot lunch served at the Hotel on Thursday. Ranger Joe's brought the rifle range to the Hotel where WWII Rangers were paired with Rangers representing Ranger Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion and RTB. The winner was Ranger "Halftrack" Burmaster, 2A, and one of the Fab 4 Patrol Rangers which included The Fool Lieutenant, Ranger Bob Edlin. A special thanks to the Holiday Hotel for donating the winner's gift of three nights stay at the Hotel. Ranger Halftrack truly appreciated this one. One of the favorite events was held Friday at Hurley Field, Rangers In Action followed by a ranger graduating class ceremony. The WWII Rangers were ushered to the center seating area for perfect viewing of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rangers demonstrating various training techniques of Ranger School. I must admit, the extraction of a team of rangers, attached to a SPIES (Special Patrol Insertion Extraction System) line hanging from the bottom of a Black Hawk, was more than impressive.

The Memorial Service was held appropriately so at the Ranger Memorial. A special thanks to Laura Musegades and Kali Soulier for a tremendous job in making this Memorial Service one of the most beautiful and heart rendering of all services. The special attention to detail were appreciated and noticed by all attending. Frank South gave a speech that people are still talking about. His words touched the very soul of what Rangers are and the respect and honor given to each ranger who parts from this Earth. The walkway to the Memorial Ceremony is made of Ranger stones honoring Rangers. (See National Ranger Memorial Foundation website to purchase a stone to honor your Ranger!) Chaplin Honbarger from 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, give a eulogy, Celeste Lee sang and Kyle completed the service by playing the Bagpipes. Following the Ceremony, a group picture was taken. We are hoping to have this photo available for purchase in the near future. If interested contact Lynn Towne.

Colleen McDevitt and Jane Schappell put together a Saturday afternoon tea for the Ranger Ladies that was sponsored by the S&D. Special gifts were made by Colleen and given to the wives in attendance. From the smiles of the ladies' faces, the event was another success.

Jerry set up a great lunch at the Officer's Club. Ask Jerry for details on how they 'added' dessert to the menu. The luncheon at the new Infantry Museum was fun and the private tour greatly appreciated. Marcia and Randy Moen took a breather and went to the IMAX theater, skipping the tour. It was worth the price of admission. Breathtaking views from above. Saturday evening the halls were filled with music by the Post's Military Band. The Saturday Banquet was so popular that the social areas and restaurant of the Hotel served the overflowing attendees. The Commanding Officer of Ft. Benning, Col. Michael Ferriter, was the Guest Speaker; also in attendance were Col. Doug Flohr and CSM John Burns, CSM Earl Rice, and CSM (r) Doug Greenway. A special guest of Noel and Theresa Dye was the Rangers favorite Escort, SFC David Marisin who brought his wife Lora, and their two daughters. It was good to see David and meet his family. Kathy Brown, RTB Secretary, and Franck Maurouard were presented with the Darby Award. Their accomplishments are listed on the new website of the S&D at [www.wwiirangers.org](http://www.wwiirangers.org). It was a perfect ending to a perfect Reunion.

The RBA would like to extend a very special thanks to Jerry Styles and Andrea Buchanan for all their hard work organizing the best reunion ever. It would be amiss if we didn't mention the many people who sent in a donation to help pay expenses for the Rangers. Special thanks to Karla Merritt, Ranger Bill Reed, Edna Page Gary (Widow of Ranger Page Gary), Ranger Len Lomell, Ranger Warren Burmaster, Ranger James McVay, Ranger Frank South, Ranger William Fauber, Ranger Micky Romine, Art Leyden, Lynn Towne and Ed Ferraro. If I have failed to list someone who made a donation, please accept our apologies. To those of you who were unable to attend, you will have another chance to attend as the 2010 reunion will be at the Hotel Inn, Columbus, Georgia. Stay tuned for dates.





