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*You will keep in perfect peace  
him whose mind is steadfast,  
because he trusts in you.*

ISAIAH 26:3 NIV



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INTRODUCING the New  
National Commander  
**Doug Marsh**



# RR-QLC

*A Tool for Learning & Growing!*



**RR-QLC** is a continual cycle intended to keep Royal Rangers relevant by being responsive to regular cultural shifts.

**QUESTION:** We invite pastors, parents, boys (*Rangers & non-Rangers*), and the community at large to provide input to our ministry programs and events.

**LEARN:** We synthesize feedback received with other data.

**CHANGE:** We take action. Our ministry is true to its biblical purposes, yet evolves with the culture while influencing it. Then, the cycle begins again in perpetuity.

**Y**ou know what FYI means "for your information." And you know what TMI stands for "too much information." Let me introduce you to **RR-QLC**!

**RR-QLC** stands for "Royal Rangers—Question, Learn, and Change." It is not a program or a theme. It is a leadership attitude and tool that enables Royal Rangers leaders to listen, learn, and pursue excellence in ministry. Learning leaders create a learning organization that embraces evaluation, which precedes improvement and growth.

The purpose of **RR-QLC** is:

- 1) To solicit input from the field (*by asking questions*)
- 2) To synthesize the information with other sources of data (*learning*)
- 3) To improve programs, events, and services in response to the feedback (*changing*)

By being responsive to the needs and interests of those we serve, Royal Rangers will remain relevant to boys in our ever-changing culture.

To initiate **RR-QLC**, the National Royal Rangers Ministries office is requesting constant feedback about the program, publications, products, services, and key events using the following mediums:

- **INTERNET:** Pastors, parents, Ranger boys, non-Ranger boys, and others are invited to complete an online survey at [www.royalrangers.ag.org/qlc](http://www.royalrangers.ag.org/qlc).
- **E-MAIL:** Anyone at anytime is welcome to email the national ministries office with suggestions and ideas. Send your comments to [RR-QLC@ag.org](mailto:RR-QLC@ag.org).
- **SURVEYS:** Post-event and general surveys are used to collect timely and targeted feedback.
- **CONVERSATIONS:** Face-to-face, focused dialogue will also be sought as members of our staff have the opportunity to interface with boys, parents, leaders, pastors, and others around the country.

We invite **YOU** to be a part of this feedback process. **QLC** is open to everyone and we want to hear from **YOU**! Follow the links above to give us your feedback today!

*Thank You for your participation!*





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*Blessings crown the head of the righteous.* — PROVERBS 10:6



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# the new National Commander

Growing up in Royal Rangers, I always wanted to meet the National Commander. I always wondered, "What is he like?" "Was he a Royal Ranger boy like me?" "What is he going to do to make Royal Rangers better?" So now that I work with our new National Commander Doug Marsh, I thought I would ask the questions that I always wanted to, and give you a look into who our National Commander is.

**Ryan** – Tell me about your childhood, how did you grow up?

**Commander Marsh** – I was born

in the country of Bolivia. My parents were Assemblies of God missionaries. They were church planters and started a Bible school. I had a brother and a sister, and for many of my early years, we lived in a RV traveling the country with our parents and our school teacher, starting churches. From a very early age, I knew I wanted to be a Royal Ranger missionary. I had a very real sense of calling to missions. During my teenage years, I traveled the country starting outposts in the different churches.

After high school, I attended Central Bible College in Springfield, MO. I studied missions and met my wife, Kerry. During my summers, I traveled around Central America doing Royal Rangers training and starting outposts.

**Ryan** – When you were a boy, what aspects of Royal Rangers did you find most appealing? In other words, what got you excited about Rangers and kept you coming back week after week.

**Commander Marsh** – Well, being a missionary kid, I did not have the typical Royal Rangers experience. When we were in Bolivia, we were the largest outpost in the nation—my dad, my brother, and I. I was only able to be apart of a regular Royal Rangers outpost when my family returned to the United States for furlough every four years. When we came back to the US, we lived in Springfield, MO, and I was a member of Outpost 6, Central Assembly.

There were really three things that kept me coming back week after week. First of all was my commander. I had tremendous commanders. As a Buckaroo, my commander was a CBC student who loved Jesus with all his heart, and he loved kids. Every week we had an extra chair in the room that no one sat in. It was told to us every week that chair was for our guest who was always there, though never seen, which was Jesus Christ. That had a major impact on my life. I have never forgotten that, and it has stuck with me my entire life that Jesus is always present with us.

My commanders were also the first people who ever told me that being a Royal Ranger missionary was possible. My trailblazer commander always encouraged me towards my

dreams. I remember he used to tell me, "Doug, you can do it. You will be the first missionary from my Royal Rangers group." His encouragement meant the world to me and gave me additional strength to continue towards my goals.

The second thing that kept me coming back was that I loved earning the awards. Like I said, I had a commander that was crazy about Royal Rangers and us boys. He would always go the extra mile to make us feel special when we earned our awards. Those awards really were a badge of honor, and I worked hard for them and helped the others in my patrol work towards them as well.

The third reason that I continued to come back to Rangers was because at Rangers I felt accepted,

where as at school I did not. The school that I went to was a rough school, and the kids did not like Christians at all, much less missionary kids. So I was never really accepted at school. However, when I went to Royal Rangers, it was a whole different story. I was just one of the guys. I had great friends and commanders who loved me. At Rangers we were always do great things like hiking, canoeing, and even once we did an across the U.S. road trip. Rangers was adventuresome. Another way I felt accepted is when I was elected as patrol guide. I felt so proud

that day that not only did the other boys accept me but that they also trusted me and were willing to follow me. That's why I kept on going.

**Ryan** – As an adult leader, what training have you been a part of and what leadership positions have you previously held?

**Commander Marsh** – I have attended every national training with the exception of Winter NTC. So that's National Training Camp (NTC), Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC), National Canoe Expedition (NCE), National Training Trails (NTT), and World Class Outpost (WCO). As far as leadership positions, I have been a patrol guide, senior guide, and junior guide as a boy. As an adult, I have been a Lt. commander and commander. In Bolivia I was a sectional and district commander. I was the national training coordinator and served at one point as the national commander. I was the training coordinator for all of Latin America. Then of course for the last five years previous to becoming the US National Commander, I served as the Director for Royal Rangers International, overseeing the missions arm of Royal Rangers.

**Ryan** – What is your vision for the future of Royal Rangers?

**Commander Marsh** – My vision for Royal Rangers

## Tell me about the new guy!

by Ryan BEATY





# Doug Marsh

is three-fold. 1) Royal Rangers be engineered in such a way that we be able to evolve and change with our cultural environment. Over the history of Royal Rangers, there have been points where we have taken huge lunges forward, three to be exact. However, after we have made these leaps, we have sat and acted as if we do not need to change again. This is just not the case. Culture is constantly changing. So Royal Rangers must be constantly evolving to meet the needs of the boys in that days culture. We must be a **Learning Organization that Evolves with our Changing Society to meet the Needs and Wants of our Boys and Men.**

2) I want Royal Rangers to make a fundamental and philosophical switch from being an adult-lead ministry to boys into a boy-lead ministry for boys which is adult facilitated. No boy ever invites a friend to their football game to watch their coach call plays. He invites them there to watch him, the boy, play his position. It's the same with Rangers. Boys will get excited and invite their friends when they are allowed to embrace more responsibility in the local outpost.

3) We must become a broader ministry to boys. We have always had, and we will continue to always have a core competency, which is scouting. But our ministry must become broader. We have to pray that the Holy Spirit lead us with creative ways to reach boys who may never even come to a weekly meeting.

**Ryan** - *What do you think the most pressing need is concerning young men in our churches today? In what ways can Royal Rangers meet that need?*

**Commander Marsh** -

Young men in America today are facing a lot of issues; particularly ones relating to purity in their minds and bodies. This is a huge societal issue. We need to be equipped and willing to help boys navigate those waters. Recent studies have shown that only 1 out of 5 boys are still sexually pure at the age of 19 and that on average a young man will have his first sexual experience 8 years before he ever marries. We need to teach our boys that they can be pure, they can be holy. The Bible clearly tells us that the Lord will never allow us to be tempted beyond our capacity to withstand. The internet is not too great a foe

to fight. Royal Rangers should be the ones who are holding up the standard against the enemy when he comes in like a flood.

Another major issue is that we are living in a fatherless nation. This is especially true in our denser population centers. Royal Rangers is poised to mobilize men to stand in the gap and be there for fatherless boys.

**Ryan** - *What can we (the local outpost commander and Royal Ranger) do to help?*

**Commander Marsh** - The best thing you can do right now is to go to our webpage and fill out the QLC (Question, Listen, Change) Survey. It is a forum for everyone to be involved: boys, commanders, pastors, and parents. There is a place for everyone to respond with whatever is on your mind. It provides us with feedback from the field, which we do not always hear. It keeps us well fed and full of the most up to date information. The web address for that is [www.royalrangers.ag.org/QLC](http://www.royalrangers.ag.org/QLC).







# GOLD MEDAL of Achievement

## The Value of Royal Rangers

by John **LERCHBACKER** — OUTPOST 99  
New Jersey District

**R**oyal Rangers has great value to me. I have been in Royal Rangers ever since I was a Straight Arrow, and have loved it ever since. The Ranger program has played a large part in my social, physical, and spiritual development. Royal Rangers has also aided me in learning valuable skills. Royal Rangers has helped me be mature and grow in a godly way.

