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Radisson Branson Hotel
Branson, MO
15-18 June 2006

FROM THE CO'S TENT

www.BransonChamber.com/

In this issue, I'd like to again emphasize USARA's **Annual Ranger Muster** or **ARM 2006**, in Branson Missouri, which I described in our last edition. During the past couple of months Ranger Tim Swain, our Central Region Director, has been pulling together the main details and a Registration form is now enclosed. My wife and I already have our reservations at the Radisson, do you?

As I also previously mentioned, the ARM coincides with Branson's second annual "Vietnam Veterans Homecoming Week." Info on this event can be found at: www.welcomehome2006.org But understand, that this is a general organizational site for unaffiliated vets, hence their own registration etc.

To reiterate my first paragraph, we will be headquartered at the Radisson Branson Hotel, which is quite affordable while providing us with all our essential logistics. The hotel has 500 rooms and is located in the heart of Branson's Music Theater District just off the 76 strip and within walking distance of Andy Williams' Moon River Theater, the Grand Palace, and Bobby Vinton's Blue Velvet Theater.

In case you missed it elsewhere, it's:

Radisson Hotel Branson
120 SOUTH WILDWOOD DRIVE
BRANSON, MO 65616
(417) 335-5767

The hotel is centrally located on Hwy 76 Country Boulevard . Please check it out at:

www.Radisson.com/bransonmo

Have you gone on line and reconned the general Branson AO? The Ozarks of southern Missouri has become an excellent vacation spot. Developed initially with a focus on Country Music, it's taken on the honoring of the American military as a second mission. I list here as I did last time, a couple of website addresses with relevant info

www.Branson.com
www.BransonTourismCenter.com/

I've noted that a number of shows and the like were getting their summer schedules set only in January and February, so look for updates.

Make your reservations now!

And join U.S. Army Rangers young and old, as they swell the ranks of the many Vietnam veterans who will be in Branson. More timely information will be available at USARA's website:

www.Ranger.org

Election 2006

This issue also involves this year's election, of which there remain uncontested positions, including that of President. It is open, as I've previously stated that I would not seek reelection. I wish it was as easy as it was when I was an RI and could simply appoint new patrol leaders whenever it seems like a good moment, but.... yes, you guessed it, USARA is looking for volunteers....*for a special mission*. Election nomination information included in this issue.

Status report on the Ranger Hall of Fame:

We had six excellent submissions this year, and our Awards Committee met in early January to rank them in order of merit. Having selected the best three, these went forward to the Ranger Hall of Fame Board, which will meet in late March and make the final decision on this year's RHOF induction.

Annual Dues

Delinquent on dues? We have more than we'd like. However, we have continued to send the Register to a goodly number of these lapsed members, hoping they would remember to pay up. However at a certain point, and with the cost of this going up so sharply, we will soon be....*getting tough* (translation: cutting off delinquent members). If paying dues is a bummer, just pay once. Become a life member! And become a Ranger for life. **See you in Branson!**

Rangers Lead The Way!

Ranger Steve Maguire, President

USARA 2006 NATIONAL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The purpose of this article is to officially announce the USARA 2006 National Election to the general membership. All USARA members in good standing are eligible to hold national leadership positions, with the understanding that to be a Regional Director you must reside in the respective region. Election information is shown below.

1. The 2006 National Election will be conducted 1 – 31 May.
2. The following positions are open for election:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President, Personnel & Logistics
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Central Regional Director
 - E. Northern Regional Director
3. Deadline for candidate filing is 1 April.
 - A. The Nominating Committee will be soliciting suitable candidates to develop a slate of officers. This is the primary method of determining candidates. If you wish to be a candidate for any of the above positions, notify your Regional Director or Nominating Committee representative in your area or the Chairman, Nominating Committee, contact information below, NLT 1 April.
 - B. In addition to the slate of nominees presented, nominations from the membership may be made by petition signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing supporting the nomination. Membership nominations for Regional Directors must be accompanied by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing or twenty percent (20%) of the members in

good standing residing in the Region, whichever is lesser.