## 65th Anniversary of Anzio

By Nancy Taube

Traveling to Italy for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Invasion of Anzio was an incredible experience. My father, Arthur Wilson was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion who participated in the invasion of Anzio on January 22, 1944. Our trip was organized by Mr. Clyde Easter, a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, and was attended by ten WWII US Army Infantry/ Rangers and their families. We arrived in Rome, Italy on May 20, 2009 and spent the next four days based in Sorrento. From there we visited the 36<sup>th</sup> Division Monument, the Salerno Beaches where the landings were made in 1943, and Monte Cassino as well as visiting some of Italy's famous landmarks like , the Greek Ruins at Paesturn, Pompei, and the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Listening to the veterans who were part of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division that invaded the beach at Salerno or the soldiers who were part of the army that fought uphill to take Monte Cassino from the German Army made the trip so much more real. Each veteran had his own story to tell.

Then we traveled to Anzio, this was to be our base for the rest of the trip. We would be visiting the sites of the invasion of Anzio and the 4 month long Battle of Cisterna. Monday was Memorial Day. We had been invited to participate in the Memorial Day Commemoration at the Sicily – Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and the well cared for lawn and trees were the perfect background for the almost 8,000 white marble headstones perfectly spaced apart. It was extremely peaceful and serene as we waited for the ceremony to start with the Italian and US Army Bands playing in the background. The WWII Veterans were given a place of honor for the ceremony and the young US Army and Navy officers assigned to assist the Veterans, thanked and praised them for their service and for coming to the ceremony. You could tell the Veterans appreciated their questions and their interest in an event that played so big a part of their life 65 years ago.

The rest of the trip was extremely important to me. As we followed the route starting with the Invasion of Anzio Beach to the town of Cisterna, I traveled over the same land my father had 65 years before. He was the only Ranger in the group, a 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Ranger, and it soon became apparent to me how lucky he was. Dad never made it to Cisterna, he had been captured crawling through the Mussolini Canal trying to get a wounded ranger back to the US line. It was here that I listened to Mr. Easter tell what he saw, when the almost 800 members of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of Rangers sent to infiltrate behind German lines, under cover of night, had been surrounded and obliterated by the almost 70,000 infantry and Panzer tanks the Germans had brought up. Dad was one of the 400 Rangers captured, 400 Rangers died, and 6 made it back to US lines. Now 65 years later, the land is no longer battle scarred. Homes, roads, and life have covered over so you really have to look for signs that it ever was. But the signs are still there, the twin posts, columns of stone with bullet holes big enough I could put my fist in still stand on Appian Way. Now there is a plaque Memorial to the Battle of Cisterna and the US Rangers and their bravery. A little ways away, there is a road that has been named Via Dei Rangers. The little church on the north side of Cisterna still stands, then it was the lone structure in a fenced field where 400 Ranger prisoners were held, now is surrounded by businesses and buildings, and in the town of Cisterna, the best tribute of all, was the gratitude that is still expressed by the Italian people 65 years later. Italy is definitely on the list of places I plan to visit again, but the experience of seeing it through my father's eyes is one I will always remember.



**Above: Ranger Art Wilson**

**Below: US Veteran's group**



**Ranger Wilson at fountain in  
Cisterna**

## 2010 Western Chapter Event

**Date:** March 18-21

**Location:** Sands Suites & Motel, 1930 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, CA  
**Call For Reservations: (805) 544-0500**  
**Be SURE to Tell Them You are With: WII Ranger Group**

**Rate:**  
\$79 Kings      \$89 for queen or double bed (includes breakfast)  
The rate remains the same for those who drop in on the dates above without a reservation as long as there is availability.

Rooms held until February 22 at which time those rooms that have not been reserved, are to be released back into the system.

### **AGENDA:**

THURSDAY: COME EARLY AND JUST HANG OUT

FRIDAY @ 6 PM      Hospitality Room: **Pizza/Salad/Cake/ Soda/Beer/Coffee/Cake**  
All Rangers & Their Spouse: No Charge – Everyone Else: \$5

SATURDAY

@ 10 AM Hospitality Room: **Ranger Videos**  
@ 4 PM Hospitality Room: **Memorial Service**  
@ 5 PM Hometown Buffet: **Dinner**  
@ 7 PM Hospitality Room: **Meeting and Hospitality**

SUNDAY:              Depart for Home

Should you have questions or need assistance in making reservations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 377-8766 or (415) 661-5646. We all look forward to being together in San Luis Obispo.

