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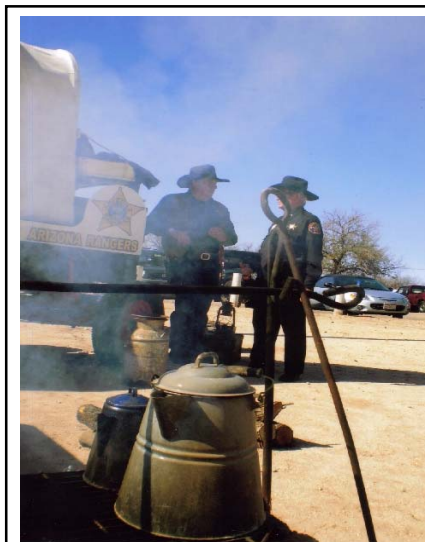
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Ranger Museum received a major donation on Life Member's Day, February 13, 2010. The donor was new Honorary Ranger Jim Bell, who explains his work to Col.Chandler, right, in above photo. See story on page 17.



Benson Ranger Days were attended again by locals and friends of mounted Cowboy Shooters. See photos p. 16.

The Arizona Rangers and 1882

The public often asks why some Ranger polo shirts show the year 1882. - That was the year when the first attempt to form an Arizona Ranger Company was made by Governor Frederick Tritle. The unrest and outlaws in Tombstone were the cause of the Governor authorizing a Ranger Company only to find out that funding for such was not granted. The funding was supposed to have come directly from Washington D.C. The next attempt to establish Arizona Rangers was in 1901.

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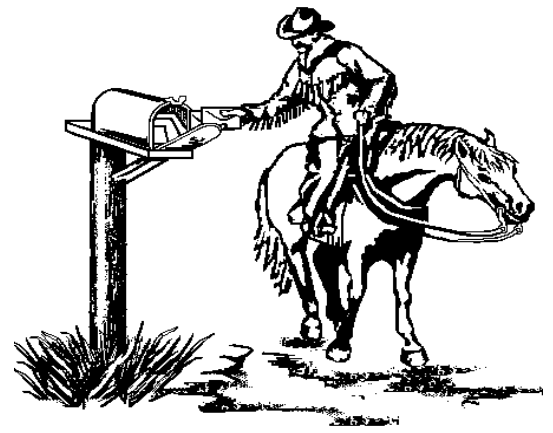
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News Briefs



Show Low Rangers in a Bioterrorism Drill

Edited from White Mountain Press
article written by Nancy Stidham

Arizona Rangers from Show Low Company participated in a statewide bioterrorism drill. Their assigned task was to secure the area at the Blue Ridge High School "old gym" on Tuesday morning, April 13th.

According to local news reports, the sight of armed Arizona Rangers on duty at the school drew interest from students and parents. But Blue Ridge school administrators assured all that there was no cause for alarm. The Rangers were there to safeguard lifesaving medicine during an Arizona Bioterrorism Drill.

The drill was part of a statewide live exercise. The hypothetical scenario for the drill was as follows: A rodeo and concert event in Phoenix was held, where terrorists dispersed anthrax. People who were affected returned to their homes around the state before their exposure was discovered.

Upon discovery that there were contaminated victims, a request for medicine was sent to the Arizona Department of Health who then contacted the Governor. The Governor requested medicine from the Centers for Disease Control. Within 12 hours a "push package" of medicine was delivered to Arizona. The Arizona Rangers provided security and transportation for the medicine as it was delivered to the targeted counties, and finally to the people who needed treatment.

This is reminiscent of the transportation security detail that the Arizona Rangers recently provided for the Declaration of Independence which toured Arizona.

The live exercise involved eight jurisdictions. Navajo County chose Blue Ridge High School as a distribution point for the medicine, and chose the Arizona Rangers to safeguard this vital lifesaving medication. The purpose of the drill was to test the Arizona State and County Health Departments' ability to receive lifesaving medication, protect it, and deliver it to the patients in need in less than 12 hours.

This portion of the drill in which the Show Low Company Rangers participated involved the delivery, verification and distribution of the medicine to Navajo and Apache County as well as to the White Mountain Apache Tribe according to John Zimmerman, Navajo County Health Public Information Officer. The drill was held during normal weekday activity hours to make it as realistic as possible.

Show Low Company divided its Rangers into two teams. The Ranger in Charge was Ward Bunyan. The leader of Ranger Team One was Lt. Tim Tower. The leader of Ranger Team Two was James Frazier. There were nine Arizona Rangers total on duty at the Blue Ridge site. Other Rangers participating in this tactical exercise included Rangers Barry Connell, Charlotte Johnson, Dustin Middleton, David Myers, Robert Snook and Lt. Richard Nathan.

The entire incident, including the Arizona Rangers' involvement, was covered by the White Mountain Independent newspaper, in a very detailed article written by reporter Nancy Stidham. She interviewed Lt. Tower, who is also our State Recruiting Officer. She quoted him as saying, "The Arizona Rangers are always looking for a few good men and women." The news article included the Arizona Rangers website.

Bisbee Ranger called to assist Police

Lt. Lilla DeLuca Conducts Critical Incident Debriefing

On April 27th, Arizona Rangers Lt. Lilla DeLuca responded to a call for Law Enforcement Assistance from the Sierra Vista Police Department. Dr. DeLuca, a forensic psychologist, is head of the Arizona Rangers Critical Incident Debriefing Team. Her team has responded a number of times to assist police, fire, medical, and other first responders in dealing with the psychological effects of handling stressful events.

This time, a number of officers and others involved in a horrific child abuse case were feeling the effects of dealing with what they had experienced. Her protocol and counseling allowed these officers, and other professionals who had to handle this situation, to express their emotions and deal with the "heavy baggage" that such critical incidents produce.

Lt. DeLuca's team of professionals is just one of the many services the Arizona Rangers provide to assist Law enforcement in the state of Arizona.

Any Arizona Ranger who has emotional issues as a result of on-duty incidents should contact Dr. DeLuca via Headquarters Company.

B.N.S.F. Railway & Arizona Rangers Couple-Up for Joint Service

Flagstaff, AZ by Lt. C. Leland, P.I.O.

High Country Company Commander, Captain Tom Purner and officials from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Police Department have joined forces to provide a new level of railroad protection in northern Arizona.

In an effort to combat recent railroad thefts from trains, Arizona Rangers are now deployed from Kingman, AZ, to Holbrook, AZ, to provide law enforcement assistance to the B.N.S.F. Police, upon request.

Arizona Rangers have been called in twice recently to provide extra patrols of railroad property and inspect parked high value trains to deter thefts.

"Special training was required for this new mission. Rangers must first undertake a basic railroad safety and operations training course, which encompasses eight hours of intensive instruction in order to become certified," Purner said.

B.N.S.F. Railway and the Arizona Rangers first teamed up in Dec. 2009, providing patrols on the 24th and 25th and then on March 18, 2010, after a 14-car derailment west of Flagstaff, AZ, in Bellemont, AZ.

Arizona Rangers will also take part in a simulated statewide field training exercise on train derailments in Sept. 2010 to enhance their abilities to respond when railroad emergencies occur

New Appointments & Milestones

The new State Commander is Col. Eddie Resner of Tucson Company

The new State Treasurer is Maj. Brad Cherry of Benson Company

The new Community Relations Officer is Maj. Terri Dodge of Coronado Company

The new NW Area Commander is Maj. Rober Smith of Yavacopa Company

Milestones

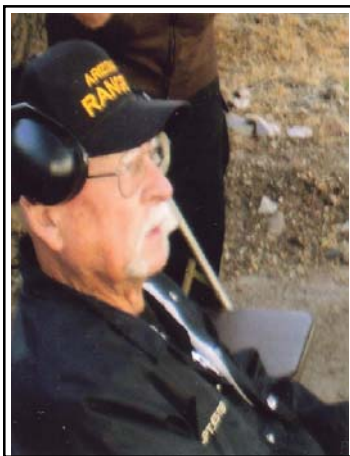
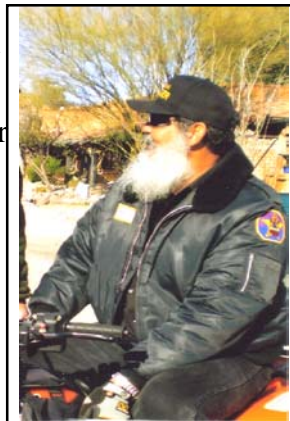


Lt. Carol Sullivan has been an Arizona Ranger for 21 years in September 2010. Carol continues as Curator of Records.

Lt. Sullivan has held positions including Acting Captain of Tucson Company. Lt. Sullivan is one of the longest serving members of the Arizona Rangers.

Another long serving Ranger is **Capt. Armando Madril**, who was sworn in September 4, 1990.

Captain Madril has faithfully been leading Santa Cruz Company now for 12 years also taking care of huge duties such as the annual Tubac Arts Festival.



Major Spud Hester has served on the Board of Governors (BOG) now for 13 years . He was Tucson Company Captain for eight years and Area Commander for five years. The Ranger organization has benefitted from Maj. Hester's expertise in firearms training for several years. Presently Maj. Hester is the State Law Enforcement Liaison Officer.



Ranger Companies

Benson Company, Capt. Jim Martzke
 Bisbee Company, Capt. Ed Nusso
 Coronado Company, Capt. John Dodge
 Douglas Company, Capt. Chuck Chambers
 High Country Company, Capt. Tom Purner
 Phoenix Company, Capt. Trent Loveless
 Santa Cruz Company, Capt. Armando Madril
 Scottsdale Company, Capt. Mike Braten
 Show Low Company, Capt. Don Solomon
 Sierra Vista Company, Capt. Vicky Conner-Riley
 Sonoita Company, Capt. Jerry Auriema
 Tucson Company, Capt. Leigh Lundberg
 Verde Valley Company, Capt. Rick Roda
 Yavacopa Company, Capt. Jane Smith

Area Commanders

SW Area Commander Maj. Dave Bruce
 SE Area Commander Maj. Carl Lawrence
 NW Area Commander Maj. Robert Smith
 NE Area Commander Maj. Gordon Miller

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Yes, we had a full General in Ranger ranks, too



Retired Brig. Gen. Wendell W. Fenn and Mrs. Fenn at the Ranger Museum in 2010

Many different professions are represented in Rangers. So far we have had only one full General. That is Brigadier General Wendell W. Fenn, who still attends Ranger events. He was promoted Colonel in 1971 and General in 1980. Gen. Fenn is an inactive Life Member of Tucson Company.

“...under the watchful eye of the Rangers..”

Declaration of Independence Broadside Visit Promotes National Exposure of Rangers

By Col. Eddie Resner

While the narrative account of the declaration of Independence is well known, the origins of this broadside copy, made on July 4th 1776, are more mysterious. According to the Pearson Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports educational efforts, this copy, one of only 26 Dunlap Broad-sides known to exist, was found in 1989 and discovered behind a painting bought at a flea market for only \$4. Hollywood producer Norman Lear purchased the copy for \$8.1 million in 2000 to make sure “the people’s document” remained accessible to the people.

