

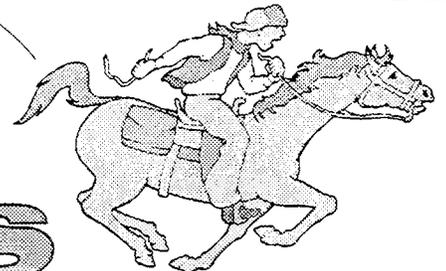


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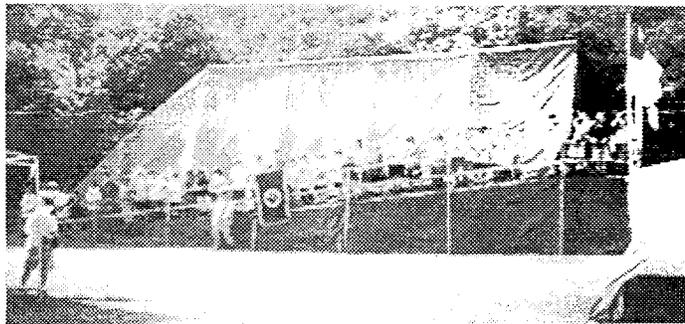
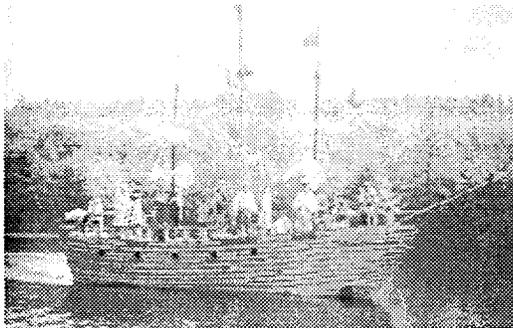
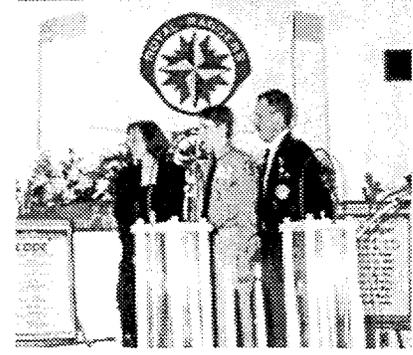
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Mark A. Blanchette - District Commander

## A Note From the D.C.

Out with the old year and in with the New Year, it's 1999! It's going to be an exciting New Year for the Royal Rangers in our district! We have an action packed calendar designed to challenge you and your boys both physically and spiritually. The calendar of events is published in this issue to help you plan your outpost outings. One date that is *not* on the calendar is a Light for the Lost Banquet. We are trying to plan a Light for the Lost rally for those rangers that were unable to make the last ones held in November. I would like to encourage you and your boys to become councilman or at the very least, support a missionary or missionary work! More news on the LFTL later.

For those of you that love statistics, I have some 1998 Chartering Stats for you. This year we had 24 Chartered outposts with 89 Straight Arrows, 139 Buckaroos, 185 Pioneers, 97 Trailblazers, 13 Challengers and 176 Leaders. That is a total of 699 Rangers! I would like to increase our total Ranger numbers in our district to 1000! However, I need your help. We need to do everything we can to fulfill the "Reach" portion of our mission. I would also like to see us hit 30 chartered outposts. With your help and encouragement to other fellow rangers we can hit this goal. Let's work together to "Reach, Teach and Keep Boys for Christ"

In reference to chartering, your sectional commander will be handling all of the charters for his section. It is very important that you send your Charter to your sectional commander in April of '99. During the first week of May he will be forwarding them to me so that they can be processed through the district and national offices. Please help us out by getting your charter completed in April. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As I announced during last year's Pow Wow, the theme of "Hand to Hand Combat", I have had the Lord confirm through three separate messages from the pulpit that "prayer" is a strong emphasis. As our Pow Wow theme is "Hand to Hand Combat" a military theme, the hand to hand combat comes from us bending our knee and folding our hands together in prayer. Please begin to pray for our events that boys will be saved and brought into the

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Greetings from the Wooly Bear's Den.

