



News from The Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc

Winter, 2015

Dear Ranger Family and Friends,

This has been a busy fall for the newly elected Board! The elected members at the September General Meeting were: President- Karla Merritt, Vice President- Sandy Boyd, Treasurer– David Williams, Secretary– Andrea Buchanan and Member At Large – Nancy Taube.

In November, for personal reasons, Karla Merritt resigned as President. In her absence, the Vice President has been acting President. Work has continued by the Board.

The most notable actions have been:

- The 2016 Reunion in Tampa has been cancelled. Our next Reunion will be in 2017, when we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rangers.
- David Williams is the Chairman of the History Committee, and has members representing each Ranger Battalion.
- Nancy Taube is Chairman of the Membership Committee, and is hard at work. As part of the work of that Committee, the dues for Active members have been raised to \$35 per year. Dues have been the same for 15 years, and the cost of running the Descendants organization has gone up. Stay tuned for a new category of membership for youth!
- Ron Hudnell is Chairman of the Memorial Committee. As such, he has proposed changes to the landscaping around the Ranger Memorial at Sacrifice Field at Ft. Benning. The Board is in the process of determining the timing of that project.
- Finances have been put into budget categories, and a spreadsheet will make it easier to account for our transactions and planning.

We welcome your ideas to make Descendants a vibrant and interesting organization. Encouraging our children and grandchildren to become members and to learn about the fascinating exploits of our Ranger fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other relatives will make history come alive for them. And the story will live on!

Rangers Lead The Way!

Sandy Boyd
Vice President

PLENTY OF MEMORIES FOR ALL

Although our group was small, I think all who came to the 2015 reunion September 19-22, in Destin/Fort Walton Beach went home with more knowledge, new and renewed acquaintances, and many memories. None had a better time than our WW II Rangers James Copeland (5B) and Dr. Joe Hilsman (5/Hq), 93 and 101 years young respectively. How inspiring these two heroes were to all who had the honor to meet them! Sadly Ranger Copeland passed away October 21.

Some of the highlights include a reception at the Magnolia Grill hosted by Tom Rice, who is a friend to the military community throughout the Fort Walton Beach area. Tom generously provided all the food and beverage. Several of the active duty Rangers who supported us throughout the reunion was present. Major Nylander gave a brief history of the 6th RTB camp, and we watched a video of the training that Rangers go through in their final phase of Ranger School. Folks also enjoyed Tom's mini museum of WW II memorabilia on the second floor.

The following day we took a guided tour of the Air Force Armament museum. One of the planes on display was a P51 Mustang. The smile on Ranger Hilsman's face was priceless as he relived the day his brother-in-law flew into his base camp and took him up for a ride.

Then we went to the Camp James Earl Rudder, home of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion. We were greeted in the Gator Lounge by Big John, a stuffed, 13 foot, 850 pound alligator who served as the battalion's mascot for 42 years. There we were "entertained" by the snake team who showed various species of poisonous and nonpoisonous snakes. This knowledge is essential for Rangers' survival in any area they may encounter these reptiles.

Following a delicious lunch at the camp dining facility, we returned to the Gator Lounge for our very moving Memorial Service. That evening we had a private dinner buffet next to the hotel. Following the meal, we revived an old tradition with the Ranger Punch Bowl Ceremony. David Williams was the narrator who acknowledged each WW II battalion's contribution in war while the active duty Rangers participated in making the punch, but not before taking a healthy slug of each one's symbolic liquor. Ranger Copeland took part in the ceremony for the 5th battalion and was the hit of the evening. President Karla Merritt was presented with the first cup.

To cap off the reunion, our banquet was held at the Magnolia Grill. Gene Dykes and I conducted the "Fallen Soldier Ceremony" to remember WW II "Brothers in Arms" who were POWs, MIAs, and KIAs. Following a magnificent family style dinner, Karla introduced our guest speaker, COL David Fivecoat, Commander, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade, Fort Benning. To pay tribute to the 6th Battalion, he spoke about Arthur "Bull" Simmons' extraordinary valor as B Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer of the 6th Rangers in the Pacific.

Although I can't speak for everyone, I flew home with gratitude for the time I got to spend with our Rangers and their descendants. In spite of the challenges this particular reunion presented, it was worth it to honor all the guys who served and a labor of love particularly for my father, COL Leo Strausbaugh (6B) who dearly loved his comrades and the reunions.

THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUNG DESCENDANTS:

In September, I went with my Aunt Laura to my first Ranger Reunion. We first checked into our hotel. After a short dip in the pool, we joined the reunion and received goodie bags and cucumber lemonade. Aunt Laura had meetings to attend so my sister and I entertained ourselves with Disney movies while we waited for the meetings to be over.

On our second day, I met a Ranger for the first time. I was born into military life because I was born at Camp Pendleton Base in Oceanside, Ca. At the time my dad was active duty in the Marine Corps and my mom was a Corpsman at the hospital I was born at. I had two great-grandfathers that fought in World War II but they both passed away before I was born. I was excited to meet someone who had been a part of World War II but I was also really shy.

We got to go to a museum where we were shown bombs and then attended three dinners with the Rangers. The Gator Beach dinner was my favorite! I like holding the baby gator and feeding the gators their food. We saw many alligators!

Ally and I pretended we were waiters in the hospitality room. We enjoyed serving the Rangers their food and drinks. Ranger Copeland told us about his experience and that he joined when he was really young.

Ally and I really enjoyed our time at the reunion.

By: Kayley Carpenter, age 11



Kayley Carpenter, Ranger James Copeland
& Ally Carpenter



Ally Carpenter, Ranger Joseph Hilsman &
Kayley Carpenter

Ranger Copeland was sweet and gave me hugs. He told me about Ranger training. In Ranger training you are considered a snake eater because you don't eat much real food because you spend a lot of time fighting. It is important to remember when you come across a snake that red on yellow will kill a fellow and red on black and your fine. Ranger school started in 1950. Ranger school has three phases: crawl phase, walk phase, and a run phase.

We watched a movie about World War II. The movie talked about guns and soldiers saving people's lives so they could go home.

I went to Gator Beach with the Rangers for dinner. Gator Beach was fun because you can shop, eat, and take pictures with gators. We also went to a Ranger place to look at snakes and Alligators.

By: Ally Carpenter, age 10

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES IN DESTIN, FL SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

- The Georgia Monument Company has completed the painting and repairs on the WW II Ranger Monument at Ft. Benning.
- The 2017 Reunion will be held at Ft. Benning, GA to mark the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the 1st Ranger Battalion.
- Approved the History Committee to research and document WW II Ranger data found in libraries and museums. History Chairman, David Williams, proposed that our Descendants Web page establish a data base and support the gathering of information of and about the WW II Ranger family.
- Each Battalion on the History Committee is represented by one member: 1st- David Williams, 2nd- Stan Kinmonth, 3rd- Steve Lehmann, 4th- Roy Murray, 5th- Terry Toler, and 6th- Craig Spinner.
- A motion was made by Ron Hudnell to spend \$5,273 based on a quote for removal of the overgrown and dying trees, plants and shrubs at Ranger KIA Memorial at Sacrifice Field, Ft. Benning, GA and replacement of grass with sod to the sidewalks and monument foundation. The motion passed as amended to obtain 3 bids and before any action, information will go to the Board.
- A motion passed as amended to establish a committee to investigate a recommended design to correct errors and omissions on the 7th panel of the WW II KIA Ranger Memorial at Sacrifice Field, Ft. Benning; specifically the lower part of the panel found between the 3 stars and writing "Rangers KIA while serving". Ron Hudnell will present his findings to the Board.

- Newly elected Board members and their positions: President- Karla Merritt, Vice President- Sandy Boyd, Secretary- Andrea Buchanan, Treasurer- David Williams, and Member at Large- Nancy Taube.
- Newly appointed Membership Chair is Nancy Taube.

DUES

Membership Dues for January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 are payable to Descendants of WW II Rangers. Please mail your check in the amount of \$35.00 to:

**Mr. David Williams, Treasurer
Cypress Wood & Lumber, LLC
P.O. Box 70
Maringouin, LA 70757**

Please make sure to send the attached form in with your dues.

Encourage your family to become a member of the Descendants of WWII Rangers!



MEMBERSHIP

Revised 12/5/15

DESCENDANTS OF WWII RANGERS, INC.