Lynn Towne  
Secretary to the  
Western Chapter, RBA WWII

## Alaska, The Northern Most Post of America

By Steve Ketzner

### JUST A WEE DEOCH AN' DORIS

Ranger Bill Powell and I, along with wives, made the pilgrimage to Carrickfergus this summer. Vicki and I went in May, Bill and Midge in July. Carrickfergus is a small town on the east coast of Northern Ireland. It is most picturesque, green and frequently wet. Bring an umbrella: you'll need it. A large castle, built by the Norman knight John De Courcy in 1178, sits on the shore looking out into the Belfast Lough, its canons trained on the mouth of the lough, beyond which is the North Channel of the Irish Sea, and across the channel, Scotland. If you go further into the lough, you'll reach Belfast itself. For the Rangers, Carrickfergus was *Just a wee deoch an' doris, / Just a wee drap, that's a' / Just a wee deoch an' doris, / Before we gang awa'*. Although their time there was brief, the importance for Rangers is immeasurable. Bill Powell said, "Heading for Carrickfergus near Belfast will be like going to Jerusalem, Mecca or Mount Ararat."

Off a street in Carrickfergus, there is a black granite boulder, taller than Vicki's head, nestled into a lawn of almost emerald green sprinkled with small, white flowers. On the boulder, there is a plaque that reads as follows:

*To commemorate the founding of / US Ranger Battalions / Activated at Sunnylands Camp, Carrickfergus / 19<sup>th</sup> June 1942 / Under the command of Major William O. Darby / thus giving birth to their long and / illustrious tradition in the service of freedom / keeping bright the torch of liberty / "Rangers Lead the Way" / Erected by Carrickfergus Borough Council, 25 September 1992*

That memorial was dedicated for the Rangers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and quite a few Rangers showed up for the ceremony. Carrickfergus Mayor, Patricia McKinney, will be happy to show you the guest book where Rangers, their wives and children signed in. You'll see Olesen, Nye, Dammer, Rodriguez, Murray, Larkin, Katzen, Runoa, Reed, Carroll, Leighton, Evans, and more. According to Carole at the Tourism Center, the story goes that the Rangers arrived with many large trunks, which, despite pleas to the contrary, the Rangers began to unload themselves. Carole said the council members were baffled as to why Rangers, of all people, traveled with so much luggage. But as it turned out, the trunks were full of Ranger memorabilia, including uniforms, radios, weapons, camouflage nets, enlarged photographs and rosters, et cetera, all of which the Rangers donated to the Ranger Centre that was being constructed and that opened on June 18, 1994.

The Ranger Centre, by the way, is right behind the Andrew Jackson Cottage, where President Andrew Jackson's parents and two brothers lived before immigrating to the United States in 1765. Andrew Jackson was born in 1767, either in South Carolina or North Carolina (history isn't quite certain). Roughly one third of U.S. Presidents had Ulster Scots surnames and ancestral heritage linked to Northern Ireland. Although not the father of a president, but perhaps more important, James Rogers, along with his wife, Mary and four children immigrated from Londonderry, Northern Ireland to Boston around 1730. On November 7, 1731, James and Mary had a fifth child they named Robert Rogers, known today as The Father of the Rang-



Carrickfergus Mayor, Patricia McKinney and Vicki signing guest



Steve Ketzner at

Carrickfergus Castle



Mayor Patricia McKinney of Carrickfergus presents the coat of arms to Bill and Midge Powell

