

National Network



*From the national Royal Rangers Office
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From National Commander Ken Hunt

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Calendar of Events

National Training Camps

May 12-15 Emigrant Gap, California
May 19-22 Whiteford, Maryland
May 19-22 Payson, Arizona
June 2-5 Twin Peaks, California

National Canoe Expedition

June 2-5 Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Buckaroos/Straight Arrows National Training Conference

May 19-21 Chester, Texas
May 26-28 Carlisle, Pennsylvania

National Calendar

May 8 Mother's Day
May 22 Pentecost Sunday
May 30 Memorial Day
June 12 Children's Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 19 Father's Day

Upcoming Events

1994 National Camporama: I trust all is going well in your planning for the grand Camporama, to be held July 11-15, at the National Royal Rangers Training Center. All district commanders should have submitted district rosters to the national office

by May 2. Camporama is quickly approaching, and many tools and skilled workers are still needed to help prepare for this grand event. If you are able to provide manpower or obtain the following items, please notify Paul Stanek, Camporama director, at the national Royal Rangers Office as soon as possible.

A note to district commanders:

Be certain to bring your state flags to Camporama. Each district will select "representatives" to participate in the opening ceremony parade—in which the state flags will be displayed. The parade will highlight the theme parks.

Pre-Camporama Work Projects:

1. Set up five vinyl swimming pools.

areas.

7. Hauling and spreading rock and fill dirt for amphitheater.
8. Lay block and stone in amphitheater.

Skilled and General Labor Workers Needed for Pre-Camporama:

1. Carpenters
2. Electricians
3. Plumbers
4. Concrete finishers and block layers
5. General laborers

Note: Workers should bring appropriate tools and equipment needed to complete the tasks.

Pre- and Post-Camporama Activities: Hopefully Camporama campers will have time to enjoy the great Ozarks prior to and following the Camporama. Nearby Eureka Springs offers many tourist attractions. Also, Silver Dollar City provides a host of activities you would enjoy. Group rates for Silver Dollar City (amusement theme park) and White Water (water activities park) are available by calling ☎ 1-800-282-2482, ext. 2. The parks are located 1 hour from the National Royal Rangers Training Center in or near Branson, Missouri.

Foreign Delegates Training Camp:

The national office will be hosting a training camp for all foreign delegates following the 1994 National Camporama. Paul Stanek will provide training on low- and high-ropes courses and rappelling.

1994 Eagle Rock Adventure:

Attention all commanders! The National Royal Rangers Training Center is offering your Rangers a grand opportunity: the 1994 Eagle Rock Adventure. It's 7 days packed with fun, intrigue, excitement, and outdoor adventure.

Location: National Royal Rangers Training Center

Date: July 31-August 6, 1994

Cost: \$125

Age Requirement: Rangers ages 12-17, leaders ages 18 up.

Exciting Events: The week will be filled with activities like rappelling, low- and high-ropes courses, cave exploration, hiking, water activities, pioneering, mountain crafts, night owl expedition, archery, riflery, tomahawk throw, and more.

Contact the national Royal Rangers Office for applications: 1445 Boonville Ave; Springfield, MO 65802-1894. ☎ (417) 862-2781, ext. 4179.

European Rangers Events:

- **Spain Camporama**—The Royal Rangers of Spain are preparing for their 1994 Camporama, held August 8-12, in which Paul Stanek will be a guest speaker.

- **Holland NTC**—Paul Stanek will travel from the Spain Camporama to Holland to serve as camp commander at the National Training Camp the week of August 15.

- **Royal Rangers Eurocamp**—Mariager, Denmark, will be the gathering ground for the upcoming Eurocamp, August 1-5, 1995. Campers will begin streaming into the campground July 31 as early as 6 a.m. A host of workshops, games, and special activities will be offered. Registration fee is 660 Danish krona (approximately \$100 U.S. currency). If you wish to attend this 1995 event, contact Hanspeter Neck, Switzerland national commander; Morlerrainstrasse 21; CH-8248 Uhwiesen; Switzerland. ☎ 053/29-19-70.

Royal Rangers Week, October 2-8:

Begin preparing for Royal Rangers Week. Please take this special opportunity to promote our ministry in local churches across the United States. A Royal Rangers Week theme poster is being prepared, which can be purchased through the national Royal Rangers Office. (This item will be available through the national office around August.) A

two-color version of the poster will appear in the fall 1994 *High Adventure Leader*.