The Pearson Foundation, along with the National Student/Parent Mock Election partners bring awareness to the importance of each person’s vote by sponsoring a United States tour of the document.

Currently owned by Norman Lear with funding from the Pearson Foundation, the Declaration of Independence will visit the hometowns of only six states that qualified for this presentation by having either the highest absolute number or highest percentage of Mock Election votes

The State of Arizona was one of those states that had the highest percentage of Mock Election votes and thus the reason for this historic one time visit to the Arizonan towns. The Arizona Rangers orchestrated a multi-agency coordination of law enforcement professionals, which included Homeland Security, Sky Harbor and Tucson International airport police, the Department of Public Safety, and the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center, to assist Rangers from all over the state in safeguarding this most treasured document.

Media outlets from around the state were on hand to broadcast the occasion and group pictures taken at the event are planned to be memorialized on a poster that will be distributed nationwide by the Pearson Foundation, when the declaration takes to the road again.

Approximately 10,000 people viewed the document during its Phoenix and Tucson visit along with special VIP guests and dignitaries.



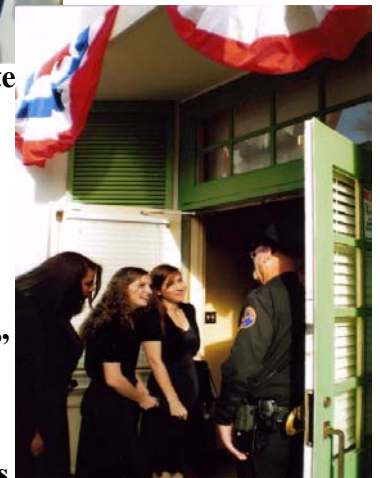
In Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup arrives at the VIP event held at the Arizona Historical Society.



Above: In Phoenix Rangers carry in the historic document



Above : Said Arizona State Representative Giffords: “The Founding Fathers would rest peacefully knowing that their Governing Document is under the watchful eye of the Arizona Rangers.”



At right : in Tucson Rangers attract admirers.

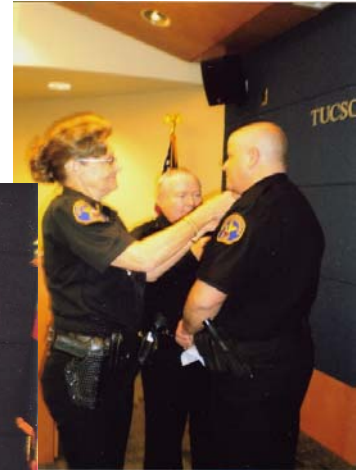
State meeting gives awards, elects new commander

A full house of Arizona Rangers attended the Annual State Meeting in Tucson on March 27, 2010.

The elections resulted in a new State Commander, a new State Treasurer, one new Area Commander, and a new Community Relations Officer.



Outgoing State Commander (right) is awarded a plaque



State Secretary attaches Col. insignia on new State Commander



State Community Relations Award Recipients for 2009
Below: new Community Relations Officer



The two Northern Area Commanders are sworn in by State Adjutant



Phoenix Captain (top) gets award



Left: Ranger Webmaster Bob Carlyon gets award

Above: Election Committee Chairman reports



Several Company Commanders expressed ideas and thoughts



State Commander and Adjutant receive thanks from outgoing Community Relations Officer

A Message From Your State Commander

It is my honor to serve as State Commander for the Arizona Rangers. We are a vibrant and diverse organization with a rich history and exciting future. I take extreme pride in serving with the men and women who make our partnership extraordinary. I am reminded on a daily basis of the excellent work done by our members who go above and beyond the call of duty. Your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to keep our community safe comes at a time when the demands of our participation with law enforcement today are greater than ever before.

The Arizona Rangers are well known to have some of the highest ethics, standards, and training, which translate into a full-service community agency that embraces the trust and responsibility extended to it by the law enforcement community.

I will continue to incorporate honesty and integrity as essential elements in my professional fabric, and in our partnership. We will take the organization in the direction as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and will adhere to all elements of our governing documents. As a group, we will continue to sustain a high standard of honesty, ethical conduct and integrity at all times, being aware that preserving tradition, history and honor is a cornerstone of the Arizona Ranger organization.

Through collaborative problem solving, we must also have an action plan to attain our collective goals, continue to develop our political muscle and leverage, apply our expertise with the media, strengthen our base with law enforcement organizations, and develop credibility within the community. My vision is to highlight the needs of our organization and seek the appropriate allocation of resources to meet our objectives, continuing to provide the best support services available. Part of this strategy is to draw upon the skills and



Col. Eddie Resner was sworn in March 27, 2010 by former State Commander Col. Sid Chandler and Maj. Robert Smith

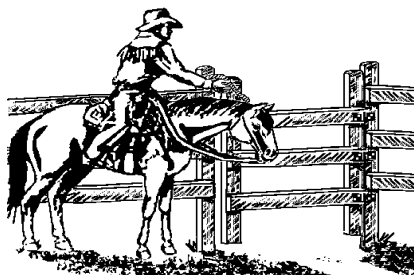
expertise of qualified Rangers for the benefit of our organization. Utilizing your direct input, I will dedicate my term towards achieving our goals together by listening to your concerns and focusing on more cooperative efforts across the state. I will implement a strategic working culture where people feel respected, and are treated fairly as a part of a community that accepts and values their contributions. We will build upon a long-range blueprint that provides a continued direction of our objectives, creating a gauge by which we can measure ourselves.

It is important that I take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of my predecessor, Colonel Sid Chandler. Without his vision and effort, neither the organization nor its many groundbreaking successes could have been possible. I have big shoes to fill and will strive to live up to the high standards that have been set before me.

Our journey together is just beginning and I am grateful for the confidence that you have placed in me.

Serving with a civic heart, Colonel Eddie Resner

Trail Wisdom



“Sorry looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.”

“If you ain’t pullin’ your weight you’re pushin’ your luck.”

“This ain’t the same old range.”

(excerpts from Texas Bix Bender)

The Training Camp

By Maj. Robert Smith

As I sit at the computer, I have just returned from Sierra Vista and the 2010 Kidder shoot. Exhaustion is a mild understatement, not only from the competition, but from the five hour drive each way (in really bad traffic). Why would a person spend over ten hours of heavy traffic driving, hard beds in motel rooms, restaurant food, and the financial burden just to shoot in a pistol competition?

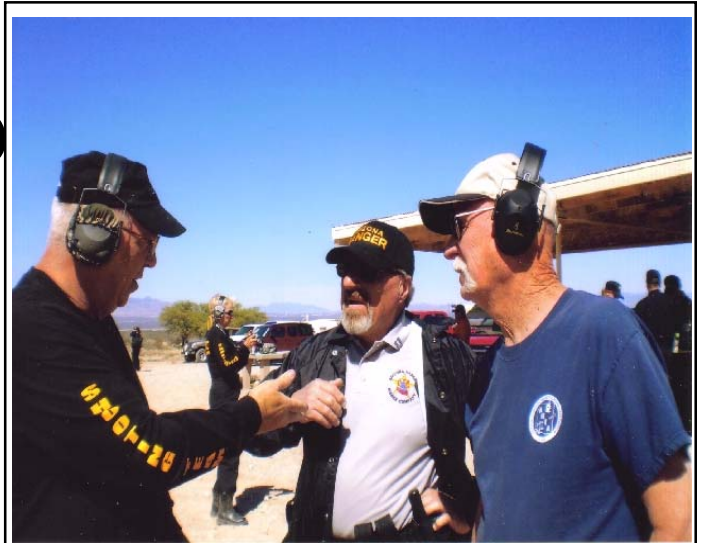
Well, that is a great question and one that needs exploring. Unlike some Rangers I know who don't know why there is a room in their home with a stove and refrigerator, Jane and I prefer eating at home. So, when we are away from home and are forced to eat at restaurants, it is a sacrifice to us. Why then do we do it?

One of the most important reasons for Rangers to come together in great venues like the Kidder Shoot is camaraderie. So many of us live great distances from each other, the only opportunity we have to see one another (other than state meetings) and share stories and just "chew the fat" is one of these type of training venues. I for one, truly enjoy getting to see my fellow brothers and sisters in the Rangers, have a laugh or two and share a hug. These types of events are perfect for this endeavor, and I wouldn't want to lose the opportunity. I know from the Ranger Company Teams that showed up for the Kidder Shoot, many traveled further than did our team, but yet they came. I don't believe for one second it was for a chance to win the event.

Many of the teams that traveled the furthest knew we had no chance of winning, but yet we came. We spent the money, endured the traffic and perils of travel, and for what, to learn, share, teach, and enjoy Ranger fellowship

.Another very important aspect of why we do, what we do, is training to face life threatening situations. Reality based tactical training is the only training that has any merit. Lt. Bud Frazee explained during one of the finest shooter's safety meetings this author has had the privilege of setting through, in quite pointed detail I might add, the need for reality in our firearms training. He and his staff created some excellent scenarios that were reality based on what we are called to do as Rangers.

As our involvement with Arizona's law enforcement grows, and as Arizona's law enforcement are readily being targeted by



Maj. Robert Smith at the April 10, 2010 Jeff Kidder Shoot talking to Capt. Ed Nusso, center, and Maj. Spud Hester, right.

a highly organized criminal element, our need for reality based tactical training may be the only thing that allows you to go home at the end of a duty one day. I am not trying to create fear or panic, but unless you have lived in total seclusion for the past two years, you know what I mean.

We need more training of this caliber. Many of you know, I am not a fan of the P.O.S.T. Qualification Shoot we have or our proficiency use with a handgun.

More and more states across the USA are adopting tactical qualification programs and moving away from static range qualification shoots. There are many of us in Arizona who are negotiating with the powers to be in this state to also adopt a tactical qualification program for P.O.S.T. When this happens, and it WILL happen, those Rangers who are shooting in this kind of tactical scenario training will be several steps ahead of those who only want to shoot a "perfect" score in a static range environment.

I have been a weapons instructor for over thirty years now, and I can see the shift of training toward tactical reality coming at a breakneck speed.

I have seen students on the range in a tactical class who ALWAYS shoot a perfect P.O.S.T. score, literally fall apart in a tactical qualification setting.

Stress plays a major part in tactical training. Inducing stress is the only way to test your ability to handle a real life, life threatening, lethal confrontation.

Are you ready, or can you shoot a "perfect score"? With the Wheeler Shoot coming up later this year, maybe you could invest enough of yourself to Train to Stay Alive.

ARTA Has One of its Largest Classes

The Benson Police Department training room was the site of the March 13th and 14th Arizona Rangers Training Academy . Thirty-one students attended the two-day, 24 hours basic training class.

Lt. Lilla Deluca, State Deputy Director of Training for ARTA-South, and ARTA-South staff members Maj. Carl Lawrence, Lt. Dwayne Kruse, Sgt. Jacob Friedman, and Maj. Kenn Barrett conducted classes in criminal law, patrol procedures, Ranger ethics, radio procedures, mandated reporting, Ranger safety, handcuffing,, traffic and parking control, judicious use of force, O.C. spray, baton certification, and verbal de-escalation.