Royal Rangers has been a blessing to me socially in various ways. The people in your outpost become like a big extended family. I have learned how to organize people and motivate them to do various tasks. In attending the weekly meetings and going on campouts, I have learned how to get along with others who are sometimes disagreeable. As guide or assistant guide it can be challenging just to get everyone to stay in line!

Royal Rangers has helped me develop physically. I would have never done sit-ups, push-ups, or swimming and jogging regularly had it not been for the Physical Fitness merit. This merit has also helped me realize the importance of regular exercise and the need to take good care of my body. Hikes have also helped keep me in good physical condition and caused me to rely on the Lord for more physical strength.

Royal Rangers has helped me grow spiritually. Because of Royal Rangers and my dad's encouragement, I started reading my Bible daily, and have continued even after completing my Gold Bible Merit. Through Bible reading and prayer, I have developed a relationship with God.

Royal Rangers had greatly helped me with my prayer life. I have seen God answer my prayers and I know He hears me. I especially saw this on a twenty-five mile Appalachian Trail hike. It would start to rain, I would pray for it to stop, and five minutes later it would stop!

Royal Rangers required me to memorize the "Road to

Salvation" Bible verses to help me lead a person to Christ. Leading a person to Christ is the biggest honor a Royal Ranger or anyone can have, so it is best to be prepared to do so. Leading a person to Christ is a life skill that every Christian must have.

Royal Rangers has greatly assisted me in developing skills, many of which I will use my whole life, whether I am in the field camping, or at home. Some examples of the skills I have learned are lashing, cooking, and first-aid. One merit that taught me a lot of necessary life skills was the Bachelor merit. My mom loved having me cook, clean, and do laundry, so she said she wanted that merit framed. I still do help around the house.

Another skill Royal Rangers has taught me is how to properly manage and organize my time, an area I struggle with. There was a time on a Wednesday, one of our meeting nights that this lesson became quite real to me. I had not yet completed the week's assignment for my Aviation Merit and it was time for dinner. I tried to eat and work at the same time, a most unpleasant experience. Afterwards I learned to avoid finding myself in that posi-

tion again.

I am very proud to be able to wear the khaki uniform of Royal Rangers. It looks very cool and makes me feel like I am part of something special and important that God is doing in my generation. Finally and most importantly, I understand the goal of Royal Rangers is to reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ. That is why I am most proud to be a Royal Ranger and why Royal Rangers is so valuable to me. I cannot imagine myself without Royal Rangers.

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by Jonathan David **NORTH** —  
Southern Missouri District

I have been in Royal Rangers since I was 5 years old when I moved in with my new foster parents, now my real parents through adoption. I think adoption is really cool because my parents want me and chose me, kind of like God wants us and chooses us.

My dad has been a Royal Rangers commander for a long time and my mom used to be a Royal Rangers commander. When I moved into their home, I started going to Straight Arrows and started learning about Jesus. My commanders were really neat and were really patient with me and taught me that Jesus loves me and dies on a cross for my sin. I'm really glad He did that. When I was five and a half years old, I asked Jesus into my heart at a council fire service at the Kansas City Section Rangerama campout.

Some of the things I like best about being a Royal Ranger are these:

1. Earning merits and other awards
2. Camping
3. Learning about Jesus
4. Helping other people
5. Making really good friends
6. Playing games (especially paintball – I get to shoot my dad)
7. Working together in patrols

Sometimes I do not understand everything I am told, because I have what they call a developmental disability. I cannot read or write very well, so my special friends in Royal Rangers (Zack Evans, Robert Vera, Joel, Jordan, and Joshua Pingleton, Austin Buboltz, Brady Smith, Jadon Roberts, David Huff, and others) have helped me a lot by helping me with my reading and writing. My commanders have helped me too, especially by being really patient with

me. One of my first commanders was Commander Doug. I call him Doug-bug! He always plays around with me and makes me laugh a lot. Commander Jared has helped me earn lots of merits. Commanders Tom, Robert, Gordon, and so many others have helped me on my way to earning the GMA, mostly by taking the time to love me. You see, I do not act the way I did when I first started in Royal

Rangers. I was pretty out of control; but they loved me anyways.

Now I am able to participate in the meetings. I do not get nearly as wild anymore. And about three years ago, my mom and dad and some other friends (Tom and Kitty Neal) figured out that I really could earn merits. They all talked about it and decided to have me sit in on some merit

classed at the 2003 New Mexico Merit Camp. The first merit I ever earned was Bird Study. Mrs. Kitty taught me all about birds and bird calls. She was so excited about how well I did that I took the Rope Craft and Lashing Merits the next day. By the end of that class, the commander had me teaching all of the other boys how to tie a one-handed bowline, because I had gotten so good at it. I have attended six merit camps in the last three years and have earned a lot of really cool merits. My favorites have been: paintball safety, paintball, fingerprinting, law enforcement, and crime prevention. Because of what I have learned in some of those classes, I have decided to become a police officer when I get older.

My most memorable Royal Rangers experiences have been at council fire services on campouts. At the 2003 Southern Missouri Merit Camp, at the Friday night council fire service, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I really didn't know much about it at the time, but the Lord moved on me and I began weeping and sobbing before the Lord and began speaking in other tongues. Then I began to pray for other boys and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They have been a lot of times the Lord has helped me to minister to other boys and adults, especially at council fire services. He just moves inside my heart and something cool happens when I respond to Him.

Probably my favorite things about Royal Rangers is all of the really good friends I have made. They are a lot of fun to be around and they are always nice to me and help me when I need it. But then sometimes I am able to help them, too!

During Thanksgiving week, I went with my parents and three friends, who also have disabilities, to Waveland, Mississippi to help with disaster relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. It made me really sad to see all the destruction and how little those people had. There was almost nothing left in that town. I worked in the "store" (under a circus tent), breaking down boxes and passing out food supplies and laundry soap to families who had no homes, no jobs, no money, and no cars. I was also able to give some toys to little boys and girls who did not have any toys anymore. So many of the people said "thank you" and really made me think what I was doing was important.

From the time I started Royal Rangers when I was five and a half years old to where I am today helps me to know that God wants me and chooses me to be His, just like my mom and dad when they adopted me. He has a job for me and I am an important part of His body. That is what Royal Rangers has done for me.





# Feature Creature

by D.A. WOODLIFF



## That funny bird... The Roadrunner

**A**s a volunteer at the visitor center of Lake Mead National Recreation Park in Nevada, one of the frequent questions I hear visitors ask is, "Where can we see a roadrunner?"

We direct visitors to the desert grounds surrounding the visitor center where our sometime resident roadrunner may be sighted if he is around. Otherwise, these funny, long-legged, long-tailed, cocky, southwestern birds can be found most anywhere. They are seen in city backyards and streets, sitting atop roofs, scooting across roads, or racing across the desert.

The scientific name for the roadrunner is *Geococcyx californianus*, but the common name of this member of the cuckoo family, roadrunner, fits this bird well. Roadrunners have wings and will use them to lift up onto a roof top or tree branch, but they have no need to fly since they can run at speeds over 15 miles per hour. The footprints of the roadrunner form a "X." When the space between the footprints left by a swift running roadrunner is measured, it shows this bird can take strides that measure over 22 inches.

Roadrunners have adapted well to the hot, dry desert climate. During the hottest time of the day, when temperatures reach over 100 degrees, the roadrunners rest in the shade. Most of the water they need to survive in this arid desert comes from the food they eat. Roadrunners eat plants and prey they can catch, including insects, lizards, mice, snakes, and

birds. They will kill and eat poisonous rattlesnakes and avoid getting bitten by using clever tactics. In swift motion the roadrunner will run in dizzying circles around a coiled snake. At intervals the bird will dart in on the confused snake striking it with its sharp beak and talons until it is dead. If it is a long snake, it may take the roadrunner hours to completely eat the snake.

While a roadrunner preys upon small creatures on the ground, he is the potential prey to large birds like hawks and eagles that can swoop down upon him from above. The roadrunners' unusual eyes enable them to watch a lizard on the ground with one eye while the other eye watches the sky above for large predator birds. Coyotes are swift, capable hunters, but just like in the cartoons, they are not much of a threat to roadrunners. The foot construction of the roadrunner allows them to make quick, zigzagging twists and turns that help them evade pursuing coyotes.

In the spring of the year, roadrunners, who mate for life, will build nests. These nests are messy, haphazard affairs consisting of piles of sticks and other rubble, which may even include the skins of snakes. The female roadrunners will lay from three to eight eggs in this nest at infrequent intervals. It is not uncommon for some roadrunner chicks to hatch in the same nest where a fresh egg has just been laid.

During times of drought it is harder to find roadrunners, as their prime sources of food are in short supply due to lack of moisture. But what a delight it is to see a smiling visitor come into the Lake Mead National Park visitor center and announce, "I just saw a roadrunner!"

## Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?

In the book of Genesis the Bible tells us God created all things, including all the unique creatures of the world. But His most prized creation is you! If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart as Savior and asked Him to forgive you of your sins, it is as simple as following these steps:

- A. ADMIT YOU HAVE SINNED.** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).
- B. BELIEVE IN JESUS.** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).
- C. CONFESS AND LEAVE YOUR SIN.** *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

If you would like someone to pray with you about your decision to know Jesus as your personal Savior, talk with your Royal Ranger commander, your pastor, or call the National Prayer Center at 1-800-4PRAYER.



# ROYAL RANGERS HIGH ADVENTURE *Leader*

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## The National Commander's Call to Prayer

*Hello, fellow Commanders!*

**W**hat an honor to be appointed the national Royal Rangers director. I am humbled and excited, both, by the opportunity to serve with you.

