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NEWS FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF WWII RANGERS, INC.

Dear Ranger Family and Friends,

Your Board has been busy this year with planned projects with some new and unexpected ones. It is a great time to give you some information!

Most notable actions in 2016:

- 2017 is the 75th Anniversary of the Rangers, beginning with the establishment of 1st Ranger Battalion on 19 JUN 42 during WWII.
- Our 2017 Reunion will be a grand celebration of the past, the present and the future of the WWII Rangers and the Descendants of WWII Rangers. The location is the Hilton Garden Inn-Columbus, Columbus, Georgia, and the dates are June 27 – July 2, 2017.
- Our 2017 Reunion will coordinate with the Ft. Benning celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Rangers, and the activities are varied and exciting! More details to come!
 - 27 JUN: State of the Regiment Brief, Distinguished Honorary Members of the Regiment Induction Ceremony, Ranger Hall of Fame Dinner
 - 28 JUN: Ranger Hall of Fame Inductions and No Host BBQ
 - 29 JUN: Change of Command at National Infantry Museum Parade Field
- The area around the Ranger Memorial on Sacrifice Field at Ft. Benning has been landscaped and better reflects the dignity, respect and honor of the tribute given there.
- The RBA funds raised by Jim Altieri, a founding Ranger Battalions Association (RBA) member, have been a recent and significant source of funds for Descendants of WWII Rangers. This has benefitted our organization greatly. The funds are now in a savings account.
- Work on our Web site is ongoing. There have been important updates and improvements.
- The History Committee is responding to the numerous requests for information concerning Rangers.
- Numerous discussions of future long term projects have been held by the Board. Information will be forth coming at the Reunion.

We encourage each of you to reach out to family members and those interested in Ranger history to encourage them to become a member of Descendants. Reunion 2017 promises to be an amazing time to reflect, learn and celebrate WWII Rangers. We are setting the groundwork for a revitalized and forward thinking organization. We want the incredible story of WWII Rangers to live on!

Rangers Lead the Way!

Sandy Boyd

President

Honoring Jack B. Street 1st Bn, B Co.

2017 Descendants 75th Anniversary Reunion

The Descendants' 2017 reunion will be held during Ranger Rendezvous 2017 (RR17) the last week of June 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, Georgia. Active duty Rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment are going all out to support and promote RR 17 to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of modern day Rangers. We are hopeful that several World War II Rangers will be able to attend, and every effort will be made to accommodate any special needs they may have. This is their Reunion – a tribute to their accomplishments and sacrifices. Let's help get them there.

The Hilton Garden Inn is an extra nice facility located in a business park on a beautiful lake off US Highway 80 just a mile west of Columbus. It has ample room for all of our group functions and a large hospitality room opening onto a raised patio overlooking the lake.

Our group is invited to participate in all the RR17 activities sponsored by the 75th Ranger Regiment, including an airborne operation, a BBQ at the airport hangar, Ranger Hall of Fame ceremonies, and Change of Command ceremonies, all held at Fort Benning, just a few miles south of our hotel.

The Descendants' formal schedule begins with arrival on Tuesday, June 27 and ends with our banquet on Saturday evening, July 1. The Ranger airborne operation occurs on Monday June 26, and anyone wishing to attend that should plan to arrive early. We will have registration open for anyone wishing to come early for the airborne operation.

The spring newsletter will have more details of activities, which will also be posted on our website when the schedule is finalized.

We have secured room rates of \$ 99.00 per night (plus tax) which includes breakfast for two, and these rates will be in effect for anyone coming as early as Monday June 26. It is not too early to reserve your rooms, so here is the contact information:

Hilton Garden Inn
1500 Bradley Lakes Boulevard
Columbus, GA 31904
Tele: 706 – 660 – 1000
Fax: 706 – 660 – 1919
E: gjohnson@vhghotels.com

Please tell the Hotel Reservations agent that you are attending the 2017 Reunion for the Descendants of World War II Rangers. If you have any problems ask to speak with Gayla Johnson, our sales representative. If you still have problems, please call or email me: david.williams@cypresswood.net P: 337 – 654 – 2337. More information will be forthcoming for this great 75th Anniversary of World War II Rangers.

DESCENDANTS REUNION 2017 PROGRAM BOOK

For decades the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II produced a Program Book for its reunions, and it was a significant source of income to help defray reunion expense. For the 2017 Descendants' reunion we will pay tribute to our WW II Rangers by producing another Program Book to honor the formation of the U. S. Army Rangers in 1942.

We need **your** input and participation. Photographs capture much of our history and are encouraged along with short stories to explain the occasion. For those who have never seen a Program Book, it is soft-bound and packed full of WW II Ranger related information, both written and pictorial, including such topics as the following:

- Histories of the Ranger Battalions – provided by the History Committee
- Stories that Highlight Individual World War II Rangers – provided by anyone. (Photos when available). These tributes will be paid for by the person or organization submitting them.
- Information about the RBA and the Descendants Organization – provided by the Board of the Descendants
- Paid Advertisements – provided by anyone.

Donations

Front Cover - \$ 500.00

Back Cover - \$ 350.00

We are seeking donors to pay for the Front and Back Covers. The history committee will design the front cover and back cover. The donation requested to reserve the front cover is \$ 500.00. The donation requested to reserve the back cover is \$ 350.00. Donors for the covers will be acknowledged on the back cover.

Prices for Ranger Tributes

Full Page	\$ 80.00
Half Page	\$ 45.00
Quarter Page	\$ 25.00
One Line	\$ 15.00

For example, you may wish to prepare a Full Page, or a partial page, with or without photos to honor your family Ranger. You can also design a tribute to honor a Ranger Company, a Platoon, or any group of WW II Rangers. Perhaps you wish to honor some POW, or a Ranger who was killed, or a Ranger who did something extraordinary. Every WW II Ranger was special and deserves this honor.

Format

Email your tributes to david.williams@cypresswood.net. Written information needs to be in MS Word. Photos should be in jpg format. If you have a photo you wish to share, but do not have the capability to scan it, mail the photo and it will be scanned and returned.