- C. Nomination from the membership by petition is legal per the USARA Bylaws, but it should be mentioned that this is a secondary method of nominating candidates and has never been used in determining candidates. The standard method is to have individuals volunteer for the positions. Sounds confusing, but the Bylaws require this method be mentioned to the general membership.
4. Ballots will be mailed first class to all members in good standing to arrive NLT 1 May. Additionally, ballots will be included in all editions of the Ranger Register and be on www.ranger.org for downloading for members' convenience. Ballots are to be completed and mailed to USARA, P.O. Box 52126, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2126 NLT 31 May.
5. Included with the ballots may be a statement by each candidate of up to 250 words by each candidate. Complete instructions for filling the ballot out properly will be included with the ballot.
6. Members may also cast their votes electronically during the month of the election up until 2400 hrs EDT the last day of the month of the election, and if a signed written mailed confirmation is received by National Headquarters within 10 days of the electronic vote, but NLT 2400 hrs EDT of the seventh (7th) day of the month following the election. Electronic voting includes signed facsimile or email from the address specifically identified to the voter. It does not include telephone or radio communication. The email must be marked by the internal identifier as having been sent before 2400 hrs EDT the last day of the month of the election.

7. Chairman, Nominating Committee Comments:

- A. As Past President/President Emeritus, Marketing Director and Chairman, Nominating Committee for this year's election, I urge you to not only vote in this election, but consider being a candidate for office. That said, given my thirteen years experience as a national leader, it is my responsibility to inform you that being a national leader in USARA requires a major commitment to this Association well beyond anyone can imagine if they have never held a position at the Board of Director level.
- B. This election is extremely important for USARA, especially since the President's position is open for election. Don't wish to scare off any potential candidates, but USARA must become a priority in your life because this Association is a major player in the Ranger community and business is conducted on a daily basis. Being a national leader in USARA, especially President, requires enormous time and effort to serve our members and the Ranger community. For those of you who think you are qualified to serve in the positions open for election and you have never served at the national level, multiply whatever you think it takes to do the job by at least 100 times. Serving is not about holding a title, maintaining a status quo and merely standing by while things magically happen because somebody else does them. Rather, it is about moving USARA forward by increasing membership and its treasury, being sensitive to the needs of the membership and the active duty Rangers and understanding the dynamics of the process which includes adherence to

USARA Bylaws and policies. You must be prepared to be creative and imaginative. You must adjust, adapt and improvise to resolve matters while working within the framework of our charter. You must be ready to set objectives for USARA improvement and develop and implement sound governance procedures and policies to achieve said objectives. You must be passionately involved, dedicated to the maximum, and have a strategic vision about USARA.

- C. You must also be capable of devoting time and money to attending the Annual Ranger Muster, mid-year Board of Director meetings, and other functions as appropriate to support USARA requirements. This includes being computer literate and being on the internet because most of USARA Board of Director business is conducted by email on a daily basis.

8. If you wish to volunteer for any of these positions or have any questions or comments, please call me at 706-596-1104(Home), 520-940-1104(Cell) or email me at jim.grimshaw@yahoo.com or lonerangersf@aol.com. Or, if you wish, contact any of the other national leaders who are currently serving. Their contact information is in the Ranger Register and on the USARA web site.

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Jim Grimshaw
Chairman, Nominating Committee
Marketing Director
President Emeritus

