

National Network



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National Commander Ken Hunt

Calendar of Events

National Training Camp

February 2-5 Ft. Mead, Florida (Camp Wilderness)

Advanced National Training Camp

February 8-12 Ft. Mead, Florida (Camp Wilderness)

Upcoming Events

1995 National Council: By now you should have received my letter regarding the March 16-18 National Council. We are planning many exciting activities for both councilmen and their wives. I trust you have made arrangements to attend and look forward to seeing you at the Radisson Inn Conference Center, where we met last year.

Here is a look at the events to be held at council:

- **March 14—Tuesday**
Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **March 15—Wednesday**
Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **March 16—Thursday**
Standing Committees Meet
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Silver Eagle Banquet

6:30 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.

Note: The Silver Eagle Banquet will be held the first night of council, a departure from past schedules.

- **March 17—Friday**
Council Business Session
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Regional Breakaways
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Special Breakaways
7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

- **March 18—Saturday**
Council Business Session
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Missions Banquet
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Harvest Task Force Seminar

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

- Teen Challenge: The Urban Leaders Training Program
- Urban Evangelism
- Turning Point & Values Teaching Curricula

European Rangers Events:

- **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).

To attend this 1995 event, contact Hanspeter Neck, Switzerland national

commander; Morlerrainstrasse 21; CH-8248 Uhwiesen; Switzerland. ☎ 053/29- 19-70.

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Hanspeter Neck. The registration form and the preregistration fee must be received by Switzerland national office by **April 1, 1995**. Leaders wishing to attend must be approved by their local pastors.

Past Events

A resounding "thanks" to Southern Idaho District for their hospitality to me while serving as their LFTL speaker November 11-18, 1994. I was under the tender loving care of DMD James Dunn and LFTL "rep" Steve Isaac.

In Idaho, the Royal Rangers served at each of the banquets. Not only did they provide fantastic service, such as did District Commander Bob Parr's crew, but it gave boys who are working on their LFTL Junior Councilmen requirements the opportunity to fulfill the banquet requirements.

January Pathfinder Trip: Myself and 12 other commanders just completed a January 14-21 missions trip to Nauta, Peru. Paul Etheridge, FCF field advisor, coordinated the trip. There we met with Missionaries Steve Ford and David Wagner. Our Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Pathfinder trip resulted in a 30- by 55-foot church there in Nauta, where 200 people attended the opening service January 19.

What a marvelous site, seeing 200 excited Peruvians who now had their own church building. The pastor noted he could not adequately express his gratitude. What a humbling experience to be used by God in such a manner!

Myself and Gerald Jackson (foreign construction representative, MAPS Office, Division of Foreign Missions) attended as national representative.

Encourage the FCF chapters in your district to schedule a Pathfinder trip. The church construction trip will provide a church for a group of needy people; it will also place within each who participate in the MAPS trip a stronger zeal for missions.

Presentation to A/G Black Caucus: Our efforts to move Royal Rangers into the inner cities of America are progressing well. On December 14, at the invitation of DHM, our office gave a 30-minute presentation to the Assemblies of God Black Caucus, here at Headquarters.

Please Pray ...

... for God's direction and anointing on the upcoming National Council

... for the mother of FCF National President Fred Deaver. Fred's mother is undergoing treatment for cancer. Pray that the Lord will strengthen and encourage her.

Decade of Harvest Prayer Calendar:

Remember to earmark 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.

1-800-4PRAYER:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God has established at Headquarters a National Prayer Center. To share urgent prayer requests, dial 1-800-4PRAYER.

New Products

New Products Available: Another reminder that several curriculum items are now being offered through the national office, which can be ordered by calling 1-800-641-4310—Customer Service.

Camporama Videos:

60-minute overview video

Item: 729NY053

Cost: \$14.95, plus shipping

15-minute promotional video

Item Number: 729NY054

Cost: \$14.95, plus shipping

Publications:

→ *ON-LINE*

ON-LINE is a new national newsletter offered directly to Royal Rangers outposts. The quarterly publication is designed to keep outpost commanders abreast of current and upcoming helps, events, and publications.

If senior commanders of chartered outposts did not receive our first mailing, distributed early October, please contact our office ☎ (417) 862-2781, ext. 4177.

→ *The Ultimate—English brochure*
Item: 729NY007

Cost: \$.05—100-800 brochures*

Cost: \$.045—801-1,499 brochures*

Cost: \$.04—1,500-plus brochures*

*plus shipping

→ *The Ultimate—Spanish brochure*

Item: 729NY025

Cost: Free

Note: Both English and Spanish versions of *The Ultimate* brochure may be obtained free of charge to churches unable to afford the cost. Such churches must request the items through the national office and must pay for shipment.

→ *Urban Commanders Training Guide*

Item: 729NY009

Cost: \$5.30, plus shipping

A 66-page training manual that offers new insights to penetrating urban America with the Royal Rangers ministry.