Payment

Due to the time it takes to assemble and print the Program Book, please begin now preparing your tributes and contributions. You may submit at any time. Time will be limited after the spring Reunion newsletter comes out. We do not yet have a cut-off date for submittals, but it is important to begin now. If you have questions or need clarification please email questions to the Treasurer, David Williams: david.williams@cypresswood.net

Payment may be made by personal check to:

David Williams, Treasurer
Descendants of WWII Rangers
P. O. Box 70
Maringouin, LA 70757

An anonymous donor has agreed to underwrite the \$500.00 cost of printing.

World War II Ranger Database & Advisory Board

The Board of Directors of the Descendants has approved the concept of establishing a comprehensive digital database of WW II Ranger information. The concept is to develop a searchable web based digital library. It will be the one place where we will attempt to compile and preserve digital copies of all official WW II Ranger records, along with unofficial documents such as letters of correspondence, Rangers memorabilia, photographs, and other documents that Rangers and family members are willing to share.

The concept of the Database falls directly in line with three of the five mission statements of the Descendants:

- To perpetuate the history of the men
- To memorialize and perpetuate the memory of all Battalion Rangers
- To educate and inform those seeking information and history of the Rangers. This will be a legacy that our World War II Rangers will leave to generations that follow, people not yet born who will one day hear about the Ranger heroes of World War II, perhaps one of their ancestors, and they will want to know more. We know we are on the right track because the Daughters of the American Revolution are developing a digital library of the soldiers of the Revolution, a similar but much larger project.

Records of our WW II Rangers are scattered all across the country in various libraries and archives. Some are already available on-line to members of the Face book group, World War II Rangers and Descendants. Many are held in personal collections, and it is usually difficult for someone besides an expert historian to find specific information on an action involving their Ranger. Our goal is to bring this information into one place where it is accessible to the public. The database will in effect be our library. It is not a duplication of anything in existence, because there is no central collection of all WW II Ranger records. Will we ever get them all? Possibly not, but we can try!

We will not attempt to collect and preserve hard copies of anything. We will scan whatever documents we collect, assign keywords to each document to enable searching, and then file the digital copy on-line. The original copies of anything we file will be sent to another facility, yet to be named, for final permanent storage. Because the database, or library, will be on-line, we will maintain digital copies of the database on several hard drive backups in the event of a web crash.

Our project may take several years to complete. It will also take funding because much of this information is stored at libraries and facilities across the country. For the purpose of fund raising the Board of Directors of the Descendants of WW II Rangers has approved the concept of an Advisory Board, a group of senior active and retired Rangers and civilians who will assist in raising the funding to carry out the project. The Advisory Board will report to our Board of Directors and will have no authority whatsoever. They will be advisory only. The Descendants is a legal 503(c) 3 non-profit Foundation, and as such we are allowed to receive tax deductible donations from individuals and other foundations.

This is currently a project of the History Committee, and we have someone designated to represent each battalion. We will keep you informed as the concept develops into reality. Our Rangers will be proud that we are preserving their history and making it available to everyone. RLTW!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

JAMES E. LUTON – 1F – MAY 16, 2016



JAMES E. LUTON, 91, OF OIL CITY, PA. , DIED AT 7:28 A.M. MONDAY MAY 16, 2016 AT HOME FOLLOWING A BRIEF ILLNESS. BORN NOV. 7, 1924 IN OIL CITY, PA., HE WAS THE SON OF THE LATE JAMES & FLORENCE WILLIAMS LUTON. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, SERVING DURING WORLD WAR II, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1ST RANGER BATTALION. JAMES WAS HELD CAPTIVE FOR 15 MONTHS IN GERMANY AS A P.O.W. HE WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE, THE AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL AND THE EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 2 BRONZE STARS AND BRONZE ARROWHEAD. JAMES WAS MARRIED TO MARY PEARL KEHRER ON SEPT. 6, 1946 AND SHE PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH ON AUGUST 27, 2004. MR. LUTON WAS THE OWNER / OPERATOR OF LUTON'S AUTOBODY IN TITUSVILLE FOR MANY YEARS, RETIRING IN 1989. HE IS SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN; KAREN GENTRY & HER HUSBAND SAM OF TEXAS, GRANDCHILDREN MICHAEL LINCH AND KEVIN LINCH ; CURTIS LUTON & HIS WIFE CAROL OF OIL CITY, WITH WHOM HE MADE HIS HOME, GRANDSON JEFF OF OIL CITY, AND CHUCK LUTON & HIS WIFE NORMA OF ARIZONA GRANDSONS NICK AND CHARLIE.

ANTONIO T. RUGGIERO – 2D – APRIL 14, 2016



ANTONIO THOMAS JAMES RUGGIERO, AGE 95, DIED UNEXPECTEDLY ON APRIL 14TH, 2016 AT THE BETH ISRAEL DEACONESS HOSPITAL IN PLYMOUTH. HE WAS THE DEVOTED HUSBAND OF MARY C. (CAPOZUCCA) RUGGIERO. BORN IN PLYMOUTH, MA ON AUGUST 25, 1920, HE WAS A SON OF THE LATE VINCENT AND LUCIA (DETRANI) RUGGIERO. "TOMMY" ENLISTED IN THE US ARMY AND SERVED HIS COUNTRY PROUDLY WITH THE 2ND RANGER BATTALION'S "D" COMPANY. HE WAS IN THE INVASION OF NORMANDY IN JUNE OF 1944 AS WELL AS THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. HE WAS RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART, THE BRONZE STAR, AND THE HIGHEST HONOR FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THE CROIXLEGUERE AND FRENCH MEDAL OF MERIT. BESIDES LEAVING HIS WIFE OF 68 YEARS, HE WAS THE LOVING FATHER OF KAREN M. RUGGIERO OF PLYMOUTH AND WAS BROTHER OF THE LATE NICHOLAS RUGGIERO AND HIS WIFE MARY F. RUGGIERO AS WELL AS JENNY WHITE AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH WHITE. HE ALSO LEAVES SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

RAYMOND R. TOLLEFSON – 2A – SEPTEMBER 16, 2016



RAYMOND R. TOLLEFSON AGE 91 PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 BELOVED HUSBAND OF THE LATE HELEN (NEE RYAN) AND MARGARET (NEE ERSPAMER). LOVING FATHER OF KATHY WISEMAN, MIKE (MANNEETTA) ERSPAMER, BARBARA HEBERT, AND THE LATE KAREN. GRANDFATHER OF SARAH, DAVID, AND MATTHEW. GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF SIX. BROTHER OF BERNICE, LEONA, MARVIN, PHYLLIS, RENA, AND THE LATE EDNA AND LESLIE. RAYMOND WAS A MEMBER OF THE 2ND BATTALION, A COMPANY U.S. ARMY RANGERS WHICH LANDED ON OMAHA BEACH ON D-DAY. RAYMOND WAS VERY HAPPY AND PROUD HE WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO NORMANDY FOR THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY INVASION.

