

# NATIONAL NETWORK



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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

### CURRENT EVENTS

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- April 22-24:** National Light for the Lost Convention, Fort Mills, S.C.
- April 25-27:** District Men's Directors Conference, Fort Mill, S.C.
- May 2:** Light for the Lost Sunday
- May 2-8:** Family Week
- May 6:** National Day of Prayer
- May 9:** Mother's Day
- May 15:** Armed Forces Day
- May 31:** Memorial Day
- June 13:** Children's Day
- June 14:** Flag Day
- June 20:** Father's Day and National Men's Day

#### PRAY FOR ...

- Sid Bean and family.** Sid is the Northern New England District FCF president. His wife Pat passed away unexpectedly in February. Ask for God's strength for this family.
- Leonard Taylor and family.** Leonard's daughter, Brenda, died in December of cancer.
- Don Brock and family.** Don is the North Central Region coordinator. Don's daughter, Sandra, died of cancer in January.

#### WELCOME

**Dennis Molnar**—has been appointed to serve as the Southeast Region training coordinator.



## Mantle Passes to New National Commander

After carefully seeking God's direction, Rev. Ken Hunt has resigned his position as national commander. He submitted his resignation to the Board of Administration on February 18, 1999, and departed the national Royal Rangers Office April 16. He leaves his office in excellent standing with the General Council Headquarters and the Royal Rangers ministry after having served from September 1989 to April 1999.

"After seeking the Lord for many months, Sharon and I have come to know that He is leading us into yet another phase of ministry," says Ken. "Sadly enough, this means leaving the national Royal Rangers ministry. It is with a grateful heart I give thanks for 10 wonderful years. Having fallen in love with Royal Rangers, I have enough memories to last a lifetime."

Richard Mariott, district commander of the Northern California-Nevada District, was appointed the new national commander. Richard has served as district commander since 1989 and was also appointed as District Men's Director in 1992. He most recently served as the region coordinator for the Southwest Region.

Richard comes to the position of national commander with a wealth of experience in Royal Rangers. With a love for the outdoors and a burden to reach boys for Christ, Royal Rangers has been a natural for Richard.

Richard is married to Lee Anne and is a father of four daughters. He is a Vietnam veteran and



Richard Mariott

has received one of the highest awards presented by the Air Force, the Air Force Commendation Medal. Richard will assume his leadership role at the national Royal Rangers Office, The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in June.

**From Eugene and Carolyn Hunt, Missionaries to Costa Rica**—We are requesting your backing in prayer for some special challenges facing us these days. We praise the

Lord for your interest and love and know we can count on you to help us "share the load." Some days we feel overwhelmed, but know God's grace and power always make the difference. Please believe with us that He will guide, direct, provide, and protect in the following areas:

- 1) Getting everything ready at Camp Summit:
    - The 80-acre campground here in Costa Rica for international Royal Rangers ministry of Latin America and the Caribbean.
    - Special wisdom and strength for Eugene as he supervises, together with missionary coworker Doug Marsh, all the many details involved in building projects.
  - 2) Special help for Carolyn as she "keeps the home fires" (office work, etc.) going while Eugene is gone to camp for days and weeks at a time. This is a new set of challenges in our missionary/married life, but we're willing as we know the results will be worth it in the future training of men and boys for the good of God's kingdom and the expansion of His Church in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
  - 3) Supernatural guidance as Carolyn leads a group of ladies here in Costa Rica, working together in the preparation of new materials for Rainbows for LAC countries—something long overdue and urgently needed for the vast numbers of some of the littlest ones of our continent.
  - 4) For God's continuing joy and peace to flood our souls in the midst of such "business." We lean on Him every moment of every day—He's never failed us and never will!
- Thanks for taking time to "listen to our hearts." It thrills us to know that you'll be praying with us about these many needs. We love and appreciate you!