→ *Urban Rangers—Dallas, Chicago* Item:

729NY052

Cost: \$5.00, plus shipping

The video highlights urban Royal Rangers in Dallas and in Chicago—ideal for promoting the ministry's involvement in the inner cities as well as for encouraging churches to raise funds for inner-city outposts.

→ *Insight Group: Commander's Guide*

Item: 729NY049

Cost: \$9, plus shipping*

Insight Group: Ranger's Guide

Item: 729NY050

Cost: \$7, plus shipping*

The *Insight Group* curricula is ideal for groups Pioneers through Air-Sea-Trail. However, the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders can apply the program features in their outpost group meetings by adapting the topics to the boys' level of understanding. The Bible study lessons can be applied in the same manner.

Insight Group provides 13 sessions that are ideal for monthly meeting features or a weekly 30-minute values/Bible study.

The commander's guide, a 104-page guide, instructs the leader how to use the curriculum along with the materials that are presented in the *Ranger's Guide*.

Along with Bible studies, the curriculum addresses issues such as trust, the trap (substance abuse), peer care, Christ-esteem, making decisions, and dating relationships.

*Order 10-19 copies of each and save 10 percent or receive a 20 percent discount for ordering 20 or more of each.

→ *Victor's Victories*
Item: 729NY057
Cost: \$18, plus shipping

For Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders: Contains 13 stories with Bible studies and discussion topics that address issues today's young boys face: the single-parent home, death is not the end, controlling anger, peer pressure and gangs, friendship, the importance of winning, and much more.

→ *Behind Our Sunday Smiles*
Item: 729NY055
Cost: \$9.95, plus shipping

Offers insights on life-controlling problems and *Insight Group* curriculum application

→ *Prevention Resource Guide*
Item: 729NY056
Cost: \$35, plus shipping

Educates on various chemicals that are abused and what physical affects the substances have on the body. Other topics: Diagnosing Your Walk With God, Self-Image and Identity, Honesty and Transparency, Making Decisions and Setting Goals, and Steering Clear of Life-Controlling Problems.

→ *Gold Medal of Achievement Bulletin*
Item: 729NY069
Cost: \$15 per 100

The 11- by 8 1/2-inch format, which folds in half, enables the user to print the GMA

ceremony schedule and service activities on opposite side of design.

→ *Church Heritage Packet*
Item: 729NY006
Cost: \$2

Required reading for Rangers wanting to earn the Church Merit.

The Solid Rock, video and curriculum series (estimated availability date: March):

→ *Kids 'n' Gangs*
Item: 729NY100
→ *Streets of Pain*
Item: 729NY101
→ *Who is God?*
Item: 729NY103
→ *Finding God's Will for Your Life*
Item: 729NY104
→ *Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places*
Item: 729NY105

Cost Each: \$39.95

Each packet contains a video on the youth issue, a leader's workbook that can be duplicated, and *The Youth Bible* that contains numerous devotional topics ideal for the outpost meeting.

New Meeting Feature Videos Forthcoming:

→ *Treasure Hunt*
Topic: Heavenly treasure verses earthy treasures
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
→ *I Didn't Do It*
Topic: Telling the truth
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
→ *Who's Watching Me*
Topic: Child Abduction Prevention
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
→ *Decisions & Consequences*
Topic: A look behind prison walls; teaches the consequences of sin
Audience: All age groups
→ *Incest: Solving the Pain*
Topic: Child abuse prevention
Audience: Commanders

Computer Software:

→ *The Royal Rangers Computer Presentation*

Item: 729NY051
Cost: \$35.00, plus shipping

Designed to enable commanders to promote the Royal Rangers program via their computers. It contains two 3.5-inch disks and provides a continual run program that includes colorful graphics and one-color photographs, which depict various activities and which present each age-group program.

→ *Ranger Pro*
Item: 729NY066, 3 1/2" disk
Item: 729NY068, 5 1/4" disk
Cost: \$45, plus shipping

DOS computer program that enables the outpost commander to maintain records of his Rangers—such as advancements earned, level of spiritual commitment, address and phone number, and more.

Accessories:

→ Urban T-shirt
Size L: Item 729NY058
Size XL: Item 729NY059
Size XXL: Item 729NY060
Cost: \$9 each
\$7.75, order 7 or more
each item

→ Urban Cap
Item: 729NY067
Cost: \$7
\$6, order 10 or more

→ Camp Eagle Rock T-shirt
Size L: Item 729NY061
Size XL: Item 729NY062
Size XXL: Item 729NY063
Cost: \$11.50 each
\$10.00, order 10 or more
each item

General Information

A reminder from the National Royal Rangers Constitution and Bylaws: Article III-Membership, Section 1. Membership Prerequisites, Item 2 states: to qualify for National Council membership, an individual must be "a registered member of a currently chartered Royal Rangers outpost."

Phase-In of New Advancement Trail: We are anticipating the arrival of the Pioneers and Trailblazers handbooks by May. With this arrival comes an exciting and new Advancement Trail.

Soon I will be forwarding you a draft copy of the new Advancement Trail, along with charts that will be illustrated in the Pioneers and Trailblazers handbooks.

