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President's Message

State of the Association

To my fellow USARA Members,

This past year has been a good one for our Association.

Finance: We were able to guide 2019 to become the year of stability. We came off a financially difficult 2018 where we incurred a deficit of \$37,594 and ended 2019 with a surplus of \$5,408. Our financial performance in 2019 reflects higher membership, higher donations and several events and initiatives that helped generate income for the Association. These efforts helped us fulfill our financial commitments for our Scholarship and Ranger Assistance Funds and other organizations we support in the Ranger Community.

Membership: Recruiting: We had a record year number of 202 new members join our Association in 2019. Roughly 50% of those new members indicate they learned about the Association from a current member. Any and all time you spend telling your Ranger friends about our Association would be sincerely appreciated. Retention: We also had a record year in retaining over 90% of our Annual members.

Other Noteworthy Items:

We are finalizing our application for a 501 (c) 3. Once finalized we will be more successful in receiving donations from corporations which in turn will allow us to provide increased funding for our existing programs and to establish other programs and initiatives to support the Ranger Community.

We decided to outsource our online store to one of the major retailers who provide a wide variety of logoed items for other Associations. The store was initially set up to liquidate the large amount of excess inventory we had accumulated. This change will allow us to deploy manpower currently used to support the online store to our other programs that require internal manpower.

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State of the Association (continued)

We added the following key members to support our organization:

Tony Mayne was approved to be the Regional Director for the Southeast Region.

Gary Dolan was appointed to be our Ranger Hall of Fame coordinator.

Jesse Clark succeeded Art Silsby as our membership application processor.

While 2019 was a good year overall, we can do better:

Most of our new members indicate they joined the Association to support the Ranger community and to be able to mix and mingle with like-minded people who have a common bond. We need to hold more local events within our Regions to satisfy that desire. If you are interested in having a breakfast, lunch or some other type of activity in your local area, please contact your Regional Director or me and we will make it happen.

Ranger Hall of Fame Nominees: Unfortunately we did not have any packets submitted for the 2020 Ranger Hall of Fame Board. I am confident that we have many members who should be nominated for this recognition. Now is the time to start putting packets together for the 2021 Board. If any guidance or assistance is required, please contact Gary Nolan.

Other Recognition: If you have anyone who you feel deserves recognition for what they are doing to support the Ranger community and the Association, please let your Regional Director know about it. The Association has plaques and certificates that can be awarded.

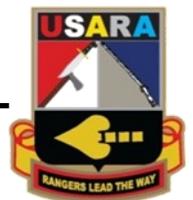
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Tom Evans

President



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Opportunities to meet, mix and mingle with your fellow Rangers

Ranger School Graduations:

Upcoming dates:

- Friday March 3, 2020
- Friday April 6, 2020

Valorous Awards Ceremony 1/75: A Valorous Awards Ceremony will be held at Hunter Army Air Base in Savannah, GA at 1000hrs on March 26, 2020 at the 1/75 Memorial.

CoC 1/75 BCO: There will be a CoC for the Battalion Commander of 1/75 in Savannah, GA on April 8, 2020 at 1000hrs in Forsyth Park.

Best Ranger Competition: This year's Best Ranger Competition will be held April 17-19, 2020 at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Details may be viewed at <http://www.bestrangercompetition.com/>

Eagle Claw Reunion: The 40th reunion of members of the Eagle Claw Operation, JTF 1-79, the mission to rescue the Iranian-held U.S hostages in Tehran, Iran, in 1980. This was the first actual operation that included SFOD-D (Delta Force), and select members of the 1st and 2nd Ranger Battalions were on the Joint Task Force. This reunion will be held at Camp Rudder, Eglin AFB, FL, April 24-25, 2020.

Critter Cookout : The annual, decades old "Critter Cookout" will be held in conjunction with the 5th RTB Open House at Camp Merrill, GA, April 25, 2020. Festivities for Rangers are April 24-26, 2020.

6th RTB Open House : The annual 6th RTB Open House will be held at Camp Rudder, Eglin AFB, FL, May 1-2, 2020.

Black and Tan Tampa – SOFIC: The next Black and Tan event will be held in Tampa, FL during the annual NDIA SOFIC conference, May 11-14, 2020. The location and exact details will be posted in mid-March at ranger.org, on our home page. SOFIC information is available here <https://www.sofic.org/>

ARM 2020: This year's ARM will be held in Columbus, GA, July 14-17, 2020, with the RHOF ceremony being at 1400 on July 15, 2020.

USARA Shooting Team: USARA is forming a national shooting team that will have 3 levels, and compete in matches regionally and nationally. More details to follow, but if you may be interested in becoming a team member please email art.attaway@ranger.org or nick.starling@ranger.org.



