Presidents Message

This short version of the Ranger Register is to provide information about the Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) to be held July 10-15 in Columbus/Fort Benning, Georgia. An overview of the ARM along with hotel information is provided and an ARM 2012 Registration Form in enclosed. See you there!

We have also included some other relevant or updated information. You will receive the next full version of the Ranger Register that also contains Election 2012 material in June.

Rangers Lead the Way!
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USARA Scholarships

The USARA Scholarship Program for 2012 is underway; all names of the awardees will be announced at the ARM. Go to the USARA website at www.ranger.org for more details.

USARA Membership Committee

The USARA Membership Committee has been formed by the Board of Directors. Contact your regional representative if you have changes of information or have questions.

It is the responsibility of each Association member to insure that his contact information is up to date; the new committee will help.

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USARA Member Survey coming your way

The second week of May all members with email addresses will be sent an invitation to participate in our survey which will ask specific and direct questions about USARA events and activities; to get your input for our direction and our future. For the first time, you will have the opportunity to tell us how you feel and what you want.

After the survey is complete, we will compile reports and graphs for all members to see. The President and Board of Directors will use the results to make changes within our association.

You will be notified by email when the survey is ready; and be provided with a link to the survey. The application allows a member to complete the survey only once. All answers are confidential; no one knows who answered “what” or “how”. We only know if you completed a survey or opted-out (did not want to take the survey).

We hope you all take advantage of the opportunity to be counted!

USARA Election 2012 Update

We are rapidly approaching the deadline date (15 May) for candidate filing for this year’s USARA Election. In those cases where there is a current office holder, they have elected to announce their candidacy for re-election. Not to detract from the work they have been doing for the Association, the Election Committee is still seeking additional candidates for these positions so as to have contested elections for all the positions that are up for election.

If you have the time and want to be involved in the work of the Association as we move forward into the future, the Association is looking for Ranger Leaders who will step forward to lead the way.

The election is scheduled to take place during the period 1-30 June. Election materials will be mailed out to the voting membership in a special edition of the Ranger Register

If you have any questions about the election or need information about the election process, please let me know. My contact information is below.

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The U.S. Army Ranger Association Annual Ranger Muster (ARM) will be held Tuesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 15, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbus, Georgia. Hotel check-in begins on Tuesday, July 10.

The schedule of activities for ARM 2012 has been coordinated with, and is being fully supported by, the Ranger Training Brigade; the 75th Ranger Regiment; and other units at Fort Benning. Through creative planning and the generous support of our corporate sponsors, this the least expensive USARA ARM ever held. By significantly reducing the ARM price member’s overall transportation and hotel expenses is offset.

If you have any questions about the ARM please contact Mike Ranger at (660) 287-6604 or email: ranger-usara@charter.net.

ARM 2012 registration is only $40 per person
There are no additional registration costs

Unlike previous ARMs, the registration price includes all activities and tour costs; all meals and beverages for designated activities (see the ARM 2012 menu); and transportation by 45/49 passenger charter busses to/from activity locations. **Members that register before May 15, 2012 will be eligible for a drawing for ROOM and FOOD DISCOUNTS.** Registration includes:

A **USARA Logo bag** with:
- An ARM 2012 Program *(with schedule, activity menus, etc.)*
- A Polo Shirt with USARA logo (choice of size)
- Discount coupons at local restaurants/businesses
- Maps/directions
- Tickets for significant door prizes
- ... And possibly other surprises

**Scheduled activities:**
- Opening Reception
- Individual Weapons Firing at Fort Benning
- Lunch at the 75th Ranger Regiment /Display/Tour
- USARA Member Breakfast
- National Infantry Museum Tour with lunch at the Fife & Drum Restaurant
- Ranger Hall of Fame Ceremony / Ranger Memorial Tour
- Rangers in Action Demonstration and Ranger School Graduation
- Presidents Reception & Dinner
- Ranger BBQ

**Hospitality suite** with beverages and snacks

**Ranger Store**
ADDITIONAL ARM INFORMATION

Currently there are several optional activities being considered for members and guests. Depending on registration responses one or more may be scheduled. Sign up for the optional activities when you register. As registrations are made we will provide an update to the schedule. Refer to the included ARM 2012 Event/Activity Schedule and ARM 2012 menus for more detailed information.

A list of restaurants within walking distance of the DoubleTree hotel is provided with links to their menus and pricing. Go to the USARA website at www.ranger.org to see a map and directions.

Dress for ARM 2012 will be more casual; we will be getting “dirty” at some activities so dress accordingly with jeans, etc. The President’s Reception and Dinner is “business casual”. If you’re not sure what that means; look it up on the internet. No jeans; no tennis shoes. In short, we want our members to enjoy the ARM and not be concerned with their attire. Leave your “coat & tie” at home and come to ARM 2012 to enjoy!

ARM REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE - The easiest way to register for ARM 2012 and pay by credit card by clicking on Register online for ARM 2012 on the USARA website and logging in. Complete the online registration form, add guest registrations and pay the total amount.

REGISTER BY MAIL - If you prefer, you can complete the included ARM 2012 Registration Form and send the form with a check to USARA.

Members that register before May 15, 2012 will be eligible for a drawing for ROOM and FOOD DISCOUNTS. See the included ARM 2012 Event/Activity Schedule or ARM 2012 menus for details.

Even though the cost of all activities is included in the low cost registration; it is important that we have an accurate count of those attending each activity. Make sure you select only those you and/or your guest will attend.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree Hotel for July 10, 2012 - July 15, 2012 for members, guests and sponsors. The special room rate of $85 per night will be available until June 10th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Go to the USARA website for detailed information about the DoubleTree Hotel. We recommend that you book as soon as possible.

You can go to the USARA website at www.ranger.org and click on the ARM 2012 web page; then click U.S. Army Ranger Association Room Reservations to book a reservation at our preferred rate or call the hotel at the telephone number shown below. Be sure to use the Group Name and Group Code to receive the preferred room rate.

DoubleTree Hotel
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Group Name: U.S. Army Ranger Association
Group Code: USA

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