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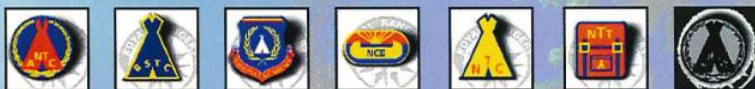
### PAST EVENTS

**1999 National Council**—The 1999 National Royal Rangers Council convened March 25-27, 1999. The main subjects of discussion were as follows:

- Preparation for the 2000 National Rendezvous: An estimated 2000 Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship members are expected to attend. This will top the largest attendance ever by 800 campers.
- Planning for the 2002 National Camporama: During the District Commanders' Breakaway, strategy was discussed on how to simplify the registration process.
- National Royal Rangers Council President James Barger and Ken Hunt reported that a Strategic Planning Committee had been appointed to study ways to strengthen the Royal Rangers program and to improve its effectiveness in meeting the needs of smaller and larger

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## 1999 National Camps



#### ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

- IOWA: OGDEN (A/G CAMPGROUNDS), MAY 20-23

#### B/SA TRAINING CONFERENCE

- WEST VIRGINIA: FALLING WATERS (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), APRIL 15-17

#### EAGLE ROCK ADVENTURE

- MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), JULY 11-17

#### NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

- N. CALIFORNIA: MINERAL (CAMP MT. LASSEN), MAY 20-23
- MARYLAND: WHITEFORD (CAMP SPENCER, BSA), MAY 13-16
- KENTUCKY: MOUNT STERLING (McKEE SCOUT RESERVATION), MAY 20-23
- OREGON: HARLAN (CAMP WILDCAT), JUNE 22-25

#### NATIONAL TRAINING TRAILS

- MICHIGAN: LACHINE (BEAVER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH), MAY 27-30



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churches as well as urban churches. The councilmen were informed that the Executive Committee presented a resolution to the Board of Administration, stating its desires to reach the goals noted above.

- The councilmen, during the business sessions, raised \$30,285 in pledges for Doug Marsh, Royal Rangers missionary to Latin America. The funds were designated to purchase a tractor for the Rangers training center in Costa Rica.
- During the Light for the Lost Junior Councilmen Banquet, the final activity of the National Council, district leaders pledged \$190,150 toward the two Junior Councilmen projects currently underway—*Edward Elephant Says ...* evangelistic comic book on AIDS (foreign missions project) and *The Last Best Thing* (home missions project).

GENERAL NEWS

Regarding Our Junior Councilmen Urban Bible: from Paul and Andrea Valerius, Home Missionaries to Newark, New Jersey—

During the spring and summer of 1998, Central Assembly of God in Newark, N. J., where we pastor, distributed 3,000 copies of the Royal Rangers urban Bible. Here is just one testimony of how this Bible has changed lives:

Qy-Deara Richardson, age 19, writes: "Do you ever feel lonely or hopeless? I don't know about you, but I have had some of these feelings. *The Book of Hope* has shed light on some of my problems, made my life more clear, and encouraged me to go to church. I was introduced to *The Book of Hope* by the church I attend, Central Assembly of God. I was coming home from school one day when I saw two bags hanging on my doorknob. I looked in the bags and saw some flyers and a book in each bag. When I picked up one of the books and started reading it, a piece of paper fell out that read, 'Free Bible.' It had a number on it to call. I called it, and that is what motivated me to go to church. I now have been attending Central Assembly of God for about 10 months, and I have been saved and water baptized. I'm thankful for *The Book of Hope*, which inspired me to do things that I did not think were possible for me."

Qy-Deara faithfully attends Central Assembly of God. She is a greeter at our church and constantly tells others about Jesus and encourages them to attend church. Those who are changed by the life-saving message in *The Book of Hope* are spreading the Good News and more lives are being changed ... to the glory of God!

Correction Statement Regarding *The Book of Hope*—

In the last issue of the *National Network*, first quarter, volume 1, we stated incorrectly: "Our office is working with the American Bible Society to develop a new Bible portion that will replace *The Book of Hope*." To clarify, we are phasing out the Royal Rangers urban Bible, which was also titled *The Book of Hope*, and our new Junior Councilmen stateside project is now *The Last Best Thing*—the project number 8581 will remain the

# Church-Related Child Molestation, Tax, Injury Acts

The following are excerpts from Church Law & Tax Report, prepared in part by Richard Hammar, legal counselor, *The General Council of the Assemblies of God*. This is not a publication of the Assemblies of God. For detailed information pertaining to these church-related legal issues, e-mail your subscription request to <http://www.iclonline.com>.

