

# RANGER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

HONORING WEST POINT'S ARMY RANGERS  
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RANGER MEMORIAL

Dedicated To All Rangers  
Past, Present & Future  
August 25, 1994  
Fort Benning, Georgia



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FORT BENNING,  
GEORGIA



# Sequence of Events

Introduction

National Anthem

Invocation

Opening Remarks - CPT (Ret) Jack Price

Dedication Speech - GEN (Ret) McCaffrey

USMA Rangers KIA Honor Roll

Playing of Taps

Moment of Silence

Closing Prayer

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Lunch with LTC "Gus" Michail S Huerter

The history of the American Ranger spans over 200 years. Ranger heritage has always been based on courage, daring, and deeds of men who sacrificed personal safety for their fellow Rangers and the defense of their country. Captain Benjamin Church raised an independent Ranger Company to fight the Indians during the King Phillip's War in 1675 and is credited as the Father of the American Rangers. The capstone to his success against the Indians occurred when his unit captured and killed the Indian chief, King Phillip, thus ending the war.

In 1756, Major Robert Rogers organized and trained nine companies of American colonists who fought during the French and Indian War. The nineteen standing orders used by "*Rogers' Rangers*" are still followed today. The Ranger tradition continued in the American Revolution with "*Morgan's Riflemen*" and "*Marion's Partisans*." Both units used hit and run tactics and expert marksmanship to harass the British. These early Ranger tactics were continued by "*Mosby's Raiders*", who wreaked havoc behind enemy lines during the Civil War. Thorough reconnaissance and violent aggressive action marked the success of Ranger operations.

Ranger Battalions were first formed during World War II to conduct commando raids and spearhead combat operations. Major William O. Darby organized and activated 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Battalion in 1942, and later led the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalions in the North African, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalions participated in the D-day landings at Omaha Beach, earning the Rangers' motto "Rangers Lead the Way." The 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion fought in the Pacific Campaign, conducting the famous raid that liberated allied Prisoners of War held at Cabanatuan.

Today's Rangers also trace their lineage from the 5307<sup>th</sup> Composite Unit (*provisional*) and 475<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Commanded by Major General Frank D. Merrill, these "*Merrill's Marauders*" fought and defeated the Japanese in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations during World War II. After the war, the 475<sup>th</sup> was redesignated as the 75<sup>th</sup> infantry.

The Ranger units were deactivated at the end of World War II, but the need for Rangers quickly resurfaced during the Korean War. A total of seventeen Ranger companies were formed; seven of these companies were Airborne Ranger units formed and trained here at Fort Benning. These seven Ranger Companies were committed to combat and fought with distinction in Korea.

The Airborne Ranger Companies were deactivated in September 1951 so that Ranger trained personnel could be spread throughout the entire Infantry as an effort to raise the spirit and overall efficiency of the Infantry. In that same month, the Army Chief of Staff, General J. Lawton Collins, directed that, "*Ranger training be extended to all units in the Army*" with an overall objective to raise the standard of training in all combat units using lessons learned from the Ranger Battalions of World War II and the Airborne Ranger Companies of the Korean Conflict. In October 1951, the Commandant of the United States Army Infantry School established the Ranger Department with the mission of training small unit Infantry Soldiers in leadership and command problems in the field, to improve their physical condition, and to instill a high degree of pride in their own personal appearance, habits and conduct; and to give them a real understanding of the meaning and necessity of discipline within a military unit. The first Ranger Class for individual candidates graduated on 1 March 1952.

With the increasing U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Rangers were again called to serve their country, this time organized as Long-Range Patrol Units. In 1969 the Army designated them as companies in the 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Ranger) under the Regimental system. Fourteen separate Ranger Companies served with distinction in Vietnam, conducting Long-Range Reconnaissance Operations into enemy held areas gathering valuable intelligence.

Following the outbreak of the 1973 Middle East War, the Department of the Army was concerned about the need for a light, mobile, and lethal force that could be moved quickly to any trouble spot in the world and one that would serve as a “*Standard*” setter for Infantry units across the Army. General Creighton Abrams, then Chief of Staff of the Army, ordered the formation of the modern day Ranger Battalions, by directing the following:

*“The Ranger Battalion is to be elite, light and the most proficient Infantry Battalion in the world, a Battalion that can do things with its hands and weapons better than anyone...wherever the Ranger Battalion goes it must be apparent that it is the best.”*

Toward that end, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Ranger), 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry was activated at Fort Stewart, Georgia on 20 August 1974, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Ranger), 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry was activated at Fort Lewis, Washington on 1 October 1974.