The second day of training was conducted in the Benson High School gymnasium and wrestling room. The large area and rubber mat was the perfect location for baton and self defense training.



Arizona Rangers Training Academy, ARTA, offers quality training by certified and skilled instructors

Training pays off...



Capt. Eric Bergstrom above at the very first ARTA Training Class in the spring of 1998.
Capt. Bergstrom (falling down) is learning the secrets of pressure points taught by Chris Taylor.

Former Sonoita Ranger Captain named LEA Volunteer of the Year in Florida

Stuart Police volunteer Eric Bergstrom has been named Florida's Police Department Volunteer of the Year by the Florida Citizens Police Academy Association, according to a news release from Sgt. Martin J. Jacobson.

Bergstrom is a member of the United Way's Retired Seniors Volunteer Program and came to Stuart with previous volunteer experience in Florida and as a member of the Arizona Rangers police volunteer program.

Bergstrom retired as director of tourism for the Cayman Islands, selecting Stuart for retirement.

During the past year, Bergstrom contributed more than 630 hours to the police department, assisting with the Citizens Patrol. He was recognized at a ceremony at Punta Gorda at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

Santa Cruz Rangers praised for Tubac Arts Duty

By Sgt. Ernesto Machado

We closed 2009 with some free duty as community service to the Nogales Unified School District. The employees of the School District created a non profit organization called Community Outreach to provide Christmas dinner for needy children and immediate family at all ten schools from grades K-12.

The Santa Cruz Company contributed cash donation and provided security during the event on December 19, 2009 at the Nogales High School.

Event organizer Mrs. Angelica Heredia along with Mr. Shawn McCullough, District Superintendent and Mr. Steve Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent said that due to the success of the event, they will try to make it a yearly event. 306 people attended the dinner, kids got to sit with Santa, received gifts donated by the Nogales Fire Department, and also every family received a food basket.

Wal Mart, Walgreens and Home Depot also contributed with donations. Congratulations to all the School District employees for the success of their noble cause.

Southwest Real Estate from Auctioneers from Phoenix contacted our Company to provide security during a house auction on Vista del Cielo in Nogales. M/Sgt. Nabor Rodriguez and Sgt. Ernesto Machado performed this duty on January 28, 2010.

This year Tubac Festival of the Arts took place on February 10-14, 2010 and one more time, our Company was contracted to perform duty. It was a very successful duty with help from Sonoita and Tucson Companies providing good revenue for



Lts. Richard Wilson and Gene Schafer at Tubac Art Fest



Santa Cruz Rangers doing the 2010 Qualification Shoot.

all Companies. Incident Command Officers praised the Rangers for their work as Best on the job site. Thanks to all the Rangers for their commitment

Like every Ranger, we love to target shoot every opportunity we have and we did on March 13, 2010 during our day time pistol qualification.

Also, we re-elected our Captain Armando Madril. God bless America, our troops and their families

Yavacopa Ranger Company adds members

Yavacopa Company is proud to welcome Gene Manzer (AKA Doc) as a probationary Ranger. Attending his swearing in ceremony were Gene Manzer, Lieutenant Larry Kimmel and Captain Jane Smith.

Gene retired after 30 years as a physician both in the U.S. Navy and in private practice in California. Gene is currently active in American Legion Post 6, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Jeep Posse, and the Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies. He is also a member of Elks Lodge, Prescott, No. 330. Yavacopa Company participated in the 2nd Annual Jeff Kidder Memorial Shoot which was held April 10, 2010.

Our company was proudly represented by Lt. Michael Gangl, Capt. Jane Smith, Major Robert Smith, Master Sergeant Dan Wells and Lt. Larry Kimmel. All participants reported having a great time at the shoot.

Yavacopa Company is looking forward to next year's event. All members of Yavacopa Company qualified at the most recent qualification shoot. Some of the participants were Capt. Jane Smith, Major Robert Smith, Lt. Larry Kimmel, Master Sergeant Dan Wells, and Lt. Michael Gangl.

Thanks to Capt. Jane and Major Robert Smith for organizing and facilitating the shoot.

Success story continues for Verde Valley Ranger Company

Three thousand see Rangers at Hearts Concert

“On Saturday, February 13th, Rangers from the Verde Valley Company assisted promoters of the Hearts for Heroes Concert at the Coors Event Center at the Yavapai Fairgrounds in Prescott Valley.

It was a patriotic event honoring the veterans of our country. The main performer was Johnnie Lee (Urban Cowboy fame-”Looking for Love”). Three thousand people were estimated to attend. Net proceed funds will be used to buy supplies which will be boxed up and sent to troops overseas and the Teddy Bear Foundation which supports wounded and fallen warriors. Rangers assisting were mounted Rangers Lt. John Arnold and Ranger Ben Schaub. Working the promotional table were Captain Rick Roda, Probationary Rangers Alex Hall, Frank Speer and Associate Ranger Trisha Bommarito. The Rangers had a great time and made positive contacts.



USAF present flag to Verde Valley Rangers



During the recent January meeting of the Verde Valley Company, Captain Matt Corrigan of the U.S. Air Force presented to the Rangers an American flag, which was flown on an unmanned Predator mission in Iraq, and an authenticated certificate memorializing the October 25th.

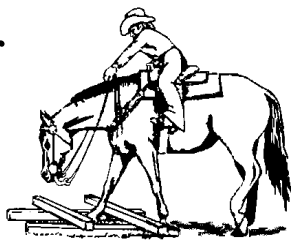
flight. Captain Corrigan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Roda. Captain Roda of the Verde Valley Company accepted the flag and certificate on behalf of all Arizona Rangers of the Verde Valley Company.

Captain Corrigan is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He received his wings after extensive flight training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi followed by a four year tour at Fairchild Air Force Base flying the KC-135 ‘Stratotanker.’”

Captain Corrigan recently returned from a four months tour in Iraq where he served as director of operations for the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, the Predator launch and recovery element. In that time, the unit flew more than 2,000 takeoff and landings which enabled more than 21,000 hours of full-motion video to the ground forces in Iraq.

Corrigan is currently stationed at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada and serves as Chief of Operations for the 15th Reconnaissance Squadron. They are directing flights in Iraq and also in the Afghanistan area.

Arizona Rangers Attend Mounted Officer Training



By Lt. John Arnold

Three local members of the Arizona Rangers, Verde Valley Company, recently attended Mounted Officer Training. This training is available to all Sworn Police Officers, and other sanctioned Law Enforcement Assist organizations, such as the Arizona Rangers. Lt. John Arnold, Ranger Ben Schaub, and Probationary Ranger Jackie Odem, all from Verde Valley Company, were accepted for this training by the Mounted Officers Training Association, who conducts this program on an annual basis.

These three Arizona Rangers join several Tempe Police Officers, and Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies interested in expanding their law enforcement roll via Mounted Duty. The course is six weeks long, concluding on April 30th. The course is comprised of classroom and arena/field mounted work, and is designed to introduce Mounted Officers to contemporary Mounted Patrol. Of the 120 hours of this course, participants can expect to spend 90 hours in the saddle. The course of study will cover a variety of topics relating to the care and use of horses in Police work, including:

- Mounted Safety
- The Care, Grooming, and Equipment of the Mount
- Equitation
- Jumping
- Obstacle Training
- Desensitization
- Patrol Techniques
- Mounted Formations
- Crowd Control
- Approach and Arrest Techniques
- Mounted Ceremony and Presentation

This is a certified Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) program. As such, at the successful conclusion of training, trainees will be awarded the coveted "Crossed-Swords" by MOTA as recognition for their accomplishment as Mounted Officers. This training course is considered the most intensive in the country, second only to actually attending the Police Academy. At the end of the 120 hours of training, trainees are required to pass both a written and mounted test, exhibiting their comprehension of the material presented, and the mounted skills acquired during the six week course.

Training is being conducted by members of the Mounted Officers Training Association (MOTA), all with the support of the Special Services Mounted Unit of the Tempe Police Department. MOTA is a Law Enforcement Professional Organization dedicated to providing the Mounted Officer with the tools and resources they need to better serve in their communities. MOTA is committed to promoting the Mounted Officer and the services they render. Their members strive to foster a better relationship between Law Enforcement agencies and their communities through the use of Mounted Officers across the state of Arizona. MOTA provides a large number of clinics and training courses for the general equine public at large. More information about MOTA can be found at <http://mountedofficer.com>.

News from Scottsdale Company

By Capt. Mike Braten

Scottsdale Company congratulates the following newly elected state officers: Colonel Eddie Resner, Major Brad Cherry, Major Terri Dodge and Major Robert Smith.

Company 16 is delighted with the result of the election, and sees many good things happening in the future within the Arizona Rangers.

The company re-elected the same officers that have been an integral part of the Scottsdale Co. 16 for the past eight years. The Scottsdale Company was privileged to have two Colorado Mounted Rangers at our March meeting. They gave and overview of their organization and it appears that in all ways, the Colorado Mounted Rangers mirror the Arizona Rangers. Company 16 now has three (3) probationary Rangers.

In March, Ron Starr was sworn as a probationary Ranger. Each of our probationary rangers add dimension to our company, and they have all stated how much they enjoy being a part of Company 16.

The Coolidge Police Department and Scottsdale Company were pulling a joint duty at the end of April. Co.16 has been enlisted to provide a uniformed presence at a skateboard tournament, and everyone was anticipating a good time.

In addition to the duty with the Coolidge PD, our rangers will be assisting the Scottsdale PD with The Ride for the Children. It is a privilege to assist the Scottsdale PD with this special event.

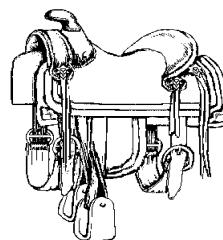
Our Company has also been fully involved with the MADD organization and inspecting the seized Meth. Houses.

The above are just a few of the activities with which The Arizona Rangers, Scottsdale Company, has an involvement.

We are very proud that we have gained recognition with two police agencies and are looking forward to assisting any and all people in this great state.

We ask you keep all those in the armed forces and law enforcement in your prayers.

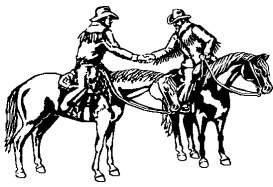
We remain faithful to our organization



Trail Wisdom

"When you can't find somethin', either it's lost or you are."

(Excerpt from Texas Bix Bender)



It's time to Thank

Thank You Arizona Rangers

Mrs. Rita Beaty, the wife of Territorial Ranger Chapo Beaty wishes to express her sincere thanks to all Rangers for the beautiful card she received early in April. Mrs. Rita Beaty is 96 years old and lives in Patagonia. Her son Marshall Beaty delivered his mother's regards.

