

US Army Ranger Association

Annual Ranger Muster 2010

Ranger and Guest Speaker Brigadier General Joseph Carvalho



Brigadier General Joseph Carvalho is currently the Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center and the Southern Regional Medical Command (Provisional), Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He was born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and is a 1975 alumnus of St. Louis High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1979, he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Designated an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate, BG Carvalho was first commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. He went on to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, where he received his medical doctorate and was commissioned a Medical Corps Regular Army Captain in 1983.

BG Carvalho's post-graduate medical training included a transitional Internship, internal medicine residency, and both nuclear medicine and cardiology fellowships. His military training includes the Command and Service Support School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, the latter from which he received a Master of Strategic Studies

Clinically, BG Carvalho served as staff internist, nuclear medicine physician, and cardiologist. He served as Chief of Cardiology at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, and as Deputy Commander for Clinical Services at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His operational medical experience includes assignments as Surgeon, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Okinawa, Japan; Physician Augmentee, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; Surgeon, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia; Deputy Chief of Staff, Surgeon, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; and most recently as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Health Affairs, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg. He also commanded the 28th Combat Support Hospital and the 44th Medical Command (Rear) (Provisional), both at Fort Bragg. In April 2009, BG Carvalho redeployed from Iraq, where he served as the senior medical officer for both the Multi-National Force-Iraq and the Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

BG Carvalho earned the Special Forces and Ranger tabs and was awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge. He completed the Army Airborne and Flight Surgeon schools, as well as the Navy Dive Medical Officer and SCUBA courses. His individual awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Joint and Army Commendation Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He is a recipient of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Ranger and Speaker SFC Mike Schlitz, USA (Retired)



On February 27, 2006, serving with the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, an improvised explosive device (IED) consisting of two 155mm rounds and a propane tank exploded under SFC Michael Schlitz's vehicle. His gunner and medic were killed instantly and the driver died soon thereafter. Schlitz lost both hands, suffered burns over 85% of his body and loss of eyesight in his left eye. He spent six months in ICU and has undergone countless surgeries. Now retired, Schlitz, a former S3-Air NCO at the 4th Battalion, Ranger Training Brigade, now travels the world, speaking to soldiers and sharing the experience of his injury, recovery and motivation.

Mike will share his story at our general membership meeting on Saturday September 18.

Ranger and MMA Professional Fighter SSG Tim Kennedy



Ranger Tim Kennedy did the unthinkable – graduated from Ranger School and 11 days later won by submission a professional IFL fight on February 23, 2007 in Atlanta, GA.

He said: *"You have to have attended Ranger School to appreciate how my body must have felt"*.

Kennedy grew up in San Luis Obispo, California. As a youth, Kennedy's mother placed him in cooking and piano lessons. To offset her influence on him, Kennedy's father enrolled Tim and his brother in shooting schools, boxing lessons, wrestling teams, and Japanese Jiu-Jitsu classes. Kennedy attended Eagle Academy private high school, graduating in 1998. He then attended Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri earning a BA in Criminal Justice in 2002. Kennedy began competing in sanctioned mixed martial arts fights

while still in college, but after graduation Kennedy enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 4, 2004 and attended Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training, Basic Airborne Course and the Special Forces Qualification Course and Ranger School. He was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom multiple times. He continued to compete in MMA while serving as a Green Beret. When the Army instituted a service-wide combatives tournament in 2005, Kennedy entered and won the tournament in the light heavyweight division. He achieved this goal three years in a row.

On August 4, 2009, the same day his active Army enlistment was to end, he joined the Texas Army National Guard and is currently assigned to C Company, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group.

The 5-foot-11, 185 pound fighter vigorously trains about six hours a day, while continuing to be a soldier. *"I am fighting full-time and still in uniform, which is what I've wanted all along,"* Staff Sergeant Kennedy states. *"In between every one of my workouts I'm doing Army National Guard functions, whether it's replying to e-mails with questions from recruiters about Special Forces or guys from the company asking about different types of training, or I'm at Camp Mabry [in Austin], Camp Bullis [in San Antonio] or Camp Swift [in Bastrop County east of Austin]."*

Kennedy is scheduled to fight Jacaré Souza of Brazil on August 21, 2010 in Houston, Texas for the For Strikeforce Middleweight Championship.

Accompany Tim to Brooke Army Medical Center the afternoon of Friday September 17 to visit wounded Rangers, followed by the welcome mixer at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk hotel.

Ranger and Author Phil Ward



Phil Ward enlisted in the United States Army as an Airborne Volunteer and graduated from Infantry Officers Candidate School, Jump School and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga. At the age of 19, he became one of the youngest officers ever to earn the Ranger tab.

He served in Vietnam as a member of an airmobile strike force that operated throughout the Mekong Delta in 1968. On one mission his unit air-assaulted into a hot LZ and made contact with a Main Force Vietcong Regiment of between 800 and 1,300 men. During the first minutes of the ensuing battle, which became known as the 'Battle of the Plain of Reeds', Ward was placed in command by his dying commanding officer. Calling in air strikes in the absence of artillery support, Ward succeeded in extricating his unit from the nearly fatal position while pinning down the enemy until re-enforcements could fly in and destroy them. As a result of his service in

Vietnam, Ward received the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Start with Valor Device (three awards), the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device (three awards), the Purple Heart (two awards), the Air Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Combat Infantry Badge. His unit was the recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation.

Ranger Ward will be presenting members of the US Army Ranger Association with autographed copies of his new book, ***Those Who Dare***, at the welcome mixer, Friday September 17.