The national office is considering developing a bulletin insert for churches, which will also enable them to promote Royal Rangers Week. This items would also be available through the national office.

Past Events

Winter National Training Camp:

January 20-23, 1994, was the second WNTC held in the Northern California/Nevada. I served as camp commander, while Fred Deaver, national FCF president, served as senior guide. Let me echo the words stated by the local district staff: "Thanks to the WNTC staff for their dedication and hard work to make this a success."

National Royal Rangers Council:

I was quite pleased with the outcome of our 1994 National Royal Rangers Council. Thanks to each of you who participated! For those unable to attend, the council notebook can be purchased for \$10 through the national office.

You can read an in-depth report in the fall 1994 *High Adventure Leader*. But allow me to highlight some information.

- Registration: Men 228, Ladies 46
- Silver Eagle Awards Presented: 43
- National Council Officers: Jim Barger, president; Freddie Espinoza, vice president; Mark Gentry, secretary. (See "News" section below for comments from each new officer.)
- Five Medals of Merit were presented during the nightly services. Those recognized were as follows: Joseph R. Flower, Johnny Soto, David Wharton, James Woodward, and John Vasquez. Brother Flower was recently named an honorary member of the National Royal

Rangers Council for his years of support to Royal Rangers while serving as general secretary for The General Council of the Assemblies of God. He retired from his position November 1993.

- A major topic of discussion during council was the upcoming 1994 National Camporama, to be held at the national Royal Rangers campground at Eagle Rock, Missouri, July 11-15. A survey during council indicated that nearly 4,000 Royal Rangers and leaders are expected to attend.

- A council report noted that new Pioneers and Trailblazers handbooks will be published in early 1995, that an urban commanders training guide will be soon released, and that "values" teaching curriculum for Rangers may be available in 1994. Another new item discussed was the Royal Rangers Training Academy, to be held at the national campground in 1995.

- Nightly speakers were myself, Charles Hackett, executive director, Division of Home Missions; and Loren Triplett, executive director, Division of Foreign Missions. Each of us carried strong the council theme ("Go Change the World") as we challenged commanders toward world evangelism.

Conferences Reflect Teamwork: I recently attended three Royal Rangers conferences, in which teamwork, hard work, and forward mobility were apparent. On April 8, 9, I was guest speaker at the Northwest Regional Seminar in Lewiston, Idaho, hosted by Eggy Bucat, regional coordinator. The following weekend I traveled to Frisco, Colorado, and spoke at the Rocky Mountain District Commanders Conference, April 15, 16. Also, I assisted District Commander Sherman Metcalf and Missionettes leader Sue Hines in a district Royal Rangers and Missionettes awards service. Then

on April 22, 23, I traveled to Waco, Texas, where I attended the North Texas Royal Rangers Commanders Conference. The North Texas District event was hosted by Paul Patterson. My special thanks to Eggy Bucat, Sherman Metcalf, and Paul Patterson for inviting me to participate. God bless you, friends, as you work to build the Kingdom through the Royal Rangers ministry!

General Information

Decade of Harvest Prayer

Calendar: Farmark your calendar for the dates scheduled for the Royal Rangers prayer and fasting days. The first Saturday of every month has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest efforts.

Name Adopted for NRRTC: You will be hearing the National Royal Rangers Training Center referred to in national publications as "Camp Eagle Rock." Though the legal name will remain as is, the national campground will be called Camp Eagle Rock since it is used for Royal Rangers activities other than training.

Commander Prepares for Foreign

Missions: Doug and Kerry Marsh, missionaries soon to depart for Costa Rica, have just completed 12 months of their deputation cycle with 2 months remaining. Kerry will enroll in language school, and Doug will have a heavy schedule of men's training events in various Latin American countries—such as Ecuador, Uruguay, El Salvador, and Costa Rica.

Doug has served Royal Rangers for many years in Latin America and stateside with Spanish Royal Rangers curriculum.

Doug and Kerry will train men to reach boys for Christ and lead them into a Pentecostal experience. Their main goal will be to help develop

Royal Rangers throughout Mexico and Central and South America.

Help Doug and Kerry by supporting them financially and in prayer.

The Marsh's Address: P. O. Box 4789; Springfield, MO 65808

PTF Planned, September, October:

If you have been on a Prayer Task Force, then you know the life-changing impact it has made on your life. Words alone cannot express what happens when PTF team members gather on foreign soil in prayer. It is blessing first hand as we seek God in earnest to intervene in a glorious way!