Maj. Dave Bruce gives Thanks

Many thanks to Maj. Anita Korhonen for providing an opportunity to this non-e-mailer to express my profound and deepest thanks to my friend, Maj. Spud Hester, for attending to the events, issues and matters, of the Southwest Area during my five months of absence. I also wish to most sincerely thank the many members of this wonderful organization who called, wrote and took their time to express their good thoughts and well wishes to me during this difficult period. As Mark Twain related, the reports of my demise are most highly exaggerated!

With utmost respect and appreciation to all:
Maj. Dave Bruce (tel. 520-326-4135)

A note about giving thanks from Sonoita Chaplain Jerry Cardinal

With the country in its current state of affairs, it's not enough simply to pray. We need to express a profound thanks and gratitude. The thanks was addressed in words below quite well by the Essenes some 2000 years ago.

One of the keys of respect and therefore of inner happiness and enlightenment is to learn to be grateful and to say thank you with real feeling of gratitude. The phrase "Thank You" has the power to open the consciousness and to awaken it into a true wealth and to connect with one's higher consciousness.

To say thank you is to increase the good intensity of Life. Discontent narrows life whereas gratitude dilates, enlarges and increases happiness and opens the door to infinity of Love. Gratitude is the art of tasting Life with relish. Happiness depends largely on our ability to feel gratitude.

The thank you which soars towards the Universe with respect and gratitude is also the most beautiful prayer. Gratitude also translates in rebirth of oneself. I thank you unites not only people but heaven and earth.

When the thank you is sincere and filled with your honest intent it has the power to touch and awaken the very center of one self.

One who knows how to say Thank You to the Greater Intelligence is said to find the direction and goals sooner.

Everyone on Earth should offer their warm thanks to their fellow men honestly, not to the little artificial self part of us, and also to the Holy One who is everywhere.

A true thank you opens the perception of beauty, wisdom and greatness, a source of well being and beneficial Life. One can then share all this with others through friendly words, smiles filled with light and warmth from one's heart.

Thank You State Treasurer

Maj. Dennis Harrington for long years of managing the Arizona Rangers state budget. You did it so skillfully.

Thank you for giving generously of your time and especially your common sense on where the Rangers should or should not spend money. Thank you for always looking after the best interest of the Rangers. Thank you!



Thank You former Capt. Don Lowe

for helping to get a major donation for the Ranger News. This donation is much appreciated and was used towards the printing cost of this very issue. Thank You Don for your contributions to the Arizona Rangers organization.

Thank You Col. Chandler

Col. Chandler, thank you for your leadership and for returning full time to the Show Low Company 7. You have always been available to me as an advisor and to the Show Low Company as an example as to what an Arizona Ranger is.

Col. Chandler, you have always signed up for more duties than required in the by-laws and when asked by me "why are you pulling double duties?" the answer is always the same: "I need to set an example." Holding the position of State Commander should have been enough but Col. Chandler wanted everyone to fully understand what being an Arizona Ranger is all about. In times of turmoil Col. Chandler put his home up as security for payment to our attorney (as well as did others in our organization) when the "Dark Side" attempted a take over. The hours and days Col. Chandler put in working to growing and making the Arizona Rangers a better organization for us all. This was not accomplished by Col. Chandler alone, his family also assisted by supporting him on his trips around the state, and the expense encountered above and beyond reimbursement.

A Thank you is not enough, you are a part of The Arizona Ranger History and Thank you also for being my friend.

Col. Eddie Resner, congratulations on being elected as our new Arizona Ranger State Commander. You have the Show Low Company and my unconditional support as you lead The Arizona Rangers in a new era. One 'kernel' in a box of popcorn and I am just trying to butter you up. Show Low, as you already know has just re-elected myself as their Company Commander once again! I am looking forward to this next year of service and would like to thank my staff for their support this past year.

To the members of Company 7, thank you for all your dedication and hard work in building an outstanding reputation in the White Mountains.

Each Ranger throughout the state has contributed to building that reputation, and all of us are proud to be a part of the present day "Arizona Rangers".

By Capt. Don Solomon, Show Low Company 7

Kidder Memorial Shoot was Fun

by Community Relations Officer Terri Dodge

At 8 am, on April 10, 2010, sign up for the 2nd Annual Jeff Kidder Memorial Tactical Shooting Competition got underway. Nine Arizona Ranger Companies, Bisbee, Benson, Coronado, Phoenix, Show Low, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Verde Valley and Yavacopa, converged on the Sierra Vista Gun Range to compete in the tactical match to determine which company would be victorious and named "top team". Each Ranger Company chose four of their best shooters and two alternates to represent their interest in going after the coveted, Jeff Kidder Memorial Perpetual Award, as well as other awards. By 0845 a safety briefing was given and the order of shooting decided by drawing numbers from a hat. Enthusiastic teams then made their way to the shooting ranges and the competition was on. The Jeff Kidder Memorial Shoot is not just an ordinary target shoot where competitors are shooting at stationary targets.

Here, competitors face scenarios that simulate real life situations that require the Ranger to think, move, take cover, and shoot as would be required if they were actually involved in a real life gunfight. Stage one was set up as a Border Patrol assist in which the Ranger was required to carry an ammunition box while shooting their way to the backdoor of a US Border Patrol vehicle.

This stage was designed to test the ability of the Ranger to shoot with the strong hand only, while in motion and carrying an object in the other hand. This is a difficult course of fire because controlling the muzzle while moving requires accurate sight control and smooth progression. Once the Ranger reached the back of the Border Patrol vehicle, the ammunition box was placed on the ground and the course of fire completed.

Stage two simulated the Ranger entering a house used for bomb making. The first encounter required the Ranger to face "bad guys" with body armor, forcing them into a "failure drill". In an adjacent room, Rangers engaged moving targets and had to perform a tactical reload. Shooting from cover at tall stages was required to re-enforce the concepts of tactics in a gunfight. Stage three was the "El Presidente" stage, where Rangers were required to perform a speed drill, firing two rounds at three targets from standing, kneeling, and prone positions. The scores from each stage were delivered to the scoring desk by runners and then quickly entered into a computer data base in a scoring program, developed by Gloria Frazee, allowing the results of the match to be completed within minutes of the last shooter finishing. The 43 Rangers that competed were joined by family, friends, and fellow Rangers for a fantastic lunch of barbecue pork loin, ribs, and chicken, with several choices for side dishes.

Everyone enjoyed the food and no one left hungry! Awards were presented after lunch by Major Kenn Barrett. The Phoenix Company stormed into the winner circle with a deserving triumph, showing that their weeks of practice and hard work paid off. Phoenix Company walked away with the Jeff Kidder Memorial Perpetual Award, in addition to the awards for Top Score for Stage one and Stage three. Ranger Jon MacMahon from Phoenix Company also won the award for the top score over all! Sierra Vista Company, last year's winners, were back in the winner's circle again this year, receiving the award for top score for Stage two. Congratulations to all winners! Thank you all for coming and participating, making this year an even bigger success than last year! Get out and practice because next year the Jeff Kidder Memorial Perpetual Award will be up for grabs again!



It all started with advertising and practices



They came from Bisbee Company, Coronado Company and other companies

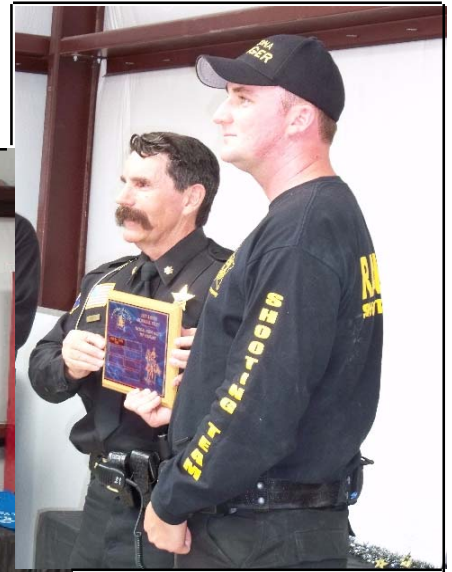


They all listened carefully to Lt. Frazee's briefing of rules and safety regulations ...

And then they shot...



Phoenix Ranger team wins the Shoot again



Top score overall Winner Jon McMahon (Phoenix Company) receives his Award from Maj. Kenn Barrett, Arizona Rangers State Training Director, above.

Phoenix Ranger Company won the Second Annual Kidder Shoot

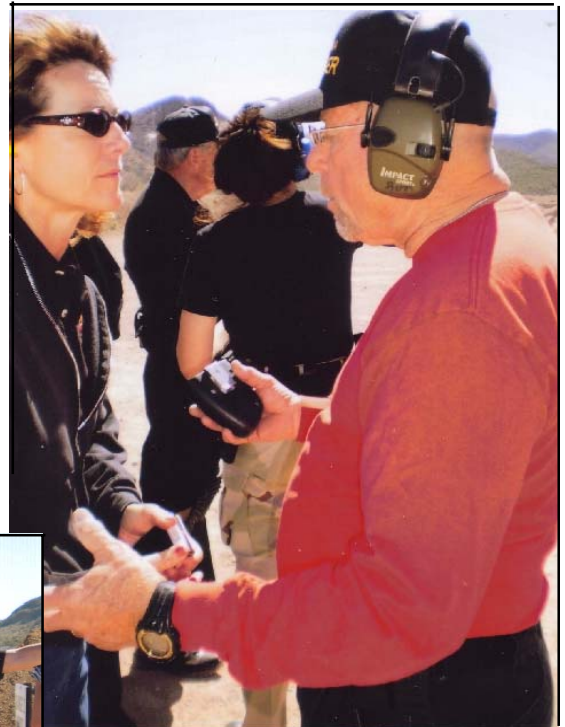
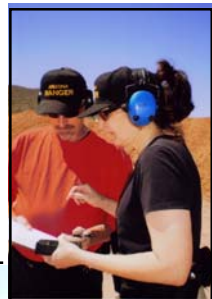
Photos Jim Durham



Gloria Frazee kept the scores

The Results:

1. Phoenix Company
2. Sierra Vista Company
3. Yavacopa Company
4. Bisbee Company
5. Tucson Company



The founder of the Kidder Shoot, Lt. Bud Frazee, above, explaining the procedure to Pam Hamlett

Photos Anita K.