LARRY S. KUSHNER - 3A - MARCH 6, 2016

LARRY S. KUSHNER, AGE 91, OF MONROEVILLE, DIED SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016. HE WAS BORN AUGUST 21, 1924, IN PITTSBURGH. LARRY WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED SOLDIER SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN WWII AS A 1ST SCOUT IN COMPANY A 3RD RANGER BATTALION. LARRY WAS A PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMANY. HE RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART, THREE BRONZE STARS AND THE FRENCH MEDAL OF HONOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, DOUG AND BRUCE KUSHNER; AND A DAUGHTER, DAYLE (CHARLES) GLICK.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR – 3F – JANUARY 23, 2014

WILLIAM EDWARD TAYLOR, AGE 89, PASSED AWAY THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 2014, AT THE HOME OF HIS SON, ALLEN. HE WAS BORN JUNE 18, 1924, IN WINDSOR, THE SON OF JAMES AND FLORA MAE (PIPER) TAYLOR AND HAD BEEN A LIFELONG ASHTABULA COUNTY RESIDENT. ON OCT. 10, 1947, HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, DOROTHY HIGLEY, AND TOGETHER THEY SHARED 58 WONDERFUL YEARS OF MARRIAGE PRIOR TO HER PASSING ON FEB. 25, 2006. PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT, HE WORKED AS A LUMBERJACK, OPERATING THE W.E. TAYLOR LUMBER COMPANY IN PIERPONT FOR 45 YEARS. A VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMY, HE SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II WITH THE DARBY'S RANGERS, 3RD BATTALION AND SPENT 15 MONTHS AS A POW IN GERMANY. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS SERVICE AND GRATEFUL HE WAS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH SEVERAL VETERANS WITH WHOM HE HAD SERVED IN HIS LATER YEARS. A MEMBER OF OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER #6 OF THE BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION, WORLD WAR II, AND THE NATIONAL HORSE PULLING ASSOCIATION, HE LOVED PULLING HORSES AND THE OUTDOORS. HE ATTENDED STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN HALF OF THE UNITED STATES WITH HIS HORSES. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO LOVED HIM DEARLY. HIS SURVIVORS INCLUDE TWO CHILDREN, CAROL (THOMAS) RENSHAW OF GILBERT, ARIZ. AND ALLEN (MARY JO) TAYLOR OF KINGSVILLE; FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, JODI STILES, JOHN KELLER, ANGELA BROWN AND WILLIAM TAYLOR; AND SIX GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, CINNAMON, TRAVIS, TIFFANY, TAYLOR, VERONICA AND ADAM.

EDMUND BLACK – 4F – AUGUST 15, 2016

EDMUND BLACK SR., 93, OF PAINESVILLE, OH, FORMERLY OF LITTLE FERRY, PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 15, 2016. LOVING HUSBAND TO THE LATE MARY (2006). CHERISHED FATHER TO MARY L'HEUREUX, DONNA OROFINO, JUNE ANN DENOVA, AND EDMUND JR. CARING GRANDFATHER OF TEN AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF TEN. EDMUND PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY RANGERS 4TH BATTALION DURING WWII ACHIEVING THE RANK OF SERGEANT EARNING THE BRONZE STAR AND TWO PURPLE HEARTS WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER. EDMUND WAS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE V.F.W. POST 809 OF LITTLE FERRY, LIFE MEMBER OF THE RANGERS BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION, MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, AND D.A.V OF NORTHERN VALLEY #32. AFTER HIS HONORABLE SERVICE EDMUND WENT TO WORK AS A MACHINIST IN AERONAUTICS FOR BENDY IN TEETERBOARD RETIRING IN 1987.

THOMAS S. GENER – 4 – JANUARY 24, 2016

THOMAS S. GENER, AGE 94, THOMAS WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 21, 1921 AND PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016. U.S. ARMY RANGER WWII PURPLE HEART VETERAN. BELOVED HUSBAND OF THE LATE BARBARA RAE NEE: CULVER. DEAR BROTHER OF JOHN GENER, SR. FOND UNCLE OF PEGGY (CHRIS) PESAVENTO, THE LATE PATRICIA MAYO, THE LATE JOHN GENER, JR. AND THE LATE MARY FAWCETT; GREAT UNCLE OF MANY.

WILLIAM G. HARMON – 4 – NOVEMBER 24, 2015

WILLIAM "BILL" G. HARMON, AGE 92, OF THE PRYORSBURG COMMUNITY PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015 AT BAPTIST HEALTH OF PADUCAH, KY. PFC WILLIAM "BILL" HARMON SERVED DURING WWII WITH B COMPANY, 4TH RANGER INFANTRY BATTALION, HE SERVED IN AFRICA, ITALY AND WAS WOUNDED AT ANZIO, JANUARY 30, 1944, PFC HARMON WAS AWARDED THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, PURPLE HEART AND NUMEROUS CAMPAIGN MEDALS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE EASTSIDE HOLINESS CHURCH IN PADUCAH, A MEMBER OF DAV, A MEMBER OF THE CARPENTERS UNION, AND A RETIRED CARPENTER. MR. HARMON IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIANCE', ELIZABETH FREEMAN OF PADUCAH, KY; A SON, HARVEY (TAMMY) HARMON OF MAYFIELD, KY; FOUR DAUGHTERS, CARLOTTA (GARY) PRESSON OF MAYFIELD, KY, CARLENE (MICHAEL) HURST OF JARRELL, TX, TAMMIE JO (DONALD) ANDERSON OF MAYFIELD, KY, AND LOUCINDA HOPE TORIAN OF MAYFIELD, KY; ONE BROTHER, JOHN HARMON OF FRONT ROYAL, VA; TEN GRANDCHILDREN; TWENTY-FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, JEARL DEAN JACKSON HARMON; THREE SISTERS; SEVEN BROTHERS; AND HIS PARENTS, CHARLES HARVEY AND KATE BLANCHE JONES HARMON.

