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Greetings from Your Unit Director in Pennsylvania. I just returned from business Overseas and want to bring all LRRP/Rangers and families up to date on the Reunion. Yes, we are still Philadelphia bound. The Reunion will be held on the traditional days of Wednesday through Saturday evening. However, I would like to point out that the rates of \$94. (Ninety four dollars a night will apply if you decide to book early and stay a few extra days). The phone number to book the hotel is 855-373-2544 and state you are with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Reunion Block or you may book online at [75th Ranger Regiment Reunion](#) the code RRR is there to give you the discount. Single Kings and/or two Double Bed Rooms are available. Allison Grohovsky is your contact person for problems with the hotel reservations. She can be reached at 215-639-9650 or [Allison.Grohovsky@hibensalem.com](mailto:Allison.Grohovsky@hibensalem.com). I have an assistant helping with the event, you may contact Diane via email [drreitz1@msn.com](mailto:drreitz1@msn.com) or 215-499-4551. I have a new website and there are many photos of Vietnam, previous reunions and current members in the Veterans Photo Section – website <http://davechristian.com>

It looks to be an exciting time - we should have a police escort to the Art Museum steps where we hope to capture a Unit memory with the “Rocky” statue of Sylvester Stallone who also played Rambo an iconic Vietnam War movie.

We will be traveling by bus as traffic is difficult around all big cities these days. I mention on other pages that we will be visiting many of the most famous historic sites in the ‘City of Brotherly Love’. We are scheduled to have lunch at the Constitution Center which is directly across from Independence Hall ( The Birthplace of the United States Constitution ).Note- our Constitution outlines the many freedoms that we enjoy this day - It is important to also note that many Americans and Brother Rangers died on battlefields from the Revolutionary War to the present day Wars fighting to preserve our precious freedoms. The Vietnam LRRP/Rangers continued the lineage that almost ceased after the Korean War because the military in the Pentagon wanted to move to the more “Conventional” fighting tactics. General Westmoreland and General Abrahams brought the Rangers back to life in Vietnam with the LRRP/Rangers and the lineage continues to this day.

The Bus trip to Philadelphia is scheduled for Friday June 14 , Flag Day. We are working on an Official City Resolution honoring our LRRP/Ranger Unit - This Resolution will be shared with the 1st Infantry Museum Ft. Riley Kansas, the Army Museum at Ft. Belvoir and the Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning. Any questions about schedule or plans please contact my assistant Diane.

We will be joined by a number of different Special Operation groups, to include the newest Rangers to have experienced the “Sting of Battle” in South West Asia. I will leave you with a few lines captured at the Infantry museum in Ft. Benning.

Rangers Lead the Way - Airborne all the Way

For two Centuries I have  
Kept your Nation Safe  
Purchasing Freedom  
With My Blood  
To Tyrants  
I am the Day of Reckoning  
To the Suppressed ,  
The Hope of the Future.  
Where the Fighting is Thick,  
There I am.  
I AM THE INFANTRY  
FOLLOW ME !

## **I N F A N T R Y R E C O N N A I S S A N C E U N I T S**

**Infantry ground reconnaissance was so important that U.S. Army Ranger companies were organized into Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) companies and employed in Vietnam beginning in 1969.**

All Infantry reconnaissance patrols were vital to success, but some were conducted for greater durations and distances from friendly forces. Highly trained Ranger reconnaissance units were often employed three to four days at a time, 20 to 50 miles from other U.S. units. Other Infantrymen patrolled for eight to twelve hours within a radius of one to three miles from their parent Infantry units.