

July/August 1996

NATIONAL NETWORK



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NATIONAL CALENDAR

BSTC

Illinois, Carlinville (Lake Williamson Christian Ctr.),
Oct. 17-19, 1996

Louisiana, Woodworth (Woodworth A/G Campground),
Nov. 21-23, 1996

NTT

Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Oct. 10-13, 1996

NTC

Idaho, Twin Falls (Camp Tawakani), Aug. 15-18, 1996

Washington, Easton (Double-K Christian Retreat Ctr.),
Sept. 5-8, 1996

New Jersey, Woodstown (Camp Roosevelt, BSA),
Sept. 5-8, 1996

Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock),
Sept. 12-15, 1996

New Hampshire, Wilmot (Camp Light of the World),
Sept. 12-15, 1996

New Mexico, Carlsbad (Guadalupe Christian Camp),
Sept. 19-22, 1996

S. California, Twin Peaks (Fort Pinecrest),
Sept. 5-8, 1996

ANTC

Florida, Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness), Feb. 6-9, 1997

WNTC

Main, N. Limington (Christian Fellowship & Renewal Ctr.),
Feb. 6-9, 1997

Pathfinders Missions Trip
Sucre, Bolivia, November 21-30

Foreign Camporamas

1996 Germany Camporama, Thuringen, East Germany,
July 31-August 6

1997 Australia Camporama, Camp Watson, Brisbane,
Queensland, Jan. 6-10

National Royal Rangers Executive Committee
Camp Eagle Rock, October 21, 22

Pray For ...

... Sandra, the daughter of North Central Regional Coordinator Don Brock. She is undergoing chemotherapy and needs healing from cancer.

Farewell

By now you have probably heard via the "grapevine" that our esteemed Brother Terry Raburn, national director, Division of Church Ministries, has been elected to the post of district superintendent for Peninsula Florida at their District Council on May 7, 1996. Terry's last day of office here at Headquarters was May 31. His last official activity with Royal Rangers was serving as evening speaker, July 16, at the 1996 National Rendezvous.

Terry's pleasant smile and contagious optimism will be greatly missed here at Headquarters. We wish Terry and his wife Athena God's very best as they take up their new duties in sunny Florida. Thank you, Commander Raburn, for giving your best to Royal Rangers!

Pray with us that God will send along the right person to fill the office of the national Division of Church Ministries. Terry cannot be replaced, but God has the person in mind who will carry our ministries forward.

Past Events

1996 National Rendezvous

The National Rendezvous was a tremendous success. Our attendance was around 800 young bucks and old-timers. Each day began with a 9 a.m. morning chapel. The morning devotional speakers were Dee Stroud, for-

mer district commander of Louisiana; Paul Stanek, deputy national commander; Norm Nethers, territorial representative for the Great Lakes Region; Jack Lorence, national FCF scribe; and Sonny Green, national FCF vice president. Throughout each day the young bucks enjoyed competitions such as flint and steel, black powder rifle, and best outfit.

Seven delegates from Japan, one from Singapore, one from Australia, one from Switzerland, and one from New Zealand attended. It is always refreshing to share the common interest of Royal Rangers with leaders from around the world.

During the Rendezvous, two young men were elected by their peers as leaders to represent FCF across the nation. Eli Harris, from Texas representing the Plainsmen Territory, was elected national scout. Chris Nicholson, from Ohio and representing the Voyager Territory, was elected assistant national scout. Congratulations, Eli and Chris, for your outstanding achievement. I trust you will represent well the FCF ministry.

The highlight of each day was the evening service. I was privileged to be key speaker during our first evening gathering, July 15. As noted earlier, Terry Raburn concluded his duties as national director, Division of Church Ministries, by delivering a powerful message Wednesday, July 17. The following evenings Freddie Espinoza (Pacific Latin District commander) spoke July 18, James Barger (Great Lakes Region coordinator) on July 19, and Fred Deaver (national FCF president) brought the concluding service on July 20. Our evening services were visited by the power of the Holy Spirit. Both young bucks and old-timers alike flooded the altars each night as the Holy Spirit moved by His power, renewing their spiritual lives.