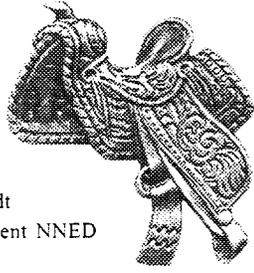
Let me take you on the first Frontier Trek starting on Day 1. We were coming together from far and near so that together, we could head for Demskipy Lake, in up-state Maine, right next to Baxter State Park. With *Tall Timber* leading the way into the lake, all of a sudden, we came upon this giant of a beast. He had horns that spread five feet if not more, and his back must of been six and a half feet high from the ground. The color was almost black but I do believe he was brown. I just knew this moose was going to make a great supper, but we were like a group of "Greenhorns" and didn't even have our smokepoles primed and loaded. Yep, we were caught flatfooted this time, but you can bet your bottom dollar we were "Ready" from then on. Well we kept on going and finally reached the waterways we were going to travel, (of course since we were ready we didn't see anything for supper). After we asked for our Lord's blessing and guidance, *Firebird* and myself (*Wooly Bear*) got in one canoe, while *Eagle Claw* and *Tall Timber* each had their own. The mighty wind roared, and blew a hearty bit as it did its best to keep us from reaching where we were going to set up our camp but we just dug harder with the paddles and kept going on (no quitters here), after what seemed like four or five miles we finally reached the camp, and the wind just kept beating upon us. First thing we did was to set up camp, *Tall Timber* had his diamond shelter up in record time, *Firebird* & *Eagle Claw* took a little longer with the small Bakers and OLE *Wooly* just set up a tarp for a shelter from the wind.

That night we cooked up a stew that would melt in your mouth, and along with the biscuits and dumpling, we were warmed up in a hurry. *Firebird* surprises us

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## FROM WHERE I SIT...

Rev. Dennis Marquardt  
Assistant Superintendent NNED



My home Church this fall is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year of ministry back in Michigan. I wrote a letter to be placed in a "book of remembrance" that they are compiling and in the process of writing this letter I became very aware of the impact that a Church and a Christian home can have on a young boy growing up in a very secular and difficult society. While thinking of this my mind wandered to some other young men who grew up in a very secular society and all the pressures of a very worldly and even idolatrous nation .... but not in our time, back in the Old Testament era. These young men grew up in a culture that was hostile to their faith in God, and in a society that was built around pleasure. It was a country that preached the importance of inclusion of all people and faiths, a nation that mocked God and put enormous pressures on its young people NOT to worship the true God. The country was Babylon, the godly young men were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These young men found themselves in a culture that was very opposed to their godly lifestyle. Temptation to sin and

indulge in drugs and alcohol were everywhere. Money and pleasure were the pursuits of the nation, and the value system of the country was extremely low. There were scandals in government and loose lifestyles throughout the nation. However, not only were these young men able to maintain their witness for God, but they actually thrived in this society. When we find them in the book of Daniel they are in places of leadership within the culture, even in the government! Though they served in a culture and nation that knew not the Lord, they were able to be good workers and leaders without compromising their faith in God.

I believe their example can be a great encouragement to the boys of our Royal Ranger's program that are growing up in an ever increasing secular America that at times has even demonstrated some hostility to our faith. It is noteworthy that none of these men spent time complaining or bad mouthing the government, in fact, they constantly sought ways to help the king and the court. Their actions reflected the character of God, not just their speech. It is also noteworthy that they were able to find ways to obey the king without compromising their faith in the process. God honored these young men because they found constructive ways to live and serve without giving up their commitment to God. At times the commitment of their faith brought them into difficult circumstances, such as the fiery furnace and the lion's den, but they continued

to stand steadfast in the faith while at the same time not becoming unruly or critical toward the leaders of the country, and in the end God honored their faith and even used it to speak to this secular nation and its leadership. Their example actually gave a very ungodly nation the knowledge about the one true God, and they even found promotion in their jobs along the way!