ALL MEMBERS' DUES ARE \$35.00 YEARLY: JANUARY – DECEMBER

The purpose of this organization is to perpetuate the history of the men who served with the United States Army Rangers during World War II; maintain and upkeep all memorials created in their honor; arrange for reunions at the pleasure of its membership; memorialize and perpetuate the memory of all Battalion Rangers; and educate and inform those seeking information and history of the Rangers

A Membership Roster is created from this information and is only shared among the Board of Directors and Members of this organization. Newsletters and updates are sent via PDF to those with email. The information is not shared with other organizations, or anyone not a member of the organization. We ask that all members respect this, and not share with others.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

If you are a WWII Ranger or the Widow or a descendant of a WWII Ranger:

Ranger's Name _____ BN and CO _____

If you are a Descendant of a WWII Ranger (includes legal adoptions)

Your relationship to the WWII Ranger: _____

If you are requesting Honorary Membership: On the back of this form, please list your contributions (non-monetary) to the Descendants of WWII Rangers and explain how you are furthering the purposes of the Descendants of WWII Rangers organization (per article I, paragraph 3 of the By-Laws)

Please enclose a \$35.00 check, payable to "Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc.", and mail to:

David Williams---National Treasurer
Cypress Wood & Lumber
P.O. Box 70
Maringouin, LA 70757

If joining after 30 June for any given calendar year, dues are \$17.50. For example, if joining in July 2016 for year 2016, the dues are \$17.50.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

First I wish everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and New Year. My name is Nancy Taube and I have volunteered to be the chairperson of the Membership Committee. Currently we are a committee of 1.

I have not been involved with the Descendants of WWII Organization for many years, I went to my first banquet during the Cleveland reunion, but I do have a passion for our WWII Rangers and want to keep this going. Recently my husband Gerry and I, took my parents Arthur and Johanna Wilson to the memorial in Huntingburg, Indiana for Ranger Warren "Bing" Evans. Bing was the last ranger dad actually remembers being with in Africa, Italy, and more specifically being captured and a POW with at Anzio. Dad always looked forward to spending time with Bing at the reunions and he wanted very much to go to his memorial. When we were sitting in the church listening to David William's eulogy, I was so moved by David's memory of Bing. As David recalled a reunion planning meeting almost 15 years ago, he described a scene where Bing took him aside and in his quiet way said "NEVER LET THIS DIE".

Those words really hit home to me. As you can see in this newsletter, so many of our WWII Rangers are joining their ranger buddies in heaven. They no longer feeling the pains of age, but are those same 20-somethings who volunteered to fight for freedom and put an end to an evil that threatened their world.

Since joining the Descendants, I have learned so much about the experiences, good and bad, my father went through. Like so many of his Ranger buddies, they came home when the war was over and did not talk about their experiences. They may have shared funny stories with their families, but the bad things they buried deep.

Very often we get requests from family members who want to know about their Ranger. By preserving the documentation we are helping them fill in the gaps and realize, not matter who, each Ranger is a hero in his own way.

We are a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to honor our WWII Rangers, preserve their memory, and teach future generations about their Rangers and their accomplishments.

Now is the time that we, as Descendants of these WWII Rangers, need to band together to preserve what they have given us. Their memories, the good times of the reunions, their strong love of family and country.

Please no pressure, we are here to help regardless of whether you join or not. The Board of Descendants of WWII Rangers and its volunteers are here to help and support where ever and when we can. We have reached a crossroads where we can either grow and continue our efforts or fade away.

Even with raising our dues, these dues do not meet our financial needs. We send hard copy newsletters to all Rangers and Spouses regardless of if they pay dues. We cannot expect them to be able to use a computer and many times need to have the newsletters read to them. We send cards, condolences,

and memorials. We put wreaths at cemeteries' throughout the world on Memorial Day, and we try to maintain the WWII Memorials at Ft. Benning.

I have been trying to get my brothers to join, they are very busy. But I know they care about dad and want to know and understand more. But with work, family, and other commitments it is easy for this to be pushed aside. So I have decided to get them a membership as a Christmas present.

Again I wish each and every one of you a Blessed Holiday.

Nancy Taube - Membership

Many of you know that my dad loves songs, and even wrote a song about the Battle of Cisterna. What I have learned by spending time with him, is that there were many songs written during WWII. One of his favorites was "There's a Star Spangled Banner Flying Somewhere". Some of the words follow.

There's a star spangled banner waving somewhere,
In a distant land so many miles away.
Only Uncle Sam's great heroes get to go there,
Where I wish that I could also live someday.

In this war with its mad schemes of destruction,
of our country fair and our sweet liberty.
By the mad dictators, leaders of corruption.
Can't the U.S use a mountain boy like me?
God gave me the right to be a free American,
And for that precocious right I'd gladly die,

There's a star spangled banner waving somewhere,
In that heaven there should be a place for me.

PRESERVATION OF RANGER HISTORY

Preservation of World War II Ranger documents is a high priority to insure that vital pieces of history are saved where members of the Descendants can access these Ranger records. We want to preserve and save for future generations: Copies of orders, Awards, after action reports, Ranger's personal reflections of wartime events and their time in the Rangers, Letters from the front, and other historical documents that tell the stories of our WW II Rangers.

Documents should be sent to members of the History committee where they will be assigned keywords for future sorting and access. We prefer PDF documents via email but will accept hard copies if scanned documents are not available. Documents will be organized and saved on a hard drive storage unit, and as soon as funds are available to develop a web based access program that attaches to our web site, members of the Descendants can search for historical information by battalion, Rangers' name, and other criteria. The Daughters of the American Revolution is now instituting such a system to save records from the revolutionary war, so we are on the right side of history.

Please send your documents to one of the members of the History Committee or to the committee chair, David Williams.

David Williams (1st): david.williams@cypresswood.net

Stan Kinmonth (2nd): stantr6@comcast.net

Steve Lehmann (3rd): SLehmann1@comcast.net

Roy Murray, Jr. (4th): murray.roy@gmail.com

Terry Toler (5th): Toler1948@gmail.com

Craig Spinner (6th): craig.spinner@adesa.com

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The following Rangers are gone but not forgotten - we keep them and their families in our prayers.

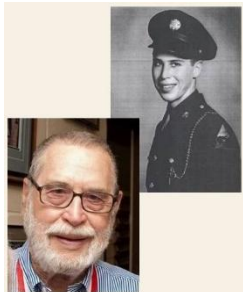
<u>RANGER</u>	<u>BAT/COM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Raymond Noel Dye	1F/4F	March 9 2015
Warren E. (Bing) Evans	1A-E/3F	July 6, 2015
Mack A. Godsey	1E/4B	January 8, 2015
Robert D. Manning	1	February 26, 2015
Ronald J. Robinson	1Hq	August 22, 2015
Edward Roese	1F	July 12, 2015
Edwin Roth CSM(Ret)	1Hq	April 10, 2011
Dennis Schumacher	1A/3B	August 9, 2015
Warren D. Burmaster	2A	September 19, 2015
Joseph R. Devoli	2D	February 23, 2015
Albert L. Engle	2E	November 15, 2015
Joseph Guerra	2A	April 10, 2015
Robert M. Parker	2A	February 5, 2015
Stanley E. White	2A	April 27, 2015
Forest I. Goodwin	3A	May 12, 2015
William T. Pannone	3C	May 14, 2015
John Prochak	3E	August 31, 2015
Micky T. Romine	3Hq/A	August 15, 2015
Frank E. Bonkowski	4B	September 15, 2014
Louis R. Knox	4A	May 5, 2015

Jay D. Northrup	4A	July 15, 2015
John Polley	4D	August 8, 2015
Harold J. Pratt	4D	April 1, 2012
John Scott	4D	June 28, 2015
Henry R. Seaman	5A	November 13, 2013
Douglas C. Campbell	5E	April 27, 2012
Carl K. Charboneau	5D	September 23, 2011
Melvin M. Cone Jr.	5E	October 11, 2015
James R. Copeland	5B	October 21, 2015
Allen W. Spero	5E	July 13, 2015
Alejandro Munoz	5F	October 22, 2014
John Printup Sr.	5D	February 25, 2015
William A. Warren	5D	October 28, 2015
Austin Bagby Sr.	6D	February 3, 2015

Please notify Member at Large Nancy Taube as soon as possible of the passing of a WWII Ranger, Spouse, or Descendant

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND NOEL DYE – 1F/4F – MARCH 9, 2015



Raymond Noel Dye, 90, died on March 8, 2015 in Florida. Ranger Dye is survived by his wife Theresa Dye, son Richard Meyer and daughter Tondra Mineo. Ranger Raymond Noel Dye was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2010. According to his Ranger Hall of bio, Private 1st Class Raymond Noel Dye joined the Army November 12, 1942 and was a member of the Armed Forces at Fort Knox, KY. He shipped out to Oran, North Africa in April of 1943 and volunteered under Col. Darby. He was assigned to the 1st Ranger Battalion until just before the Sicily Invasion. With the 4th Ranger Battalion, he made three invasions to include Sicily, Salerno and Anzio, Italy. The 4th Ranger Battalion made a 12 mile raid behind the German lines where

his Ranger Buddy Charles Roby was killed in action on November 4, 1943. At Chiunzi Pass, Ranger Dye was chosen to join a British observer to pinpoint targets for naval guns that netted the explosion of the German Ammo Depot, among other targets. Going AWOL from hospitals on two occasions to return to his Rangers, he fought until he was wounded a fourth time at Anzio.