My heart is to help every man and boy be a soul winner. You see, that is what you are—an *evangelist*. You and I have both been given the same charge, to evangelize every boy in the world (starting in your own community) and make them lifelong followers of Jesus (Matthew 28:19). I'm glad we are in this ministry together.

Let's change America one boy at a time!



### Thank You!

As you know, I have big shoes to fill. Richard Mariott served as National Commander for 8 distinguished years. Take time to review the pages in this edition of the *High Adventure Leader* as we honor him. We also say thanks to Mike Laliberty and Rick Dostal who have served so well in the national office.

Commander Mariott, we salute you for your admirable leadership and friendship. Thank you for bringing talent to national office like Mike and Rick, and many others. The ministry is better because of your service and commitment to the Lord.

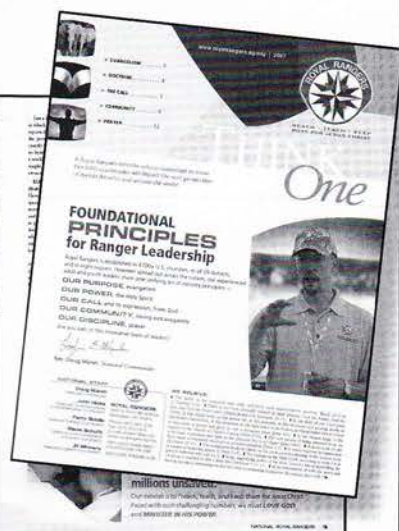


### ThinkOne

As I've traveled and interacted with leaders since my appointment in January, I've often been asked, "What do you plan to do as National Commander?" My answer is always very simple. "I am going to ask every commander to join me as we *intensify* our efforts to evangelize and disciple boys and to develop junior leaders." In other words, you and I must be prepared to do whatever it takes, and to pay whatever price to *finish our Matthew 24:14 mission*—to give *every* boy and their family the opportunity to personally know Jesus Christ and "then the end will come."

I've written a series of articles, called ThinkOne, which presents a unifying set of biblical principles to guide Ranger leaders. The articles are free from our website—[www.royalrangers.ag.org](http://www.royalrangers.ag.org). Jesus' John 17:21 prayer for you and me reads, "that they may be one,... so that the world may believe that you have sent me." If we share *one* common foundation, we will impact the next generation of men in America and around the world. Could I ask you to download them and read them carefully? Perhaps you would find them good devotional reading. I believe these articles will give you insight into my heart and the direction we should go. When you are done, I'd invite you to drop me an e-mail and let me know what you think—[rangers@ag.org](mailto:rangers@ag.org).

Let's be part of an innovative team of leaders READY to "reach, teach, and keep" more boys in our communities for Christ than we ever thought possible! It is attainable if we all work from the same starting point, the same foundation.







### Let's Pray, "God, Grow Royal Rangers!"

For the next 5 years (between now and our golden, or 50th, anniversary in 2012) I would like you to speak this prayer every single day, "God, grow Royal Rangers!"

This prayer has at least two meanings. The first is that God would help you *grow boys* as you reach them with the gospel and mentor them through the discipleship process we call the advancement trail. Keep in mind that ministry is first and foremost about people.

The second meaning is that God would *grow the ministry*. His formula for outpost growth is

e + v + a + n + g + e + l + i + s + m.

While it is never easy, evangelism works 100% of the time it is tried. That's not to say every boy will respond, but when we consistently and clearly present the gospel, God will honor his Word. It is an Isaiah 55:11 guarantee!

This prayer is very important. James says, "You do not have, because you do not ask God" (4:2). If God promises us the *nations* if we simply ask, don't you think God can turn your outpost into a salvation center if you just ask? (Psalm 2:8). So let's be audacious and ask God to grow Royal Rangers—the boys and the ministry.

### Real Growth Starts with You and Me!

There is an old truism, "Grow the leader and he or she will grow the ministry." So in reality, there are actually three meanings to our prayer, "God, grow Royal Rangers!" The third is that God would *grow the leaders*, you and me.

If we are to be the means whereby God grows Royal Rangers, we must be prepared to grow ourselves personally. And we know that means physical, mental, social, and spiritual growth. Take time to get in shape, learn new skills, make new or deepen existing godly friendships, and set deeper roots in the Word, in holiness, and in prayer.

We also need to be innovative in ministry and open to change; growth means change. As the saying goes, "If we do things the way we have always done them, we will always get what we have always gotten." Sociologists tell us that youth culture in

America makes significant shifts about every 3-5 years. That means if we are doing in 5 years exactly the same thing we are doing today in the exact same way, chances are we are becoming irrelevant to our ministry target.

To help me, and the entire national ministries staff to grow, we are introducing "RR-QLC," which stands for Royal Rangers—Question, Learn, and Change. A full explanation can be found in this issue.

If Royal Rangers is to grow, we must all be prepared to learn. As National Commander, I want to learn from you and your experiences so that we can make Royal Rangers an even more effective Kingdom tool.

So as we pray, "God, grow Royal Rangers," let's remember that it has a third meaning, that God would grow us personally as leaders. Learning leaders can lead growing ministries.

So my first appeal to you as the newly appointed National Commander is to read the ThinkOne articles so that we can all be in the same mind, have our sights set on the same target. Seconding, I'm calling you to pray, "God, grow Royal Rangers! God, grow the *boys*, grow the *ministry*, and grow the *leaders*. Change us so we can change America and the world one boy at a time!" ❖

*James E. Marsh*

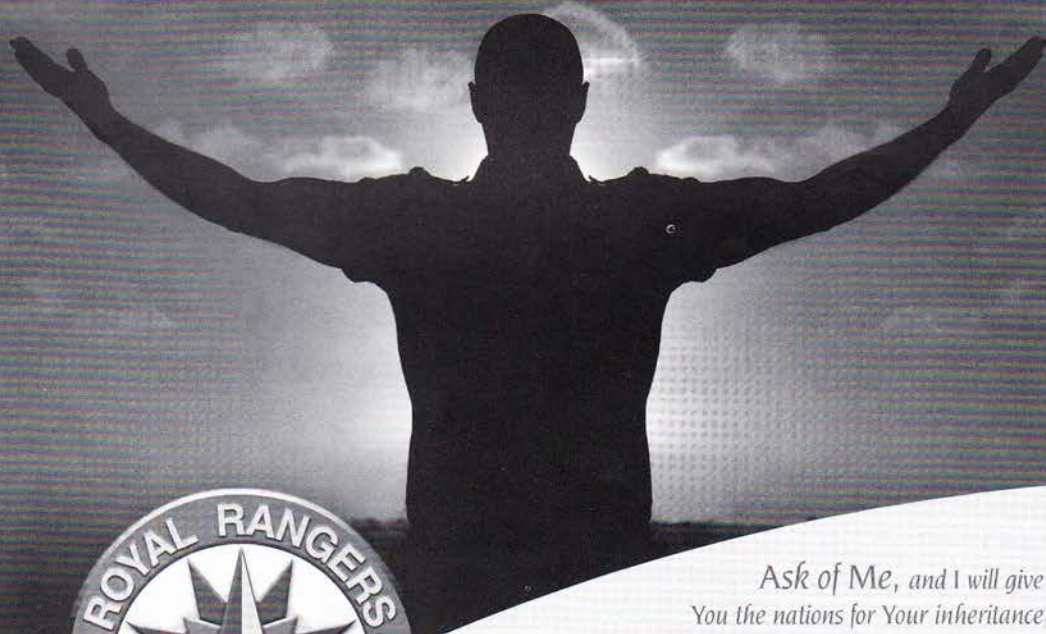


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# GOD, Grow Royal Rangers!

*Grow the boys!  
Grow the leaders!  
Grow the ministry!*



*Ask of Me, and I will give  
You the nations for Your inheritance,  
and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

PSALM 2:8

**REACH • TEACH • KEEP  
BOYS FOR JESUS CHRIST**





# Disaster or Smoke Signal?

by Richard BAUMAN

**W**hen something awful happens: a natural disaster, and accident, a life-threatening illness, and we are in the center of that awfulness, seeing the event through "disaster vision" is the norm. Our viewpoint is usually limited to seeing a catastrophe – and it might just be that. ON the other hand, it could be a blessing in disguise.

A ship sank and one man was the sole survivor. He drifted for several days in a life raft. Then he spotted a tiny island, and managed to guide the raft to it. As luck would have it, some of the ship's debris – tools, pieces of wood, a couple of boxes of food and other items – even matches washed ashore on his island.

Creating a shelter for himself was his first task. It was a tiny lean-to, but it protected him from the scorching sun, daily tropical storms, and it helped keep him warm at night.

He had great faith in God. He prayed daily to be rescued; confident God would hear his prayers and answer them. But each day the island was more distressing. He kept watch for the ship that would rescue him, but it never appeared as he expected it to. He prayed more often and more

fervently, but there wasn't even a hint that there were ships in the area.

For months he survived on the island. He never stopped praying, but his belief in the power of prayer and his trust in God dwindled. "God, where are you? I need you!" he would cry each night in the darkness. Yet he thanked God every night too for what God had provided.

As his food supply ran low, every day he went deeper into the island to find food. One evening, exhausted, returning home from a day of scrounging for food, he found his shelter aflame. Not only was his "home" going up in smoke, so were all of his remaining supplies and tools. He was suddenly completely without resources.

He looked at the fire, looked at the sky and said, "How could you let this happen, God. I am going to die on this uncharted island! Why God? Why?" Disheartened and his energy dissipated, he curled-up near the base of a small tree and fell asleep there.