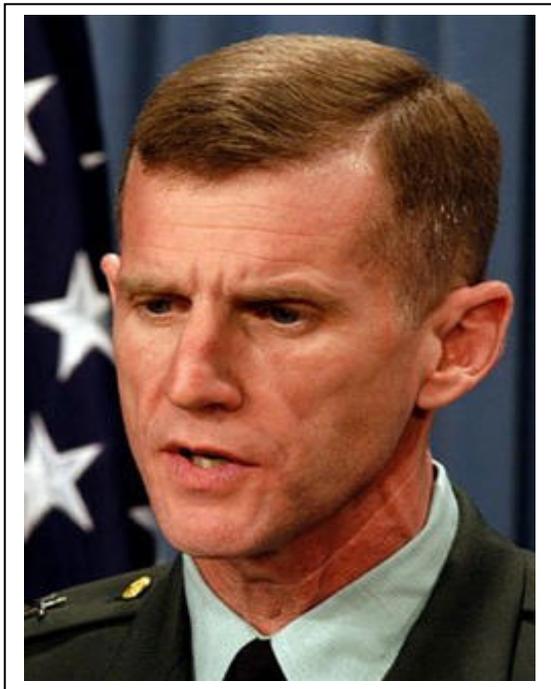
**ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD
STANDING ARE ELIGIBLE TO
VOTE**

NEW COLORADO AREA COMMANDER

By Peter Stevens, Western Region Director

Len Boulas, former Colorado Area Commander, has moved to New Mexico and resigned his position. He and others have recommended Ranger Dennis Yost as his replacement. After speaking with Dennis, he gladly accepted this appointment. Dennis is a long time Life Member of USARA and currently serves as President of the SF Colorado Chapter. I suspect that many of you know Dennis and ask that all of you welcome, thank and wish him well in this new assignment. Regrettably Dennis will not be able to join us in Branson because he has a previous commitment to represent his SF Chapter in Fayetteville. I have asked USARA Secretary, Gregg Orth, to provide a Roster of all Colorado USARA members to Dennis for him to use in executing his duties as Colorado Area Commander. And thanks to Len for his ongoing service to USARA.

Ranger McChrystal Nominated for LTG



President Bush has nominated Maj. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal to be a three-star general as commander of the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg. "The initiative to make the Joint Special Operations Command's commander's position a lieutenant general has been under way for some time and reflects the command's increased responsibilities since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism," said Ken McGraw, a spokesman for the U.S. Special Operations Command at Tampa, Fla. McChrystal has been

commander of JSOC since 2003. The command works with the counterterrorist forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The nomination, which is subject to Senate confirmation, would add a third three-star general at Fort Bragg. Lieutenant generals command the 18th Airborne Corps and U.S. Army Special Operations Command on Fort Bragg. McChrystal has been the 82nd Airborne Division's assistant commander for operations at Fort Bragg and commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga.

As a major, McChrystal "helped revolutionize how Rangers plan, train and execute joint operations," Lt. Gen. John R. Vines said at McChrystal's promotion ceremony in 2001 at Fort Bragg. McChrystal was the primary planner for JSOC's operations during the Persian Gulf War, Vines said. McChrystal graduated from West Point in 1976 and began his career as a weapons platoon leader in the 82nd's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

EARLY UNITED STATES RANGERS, 1812-1815

BY LARRY E. IVERS

Historical accounts of the War of 1812 (1812-1815) between the United States and Great Britain often dwell on the naval battles of the Atlantic and the Great Lakes, the burning of Washington by the British, and General Jackson's victory at New Orleans. Seldom mentioned are the deadly skirmishes and battles that United States Rangers fought on the frontiers.

By 1812 the American frontier extended from the Northwest Territory (The eastern portion of the present Midwest) south to Alabama. Many of the Indian groups and nations on that frontier had long been under British influence. The British supplied the Indians with firearms and recruited them to prey on the American settlers. The settlers resided in widely separated, small communities or on isolated farmsteads in the forests and on the tall grass prairies. It was often easy for Indian war parties to raid an isolated settlement and disappear before a militia unit could muster and counter them. A mobile force was needed for reconnaissance to keep an eye on Indian movements, to act as a reaction force against approaching war parties, and to conduct raids against Indian villages.

On 2 January 1812 congress authorized the president to raise six companies of United States Rangers from young men who lived on the frontier. A seventh company was authorized on 1 July. Companies were recruited in the present states of Illinois, Indiana, Ken-

tucky, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee. All seven companies were on duty by the middle of July and were patrolling the frontier from Michigan in the north to Tennessee in the south.