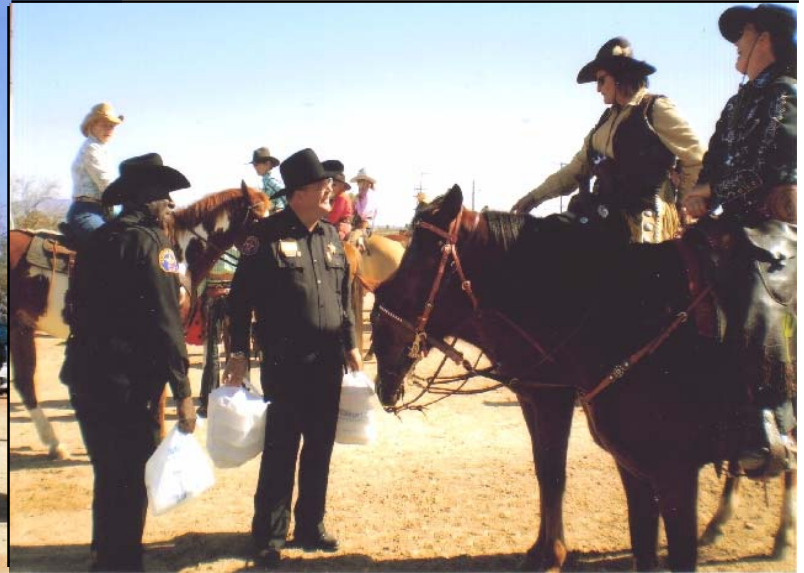
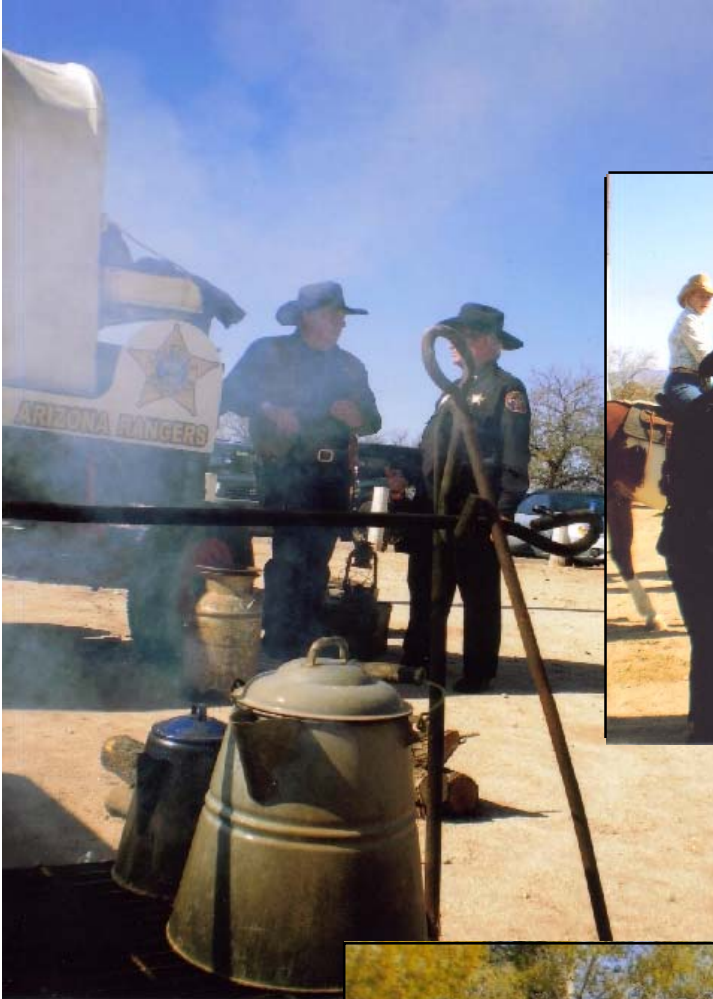


The new State Commander shot with Tucson Company

Andy Waldman was back from overseas

Benson Ranger Days Another Success

Second Annual Territorial
Ranger Days February 13-14, 2010



It was fun for the Rangers and for the Mounted Competitors, who came in numbers to participate

The atmosphere was that of the Old West



Benson Ranger Company did a tremendous job in organizing and carrying out the Second Annual Territorial Ranger Days with cookouts, Mounted Cowboy Shoot Competition and a dance.

Ranger Museum Honored by Life Members, Honorary Rangers and Donations

From left :
 Capt. Rex Lee,
 Col. Sid Chandler,
 mannequin Burt
 Mossman sitting
 and artist Jim Bell



Capt. Harry Wheeler's
 Granddaughter Pam
 Hamlett unveils new
 Wheeler's Orders, left.



Lt. Tim Tower,
 Mrs. Hanson, center,
 and Mrs. Kathy
 Chandler, right



Col. Phil Hanson
 greeting Pam
 Hamlett, above.



Captain Pierre Brehm, Mrs. Fenn, left,
 and Mrs. Brehm sitting at right

A True Hidden Treasure: The Arizona Ranger Museum

I had the opportunity of the wonderful experience of attending the gathering of the Life Members and Honorary Rangers of the Arizona Rangers on March 13, 2010. The event took place at the Arizona Ranger Museum in Nogales, Arizona, in which much of the museum's intricate operation is due to the efforts of Major Anita Korhonen.

This venture became a first experience for me, and one that will remain permanently embedded in my heart and memory. My two sons Nick and Sam, accompanied me to this extraordinary event and gathering which in part, was to present the recently discovered declaration of a "Seventh Order" issued by my grandfather, Captain Harry C. Wheeler on June 1, 1907. One of my first observations was that of a life size Captain Burt Mossman, seated in a chair behind his original antique desk of more than ten decades ago. In addition, another life-size replica of a Modern Arizona Ranger stood tall as a gift of Hon. Ranger Jim Bell to compliment the depiction and contrast of the two united organizations.

A sense of pride overwhelmed me as I gazed at the display cases, photographs, saddles, bridles, weapons, and paraphernalia of the old west. The museum details the portrayal of the ventures of the Arizona Rangers, and due to its location in the Old Courthouse, with its wooden floors and old fashion windows, the museum gives the feeling of authenticity of the old west. There was such a sense of unity, commitment, and high standard among the Original Arizona Rangers. This "unity and commitment," the backbone of any organization, was to be passed down to the Modern Arizona Rangers organization as well.

As I perused the displays in awe, I wondered why the museum, as true to a "hidden treasure" it is, was not more known to the general public. After searching for an answer, it was learned there is limited manpower, which does not enable the museum to be open on a daily basis. Saddened by that fact, I felt truly blessed and honored to have the opportunity to finally witness the wonderful depiction of the Rangers, both old and new, through the wealth of knowledge presented by the museum and its displays. It is a memory and experience never to be forgotten.

—Pam Hamlett

Tucson Rangers elect new Captain and add duties

Tucson Company has been busy, as usual. We closed 2009 with our Christmas dinner, which was attended by guests such as Tim Bee, president of the Arizona Senate, and Frank Antenori, state representative. Ranger of the year was Sgt. Gary Friedman.

The new year brought many duties such as helping Santa Cruz Company, the museum in Nogales, Beat Cancer boot camp, meth house inspections, MADD, Arizona Fish and Game hunting license detail, DUI task force, Dillinger Days, Unsung Heroes banquet security, Rodeo Parade grounds security, participation in the Tucson Rodeo Parade, Shriners, Accenture Golf Tournament, Anniversary of the Railroad's coming to Tucson, Marana Middle School teen dance and Marana Founders Day. Some of these duties, such as Shriners, MADD and DUI, are ongoing.

We also participated in security for the showing of an original copy of the Declaration of Independence. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords said we showed professionalism and wanted us in photos. We received lots of recognition in the newspapers and on TV. To round out January, February and March duties, we provided security for Sen. John McCain and former Alaska Gov. Sara Palin. There were around 3,000 in attendance at that event along with numerous media crews. All went well.

The Tucson Company contributed 4,437 admin hours and about 6,000 duty hours in 2009.

We elected as our new Captain Leigh Lundberg and wish best of luck to our former Captain Eddie Resner, who became the State Commander.

Sgt. Mary Tindall



Tucson Company newly elected Captain Leigh Lundberg at right being congratulated by the former captain and new State Commander Eddie Resner.

Tucson Rangers provide security as Palin and McCain take center stage in town

A who's who of dignitaries, VIPs, local and national media outlets gathered at the Pima County Fairgrounds as Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin joined U.S. Senator John McCain at a National Rifle Association sponsored rally in Tucson.

An estimated 4,000 people jammed Thurber Hall as Palin and McCain appeared on the campaign trail for their first appearance together since the 2008 Presidential campaign.

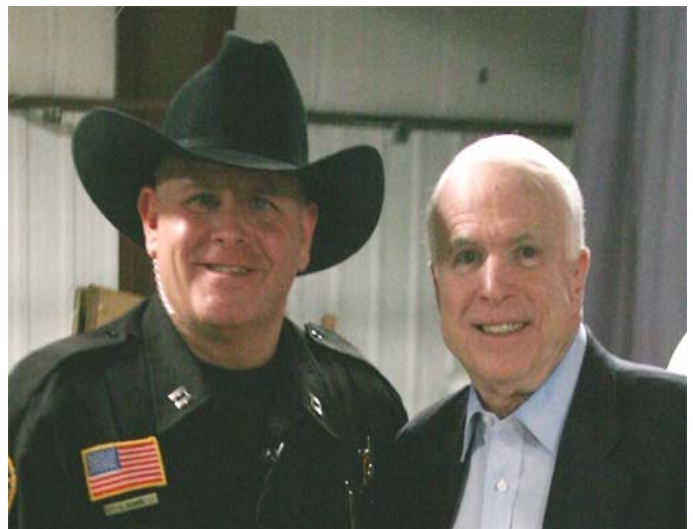
The Arizona Rangers were the only agency providing security for the event and although no major incidents were reported, Tucson Company Commander, Captain Eddie Resner and incident commander, Major Spud Hester ordered the doors closed to the public due to overcrowding.

Adding to the assignment, Palin and McCain were under the watchful eye of Tucson Company Rangers as no formal federal security detail was provided.

Senator McCain, former Governor Palin and friends of the NRA personally thanked Tucson Company Rangers for their efforts.



The Associate Rangers were honored at the Tucson Company meeting. From left Associate Allan Mermel, who has devoted his time and efforts as Chaplain and at right former Company Commander, retired Police Captain Don Lowe.



Arizona Senator John McCain and then Capt. Resner

Sonoita Company Increases Special Training

Once again we come to the conclusion of another successful year. At this time I would like to thank all the members of my company for their support and perseverance. We were a company on the verge of disaster and with all their cooperation we are now 15 members strong and still growing.

On the plus side we are now working stronger than ever with the Patagonia Police Department and at their behest are in talks over new MOU's including patrolling the streets of Patagonia in marked city vehicles, and assisting the members of their PD. They have requested we enhance their department with our presence and we are more than happy to oblige in any way we can. They have offered us our own Emergency Marked vehicle for our use on patrol

We have received news from the Arizona Racing Commission that the Santa Cruz County Races will take place this year as normal and that it has not gone the route of many other race tracks this year. Instead they want an increased presence on the part of the Rangers at this venue. In addition we still are needed for the Rodeo, and The County Fair, and the Cowboy Symposium in the near future. Whoopee we get to use our new Mobile Unit.

I would like to take a moment to welcome aboard our new Rangers of this past year. Including, Juan De La Ossa, Steve Archibald, Robert & Jean Welch, Rev. Gerald Cardinal, John York, and Jack Foster, (who by the way is a direct descendant of Lt John Foster of the original 1901-1907 Rangers and took part in the Morenci Duty), and Cliff Terrell who transferred in from Douglas company. On the obverse side of the coin we are sad to lose some excellent rangers who we will miss deeply, M/ Sgt. James Edwards, due to a major Motorcycle accident Sgt. Terry Schonert, and former Ranger Cliff Cudney. Our Thoughts are with Cliff and Jim as they battle with major health conditions. Keep up the good Fight guys, "we've got your backs".