When he awoke the next morning, he couldn't believe his eyes. There was ship on the horizon, and it was headed towards his island. Was it a mirage? No! He jumped, waved,

and yelled hoping to catch their attention. Finally the ship dropped anchor a few hundred yards from the island, and a small boat was launched to the island. He would be rescued at last. Then he fainted.

After he was on board the ship and had been given food, bathed, and put on new clothes, he went to the ship's captain and thanked him for rescuing him. But he had a question for the captain. "How did you find me?" he asked. Surprised the captain responded, "How did we find you? We saw your smoke signal yesterday."

The fire that destroyed his island seemed a disaster to the shipwrecked sailor, taking the few possessions needed to survive on the island. But in reality it was a blessing and the answer to his prayers for rescue. It certainly didn't look that way at the time however.

We know God hears our prayers, and we know He answers them. Sometimes, though, He answers them in ways far differently from how we expected them to be answered. Sometimes what we think is going to destroy us, is actually his way of saving us from destruction – only He hasn't made us aware of it – yet. ❖



# Perry Siddle



**Perry Siddle** has been a member of the national training committee and has helped develop a number of the Leadership Academy Training modules. Perry joined the national office team in June 2007. He previously served as the Augusta section training coordinator, Augusta section commander, Georgia district public relations coordinator, Georgia district training coordinator, Georgia district chartering officer, Georgia district missions coordinator, and southeast region training coordinator. Perry and his wife Lisa have been on the staff of First Assembly of God in Augusta, GA serving as the children's pastors. He has served on staff at numerous National Academy, NTC, RKTC, NTT and NCE events. He has taught as a certified instructor and instructor trainer throughout the southeast region.

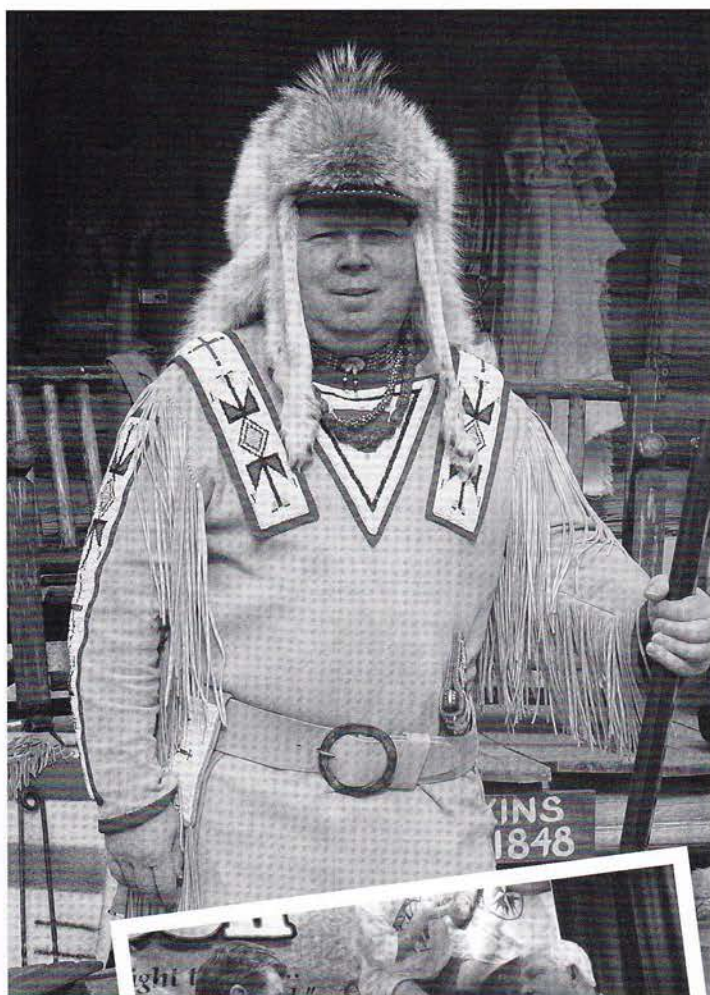
Perry became involved in Royal Rangers as a boy at First Assembly of God in Valley Park, MO where he earned his Master's rating in Pioneers and the First Class rating in Trailblazers before his family moved to IL.

Prior to joining the national team Perry worked for 19 years in the information technology field where he holds numerous accreditations and certifications. Perry is especially blessed with a wife who shares his passion for reaching boys for Jesus. Perry and Lisa have three beautiful daughters Heather, Natasha, and Michaela who are all serving the Lord faithfully.





# Richard Mariott



**Richard Mariott** was appointed as National Commander in June 1999, succeeding Ken Hunt. Rich immediately saw the need for the development of standardized curriculum to reduce the workload on the local outpost leaders while promoting the growth of boys within the program. By assembling a team of well-qualified leaders, he led the Royal Rangers ministry for over seven years through the most extensive phase of development since its inception in 1962.

Rich left the national office in March 2007 and recently returned to his home in Sacramento, California. His dedicated service and many accomplishments will long be remembered as an essential element in the ongoing history and growth of Royal Rangers. ❖







## Citation of Accomplishments

— R E S O L U T I O N —

### Richard Mariott

AG

MARCH 15, 2007

**Whereas** Richard Mariott was appointed by the Executive Presbytery to oversee and direct the redesign and enhancement of the Royal Rangers Ministries as defined by the six imperatives of the Pastoral Study Committee and the four initiatives of the Royal Rangers Strategic Planning Committee; and

**Whereas** complete three-year rotating curriculums were developed for Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, and Adventure Rangers, which includes Leader's Guides, four Merit Reference books with lesson plans, Boy's Workbooks, and Handbooks; and

**Whereas** a Bible Study program was developed, which could be completed during the regular outpost meeting, and contained an embedded merit-driven reward system; and

**Whereas** the development of the Expedition Rangers curriculum includes a Boy's Handbook with a simplified five-point meeting plan, a Boy's Workbook, and a leader's Silver Merit Reference book that provides answers and resources for each merit; and

**Whereas** a Spirit Challenge Bible Study program was developed for Expedition Rangers, which could be completed during the regular outpost meeting, and contained an embedded reward system; and

**Whereas** the redesign of the advancement system provides multiple opportunities for incremental award recognition through short-term merit completion, quarterly advancement award completion, and yearly gold trail medal recognition; and

**Whereas** the new curriculum provides work relief for the local commander, complete flexibility to choose the merit instruction sequence, and the ability to teach the same lesson to all boys regardless of their advancement rating; and

**Whereas** the new curriculum provides boys with the ability to successfully enter the awards system at their first Ranger meeting and provides exposure to a wide variety of subjects and opportunities to develop many new life skills through nearly 300 merits; and

**Whereas** Ranger Basics was developed to equip the new leader with the basic skills required to successfully lead a Royal Rangers meeting; and

**Whereas** the Leadership Training Academy (LTA) with its modular design was developed to encourage an environment of continuous training; and

**Whereas** National Training Camp (NTC) was enhanced to include training with modern camping equipment and the use of contemporary leadership training methods; and

**Whereas** a new national training event called the World Class Outpost seminar was designed to introduce habits and practices that will allow an outpost to achieve a high level of effectiveness and excellence; and

**Whereas** a new World Missions organization called Royal Rangers International was created to enable and support the expansion of Royal Rangers ministries in countries throughout the world; and

**Whereas** the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship has been enhanced by the integration of the new program merits with the PCF advancement steps, a standard Frontier Adventure, and a redesigned voting process for the selection of Territorial and National Scouts; and

**Whereas** a new Royal Rangers ministry called Royal Rangers Alumni was created with the objective to provide a method by which Royal Rangers leaders (age 55 plus) may continue to serve as a vital part of the Royal Rangers ministry; and

**Whereas** the Pathfinders program has been enhanced to include three unique levels of MAPS service identified by bronze, silver, and gold mission trips; and

**Whereas** the National Championships program was created to expand the recognition of boys' accomplishments in areas other than the Royal Rangers advancements system, such as Junior Bible Quiz, Teen Bible Quiz, and Postal competitions; and

**Whereas** the Ranger of the Year program has been redesigned to encourage all boys to achieve the goal of Ranger of the Year by working towards a set of high standards of achievement; and

**Whereas** the expansion of the Royal Rangers ministries has been enabled by the automatic chartering of all churches whose denominations are members of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America; and

**Whereas** the expansion of the Royal Rangers ministries has been enabled by the chartering of churches composed of U.S. citizens or military families living overseas through US Direct Chartering; and

**Whereas** Camp Eagle Rock was transformed through a major construction effort into a full-use, year-round camping and small conference facility; and

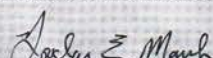
**Whereas** Richard Mariott has demonstrated the ability to define and cast a vision to carry the Royal Rangers ministries into the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**Whereas** Richard Mariott has demonstrated the understanding of team leadership and the ability to recruit and organize leadership teams to accomplish the God-lead vision placed in his heart.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Executive Committee bestows commendations and expresses its deep gratitude to Richard Mariott for his exemplary leadership during numerous years of service to the National Royal Rangers Ministries; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Royal Rangers Executive Committee unanimously endorses and is pleased to confer upon Richard Mariott honorary National Council Membership and commends you for a job well done. *May God richly bless your future!*

  
CHARLES T. CRABTREE  
Assistant General Superintendent

  
DOUGLAS E. MARSH  
National Commander

  
JAMES E. BARGER  
National Council President







# Rick Dostal



**Rick Dostal** was appointed as National Training Coordinator in February 2000. In 2002, he became National FCF President. Throughout 2005, he transitioned into the role of Campgrounds Construction Coordinator at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri where he oversaw the completion of numerous construction projects, including Deaverton Western Town, additional cabins at Stanekville frontier village, and a 5,000 square foot commercial kitchen to service large-scale events, such as National Camporama.