During early 1813 congress was prepared to authorize a new regiment of infantry for the regular army, but the frontier rangers had proven so effective that, instead, on 25 February congress authorized the president to raise ten additional companies of United States Rangers. They were recruited in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio. The companies were part of the regular army and were sometimes known as the "Corps of Rangers" and the "Regiment of Rangers", but the most common term used by the government was "United States Rangers", to distinguish them from the state and territorial ranger companies that also operated on the frontier. Rangers were considered as elite troops.

Each company was authorized a captain, first lieutenant, second lieutenant, third lieutenant, ensign, five sergeants, six corporals, and ninety privates. The companies were independent and were not formed into battalions or regiments. However, they often operated as provisional battalions of two and three companies under the command of regular army, field grade officers.

Infantry and artillery noncommissioned officers and privates each received pay of \$8.00 per month; rangers were paid \$30.00 per month. However, a ranger had to provide his own horse, tack, clothing, arms, equipment, and rations. Ranger officers were paid the same as other regular army officers. Rangers wore civilian, frontier work clothing, which included shoes or moccasins, trousers, and a hunting shirt or frock. Two types of felt hats were popular on the frontier at that time: a low crowned, wide brimmed hat; and a tall, top hat. Arms included a long-barreled, flintlock rifle; a utility knife; and a light hatchet or tomahawk. Rangers used their horses as a means of transportation because of the vast distances to be traveled, but they fought their battles and accomplished a lot of their patrolling on foot. They often used boats on their expeditions; they fought two battles on the upper Mississippi River while operating in river boats.

From August 1812 to May 1815 the United States Rangers fought in 26 separate battles from Ontario, Canada to Alabama. They attacked hostile Indian villages, thwarted Indian movements against frontier settlements, and participated in actions against superior British and Indian forces. In many of the battles the rangers were the only American force involved. Rangers remained in service until June 1815, after the end of the war. The United States Rangers were highly successful in defending the frontier settlements during more than three years of warfare. It is noteworthy that congress had the good sense to specifically authorize the raising of an elite force for special operations.

USARA REGIONS

Northern Region: **Walt Eckhardt, Director**

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, DC, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, New Jersey.

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Southern Region: **Art Silsby, Director**

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Western Region: **Peter Stevens, Director**

Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii.

International Region: **Linc German, Director**

APOs, Guam, CNMI, Puerto Rico, and the allied nations of the world.

USARA ANNUAL MEMBERS: RE-UP NOW!

USARA Secretary Gregg Orth reminds annual members that their membership expired on December 31. If you have not already renewed, DO IT NOW!

Annual membership dues are \$30.00 (\$15.00 for active duty Rangers in grades E-5 and below). Three years membership is \$80.00 and five years is \$120.00. If you reside outside the USA and do not have an APO address, add \$5.00 for postage.

Life membership is a one-time fee of \$250.00 (\$280.00 if not in good standing). Special Rate for "Old-Timers" aged 60 and over is \$200.00.

Mail Checks to:

**Secretary, USARA, Inc.
P.O. Box 52126
Fort Benning, GA 31995-2126**

Pointe du Hoc Update

This just in from BG (Ret) Wm. Leszczynski, Executive Director of the American Battle Monuments Commission, which is responsible for maintaining Pointe du Hoc and other American cemeteries and battle monuments in Europe and the Pacific:

21 February 2006

Dear Mr. McClintock:

I appreciate having had the opportunity to discuss with you the situation at Pointe du Hoc Monument on the Normandy coast of France. As promised, I am following up with information that can be shared with those who received your recent advisory.

The Pointe du Hoc Monument is one of the most important and well-known military landmarks maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Because of concerns about the impact erosion has had on the stability of the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, French authorities closed public access to the monument and the observation bunker it sits above. The public can walk most of the grounds and examine the other bunkers and gun emplacements on the Pointe, but the monument and observation bunker are fenced off. The plaques that were inside the bunker were moved to the visitor center on the site so they would be accessible.