We are now passed our Company elections and as of April 7, 2010 our Commander remains Captain Jerry Auriema, with the secretary still being Lt Phil Aiken, the treasurer is still Lt. Jim Surmacewicz, and newly elected Lt. Jack Foster will be our Internal Affairs Officer. Our newly appointed Training Sgt. is John York. Congratulations to one and all and best wishes for the coming Year, May we continue our growth pattern and strong presence protecting the youth and community of Sonoita and Santa Cruz county.

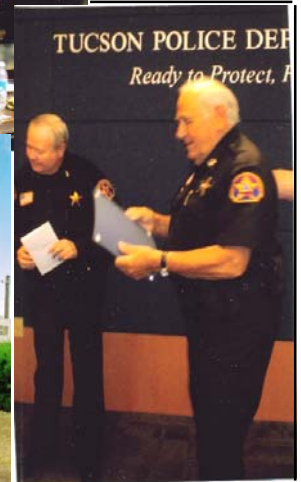
We are also increasing our cooperation with the county emergency management. Courses are offered to train our Rangers. Our new transfer member Cliff Terrell will direct us in further special training according to the county needs.

As we start the New Year we are 15 strong and we want to wish all the best to our new Commander, Colonel Ed. Resner and to the new BOD/BOG that will be supporting him. Our congratulations go out to Terri Dodge on her election to Major in charge of Rangers State Public Relations.

Special training session of bioterrorism was arranged in April by Assistant Coordinator Terrell of Santa Cruz County.

We are very proud of our "Little Biggest Ranger Company" and it's Commander, Captain Jerry Auriema, who received a State Commander's Award at the Annual State meeting.

By Lt. Phil Aiken



SONOITA CAR WASH

The small community of Sonoita, Arizona, finally has a regular car wash. The car wash is only once a month (first Saturday of each month) and not in a big shiny building, but to the community, it has been a real source of pride. The Sonoita Company, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, is now overseeing the rise of a community-wide effort to wash some very dirty vehicles. There have been all sorts of people helping, including local firefighters, school children, Rotary Club members, a local judge, local contractors and a few retirees. It is quite a sight to see the cars, construction equipment, Border Patrol trucks and cars, DPS patrol cars and golf carts get a special treatment from the local car wash specialists. Way to go community!

By Lt. Jack Foster

Our new Money Man Ranger State Treasurer

An Interview with Maj. Brad Cherry

1. When did your interest in money matters and figures start?

When I started college in the fall of 1970 I was an accounting major and developed that interest at that time. Throughout my life's work in law enforcement I became involved in record keeping and budgeting as a section commander responsible for writing and administering a budget for the section that I was in charge of.

2 What is or was your previous or real profession?

After college I began my career in law enforcement with the Ankeny Police Department in 1976 along the North side of Des Moines, IA.

During the next 23 years I served as a patrol officer, assistant watch commander and watch commander. I was a court certified expert in traffic accident reconstruction, having covered several high profile vehicular homicide cases. I was then named Section Commander of the Investigative section of the Department in charge of the Detective Section, Hotel Motel drug unit and intelligence functions. In 1998 I retired working for a short time as an instructor with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy mostly conducting undercover tobacco buys throughout the State of Iowa in conjunction with the Federal Drug Administration.

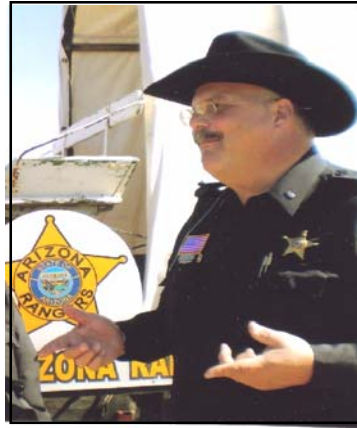
In December of 1999 our family moved to Benson, AZ after my wife Linda received a promotion to Supervisory Deputy with the US Marshal's Service. At this time I started Big Sky Consulting which was a full service accounting and tax preparation service. January 1st of this year both my wife and I retired to devote more time to volunteer organizations.

3. Should the Ranger organization as a 501 C non-profit also have a sales tax exempt?

It would be nice if we could be sales tax exempt, however, as per Arizona Department of Revenue rules our organization must still pay sales tax.

4. Should the companies make more money?

We as the Arizona Rangers have an obligation to serve the public; however, to accomplish this goal we must be able to finance our business operation to meet yearly expenses. As the costs of such things as insurance, equipment and other supplies continue to increase we need to find ways to finance this operation through more paid duties and other means of revenue such as grants etc..



5. What do you see as challenges to the Ranger organization in the near future?

As we in Arizona are still in financial downturn we will face some new challenges. One challenge will be as state county-local budgets are being cut there may be increasing demand for our service and assistance to Law Enforcement. As we try to meet this demand we will have to be trained to meet this challenge. Another challenge that we will have in these economic times will be having enough paid duties to sustain our organization as most of our clients are also suffering the downturn in the economy.

6. Why is it important that this organization remains independent

This is vital if we are to maintain the mission and goals that we have set for this fine organization. As Arizona Rangers we perform a wide range of duties and services. This is true community policing as through finding inventive ways to accomplish the goal of maintaining a safe community is part of our mission. If we were under the thumb of another agency we would be subject to their rules and enlistment standards which would end the Rangers as we know them

7. Why do you like to be an Arizona Ranger?

I first attended a Ranger meeting through the urging of the Benson Captain Rasch after he asked if I would assist him in gaining duty with the Benson Schools as I was on the Benson School Board. After attending this meeting I realized as a lifelong public servant I could continue to serve in an organization dedicated to the Ranger goals. As a retired Peace Officer I felt I could use my training and experience to further the mission of this fine organization. During the time that I have been a Ranger I have enjoyed the time spent with the public and other Rangers as we continue to serve the people of this great state.

One Ranger's Duty Experience

By Maj. Bradley S. Cherry, Benson Company

As Arizona Rangers we perform many kinds of duties throughout this great state. Some of these duties are routine, and possibly not the most glamorous of all the tasks in which we may become engaged. But they are necessary to complete the mission and goals of this vital organization. Duty, by definition, is something that one is expected or required to do by moral or legal obligation, such as an assigned task or place of service.

During the month of February I had the honor of performing a duty that, to this date, is one of the highlights of both my time in the Arizona Rangers, and my 23 years as a Law Enforcement Officer. On Sunday, February 21st, Lt. Lindsey Jackson from Benson Company and I reported to the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Tucson. We were to begin a two-day assignment with Tucson Company, providing security for one of only twenty-six remaining copies of what is called the "broadside" copy of the Declaration of Independence. This document was printed during the evening of July 4th, 1776, by John Dunlap, with the help of Benjamin Franklin. It was then distributed by horseback so the colonists of our new nation could read about the bold step our new nation was taking.

Upon our arrival at the museum, we were briefed by Captain Eddie Resner and Major Spud Hester as to what our assignments would be, and how personnel would rotate for the next two days.

I was impressed at the efficiency and professionalism that was displayed by Captain Resner and his staff, given the huge responsibility of safeguarding such a priceless document. The day started off with a VIP presentation of the document hosted by Congresswoman Gabriel Giffords, of the 8th Congressional District of Arizona. After the colors were posted by a local Law Enforcement Explorer Post and the National Anthem was sung by Annie Bathen from Doolen Middle School, remarks were given by Mayor Walkup of Tucson and Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias. We were then treated to a video presentation from retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

When it was my turn to stand with the document, the weight of the responsibility became evident to me. Our task was to protect the document from anyone who may wish to harm it, as the national security threat level was elevated during the time that the Declaration was in Arizona. The security of the document was paramount, and yet we had to facilitate the purpose of its display: to allow everyone in line to see and read what was printed on that page. After doing a turn at the document, I was then assigned to work the line of people waiting to see the document. This is where I gained a real insight as to what the Declaration meant to so many of those standing there. There were people from all walks of life and all ages. The most impressive to me were the ones that were not born in the United States, but immigrated here and became citizens. Some of these men and women would have tears in their eyes as they told me of the



Guarding the Declaration of Independence was much more than a routine-duty. Pictured are Msgt. Ed Kadlubowski, left, Col. Eddie Resner, center, and Ranger Chaplain, Lt. Montana Slack, right.

trials they endured to come to the United States. They came to escape the hardships that the Declaration of Independence outlined so many years ago.

One group caught my attention as they approached the document. They were from the Middle East. When I approached them and asked if they knew about the Declaration, they said that they did but wanted to learn more about the "broadside" version. As I began speaking to them it was evident that they had a love of this nation that would rival or exceed anyone's that was born here. After they left I saw a man wearing a turban who stood in line for over an hour to view the document. He asked me how long we would be there, as he needed to get his daughter from school so she could see the document.

Sure enough, just prior to us closing up for the day he returned with his daughter to stand in line for one more hour so she could also see it. The next day was more of the same, with school groups coming through, with students, teachers, and parents, to view and learn about this historic document. At the end of two long days it was time to transport the Declaration to Tucson International Airport for its flight back to Los Angeles. Again Captain Resner coordinated this effort to come off flawlessly. As the three-vehicle motorcade arrived at the airport with the Declaration and its curator, we were met at the front by the Chief of TSA and the Chief of Airport Police.

Some of his officers, along with three Rangers, accompanied the curator to check-in. The Chief of Police himself carried the Declaration. After check-in, we escorted the curator and Declaration through security to the gate. One can only guess what people thought as three Arizona Rangers and five police officers were positioned around the gate area. When the flight crew was briefed as to what they were going to transport they were excited at the honor of flying the document on their aircraft. Naturally they had to take photographs. The Chief carried the document onto the plane, where it was secured in the cockpit with the crew. When the plane was locked up and departed the gate we all breathed a sigh of relief that this important duty was over. It had been executed without a flaw. I would like to personally thank Captain Eddie Resner, who at that time was the Captain of Tucson Company, and is now our State Commander, for the privilege of working this less-than-routine duty.

HELLO RANGERS!

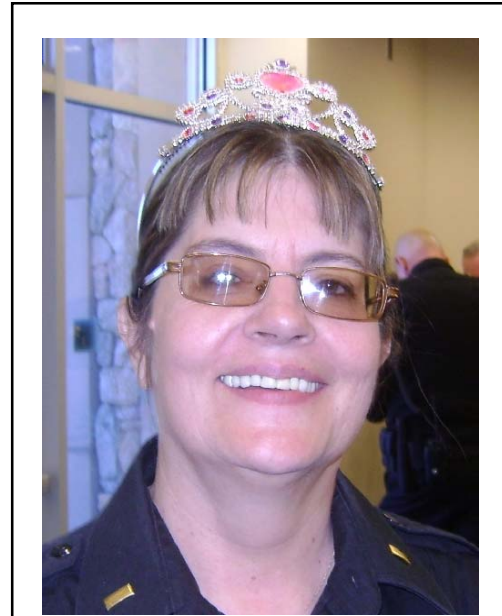
As many of you already know on March 27, 2010 I was elected the Arizona Ranger Community Relations Officer. First of all, I want to sincerely thank all of you who voted for me! I am thrilled and excited to be serving the Arizona Rangers in this capacity. I appreciate your confidence in me and I will do everything I can to let the world know who we are and what we do! I am anxious to get started.