Rick left the national Royal Rangers office in December 2006. He currently serves as the US MAPS Construction Representative for the Division of US Missions of the General Council of the AG. He also remains active in Royal Rangers in both his outpost and district. He currently serves as Adventure Rangers Commander with Outpost 114 at Park Crest Calvary Temple Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. He is also serving as a National FCF Field Advisor as well as Chapter FCF Scribe in the Southern Missouri District. ❖





## Recognition of Excellence

— R E S O L U T I O N —

### Rick Dostal

AG

MARCH 15, 2007

**Whereas**, Rick Dostal, as a member of the National Royal Rangers Ministries leadership team, served with distinction from February 2000 to December 2006 while fulfilling the responsibilities of several positions including: National Training Coordinator, National Training and Camps Coordinator, National FCF President, Camp Eagle Rock Coordinator, and Camp Eagle Rock Construction Coordinator; and

**Whereas**, while serving in these many vital areas of leadership, you displayed an outstanding example of teamwork and shared vision; and

**Whereas**, your exceptional level of personal sacrifice in the areas of time, effort, and personal resources to fulfill your responsibilities have been duly noted by all persons having contact with you; and

**Whereas**, you have served with distinction as a staff member at numerous national training events, such as NTC, ANTC, National Academy, and Advanced National Academy; and

**Whereas**, you have demonstrated your commitment to "Reach, Teach, and Keep boys for Christ" while serving as a speaker or special guest at numerous district and regional events, such as powwows, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship events, merit camps, and junior leadership training camps; and

**Whereas**, you displayed your desire and support for missions while serving on Pathfinder trips to Costa Rica, Honduras, and Alaska; and

**Whereas**, you served as a key staff member, demonstrating outstanding dedication and leadership, at the 2000 & 2004 National FCF Rendezvous and the 2002 & 2006 National Camporamas; and

**Whereas**, you coordinated volunteer and professional construction teams on a vast number of construction and improvement projects at Camp Eagle Rock, helping to transform Camp Eagle Rock into a full-use, year-round camping and small conference facility; and

**Whereas**, you also dedicated innumerable hours to Camp Eagle Rock improvement projects personally, lending your construction background and skills; and

**Whereas**, the Royal Rangers Executive Committee recognizes your commitment, contribution, and value to the National Royal Rangers Ministries.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Royal Rangers Executive Committee hereby tenders its sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude for your sacrifices and services as a member of the national ministry staff. *May God richly bless your future!* 🙏

  
CHARLES T. CRABTREE  
Assistant General Superintendent

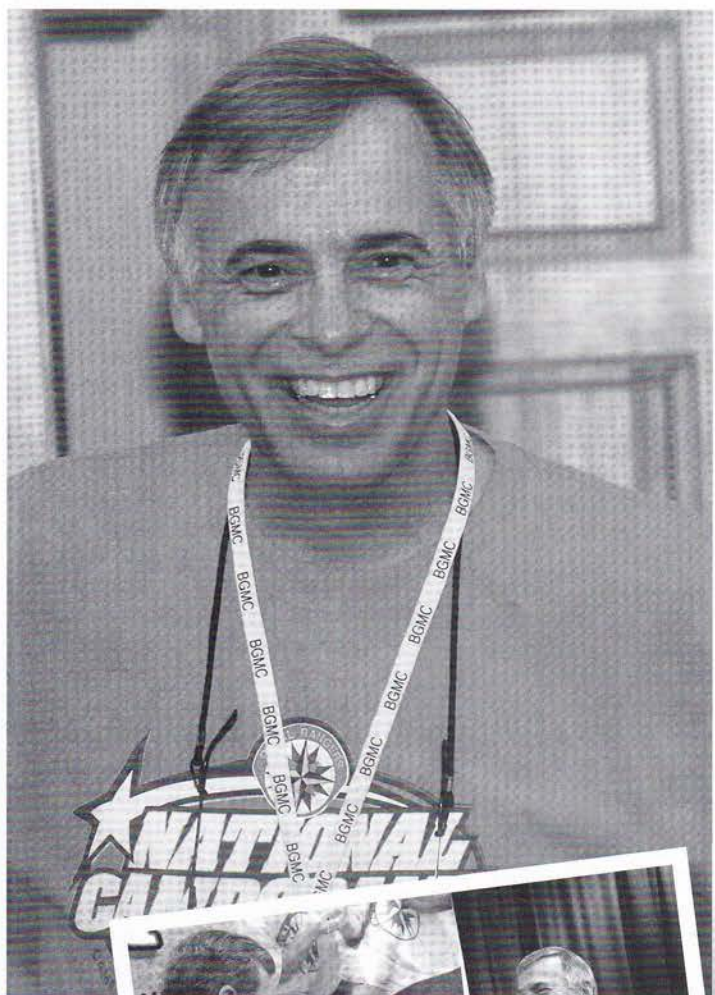
  
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# Mike Laliberty



**Mike Laliberty** began in February 2000 as National Pioneer & Trailblazer Coordinator where he oversaw the development of the new Discovery Rangers & Adventure Rangers curriculum and the transition from the old program to the new. In 2002, he was appointed as Deputy National Commander and assumed many of the administrative aspects of the program. In 2003, he took on the role of National Training Coordinator while retaining his position as Deputy National Commander.

Mike will be returning to his home in Longmont, Colorado to a position in the programming development industry but is planning to remain active in Royal Rangers in both his home outpost and district. He will also assist with national projects and events. ➤







# Recognition of Excellence

## RESOLUTION

### Mike Caliberty

AG

MARCH 15, 2007

**Whereas**, Mike Caliberty, as a member of the National Royal Ranger Ministries leadership team, served with distinction from February 2000 to June 2007 while fulfilling the responsibilities of several positions including Pioneer/Trailblazer/Trail Ranger Coordinator, Deputy National Commander, and National Training Coordinator; and

**Whereas**, you have made invaluable contributions into the development and implementation of the new curriculum for the Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers; and

**Whereas**, you served with distinction as the new curriculum manager and GPH liaison for new product development and existing product updates; and

**Whereas**, you provided outstanding day-to-day administration of the national office staff while serving as the Deputy National Commander; and

**Whereas**, you developed a meeting framework for the National Training Committee, allowing its membership to function as a more effective team; and

**Whereas**, you managed the development team for the new Leadership Training Academy (LTA) with its modular design; and

**Whereas**, you coordinated the creation of the NTC Update and the World Class Outpost seminar (WCO); and

**Whereas**, you oversaw the creation of the national training website, allowing real time registration information to the field; and

**Whereas**, you managed the revision of the National Training Camp, National Academy, and Advanced National Academy workbooks and resources; and

**Whereas**, you served as a key staff member, demonstrating outstanding dedication and leadership, at the 2000 & 2004 National FCF Rendezvous and the 2002 & 2006 National Camporamas; and

**Whereas**, the Royal Rangers Executive Committee recognizes that training is critical to the success of Royal Rangers and managing the myriad aspects of training is a daunting task. You rose to the challenge and helped shape training for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century through your hard work, long hours, attention to detail, and ability to effectively delegate tasks.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Royal Rangers Executive Committee hereby offers its deepest thanks and appreciation for your service to the National Royal Rangers Ministries and commends you for a job well done. *May God richly bless your future!*

  
CHARLES T. CRABTREE  
Assistant General Superintendent

  
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# ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL

## ★★★★ Championships ★★★★★

## What is One of the Best Kept Secrets in Royal Rangers?

by Steve SCHULTZ

Did you know that every chartered outpost can participate in the National Championships? There are several areas you can compete in and, who knows, you may have what it takes to be a National Champion!

You can compete in traditional events like JBQ and TBQ, sponsored by BGMC or the Youth departments. The top finishers at the JBQ and TBQ National Competition will also be recognized by the Royal Rangers Ministries Office. You can also participate in BB Gun, Sporter Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle, Black Powder Rifle, Trap Shooting (sponsored by the NRA), or Archery (sponsored by the *National Alliance for the Development of Archery*). This can be done at outpost, section, or district events. Simply follow the rules and guidelines that can be found on the Royal Rangers Ministries national website at <http://www.royalrangers.ag.org/> under Events. You can participate in as many of the events as you want. Have your commander set up an event so you can find out if you have what it takes to be a national champion.

