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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

July

- 4: Independence Day
- 4: Military Personnel Day

August

- 1: Day of Prayer for 48th General Council
- 10-13: 48th General Council, Orlando, Fla.

September

- 6: Labor Day
- 13-19: Back-to-School Prayer Emphasis
- 15: "See You at the Pole" Campus Prayer Day
- 26: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

October

- 3-9: National Royal Rangers Week
- 11-16: National Royal Rangers Training Center Work Week
- 14-16: Plainsmen Territory (Southeast Region) FCF Rendezvous
- 22-23: North Central Region Seminar

PRAY FOR ...

- Jim Eubanks, district commander of Oklahoma, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- Steve Donaldson, Convoy of Hope overseas coordinator, who suffered a heart attack.
- Templo La Luz Assembly of God, in Redwood City. The outpost there faced a tragedy on Sunday, June 6, when coming home from a Men's/Royal Rangers camping trip. Three people died in the accident—two leaders and one boy—and others were hospitalized.

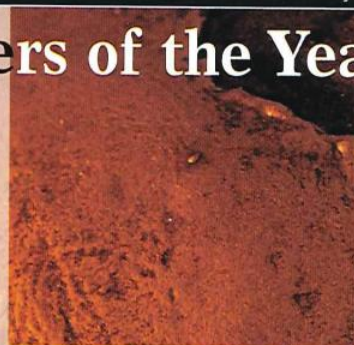
NEW APPOINTMENT

David Vincent has been appointed the new Southwest Region coordinator. David continues serving as district commander for the Southern California District.

CURRENT EVENTS

National Rangers of the Year Selected

National Rangers of the Year—Each region has selected its 1999 Regional Ranger of the Year. Those young men will be coming to Springfield in July to receive the title "1999 National Ranger of the Year." Those winners, who will be further recognized in the following issue, are as follows: Dustin Hunter, Great Lakes Region; Stan Smith, Gulf Region; Caleb Nance, North Central Region; Nathan Dennis, Northeast Region; Jake Garrison, Northwest Region; Timothy Inwood, South Central Region; Jason Cowan, Southeast Region; Sergio Gonzalez, Southwest Region.



with its chartered/participating organizations. Scouting is a proven and effective resource for helping chartered/participating organizations meet their need."

Funds Needed for Urban Ministry—Thanks to the FCF ministry, thousands of dollars worth of Royal Rangers curricula have been donated to urban outposts that are limited financially. Now, however, all funds for such assistance are depleted. If your district wishes to participate in this ongoing benevolent cause, please send your offerings to the national Royal Rangers Office, marked "Inner City Funds, account 001-01-031-4149-000." Your help is much appreciated by the urban commanders who want a successful Rangers ministry. Thank you!

Reach 3 Commitment Card—The HonorBound Office has launched a national campaign called "Reach 3," a noteworthy challenge in which every commander should participate. The Reach 3 challenge is for each man to do the following:

- Prayerfully select three non-Christian men from your work/community.
- Pray daily for the salvation of these men.
- Invest casual one-on-one time

with each man over a meal (or with spouses). Get to know them. Be a friend.

- Invite your three men to an outreach event where a clear presentation of Jesus Christ will be given.
- Once a commitment to Christ is made, help them become involved in church and begin the discipleship process of following Jesus.

To obtain copies of the Reach 3 commitment cards, contact Customer Services at 1-800-641-4310 and request item 72-6102. For further information, contact the HonorBound office—phone: 417-862-1447, ext. 4170; E-mail: honorbound@ag.org.

New Zealand Camporama 2000—See the beginning of the new millennium in the Royal Rangers setting. Enjoy the fellowship, revel in the rallies, meet new friends, trade stories and patches, and demonstrate your Rangers skills. The New Zealand Camporama 2000 is January 3-7, 2000, for \$81 in U.S. currency. The event will be held at Katikati, New Zealand. For registration information: NZ National Commander, 350 Roscommon Rd., Manurewa, Auckland, New Zealand; Phone/Fax: 001-649-267-6788; E-mail: omega.graphics@xtra.co.nz.

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1999 National Camps



ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

- MARYLAND: WHITEFORD (CAMP SPENCER, BSA), SEPTEMBER 16-19
- PUERTO RICO: SAN SEBASTIAN, NOVEMBER 18-21

- N. MEXICO: CARLSBAD (GUADELOUPE CHRISTIAN CAMP), SEPTEMBER 16-19
- UTAH: OGDEN (CAMP UTABA) SEPTEMBER 16-19

B/SA TRAINING CONFERENCE

- UTAH: LIBERTY (CAMP UTABA), SEPTEMBER 10-12
- OHIO: BIG PRAIRIE (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), SEPTEMBER 16-18
- MISSOURI: ROCKY MOUNT (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), OCTOBER 22-24

NATIONAL TRAINING TRAILS

- NEW YORK: BAKERS MILL, SEPTEMBER 23-26

NATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE

- TEXAS: DALLAS, SEPTEMBER 24-26
- NEW YORK: NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 9-11

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

- ALASKA: WASILLA (CAMP LITTLE BEAVER), AUGUST 19-22
- NEW JERSEY: WOODSTOWN (CAMP ROOSEVELT, BSA), SEPTEMBER 9-12
- MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), SEPTEMBER 9-12

NATIONAL CANOE EXPEDITION

- MINNESOTA: PILLAGER (LAKE PLACID CAMP), JULY 22-25

PAST EVENTS

Spanish Eastern District Conducts Third Annual Junior Councilmen Banquet—According to Ellison Fuentes, public relations coordinator for the Spanish Eastern District, 54 boys became Light for the Lost Junior Councilmen at the district's Junior Councilmen Banquet.