What a wonderful experience we had at the National Rendezvous! If you were unable to attend, you missed one of the greatest National Rendezvous ever.

1996 National Rangers of the Year

Seven of the eight Ranger of the Year finalists attended the National Rendezvous and other activities here in the Ozarks July 13-20. The young men were awarded their medallions and certificates during the

Tuesday, July 16, evening service of the National Rendezvous. The following young men are to be highly commended for their outstanding accomplishment, earning the title of National Royal Ranger of the Year: Chris Bianchi, 17 years old, Great Lakes Region; Greg Burris, age 18, Gulf Region; Wesley Farrand, 18 years old, North Central Region; Jason Dennis, age 16, Northeastern Region; Josh Menges, age 16, Northwest Region; Darrell Little, age 17, South Central Region; James Stevens, age 18, Southeast Region; and Luis Bonilla, 17 years old, Southwest Region.

Providence Harvest Task Force Trip—Urban

Providence, R. I., was the site for the second ever Royal Rangers national Harvest Task Force trip, June 21-25, where leaders gathered to fast, pray, and evangelize. The team of eight leaders joined with Home Missionary Brian Griswold and about 10 of his staff members to reach the urban children of Providence for Christ.

Myself and Marshall Bruner here at the national office participated in the HTF along with the following

individuals: M. C. Aldrich, Springfield, Mass.; Edward Boulais, Danbury, Conn.; Keith Brooks, Flint, Mich.; David Shepherd, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Don Terpinitz, Grand Junction, Colo.; David Wharton, Royal Rangers national field advisor, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

The event unfolded early morning, June 22, as the team began fasting and praying for the local staff and children. Following, the Inner-City Ministries staff and the HTF team joined to "round up" about 400 children dwelling in three major housing projects in Providence. The crew passed through the projects echoing the words, "Wake up! Yogi Yogi Bear! Yogi Bear Sunday School!"

This Yogi Bear Sunday School would be like none other held by Missionary Griswold in Providence. This was a citywide event held downtown. Urban children were escorted in buses to the mobile Sunday school site—a converted trailer with stage accented with colorful balloons and decor. At the conclusion of the Citywide Yogi Bear Sunday School, children and adults alike came forward for salvation.

The major focus of the HTF team was to fast and pray. Following the citywide Yogi Bear Sunday School, the team spent the afternoon and designated periods during the following 2 days praying with youth, Inner-City Ministries staff, and church members.

Other activities of the HTF included Sunday services with local congregations. Members of North Providence Assembly who needed healing of body and spirit and a new anointing on their lives came forward for prayer following the Sunday morning service.

The HTF trip concluded June 25. The hours of focused prayer and evangelism proved greatly beneficial for Missionary Griswold and the HTF team. Not only did prayer change the lives of others, but also greatly impacted the lives of the HTF members as they were used by God. Each HTF member testified to the fact that their lives will forever be changed. God does move through prayer!



Thanks From Brian Griswold

Dear Ken:

There has been a lot that has followed your visit with us here at Providence, Rhode Island. I wanted to express a personal "Thank you!" from my heart for bringing your team here to pray. Your visit has had more of an impact than I ever thought it would have—the lives you touched in our church alone!

Here are some prayers being answered: Brandon gets out of jail and came home to his mom. Maggie decided to join our ministry team. Your prayer team, which consisted of "elders in the Lord," spoke strongly to our church members—many are new converts—of God's sustaining grace.

The most impressive difference your prayers have made has been in my own life. Since the Citywide Yogi Bear crusade and the Harvest Task Force trip, I have been seeking direction for the ministry and my life. In the short time since you have been here and prayed, I have sensed in my physical and spiritual body a release and a relief. I can see the Light at the end of the tunnel! I also wanted to thank all of you for the financial blessing—not just to me but the rest of the crew whom you blessed.