Secondly, I would like to thank Joan and Mike Braten for the fun we shared with everyone at the state meeting. Thank you all for joining in and enjoying the moment! Let me explain for those that were not in attendance. In a conversation with Joan many months before elections, I told her I was very respectful of the promotion in rank that the community relations job, and for that matter, serving on the Board of Directors would give me if I were elected to Community Relations. But that I would rather start out with a tiara, like a Ranger Princess, rather than the oak leaves on my collar. The Arizona Rangers have a sort of "Kingdom" that is unique to them. It's made up of history and tradition that dates back many years. Along the way, many, many wonderful people have built the Ranger Kingdom into what it is today. It took a lot of hard work and many hard won battles to establish and maintain and build it.

Because I will be representing the hard won reputation of the entire organization, others outside our Ranger Kingdom will see me as sort of Royalty to the Kingdom. A tiara represents to the outside world that I take my position with pride and honor to the Kingdom. As Community Relations Officer I will be representing this Ranger Kingdom to the media, public, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Everything I do and say will reflect back on the Arizona Rangers as a whole.

This Ranger Kingdom has earned respect. It is well established, well thought of, and loved. So whoever represents this "Kingdom" must understand that they were handed a very valuable and treasured endowment. I explained to Joan Braten that I wanted to be a "Princess" in this Kingdom. One of the definitions of "Princess" is a woman who is ranked highly in her field, or who has other outstanding qualities. The way I see my position as Community Relations for the Rangers, is the need to be a "Princess" whom knows her kingdom well and works hard to make the other "subjects" (Rangers) in the kingdom shine like stars! After all, it's not about me at all.



Maj. Terri Dodge, the newly elected State Community Relations Officer.

It's about each and every one of the Rangers that have built the empire! What an honor and pleasure to serve you and tell the rest of the world how great our domain is and how our unique Kingdom can help them build up their own territory. Sometime after this conversation Joan and Mike decided I need a tiara. So after I was sworn in as the Community Relations officer at the state meeting in March, Mike rushed forward and crowned me in front of everyone!

What a wonderful surprise! It was a fun time! I sincerely appreciate their joyousness and fun loving spirits! I look forward to being the Community Relations officer and Ranger Princess! I look forward to serving the Kingdom and working with the Greatest Empire in the modern World, the ARIZONA RANGERS!

With great respect to the honor of those that came before us, as well as those that serve today, I will represent you, the members of the Arizona Rangers the very best I can, always remembering the past and helping carry our hopes and dreams into the future.

Best Regards,
Terri L Dodge, Community Relations Officer

State Recruiting Officer Lt. Tim Tower at a Glance

An Interview

What first appealed to you about the AZ Rangers and was that image correct after you joined the organization?

Like many people, I discovered the Rangers by accident while attending a community event at the City Park in Show Low. I met Lieutenants Connie and Loye Wilkins and was immediately impressed that they looked sharp and were willing to spend time with me answering my questions.

My initial interest was piqued when they shared with me that the Rangers had a mounted unit. This might provide me with something useful to do with my often neglected quarter horses. As the day progressed they introduced me to Capt. Don Solomon and State Commander Col. Sid Chandler. They invited me to their next monthly business meeting which I attended gathering more information and started the application process.

Though I have had the opportunity to attend the abbreviated Mounted Officers Training Association School, I have not yet had the opportunity to perform any Ranger duties horseback. The more I learned about the history of the original Rangers and the mission of the modern-day Rangers, I became very passionate that this is something that I needed to be deeply involved with.

Why would you like to see 1000 AZ Rangers? Would it be difficult to manage and operate such a large force?

I became convinced that the Rangers would play an ever-increasingly important role in the safety and security of the residents of Arizona. Realizing the State of Arizona was facing one of its most critical budget deficits in its history, I felt the Rangers would be called upon more often. State Commander Col., Sid Chandler and I identified communities large enough for new companies to be established. We currently have 14 companies. This leaves huge areas of the state unserved. Growing the Rangers to 26 companies seems like a good way to honor the original Arizona Territorial Rangers who had a maximum of 26 men serving at any one time. The goal of 1000 Rangers by February 2012 on the 100th anniversary year of the State of Arizona was a big enough goal to stir my soul.

As to the difficulty of managing and operating such a very large force, one of my mentors, John Maxwell, says "Everything in life rises and falls on the quality of leadership." It will be essential as we grow toward this goal to provide those in leadership positions the very best training and support.

What book did you read last and why did you like or not like it?

I am most strongly attracted to books on leadership development and self improvement. "The Slight Edge" by Jeff Olson, "Leadership and Self-Deception" by Arbinger, "The Difference Maker" by John Maxwell, as well as all of John Maxwell's leadership books, "The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle" by James Hunter, "The Servant, A Simple Story About the True Essence of Leadership" by Hunter, and "Robert E. Lee on Leadership" by H. W. Crocker III are some of my many favorite leadership books. I find that studying leadership skills and frequently reviewing the material helps me do an internal tune-up and stay on track.



State Recruiting Officer Lt. Tim Tower

What skills do you possess to have already recruited tens of new Arizona Rangers?

I feel that Bonnie and I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to be involved with great people who value personal development, high personal values and leadership training for nearly 30 years. This has enabled us to enjoy some modest successes in business, and some incredible rewards from being personal life coach to hundreds of individuals who have gone on to achieve their own meaningful goals, including passing on the life lessons that we have shared, to thousands of other people. I have enjoyed nearly 30 years of public speaking inspiring people to be all that they can be.

I believe that leading volunteer organizations and refining my verbal communication skills have uniquely qualified me to pour my heart and my energy into the goals that I have set regarding the Arizona Rangers.

How long have you been riding horses?

In 1991, after achieving some of our major business goals, Bonnie and I took our two sons for a reward trip half-way around the world. After returning home, more than a month later, the whole family agreed that the best day was the day riding horseback in the Australian bush. That was the beginning of our family's horse riding and horse ownership adventure.

What keeps you going in life?

I feel that I am driven by the strength of dreams and goals of what I could and should accomplish in the areas of inspiring, encouraging, and uplifting as many people as I am privileged to associate with for as long as I still draw breath.

Thank you for this opportunity to share some of my personal goals and dreams with my brother and sister Rangers for the good of the order.

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Douglas Rangers help at Rancher Krentz Funeral

The Douglas Company was ready to win the Second Annual Jeff Kidder Shoot on April 10 but the Company had to answer a call of duty to honor and help at the funeral of rancher Rob Krentz, who was a popular and good friend of many of this Company. He was murdered on his ranch in Douglas on March 27.

The Douglas Rangers assisted the Douglas Police Department with traffic control for the rosary on Friday night and for the mass and memorial service on Saturday morning. It was attended by over 1200 friends, family members and dignitaries. Following the service, the Rangers directed traffic and parking at the gathering in the Gadsden Hotel where the celebration of life of Rob Krentz continued.

That same weekend, the horse races returned to Cochise County after not having them in 2009. The Company provided security and crowd control all day Saturday and Sunday for the racing commission and county fairgrounds. The weather was beautiful and it was the most successful weekend of racing the fairgrounds has ever had. It provided some valuable training for many of our new probationers and Rangers.

Other training conducted by the Company included our annual night qualification, hazardous cargo transportation and protection and seven signs of terrorism. We also did a live fire "tap, rack and shoot" exercise with dummy ammo randomly loaded into magazines. We had separate training for those probationers that had completed ARTA training but had not qualified with a weapon. They qualified both day and night. The training was done in time for them to work the county races. Our new probationers are Victor Gulliver and Mike Salcido. Randy Gearhart completed his probationer period and was sworn in as a full Ranger at the April business meeting. Sadly, Ranger Manny Garcia was forced to retire due to medical reasons and he was given an honorable discharge at our February meeting.

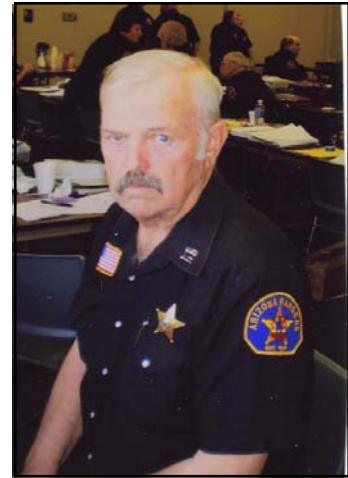
The Company continues to grow and we will be ready to participate and win the next Jeff Kidder shoot so look out Phoenix Company.

Tea Party Detail

Flagstaff, AZ by Lt. C. Leland, P.I.O.

High Country Rangers were called upon to provide professional security for the nationwide traveling "Tea Party" tour when it stopped in Flagstaff, AZ, March 28, 2010.

Various political candidates from federal, state and local races arrived on four specially marked buses along with entertainers. Four uniformed Arizona Rangers worked the six-hour event without any incidents.



Present Douglas Company Commander is Capt. Chuck Chambers

Former Douglas Captain Hudgins Retires from Arizona Public Service



First Captain Don Hudgins holds the Charter of the Douglas Company

After 25 years of dedicated service to Arizona Public Service, Don Hudgins, retired on February 26, 2010.

A Bisbee Arizona native, Hudgins began his lineman career in Portland, Oregon in 1978. Working as a groundman, Apprentice Lineman, and Journeyman Lineman, he traveled throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Leaving his "Boomer" days behind, he came to APS in 1985 where he worked as a Lineman and Foreman in Central Construction, the Hotstick Department, and System Construction. In 1997, Hudgins moved to Cochise District and served as their Construction Section Leader, Area Supervisor, Area Manager, and Manager.

A retirement breakfast was held at the Douglas Customer office at 1034 F Avenue in Douglas on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:30 am.

We all wish Don well in his retirement.

Phoenix on the rise...

As Arizona Rangers we often feel a sense of pride when we put on our uniforms and head out to assist with a duty. The Arizona Ranger uniform mandates an American flag on the chest, a symbol of our country and the freedom that comes under that symbol. It is only fitting then that the Arizona Rangers stood guard in the Arizona State Capital Building when an original copy of the Declaration of Independence came to Phoenix.

The highly visible duty was not only a symbol of the Rangers participation on a joint company duty, it was also a symbol that as Arizona Rangers we first and foremost are sworn to uphold the laws of the land and the Constitution of the United States which the Declaration document made possible. The Rangers of the Phoenix Company felt honored to not only be a participant in this duty but to host so many talented and wonderful Rangers from across the state.

The Phoenix Company is poised to continue to move forward in our progress as Arizona Rangers with a renewed emphasis on training that will help us continue to face the challenges of the upcoming years with competency and eagerness.