"For the last 3 years now we've been conducting a Junior Councilmen Banquet during our District Leaders Conference," says Ellison. This 12th annual conference was held on Long Island.

"Prior to the banquet, the boys had completed most of their requirements. Luis Santaella, a sectional commander for the Connecticut area, oversaw the requirements program to ensure the boys met the qualifications."

Ellison states that some 150

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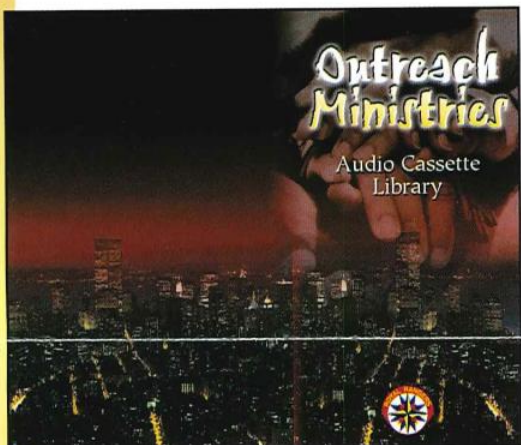
people attended the banquet. During the banquet meal, the Royal Rangers acted as servers. Nine Royal Rangers from New Haven, Connecticut, were invited to serve as Honor Guards. The district superintendent, Rafael Reyez, was also invited. A missionary from Bombay, India, was the guest speaker.

Ellison notes that at the first LFTL Junior Councilmen banquet held 3 years ago that 20 joined the ranks of Junior Councilmen. Last year 30 boys completed their requirements at the banquet. The district's goal is to double this year's record of 54 boys. Ellison attributes the success of these banquets to Deputy District Commander Carlos Cobos, who initiated the banquets in conjunction with the annual District Leaders Conference.

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



Child Abuse; The Shocking Impact on Society

Child Abuse Prevention Services—CAPS, a non-profit organization established in 1982 for the purpose of preventing child abuse, states the following:

The Numbers Staggering

- Every abused child is a human tragedy, but the number of children suffering from abuse points to an immense societal problem.
- Over 3.1 million children are abused or neglected each year nationally; more than 12,000 are reported in Nassau and Suffolk counties alone.
- Over 90,000 incidents of child sexual abuse are reported each year with more than 800 reported cases on Long Island.
- 2,000 children die annually from child abuse and neglect nationwide.
- By the time they reach the age of 18, one in four girls, and one in seven boys will be victims of sexual abuse.

The Shocking Impact on Society

- 33 percent of all convicted murderers in New York State have a history of child abuse.
- 97 percent of all delinquents have a history of severe physical abuse.
- 80 percent of all prostitutes and 50 percent of all female drug users were sexually abused as children.
- Many abusive parents were victimized themselves as children.

Prevent Child Abuse America—PCAA report indicate how child abuse affects children:

Q: Have reports of sexual abuse increased?

A: National data from child protective services agencies, collected in 1994, suggest that about 115,000 cases of sexual abuse enter child protective services case loads annually. Researchers estimate that approximately 109,230 new cases were accepted for service last year. And according to data from 25 states, sexual abuse reports constituted about 10 percent of all child abuse and neglect reports for 1995 and about 11 percent of all substantiated cases. While these numbers have decreased over the past year, the number is far higher than the number of cases served in the 1970's and early 1980's.

Q: What are some of the signs of sexual abuse?

A: Symptoms of sexual abuse may include physical and behavioral signs as well as indirect comments made by the child. There are several clues to look for when considering the possibility of child sexual abuse. A physical sign may be irritation, pain, or injury to the genital area. A behavioral sign may be nervous, aggressive, hostile, or disruptive behavior toward adults, especially parents. But remember, one sign alone may not be a positive indication. If a number of signs are present, it is wise to consider the possibility of sexual abuse.

For further information, contact PCAA at 200 South Michigan Avenue, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604-2404; Phone: 312-663-3520, Fax: 312-939-8962.

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Camp Eagle Rock Work Week

Please Plan Now—Several projects need completed and many others to begin in improving our national campground, Camp Eagle Rock. If you can assist by providing your time and talents, please contact Ralph Glunt at 417-271-3900. God will bless you for your efforts!

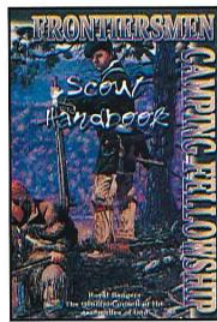
New FCF Products

The national office, thanks to the financial backing of FCF, now has two new products of interest to FCF members: the *Pathfinder Missions* brochure and the *FCF Scout Handbook*. The brochure highlights the Pathfinder program and how FCF members can participate in this exciting overseas church construction ministry. The handbook includes needed information for FCF Scouts on the district, region, and national levels.

To Order, Call 1-800-641-4310

FCF Scout Handbook

Cost: \$6
Item Number:
729-026



Pathfinder Missions Brochure

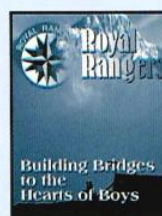
Cost: \$0.10 ea.
Item Number:
729-019



New Rangers Promotional Binder

Ideal for section, district, and regional leaders to promote Royal Rangers in the local churches.

To order, call the national office at 417-862-2781, ext. 4177



Contents:

- Instructions for church presentation
- History of Royal Rangers
- Training opportunities
- Articles of interest
- Promotional brochures
- *High Adventure/Leader* magazine
- Harvest Task Force efforts
- Order form
- Catalog
- *The Last Best Thing*, Junior Councilmen project
- *Leadership Training Course* pamphlet
- *Building Bridges*, 9-minute promotional video

Cost: \$18

To Order: Call the national office, 417-862-2781, ext. 4177.