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Some recently completed activities

Run Ranger Run: During the month of February USARA fielded a 41 man team to contribute to the annual RRR event held by the Darby Project. USARA was at or near the top as donation earners, and in total mileage. Look for details of this event in the next quarterly newsletter. Our goal for 2021 is 100 USARA member participants!

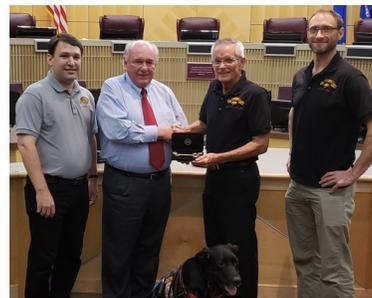
Black and Tan: USARA was honored to host and plan the Black and Tan event in Las Vegas in January. This event is held annually during the SHOT Show. The event was a great success with almost 200 attendees. Black Rifle Coffee was a primary Sponsor. The event was held at a Ranger-owned business in Las Vegas, Apocalypse Vegas.

We thank all of our **Sponsors:**

Black Rifle Coffee • 75th RRA • Sua Sponte Foundation • North American Rescue • Gentex • West and Dunn, Attorneys • National Ranger Association • USARA • NAMMO • The Darby Project

Raffle Sponsors:

Wiley X • TOOR Knives • KABAR Knives • Three Rangers Whiskey



Key to the City: At the Midterm Board meeting, USARA was awarded the Key to the City of Henderson, Nevada.

Honoring Ranger History

OJC – On December 20, 2019 we celebrated the 20th anniversary of Operation Just Cause, Panama, and honored the Fallen. A reunion of participants was held in Panama.

Cabanatuan - January 30, 2020 was the 75th anniversary of the 6th Ranger Battalion Raid to rescue over 500 U.S. and Allied POW's being held by the Japanese in the Philippines near the city of Cabanatuan, Philippines. The mission was a complete success but we lost 2 Rangers. The mission was supported by local Guerillas, and the Alamo Scouts.



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Other upcoming items of interest

Scholarships: The annual USARA Michael B. Ranger Legacy Scholarship program opens March 1, 2020 for applicants. To apply go to ranger.org, select “programs” and follow the action steps outlined. The criteria are posted on the website, or you may contact the new Chairman, Bob Deale, for assistance at bob.deale@ranger.org or scholarship@ranger.org.

- **Deadline** for submitting the completed package is **April 15, 2020** at 2400.
- **Awards** will be made no later than May 31, 2020.

As a member of USARA, you are also a member of AUSA and may also apply for their scholarships:

<https://www.ausa.org/resources/scholarships>

Elections: USARA will conduct the annual election for officers later this year. Positions open for election:

- President
- Treasurer
- Regional Directors and Members of the Board: Northeast, Northwest, South Central, Midwest

If you, or a member you know of wants to run for one of these positions, please send an email to elections@ranger.org indicating your interest.

USARA needs your assistance

The core of the Association is our Members, and we are always looking for USARA Members who want to contribute their time and energy.

Areas where we need your assistance:

Database Manager – This position would dig in and analyze the data we maintain in our membership and financial databases; provide statistical reports, analytics, and compile lists of Sponsors and potential Sponsors, in support of membership and fundraising efforts.

Membership committee members – This team will brainstorm, refine, and present proposals for membership development and membership management, as well as member benefits, involvement, and communications. Contact jim.grimshaw@ranger.org.



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Recognition

USARA Member has won the Pioneer Award.

On December 4th, Mark Steiner, President of M.A. Steiner, was awarded the Pioneer Award by the San Diego Gas and Electric Company, which noted:

"This is a veteran owned supplier that is one of the most vigilant and persistent suppliers. Mark has been pursuing SDG&E for over 10 years through networking, attending community events and participating in technical assistance programs to learn the requirements needed to do business with SDG&E. Mark has a passion to hire and train transitioning veterans and is actively working with the California National Guard to hire America's heroes to work. His construction company has developed a robust on-boarding and training program that provides veterans with utility construction knowledge."

Congratulations, Ranger Steiner!!

Patrolling Magazine

In an agreement with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, we are allowed to distribute their quarterly publication, Patrolling Magazine, with even more Ranger news. The link for online viewing is <http://75thrra.org/>

We Want Your Feedback

We have now completed 1 year of delivering the Rally Point newsletter and are conducting a survey to obtain your feedback on it.

Look for a survey from "Survey Monkey." It will take only a couple of minutes to complete and submit.

The current plan is to publish the Rally Point quarterly. This edition is intended to serve as an interim edition to ensure you don't miss important events and activities that take place prior to the next regular edition.



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