What does this show us? Our boys can thrive in our nation, and even influence it back to a knowledge of God! We need to help show them the way to live and work in a secular society without compromising faith in God. We also need to show them an example of being positive and serving. It will be the long term example of our own lives that will help build the character our young boys will need to stand up for Christ and even thrive in our society. It is interesting to note the Daniel's experience in the lion's den did not happen in his youth, he was nearly 90 years old when this happened! His faithful witness over the course of his entire life helped teach an ungodly nation who the real God was. Our Ranger's program has this very thing in mind, to teach, reach and train boys to walk in all God's ways so they can serve the Lord and to serve their country. If 4 young men can alter the course of a secular nation thousands of years ago, think what an army of them can do today!

Dennis Marquardt  
Assistant Superintendent NNED

# Casualty Report!

I've been in the Ranger Ministry for over 20 years. In those 20 years, I've had great joy and also great sadness. Seeing young men's lives changed by the power of a living God gives the most incredible joy of all. Yet, who in this ministry has not seen that same joy turn to sadness as a young man you've nurtured, cared for and indeed loved, has turn away and set their course on one away from that living God. I want to share my heart's cry for David Parker. Many in the district may remember Dave from his many involvements in Rangers. Here, he is shown receiving the District Commander's Cup. Well, like the prodigal son, Dave too has gone in a direction that can only lead to destruction. However, I serve a living, mighty God who loves this young man more than anyone else could. Sometimes in this ministry, we forget that we are on the front lines of a great battle. My request is that all of you will add Dave to your prayer list. Cut out this picture as a reminder. Put a face on this casualty so that Dave is not just a name. Begin to lift his name up before the Lord. Satan would like to destroy this young man but our God is greater. Do you have a ranger who has wandered off. Tell us about him so that we can wage war with you.

Gary Besaw



by using some of our dried fruit and some corn meal and brown sugar to make a pudding, you would paddle against the wind for. Well, the Lord turned out the lights, so we turned in for the night, and being tucked in out of the wind, we got a good sleep.

Day 2 Sunrise found *Firebird* up getting the fire going, (does pretty good with the flint & steel), breakfast is oat meal (with dried fruit), smoked slab bacon, and tea, coffee, or chocolate. *Tall Timber*, *Firebird*, & *Eagle Claw* has going hunting, which leaves OLE *Woolly Bear* alone to explore the area. I jumped into the canoe and took off down the inlet. Well the very first thing I came across is a tree half chewed through by the beaver. Have to remember to set the traps out later, plenty of signs here. Funny how the Lord took that time to remind me, that some Christians are like the beaver who gnawed on that tree, gets halfway there and quits for some reason. Just got to have that "stick to it" and keep on till the job is done. I found some ducks, a loon, and a squirrel but didn't have a smoke pole with me. Just out looking over God's country and the Master did a great job in creating it, too.

Headed back to camp and found the hunters there. Seems like *Firebird* was forced to shoot a man eating red squirrel that attacked him. Now I do believe he was spreading the truth a might thin there (tall tale?) That poor squirrel was so small, it couldn't attack a large pine cone. hee hee Yep, *Firebird* took some ribbing over that. Have to admit he did eat the legs, must of been on a diet. hee hee. With these brothers for hunters, good thing we brought grub along. That night *Eagle Claw* cooked up a bear roast and a smoked pork roast, some good tasting grub there. *Firebird* made his pudding again, sure do like that, yum. After some fellowship and prayer, hit the sack, as the good Lord turned the lights off again. The wind had calmed a bit, so we had a great night, of course the cloud cover help to keep it warm (around 45).

Day 3 Sunrise (sure do seem to come awful early) and we are up and off again. The hunters are off again, hope they do better this time. I went off to explore again and found our very own cooler. It is a cave that has ice in it most of the year, sure is cold in there. I did reach the top of a ledge around the lake and what a view. This OLE bear is amazed at

the beauty that our Lord has created for us. I just praise Him for that and thank Him that there is still places like that. Made my way back to camp and met up with my brothers, (great hunters?), who were empty handed again. We did some experimenting and found out that wood that has gone punky makes great char for starting fire with flint & steel. Also the fungus that grows on birch trees works pretty well. Guess I can save my long handles now. *Tall Timber* made a soup out of jerky, flour, parched corn and it was real tasty, nothing wrong with eating well. About the only thing that didn't taste too well was the water (had to boil it first) and it was flat, but when we added brick tea it was great.