So, thank you for your encouragement and prayers.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!" (Romans 15:13).

Blessings on ya,
Brian

Southern New England Pow Wow

District Commander Ken O'Bert reported that 708 boys and men attended the recent Southern New England Pow Wow. Allow me to share his exciting report:

"The real highlight of the Pow Wow was our revival services on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday morning," writes Ken. "Our speaker, Pastor Richard Medieros, was used by God to explain about great revival that is sweeping southern Florida.

"On Friday night an estimated 175

boys came forward for salvation. Then another 220 came seeking to be filled with God's Holy Spirit. As Brother Medieros prayed with boys and leaders alike, approximately 45 were slain in the Spirit.

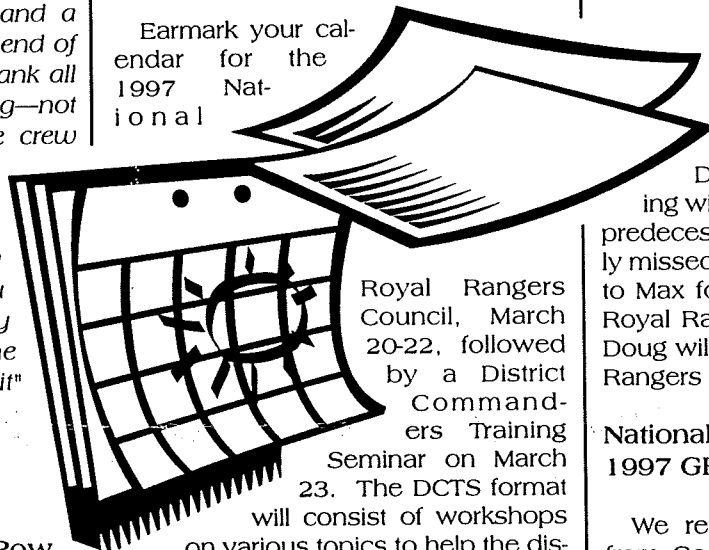
"Then on Saturday night another 35 to 40 boys came forward for salvation, with another 75 being filled with the Spirit—many of them slain in the Spirit. On Sunday morning Brother Medieros spoke on God's sustaining power. Hundreds raised their hands following his message, indicating their new commitment to Christ. Then about 30 people came forward for healing. Again boys and men were slain in the Spirit.

"I've never seen or experienced what I had during that Pow Wow. God is alive in the hearts of the boys and men of Royal Rangers!"

General Information

1997 National Council

Earmark your calendar for the 1997 National



Royal Rangers Council, March 20-22, followed by a District Commanders Training Seminar on March 23. The DCTS format will consist of workshops

on various topics to help the district commander in his portfolio. Though the invitation is to distinct commanders, they can select staff members to attend. A special letter is being prepared for district commanders that will list the agenda for the DCTS, along with an application form.

These events will be held at the Clarion Inn. I had sought to select another site for the National Council because we have outgrown the Clarion; however, we cannot find another location until the 1998 National Council. That event is slated for the University Plaza and agree-



ments are being drafted. The cost to use the University Plaza is higher, but a larger facility is mandatory due to the growth of our National Council needs.

Michigan District Appoints District Commander

Congratulations to Doug Chapman, who has been appointed district commander for the Michigan District. Welcome aboard, Doug. I look forward to working with you in days to come. Your predecessor, Max Davis, will be greatly missed. I want to extend my thanks to Max for his outstanding service to Royal Rangers. Now I am confident Doug will run diligently with the Royal Rangers baton passed on to him.

National Office Items To Appear In 1997 GPH Catalog

We received good news recently from Gospel Publishing House. The Royal Rangers items currently listed in the *GPH Catalog* will be coupled with the 55 items we provide and sale through our office.