No one, including the French authorities in the Normandy region, wants the monument to remain closed permanently. With support from Congress, we will award a contract for a stability study to determine what if anything can be done to preserve the monument and observation bunker and safely reopen the site to the public. In addition to the stability study, work will include mapping the site for historical preservation. Pointe du Hoc is on French land tightly controlled by the French government because of its coastal and historical importance, so any solution must be approved by them. We expect to select a contractor by the end of March so the study can begin this summer.

We appreciate your interest in preserving the Pointe du Hoc Monument as a permanent tribute to the Rangers who assaulted those cliffs on June 6, 1944. Their legacy endures and we will do all that can reasonably be done to ensure the monument to their legacy endures also for generations to come.

(Signed): William J. Leszczynski, Jr.
Brigadier General, USA (Ret)

History Channel to Air Pte. Du Hoc Documentary

Dawn, June 6, 1944. The largest invasion in history is underway. Four miles to the west of the Allied landings at Omaha Beach, a flotilla of landing craft head towards Hitler's "Atlantic Wall" defenses. They are carrying just 200 men of a newly trained elite force - the United States Rangers. Their objective is the vital German coastal defense gun batteries on a headland known as Pointe du Hoc. Climbing the ninety foot cliffs under a storm of German bullets and grenades, the Rangers find that the German guns are not where they should be. What follows is a desperate game of cat and mouse, as the Rangers attempt to hunt down the guns. The story of their mission is remembered now as one of the most extraordinary aspects of the D-Day landings. *Watch it on the History Channel on Saturday, March 4 at 4:00pm ET.*

Fourth 2005 Quarter Licensing Report

From Jim Grimshaw, USARA Marketing Director

4th Quarter Sales 2005

There are now 15 approved Ranger designs as well as the hangtag. Sales for the fourth quarter 2005 were \$3,526.00 with royalties due of \$352.60. Since Balzout paid \$5,000.00 advance they still have \$4,344.15 to earn out before they begin to royalties. The major push for the Balzout sales force is at the Menswear show this month and I am expecting many of the large retailers to pick up the USARA line from Balzout.

The product from Blue King Marketing is still in development. I expect that product will begin to be sent for approval in the first quarter 2006. Fun Boxers is currently designing it's line and I expect to have product for approval the first Quarter 2006.

United Cutlery only has \$201.61 remaining of the advance and will begin paying quarterly royalties first quarter 2006. United Cutlery paid an advance of \$10,000.00 and of this amount \$9,798.39 has been earned out in royalties.

Global Wireless Entertainment has six approved USARA graphics that they will use on cell phone covers, computer covers, game devices and PDA's. GWE is beginning to sell thru their website and will soon do a press announcement targeting main stream media.

USARA licensed product sales reported by USPTGear for 4th quarter 2005 \$6,105.06. The total sales of USARA from old USARA store is \$237.76. Total sales from USPTGear licensed USARA product is \$5,867.30. Commission to USARA is \$183.97 and royalties earned on licensed product is \$286.70, for a 4th quarter total of \$470.67.

USPTGear is now advertised on the USARA website and many new products will be offered the 1st quarter 2006.

Sales and distribution of USARA labeled hot sauces from Sauce2U.com should begin very soon.

SOS Eyewear has been sold to Eye Industries. The principals for Eye Industries have been in the business of selling sunglasses for more than 20 years and look forward to building a full line of USARA sunglasses.

Bataan Memorial Death March

Rangers, please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26 @ 0530 for the start of the 17th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March 26.2 mile Marathon. This takes place at the White Sands Missile Rang, located between Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX. This event honors the U.S. Army Rangers who conducted the heroic and unbelievable rescue of the POWs at Cabanatuan, PI as described in the "The Great Raid." The U.S. Army Ranger Association will be supporting this event with a donation to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, whose team(s) will be running the course with 35 lb. rucks. Our Association is designating the 5-6 man team from the 3/75 as USARA's JOHN KENEALLY PATROL BASE team. Ranger Keneally is a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame and is a legend in his unit; with the 3rd Battalion Headquarters named "Keneally Hall" in his honor. Those of you Rangers who feel in shape and up to it, please join the JKPB and make the run with fellow Rangers. Check out more info at www.bataanmarch.com. You can also participate by being there and supporting our 3rd Bat Team.