Royal Rangers, including the entire Men's Ministries Department and the Division of Foreign Missions, is combining its efforts to participate in a PTF this year: The World Assemblies of God Congress in Seoul, Korea. Over 1 million people are expected to gather in Seoul.

I urge you to make this trip a high priority—at every opportunity across your district.

Dates: September 27-October 7

Cost: \$2,099 (does not include tax; rates may vary slightly depending on double/single occupancy and taxes).

Includes:

- round-trip airfare from Los Angeles
- congress registration
- super-deluxe accommodations
- full buffet breakfast daily
- transfers in/out of airports and local transfers during congress
- sight-seeing in Hong Kong and China
- all local taxes and service charges

Please plan to attend. Prayer moves the hand of God; we can change the world!

For further information, contact the national Royal Rangers Office.

World Prayer Meeting USA: Be a part of the largest prayer meeting in

history, October 2, 1994. While 1 million gather in Seoul, Korea, Christians in Assemblies of God churches will gather in rallies across the United States to pray. The nationwide telecast, "World Prayermeetings, USA," will link our churches into one gathering. In addition to hearing testimonies from Seoul and other locations in the United States, hearts will be challenged when *Revivaltime* speaker Dan Betzer, speaking from a great rally in Phoenix, Arizona, concludes his message and Assemblies of God adherents across the country are asked to pray for the world's lost.

How Churches Can Participate:

Join with other churches in your section and district for an area-wide rally. Being part of a world prayer meeting will be realized when God's people come together in a unified setting.

How to Intercept the Telecast:

The signal will be on at least two satellites. All that is needed is a satellite dish and a screen(s) or monitor(s) large enough for group viewing. Costs are affordable when shared by several churches. The September 1994 *Ministers Letter* will give specifics of where the telecast can be picked up. The telecast may be available on local cable systems. Again, this information will appear in the *Ministers Letter*.

Telecast Time: The telecast will begin Sunday, October 2, 1994, at 5 p.m. PDT; 6 p.m. MDT; 7 p.m. CDT; and 8 p.m. EDT.

Prayer Topics: In addition to praying that God will heal the ills of our nation, prayer requests from around the world will automatically be sent to those churches that have made a commitment to be prayer partners in the Decade of Harvest and/or participants in the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting. But, most importantly, we will pray for the lost and that the moral decay of our nation and world be reversed.

Prepare Today: Tell your pastor

that your outpost wishes to join in prayer during this world prayer meeting. Ask him how you can help in promoting this needed cause.

For additional information: Decade of Harvest; 1445 Boonville Ave.; Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

Attention District FCF Presidents:

Geoff Smart, national FCF Scout, requests that all district FCF presidents please provide the following information by calling or writing—Geoff Smart; 7859 Blanchard Ave.; Fontana, CA 92336. ☎ (909) 823-6203:

District:
District Scout's Name:
Scout's FCF Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip:
Telephone Number:
Comments (buckskin, wilderness, trapper's brigade, etc.):

NMLRA Muzzle Loading Instructor Course:

A National Muzzle Loader Rifle Association instructor course (not a Royal Rangers sponsored function) is being offered September 17, 18, 1994, in Friendship, Indiana. Registration is \$50. For registration information contact Roberta Benham; NMLRA; Box 67; Friendship, IN 47201. ☎ (812) 667-5131.

Annual Outpost Reports:

District commander, I would appreciate it if you would encourage all outposts in your district to complete the *Annual Outpost Report* form they will receive when chartering or rechartering. The recently revised form, sent out by our national chartering secretary, enables us to compile important data on the evangelism thrust of each outpost.

Following are the 1993 statistics reflected from the *Annual Outpost Report* form:

- 295 churches reported the

following statistics:

- Boys saved: 1,350
- Boys filled with the Holy Spirit: 346
- Advanced merits earned: 2,078
- Rank advancements earned: 5,183

News

Men's Ministries Secretary

Resigns: "Longtime head of the national Men's Ministries Department, Ken Riemenschneider, resigned in March," states Rev. Terry Raburn, national director, Division of Church Ministries. "He concludes a 9-year stint at the controls of Assemblies of God ministry to men, the longest stint to date.

"His leadership provided one of the most productive and successful periods for Men's Ministries in our Fellowship. Ken was able to pull together the talents and cooperation of many leaders in our churches to produce effective tools for ministry at the national, district, and local levels. He did an outstanding job while head of the department.