## 2006 National Championships Results

### 2006 Archery Postal Results — Recurve Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Raleigh Miller	8 & under	Minnesota	94	195	1
Logan Sahlstrom	9	Minnesota	94	190	1
Nathan Torres	10	So. Cal	75	145	1
Cody Triggs	11	So. Cal	156	180	1
Johnny Cuevas	12	So. Cal	1	96	1
Daniel Hockenbraugh	13	So. Cal.	3	192	1
Ernesto Pimentel	14 - 15	So. Cal.	106	215	1
Billy Shinn	16 - 18	So. Cal.	267	195	1
Angel Romero	Adult	So. Cal.	9	247	1

### 2006 Archery Postal Results — Compound/Genesis Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Payton Johnson	8 & under	Minnesota	99	50	1
Austin Ramier	9	Minnesota	83	99	1
Trever Nordlund	10	Minnesota	14	128	1
Luke McIntyre	11	Minnesota	94	154	1
Bryce Penner	12	Minnesota	99	205	1
Jon McIntyre	13	Oklahoma	94	221	1
Ernesto Pimentel	14 - 15	So. Cal.	106	254	1
Mike Bruder	16 - 18	So. Cal.	267	195	1
David Sundine	Adult	ND	27	267	1





### NRA/Royal Ranger BB Gun

Place	Age	Name	Score	Outpost	District
1	15	Zechariah Seilhamer	260	242	Pen-Del
1	14	Mike Matykiewicz	247	257	Illinois
1	13	Mark Blaski	253	257	Illinois
1	12	Taylor Nance	266	242	Pen-Del
1	11	Jonathan Taylor	217-4	147	Pen-FL
1	10	Nick Morecraft	220-2	257	Illinois
1	9	Ryan Lindell	215	257	Illinois
1	8	Austin Cramer	156	147	Pen-FL

### BB Gun Team Results

1	15	CLA Gold	1179	242	Pen-Del
1	13	Lansing, IL	1109	257	IL
1	10-12	147-A	1011	147	Pen-FL

### NRA/Royal Ranger Light Rifle

1	Adult	Le Roy Tanner	264	105	S TX
1	Senior	Timothy Willett	92	85	NY
1	Junior	Hezekiah Beecher	91	85	NY

### NRA/Royal Ranger Black Powder Rifle

1	Adult	Le Roy Tanner	139	105	S TX
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## JBQ 2006 Results — GOLD LEVEL WINNERS

Name	Award Level	Church
Elijah Walker	GOLD	Helena 1st A/G, Helena, MT
Josh Matejka	GOLD	First A/G, St. Charles, MO
Joshua Saunders	GOLD	Orange County Worship Ctr., Santa Anna, CA
Kellen Hall	GOLD	Radiant Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Philip Idun	GOLD	Evangel Temple, Kansas City, MO
Hunter Sjogren	GOLD	Christian Ctr., Mechanicsville, VA
Devon Coegrove	GOLD	Corydon A/G, Corydon, IA
Brendan Davy	GOLD	First A/G, Wenatchee, WA
Matthew Roth	GOLD	Dubuque A/G, Dubuque, IA
Joseph Pingleton	GOLD	Crown Pointe Church, Lee's Summit, MO
Hunter Funk	GOLD	Glad Tidings, Austin, TX
Connor Jackson	GOLD	Calvary Church, Greensboro, NC



## TBQ 2005 Results

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — GOLD LEVEL

Name(s)	Finish Team/Ind.	Church
Michael Rose	1/60	Church at Briargate Colorado Springs, CO
Jonathan Barthuly	16/7	Orange County Worship Center Santa Anna, CA
Colin Kuroishi	16/45	Orange County Worship Center Santa Anna, CA
Josh Siddall	18/31	Grace Assembly of God, Syracuse, NY
Jonathan Barthuly	16/7	Orange County Worship Center, Santa Anna CA



### CHALLENGER DIVISION — SILVER LEVEL

Jeff Richmond	8/59	The Oaks Fellowship, Red Oak, TX
James Pryer	10/8	Orange Hills A/G, Orange, CA





## Devotionals for Boys

### Campfires

#### READ:

*The Battle Hymn of the Republic—emphasize verse of campfires. What is the purpose of a campfire? (Light, heat, cooking, protection, etc.)*

Have you ever noticed how enjoyable it is to sit around the campfire? How the fire cheers you and dispels the darkness? You remember how people used to gather around Jesus? How they used to gather close and listen to every word he said? He was sort of like a campfire. The Bible speaks of Him as being the Light of the World, and very often in scripture you will find He is contrasted against the spirit or the prince of darkness. It seems whenever men sat around Him, their darkness was dispersed.

You've probably read how early men used to build fires at night to protect themselves and drive away the creatures of the night. Many an old trapper would throw another log on the fire when he heard the cry of the wolf. Can you imagine what it would be like to live in a world of darkness, to walk through the woods hearing sounds, not knowing what made them? It would be scary, wouldn't it? It seems when a person is afraid of night it is always such a relief for him to see the dawn of a new day. Can you imagine how it would be to live in this world without Christ, the Eternal Light? I think it would be frightening because you would have no hope of ever escaping from the darkness which the Bible refers to as sin. You know, when I was a sinner, I really hated to see the sun go down. It always used to leave me with an empty feeling to see the night come. Now, since I am a Christian, everything is different. You know why? Well, I guess it is because I carry my light with

me now—you might say my own little campfire. Don't you remember that in the Bible Christ said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world"? When you have Christ in you heart, and the Holy Spirit living within you, they dispel all fear and darkness.

#### CEREMONY:

Let each of us look up from the campfire into the night above and ask the Lord to help us to be lights in the world.

### What Killed the Elm?

#### PURPOSE:

*To illustrate that it is the "little things" that oftentimes make us stumble.*

There is a true story about a schoolteacher who had taught in a little town for over 30 years. Outside his office window stood an old elm tree. He passed by the tree every day and always thought to himself as he saw it, "How old is that tree? It must be at least one hundred or more years old." He often thought how the old tree has weathered all sorts of storms and how many times it had been struck by lightning. It had even withstood three tornados. How tall it stood, pushing its limbs into the heavens!

One day the teacher noticed something odd about the old tree. The leaves were falling off the giant five or six weeks earlier than the other trees. He called a man to come and examine the tree. It was discovered that the majestic old tree was dying. "What is killing the elm?" asked the teacher. The tree expert explained that a little bug that attacks only elms was killing the tree. A very small bug was doing what the fierce storms could not do!

Boys, it's the little things that often keep us from serving God. We need to search our hearts every day to be sure they are free from all sins—large or small.

#### CEREMONY:

Is there anything that's keeping you from serving God? Bow your heads and let's pray that God will help us overcome it.

### The Fix Without Fleas

Did you know there is one animal in the world that will never be caught with fleas on it? Yes, that's right. It's the fox. We have often heard of the fox as being very smart. The smart fox, when he has fleas on his body, will go to a body of water, such as a river or stream. There he will get a stick in his mouth and slowly back down into the water. Then, when only his nose and the stick remain out of the water, the fleas will crawl onto the stick because they will drown in the water. When all the fleas have gotten on to the stick, the fox will drop the stick into the water and leave it there as he walks back up the bank and goes on his way. We, as Royal Rangers, need to remember that when there is sin in our lives we need to go to Jesus and ask Him to cover us with his blood. Because where the blood of Jesus is, there can be no sin; and the sin has to leave us just as the fleas had to leave the fox in the water.

#### CEREMONY:

(1 John 1:9) If you will come to Jesus and ask Him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, He will become your Savior tonight!

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# TOP 25

## Chartered Outposts for 2006

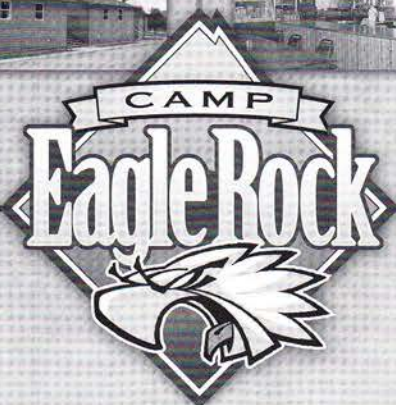
1. New Life Church <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>	300	13. Oak Creek Assembly of God <i>Oak Creek, WI</i>	120
2. James River Assembly <i>Ozark, MO</i>	255	14. Victory Church <i>Lakeland, FL</i>	118
3. Trinity Chapel Church of God <i>Powder Springs, GA</i>	228	15. Solid Rock Church <i>Monroe, OH</i>	118
4. First Assembly of God <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	178	16. Cedar Valley Church <i>Bloomington, MN</i>	115
5. First Assembly of God <i>Griffin, GA</i>	178	17. Faith Assembly of God <i>Orlando, FL</i>	112
6. The Rock Family Worship Center <i>Huntsville, AL</i>	172	18. First Assembly of God <i>Berryville, AR</i>	112
7. Zoe Bookstore <i>Richmond, VA</i>	145	19. Bethel Assembly of God <i>Hagerstown, MD</i>	106
8. First Assembly of God <i>North Little Rock, AR</i>	130	20. First Assembly of God <i>Bentonville, AR</i>	103
9. Timberline Church <i>Fort Collins, CO</i>	125	21. Iglesia Cristiana <i>Laredo, TX</i>	100
10. Assembly of God <i>Broken Arrow, OK</i>	125	22. Westgate Cahel <i>Edmonds, WA</i>	95
11. Evangel Church <i>Scotch Plains, NJ</i>	122	23. Manassas Assembly of God <i>Bristow, VA</i>	93
12. Temple Calvario <i>Santa Ana, CA</i>	121	24. Christ's Place <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	93
		25. World Harvest Church <i>Canal Winchester, OH</i>	93



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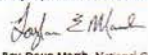
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**WE BELIEVE:**

• The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). • There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 10:4, Matthew 28:19). • In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1). • In the blessed hope — the resurrection of the Church at Christ's coming (1 Thess. 4:13). • The only means of being created from sin through regeneration and faith in the precious blood of Christ (John 1:12). • Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (John 1:13). • In water baptism for remission of sins (Acts 2:41). • The endowment work of Christ as the crown glorifying blessing of the human body in answer to following prayer (1 Peter 2:24). • The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. • In the sovereign power of the Holy Spirit by whom we believe the Church is enabled to live a holy life (Galatians 5:22-23). • In the resurrection of both the dead and the living, the one is restoring life and the other is maintaining dominion (1 Corinthians 15:14-23). •



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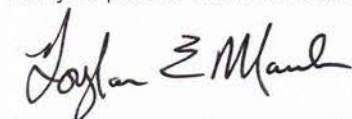
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# FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES for Ranger Leadership

Royal Rangers is established in 4700+ U.S. churches, in all 59 districts, and in eight regions. However spread out across the nation, our experienced adult and youth leaders share **one** unifying set of ministry principles —

**OUR PURPOSE**, evangelism  
**OUR POWER**, the Holy Spirit  
**OUR CALL** and its expression, from God  
**OUR COMMUNITY**, loving extravagantly  
**OUR DISCIPLINE**, prayer

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Rev. Doug Marsh, National Commander

## Introducing the new National Commander

**Rev. Douglas Marsh** has served as national Royal Rangers director since early 2007. His vision is to grow Royal Rangers by building a responsive and relevant evangelistic program for boys, by developing young men into effective leaders, and by ministering to *every* boy at home and abroad, even those who do not attend Royal Rangers' weekly meetings.