Ranger Dye's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, European-Africa-Middle East Campaign Medal with Arrowhead, National Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Noel Dye was a founding member of the U.S. Army Ranger Association, serving as a Life Member since the association's charter on June 13, 1973. He was the last WWII era founding member. He will be missed by all members.

WARREN E. EVANS – 1A-E/3F – JULY 6, 2015

Warren E. Evans, age 96, of Huntingburg, passed away July 6, 2015, at The Springs at Tanasbourne senior living center in Hillsboro, Oregon. He was born December 29, 1918 in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Earl Edward and Stella (Soliday) Evans. He married Frances A. "Fran" Wheeler on August 5, 1945 at the United Methodist Church in Brookings, South Dakota. Warren was a salesman for Ralston Purina; after his retirement from Purina he was employed as an accountant at the Olinger Construction Company in Huntingburg for 10 years and then continued private accounting thereafter on a part-time basis. He was a member of the Huntingburg United Methodist Church, Dubois County Masonic Lodge #520 F&AM, the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite, and the Ranger Battalion Association. He served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the original Army Rangers which spearheaded five landings and six campaigns during the war. Warren fought in every battle of every campaign that the Rangers participated in during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances A. "Fran" Evans, who died November 10, 2009; two sons, Brad Evans and Bruce Evans; one sister, Lorraine Theck; and two grandchildren. He is survived by his son Mark (Karen) Evans of Portland, Oregon and daughter-in-law, Connie Evans of Huntingburg, Indiana; and (4) grandchildren.

MACK A. GODSEY – 1E/4B – JANUARY 8, 2015



Mack A. Godsey, age 91, of Bristol, TN, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2015. Mack was born January 19, 1923 to the late Abe and Nettie Godsey. He was a lifelong resident of Bristol, TN. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Polly Snyder Godsey and his brother, Jack Godsey. He was a former Police Chief of Bristol, TN. from 1963 to 1982. He served as a veteran of the United States Army in World War II and was a member of Darby's Ranger serving in Sicily, North Africa and Italy. Mack was also a 32nd Degree Mason. Mack is survived by one daughter, Janie Godsey Landis and her husband, Steve of St. Simons Island, GA.; two

granddaughters: Kelly Landis Walker of Raleigh N.C. and Stephanie Landis Steel of San Diego, CA, four great-grandchildren: Bradley Walker, Ashlyn Walker, Ty Steel and Cooper Mack Steel; Nephews: Jack Godsey, Jr., Eddie Booher, Benny Herndon, Jack Brooks, Jerry Brooks and niece: Vickie Herndon Runyon.

ROBERT D. MANNING – 1ST BATTALION – FEBRUARY 26, 2015



Robert David Manning, 92, born December 7, 1922, passed away Thursday at East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center. He was born in Springfield to the late Helen (Connors) and Michael Manning. Robert was a World War II Army Veteran, in the Fifth Army, 1st Ranger Battalion, who survived the battle of Anzio. He worked for the Springfield Armory for twenty years, and then Smith and Wesson for fifteen. Robert leaves his beloved wife of sixty-nine years, Marisa (Tonini) Manning, his loving daughter Shirley Pacosa and her husband Walter of West Springfield, his grandchildren, Tony, Teresa, Lauren and Evan, two great-grandchildren, Alex and Abby, his sister, Geraldine Starr of Springfield and his son-in-law, Larry Stevens. Sadly, Robert was predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth Stevens in 2012.

RONALD J. ROBINSON – 1HQ – AUGUST 22, 2015

Ronald J. Robinson, a resident of Wakefield, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He was 90. Ronald was born October 11, 1924 in Wakefield, a son of the late Eli H. and Thelma K. (Downey) Robinson and was a graduate of Wakefield High School. He honorably served his country in the United States Army during World War II as a Tech 5. He was a Darby Ranger. He was injured in Italy at the Battle of Anzio beachhead in January of 1944 for which he received a Purple Heart. Throughout his life, he lived in Wakefield, Florida, New Hampshire and Arizona. He was a proud member of the elite group, the First Special Service Force, and a member of the New Hampshire DAV. Ron worked for J. Palumbo Produce for many years before retiring in 1989. Previously, he worked for Hollywood Beach Hotel in the receiving and managements of supplies. Ron is predeceased by his siblings, Carl V. Robinson and Esther K. Robinson. He is survived by his cousin Gail E. Strong of Reading, and niece Carla K. Robinson of Tulsa, OK.

EDWARD ROESE – 1F – JULY 22, 2015

Edward "Barney" Roese, of South Bloomfield, passed away at his home on Sunday, July 12, 2015, with his devoted wife of 21 years and loving family members by his side. He was born June 21, 1922 in South Bloomfield to Edward "Whitey" Roese and Sallie Welch Roese. He is survived by wife, Kathleen (Kate) Roese; sons, David Roese, Bruce (Terry) Roese, Mike (Mary) Lombardo, Keith (Rita) Roese, Joe (Julie) Lombardo and RD Roese; daughter, Karen (Lombardo) Wells; step children, Susan (JT) Taylor and John (Dianna) Perry; nieces, Sally (George) Reid, Mona Lee (Jerry) Trego, Judy (Larry) Beard; grandchildren, Scott Cooper, Tara (Jason) Schnetzler, PJ (Peter) Guldager, Shane (Teri) Roese, Stacy (Brent) Morrow, Cindy (Scott) Williams, Shannon (Shannon) Roese, Bobby (Jennifer) Lombardo, Amy (Phil) Peters, Monica (Francesco) Todisco, Emily Roese, Ashley Roese (Brandon Paris), Abby (Dominic) Koah, Josiah Roese, Jessica Mateer and Justin Mateer. Barney had numerous great -grandchildren and other great-nieces/nephews. Barney never left the Ashville/South Bloomfield area except for his military service. His fondest memories growing up in this community are the times spent in the family produce business, working the surrounding fields, and attending South Bloomfield United Methodist Church. He was a proud member of the Ashville High School basketball team (1936-1940) winning several titles. He served three years abroad in World War II -1942 to 1945 -as a volunteer member of the celebrated Darby's Ranger Group 1st Battalion. He participated in 7 actual landings in the African, Italian, and French campaigns. After the military he got involved in the asphalt construction industry in which he worked for Zeller Inc., Strawser Paving, VanCamp Paving Company and after 40 plus years worked an additional 20 years with Roese Bros Paving. Barney enjoyed traveling, especially to military reunions with his wife Kate, across the US and Europe. He supported his family in many ways by attending all holidays, school athletic events etc. He taught them the importance of a strong work ethic. He enjoyed parades in his '31 Ford -in fact being able to participate in the Memorial Day and 4th of July parade just days before his passing. All grandchildren have pictures on Santa "Barney's" lap as he dressed up to make Christmas special for each of them. Barney was a blessing to those whose lives he touched. He will live in our memories as a kind and loving husband, father, grand-father, uncle and friend. Barney Roese stories will live on forever.