In 1984, the Department of the Army announced it was increasing the size of the active duty Ranger force to its highest level in 40 years by activating another Ranger Battalion and a Regimental Headquarters. These new units, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion (Ranger), 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Ranger), 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry received their colors on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1984, at Fort Benning, Georgia. This was the first time an organization of that size had been officially recognized as the parent headquarters of the Ranger Battalions. The activation ceremonies marked a step into the future as well as a link to the Ranger's prestigious past.

On 3 February 1986, the Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr., redesignated the 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Ranger) to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, thus establishing the Rangers as an enduring part of the U.S. Army.

Rangers continue to lead the way in our nation's fight around the world to include extensive combat over the past decade in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The men of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and the Ranger Training Brigade continue a tradition of Ranger excellence begun over 200 years ago. Through rigorous combat-focused training, the Ranger Training Brigade has provided Rangers to enhance the Army's ranks with tactically and technically proficient, supremely confident small unit leaders for over 50 years. The 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment provides the most potent and responsive strike force in the nation's arsenal. Always ready, able to fight anytime, anywhere against any enemy and defeat him - **Rangers Lead the Way!**

# West Point's Army Rangers KIA

LTC Charles J Tighe	MAJ Richard K Boyd Jr	LTC Marvinn A Jeffcoat	1LT Terrence P O'Boyle
LTC Andre C Lucas	MAJ Michael F Field	1LT Charles L Hemmingway	1LT Carl Barry McGee
LTC John J Clark	CPT Francis J Thompson	CPT George P O'Toole Jr	1LT Guy Wilson Hester
MAJ Raymond Celeste	CPT John C Sigg	1LT Charles C Dickey Jr	1LT George C Bass
MAJ Donald W Holleder	CPT Monte T Sloan	1LT Chester A Myers Jr	1LT William A Pahissa
LTC Lon A Spurlock	MAJ Robert G Hufschmid	CPT Robert O Gagne	CPT Glen S Ivey
CPT Gerald C Capelle	CPT William T Reach	1LT Richard G Collins	MAJ Kenneth Joseph Yonan
CPT Richard T Lynch	CPT Thomas E McMahan	CPT Robert J Zonne Jr	COL Jerald Thompson
CPT Clayton A Fannin	CPT Michael A Casp	CPT Thomas J Hayes	LTC William Bowers
1LT William F Train	CPT Kenneth L Dean, Jr	CPT Michael F Grisafe	COL Theodore Westhusing
MAJ Francis G Gercz	CPT "Turk" Griffith	1LT Dennis D Loftheim	LTC Paul Finken
MAJ Roger A Quinn	CPT James McDonough Jr	CPT William D Booth	MAJ Curtis Feistner
MAJ Walter B Tully	CPT Michael A Crabtree	CPT Gary D Jackson	MAJ Jason George
CPT Humbert R Versace	MAJ Robert C Dickinson	CPT David R Crocker	CPT John Kurth
CPT Richard K Jordan	CPT Thomas D Culp	1LT Fred G Bertolino	CPT Joshua Byers
CPT William L Johnson	CPT Terence F Sage	CPT John T Hoskins	CPT Stephen Frank
CPT Ned N Loscuito	CPT Burton K McCord	2LT Frank A Rybicki Jr	CPT Ralph Harting
CPT Lyell F King	CPT Lawrence A Britten	1LT Richard W Thompson	CPT Dennis Pintor
CPT Thomas W Pusser	CPT Michael J Soth	1LT Frank J Schap	CPT Douglas A DiCenzo
CPT William T Deuel	MAJ Peter M Bentson	CPT Martin K Niskanen	1LT Leif Nott
CPT James M Coyle	CPT Frederick H Henderson	1LT David R Wilson	CPT Benjamin Tiffner