An AGWM missionary, Doug also serves as the director of Royal Rangers International, which he founded in 2002. Additionally, he served as the training coordinator, and later the coordinator, for Royal Rangers in Latin America and the Caribbean from 1989-2002. While residing in Costa Rica from 1993-2002, Doug and his wife, Kerry, co-founded Camp Summit, an 80-acre evangelism center for men and boys.

The son of missionaries, Doug was born in Peru and raised in Bolivia. As a teenager, he earned Royal Rangers' highest award, the Gold Medal of Achievement, in 1987. Doug and Kerry were married in 1992 and are the proud parents of two children, Jonathan ('97) and Katelyn ('99). 🐾





# ROYAL RANGERS ADVENTURES

I-I'M...  
**LOST!**

**WHO-WHO!  
WHO-WHO!**

WHA-WHAT'S  
THAT SOUND?

WHEW!  
IT'S ONLY  
AN OWL...

GOTTA  
STAY CALM...  
REMEMBER MY  
ROYAL RANGERS  
TRAINING...

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I JUST THOUGHT I'D TAKE A **SHORT CUT** BACK TO OUR CAMP SITE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I **LOST** MY BEARINGS!

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY **RED MERIT BADGE** FOR KNOWING HOW TO USE A COMPASS...



...AND I KNOW THE CONSTELLATIONS, SO FINDING **TRUE NORTH** IS NO PROBLEM.

BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT **DIRECTION** IT IS TO OUR CAMP SITE!

I-I COULD BE **MILES** FROM THE REST OF THE GROUP--I **C-COULD** BE LOST OUT HERE FOR **DAYS**...



...ALONE... **HUNGRY**...WITH ALL THOSE WILD ANIMALS...

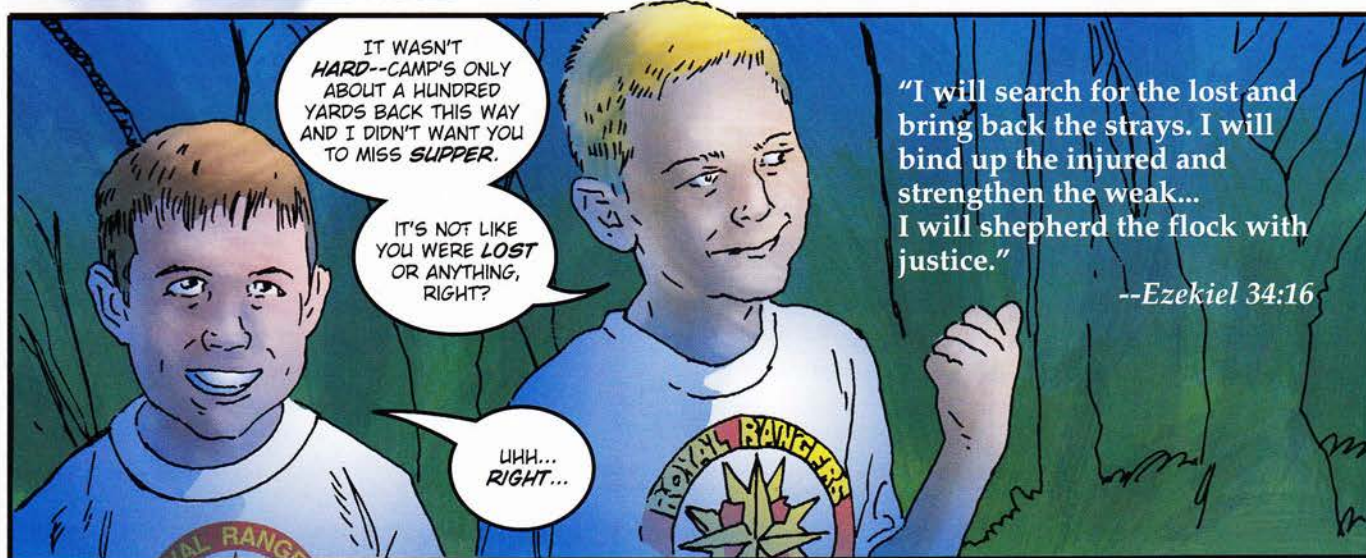
**HEY...!**



**NOOO!**

BRETT-- DUDE--**RELAX**, IT'S ME, CALEB.

H-HOW DID YOU **FIND** ME?



IT WASN'T **HARD**--CAMP'S ONLY ABOUT A HUNDRED YARDS BACK THIS WAY AND I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO MISS **SUPPER**.

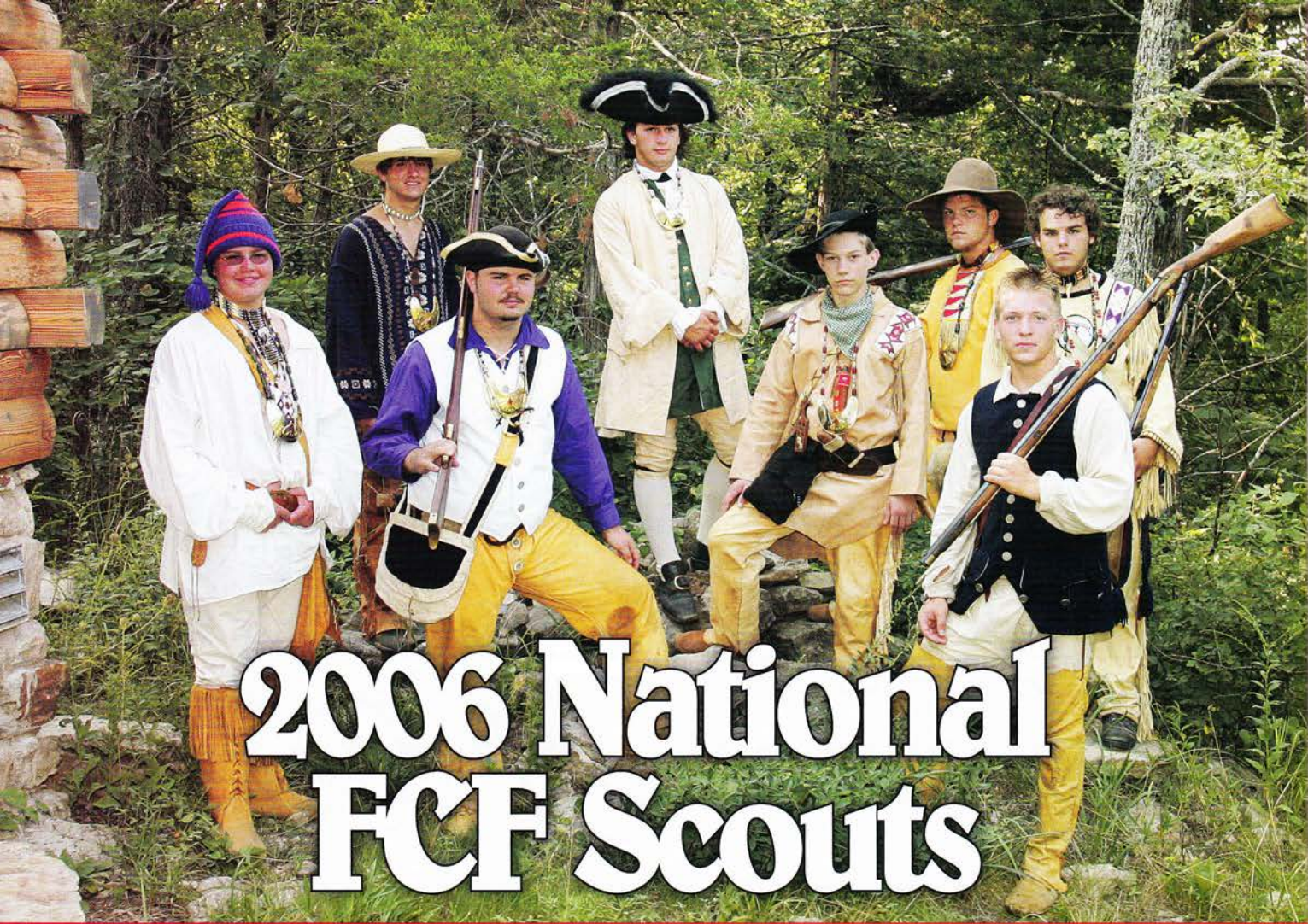
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE **LOST** OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?

UHH... **RIGHT**...

"I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak... I will shepherd the flock with justice."