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. IN APRIL OF 1942, JOHN WENT TO CROOKSTON, MN TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT, AND IN NOVEMBER HE WAS CALLED INTO SERVICE. 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. 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. 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.

LEE MARTIN BROWN – 5HQ – JANUARY 12, 2016



LEE MARTIN BROWN, 90 PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT HOME ON TUESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 12. HE WAS BORN JANUARY 29, 1925. HE GRADUATED FROM NEW HAVEN'S COMMERCIAL HIGH AND WAS DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II. HE APPLIED AND WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE ELITE FIGHTING UNIT OF THE ARMY RANGERS. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS RANGER TRAINING IN GEORGIA, HE WAS DEPLOYED AS A MEMBER OF D-DAY'S LEGENDARY 5TH RANGER BATTALION. BROWN'S BATTALION STORMED OMAHA BEACH IN NORMANDY IN THE FIRST WAVE OF ASSAULTS ON JUNE 6, 1944. FOLLOWING THE BATTLE AT NORMANDY, HIS BATTALION JOINED GENERAL PATTON'S 3RD ARMY FIGHTING IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND RACING ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO LIBERATE EUROPE. HE AND HIS BATTALION LIBERATED THE GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMP, BUCHENWALD. BROWN EARNED MULTIPLE MEDALS AND CITATIONS FOR HIS ACTIONS DURING THE WAR. IN 2009, HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AND WAS BESTOWED THEIR HIGHEST HONOR FOR VALOR, THE CHEVALIER (KNIGHT) OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR. LEE NEVER FORGOT ABOUT HIS BRIEF TIME IN GEORGIA DURING HIS RANGER TRAINING AND IN 1950, HE RETURNED TO MARRY HIS GEORGIA PEACH, FORSYTH COUNTY'S HELEN GRACE TRIBBLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE OF 65 YEARS HELEN, THEIR TWO SONS, DAVID AND PHIL, THEIR WIVES, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

WILLIAM McCAUSLAND – 5F – JUNE 21, 2016



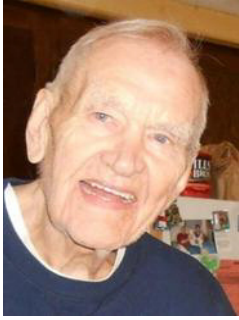
WILLIAM McCAUSLAND, AGE 90 OF GREENSPRING VILLAGE IN SPRINGFIELD, VA, PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016. LOVING HUSBAND OF 44 YEARS TO THE LATE MARY E. McCAUSLAND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER MARTHA BARTLEY (THOMAS) OF OLNEY, MD; GRANDCHILDREN ANDREW BARTLEY (LEAH) AND JANE FLICKINGER (NIC) OF BROOKEVILLE, MD; GREAT-GRANDSONS WILLIAM BARTLEY AND RUDY FLICKINGER; SISTER JANET BERRY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA; AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING COMPANION LINDA GUMMEL OF CHEVY CHASE, MD.

ROGER B. NEIGHBORGALL - 5A - SEPTEMBER 13, 2016



ON HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS, ROGER B. NEIGHBORGALL, SR. OF FALLS CHURCH, VA DIED WITH HIS FAMILY BY HIS SIDE. A GRADUATE OF DUKE UNIVERSITY, ROGER WAS A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST GENERATION, A US ARMY RANGER WHO FOUGHT IN EUROPE INCLUDING THE NORMANDY INVASION AND BATTLE OF THE BULGE. AT THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE HE APPLIED HIS MUNITIONS EXPERTISE TO HELP RECOVER STOLEN JEWISH TREASURE STORED IN GERMAN BANK VAULTS. HIS MILITARY AWARDS INCLUDE THE SILVER AND BRONZE STARS AND A PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. HE WAS RECALLED TO SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND SPENT HIS CIVILIAN CAREER AS AN EXECUTIVE IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY. ROGER'S WAR EXPERIENCE IMPARTED A PROFOUND LOVE OF LIFE AND A CAN-DO DETERMINATION TO GIVE BACK TO HIS FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY. A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND PERENNIAL VOLUNTEER, HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE LIONS CLUB, THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VARIOUS CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. HE SPOKE EXTENSIVELY ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES TO COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL GROUPS, AND PARTICULARLY ENJOYED TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ABOUT THE WAR, LIFE AND THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP. HE WAS FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE N. VA TENNIS LEAGUE AND PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE W&OD TRAIL. HE WAS ACTIVE IN VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS A USO VOLUNTEER AND A GREETER OF HONOR FLIGHTS BRINGING HIS FELLOW VETS TO VISIT THE WWII MONUMENT. ROGER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 38 YEARS, LINDA; CHILDREN, ROGER, JR., LISA MATHIEU (STEPHEN), CHRISTA HYLAND AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, REBECCA NEIGHBORGALL; EIGHT BELOVED GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GLORIOUS GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER.

LEONARD A. PLOECKELMAN – 5D – JULY 27, 2015



LEONARD A. PLOECKELMAN, 93, OF SHEBOYGAN, PASSED AWAY MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015, WITH FAMILY SURROUNDING HIM. HE WAS BORN IN DORCHESTER, WI ON DEC. 5, 1921, SON OF THE LATE OTTO AND HATTIE LUEDTKE PLOECKELMAN. HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY AND VALIANTLY SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II AS ONE OF THE ELITE U.S. ARMY RANGERS. LEONARD WAS A MEMBER OF THE 5TH RANGER BATTALION AND PARTICIPATED IN THE D-DAY LANDING AT OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST SOLDIERS TO STEP FOOT ON OMAHA BEACH. LEONARD MET THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ANITA BOELDT, PRIOR TO SERVING IN WWII.

