We hope that by now all members will have received their Winter/Spring PATROLLING magazine. If you haven’t it should be there soon (the magazine travels via bulk mail). For those that haven’t, or wish to have the new online copy (same as the mailed issue), there is a link here on the main page: www.75thrra.com

A couple items that should be of interest for those not already familiar . . . and a reminder for those that already know:

1. Voting is limited to REGULAR category members in good standing (meaning that your dues are current). The other 7 categories of membership enjoy the same rights and privileges of REGULAR members except that they may not vote.
2. Members who run for office are reminded that they should be able to state that they have, or will make available, the time required of their position for Association business. Members nominating others should also take this into consideration prior to the nominating process.
3. Nominations will come from the floor at the General Membership meeting. Anyone who wishes to declare their intentions now rather than waiting until the membership meeting and voting may have what space may be required on our website now to introduce themselves, make their candidacy and vision for the organization moving forward know to all members that visit our website.

Two things on behalf of the Secretary:

1. When you pre-register for the Ranger Rendezvous, please **be certain to include the names of any family or guests** accompanying you so that we can pre-print their name tags along with yours. This will save untold time during check-in and will be appreciated by everyone standing behind you in line.
2. Please do not delay in returning your vote(s) for proposed By-Laws changes. They are inserted in the middle of your mailed Patrolling, or beginning on page 47 of the online version of the magazine (and, for your convenience, those pages have been attached to this PDF). Your votes must be sent ASAP to:

   Secretary, 75th Ranger Regiment Assn., Inc.
   P.O. Box 348360
   Sacramento, CA 95834-8360

   It would be most helpful if you would print your name and member number on the upper right corner of your ballot. Questions? E-mail: secretary@75thrra.com

   You can also e-mail your ballot to the secretary--either way, don't forget your name & number!
ITEM 1, MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 2: Loss of membership
Active membership in the Association may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

b. Receipt of information by the Board of Directors that any member has acted in a manner to bring discredit upon the Association. The Board of Directors is obliged to follow the procedures outlined in ARTICLE XIX of these Bylaws.

Proposed change:

b. Receipt of information by the Board of Directors that any member has acted in a manner to bring discredit upon the Association, or has abused membership privileges for personal gain, or engaged in Stolen Valor behavior. The Board of Directors is obliged to follow the procedures outlined in ARTICLE XIX of these Bylaws.

Discussion:
Over the past few years the organization has been involved with inappropriate behavior by a few members and has been challenged to find adequate reason to terminate membership. This wording solves all past problems. Note that non-payment of dues and lying on an application are covered by the balance of Section 2.

ITEM 2, ADDING SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE XI: OFFICES
SECTION 2: The following Executive Offices are established: (Elected)

a. President: Chairman / Chief Executive Officer
b. Vice President: Programs / Protocol / Membership Recruitment / Vice Chairman
c. Secretary: Administration and Membership
d. Treasurer: Chief Financial Officer

Proposed change:

SECTION 2: The following Executive Offices are established: (Elected)

a. President: Chairman / Chief Executive Officer
b. First Vice President: Programs / Protocol / Membership Recruitment / Vice Chairman
c. Second Vice President: Membership recruitment
d. Secretary: Administration and Membership
e. Treasurer: Chief Financial Officer

Discussion:
This is a housekeeping change as the Second Vice President position was voted upon and approved by the membership some years ago. The by-laws were never updated to reflect this.
ITEM 3, PRESIDENT STIPEND

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE XI: OFFICES

SECTION 1: Individuals desiring to be Executive Officers or Unit Directors must clearly state to the membership that they have, or will make available, their time for Association business and the funds to defray personal expenses while conducting Association business.

c. Organizational funds will not be used, ever, to pay for any Board of Directors transportation, meals or motel/hotel expenses for normal Association business.

Proposed change:

c. Organizational funds will not be used, ever, to pay for any Board of Directors transportation, meals or motel/hotel expenses for normal Association business. However, the President is allowed an annual travel stipend of $2,500.00 for Association business.

Discussion:

This is a housekeeping change as the travel stipend was voted upon and approved by the membership some years ago. The by-laws were never updated to reflect this.

ITEM 4, LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE XVII: FINANCIAL

SECTION 2: Funds received from Life Membership dues shall be invested in high interest bearing secured money market funds, United States Treasury notes, or other investment options offering a minimum risk versus higher return. The actual capital received from Life Membership dues shall not be spent for any reason and shall be held separately accounted for from all other funds.

Proposed change:

SECTION 2: Funds received from Life Membership dues shall be invested in high interest bearing secured money market funds, United States Treasury notes, or other investment options offering a minimum risk versus higher return. The Life Membership Fund shall be separately accounted for from all other funds. The Life Membership Fund principal may not be reduced by more than 6% in any single fiscal year, and must be approved by the Budget Committee and the Board of Directors.