2006 BEST RANGER COMPETITION

The following is an unofficial schedule of this year's

Best Ranger Competition to be held 21-24 April 2006. Specific times and places of events may change.

Friday, 21 April

- 0600 hrs: Competition begins at Malvesti Confidence Course, junction of Old Cussetta & Hourglass roads (across Old Cussetta Road from the Ranger Training Bde. Headquarters).
- Day full of competition events (marksmanship, spot parachute jumping, & more).
- At dark-100 hrs: 25-mile road march.
- 1800 hrs: Social Ice Breaker for event sponsors and dignitaries. Holiday Inn North, Manchester Expressway, Columbus, GA (close to the Columbus airport).

Saturday, 22 April

- Usually 0900 - 1600 hrs: Military Stakes events at Todd Field. Great spectator day as the various Stakes/stations testing military skills are located on and around Todd Field.
- Approximately 1700 hrs; nighttime events begin.
- 1800 hrs: The Sponsors' Social event (by invitation & RSVP, only).

Sunday, 23 April

- O-light-100 (On or About -O/A- 0800 hrs): Darby Queen at Camp Darby (a "Must See" event and feel free to walk the course. Ensure you keep out of the way of the competitors!)
- O/A Lunch-100: Heliocast at Hurley Hill/Victory Pond.
- O/A 1600 hrs: Competition ends vicinity road junction of Hourglass & Old Cussetta Roads in front of the RTB hqs.
- Ranger Super Supper and awards presentations. Spectators welcomed. Next to RTB. hqs.

Monday 24 April

- O/A 1000 hrs: Winners recognized & awards presented at the Ranger Memorial, Ranger Field, Main Post, Ft Benning, GA.

Note: Refreshments, drinks, and Ranger memorabilia will be at each event throughout the day. They are priced very reasonably and all proceeds go to the Rangers and their families.

Reminder: Please, upon your arrival, get an official schedule at the Ranger Training Brigade (RTB) Hqs building on Hourglass Road.

(Thanks to Ranger Bill Spies for the above information)



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USARA ANNUAL RANGER MUSTER 2006
THE RADISSON HOTEL, BRANSON, MISSOURI
THU 15 JUNE - SUN 18 JUNE 2006
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
An American Flag Will Be Present At All Ranger Events!!
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THURSDAY
15 JUNE

1000 TO 1700 USARA REGISTRATION THE RADISSON HOTEL

1000 TO 1700 Opportunity to "Scout" Shows and Events to Attend While at ARM

1700 TO 2100 Welcoming Reception at The Radisson for Rangers and Guests

1900 TO 2300 USARA HOSPITALITY ROOM / VENDOR ROOM / RANGER STORE OPEN

FRIDAY
16 JUNE

0600 TO 0700 PT for Rangers "Willing & Able" - Leader: Ranger John Senor -bench presses 340 lbs!

0700 TO 0800 Continental Breakfast at The Radisson

0830 TO 0900 Formal Opening Formation/Presentation of Colors - 75th Ranger Regiment

0900 TO 1200 USARA BOD MEETING - Presiding: Ranger Steve Maguire, President USARA

1000 TO 1700 VENDOR ROOM/RANGER STORE OPEN

1400 TO 1600 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS/DIRECTORS - U.S. ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION (At The Radisson Hotel)

1800 TO 2100 FORMAL USARA BANQUET - Presiding: Ranger Steve Maguire, President USARA
(at The Radisson)
(a) John K. Graham Presentation of Official March of the U.S. Army Ranger Association
(b) Motivational Lead In Address by Ranger Dana Bowman
(c) Banquet Speech - Ranger Veteran of Afghanistan and/or Iraq