LEONARD AND ANITA CELEBRATED 69 YEARS OF MARRIAGE THIS PAST MAY. HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THE FORMER THONET FURNITURE COMPANY FOR OVER 20 YEARS. LEONARD ENJOYED FISHING, PLAYING DARTBALL, CARDS, BOWLING AND HIS DAILY WALKS. LEONARD AND ANITA ENJOYED TRAVELING TO ARMY RANGER REUNIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE, ANITA, OF SHEBOYGAN; THREE CHILDREN, JUDY (RONALD) MAND, OF VALDERS, LENNY (JULIE) PLOECKELMAN, OF SHEBOYGAN AND JOAN (TIM) BUTZEN, OF PLYMOUTH; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AMY (SEAN) MOSEBY, ERIC (JILL) PLOECKELMAN, CARRIE (JOEL) MICHAELS, JENNIE (ROBERTO) RIVERA AND ANNIE (JEREMY) MCINTYRE; ELEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, LOGAN, EMMA, CADE, SAWYER, SERENA, HARPER, ALIYA, BRAYDEN, CALEB, DECKER AND ISLA; AND ANITA'S NEPHEW MIKE (KATHY) GOETSCH, OF CLEVELAND. NOTE: ANITA PLOECKELMAN PASSED AWAY AUGUST 15, 2015.

HENRY R. SEAMAN – 5A – NOVEMBER 13, 2013



HENRY R. SEAMAN, 90, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013, AT HIS HOME WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER BY HIS SIDE. HE WAS BORN ON JULY 3RD, 1923 IN NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT. HE WAS AN ARMY VETERAN OF WW11, SERVING WITH THE 5TH RANGER BATTALION COMPANY A, IN THE LANDING AT NORMANDY, FRANCE AND OMAHA BEACH ON D-DAY, AND FOUGHT IN CAMPAIGNS IN NORTHERN FRANCE AND GERMANY. HENRY RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, PURPLE HEART, AMERICAN CAMPAIGN

MEDAL, EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH TWO BRONZE SERVICE STARS AND BRONZE ARROWHEAD, WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, RANGER TAB, AND A PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. HE WAS PROUD TO BE A RANGER, AND IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE HIS MOTTO WAS, "I CAN DO IT, I'M A RANGER". HENRY WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION #90 IN NEW BRITAIN, AND THE BUSINESS AGENT OF LOCAL #37 UNTIL RETIREMENT IN 1987. HE WAS A FAMILY MAN, AND AN AVID FISHERMAN AND BOSTON RED SOX FAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 68 BLESSED YEARS OF MARRIAGE: DAUGHTER, BARBARA (HARRY) LAUER, GRANDSON JEFF LAUER AND GRANDDAUGHTER KRISTEN LAUER (RALPH) GAUDIELLO.

ROY DAVIS – 6A - JANUARY 4, 2015



ROY DAVIS, 98, MOORHEAD, MN, FORMERLY GLYNDON, MN, DIED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015. ROY WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1916, IN BARNESVILLE, MN, TO WILLIAM AND LENA (ERICKSON) DAVIS. HE ENTERED THE U.S. ARMY IN FEBRUARY OF 1941 AND SERVED IN NEW GUINEA AND THEN IN THE PHILIPPINES ON DINAGAT, LEYTE AND LUZON ISLANDS WITH THE 6TH RANGER BATTALION. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN LATE 1945. ROY MARRIED EULA REA ON NOVEMBER 1, 1945 IN THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN MOORHEAD. THEY MADE THEIR HOME IN GLYNDON, MN, UNTIL OCTOBER OF 2000 WHEN THEY MOVED TO MOORHEAD. EULA DIED ON JULY 16, 2010. ROY WORKED FOR THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD, RETIRING IN 1976. IN RETIREMENT HE VOLUNTEERED AT THE GOLDEN LIVING CENTER IN MOORHEAD. IN 2012 HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CARE PROVIDERS OF MINNESOTA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, AND ALSO IN 2012, THE MINNESOTA ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, AND THIS PAST FALL HE WON THE SOTY AWARD – SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR THE FARGO-MOORHEAD AREA. HE WAS ALSO HONORED as the longest member of the RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Fargo and Moorhead. Roy had been a life member of the VFW, and American Legion Club and Glyndon Congregational Church. Roy is survived by a son, William Davis, Dilworth, MN; and daughter Patricia Davis, Seattle, WA; two granddaughters Lisa Jordahl, Fargo, ND, and Tamara Davis, Smyrna, GA; and two great-granddaughters Madison and Emily Jordahl. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula; Brothers Edward, Clarence and Orville; and Sister Lillian.

ROBERT O. SAUER – 6D – JULY 29, 2014

Robert O. Sauer, 88, of Benzonia, died Tuesday, July 29, 2014. He was born July 13, 1926, the son of Albert and Lucy (Gordon) Sauer. Bob was a veteran of the United States Army and served his country honorably as a Ranger during World War II. He went on to work as an electrician and enjoyed fishing in his spare time. Bob was a man with a kind heart and a giving spirit. He was a part of many Benzie Community projects, including the Memorial Park and Ballfields in Benzonia. Bob loved spending time with his family. He helped all of his grandchildren in 4-H, passing along his zest for life and his passion for helping other along the way. Bob will be remembered with a smile by all who knew him. Bob is survived by: his children, Judy (Jonathan) Putney of Beulah, and Kevin Sauer of Benzonia; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his beloved fiancé, Joyce Gorley of Bear Lake; his brothers, Gordon Sauer of Benzonia and Marshall Sauer of Benzonia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. On September 13, 1959, Bob married Dorothy Plucker who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by: his parents; and by his daughter, Dorothy Sauer.