As the sun was starting to set, our Lord graced us with a sight, few people get to see. Two Bald Eagles were hunting just about fifty feet from us and they are beautiful to watch. I can see why the Lord's word talks about soaring with the Eagles. Later when it turns dark, our Lord blessed us again, by providing a clear night and all of the stars shining bright. We were awed by the Milky Way and the length of it you could see, plus the moon was one quarter and the rest just a shadow. There were shooting stars and what a sight. Only one way that could be there, our Lord made them, not by accident (explosion).

Day 4 - Broke camp and packed the canoes to head back to our time, but you know we all took some of it back with us. I had getting up at sunrise, setting in the sun and talking with the Lord, fellowship with my F.C.F. brothers, views of God's work that I don't see everyday, new ways to do thing in F.C.F. (and to pass them on). This was the first Trek for

the King's Pine chapter, but I can say it will not be the last. Don't miss the next one!!!

Some of the brothers & sisters of the King's Pine got together for a Thanksgiving feast on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and had a blast. We met alot of the new brothers family for the first time, they all fit right in. Of course we had some good food as normal, turkey (topped with bacon) cooked in the trash can, roast beef, along with all of the fixings. *White Buffalo* baked some cookies and they were great (except the ones he forgot about in the oven). The pies were done just right also. Thanks to the brothers & sisters (34) who showed up.

Our next event is the **Business Meeting, March 6**, which will be held at CWC in Barrington NH on the morning of the Ranger of the Year testing. Bring your uniform and help with the testing, the staff can always use help. We will be electing officers for FCF this year, District Scout, Assistant Scout, Vice President just to name a few, also we will be making plans for the upcoming year. We have some new things (FCF Clinic, outfit night,) along with old things, Territorial rendezvous, Pow-wow, family Rendezvous, etc. We need your ideas, remember this is your chapter. If you are planing on joining FCF this year, be sure to contact a King's Pine brother to get the paperwork started. June will be here before you know it. Thanks for all of your hard work through out the year, you make my job easy. May our Lord bless you and yours until He returns.

*Woolly Bear*



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# How to Motivate Your Group

I started working with Rangers in May of 1994 in the Straight Arrow program. I didn't know a lot about Rangers, or even about the other commanders and since I was new I tried to keep a low profile and watch the proceedings. We had crafts, stories, an actual Indian drum to beat, nifty Indian style wall decorations and snack (the boys' favorite). As I became more familiar with the program I learned about the advancements. I familiarized myself with them and tried to help the boys to get through them. I had limited success, which is exactly what the other commanders were experiencing. Many boys would get some awards, but most were not motivated to advance.

After a year I enrolled in an LTC and began my own advancement. It took me five months to get through all the written and oral requirements and during this time I was focussed on my own work, so I didn't approach the boys' advancements with the same energy. One of the most important things I learned there was that each meeting

should include fun and accomplishment, so when my work was finished I renewed my efforts to work with the boys on the advancement trail. The results were the same no matter how much effort I put into it. I couldn't get the boys interested any more than they were. I was stumped.

I was talking with my wife one night at dinner and she made a remark about her own company that gave me the insight I needed to turn it all around. Her company has a saying, "The speed of the leader is the speed of the team." I knew it was what I needed, but it took me a day or two put the pieces together. I finally decided that I would learn everything the Straight Arrows had to learn. I would be setting the pace. I took the requirements to work and worked on them during my lunch time. During the meeting, I would let the boys recite their memory work. I would praise them for each section they got right and work with them on each section they got wrong. This was easy because I knew all the verses by heart. As the boys

began to see that I already knew everything I was asking them to learn, two things happened. First, they began to think they could actually do the work (especially Psalm 23), and second, they began to get excited about reciting the verses during the meetings. We began having a problem. The boys were advancing too fast and running into the time requirements. Even boys who had difficulty with memory work were putting in the extra time with the sure knowledge that I would praise them for everything they got right. I held them all to the same standard and when they achieved, they would feel terrific.