Discussion:

The intent of this by-law was to put the life dues into a large fund that would draw enough interest income that, combined with regular annual dues income, would sustain the organization. However, this by-law has not been consistently followed and the Fund has been used to cover regular operating expenses. The result is that the current Life Membership Fund amounts to approximately $30,000. This low sum, combined with the extremely low interest rates available, only generates a few hundred dollars annually.

It is therefore unrealistic to expect Life Membership Fund interest income alone to help sustain the organization. It is also wrong to deplete the Fund's principal in violation of the by-law. The by-law change attempts to rectify this by putting a nominal limit on principal erosion, and provides for transparency accountability by requiring approval by the Budget Committee and the Board of Directors. This fund must be maintained and protected, and its principal used only for dire expenses, and even then such use would be limited.
ITEM 5, INTEREST INCOME USEAGE

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE XVII: FINANCIAL

SECTION 3: A General Operating Fund will be established and maintained for the Association. This fund will consist of all annual dues received, interest earned from monies realized from sale of Association controlled items, contributions and any profit realized from the preceding reunion. Daily operating expenses of the Association will be met through the General Operating Fund. This fund will be monitored by the Association Vice President, Treasurer, and the Budget Committee.

Proposed change:

SECTION 3: A General Operating Fund will be established and maintained for the Association. This fund will consist of all annual dues received, interest earned from monies realized from sale of Association controlled items, income from all interest bearing funds and accounts, contributions and any profit realized from the preceding reunion. Daily operating expenses of the Association will be met through the General Operating Fund. This fund will be monitored by the Association Vice President, Treasurer, and the Budget Committee.

Discussion:
The additional wording added clarifies interest income from any fund or account does not have to be reinvested in the generating fund or account, but rather the organization may use interest income for operating expenses.

ITEM 6, TREASURER LIMITATIONS

Current by-law wording:

ARTICLE XII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 4: The Treasurer
d. Acquires counter signatures on all checks as required, or in excess of $750.00.

Proposed change:

SECTION 4: The Treasurer
d. Acquires counter signatures on all checks as required, or in excess of $750.00, except for budgeted items as approved by the Budget Committee.

Discussion:
There are recurrent bills that amount to over $750.00 that are normal and incidental to operations. This change allows efficiency for the treasurer in paying these bills. Non-budgeted items over $750.00 still must be approved and counter signed.
75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.
Change of By-Laws Ballot
Spring, 2015

Vote for each item separately. Return to:
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PO Box 348360
Sacramento, CA  95834-8360

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____ YES, CHANGE THE BY-LAWS
____ NO, DO NOT CHANGE THE BY-LAWS
____ ABSTAIN

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____ YES, CHANGE THE BY-LAWS ACCORDINGLY
____ NO, DO NOT CHANGE THE BY-LAWS
____ ABSTAIN

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2015 REUNION  
22-26 JUNE, 2015  
REGISTRATION FORM  

☐ Yes, I will attend the reunion at Ft Benning, GA, 22 – 26 June, 2015.  

You can also register and pay your fees online on our website: www.75thrra.com/reunion.  

Name ___________________________________________ Membership # ___________________________________________  

Unit Affiliation ______________________________________________________________________________________  

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________  

City ___________________________ State____________ Zip __________________  

Phone ___________________________________________ E-mail ________________________________________  

I will be accompanied by ___________ guests*  

*(By registering your guests, you are helping to defray the overall cost of the reunion. The Beer Garden, transportation, speakers, munchies, hospitality rooms, & activities, are all expenses to the Association. We try to make the reunion break even, guest registration helps.) PLEASE PRINT ALL GUESTS FIRST AND LAST NAMES (for their name cards, and planning)  

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REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON @ $45.00 $__________________  

BANQUET TICKETS #___________@ $45.00 $__________________  

TOTAL PAID $ __________________  

Please make checks payable to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association (75thRRA).  

Mail to: 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc., PO BOX 348360, Sacramento CA 95834-8360 or…pay by credit card:  

Visa/Mastercard# ___________________________ Expiration Date ____________________  

Make your reservations now. Call the Holiday Inn North, Columbus, GA. Local phone number for reservations is 706-324-0231 (Be sure to tell them 75th RANGERS to get the Association discount). National Reservation number is 888-465-4329. Our banquet will be at the Infantry Museum, Thursday evening, June 25th.  

The Holiday Inn North, Columbus, GA offers complimentary shuttle service, lounge, restaurant, pool, free parking and other amenities.