**JUST A WEE DEOCH AN' DORIS** continued from page 6

Ironically, the first Ranger arrived near Carrickfergus in 1778, not 1942. It was a ship, not a soldier. The *USS Ranger*, commanded by John Paul Jones, attacked the Royal Navy's *Drake* in the dead of night (appropriate for Rangers). They muffed the attack and skedaddled back across the Irish Sea, but returned to Carrickfergus a few days later, did battle with the *Drake*, and captured it: an important victory for our young country against, at the time, the greatest naval power in the world. Some 160 years later, the RMS Queen Mary hauled American troops from New York to Belfast. Ships were important for Rangers, and Belfast was a ship building city. As Northern Ireland contains most of Ulster's counties, some refer to it as Ulster. Belfast turned out ships that were christened with names such as *HMS Royal Ulsterman*, *HMS Ulster Monarch*, as well as *HMS Royal Scotsman*. It was fitting that the Rangers, born in Northern Ireland and trained in Scotland, were transported into battle aboard those three ships. In addition to the North Africa invasion, the *Royal Ulsterman* was a HQ ship for Operation Husky, and later transported Darby's Rangers to Anzio: from the beginning to the end. Carrickfergus was the beginning. On the city's coat of arms, there is a Latin phrase, *Gloria Prisca Novatur*, which translates, *The Glory of the Old Made New*.

That motto could be applied to every generation of Rangers. The Rangers who were there retain fond memories of the land and people. Charlie Eineichner said, "The people of Carrickfergus treated the Rangers like old buddies." Bing Evans wrote about landing in Ireland, "It was foggy and green. Green everywhere." Carl Lehmann, as typical, pushed the envelope. When Carl learned of our trip to Ireland, he provided this memory:

*All this causes me to recall a trip of Rangers arranged by the N. Ireland Tourist Board--a week of festivities at Carrick and nearby. Here we learned a bit of mutual history from the townspeople--that we were not the first Ranger in Carrickfergus. The first was the USS Ranger under command of John Paul Jones which creamed a British man of war in Belfast Lough around 1776. After the week, Gummel, Bob Reed and I hired a car (me the only driver--wrong side, manual shift--with ripe cataracts in both eyes) and proceeded to follow the coastline north. One stop was at a pub where the bartender was immediately recognized by Gummel as a past featherweight champion pro boxer. We then proceeded to tour the Giants Causeway, and the first licensed distillery in the world, Bushmills, then Portrush (another ancient boozer), Coleraine and Derry (don't say Londonderry in Derry). Along the way was the spot where I was photoed dining on Irish smoked salmon under the excited gazes of a herd of heifers.*

*During this trip I bored Gummel and Reed with memories of a past visit to the area. I first landed in Ireland during WWII with 176th FA of the 34th. After a week or two near Antrim, I got lucky at craps and won a bunch including a bicycle on which I soon made for Belfast. Before getting there, I had a flat tire which a friendly Irishman fixed. I proposed to buy him a drink and he obliged by guiding me to his favorite pub nearby. It happened that it was one of the places named in a lecture to us at camp to be avoided because of its reputation as a haunt of the IRA. We arrived just at an hour of wartime closing of the bar and the crowd moved to the back room to continue drinking whisky. In my cups, I proceeded to relate the content of the lecture to a delighted audience consisting mostly of IRAs. I also proceeded to tell them I was engaged to a McCloskey back home who was of a large family of Irish descendants none of whom had ever seen the Green. One of my ambitions, I told them (tho it was dreamed at that instance), was to be the only one of that soon-to-be family to visit the old Sod. "Thot con be arranged," they said. The next week, dressed in civvies, I was escorted across the border to Dundalk, where I commenced a 3-day awol, then a period of arrest lasting until I came to the Rangers.*

Ah, the old Rangers! If you're planning a pilgrimage to Europe, be sure and visit our friends at Carrickfergus: *The Rock of Fergus*. Mayor Patricia McKinney, Alderman David Hilditch, Carole Hall and Jacqueline Cuming at the museum and, of course, Sharon Degnan at the Tourist Information Center treated us like Old Buddies, just as Charlie Eineichner predicted. While you're there, you might even take in a football game, i.e., soccer. Their team is called Carrick Rangers. And before you leave the Green, have *Just a wee drap* in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rangers and the resulting Battalions and Regiment.



## The Experience of a Lifetime

**Northeast Chapter S&D Jane Schappell** JANESCHAPPELL@aol.com

The recent RBA National Reunion held at Columbus, Georgia was an experience of a lifetime for me. After becoming involved in the Sons and Daughters of the WWII RBA, I attended the National reunions in 2001, 2002, and 2003. They were all fabulous and I got to know many wonderful Rangers and family members.