Computer Clip Art

For about 2 years now we have been offering a variety of Royal Rangers support items—55 items to be exact. The Royal Rangers clip art has been a great selling item. We have been offering it in both 3-inch (order number 729NY048) and 5-inch

HONOR BOUND

Men of Promise

(order number 729NY047) disks. Due to the fact that relatively few users now have computers with 5-inch drives, however, we will be discontinuing item 729NY048—so if interested order now while supplies last!

From the Desk of Ronald C. Roberts, national secretary, Men's Ministries

Greetings, Brother! We are undergoing "great" change and exciting things are in store for the ministry for men and to men. Allow me to update you, then take you forward in what the Lord has in store for Men's Ministries.

The Executive Presbytery has endorsed our new logo and name HonorBound: Men of Promise. Your help is needed to spread the word and use this name wherever appropriate. The HonorBound ministry will be incorporating new programs for men and to men.

Some of the major actions in progress include the following:

- *Continuing dialogue with Promise Keepers* to build a working relationship at the local church level. Promise Keepers is starting to train, free of charge, men from local churches who are appointed by their pastor in the fundamentals of men's ministries. (Contact your PK state office to find out how.)
- *Appointment of Jeff Swaim* to head our Men's Discipleship Department. Jeff is an experienced pastor with years of successful discipleship development experience. He is working now on the new HonorBound discipleship approach that will give our churches a dynamic "next step" for men who want to develop in their Christian lives.
- *Prototyping of the HonorBound curriculum.* Bloomington Assemblies of God in Bloomington, Minn., is developing the new series in cooperation with Jeff Swaim. We expect this to be ready later this year for distribution to churches as a training series that pastors can use to develop their men.
- *Formation of a national planning*

committee to define and implement "Eagle Reach," our new executive ministry. Eagle Reach will be the Assemblies of God name for our role in evangelizing and ministering to senior executives in the marketplace.

We are frequently asked, "What is 'HonorBound' and why is it different?" The best way to explain it is to use the

A Letter To My Commander

The following is a letter to a former commander, Jimmy W. Williams. Until his stroke April 22, 1996, he served as a commander in Mt. Juliet, Tenn. On Father's Day he received this letter from Walter Keeler, now 38 and serving as a policeman in Nashville.

Brother Williams,

I wanted to take time to write you on Father's Day. I have always had a special place for you in my heart as I was growing up. Recently when you had your medical problem, it really bothered me because I felt I might lose you.

Many people do not understand the pain of not having your dad come to church with you and be a part of your Christian life. As you know, growing up my father would not attend church with us, and my home life was in great turmoil. You, however, took the time to do things with me that gave me a different outlook on how a man could be.

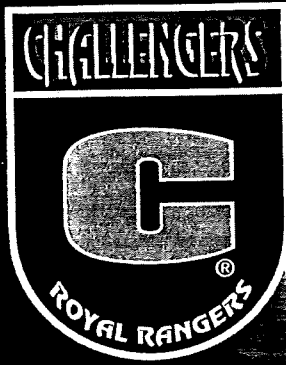
I know you taught me many things on how to be a Ranger. The most important things I learned from you was that it is okay to cry and to pray, and reading my Bible did not make me a sissy.

I want to thank you for being there for me as a boy. Tell all the new Rangers leaders that what they do for boys will stick with them forever. The seed they plant deep today may not bloom for 30 years, but when it does its roots are planted deep and are founded on the Rock.