Church-Related Child Molestation Acts—

- "An Alabama court ruled that a school was not liable for a teacher's acts of child molestation since it conducted a thorough background check before hiring him and did not violate its written policies."
- "A Wisconsin court ruled that a statute of limitations barred an adult from suing a church and diocese for injuries he allegedly sustained as a result of a priest's acts of child molestation."
- "A Kentucky court ruled that an adult who had been sexually molested as a minor by a teacher at a parochial school could sue the diocese that operated the school for negligent hiring, supervision, and retention."
- "A court in the District of Columbia ruled that three adults were barred by the statute of limitations from suing an archdiocese for injuries they suffered as a result of being molested by a priest when they were minors."
- "A federal court in Connecticut ruled that the statute of limitations did not necessarily prevent an adult from suing a diocese for injuries he allegedly suffered as a minor when he was molested by a priest."
- "A federal court in Rhode Island ruled that the First Amendment did not prevent it from resolving a lawsuit brought by victims of clergy sexual misconduct against church officials."

Church-Related Tax Act—

- "An Indiana court ruled that a church-owned building was exempt from property taxation even though it was not currently being used for exempt purposes."

Church-Related Injury Act—

- "The Indiana Supreme Court ruled that members of an unincorporated church can sue their church for injuries they suffer on church property or in the course of church activities."

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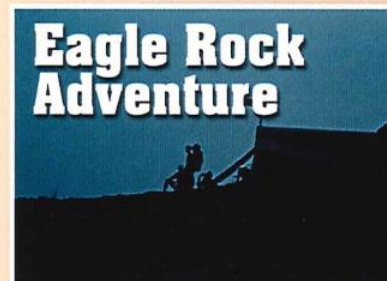
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**1999 Eagle Rock Adventure**—Are you preparing for the Eagle Rock Adventure? Please send your Rangers and their commanders to this action-packed, 7-day adventure. Boys can earn unique merits that do not appear elsewhere in the Rangers program.

**Cost:** \$120  
**Date:** July 11-17  
**Place:** Camp Eagle Rock  
Eagle Rock, MO.

Highlight Activities Include

- High Ropes Course
- Low Ropes Course
- Games
- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Much, Much More!



same. *The Book of Hope* publisher continues to print its original version of *The Book of Hope*, and copies can be obtained for USA distribution at 1-888-845-HOPE and for international distribution at 1-800-GIV-BIBL.

We have already distributed thousands of copies of *The Last Best Thing* to the Convoy of Hope and our home missionaries for evangelism efforts in the U.S. inner cities. Additional copies are being made available to commanders and their Rangers who wish to distribute them during their outreach efforts. To obtain copies, contact Marshall Bruner, ministries and publications coordinator, here at the national office.

NEW ITEMS

Outreach Ministries Audio and Video Libraries

The national Royal Rangers Office now offers an audio and video series on outreach ministry, which deal with various workshop topics on evangelism.

To order, contact the national office, Laura Martinez, at 417-862-2781, ext. 4177.

Outreach Ministries Video Library

Contains six videos on the following subjects:

- Part 1: "Reaching the Children" "Leading a Child to Christ"
- Part 2: "Understanding the Minds of Children" "Ministry to Children"
- Part 3: "Teen Suicide & Substance Abuse" "Understanding the Urban Family"

Cost w/o video library holders: \$45  
Cost w/ video library holders: \$60

Outreach Ministries Audio Library

Contains six audio cassettes in library holder with eight workshop topics:

- Part 1: "The Calling of God" "Meeting the Social Needs of Inner City"
- Part 2: "Ministry to Royal Rangers in Urban Areas" "Methods of Motivating Children"
- Part 3: "How to Share the Gospel One-on-One"
- Part 4: "The Role of the Church in Sex Education"
- Part 5: "Street Ministry"
- Part 6: "The Ministry of Drama"

Cost: \$25