--Ezekiel 34:16





*Pictured left to right: Justin Trautman, Richmond Zaragoza, Tim Brown, Erak Christofis, Ethan Jackson, Tyler Ryals, Daniel Thomas, and Karl Cullen*

*by* Paul WALTERS



**TO GIVE  
— AND —  
TO SERVE**

**T**he Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship National Scouts were honored at the Wednesday evening pageant during the 2006 National Camporama. Their chapters and territories selected these young men to be their representatives. In addition to being recognized during the pageant, the National FCF Scouts were honored during a time of fellowship with the National FCF Staff after the service. Special trade beads were presented to the Scouts by each member of the FCF Staff. Each member of the National FCF staff then offered his congratulations and words of encouragement and guidance to the National Scouts.

Scout candidates undergo a series of evaluations to determine their suitability for service as a Scout. A National FCF Scout must be selected first at his Chapter event known as a Trace. He then participates in the selection process at his Territorial Rendezvous in order to become one of eight National FCF Scouts.

#### **Tim “Dances For Food” Brown** Mountainmen Territory-Southwest Region

Tim Brown is 18 years old and has been in Rangers since he was 6. He has earned his Silver Medal of Achievement, three Junior Leader Service Awards, and his God and Family Medal. Tim has completed and is a Wilderness FCF member. He attends Citrus Heights Assembly of God in Antelope, CA. Tim feels that there are many benefits of being a member of the FCF. He states, “The FCF gives the opportunity of developing leadership abilities, the perfecting of wilderness skills



and the ongoing teachings that help boys to grow spiritually, mentally, socially and physically. Being in FCF has both honed my leadership skills and awakened in my heart a strong desire to serve."

### **Erak "Fast Horse" Christofis**

Voyagers Territory-Great Lakes Region

Erak Christofis is 17 years old and has been in Royal Rangers since he was a member of the Rainbows, a total of 15 years. He has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement and his JLTA Sabre. He is a Buckskin member and is striving to earn Wilderness. He attends First Assembly of God in Warren, OH. Erak comments on being in the FCF, "It keeps older boys interested in Royal Rangers and gives them the opportunity to meet new people and make lifelong friends. FCF has given me the opportunity to reach, teach and keep boys for Christ in a way that I never thought possible. FCF has also helped to make me into the person that I am today."

### **Karl "Big Little Man" Cullen**

Explorers Territory-North Central Region

Karl Cullen is 18 years old and has been in Rangers since he was 4. He has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement. Karl is a Buckskin member and holds the Bourgeois rating in the Trappers Brigade. The Trappers Brigade promotes Christian service among the FCF members in both their church and fellowman. He attends Tiffany Fellowship in Kansas City, MO. Karl states, "FCF will teach you not only how to rely on your tools in the woods, but also how to rely on God in the real world. The FCF has provided me some lifelong friendships with other men and boys."

### **Ethan "White Hawk" Jackson**

Riflemen Territory- Southeast Region

Ethan Jackson is 14 years old and has been in Royal Rangers for 10 years. He has earned his Bronze Medal of Achievement. Ethan is currently a Frontiersman and is seeking his Buckskin. He attends Northside Family Worship Center in Gainesville, GA. Ethan says about FCF, "In my opinion, FCF is the greatest tool and benefit of the entire Royal Rangers ministry. I remember when I was younger I could not keep my eyes off of someone if they were in an FCF outfit. I dreamed of becoming a member for years." He also states, "Now as a National Scout I can use the FCF as a tool to benefit someone else's life. The FCF has changed my life in a very real sense by helping me to find myself."

### **Tyler "Wide Walker" Ryals**

Plainsmen Territory- South Central Region

Tyler Ryals is 17 years old and has been in Rangers for nine years. He has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement. Tyler is currently a Frontiersman and is seeking his Buckskin. He attends Open Door Assembly

of God in Luther, OK. Tyler feels that the FCF benefits the Royal Rangers ministry in many ways. He says, "The biggest benefit of the FCF would be how it grabs a young boy's attention, his heart and allows him to see God in the wilderness. When a boy is in the wilderness, he can see God's creation without all of the technology and distractions of the modern world. FCF gave me something to look forward to after obtaining the GMA. It gave me a new missions field to work in, where I could use all the knowledge that earning the GMA brought to me. With God's help, I have seen many boys and men come to know the one true God."

### **Daniel "Soaring Eagle" Thomas**

Colonials Territory-Northeast Region

Daniel Thomas is 17 years old and has been in Royal Rangers for 12 years. Daniel has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement and his JLTA Sabre and was a Regional Ranger of the Year. He is a Wilderness member. Daniel attends Calvary Assembly of God in Amsterdam, NY. Daniel feels the FCF is an excellent place to receive Christian mentorship. He says, "FCF has provided fun and fellowship, opportunities for challenge, adventure and leadership. The FCF has been a vital source of Godly mentorship for me. FCF has made an indelible impact on my life and has given me a great appreciation for the many men who have truly affected my life."

### **Justin "Faithful Beaver" Trautman**

Trappers Territory-Northwest Region

Justin Trautman is 16 years old and has been in Rangers for 7 years. Justin has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement and has also earned five Gold Buffalo Awards. He is a Wilderness member. Justin attends Northwest Family Church in Auburn, WA. He has felt the affects of FCF in his life. "The FCF draws people to it and acts like a magnet to a lot of the older boys in the Royal Rangers and gives them a place to excel in after earning their GMA. FCF has influenced me by making me into who I am and it also gives me a chance to impart some of my life and experiences to other people. It gave me a concrete group of friends that I can build off of."

### **Richmond "Lone Wolf" Zaragoza**

Riflemen Territory-Gulf Region

Richmond Zaragoza is 16 years old and has been in Royal Rangers for 11 years. Richmond has earned his Gold Medal of Achievement. He is a Buckskin member and is striving to earn Wilderness. Richmond attends First Assembly of God in Alexandria, LA. Richmond says, "The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship offers good fellowship with other Christian boys and men. In the FCF, I was able to see beyond myself, to see what God expects of us as Christians that want to serve others."





# Thank You

Dear Boys and Girls:

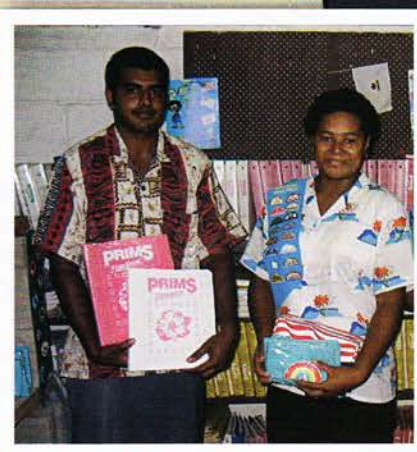
I was unpacking a package sent from GPH by BGMC. It was filled with wonderful Sunday School materials. What a blessing! We have 150 students here at the Bible school that go each week into the villages of the country and teach Sunday School. These are materials that they could never get over here.

We have taught the churches to have storage cabinets made in order to keep the materials secure. This way a teacher guide will last for many years. The dates on the materials do not matter because they feel "Jesus is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever." I was sitting by a lady in church one day, and she was studying for her class. The lesson was from 1963. A missionary here in Fiji had given it to her.

We not only thank you so much for your shipments of Sunday School material, but for the many offerings we have received over the seven years as missionaries here in Fiji. Because of the BGMC offerings, our library is a better research center. Missionettes and Royal Rangers materials are available, adult Sunday School booklets are being used, Bible studies for the prisoners are available, and on and on the list goes!

You children of America have made our life and ministry much more worthwhile! Keep up the good work!

Spain and Bettye Trask  
Missionaries to Fiji



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What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?

*(Flatman and Ribbon.)*

When is a car not a car?

*(When it turns into a garage!)*

How much do pirates pay for their earrings?

*(A Buccaneer!)*

Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door?

*(He wanted to win the No-bell prize!)*

Why did the atoms cross the road?

*(It was time to split!)*



**"Now let me get this straight. You did do your homework, but you made it into a paper airplane and it was hijacked to Cuba?"**

# COMEDY CORNER

What kind of car does Luke Skywalker drive?

*(A Toy-yoda!)*

What is the biggest pencil in the world?

*(Pennsylvania.)*

Why did the boy blush when he opened the fridge?

*(He saw the salad dressing!)*

What do monsters make with cars?

*(Traffic Jam!)*

Why did the pony cough?

*(He was a little hoarse!)*

What do sheep do on sunny days?

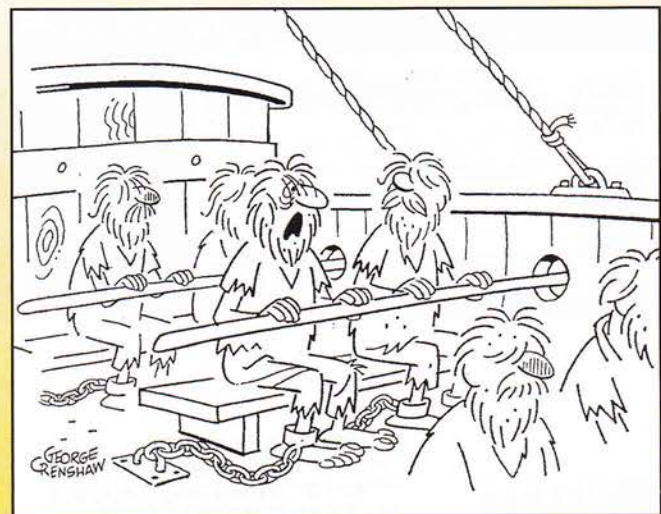
*(Have a baa - baa cue!)*

Where do Aliens keep their sandwiches?

*(In a Launch box!)*

What did the frog order at McDonalds?

*(French flies and a diet Croak!)*



**"I hate these days when the Captain decides to water ski."**



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