Love Always,
Walter Keeler Jr.

baseball diamond model piloted by "We build People" in our Sunday School Promotions and Training Department. HonorBound will help focus on the spiritual development process that is represented in the baseball diamond model. In fact, the major emphasis will be on building Christian maturity into men through discipleship—this is second base. What has been missing in the past in much of our ministry is the spiritual growth and accountability that should occur before someone can be totally

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CHALLENGERS

5 Advancement Steps in the Challengers Program

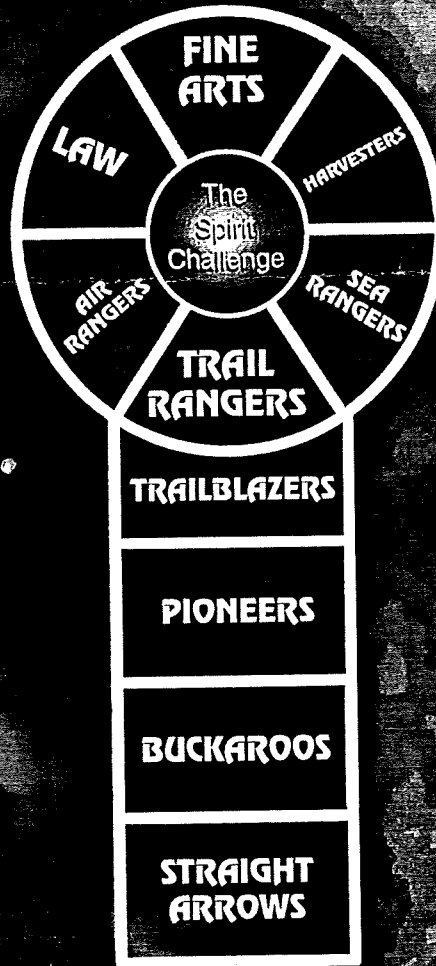
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The Bible and Today's Issues



Traditional Program & Advancement Trail



Special Interest Groups



Medal of Excellence
(Medallion & Pin)

Merit Pins



Rangers will have the choice to:

- 1.) Continue in the traditional program through the Challengers Trail Rangers program,
- 2.) Go into a special interest group,
- 3.) Be involved in the Trail Rangers program and a special interest group or groups.

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involved in ministry (third base) or invested in missions (home plate). We will partner with "We Build People" to get this job done at least for men through Men's Ministries. We will have a new view of Men's Ministries when this is an actuality. A new working definition is this: To have a viable Men's Ministry within a local church, there



Creative Power Needed

If you are creative, can place your creative ideas on paper, and are currently involved in either the Buckaroos or Straight Arrows program, I need your help. My goal is to broaden our missions education beyond the Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program so all Royal Rangers can learn about missions and how to become involved in missions. The missions education tools we will develop—such as a cartoon booklet and leaders teaching tools—will revolve around a central character named Laylor Sregnar (Royal Rangers spelled backward) and his companion dog. Laylor discovers a time traveling machine that takes him to distant lands, where he learns of the need to reach the world for Christ.

If you wish to assist in penciling ideas and sketches, please call Marshall Bruner here at the national office—Phone (417) 862-2781, ext. 4177.

Challengers Program Update

I am told by representatives of GPH that the new *Challengers Trail Rangers Handbook* will be available early winter. We anticipate to receive by September a new write-up of the Challengers Air Rangers program.

Marshall Bruner had done preliminary work on developing a Challengers "Harvesters" program for boys

interested in evangelism and discipleship. As well a new Challengers special interest group focusing on law enforcement and one on Sea Rangers may be submitted to our office by fall.

1998 National Camporama

Our office is preparing a promotional packet for district commanders. The packet will include a full-color brochure, a poster, a calendar planning chart, plus instructions on how to promote the Camporama. I am believing God to bring at least 5,500 campers to this Camporama. Pray with me about this so that more boys can be challenged in their Christian walk. A National Camporama is a life-changing experience.

must be effective effort occurring at all four bases of the diamond.

In the past, our involvement ministries—such as Light-for-the-Lost, Royal Rangers, and a number of other local efforts—have not been designed to fully disciple men. This discipling arm is what we are now trying to add.

Your prayers for the future of HonorBound are vitally needed. God has much in store for this ministry as we prepare the tools to help mature men into the image of Christ.

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