Newsletter Obituary Guidelines

It is a sad event to lose one of our beloved Rangers. We acknowledge and recognize their history, their service, their lives and their families. The difficult fact is that the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter has increased each year, and the volume of the contents of the newsletter has continued to expand as well.

In March of 2016, the Board of Directors decided on the following guidelines for obituary information that will be published in the newsletter. Individual information for Rangers will be:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Date and place of death
4. Address
5. Ranger affiliation (Battalion and Company)
6. Date of military service
7. Survivors.

In the near future, obituaries will be posted on the Descendants web page.

Sandy Boyd, President

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**WWII Ranger Raymond E. "Jack" Schuder
2016 Inductee to the Ranger Hall of Fame
By: Ron Hudnell**

In my opinion, every WWII Ranger belongs in the Ranger Hall of Fame for his service during WWII, for volunteering to be in a Ranger unit, for his combat beach landings and other combat activities. But I admit to a certain amount of bias! (Perhaps there will be success getting every WWII Ranger recognized with the work being done on the Congressional Gold Medal!)

Submitting the RHOFF nomination package for WWII Ranger Schuder was a project that was spread over two+ years. Brian Leighton, a member of the Face book group for WWII Rangers & Descendants and a graduate of the Sam Houston State University ROTC Program, was the primary advocate for the nomination. He had been in their ROTC Counter Guerilla unit, a predecessor to their Ranger Company, and felt very strongly that Raymond Schuder as well as his wife, Vernon Schuder, should be recognized for their many contributions – time as well as financial – to the ROTC program at Sam Houston State University. And he had a lot support from the SHSU ROTC staff and graduates!

Brian began pushing hard in early 2014, so I contacted the Descendants board for feedback and advice. There was no disagreement, but since the Descendants of WWII Rangers was no longer a sponsoring organization for RHOF nominations, it meant that I had to seek another source for the nomination package submittal. I immediately went to Jerry Styles for advice and assistance, and he put me in contact with Bill Spies, a friend of WWII Rangers, and himself a member of the 2000 RHOF. Bill was extremely helpful in supplying the previous year's rules and conditions for RHOF submittals – which contained a list of active organizations which could submit nominations. From this material, it became evident that the submittal for Schuder had to be made by another member of the RHOF.

From early 2014 until late 2015, I mostly tried to gather as much information as I could on WWII Raymond Schuder. I had never met him. I had not read much about him. He was briefly mentioned in King's book, William Orlando Darby – a military biography. Most of the information that I had on Schuder came from Brian and a few newspaper articles (which contained some inaccurate information). And I also procrastinated... I did contact the wife of deceased WWII Ranger Schuder, Vernon Fitzgerald Schuder, in the nursing home. She has been described as a firecracker, and I think this is an accurate description as she wrote me a very personal and straightforward letter (she started her letter by saying she was old enough to call me by my first name)! I attempted contact with other relatives. Schuder's only child, Harold Schuder, had died in June 2008. So looking for information to fill in some holes in Schuder's service records, I wrote the daughter-in-law and grandchildren, but with no success. I talked to Schuder's stepson, Bill Fitzgerald, and got limited information about Schuder's later years. I also contacted Mark Evans to get some memories from his father, Warren "Bing" Evans, who had been with Schuder in the 1st Ranger Battalion as well as being Schuder's Company Commander in F Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion. Near the end of his time with us, Bing had no memories of Ranger Schuder and indications from Mark were that Bing as a 1996 RHOF inductee may have been willing to put his name on an **honorary** nomination package. Bing passed away before this could be accomplished...

So I went back to the Descendants as well others for advice and guidance. Lynn Towne, who prepared the 2009 RHOF nomination package for Jim Altieri, provided her wisdom on writing a nomination package. Seeking a sponsor for now an **Honorary** nomination, I sent out letters to other RHOF members – in the Face book group (MG (Ret) John Raaen – 2008 RHOF; Taft Yates – 2015 RHOF) as well as a West Point classmate (Gary Dolan – 2011 RHOF). I will forever be grateful to MG Raaen who very clearly stated his strong opinion that the nomination should be a standard nomination – not Honorary – and his willingness/pride in having his name on the nomination letter. Gary Dolan, an attorney who has vetted many nomination packages, gave me lots of useful guidance on the submission package and the nomination approval process.

In December 2015 with a nomination package deadline fast approaching, it became time to put some words on paper! Geoff Gentilini with Golden Arrow Research provided the documents detailing Schuder's military service before he was assigned to the 1st Ranger Battalion. Jim Schneider provided a copy of the orders transferring Schuder from the replacement battalion to his father's unit, the 1st Ranger Battalion, in January 1943. Steve Ketzler helped me by providing

a copy of the orders transferring Schuder from the 1st to the 3rd Ranger Battalion in June 1943. Paul Lohmann, Ranger tabbed and with the ROTC program at Sam Houston State University from 2002 – 2011 (excepting some deployments to Afghanistan), provided Schuder's discharge document, the nomination photograph as well as scans of many other materials from the Schuder shadowbox at the HEARTS Veterans Museum in Huntsville, TX. The Maneuver Center of Excellence Library at Ft. Benning provided the After Action Report for the 3rd Ranger Battalion which verified Schuder's post-Cisterna situation as MIA, and the archived Records of WWII Prisoners of War verified Schuder's status as a POW. The financial department at Sam Houston State University provided documents and verified the scholarship support by Raymond and Vernon Schuder to eligible candidates in the ROTC Schuder's Rangers. Julie Fulmer and Lynn Towne provided copies of many Reunion booklets and RBA newsletters from which many references and articles on Schuder were gleaned. The American Ex-Prisoner of War staff in Arlington, TX verified Schuder's membership in that organization.

The nomination package was prepared and forwarded to MG Raaen for his review and approval. Thankfully, he only had a few suggestions and improvements! The nomination package was then forwarded to the responsible department within the 75th Ranger Regiment for their recording and distribution to voting members.

