



National Network

From National Commander Ken Hunt

A bimonthly issue from the Men's Ministries national Royal Rangers Office January-February, 1993

Devotions Information Suggestions Plans
Activities Techniques Calendars Helps

1993 National Training Camps

- FLORIDA Fort Meade January 28-31
- TEXAS Jacksonville February 25-28

1993 Advanced National Training Camps

- FLORIDA Fort Meade February 9-13

Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Training Conference

- ARIZONA Mesa February 20
- ARIZONA Mesa March 13

Other Calendar Events

- National Men's Day: **January 10**
Theme: "Faithful Men at Work"
- Gulf Regional Seminar, Memphis, Tenn., **February 5-6**
- Valentine's Day, **February 14**
- National Royal Rangers Council, Springfield, Mo., **March 18-20**

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Rocky Starr, national commander for New Zealand, has resigned his position. The new officers are as follows:

New Zealand National Commander: David Spurdle; 350 Roscommon Road; Manurewa, New Zealand.

Public Relations Coordinator: Paul McFadzean; 4 Winspear Avenue; Papatoetoe, New Zealand.

Training Chief: Greg Watson; 33 Cargill Street; Feilding, New Zealand.

The new Mississippi District commander is Barrett Hannah; Rt. 1, Silver Hills; Senatobia, Miss. 38668.

CALENDAR EVENTS

The fifth Australian National Camporama will be held January 4-8, 1993 at Ballarat, Victoria. If you wish further information, contact Australian National Commander Will Thorne: 3 Norma Avenue; Eastwood NSW; 2122 Australia.

The second FCF Pathfinder Missions Trip is scheduled for April 24-30, 1993. The national office is seeking FCF'ers who will travel to Tabasco, Mexico, to undertake this church construction project in that providence. Those interested in participating in this trip should contact their territorial representatives for further information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Men's Ministries Announces LFTL Coordinator: The Men's Ministries Department has announced the appointment of Rev. Benny W. Ferguson—of Columbia, Missouri—as national Light-for-the-Lost coordinator.

"Brother Ferguson is a man of impeccable integrity with a passion for lost souls," states Ken Riemenschneider, secretary, Men's Ministries Department. His powerful pulpit ministry and administrative skill will equip him to lead this ministry of men forward in the Decade of Harvest."

Brother Ferguson follows the leadership of Rev. Bill Strickland, who was named missions convention and Prayer Task Force coordinator for the Division of Foreign Missions. Brother Ferguson is a long-time supporter of Royal Rangers. His son, Benny Jr., is himself a Royal Ranger.

Brother Ferguson will be serving the Royal Rangers ministry as he helps develop and facilitate the new Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program. (For further information on this Royal Rangers program, see page 8 of the spring 1993 *High Adventure*.)

Rev. James Steffens, Sr.—who served 9 years as the district Men's Ministries director and who spent 23 years working with Royal Rangers—was recently honored at a district men's convention in Bingham, NY., for his time of service. Congratulation, James, on a job well done!

The National Network will soon be offered to any Royal Ranger on an offering basis. This will enable the national office to better inform Royal Rangers across the United States. If you are interested in receiving this bimonthly publication, contact the national office—Royal Rangers; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

Earmark your calendar for the dates scheduled for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest prayer and fasting days. The first Saturday of every month—January 2 and February 6 of this publication time period—has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest efforts.

The National Men's Ministries Department now offers 101 Poster Ideas. This \$14.95 publication has 101 promotional posters (8 1/2 by 11 inches) for men's activities and events in the local church. Masters can be photocopied and used as posters, flyers, bulletins, inserts, and mailers. Call the National Men's Ministries Department and order item 08-0229.

How to order a free supply of the Royal Rangers promotional brochure, *Royal Rangers: A doorway to Action and Adventure*: When ordering through GPH Customer Service, inform the representative you wish to order the "District PR Brochure," order number 729-023. A maximum of 500 brochures can be ordered. Any request exceeding this quantity must be handled through the national Royal Rangers Office. (Brochures not intended for resale purposes!)

Publications in the works: A 52-week *Buckaroos Leaders Planning Guide* and the revised *Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship* are now being edited. Further information will follow on the availability of these publications. Also, FCF Membership Cards have been revised and should be available from the national office in January.

Please Note: The Advanced National Training Camp scheduled in Florida does not follow the same scheduling as other ANTC's. It will begin on a Tuesday and end on a Saturday. Please pass the word to whom this information pertains.

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE

Royal Rangers short sleeve shirts with buttoned breast pockets and buttoned epaulets—cost: Men's, \$16.50; Boy's, \$15.50. To order call GPH at 1-800-641-4310. Or you may contact GPH or the national office and request a Royal Rangers order blank.

Large Royal Rangers Emblem decals, cost \$3.95. Ideal for camping equipment, supplies, car doors, and trailers. To order contact GPH and request order number 14-6802.

1993 Fred Deaver Art Calendar. It holds high

quality, full-color art standard. The calendar print will provide many years of enjoyment. It can be matted and framed, giving you a print valued at \$150 or more for a fraction of the cost. The calendar has large blocks to note appointments. Also, it contains a monthly Scripture verse to inspire the soul. For further information contact David Craun, Louisiana District commander. Address: 2717 W. MacArthur Drive; Alexandria, LA 71303. Telephone: (318) 445-6238. FAX: (318) 473-9344.

FACTS TO KNOW

"The fastest growing segment of AIDS cases in the United States is heterosexual young people who are sexually active," notes Word Publishers, Inc.