The latest example of the Phoenix Company's commitment to training was displayed at the second annual Kidder Memorial Shoot. The long hours of practice, including driving down to Sierra Vista for a practice session with the southern companies and then returning home all in the same day, paid off for the hard working Rangers who won 2 out of 3 stages in the competition and took the trophy northward along with the privilege of hosting match next year.

It was an honor to participate in an event that brought Arizona Rangers together as a collective group to train and enjoy a little sporting competition.

For Ranger Jon McMahon, it was also an opportunity to also take home his second award for being the top shooter in a Ranger event. His "Top Shooter" award now sits proudly next to the one he received at the last Wheeler Shoot. The Phoenix Company presently has a goal to train with other Ranger Companies in the surrounding areas to share training ideas, tips, and experiences with fellow Rangers.

The Phoenix Company had three eager Rangers who recently completed the training and received approval to become ARTA Instructors for the Central region as well as five members of the Company that completed Monadonach Basic Baton Instructors Certification under the watchful instructional eye of Northwest Area Commander Robert Smith.



The unbeatable Phoenix Rangers shooting team

Ranger Companies always want to grow and gain excellent candidates to become Rangers and the Phoenix Company was fortunate enough to have gained an influx of experienced Rangers that have transferred in to bolster numbers with new faces that provide years of experience and help to strengthen the Phoenix ranks even further. Recruiting within the Company also continues its aggressive push, continually adding new Arizona Rangers to our ranks and creating even more enthusiasm for what we do even further.

As Rangers, the training we receive is of little use to the citizens of this state unless it is put to use. The Phoenix Company proudly displayed their abilities that they gained through training by accepting an invitation to work under the direction of Arizona Department of Fish and Game as well as working in conjunction with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for a recent event at the Ben Avery Range that drew an estimated 20,000 attendees.

The Rangers who participated were praised by both agencies for their professionalism and hard work. Rangers have also expanded upon their duties in Phoenix continuing to assist M.A.D.D. Victim Impact Panels and work in a plain clothes capacity for the Arizona Department of Racing at multiple sites and duties in their area of operations, once again proving their merit and their professionalism to the law enforcement agencies that they assist.

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Women in the Rangers

Vicky wins in Sierra Vista

Victoria Conner-Riley was elected the new Commander of the Sierra Vista Ranger Company. Here's her interview:

1. Why did you join the Arizona Rangers?

I joined the Rangers because I had lived in Sierra Vista for 14 years and wanted to do something productive, self-satisfying and pro-active. in my community.

Up to that point, I had done fund raising and walks for breast cancer, but nothing specifically geared towards my hometown. I saw Rangers at an event in our local park and immediately thought of the Texas Rangers and the good they have done for the state of Texas.

Being a born and raised Texan, it made me wonder if the Arizona Rangers were an elite law enforcement entity. Lucky for me we are law enforcement assist and I could join!

2. Are you the first female Commander of Sierra Vista Ranger Company?

I believe I am the first woman Captain for our company; however, I follow in a long and distinguished line of former Captains for the Sierra Vista Company.

3. What is your "real" job ?

My 'real' job is managing four restaurants in a food court area on Ft. Huachuca. I have been doing managerial work for 30+ years in the food industry. Feeding over 400 military members and civilians in a 2 ½-hour period made feeding the participants in the Kidder shoot easy!

4. How do you plan to improve your Sierra Vista Company?

In any business, the idea of 'owning' is prevalent among the Fortune 500 companies. Every Ranger should believe he or she 'owns' the Company and should take the steps necessary to ensure we stay financially viable, duties are more than covered and to network throughout the communities we support in order to become first in the minds of our civic leaders and population when they are needing security, escorts or an armed presence.

5. Do you cook ? What is your favorite food?

Even spending all my adult life in restaurants, I still love to cook for family and friends. My specialties are tequila steak, cheese enchiladas, bbq ribs and my mom's 3-bean salad. My favorite food is Tex-Mex.

6. Have you traveled outside of the U.S.A

I spent 9 years stationed in Europe where I traveled extensively. I have been to Germany when it was still East and West (tore down my piece of the Berlin Wall), the Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia (neither of which exists today), Mexico and Canada.

I love to travel and especially love to immerse myself in another culture that is sometimes very alien to my own.

7. Where were you born ?

I was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, and raised in Garland, Texas where I attended elementary through high school. I attended a local community college after graduating high school. But, I had little passion for it and opted to enhance my abilities within the food industry.

8. Last movie you saw ?

The last movie I saw was 'Avatar'. Absolutely breath taking for visual effects!

9. What are the Higher Values in your life ?

The higher values I try to maintain are keeping my word, standing up for the little guy/gal and making sure those under my command, whether at work or in the Rangers, are safe, trained and go home to their families every night.

10. What inspires you ?

What inspires me are the same values in others that I try to maintain in myself. Anyone who goes above and beyond the call of duty, whether as a Ranger, mother, or any of a million 'jobs' with no other thoughts than to 'get it done right' and is not looking for adoration or recognition are not only inspirational, but my heroes. Moreover, it is my honor to serve with many of these in my own Company!



Sierra Vista Company Delivers a Gift for the Ranger Museum.

By Jim Marshall, Associate Ranger

Mrs. Candice Hatfield, daughter of a former Arizona Rangers State Commander, Gordon E. Burch, presented the Sierra Vista Company Commander, Capt. Louis J. Edwards II, with her father's Arizona Ranger equipment.

Mrs. Hatfield said she felt her father would have been happy to see the gear going to a probationary Ranger. Because Ranger Burch was a State Commander of the Arizona Rangers, Capt. Edwards suggested that the gift be donated to the Ranger Museum in Nogales, AZ. Mrs. Hatfield consented to this.

Gordon Burch was the epitome of an Arizona Ranger. He was man of many vocations and interests and was deeply involved in every community in which he lived. He was the manager of the Bank of Tombstone. He became a business owner when he started the Burch Ambulance Service in Sierra Vista. It was at that time that he joined the Arizona Rangers, and from 1990 to 1992 became the state commander. He was an assistant administrator at the then Sierra Vista Community Hospital. Burch was the administrator of the hospital in Quincy, Washington. He had a life-long interest in law enforcement.

While in Quincy he was a reserve police officer. The Quincy police department awarded him a plaque for his outstanding years of service. His entire life was one of service and community involvement. Burch was a member of the YMCA "Indian Guides," the Toastmasters, and the Lions Club. He was a trainer for the Neighborhood Watch program. He was involved in the Victims Assistance program in Tempe, AZ. With all of this, he still found time to breed Great Danes! Col. Gordon E. Burch lived from 1935 till 2005..

From the State Adjutant's Desk

The Arizona Ranger Uniform Committee and how to make it work for you

Approximately 10 years ago, the then state commander, Col. Richard Schloss, established a Headquarters committee to review and make recommendations on requested Arizona Ranger uniform changes. The members were all volunteers with the state Sgt. at Arms acting as the point of contact.

All requests were reviewed and the results of the committee discussion were given to the state commander who could either present them to the Board of Directors or decide on his own. Once a decision was made, the request might be presented to the Board of Governors and/or referred to the companies for a final thought.

More often than not, the request would get lost in the process and the requesting individual or company would simply go ahead and change the uniform at the company level. Enforcement of proper uniform was up to the company commanders. This lack of proper process continued through several state commanders.

When Col. Sid Chandler assumed command, one of his first decisions, which he presented to the BOD, was to solidify the ineffective uniform committee into one that could function. The BOD decided that the four area commanders should be the main body with the state adjutant acting as chairperson. The adjutant, while active in the discussions, would only vote to break a tie. (There has only been one tie since this committee was established.)

The procedure is a very specific, step-by-step process that assures suggested changes receive the attention they deserve. Tradition remains important, but not at the cost of safety or reasonable progress.

This is how the system works:

The individual Ranger or Ranger company sends a request for a uniform change to the state adjutant. The adjutant, in turn, sends copies to the four area commanders who review the request and decide if it has merit. Regardless of the vote of the area commanders, their recommendations along with original request are presented to the BOG. Following a discussion, a vote determines if the request is to become law. If rejected by the BOG, the suggestion may not be resubmitted to the uniform committee for one year.

Started by Col. Chandler more than four years ago, the uniform committee and this process have become a positive and effective way to determine uniform changes as they may become necessary



State Adjutant Lt. Col. Lathan Varnado

Words have consequences

A simple truth

“I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure that you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.”

As children, we all were taught the very old adage, sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. Once we were grown, we equally knew that the adage was not factual. Words can and often do carry a multitude of sticks and stones, and sometimes boulders and bombs that can hurt, demean and even devastate.

In politics as in life, words can be the difference between success and failure. Words are often used by those who wish to cause doubt, discredit or cause others to question a person's integrity. Using words this way stems from a lack of morality or personal ethics. What is originally said is furthered by rumors and gossip.

These attacks come from those with low self-esteem. It is one way to bring others down to their level. Demeaning others makes the instigator feel bigger and better about himself. He or she cannot become a better person, so there is continual verbal assault on others. It is a disease for which there is no cure and no vaccine.

Arizona Rangers have no immunity to the disease. Often it appears that for a few, bruising and battering a fellow Ranger for a difference of opinion is considered a viable option. Rather than simply saying nothing or telling the truth, rumors and invective, often embellished are perpetuated.

Half truths, rumors and hearsay cause even more harm, not only to the individual, but also to the image of our Ranger organization. To demean a fellow Ranger by creating doubt about the character, integrity or leadership of that individual, causes a loss for the entire organization.

Words can and do hurt. They can damage our organization and cause others to view us as less. Malicious gossip renders pain and causes doubt. There is no place in the Arizona Ranger organization for rumor mongers and character assassination. It all boils down the old saying, “If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.”

Ladies and gentlemen, it is really as simple as that.

**Arizona Rangers Rules and Regulations; IX Ch.3;
Disciplinary Action by Hearing Board Decision : parts 5 & 9
“spreading false or malicious rumors against another Ranger”
“.. or obvious harassment of fellow Rangers”.**

The Rangers are still riding ...



Verde Valley Company Arizona Rangers parading on horseback in Sedona on Irish Day 2010

Horses have been an essential part of carrying out the duties since the establishing the Arizona Rangers in 1901. Ranger horses are usually durable and good natured. The guidelines regarding horses for the Arizona Rangers in the 1901 Military Code gave instructions as follows :
“ 3217, Sec.5. .that each member of the said company shall be required to furnish himself a suitable horse...”
...provided, that all horses killed in action shall be replaced by the Territory, and the cost of horses so killed in action shall be determined by the Captain...”

“3219, Sec.7. ...each member of the said (Arizona Rangers) company is hereby authorized, when in pursuit of criminals, to take horses when necessary to continue the chase, wherever he may find them; said horses to be returned to owners as soon as possible afterwards, and the same to be paid by Territory...”

Some of the modern day Ranger companies still have mounted units with certified Mounted Officers for duties and parades. They, however, do not ride even close to the 400 miles average per month as the Territorial Rangers did.

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