"Ken set a high mark of excellence for Men's Ministries in general and our Men's Ministries Department in particular. We will miss his good work and effective ministry and wish him well wherever God leads him and his family. Further ministry seems to be in Oregon. We are certain he will bless his home district in many ways."

Council Elects New Officers:

Three new officers were elected to serve the council during the 1994 National Royal Rangers Council. They each will serve a 2-year term.

James Barger, regional coordinator for the Great Lakes Region, was voted president of the council. At his local church, he continues his responsibilities as board member, Sunday school teacher, and Trailblazers commander. "I consider my most

important accomplishments as being those things 'my boys' [Rangers] have accomplished," noted Barger. "And my greatest blessing is having played a part in the lives of boys who are now men—some as pastors, some being missionaries, others good moral Christian laymen."

Freddie Espinoza, district commander for the Pacific Latin District, was voted council vice president. He serves as pastor of Gospel Temple, a Spanish-speaking church in east Los Angeles, California. He has served in Rangers leadership since 1979. He is burdened to reach the inner city boys of his district and to assist in the overall thrust to evangelize urban America. He plays a vital role in the national Urban Task Force Committee. "I love Royal Rangers," Espinoza said, "and am looking forward to serving in my new position and continuing to help achieve our Decade of Harvest goals."

Mark Gentry will serve as council secretary after having completed two terms as council vice president. He has served in national leadership since 1977. Gentry has dedicated hundreds of man-hours to the ministry. He has also served in numerous overseas Royal Rangers camps, conducting National Training Camps, Staff Schools, and children's camps. He pastors Faith Assembly in Fort Smith, Arkansas. "The greatest public honor I have received in Royal Rangers is election to the National Royal Rangers Council," said Gentry. "Representing the leadership in this position is one of the most satisfying experiences of my life. I look forward to the next 2 years of His service."

Some 1993 National Royal Rangers Statistics:

- Congratulations to the 147 boys who earned the Gold Medal of Achievement in 1993. That same year 15 Rangers were awarded the Medal of Valor for risking their lives

to save the lives of others. Nine Rangers were awarded the Certificate of Valor for saving the lives of others at no risk to themselves.

- Approximately 15,600 individuals had enrolled in the *Leadership Training Course* in 1993. Of those receiving training, 3,102 individuals earned the Leaders Medal of Achievement by completing the standard *Leadership Training Course*. Another 920 individuals earned the Leaders Medal of Achievement for completing the *Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Leadership Training Course*.

- The attendance of our National Training Camps in 1993 are as follows:

- Advanced National Training Camps: 150
- Eagle Rock Adventure: 82
- National Training Camps: 706
- National Training Trails: 40

Congratulations: To Kathleen Thomas and Rudolph Brown (district commander for the West Florida District), who were united in marriage

Saturday, March 5, 1992, at Callaway Assembly of God.

New Region Coordinator: James Seagroves, district commander for the Tennessee District, was recently approved to serve as region coordinator for the Gulf Region. Welcome to this new and exciting challenge, Jim! He replaces James McHaffie, who recently moved to Jefferson City, Missouri, to pastor Western Hills Assembly of God. Our brother, James McHaffie, will be greatly missed by myself and the entire National Council. Thank you, James, for all the many hours you have dedicated to this ministry!

New District Commander: Angel Ortiz was recently appointed as district commander for the Spanish Eastern District. Angel, we appreciate your commitment to serving our ministry. I know you will serve well! Below is a letter of congratulations to Angel from Rev. Joel Del Toro, secretary treasurer for that district.

Spanish Eastern District ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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2 de febrero de 1994

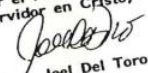
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Director of Missions

Rev. Angel L. Ortiz
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Apreciado hermano Ortiz:

i Gracia y paz del Señor sea con usted y familia !
Por este medio paso a notificarle en forma oficial, que el día 19 de enero de 1994 (miércoles), el Presbiterio Distrital se reunió y en esta reunión usted fue nombrado para trabajar como Comandante Distrital del Departamento de Royal Rangers.

Hermano Ortiz; sabemos que esta empresa continuará hacia adelante por el bien de esta obra en medio de nuestros niños. Esperamos que el Señor le una de manera especial en el desempeño de esta nueva labor por el bien de de nuestro Distrito Hispano del Este de las Asambleas de Dios.
Dios le bendiga ! y Adelante.

Por el Presbiterio Distrital,
Servidor en Cristo,

Rev. Joel Del Toro, Sec. Tes.

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cc Rev. Isafas Rodriguez, Presbitero