I was feeling fairly competent with the Straight Arrows so God decided to challenge me some more. The outpost leadership decided to move me to Buckaroos. Half of the boys were Straight Arrows I had known, the other half were new to me, but the results were the same. I applied the same tactics there and the result was the same. If the boys know you are there with them and you care about them, and that you are only asking them to do what you have already done, your group will respond well to you and the boys will take an interest in advancements.- Ed Christiansen

*(Ed is a leader in Outpost 43. He is often seen roaming around, looking for new ideas for crafts, games, etc. which probably explains why he is so successful with the kids. In fact, he has been known to even get the big kids (translated into commanders) to participate in things like walnut shell boat races, etc. Need ideas...talk to Ed!)*

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## BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE!

There is still time to sign up for the next 3 day LTC! If you want to motivate your boys, get motivated!

- Learn how to be a better leader
- Learn how to really meet a boys needs
- Learn how to plan a great meeting
- Get to know your co-laborers

Feb 19 - 21, 1998

Call Kevin McCullough - District Training Coordinator  
(603) 768-3437

# Presentation of District Commander's Cup

Royal Ranger Sunday  
Outpost #7, Canaan, NH Assembly of God  
September 27, 1998

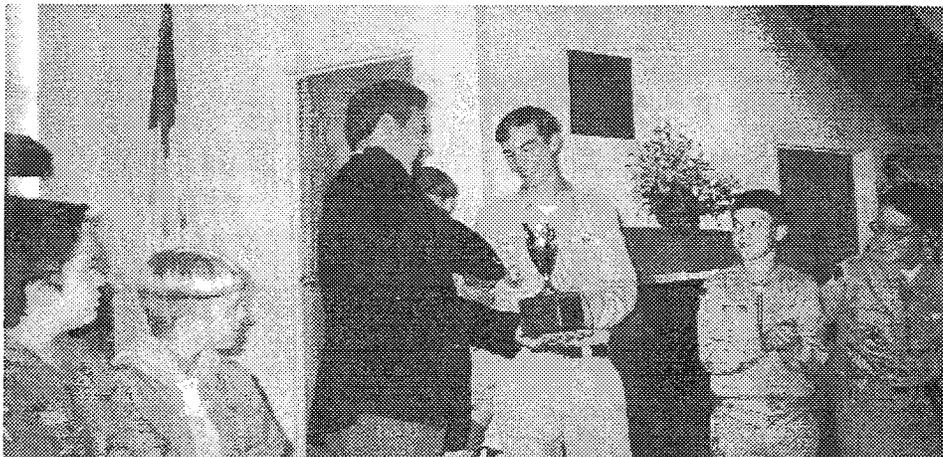
On September 27, 1998 Outpost #7 and one of its Rangers, in particular, was honored. On that date we had our annual Royal Ranger Sunday. On this Sunday the Rangers in our outpost were all honored. On this particular Sunday we also had the honor of having one of our Rangers receive the honor of being formally presented with the District Commander's Cup. District Commander Mark Blanchette was present to give this award to Leon Dugan, a Trailblazer in Outpost #7. The award had been announced at Pow Wow but was officially given at this ceremony.

Leon was awarded this honor due to his outstanding character and leadership. Leon had first come to the attention of the District Commander when he served as Senior Guide for the District at Camporama. Leon is an asset to Outpost #7 and the District. He has always been willing to take on tasks and help where needed. Congratulations to Leon.

In addition to the awarding of the District Commander's Cup the remaining Rangers and Commanders in the outpost were honored in front of the church family. The Rangers took part in the service by acting as ushers, presenting the colors before the church, conducting a candle lighting service while explaining the meaning of the points of the Royal Ranger emblem, and being called out by name to stand in front of the church.

A major part of the ceremony was the bringing of the word by District Commander Mark Blanchette. He brought a powerful message which forced us all to deal with what ever sin we have in our lives.

James Spaulding



Leon is presented the District Commanders cup by District Commander Blanchette

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ministry of Royal Rangers. What we see happen at the altars and council fires will only be a result of our prayer. If we begin now, we will see a harvest of souls.

I appreciate everyone that has helped make this past year a success. I want to thank you for your continued support as the Lord

helps me as your district commander. My staff and I are here to serve and help you. Until then, peace be your journey.