EDWIN ROTH CSM(Ret) – 1HQ – April 10, 2011



Edwin Roth Resident of Walnut Creek Edwin (Ed) Roth passed away peacefully on April 10th 2011 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Reutlingen Switzerland on Oct. 26th 1922. Ed was the youngest of 13 children and is the sole survivor of his siblings. Ed is survived by his loving wife Ruth

of 59 years and 3 children, Rudy with wife Virginia, daughter Teresa Albright with husband Craig, and Ed II with wife Dawn. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ed immigrated to

the United States in 1930. At the age of 15 he left home and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps during the height of the depression. In 1942 Ed joined the US Army where he was a member of the elite 1st battalion Ranger division. In 1943 during the battle of Anzio beachhead Ed became captured and became a German POW. After 18 months of captivity Ed escaped only to be wounded, recaptured weeks later and sent to Stalag 2b before being liberated by the allies. Ed proudly served in the US Army for 31 years, attaining the highest enlisted rank available of Command Sergeant Major. During his time of service in addition to WWII Ed served in the Korean and Vietnam wars and was highly decorated for his achievements. During his service in the Military Ed furthered his education at the Command and General Staff College. Upon retirement in 1973 Ed studied to get his Real Estate license as well as Store management from the University of Indiana. He spent most of his retired life helping the poor and homeless and serving his savior Jesus Christ. In addition to visiting the sick and elderly throughout his retirement, Ed offered volunteer tax assistance for 14 years and started his own widow and widowers ministry to reach out and help those in need around him. Ed delivered Meals on Wheels to the elderly for the last 27 years and was recently awarded the Contra Costa County Advisory Council volunteer award by the Board of Supervisors.

DENNIS L. SCHUMACHER – 1A/3B – AUGUST 9, 2015

Dennis L. Schumacher, 93, of Las Vegas, passed away Aug. 9, 2015, surrounded by family at Summerlin Hospital. In 1941, Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Army and was one of the original volunteers selected for the 1st Ranger Battalion of the famed Darby's Rangers. He served in World War II and Korea. Dennis is a long-time resident of Las Vegas and a retired member of the Culinary/Bartenders Union. He is survived by his three children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who are thankful for so many wonderful memories and will miss him dearly.

WARREN DENNIS BURMASTER – 2A – SEPTEMBER 19, 2015



great grandchildren.



Mr. Warren Dennis (Half-Track) Burmaster of Belle Chasse, LA on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2AM. Husband of the late Alpha Phillips Burmaster. Father of the late Judy A. Ransom, Dennis F. Burmaster, Sr. and Phillip W. Burmaster. Son of the late Theresa and Ernest Burmaster, Sr. Brother of the late Earnest Burmaster Jr, the late Gladys Steele, Jerry Arnold, Shirley Carlone. Also survived by 9 grandchildren & 4

Age 92 years; Warren was born in Algiers, Louisiana. During the depression when his dad lost everything, they moved to Belle Chasse, Louisiana where he would live there the rest of his life. Warren was a graduate of Belle Chasse High School. He worked all

his life first helping his dad in the sawmill and service stations. Later he would run an ice route from Belle Chasse to Buras. He loved to drive and also picked up driving dump trucks. When war broke out he, his brother & friends joined the Army. He went on to volunteer for the Army Rangers and Served in the European campaign with the 2nd Ranger Battalion A company. In 1945 he returned home after a serious injury, which took over six months of hospital care.

JOSEPH R. DEVOLI – 2D – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Joe was the son of Raffaele (Ralph) Davoli and Peppina (Josephine) Murone. Joe was born and raised in



Shawnee, Ohio. Joe was proud to graduate from the local high school, Ohio, in 1932. After high school, he enrolled in the newly-created Civilian Conservation Corps. In December 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Joe enlisted in the Army, joining the newly created Rangers 2nd Battalion. His role in the unit was Company Clerk. After completing basic training, he was sent to England where he was billeted with a local family while the Rangers practiced the maneuvers they would need for the offense that would be known as D-Day. On that day, June 6, 1944, the boat Joe was riding in capsized under enemy fire, and he and the rest of the men were

thrown into the chilly waters. Joe saved a man's life that day by holding him afloat and treading water for over an hour until they were rescued. Joe earned the Soldier's medal for bravery for his actions that day. In addition to Normandy, Joe saw combat action throughout Northern France, the Battle of Hurtgen (Hill 400 in Bergstein, Germany), Ardennes (the Battle of the Bulge), the Rhineland, and throughout Central Europe. Joseph was honorably discharged on 31 October 1945, after a shell exploded nearby, permanently damaged his hearing. Joe did not shy away from talking about his war experiences which had been permanently etched upon his mind and heart. One story told of his bedraggled unit having nothing left in their rations except for dry bread, when they suddenly came upon a unit that had nothing left but butter. A feast was had by all! Before and during the liberation of Paris, Joe (who was pretty frugal his entire life) was known to drop his entire pay (about \$1,000) in a single night, including taking a cab for one block to get to the next pub. The war helped him develop a philosophy of: enjoy every day, and always try to find something to laugh at. Joe remembered walking up one morning and seeing a mortar shell that had landed, but not exploded, right next to him. The French Resistance who were forced to work in munitions plants for the Germans, often left out firing pins and other critical components to help the Allied cause. One time he and another soldier were asked where they slept last night. He replied "on that hill over there." To which their buddy replied "we haven't taken that hill yet!" In 1954, Joe met and married Vivian Clark, a vivacious blue-eyed beauty he met through friends. They were blessed with two children, a son Randy born in 1955, and a daughter, Kathie, born in 1958. They purchased a home in Fullerton. After Vivian passed away in 1960, Joe moved back to Los Angeles. After spending several years as a bachelor, Joe met his future wife, Loretta Linster. Joe and Loretta were married in 1970 in Los Angeles. Joe was employed for about 30 years by Universal Carloading in Los Angeles as a billing clerk. Universal Carloading honored Joe with a gold watch when he retired. Joe's favorite pastimes were pool and snooker, horse races, playing cards, Dodger baseball games, and crossword puzzles. His high moral standards and traditional values served Joe well, and he was a

lifelong member of the Catholic Church. One his deepest memories was during his war service, when his unit was sleeping in an abandoned building. Joe felt a tap on his shoulder and heard the words "Get out" - but there was no one there. It took some convincing, but Joe finally rallied his buddies to exit the building - whereupon it exploded from a booby-trap bomb set by the enemy. Joe never doubted God's existence. Joe enjoyed his annual Ranger reunions held around the country, as well as a memorable trip back to Europe with his Ranger unit in the 1960s where he took gag pictures such as holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa with his hand. Joe's beloved wife Loretta predeceased him in 2008. Joe passed away on February 23, 2015 at St. Rose Hospital, in Henderson, Nevada, from complications after a fall that broke his left hip. He is survived by his children Randy and Kathie; his grandchildren Devon, Erica, Ashley, Rikka and Catey; his great-grandchildren Jada, Evelyn and Aisha; his sister Carmella; and many loving nieces and nephews, their children and spouses.

ALBERT L. ENGLE – 2E – NOVEMBER 15, 2015



Albert L Engle,Jr., age 92, of Eden, November 14, 2015. He was the beloved husband of 48 years to the late Beverly (nee Shenkle) and devoted father of W. David (Susan), C. Dessie (Tammy) and the late Delbert "Deb" (Polly) and Donald Engle. Brother of Patricia (late Fred) Gearhart. He was the dear friend of Marianne Spring. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by 1 sister and 4 brothers. Mr. Engle served in the 2nd Ranger Battalion, Co. E, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Engle was a past chief of Newton-Abbott Fire Co., member of Masonic Lodge and an avid fisherman and hunter.

JOSEPH A. GUERRA – 2A – APRIL 10, 2015



José Antonio Guerra Estrada (Joseph Anthony-Joe-Toño) age 94, passed away surrounded by family on April 9, 2015. A life-time resident of New Orleans, he was living in Colorado since Hurricane Katrina. He was born January 23, 1921 in Nicaragua to José Antonio Guerra and Rosa Nellye Estrada and was the Grandson of former Nicaraguan President General Juan José Estrada and Salvadora Avilés Estrada. Mr. Guerra is survived by his wife of sixty years, Estela Herrera Guerra. Remembered con gran amor by daughter Rosa Maria Guerra, her twins Rosa Maria and Juan José Medina, his wife Carolina Oliveira Medina; daughter Sara Guerra Rooney, husband

Donald Rooney, their children Erin Rooney McLean, husband Dr. Justin McLean, Kelly Rooney Pearsall, husband Russell Pearsall; daughter Jeannette Zarruk, her son Roberto Elias Zarruk. He was the proud great-grandfather of Melissa Medina and Logan McLean. A WWII Ranger Medic awarded The Purple Heart, among other medals. He is survived by his close Ranger buddies Joe Drake and Warren "Half-track" Burmaster. Talented violinist played with symphonies, bands and up until 2005 added a spark to several church choirs. His family treasures memories of watching football on Sunday (Who Dat!), feeding

ducks at City Park and sharing his appreciation for nature. His courage, guidance, music, beautiful woodworking, inspirational stories, sense of humor and loving spirit will forever be engraved in our hearts