CPT William A Hoos	CPT John M Harrington	1LT Hugh R McKibbin	1LT David Bernstein
CPT Robert P Andrews	CPT Stephen A Childers	CPT David C Brown	CPT John Hallett
CPT Charles C Anderson	CPT William James Whitehead	CPT Louis R Sustersic	CPT Andrew Pearson
CPT Robert H Fuellhart	CPT James H Shotwell	CPT Arthur M Parker	CPT Mark Garner
CPT Edward E Krukowski	CPT Michael W Kilroy	1LT Peter J Lantz	CPT Drew Jensen
CPT George E Perry	CPT Akos D Szekely	CPT Robert M Snell	1LT Derek Hines
CPT Michael E Berdy	MAJ John A Hottell III	CPT Allen R Culpepper	CPT Rhett Schiller
CPT Arthur G Bonifas	2LT Clair H Thurston Jr	1LT Donald R Judd	1LT Garrison Avery
CPT William F Reichert	CPT Robert J Walters	2LT Billy W Flynn	1LT Amos Bock
1LT James L Smith	1LT Denis W Galloway	CPT Frank Meszar	1LT Benjamin Britt
CPT Paul C Sawtelle	2LT David L Uglad	CPT Norman L Nesterak	CPT John Dennison
1LT John A Fera	CPT James C McKittrick	CPT John E Kelly	CPT David Fraser
LTC Terry D Allen	CPT Michael R Nawrosky	1LT James K Brierly	CPT Paul Pena
LTC Robert L Alexander	2LT Harold P Kindleberger	CPT Donald W Dietz	1LT Robert Seidel
LTC Andrew M Simko	CPT Carl Winter Jr	1LT Tom Emerson	CPT Adam Snyder
LTC Mortimer L O'Connor	CPT David A Bujalski	CPT Gus B Robinson	CPT Daniel Whitten
LTC Robert J Thomas	CPT Gerard V Palma	COT Terry Lee Ketter	1LT Dennis Zilinski
LTC Frederic G Agather	CPT Charles K Wilcox	1LT Daniel L Neuburger	1LT Matthew Ferrara
LTC Frederick F Van Deusen	CPT Martin L Green Jr	2LT John P Brown	1LT Thomas Martin
MAJ John Olin Cooper III	CPT Michael J Kiley	2LT Ronald L Frazer	1LT Phillip Neel
CPT Don J York	CPT James C Powers	CPT Donald H Dwiggin	1LT Timothy Cunningham
MAJ Andrew F Underwood	CPT Harold J Kaufman	1LT Leonard L Preston	1LT Nick Dewhirst
CPT James P Spruill	MAJ James C Kotrc	1LT John T Corley	1LT Daniel Hyde
MAJ Sayward N Hall	CPT William R Black	1LT Richard O Bickford	1LT Salvatore Corma
LTC James E Torrence	CPT John M Graham	CPT Douglas T Gray	1LT Robert W. Collins
CPT Thomas W McCarthy	2LT Charles Thomas Hutchison	1LT Michael G Parr	1LT Christopher S. Goeke
CPT Christopher J Miller Jr	CPT Carl R Arvin	2LT James R Adams	
LTC Walter L McCahan	2LT Michael T Glynne	1LT Jose M Pena	
MAJ Walter D Williams	2LT Leonard D Davis II	1LT Roger A Fulkerson	
MAJ Frank O Bonnarens	1LT Bernard F Kistler	CPT Hampton A Etheridge	
MAJ Gerard M Wynn	CPT George E Menninger	1LT Michael L Nathe	
LTC Len M Hanawald	CPT Robert G Keats	1LT Raymond J Enners	
MAJ David F Nidever	CPT Richard L Endicott	1LT Hugh B Brown	
MAJ Floyd B Spencer Jr	1LT Anthony J Borrego	1LT Peter M Connor	
MAJ Lawrence M Malone	1LT Charles E Brown Jr	1LT William F Ericson II	
CPT Charles M Titus	1LT John K Hutton Jr	1LT Jeffrey R Riek	
CPT Gregory C Clement Jr	CPT Michael Momcilovich Jr	1LT Harry E Hayes	
Mr. Richard N McInerney	CPT Charles E Wuertenberger	1LT Jonathan C Shine	
MAJ Edward W Crum	CPT John H Hays	CPT John J Woodrum	
COL James N Rowe	1LT Jerry F Clark	1LT Arthur S Nabben	

## **RANGER CREED**

**Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high "Esprit de Corps" of the Rangers.**

**Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger, my country expects me to move further, faster, and fight harder than any other soldier.**

**Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be. One hundred percent and then some.**

**Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.**

**Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.**

**Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.**

***RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!***