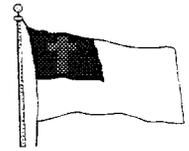
His bondservant,  
Mark A. Blanchette  
District Commander

## 'Figgy'

Many of us have plants in our home that we nurture by watering, strategically, placing them so that it gets enough sun light and we ensure that the soil has the proper nutrients and sometimes we might even talk to it, all be it some of us might not admit it! What would happen if you, on different occasions, sprayed oven cleaner on the leaves or snapped off its branches, neglected to give it water or stuck the plant in a closet? The obvious answer is that it could or would die. It definitely wouldn't be a healthy plant by any stretch of the imagination! Although many plants are hearty and can endure much they can not withstand direct mistreatment.

Many of us are married and God gave to us a beautiful mate, hand wrapped from God himself! Together you meet each other's needs, expecting nothing in return. You two are in love and nothing could ever separate you. You talk, you laugh, you walk along a winding path and the list goes on. However, along this journey there are "differences" that arise that may cause you to become *angry!* As men we may say or do hurtful things to our wife that are just like spraying that oven cleaner on the plant we may neglect our mate which is like not watering our plant or giving it sunlight. We may do something that is like snapping off a branch. The Bible tells us that we are to love our wife just a Christ loves the church. How then, are we to love our wife? That answer is weaved in and out of God's word, He gave us his all by giving His very life. Men, we need to love our wife by nurturing her, spend time communicating by talking and listening, taking that walk through the woods or around the block, finding a babysitter and taking her out on a date. When disagreements come up, talk them through so that the matter can be settled and not left to come up again. It may take some time to work the matter but work it through!

I love and appreciate my wife, my Figgy. (Figgy, is her FCF name during FCF Family outings) I know that I'm not always perfect and I've shaken my can of oven cleaner and I've snapped a few branches but God is faithful in all things. Let's remember to love our wife as Christ loves the church.  
Mark A. Blanchette  
A husband



# 1999 NNED District Calendar

## January

16 District Staff Meeting.

## February

5-7 LTC Seminar Weekend

## March Quarterly Report Due

6 FCF Business Meeting

6 Ranger of the Year Testing  
(1:30 p.m.)

18-20 National Council

## April Chartering Month

9 District Staff Meeting

10 District Wide Cmdr Mtg.

16/17 Regional Ranger of the Year

4/30-

5/1 LTC Campout

## May

21-22 Men's Convention

28 & 29 FCF Family Rendezvous

## June Quarterly Report Due

12 District Staff Mtg

26 ME/NH/VT SAB Roundup  
(2 Locations)

## July

10 District Staff Meeting

22-25 JLTC

## August

6-8 District POW WOW

28 District Staff Meeting

## September Quarterly Report Due

17/18 FCF Trace

## October

1&2 LTC Seminar

10-16 National Royal Ranger Week

16 Gold Training Chief Seminar

## November

1/2 Light for the Lost Tour

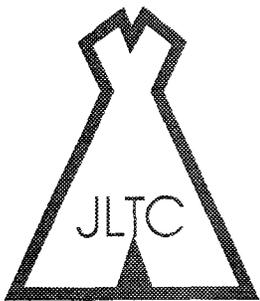
4/5 Light for the Lost Tour

6/7 Regional Meeting

## December Quarterly Report Due

## District Web Page:

<http://www.tiac.net/users/kpoirier/>



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# Junior Leadership Training Camp

## July 23 - 25, 1998

Location: East Central New Hampshire / Southwestern Maine

Cost: \$ 125.00 per boy if pre-registration fee of \$ 50.00 is received by 4/15/99.

\$ 145.00 per boy after 4/15/99.

Who can attend ? Boys age 12 - 17.

Sr. Commander; Please photo copy this application and fill in the information requested below and forward to:

Kevin McCullough  
District Training Coordinator  
PO Box 79  
Danbury, NH 03230

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Outpost # \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt of your pre-registration, A JLTC package will be sent to the applicant and one to the Sr. Commander of each participating outpost with details of this camp.

**THE PONY EXPRESS**

Commander Gary Besaw  
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