FOREST I. GOODWIN – 3A – MAY 12, 2015

Forest I. Goodwin, 92, passed away Tuesday morning May 12, 2015 at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor. "Pat" was born in Corinna on April 25, 1923, the son of Jasper and Marjorie Libby Goodwin. Pat spent most of his life at his home on the Wing Rd. in Levant where he raised his family. Pat enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 18, 1943 and volunteered to become a Ranger. He was assigned to the 3rd Ranger Battalion a.k.a. "Darby's Rangers." The 3rd Ranger Battalion was an important part of the Allied forces that fought battles in Sicily and into Southern Italy. The Darby's Rangers triumphs would be many as they advanced into enemy territory until their defeat at Cisterna, Italy. On January 30, 1944 the Rangers effort to enlarge the Anzio beachhead, by seizing the town of Cisterna, ended in disaster when two of the three Ranger battalions were attacked by German paratroopers and soldiers from the "Herman Goering Panzer Division", a tank division. Pat was wounded for the second time and taken prisoner during this battle. He was recaptured after escaping and held as a POW in German until he escaped a second time in April, 1945. His unit was engaged in the following battles/campaigns: Africa, Sicily, Naples Foggia, and Anzio. Pat was discharged from the Army on October 15, 1945 as a highly decorated Corporal. His awards include a Presidential Citation, Silver Star, European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign ribbon with four service stars, Bronze Star, a Prisoner of War Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, an honorable service lapel button, a Good Conduct Medal, a WW2 Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Pat was active in the community as a member of the Fire Department, Grange and Masons. He held positions of leadership in these organizations including being a Past Master of the Masons. Pat worked for Canteen in his younger years then went into business drilling water wells with his brother Norman. Together they drilled numerous wells in Levant and the surrounding area. Pat finished his career as a Foreman for C. J. Clewley Foundations retiring in 1982. Pat recently received the Remember ME 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maine Health Care Association. Pat is survived by daughter, Gloria Munn and partner, Jim, of Etowah, NC; sons, Larry and wife, Donna of McKinney, TX; David and wife, Cindy of Argyle, NY; Brent and wife, Stephanie of Bangor, daughters, Karen Gagnon, Roxane Gagnon, Marjorie Rowe and husband, Harold, all of Levant; brother, Jasper "Fuller" and sister, Florence "Babe" Goodwin Smith; 19 grandchildren including very special granddaughter Katie, 23 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Janice Hodgdon on Feb 17, 1959; his second wife Olive Robertson on June 11, 2007; a daughter Cheryl and a son Forest II; sister Dorothy Workman; brothers, Chalmers, Norman, and Jesse. Pat, like many of his generation, helped to save and shape the world as we know it. We owe our freedom and way of life to his generation. He will be missed.

WILLIAM T. PANNONE – 3C – MAY 14, 2015



William Pannone, 90, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Brentwood Nursing Home. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary C. (Moretti) Pannone and a son of the late Thomas and Rachel (Greco) Pannone. Mr. Pannone was manager of the supply depot at Quonset Point Naval Air Station before retiring. He was a WWII Army Veteran having served in the European Theatre, Ex-Prisoner of War, and served with the original Darby Rangers and received the Bronze Star. Mr. Pannone was an avid NY Yankee fan, enjoyed woodworking, and was a fanatic when it came to his own cars.

He is survived by one daughter, Deborah A. Luchka and her husband Gregory; sister, Mary Mattiace; brother, Richard Pannone; grandchildren, Gregory and Ryan Luchka, and William Pannone III; great grandchildren, Isabella, Grace, Emily, and Antonia. He was the father of the late William T. Pannone, Jr. and brother of the late Thomas Pannone, Angie Di Biase, and Stella Moretti.

JOHN M. PROCHAK – 3E – AUGUST 31, 2015



John Michael Prochak, age 92 of Austintown, Ohio, passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 3:55 AM, from glioblastoma, cancer of the brain at Essex of Salem I. He was born February 26, 1923 in Campbell, Ohio, the son of Kathryn Jasack and Joseph Haulzik Prochak. John is survived by his daughters, Christine (Patrick) Andino of Berlin Center, and Cathy (Pete) Evanovitz of Youngstown; three granddaughters, Jaci Clark of Youngstown, Ashley (Matthew) Hathaway of Wooster, and Kendall (Benjamin) Brewer of Charleston, SC; four great-grandchildren, Gregory Bass, Boston Clark, and

Ridley Clark all of Youngstown, and Peyton Hathaway of Wooster; and one great-great-granddaughter, Savannah Bass of Medina; as well as his only brother, Edward Prochak, 88 of Youngstown, and his sister, Francis Zander, 90, of Riverside, CA. Other than his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Theresia Christine Muehlbacher Prochak, who passed away on November 29, 2006 of Alzheimer's; and four sisters, Mary Jasack, Anne Dumiak, Bertha Mitulinski, and Helen Grahovac. John's military career spanned 27 years in the US Army through WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He was one of the original Darby's Rangers (special forces) from WWII and was a POW for nearly two years in Germany. He was also the oldest soldier to complete jump training and become a paratrooper. John's time in the military gained him numerous commendations and medals including the Bronze Star. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a kind and loving father, grandfather, and friend. A true hero will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors

MICKY T. ROMINE – 3HQ/A – AUGUST 15, 2015



Micky Romine, 94, passed away August 15, 2015 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron, MO. Micky was born July 24, 1921 in La Junta, CO. He served his country in the United States Army as an Army Ranger in WWII. Micky moved to Raytown in 1948. He worked for the United States Post office as a mail carrier. He was a member of Eastern Star, and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Raytown. He enjoyed square dancing with a group of friends traveling around the country. He is survived by two sons, Michael Gerre and Timothy Lane Romine and two sisters, Juanita Teachout and Evelyn Jackson. Micky was preceded in death by his wife, June Ellen Romine.

FRANK E. BONKOWSKI – 4B – SEPTEMBER 15, 2014



Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away Monday, September 15, 2014 at Saginaw Geriatrics Home at the age of 90 years. The son of the late Frank S. and Anna (Gilbaga) Bonkowski, Frank was born July 9, 1924 in Saginaw, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II with the Darby's Rangers and First Special Service Force in Europe. He married Marian D. Reiman on December 17, 1947. She predeceased him December 10, 2006. Frank was employed at Grey Iron Foundry for 36 years retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Josaphat Catholic Church and its' Retirees. He was past president of the Polish Bowling Association, past Commander of D.A.V. Chapter #4, member of V.F.W. Post #1566, The Cooties, the Falcons and Pulaski Club. Surviving are two daughters, one son and their spouses, Carol and Stew Smith, Greenville, Michigan; Jean and Keith Macomber, Saginaw; Jim and Connie Bonkowski, Saginaw; six grandchildren, Carly Macomber, Stewart, Patrick and Michael (Susan) Smith, Jeremy (Kim) Bonkowski, Brent (Lisa) Bonkowski; step-grandaughter, Molly Princinsky; eight great-grandchildren, Christauna Smith, Stewart Smith IV, Taylor Rose Bonkowski, Devin, Chase, Kayleigh , Rowan and Syris Bonkowski; two step-greatgrandchildren, Paige and Addyson; one brother, Raymond and Lorraine Bonkowski, Warren, Michigan; several nieces and nephews. Frank was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Louise Bonkowski and one sister, Louise Gawron.

LOUIS R. KNOX – 4A – MAY 5, 2015

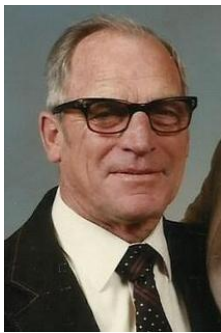
Knox, Louis R. "Lou" Age 91. U.S. Army Infantry Machine Gun Commander, Sgt. in the Darby's Rangers, First Special Service Force. Beloved husband of 44 years to Della (nee Naso); loving father of Marilou (Ronald) Mrjenovich, Louis J. (Victoria) Knox, and Robert J. Knox; stepfather of Donald Tennant and Denise Herzog; cherished grandfather of Mary Denise Sopata, Tammi and Tara Mrjenovich, Tessa Knox (Alejandro) Villagra, Kyle Knox, Caitlin (Dan) O'Connor, Rileigh Knox, Madeline (Andy) Warnier, Zachary (Jennifer) Knox, Nathaniel Knox, Nichole Knox, Sarunas and Guvidas Siauciunas, Doug Herzog, and

Michelle Herzog; proud great-grandfather of 13; dear brother of Gladys Soppet; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal First Special Service Force, 2 Purple Hearts, Silver Star, Bronze Cluster and Bronze Star. Huge Chicago White Sox fan who had the opportunity to throw out a 1st pitch. Second time Hero of the Game one year later. He was a proud member of the Leo High School Hall of Fame.