Below are guidelines, which you should become aware of, that will be appearing in the new handbooks.

"Welcome to the new Advancement Trail. Since you have been participating in the now old Advancement Trail, carefully read the following guidelines:

1. Initially, the Advancement Trail of choice—either the old Advancement Trail or the new Trail listed below—should be decided jointly between you and your outpost group commander.
2. If continuing with the old Trail, you must automatically begin the new Trail when promoted to the Trailblazers program.
3. If beginning the new Trail below, the advancements you have completed in the old Trail can be transferred to the new Trail. However, to maintain your current rating when transferring to the new Trail, you must first complete all new requirements for that rating plus all new requirements for previous ratings.
4. **Phase Out of Old Trail:** If continuing with the old Trail, you may compete in the Royal Ranger of the Year competition or complete the Gold Medal of Achievement requirements, using the old Trail, until January 1, 1998. In short, a dual Advancement Trail will exist during this time period."

Royal Rangers Turning Point & Insight Group: During the final night of the National Council in March, you will be learning more about how the Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars and *Insight Group* curricula apply to the Royal Rangers program. Let me list here our objective and goals for the training and curricula application:

Objective:

To help boys prevent or overcome life-controlling problems. A life-controlling problem is anything that masters one's life.

Goals:

1. To train a select group of regional and district commanders to become certified Royal Rangers Turning Point instructors.

2. For those certified Turning Point instructors who are national, regional, or district representatives to conduct Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars. These seminars are to be conducted at a) local outposts, b) district and regional conferences.

3. To train *all* commanders how to help Rangers avoid and/or overcome life-controlling problems. This will be accomplished through the following approaches:

- **Educate outpost commanders:** Certified instructors will schedule seminars in cities and towns where outpost commanders from several churches can attend Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars.
- Educate regional, district, divisional, sectional, and area commanders and all Royal Rangers certified instructors about the role of Turning Point and *Insight Group* curricula by conducting Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminars at regional and district conferences.

Leader's Name Tab: The leaders name tab, worn on the left pocket of the uniform, should be worded to indicate the commander's name and position. For example: "JOHN SMITH" (name, which appears in 14 point caps on the first line) and "COMMANDER" (or SENIOR COMMANDER, OUTPOST CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, etc.—title appearing in 12 point caps on second line). The outpost group commander should not place on his name tab the words "OUTPOST COMMANDER."

In case you may have forgotten: The commander of an outpost group is called "outpost group commander," and no longer "outpost commander." The word *outpost* is used only to denote the inclusive—all groups, which make up the outpost—and the term *outpost group* to indicate a single group within the outpost. Difficult to explain, but simple to apply!

Urban Bibles: We are receiving exciting testimonies from urban missionaries who report of people who have committed their lives to Christ after having received *The Book of Hope*. You may recall that 100,000 urban Bibles, called *The Book of Hope*, was developed and purchased through the funds generated by the LFTL Junior Councilmen program. This was our first literature project, which is proving highly effective in leading the lost to Christ.

Here is one among several testimonies we have received:

Missionary Richard A. Smith, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, writes: "A 15-

year-old black male says his life had been changed [as a result of reading *The Book of Hope*]. He tried to sell drugs and to live the fast street life. But he now understands how God loves him and has a purpose for him."

Praise the Lord! And we have just begun. Within a matter of days now we will receive our second order of 100,000 urban Bibles, which will also be given to the Division of Home Missions for distribution among the 39 major metropolitan areas targeted by DHM. This will total 200,000 Bibles donated to DHM—all because of the Junior Councilmen program. The national office is planning to hold back a small portion of the Bibles, which will be used for a future national Royal Rangers Prayer Task Force Trip, yet to be announced.

I cannot express how thrilled I am that our vision for missions is expanding through the Junior Councilmen program. This year we hope to tool out a second missions focus that will affect all grade/age groups—from Straight Arrows to the Air-Sea-Trail. Our office will be calling on key leaders to help develop the concepts. Already the foundation being laid shows great possibilities in teaching Rangers about and involving them in the Great Commission.

A Note From Church Ministries Director, Rev. Terry Raburn: God is in the process of restarting and recreating this ministry [Men's Ministries]. He is leading and guiding to His perfect will in a leader, a renewed ministry, and an expanded influence.

I am looking for a new beginning this year. I challenge you to do the same. God is doing what He planned all along. Not just to keep the 'same old thing' struggling along, but to receive a new and powerful victory from the foundations already in place. New beginnings and new victories are ours in 1995!

God bless. All of us here in the national office appreciate your faithful work on behalf of Men's Ministries. We wish all the best for you in 1995!

Camporama Sales Items:

- Commander's Club Set (belt buckle and bolo tie, not Camporama item), \$50.00
- Belt Buckle (metal), \$5.50
- Bolo Tie (metal), \$4.50
- Bolo Tie (vener), \$3.50
- Mug, \$4.00
- Cap, \$5.00
- Camporama Patch, \$2.00
- Camporama Neckerchief, \$3.50
- Camporama T-shirt (men's small only), \$6.00