



WHAT - Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra

WHERE - Quinn's Neighbourhood Pub and Eatery, 1010 Murfreesboro Road #118, Franklin, TN

WHEN - Gatherings for camaraderie and lunch, 2nd Saturday of each month at noon, 1200 hrs.

WHO - All Rangers, Ranger friends, spouses, family, and guests welcome.

POC - Michael T. Hall, cell (615) 815 - 4747, mhallrgr@aol.com

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The following Rangers have been elected by membership to serve on the Board of Directors:

COMMANDER

Joey B. King, jbkranger@aol.com
799 Farmington Dr, La Vergne, TN 37086
Cell (615) 485 - 1616

PRIOR COMMANDER

2020 - 2022 Mike Wagers

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nate Lyons, lyonsntl@gmail.com
6520 Cox Road, College Grove, TN 37046
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The following Rangers are appointed by the Commander to their respective positions to facilitate day-to-day operations:

TREASURER

CHAIR, Ranger of the Year Award
Gary Ward, gary.t.ward@comcast.net

HISTORIAN

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SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR



RANGERS LEAD THE WAY

WHO WE ARE: Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra was chartered in 2021. See Charter enclosed.

OUR MISSION: To identify and offer membership to all Ranger qualified personnel and to promote and establish fellowships of the Special Operations Ranger community by recruitment and encouragement of active duty and honorably discharged Ranger veterans to become members at no cost.

WHAT WE DO: Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra participates in a variety of events. Each event is reviewed by the Board of Directors for merit and how it will promote the Ranger Base. Our current projects include: awarding scholarships to qualified high school individuals, coordinating and conducting assistance activities with registered veteran organizations, assisting local communities with unwavering commitment to excellence, representing the highest traditions of the Ranger Creed, and energizing membership communication efforts and camaraderie.



CHARTER

BE IT KNOWN THAT, the required number of persons duly qualified for membership, desiring to establish a Ranger Base in their locality, having properly applied therefore and such application having been approved in due form by competent authority;

THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers bestowed by the bylaws of the United States Army Ranger Association, Inc. this charter is granted and those applying, together with such others as may unite with them, are hereby authorized to establish and maintain a Ranger Base of the United States Army Ranger Association, Inc., which base shall be known as;

USARA Ranger Base John Minatra, located in Middle Tennessee.

This instrument, unless revoked or suspended, shall be considered evidence of the lawful existence thereof.

CHARTER MEMBERS: Bob Spurlock, Brian Higdon, Dane Harkabus, Gary L. McPeak, James H.D. Burns, Joey B. King, Michael R. Wagers, Michael T. Hall, Thomas Payne, Jay Marin, Dean Wegner, Jim Toohey.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: This Charter is granted under the hand and seal of the President, and duly subscribed by the Secretary, this 9th day of January 2021.



Ranger Travis James West
USARA, President

Ranger Jeffery V. Wright
USARA, Secretary



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MIDDLE TENNESSEE RANGER BASE MINATRA REGISTRY

Submission of information by members is voluntary.

Opinions expressed by the Board of Directors, coordinators, and members are entirely their own and are not to be considered an official expression or position of Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra.

The Board of Directors reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity and space constraints. Every precaution will be taken to preserve the intent and scope of the author. The Board of Directors reserve the right to refuse any submission that is in bad taste, offensive, or discredits unnecessarily an individual or group.

The personnel information in the Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra Registry (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses) cannot be used for commercial purposes.

Send biographical submissions or updates to the Historian.

Material does not represent policy, thinking, or endorsement of any agency of the United States Army or Department of Defence.

CONTACT: Ideas? Comments? Suggestions? Contact any Board Member. To contact the Commander, please email or text. If something is mentioned at one of our gatherings, members will try to remember, but it is BEST if Rangers get it in writing!



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“THE ROAD TAKEN”... MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

- First Ranger Lunch (September 3, 2016).
- Ranger rendezvous 2nd Saturday of each month at noon for camaraderie and lunch.
POC: Michael T. Hall
“Relationships are more important than winning the argument, because people don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”
- Charter established (January 9, 2021).
- Assisted clean-up of tornado destruction in Mount Juliet, TN (May 2020).
- MSG John D. Minatra Memorial Highway Dedication (July 2020).
- Assisted flood relief in Waverly, TN (August 28, 2021).
- Participated in the Old Glory Relay (November 1, 2021).
- Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at the grave of namesake, Ranger John D. Minatra in Pulaski, TN (November 2021).
- Endorsed passage of legislation for a Ranger license plate in Tennessee with State Senator Dawn White (November 13, 2021).
- Honored Ranger Rene Kepperling, last living member of 5th Ranger Battalion, WWII, (December 11, 2021). Now deceased. Rest in peace.
- Assisted American Legion Post 60 in Pulaski, TN with chilli dinner scholarship fundraiser (March 12, 2022).
- Supported “The MOG Mile” sponsored by SOS Construction Services. POC: Peter A. Dencker and associates (October 4, 2022).
- Designated official organization of Military Order of the Purple Heart declaring Middle Tennessee Ranger Base Minatra as a Purple Heart Post (November 12, 2022).
- Awarded scholarships to Riley Young and Nolan D. Robertson.
- Participated in Wreaths Across America.
- Assisted American Legion Post 60 in Pulaski, TN with chili dinner scholarship fundraiser (March 4, 2023).
- Awarded scholarships to Gracie Braden and Sadie Watkins (May 12, 2023).
- Donated funds to Ranger Coble, Nashville Police Officer, shot in the line of duty (June 21, 2023).
- Published article “Two Organizations Together for One Goal”, American Legiontown.org (July 28, 2023).



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- Purple Heart Day (August 7, 2023) shout out to Rangers Wagers and Toohey as Minatra Ranger Base is an official member of the Purple Heart Organization (August 2, 2023).
- Master Sergeant John Minatra Scholarship Winners Plaque established by American Legion Post 60 in Giles County (September 13, 2023).
- 52nd Salute To Service celebration at MTSU attended by Rangers (November 11, 2023).
- Approved recognition of Ranger of the Year Award Committee for Ranger Base Minatra (December 12, 2023).
- Participation in Wreaths Across America by Rangers and AMVETS of Rutherford County (December 16, 2023).
- Established Ranger of the Year Award Committee consisting of three members: Gary Ward (Chair), Mike Hall, and Richard Aldridge. Plaque to be purchased/donated by Richard Aldridge (January 15, 2024).
- Published guidelines for Ranger of the Year Award criteria (January 16, 2024).
- Minatra Scholarship Chilli and Chicken Stew Fundraiser at American Legion Post 60 in Pulaski, TN raised \$1,445 with an additional \$1,000 gifted donation plus other pledges. Total: \$2,445 so far (March 2, 2024).