JAY D. NORTHRUP – 4A – JULY 16, 2015

Jay D. Northrup, 96, of Sarasota, Florida died on July 16, 2015. Born June 25, 1919. In 1942 he left St. Lawrence University to serve his country as a 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Ranger Battalion during WWII. He remained very active with the Ranger Association serving at one time as President. Jay had a long and distinguished career in banking from bank examiner to President and Chairman of the Board. Jay is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Joanne (Josie), a blended family of 8 children, and many grand and great grandchildren. He was an active member of the Free Mason and many charitable and community organizations. Jay and Joanne spent many happy years residing in Tuxedo Park, NY - playing great golf and his favorite Court Tennis. They led active lives in Sarasota and enjoyed the company of many good friends.

JOHN F. POLLEY – 4D – AUGUST 8, 2015



John Frederick Polley was born September 2, 1922 to Fred and Esther (Schweikert) Polley in rural McIntosh, Sletten Township. During his second year of life a cattle disease called Bangs cleaned out his parent's dairy herd and the family was destined to many years of living on rented land, along with a depression. In the fall of 1940, Fred and Esther bought a farm south of Fosston, MN. John went to three different country schools, McIntosh High School for three years, and Fosston High School his senior year in 1941 to finish his education. John served in the U.S. Army from November 6, 1942 to October 30, 1945. He joined the 4th Ranger Infantry Battalion, reaching the rank of Sergeant. He fought in six campaigns until his discharge in 1945.

In June of 1948 he married Mildred West of Winger, MN. They had two sons; John, born in 1949 and Mark, born in 1954. They moved to Minneapolis in 1949, where John worked as a street car motorman and attended the University of Minnesota. He also taught Veterans Ag in Wilmar, MN before graduating from the U of M in 1954. John substitute taught Vo-Ag until July of 1956 when he went to work with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. In 1968 he began teaching Soil and Water Conservation, Engineering, Hydrology, Irrigation, and Soil Science at the University of MN Crookston. John retired in June of 1986. Mildred died of cancer in September of 1987. In December of 1989, John married Doris Brule and moved to Crookston, MN. Doris passed away in May 2015, and in June John moved to the Country Place Apartments in Erskine, MN where he lived until his passing at Riverview Hospital in Crookston on August 8, 2015. John enjoyed teaching and he loved to travel. Surviving family members include sons, John (Caryn) Polley of Grand Rapids, MN, and Mark (Patricia) Polley of Winger, MN; sisters-in-law Mary Lou

Polley and Bonnie Polley; stepsons and stepdaughters, Bonnie Brule of Mentor, MN, Wayne Brule of Crookston, MN, Marlin (Stacy) Brule of Jordan, MN, Randy (Tammy) Brule of Mentor, MN, Lynette (Jeff) Haugen of Coon Rapids, MN, Laurie (Tim) Wavra of Crookston, MN, Chuck (Diana) Marshall of Florida, John Stueber of Crookston, MN; 29 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

HAROLD JOHN PRATT – 4D – APRIL 1, 2012

Harold John Pratt, 87, son of Earl J. Pratt and Mona L. (Glidden) Pratt, born in Princeton on Nov. 13, 1924, died April 1, 2012. He enlisted in the Army on March 18, 1943, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 15, 1945. He was a member of Company D, 4th Ranger Battalion "Darby's Rangers" and participated in the invasions of Sicily and capture of Palermo, Naples-Foggia, Rome, Arno, Anzio, Northern Apennines, southern France and the Rhineland, was wounded at Venafro and then Naples. Harold was also a member of the First Special Services Force in World War II. He was scheduled to return to the states after he was wounded at Naples, but requested to be sent back to his unit and was subsequently wounded for the third time at the Anzio beachhead. He and fellow Rangers were given the task of eliminating the massive German "Anzio Express" railroad gun targeting the Anzio beachhead, and the mission was accomplished. He was then involved in the battle of Monte Casino along the Gustaf line with his unit. Harold entered Rome when it was liberated with troops commanded by Gen. Mark Clark. His unit was attached to a number of infantry and cavalry units in France and the Rhineland. He and his fellow Rangers volunteered to join with the unit commanded by Col. Charles Reed, 2nd Cavalry, under Gen. George Patton, to rescue the famed Lipizzaner horses in Austria from capture by the oncoming Russian Army. Harold is the recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Rome Liberation Medal, European-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Arrowhead, the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and several Purple Heart medals. When Harold returned to the state of Maine, he married Sara Mitchell Brown. They made their home in Gardiner and then moved to Windsor. Harold worked at and retired from the Veterans' Administration Medical Center at Togus. Harold was past master of the Dirigo Lodge AF & AM of Weeks Mills, as well as past patron of the Lily of the Valley Chapter 157 Weeks Mills. Harold was also a member of Chelsea Advent Christian Church. Harold is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sara (Brown) Pratt; a son, Michael, and his wife, Laureen Pratt, of Weld; a son, Elwood and his wife, Vicki Pratt, of Windsor; a grandson, Jerrod Pratt, of Rockland; a granddaughter, Julie, and her husband, Nate Bartlett, of New Sharon; great-grandchildren Grace Pratt and Joshua Pratt, both of Rockland, and Abigail Bartlett and Elias Bartlett, both of New Sharon. He is also survived by a very special step-grandson, Steven Furrow and Laura of Kentucky. Steven was also an Army Ranger and he and Harold held a special bond; also step-grandchildren Michael and Abbie Furrow of Texas, David and Mary Furrow of Texas, and Joseph Furrow of Florida. He is also survived by a brother, Wilbur "Bucky" Pratt, and his wife, Maybelle, of Florida; a sister, Ruth Damon, of Princeton; and his youngest sister, Linda Carithers, and her husband, Howard, of Illinois; as well as several nieces and nephews.



JOHN SCOTT – 4D – JUNE 28, 2015

John Scott, 92, of Stroudsburg, died Sunday, June 28, 2015, at home, where he resided with his daughter, Jacquelyn. He was surrounded by his loving family. John was the husband of the late Mary (Ditchey) Scott, who died Aug. 9, 1989. Born on June 25, 1923, in Dundee, Scotland, he was a son of the late William and Euphemia (McCombie) Scott, and lived in Monroe County for the past six years, moving from Budd Lake, New Jersey. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army, where he was a Darby's Ranger and later transferred to the First Special Forces. While in the service, he was a staff sergeant, where he served in North Africa, Sicily, Southern France and Anzio, and he received a Purple Heart. John was a truck driver until retiring. Surviving are four children: Jennifer Carhart and her husband, Robert, of Saylorsburg; Jacquelyn Wenzel and her husband, Quentin, of Stroudsburg; Hayden Evans of California; and MaryAnn Hryc and her husband, Joseph, of Spotswood, New Jersey.; 12 grandchildren: John Wenzel, Chris Wenzel, Elissa Wenzel, Robert Carhart, Mary Carhart, Brooke Carhart, Stacey Walker and husband Mark, Kelley Evans, Jon Hryc and wife Kimberly, JoAnn Hryc, Jackie Curnal and husband Marc, and Jodi Kilcommons and husband Sean; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mildred Miccio of California; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers: David, William, Ramsey and George Scott; and a sister, Jean Russo.