Materials from the nomination package included (italics added):

Biographical information

Raymond Schuder was born 20 February 1919 in Concho County in southwest Texas. The 1930 census shows that his father Robert was from Germany and his mother Bessie was from Mississippi. He was in a large family with five brothers and a sister. Schuder was 10 years old at the beginning of the Great Depression, and this may be the reason that he only completed six years of formal schooling at age 16 at Millersview School, Millersview, Texas. His civilian occupation in 1935-1941 before enlistment was reported to be farming having worked on various farms and ranches using both motorized equipment as well as breaking and riding horses, and branding cattle. Schuder learned to survive at a young age.

Raymond Schuder enlisted in the Army at age 21 on 13 January 1941 at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Private Schuder was first assigned to the Service Company of the 141st Infantry Regiment, and later assigned as an Infantry Rifleman. PFC Schuder was transferred overseas leaving the US on 13 January 1943 and arriving to Company C, 7th Replacement Battalion, 1st Replacement Depot in North Africa on 26 January 1943. He was transferred from that replacement unit via Special Order 23, dated 30 January 1943, to the 1st Ranger Battalion then at Port-aux-Poules, Algeria. PFC Schuder along with 99 other enlisted men and five officers were the first replacement volunteers to join the 1st Ranger Battalion. Most of these replacements were organized into "George" or G Company for training and instruction which would only be for a week before the battalion was on the move. PFC Schuder eventually was assigned to A Company of the 1st Ranger Battalion in which he served with battlefield-promoted LT. Warren "Bing" Evans (RHOF 1996).

PFC Schuder along with the 1st Ranger Battalion was transported to Gafsa, Tunisia for a harassing, raiding, and reconnaissance mission near Sened Station. LTC Darby selected A Company as one of the three 1st Ranger Battalion companies for the 10-12 February 1943 mission, so this was PFC Schuder's first combat experience.

PFC Schuder's second combat experience with A Company of the 1st Ranger Battalion was on 20 March 1943 at El Guettar, Tunisia at which the Rangers made a difficult combat march over terrain thought to be navigable by the Italian enemy. The 1st Ranger Battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for this action.

In June 1943, the 1st Ranger Battalion at Nemours, Tunisia was segmented into three groups with each group to be the foundation for a new Ranger Battalion. A and B Companies would be the nucleus of the new 3rd Ranger Battalion with MAJ Dammer (RHOF 1997) as the Battalion Commander and CPT Schneider (RHOF 1992) as the Executive Officer. On Special Order 64 dated 3 June 1943, PFC Schuder was transferred to F Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion. Training was continued with emphasis on amphibious landings to prepare for the Sicily invasion.

PFC Schuder made his first assault landing at Licata, Sicily on 10 July 1943 for the capture of Porto Empedocle – 25 miles west of Licata – and later marched to Messina. The second assault landing by now T/4 Schuder was on 9 September 1943 at Maiori (Salerno). The 3rd Ranger Battalion then seized and held the critical Chiunzi Pass for eight days before being relieved. The 3rd Ranger Battalion received a Presidential Unit Citation for their fight to hold the Sorrento Peninsula. The third beach assault landing by SGT Schuder was at Anzio on 22 January 1944. During the later Cisterna operation on 30 January 1944, SGT Schuder was listed as Missing In Action with most other 3rd Ranger Battalion soldiers. He, along with the other captured Rangers, was marched through the streets of Rome, trucked to a POW camp at Florence, and then transported by boxcar to permanent POW Stalag 3B at Furstenberg, Prussia.

While at the German POW camp Stalag 3B, SGT Schuder attempted several escapes with each resulting in capture and punishment. He was also reportedly approached by the POW camp commander about his German surname, and offered special treatment if he would collaborate. He refused and was again punished. SGT Schuder is listed in the national archived POW records.

SGT Schuder is arrived back in the US on 16 June 1945. SSG Schuder was honorably discharged at Hot Springs, Arkansas on 21 October 1945. Raymond Schuder returned to his wife and home in Millersview, Texas to work in oilfields and with cattle. His only child Harold Schuder was born 25 July 1946 (now deceased). Twice divorced, Raymond Schuder married for a third time on 24 December 1965 to Vernon Fitzgerald – a graduate from Sam Houston State University (SHSU), a writer, and a music teacher in Texas public schools. She wrote, "I was married to Raymond Schuder for a really GREAT thirty one years! All happy ones."

Raymond Schuder was a good Ranger during WWII, survived the POW camps and attempted escapes, but his love for the Rangers continued after his discharge. It is not known when Raymond Schuder joined the WWII Ranger Battalions Association (RBA), but it was before 1975 when he was the Jr. Vice President for the national RBA organization. He was also the Rudder

Chapter President for the RBA during 1980-1982. He was a recipient of the coveted William O. Darby Award in 1988 for his contributions to the RBA. His name (and later that of wife Vernon) is mentioned many times in the RBA newsletters from 1988 – 2002. After a trip to Ft. Benning in 1983, Raymond Schuder developed an intensive “Ranger training” program with the ROTC Department at SHSU - conducting speed marches, using his lakeside property for amphibious landings, and night training. According to the SHSU records, he and his wife also entered into a financial agreement in 1987 to endow an annual scholarship up to \$500 to a financially-needy Ranger Company student. They also personally presented annual cash awards and “Commando” knives to top Ranger Company graduates. In May 1989 Raymond Schuder was presented a special plaque by the Military Science Department for his many contributions to the ROTC Ranger Company, which became known as “Schuder’s Rangers.”

The July 1989 RBA newsletter noted Schuder suffered with “a body that was sorely wounded in Italy, and whose back is scarred from beatings in German prison camps, and now whose abdomen is laced with scars from the surgeon’s knife...”. His wife wrote, “He would have bad dreams, and would try to move as if trying to run and would say ‘Germans chasing me.’” Schuder was on 100% disability through the Veterans Administration. He died on 17 September 1996 while recovering from an aneurysm. Schuder is buried with a private tombstone engraved with the RBA Ranger scroll. His wife continued honoring his Schuder’s Rangers with cash awards, Commando knives, and special “spending money” until her death on 7 November 2014.