In 2004, we made a decision to take my mother (Ranger widow for over 40 years) in with us, due to her failing health. We bought a house with an in-law apartment and moved in August 2004. Between that time and last year, when she passed away, I wasn't able to attend any Ranger reunions. May 2009 was my husband and my 25th wedding anniversary and we had always planned to take a special vacation. When I found out that there was going to be a National Reunion this year and it was going to be in Fort Benning, Georgia – I knew what our special trip was going to be.



From our arrival just prior to the shootout with active duty and WWII Ranger teams, right up to our departure, I loved every minute. I was fortunate enough to be a scorekeeper at the shootout and met two Rangers who served in 4A with my Dad, while I was signing up the teams. Afterwards we got to shop a bit at the Ranger Store and meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion re-enactors and look at some of their artifacts they had on display during the reunion. That evening at the dinner, I was able to renew some old friendships. The next morning we were off to Fort Benning for the Rangers in Action demonstration and Ranger graduation. Chills went up and down my spine watching the young Rangers performing amazing physical fetes. What a proud day for the new graduating Rangers and their families! Then we were off to lunch and a tour of the National Infantry Museum. The next morning was the Memorial Service. To have the memorial service held at the Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning was exceptionally touching and beautiful. For the first time, I was able to see the brick that honored my Dad's Ranger service which my sons had given me as a Mother's Day gift several years before. Fort Benning Officers' Club, where we had lunch, was very beautiful and reminded me of a royalty's court. When we returned to the hotel, we spent a few hours in the hospitality room, where everyone was looking for something to warm them up after being outside in the cold. Then I went to the Ladies Tea, which was an informal gathering of Ranger wives, widows, and other women relatives. It was nice to be able to meet and talk to some of the other women and have some coffee and a brownie before hitting the road. We missed the banquet on Saturday night, as we had to get a few hours of our 14 drive home to Pennsylvania in that day.

Maybe it was the 4 years of absence that made this reunion so special or just the fact that it was at Fort Benning, but it truly was the experience of a lifetime for me. Thanks to all in the Sons and Daughters (especially Jerry Styles) who worked tremendously hard at making this reunion such a success.



The chapter tried something new this year for their annual Christmas Gathering in Atlantic City. The gathering was held Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. As many of the chapter members no longer drive, the Sunday start gave a driver (most likely son or daughter) the opportunity to get their Ranger to the event without taking time off work. The event was held again at the Resorts International Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

The Christmas dinner party was Monday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> and those attending exchanged gifts—Santa even made an appearance!

Rangers attending: John Van Cott, Ben Temkin, Bill McCausland and Frank South. Ranger widows: Evelyn Barbarino and Grace Clark.



### Michigan—Ohio Valley

S&D Kathy Wiseman [pinkiesmother@yahoo.com](mailto:pinkiesmother@yahoo.com)

We had a great Xmas party in early December. 28 people showed up. 5 Rangers! Ranger Herman Kastoff family Ranger Charlie Eineicher Ranger Allen Spero family Ranger James Copeland Ranger Bernard Ostrowski family Deceased Rangers were represented by: The Ivor Jones family The Ranger Engelhardt family The Ranger Nutkins family The Ranger Loesch's family A great time was had by all. Ranger Copeland won the door prize. Everyone got goody bags. The food was great. They all, God willing, will be there next year.



**Left: Rangers Copelan, Kastoff, Spero, Eineicher, Ostroski**



**Right: Ranger Eineicher and Helen**



**Left: Kathy and Ranger Ostroski**



**Left: Dee Engelhart**



**Right: Ranger Ivor Jones Family**



**Left: Ranger Kastoff Family**



**Right: Ranger Copelan and Kathy**



**Left: Loesh and Nutkins Families**



**Right: Ranger Spero and Kathy**

## Ranger Dan Farley awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal

French officials took part in the Veteran's Day celebrations at the WWIi Museum in New Orleans On November 11, 2009. Ranger Dan Farley was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal along with four other veterans. Complete story can be found by visiting [www.WWIIranger.org](http://www.WWIIranger.org) and click on the link Rangers In the News!