DOUGLAS C. CAMPBELL – 5E – APRIL 27, 2012

Douglas Carroll Campbell, born June 23, 1921, a retired Santa Rosa educator and newsman who earned a Silver Star for battlefield valor in Europe and possessed, quite often, the sharpest mind and wit in the room, died Friday, April 27, 2012 at age 90. Douglas Carroll Campbell grew up in Vallejo and was 19 and a student at the University of California at Berkeley when the United States entered World War II. Having received initial military training in the ROTC program at Cal, he enlisted in the Army and was admitted to officer training school. He volunteered to join the elite Rangers, and made the cut. He was a 1st lieutenant when he took part, shortly after D-Day, in the invasion of Nazi-occupied France in mid-1944. He'd advanced with Gen. George Patton's army into Germany when he was shot and severely wounded in February of 1945. Longtime friend and colleague Gaye LeBaron recounted in a 1987 column in The Press Democrat that during his 14 months in hospitals, Generals Patton and Omar Bradley came in to award medals of valor. Campbell told LeBaron that wounded men were "lying at attention" as the generals made their way down the row of cots. "When it came his turn," LeBaron wrote, "an accompanying aide read a description of the deeds that had earned Campbell a Silver Star." Campbell earned the medal not for what he was doing at the time he was shot but for bravery displayed earlier on the Brittany Coast of France. LeBaron wrote: "Hearing of Campbell's exploits, Patton got all excited and said something like, 'Did you do all that?' Campbell acknowledged that it was based on truth, to which Patton exclaimed, 'Why, you are a goddam fightin' son of a bitch.'--". Campbell returned to California after the war and resumed his studies at Cal. He rented a room in a Berkeley boarding house and soon fell in love with the landlady's daughter, Elizabeth. They married in April of 1947. Newlywed Doug Campbell was 27 when he and Elizabeth moved to Sonoma County the following year and he took a job

teaching English at Santa Rosa High School left teaching in 1963 to accept a promotion to Santa Rosa Schools district office. In 1969 he was named Director of Secondary Education, a position he kept until his retirement in 1981. Campbell's wife, Elizabeth, died at 88 in 2009. The couple's first-born child, Stuart, died in 1967. Campbell had lived in Sonoma County for nearly 65 years when he moved a year ago to Frankfort, Michigan, to be closer to his son, Crispin Campbell. Just days ago he'd enjoyed dinner out with his son's family and with visiting daughter Caitlin Woodbury and her husband, who split their time between Santa Rosa and France.

In addition to his son in Michigan and daughter in France, Campbell is survived by daughter Andrea Munger of Sacramento, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Right to the end, he said, his father exhibited his "extremely generous heart," love of family, passion for knowledge and a sardonic sense of humor that regularly caught people off guard.

MELVIN M. CONE JR – 5E – OCTOBER 11, 2015

Ranger Cone was born on Aug 16, 1926. He was a native of Fort Myers, FL and resident of Mobile, AL and died on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the age of 89. Mr. Cone was a veteran of WWII in the United States Army and was an Army Ranger. He was retired from Strachan Shipping Company. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Mayo Cone, Sr. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Gladys McNeil Cone; daughter, Cynthia Cone; brother, Edward (Angela) Cone; sister, Patsy (Bob) Roberts; 3 grandchildren, Ashleigh Cone (Shawn) Offutt, Gary Mayo Cone Jr. and Meagan Clare Tindal; 4 great grandchildren, Olivia Davis, Carson Davis, Case Offutt and Maravel Offutt.

JAMES R. COPELAND – 5B – OCTOBER 21, 2015



James Robert Copeland, age 93, passed away October 21, 2015. He was born on November 30, 1921 in Marting, West Virginia to James A. and Jane (Adamson) Copeland. He served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant, Company B, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion during WWII. He was awarded the Purple Heart, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and a Unit Citation. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of VFW Post #2502. He moved to the South Lyon area in 1953. James was the loving father of Vickie Ellen (Christopher) Fiedrich, Barbara Ann Copeland-Anderson and James Anthony Copeland. His sister, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren also survive him.

ALLEN W. SPERO – 5F – OCTOBER 22, 2014



Allen W. Spero, 89, of Fostoria, passed away peacefully at 8:12 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2015, at Autumnwood Care Center, Tiffin. He was born May 29, 1926, in Cleveland, to Jerome W. and Mary Etta (Peerson) Spero. He married Mary "Joan" Kimmet June 14, 1947, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Liberty Township, and she died March 27, 2015.

Surviving are 10 children, Nancy (Robert) Theis of Fostoria, Jim (Karen) Spero of Bloomdale, Cindy (Paul) Hughes of Leesburg, Florida, Vicky (Dave) Comer, Debbie (Randie) Sterling and Kathy (Kevin) Burns, all of Tiffin, Dan (Cathy) Spero of New Riegel, Patty (Denny) Mattson of Republic, Connie Vassalle of New Riegel and Lori (Tim) McLaughlin of Howell, Michigan; daughter-in-law, Pat Spero of Tiffin; 23 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Gary Spero; and a sister, Joan Mulleady. Allen was a farmer and painting contractor. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a Ranger and participated in D-Day operations. He was a member of SS Patrick & Andrew Parish, Bascom

ALEJANDRO MUNOZ – 5F – OCTOBER 22, 2014



Alejandro "Bill" Munoz, 88, a lifelong Topeka resident, passed away on October 22, 2014 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. He was born July 9, 1926 at Valencia, Kansas the son of Felipe and Maria Galvan Munoz. Bill grew up in Topeka and went to school here. He joined the army in 1944. Bill was assigned to the 5th Ranger Battalion during World War II. His unit was one of the first to enter Germany. As a member of that unit, he and his fellow soldiers were the first to find, and free prisoners from concentration camps there. His service in the army was one of the things he was the most proud of the rest of his life. A feature article about Bill's service to our country will appear in the November issue of Topeka Magazine. Bill was awarded two bronze stars while in the army. Bill also loved to bowl. He received numerous certificates, awards, and trophies for his bowling accomplishments. He served on the Topeka Bowling Association Board of Directors from 1977-1979 and he was elected to the Topeka Bowling Hall of Fame in 2002. He enjoyed KU basketball, golfing, fishing and hunting quail in western Kansas. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was married to Lupe Rivera on February 2, 1952 in Topeka. He is survived by his wife, Lupe Munoz of Topeka; four sons, Michael Munoz and Linda of Lawrence, Steven Munoz and Leslie of Oklahoma City, Anthony Munoz and Gabi of Tacoma, Washington and Robert Munoz and Rose of Topeka; brother, Ezekiel Munoz of Topeka; sister Josephine Trujillo of Topeka; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

JOHN PRINTUP SR. – 5D – FEBRUARY 25, 2015



John Printup, of the Tuscarora Nation passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in Our Lady of Peace Nursing Care Residence, Lewiston, NY. He was a member of the Turtle Clan, born on the Tuscarora Nation, on November 15, 1920, the son of the late Jonathan and Abigail (Johnson) Printup. He graduated from LaSalle High School. He served during World War II, he was a squad leader with the US Army 5th Ranger Battalion D Company and was in the invasion force that landed at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy on D-Day. Mr. Printup was also involved in other European campaigns during the war, where he captured six Germans. He received the 10 medals including, the Bronze Star, three presidential citations and the American Order of the French Croix de Guerre, American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, New York State Conspicuous Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Before the war he had worked construction with Laural & Maack and at Wurlitzer, after returning from the war, he was employed as a pressman at Moore Business forms for 30 years and became a supervisor at Niagara Printing, retiring in 1990. Mr. Printup was a member of the LaSalle American Legion Post #1142, the National Ranger Association and the North East Chapter of Rangers. He enjoyed bowling, playing basketball and swimming. Mr. Printup was the husband of the late Peggy A. Wilkinson, who died in December of 2012. He is survived by two sons, Randall R. (Lynnor) Printup of the Tuscarora Nation and John (Susan) Printup, DDS, Glensbury, CT; five grandchildren, Jonathan (Cheryl), Raymond (Veronica), Ashleigh, Kolin and George; three great grandchildren Abigail, Layla and Landon; one sister, Corliss (late Charles) Decker and one niece, Gail. He was the brother of the late Vincent (late Nellie) and Marguerite Printup.

WILLIAM A. WARREN – 5D – OCTOBER 28, 2015

William A. Warren, 92, of Chatham died Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at his home. Born January 17, 1923 in Sand Lake, he was the son of the late Hugh A. and Clara (Leffler) Turner. William was a proud veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the Rangers 5th Battalion, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was a former member of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530, the World War II Ranger Association and the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Doris Warren of Chatham; four daughters, Barbara (Tim) Cahill of Kinderhook, Linda (Les) Everett of Ghent, Joan (Charlie) March of Chatham, Terry (Al) Van Patten of Florida; and a sister, Sally (Herb) Backus of Johnsonville; seven grandchildren, Lisa Thompson of Missouri, Deborah Custer of Chatham, Peter Everett of Stockport, Karen Cahill-Molitor of New Jersey, Kimberly Powell of West Lebanon, Jeffrey March of Niverville, Melissa VanPatten of Florida; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Haverlick; four brothers, Joseph Warren, John Warren, Albert Warren and Charles Warren and a granddaughter, Beth Cahill.