Proposed Citation

Staff Sergeant Raymond “Jack” Schuder is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for his World War II combat efforts during sustained actions with the 1st Ranger Battalion and the 3rd Ranger Battalion; his many attempted escapes from German POW Camp Stalag 3B in Furstenberg, Prussia; his many contributions to the Ranger Battalions Associations; and his significant financial and time donations to the training of future U S Army Ranger officers. SSG Schuder was an infantryman in A Company of the 1st Ranger Battalion, and participated in the El Guettar raid for which the 1st Ranger Battalion received a Presidential Unit Citation. SSG Schuder was later in F Company of the 3rd Ranger Battalion, and participated in the capture and defense of the Chiunzi Pass and Sorrento Peninsula for which the 3rd Ranger Battalion received a Presidential Unit Citation. SSG Schuder participated in three combat beach landings – Licato, Sicily; Maiori (Salerno), Italy; and Anzio, Italy. Surrounded by overwhelming German forces, SSG Schuder was captured at Cisterna along with most of the 3rd Ranger Battalion. After his capture, he continuously displayed Ranger drive and a commitment to escape from the German POW camp at Stalag 3B in Furstenberg, Prussia, and suffered from harsh beatings after each unsuccessful attempt. SSG Schuder continued to support the Ranger name and causes after his discharge from the Army in October 1945 by joining and leading within the World War II Ranger Battalions Association. SSG Schuder was awarded the coveted William O. Darby Award for his contributions to this Ranger association in 1988. He also developed a rigorous Ranger training program for the ROTC students at Sam Houston State University using his own funds, property and time to properly instruct the ROTC cadets on Ranger combat actions. He, along with his wife, made significant financial donations to the Sam Houston State University in order to endow an annual scholarship for needy students within the Sam Houston State University Ranger Company, which to his honor became known as “Schuder’s Rangers.” SSG Schuder lived the Ranger Creed. He was, and through his legacy will forever be, a Ranger who led the way.

SUCCESS!!! Word was received back in early May that WWII Ranger Raymond E. “Jack” Schuder had been approved for induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame at the 14 July 2016 ceremony! Bill Fitzgerald, stepson, traveled to Ft. Benning to accept the RHOF medallion. Schuder’s grandson, Kurt Schuder and his wife Jennifer were also at the ceremony. There were at least three attendees affiliated with the Sam Houston State University ROTC program at the ceremony – Paul Lohmann who provided so much information for the package, Pat Dardis – a ROTC graduate who later flew Ranger training missions, and Beau Hughes, another SHSU ROTC graduate and a Special Forces veteran. David Williams and Andrea Buchanan from The Descendants of WWII Rangers organization were also in attendance at the ceremony as they were on a Ft. Benning 2017 Reunion site visit. They also were able to take Kurt and Jennifer to the nearby Ranger Monument and the WWII Ranger Memorial.

Bill Fitzgerald gave Schuder’s RHOF medallion to Paul Lohmann so it could be added to the other Schuder materials at the HEARTS Museum in Huntsville, TX. My only regret in this event is that Schuder’s wife Vernon did not live long enough to see her husband honored for the efforts that they both put into the ROTC “Schuder’s Rangers” Program at Sam Houston State University. WWII Ranger Schuder provided the knowledge, training, energy, enthusiasm, and property and Vernon helped with the financial contributions which continued on even after Raymond’s death. **They were a very powerful Ranger team.**

Vernon passed away on November 7, 2014. May she rest in peace and with these words from the current Cadet Officer-in-Charge of the Schuder’s Rangers, Cadet Mathew Saye *“The legacy that SSG Raymond Schuder has left behind at Sam Houston State University is extraordinary. All the Cadets who go through the Schuder’s Rangers program here excel at everything they do for the Bearkat Battalion and in their Army careers. Many of the alumni who participated in Schuder’s Rangers have gone into the active duty army and successfully completed ranger school and participated in the best ranger competition. I am only a third year cadet at Sam Houston State University, but Schuder’s Rangers has taught me to be good at what you want to do, you have to work hard for it. Also for you to get better and proficient at anything you constantly need to be learning and adapting. A big thing about Schuder’s Rangers is passing down this tradition of excellence, proficiency and character to all those who want to be a Schuder’s Ranger.”*

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Bill Fitzgerald (Stepson) & Kurt Schuder (grandson)



Bill Fitzgerald accepting the medallion

Ranger Hall of Fame – 2016

Brigadier General William Ross Bond

By David Williams

William R. Bond, born in 1918, was a native of Relay, Maryland. Bond graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in political science and history. Bond entered the Army in 1940 and joined the First Ranger Battalion prior to the invasion of Sicily in 1943, serving through the Rangers' action at Chuinzi Pass as a platoon leader in Company A. Captain Bond then commanded Company 1/A through the battle at Cisterna where he, among hundreds of other gallant Rangers, was captured by the Germans. Because of his combat experience Captain Bond accompanied the Ranger scouts leading the infiltration to Cisterna even though the rest of the scouts were from 1/F.

Captain Bond was held as a Prisoner of War for eleven months at Oflag 64 in Szubin, Poland with most of the other Ranger officers captured at Cisterna. In January 1945, as the Russian armies fought their way into Poland, Captain Bond escaped with the commander of the First Ranger Battalion, Major Jack Dobson, and five others finding refuge with a Russian armored column. Captain Bond was awarded a Silver Star for his magnificent leadership on the field of battle at Cisterna.

After World War II Bond's army career was spectacular. He graduated from the Army War College and other senior service schools. His first tour of duty in Vietnam was in 1959-60 as an advisor. On his second tour in Vietnam Brigadier General Bond was the commander of the 199th Infantry Brigade, a unit known as the "Redcatchers". One of their Long Ranger Reconnaissance teams, Troop D of the 17th Cavalry, was ambushed and over-run about 70 miles northeast of Saigon. True to his habit of leading from the front, BG Bond landed his helicopter near the action to organize a search party. On 1 April 1970, as BG Bond exited his helicopter he was shot by a sniper and died shortly thereafter.

BG William Bond was the first U.S. general killed in ground fighting. Four other generals died in aircraft crashes. A funeral service for BG Bond was held at Arlington National Cemetery, and his body is interred at Stockbridge Cemetery, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. BG Bond was inducted posthumously into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 14, 2016. RLTW.

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