## Ranger Anthony "Tom" Ruggiero honored at D-Day ceremonies in Normandy



Ranger Ruggiero traveled to Normandy for the 65th Anniversary of D-Day. This was his second time meeting a President, the first being President Reagan at the 40th Anniversary ceremonies. He was one of a chosen few invited to meet privately with President Obama and First Lady Michele Obama before the ceremonies. The previous day Ranger Ruggiero was inducted into

the Legion of Honor, France's highest civil and military decoration, for his service during the war. President Obama recognized Ruggiero personally in his speech. Ruggiero escorted the First Lady to the service and got a laugh from another Army veteran who observed that, of course, a Ranger would lead the way. The people of France were very accommodating and couldn't do enough for this Ranger during his visit. Over 100 stopped him on the street to shake his hand and thank him for his service.

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### Ranger Russell Laycoax receives medals earned during WWII

Darby Ranger Russell Laycoax, 1D, was contacted by the Office of Joe Donnelly, Indiana 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman, to attend a ceremony and receive the medals he had earned during WWII. Russell was the most decorated veteran in attendance, with a list of awards of Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, POW Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars, WW II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Annual, Expert Infantryman Badge, and WW II Honorable Service Lapel Button.



When Russell was introduced as a Darby Ranger, the place erupted in applause, whoops and hollers. When Russell received his POW medal, again, the entire auditorium gave him a standing ovation. It was a very proud moment for his family and certainly brought tears to their eyes.

A Nation stands proud of Ranger Russell Laycoax' accomplishments as a Soldier and acknowledges his service to this Grand Country and so do we.

## Scholarship Fund Notes

The NRMF, with which our RBA Scholarship Program is closely affiliated, changed its application procedures in such a way as to affect ours to a degree. Worry not; all will be spelled out ASAP in the WWII Ranger website, [www.WWIIrangers.org](http://www.WWIIrangers.org), under the heading "Forms". You will be able to access, print and follow directions, etc. from this location. The RBA deadline for the fall semester

Please have these to the indicated address by this date for consideration. Also, Rangers and S&D are encouraged to donate to this fund by mailing a check (note scholarship fund on check) to Ben Temkin (address on inside back page). Those applying for scholarships are strongly encouraged to join the S&D (also under "forms" on the website) to be informed of scholarship application updates published in the newsletter. For further information please contact Frank South.

## Interested in purchasing a WWII Rangers Baattle Flag?

Contact Ranger Bill Fauber  
4062 Overlook Trail Drive  
Roanoke VA 24018-7322  
540-776-0724

### RBA dues remain biennial:

RBA dues of \$35/biennially can be sent to Ben Temkin at the address noted below.

Visit us on the Web:

RBA / S&D sponsored website

**[www.WWIIrangers.org](http://www.WWIIrangers.org)**

RBA News, history, obituaries, current events  
(voluntarily maintained by Colleen McDevitt)

Private website

by Julie Fulmer & Ron Hudnell

**[www.RangerRoster.org](http://www.RangerRoster.org)**

Searchable database of who served as Rangers - WW II

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# ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION!

The S&D have a new website. Visit it often [www.WWIIRangers.org](http://www.WWIIRangers.org) Colleen is the new webmaster and Randy Moen is co-webmaster. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Colleen at [colleenmcd59@yahoo.com](mailto:colleenmcd59@yahoo.com).

### *Have you paid your S&D Dues?*

Annual dues are \$25 and payable by June 1 each year. We don't have to tell you that costs keep rising, you can see that everyday. It's very easy to forget these type of things in your busy lives.

Please, please write that check NOW to keep these newsletters coming and keep our association strong to preserve the memories of our Rangers.

Checks can be mailed to

Julie Fulmer, S&D Treasurer at the address listed on page 11 in the Sons & Daughters contacts.

### **WWII Ranger Emergency Fund:**

The "Ranger Burial Fund" has been replaced by the "WWII Ranger Emergency Fund" which, in addition to the mission of the burial fund (providing for a proper burial at the Ranger's choice of place), will also cover other emergencies that we may encounter at this stage of life.

Any requests will be, as always, held in strictest confidence by the officers of the **RBA**. To contribute, send check and specify in the memo line that your donation is for this purpose.

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