AUSTIN W. BAGBY – 6D – FEBRUARY 3, 2015,



Austin W. Bagby Sr., 91, formerly of Aurora, Ill., passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at his home in Jackson, Mo. Austin was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII. His unit, the 6th Battalion, was among the first to land in the Philippines and later he was part of the occupational forces in Kyoto, Japan. The 6th Rangers and Alamo Scouts performed the raid on POW Camp Cabanatuan on January 30, 1945, liberating more than 500 Allied POWs. Austin was a machinist, working 30 years for Seal Master Bearings. Loving survivors include his wife of 68 years, Josie of Jackson; four children, Warren (Cindy) Bagby of Jackson, Myra Elaine (Larry) Donoho of La Moille, Illinois, Ellen (Larry) Whitfield of Hinckley, Illinois, Frances (Charles) Rieckert of Rice Lake, Wisconsin; a sister; 7 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

TAX DEDUCTION

Looking for an end of the year tax deduction? You might want to consider a donation to the Descendants of WW II Rangers. We do have a 501©3 tax exempt status. No amount is too small. We greatly appreciate any consideration you can give us at any time.



Our Boys In Service

The Review will be grateful for information concerning the boys in service from Villisca and vicinity, to be used in this column, a weekly feature. Letters from them and news concerning their whereabouts and their camp life will be appreciated. Please leave letters at The Review office.

LOSES MANY FRIENDS

Sgt. Francis Patterson, who is with the Fourth Ranger battalion at the Anzio Beachhead writes March 20 as follows to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson:

Just a line to let you know that I am well and all right. I hope everybody at home is the same.

I finally got my mail, only the birthday card from you, though. Finally got a letter from Pete and was certainly glad to hear from him.

I suppose you have heard about the First and Third battalion by now, and I hope you didn't worry too much. I guess I was just lucky again, although I do wish I could have been with them. I doubt whether one more man could have been much help, though.

I stayed to the rear and went up from headquarters; just back of the Fourth which didn't get caught and with whom I am now. I lost a lot of friends and buddies that I had been through all three campaigns with but I guess it's the fortunes of war. We could wipe out the whole German empire and still wouldn't be even for those men.

I am sweating it out on the one per cent plan, the one where they send so many men home each month. I might be home soon, that is if I don't get into the sights of a Jerry.

a letter from D. Kernan saying B. Darnold was home. I suppose they are still taking men from there. Olen said Theron was in the navy. I guess he's the smartest of us boys. I wish now I had gone to the navy.

Have you heard where Gus Froyd is? And what is he doing? Will close for now, hoping to hear from you soon. As ever, Francis.

—V—

HIS UNIT TRAPPED BUT HE ESCAPED

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson were greatly relieved this week by receipt of a letter dated March 9 from their son, Sgt. Francis Patterson, a member of the 3d Ranger battalion which was trapped by enemy fighters at the Anzio Beachhead on January 30. However, Sgt. Patterson was able to escape and is now a member of another Ranger unit. He writes:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am all right. I hope everybody at home is the same.

From what I hear from the States about the war and other things, it's all over but the fighting, and I believe there's quite a bit of that left.

I can't write what it's like here but it's no place for a softie. We are between the devil and the deep blue sea. But we are sure giving the devil hell.

I don't know how soon I'll write again, but don't worry. I can duck pretty fast. Tell everybody I said hello. As ever, Francis.

—V—

This newspaper article is from the Villisca Review after Cisterna. They are letters from Laura Moore's uncle, Francis Patterson.

A RANGER REUNION

BY: Jennie McKeon

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World War II Army Rangers began their visit to the Emerald Coast with a welcoming reception at Magnolia Grill on Sunday afternoon. "These are the fellows that served with James E. Rudder", said Tom Rice, owner of Magnolia Grill. "They're such treasurers that are leaving us real fast."

Since 1947, Army Rangers from World War II have met up to reminisce and reunite. The reunions have become the coordinating effort of the Descendants of World War II Rangers, a group of children and grandchildren who work to preserve the history of their veteran family members.

"These are our heroes," President Karla Merritt said. "Our purpose is to honor and maintain their legacy as well as educate others about them."

James Copeland, 93, and Joseph Hilsman, 101, were the honored guests of the afternoon. Current Rangers from Camp James E. Rudder took time to talk about the differences between Ranger camp then and now and shared training videos; one from the 1960s and another from 3 months ago. "The equipment has changed, but not the skills needed," said Major Eric Nylander, the Executive Officer of the battalion training Ranger students at Eglin.

After the films, Copeland said he remembers the Battle of Normandy as "a very interesting day. We were half-trained...we didn't have time for more training," he said. "You guys did a phenomenal job, sir," Nylander replied.

Hilsman was a medical officer during the war. Though he spent only 4 years of his long life in the military, he remembers most of it. "I don't forget what I've been through," he said. He likes to attend reunions and "listen to the guys brag about what they did," he said with a laugh. As the years have passed, he said that he sees fewer friends.

Hilsman's wife, Vangie, said her husband doesn't talk too much about the war, which is why the Descendants of World War II Rangers is so important. "When he does, I shut up and listen because it fascinates me," she said. "He is so humble...he's had the same kind of integrity that he carried through his whole life."

Preston Jackson, Operations Officer for the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, said he was "truly honored" to be among the WWII Rangers. "They're the reason why Ranger School is the way it is," he said. "They paved the way for modern-day soldiers."

PHOTOS FROM THE 2015 REUNION



Ranger James Copeland and Ranger Joseph Hilsman



Descendants of World War II Rangers



Laura Moore in one of the Trainers



Jeff Miller in the Warthog Trainer



Rangers Copeland and Hilsman at Air Force Museum



David Williams, Ranger Copeland and Steve Ketzner



Participants in the Punch Bowl Ceremony



Ranger Copeland enthusiastically participated



President Karla Merritt declares the Punch is ready!



Current Officers with Ranger Copeland



Alligator demonstration of the Swamp Training for Rangers



Roy Murray with Mascot "Big John"

ATLANTIC CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Northeast Region met in Atlantic City on December 6th and 7th, 2015 for the annual Christmas Party. Rangers Larry Kushner and Ben Temkin were the life of the party! It was very interesting hearing Ranger Kushner's stories of being a POW and how he escaped. We had new descendants, Greg and Bill Kwasnicki, join us on the first day and they brought along some very interesting artifacts that their Ranger, William Kwasnicki, had brought home with him from the war. One of these items was a Nazi Flag that had signatures of his battle buddies. Good friends, food and fellowship was had by all who attended.

We had 2 Rangers, 3 Widows and 5 Descendants, and spouses attend the party. Ed Black, Jr. makes a very good Santa Claus. Thank you Ed for playing Santa. You're hired for next year! Nancy Black received a selfie stick as her gift which we promptly used for these great photos from the party.



Santa Ed Black, Jr.



Jeff Miller, Ben Temkin & Larry Kushner



Rangers and Widows



Pam VanCott, Ed Black, Jr. & Jane VanCott



Renee Lomell, Ed Black Jr. & Charlotte Lomell



Karla Merritt, Ed Black, Jr. & Patricia Hood



Jeff Miller, Ed Black Jr. & Cheryl Miller



Evelyn Barbarino, Ed Black, Jr. & Roy Barbarino

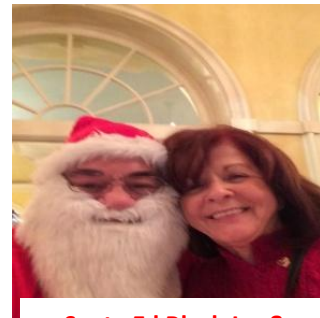


Bruce Kushner, Ed Black Jr. & Larry Kushner



Ben Temkin & Ed Black, Jr.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKKAH &
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Santa Ed Black Jr., & Nancy Black



Evelyn Barbarino, Ben Temkin and Jane Van Cott



Jeff Miller and Roy Barbarino, both sons of Rangers in the 1st BN, share their annual drink together

NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being produced to keep our Rangers, Widows and Descendants informed of what is going on with the organization.

If anyone would like to contribute an article, a funny story or photos, please feel free to do so by emailing the newsletter editors at:

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BIRTHDAY CARDS



The Descendants of WWII Rangers organization send out Birthday greetings to all Rangers. If you are a Ranger and are not receiving a birthday greeting, please contact the chair of the birthday greetings at:

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