"Their rate of transmissible infection is doubling every 14 months, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Kids are playing Russian roulette with a deadly virus that has no known cure."

If you wish to better educate your leaders about AIDS, Word Publishers now has a new video called *AIDS Among Teens*. "The video features Jerry Johnston as he relates to young people and adults who are HIV positive," notes Word. "*AIDS Among Teens* is a must viewing for every teen." To order this video, call Word Publishers, Inc., at (817) 772-4200.

"A third of American girls can expect to be sexually molested by age 18," states the National & International Religion Report, November 30, 1992, edition. "A woman is raped every 46 seconds in America, and 'there are more outlets for hard-core pornography in this country than there are McDonald's restaurants.'"

This newsletter was quoting Dee Jepson, a spokeswoman of the anti-pornography campaign "Enough is Enough."

The new *Royal Rangers Leaders Manual* also discusses child abuse as it relates to pornography. For information on this subject, read the coming chapter entitled "Child and Substance Abuse."

More than 150 boys earned the GMA this past year. Their testimonies on what Royal Rangers means to them are outstanding. Here is one prime example:

John Vidal, Air Ranger Outpost 103, Spanish Eastern District

"I came from a home that never served the Lord. My father was a drug dealer, and my mother was unknowingly dying of AIDS. I was lost and confused as to where my life was headed.

"Commanders Frank and Ezekiel helped me and prayed for me and with me. They also helped me understand what God asks of me. I later accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior.

"In 1987 the truth came out about my mother's illness. I freaked out! At age 14 I wanted to kill myself. Then came my first Royal Rangers camp-out. During the camp-out prayer time, the Lord spoke to me. Afterward, I did my best to eternally dedicate my life to Him. Royal Rangers helped me build a meaningful and strong relationship with God.

"I had a tough year in 1990, though. I moved to another church that didn't have Royal Rangers. Royal Rangers had become such a necessity in my life that I later began visiting another church, where I became a member. There, Senior Commander Ramon Jimenez took me in with open arms. He helped motivate me to earn my advanced awards.

"With all my heart I thank God for the men who have helped and guided me to become a "man of God." Today my life has new meaning, and I have respect for myself."

SIDEBARS

"Why Wear a Uniform"

Uniforms are important! How would you know a police officer without his uniform. Or a fireman without his? Or a soldier? Uniforms help us identify with our group. We know who is on our side by the uniform we wear.

In Ephesians 6, Paul talks of the uniform of the Christian: The Armor of God. When a Ranger puts on his Royal Rangers cap, it reminds him of the helmet of salvation. His shirt is a breastplate of righteousness, reminding him of his duty to the Ranger Code. His belt is a chalk line of truth, a constant reminder that he must "line up" his words and deeds. His shoes are neatly shined, speaking of his readiness to carry the gospel of peace. His Rangers Emblem is his shield of faith. Having

carried over 1 million other Rangers, it can surely carry him! His Rangers New Testament becomes a sword of the Spirit as he uses it to share the glorious good news of Jesus, the Master Ranger.

Ranger, get your uniform in order! It can be a reminder of the Full Armor of God. Your uniform can "protect you" in these final days of battle. Wear it with dignity!

—Alabama "Ready"

"The Commander's Wife"

(To help you better appreciate your valentine)

A commander's wife is a very special lady. After all, she's the lady who walks around, stumbles, trips, and sometimes falls flat on her face, over Royal Rangers stuff: camping gear, trunks, FCF items, books, or anything else her husband can think of to use in Royal Rangers.

You may ask, "Why is a commander's wife so prone to accidents involving Royal Rangers equipment?" The answer seems quite simple: Most of the time—several days before a district Pow Wow, FCF trace, sectional camp-out, or whatever Royal Rangers event is about to take place—these items are stored in her living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, back porch, or wherever her husband feels is a good place to put things for the time being.

She's the lady who screams from the shock of walking into a room and, unexpectedly, finding a deer hide, a cow skull, or something else that's dead. One day I asked my husband, "Why are these things so important to you?" He didn't answer me at first because he was so stunned that I didn't know the answer. Finally he answered, "Anything that gets a boy's attention is a tool to win him to the Lord."

I still don't understand why men like things like that, though, and I guess I never will. But if they can be used to get a boy's attention, I guess I can put up with them ... if they're kept in a place I never have to look at them.

The commander's wife is one whose husband sometimes gets so involved in camp-outs, hikes, and Pow Wows that it seems the husband forgets she's an important part of his life. It's during these times that she has to say, "Honey, I know Royal Rangers is an important part of your life, but so am I."

She's the lady who sometimes hears her husband say: "I've had it with little Tommy. I might as well give up on him." She's the one who has to respond: Honey, don't give up on Tommy. I know he gets on your nerves and upsets you a lot. But what if you give up and there's no one else willing to take the time to work with Tommy? What if he ends up lost because you did give up?"

She's the one who diligently prays that her husband will be an example to the boys' needs and that he will listen to the voice of our Heavenly Father. She's also the one who rejoices with her husband when one day he comes to her and says: "Honey, I've got great news.... I prayed with Tommy tonight, and he asked Jesus into his heart!"

I hope I don't sound as if I'm putting down Royal Rangers commanders because that's not my intention. Let's fact it: We've all been there one time or another.

The fact is Royal Rangers commanders are some of the most dedicated men I've ever known. I know, because being a commander's wife is a very special and important part of my life. I'm very honored to be one.

—Sharon Lilly, reprinted from November 1991 Knoxville sectional newsletter