2100 TO 2300 USARA HOSPITALITY ROOM

SATURDAY
17 JUNE

0600 TO 0700 PT for Rangers "Willing & Able" - Leader: Ranger Art Silsby - Airborne Man of the Year

0700 TO 0800 Continental Breakfast at The Radisson

0900 TO 2300 OPEN TO VIEW SHOWS AND EVENTS AT BRANSON:

Examples: Andy Williams; Jim Stafford; Bobby Vinton; Mickey Gilley; Ray Stevens shows; Yakov Smirnoff (Russian Comedian); Shoji Tobuchi (Japanese Fiddler); numerous family owned shows; Silver Dollar City; Arkansas Missouri Railroad (couple of hours train ride through Ozarks, leaves/returns to downtown Branson); evening shows - Shepard of the Hills (Branson); Passion Play (Eureka Springs, AR); fishing - Table Rock Lake (bass); Bull Shoals (bass); Lake Tanycomo (trout); Bass Pro Shops Hq. & large store w/ many exhibits (Springfield,MO); College of the Ozarks, south of Branson has a museum with the truck from the Beverly Hillbillies TV series; Fantastic Caverns (Springfield) - has a jeep drawn cave tour, etc. As our local Ranger contact (Pete Rothrock) states: "Branson has a lot of tourists in June, best to get a map of the area and not try to just drive to a location without knowing the easiest route. The Branson Veterans event in June draws a lot of people each year. Will be a lot more people in town than normal."

1900 TO 2300 USARA HOSPITALITY ROOM / VENDOR ROOM / RANGER STORE OPEN

SUNDAY
18 JUNE

0700 TO 0800 Continental Breakfast at The Radisson

1130 TO 1330 Group "Dutch treat" joint luncheon

1200 Official end of ARM 2006 Branson
(12 noon normal check out, but if requested USARA rooms have until 1300)



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THE RADISSON HOTEL, BRANSON, MISSOURI
THU 15 JUNE - SUN 18 JUNE 2006
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: _____
 LAST FIRST MI

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE _____ USARA MEMBER NR _____

1. REGISTRATION FEE (per person)	\$50.50 BEFORE 1 MAY	\$ _____
FEE COVERS MEDALION, HOSPITALITY ROOM, BEVERAGE, BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT; AND OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.	\$60.50 AFTER 1 MAY	\$ _____

2. PERSONS ATTENDING: _____

TOTAL \$ _____

NAME OF GUEST(S) _____

THE CP IS THE RADISSON HOTEL, BRANSON, MISSOURI. HOTEL POC: Kristie Blakey, Sales Manager
YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU'RE WITH USARA (Booking Number: 9710). CALL (888) 566-5290 FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS. ROOM RATE: \$95.37 PER ROOM PER NIGHT, INCLUDES TAX AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

BUSINESS MEETINGS, HOSPITALITY ROOM, RECEPTION AND FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET ARE ALL AT THE RADISSON HOTEL. YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS EXCEPT THOSE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Presently, the U.S. Army Ranger Association is searching for a banquet speaker who will be able to update the Rangers and their guests about America's War on Terrorism, and specifically about combat actions in Afghanistan and/or Iraq.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED ON THE INTERNET AT www.radisson.com/bransonmo.

A multitude of family entertainment and shows are available at Branson, and it is suggested that each attendee check the Internet and do his due diligence in selecting the specific entertainment and shows that he wishes to attend and view. The goal of USARA is to make this best ever ARM by offering a family-friendly venue. Your help and support in achieving our goal is requested and appreciated.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USARA ARM 2006

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES TO: U.S. ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION ARM 2006
C/O RANGER TIM SWAIN
Chairman, ARM2006 BRANSON
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PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61602

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3632	USARA 3 in 1 Jacket								119.99	
3622	USARA Acro Sling Bag								19.99	
3620	USARA Baseball Cap								10.99	
3082	USARA Belt Buckle - Oval - Brass								24.99	
3083	USARA Belt Buckle - Oval - Silver and Gold								34.99	
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