

NATIONAL



NETWORK



FROM THE DESK OF RICHARD MARIOTT, NATIONAL COMMANDER

Looking Ahead

2000 National Royal Rangers Council

Time is quickly approaching for our Royal Rangers National Council in March at the University Plaza. Hopefully by now you have registered through our Conventions Office here at Headquarters and have secured your hotel/motel room. I am excited, to say the least, about the agenda we have planned and know this will be a historic event in the Rangers ministry. Take a look at what's ahead:

March 15: If you are planning to participate in one of our curriculum planning committees, those meetings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference rooms will be marked to indicate various curriculum teams, and if you have questions on where to meet we will gladly assist you at the "Royal Rangers Office," set up in the Table Rock room at the conference site.

March 16: The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the District Leadership Training Seminar. This year we will host the following workshops: FCF Training, Junior Academy Training, Pow Wow Ideas, Public Relations in the 21st Century, Helping the Senior Commander, Strategic Planning and Preparing for the 21st Century, The Pinewood Derby, and LTC Updates and Certification.

That evening you won't want to miss the Silver Eagle Banquet. We will provide some good singing by Royal Rangers leaders, highlight our new Rendezvous 2000 video, present the prestigious Silver Eagle Awards, and hear a challenging word from Rev. Charles Hackett, executive director for the Division of Home Missions.

March 17: This year's business sessions will include a dynamic PowerPoint presentation of the Rangers ministry for the 21st Century—I believe you will be most excited to hear what the Lord has in store for us! Also, this is election year for our council officers. You will have the opportunity to vote for the National Council president, vice president, and secretary.

March 18: This day will begin like none other: Each council member will be given the opportunity to sit in the various curriculum planning committees to help give input on the programs for the new Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Explorer Rangers programs. Following lunch, we will conclude our business session then prepare for a special farewell reception for Paul Stanek, former national training coordinator. In a letter I had sent you earlier, I had encouraged you to send a letter of appreciation to Paul, which will be bound and presented to Paul at his reception.

The National Council will conclude with our traditional LFTL Junior Councilmen Banquet. The banquet will furnish a fun theme of "The 50's." Come dressed in a 50's costume and prepare to dig into those good ol' Light for the Lost barbecued ribs! We will be awarding councilmen at the banquet for their service to Light for the Lost, followed by a special message from Don Jacques, long-time friend of Royal Rangers and former president of the national Light for the Lost ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: Many vendors will be at this year's Council to exhibit and sell their items. All vendors and exhibitors must complete a *Vendor Application* form and must be approved by the national office prior to the National Council. If you wish to

apply to be a vendor/exhibitor, contact Marshall Bruner at the national office.

DON'T MISS THIS MOST HISTORIC EVENT. SEE YOU AT THE 2000 ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL COUNCIL!

2000 Celebration, August

Assemblies of God church leaders and lay people from around the world will be gathering at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind., August 7-10, 2000, for the Third Triennial World Assemblies of God Congress and 2000 Celebration. You're invited to attend. This unprecedented event will highlight what God has done throughout the history of the Fellowship as participants seek God for a renewed divine outpouring in the 21st century.

The Royal Rangers ministry will set up a promotional booth at the 2000 Celebration Conference, plus provide input in the activities. Royal Rangers boys and leaders will be called upon to serve as ushers, so if you can assist contact Marshall Bruner here at the national office.

Reflecting the vast scope of the event, featured speakers will come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, as well as ministry profiles.

- **John Bueno**—executive director, Division of Foreign Missions, USA
- **David Yonggi Cho**—pastor of the world's largest church with more than 760,000 members in Seoul, Korea, and chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship
- **Lazarus Chakwera**—general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Malawi
- **Charles Crabtree**—assistant general superintendent, Assemblies of God, USA
- **Hector Hunter**—general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Cuba
- **Peter Kuzmic**—cofounder and director of the Biblical Theological Institute of Croatia
- **Marion Lim**—pastor, Singapore
- **Ron McManus**—coordinator of National Ministerial/Leadership Institutes
- **David Mohan**—pastor from Madras, India
- **Samuel Rodriguez, Jr.**—pastor from New York City
- **Robert Spence**—president, Evangel University
- **Thomas Trask**—general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, USA

Time will be given in each service for prayer and waiting on God. Wednesday will begin with a Worldwide Prayer Meeting. Superintendent Trask will lead the meeting and David Yonggi Cho will be the featured speaker. The focus of the session will be praying for needs from each region of the world, as well as the United States.



DOUG MARSH, Royal Rangers missionary to Latin America

—I am excited to report that I hold in my hand a key to a brand new Ford Holland 65 HP tractor, with a front-end loader, a brush hog, and a road blade! Each of you have seen the need for this equipment, prayed for it, and participated in helping us secure it. Thank you so much!

The new tractor will help us maintain the grounds at Camp Summit here in Costa Rica and help with MAPS construction projects.

With the help of Royal Rangers supporters all over America, and my friend Steve Dow, pastor of First Assembly of God in Topeka, Kans., and Kansas District HonorBound director, we were able to purchase the other equipment mentioned. Each of you played a vital role in this. My wife Kerry and I, along with missionary colleagues Eugene and Carolyn Hunt, want to express our heartfelt thanks. "¡Mil millones de gracias!"

—Doug Marsh, Costa Rica

From Hanspeter Neck: Royal Rangers Eurasia

What is moving us as Christians ongoing in our hearts, and not only at the turn of a new year, is the Word of a living God, who, by His Spirit, reveals deeper and deeper the work of redemption that Jesus has accomplished! For many Royal Rangers the highlight of 1999 surely was the third EURO-CAMP. The German Royal Rangers hosted very well almost 5,000 participants from 20 nations. The theme "Breaking Barriers" and all the activities conveyed renewal, strengthening, faith, and new life in the Lord. This kind of event, taking place every fourth year, enlarges the vision of the leaders and the young people in a very valuable way.

With God's help the basic training of the leaders and instructors could be concluded in Italy and Latvia. A start has also been done in Ukraine and Macedonia. New contacts have been established in Bulgaria, Lithuania, and Estonia. We are amazed at how God opens doors and gives contacts. In Europe the coordination of the helps and the preparation of international events are getting more considerable and the expansion of the Royal Rangers ministry is enlarging. We pray for God's guidance in all decisions concerning the Rangers ministries here in Europe. It was and is a privilege to see how practical help is also given to the ministry by our brothers and sisters abroad. Continue praying for us as the Lord further builds the Rangers ministry in Europe.



Year 2000 Commemorative Gift Set

Limited Edition

Leader, here's a special Royal Rangers collectable you won't want to miss—the *Year 2000 Commemorative Gift Set*. The set includes a patch, bolo tie, and mug, each bearing the special commemorative design. This one-of-a-kind "millennial" set will commemorate 38 years of successful Royal Rangers ministry—from 1962 to 2000.

Set Cost: \$25 Cost Individually: \$5 patch, \$15 bolo tie, \$10 mug

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NATIONAL TRAINING CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2000

Advanced National Training Camp

■ Michigan—Gaylord (Lost Valley Bible Camp), September 14-17

Buckaroos/Straight Arrows Training Conference

- Southern California—Frazier Park (Frazier Park Conference Center), August 11-13
- Washington—Silverlake Bible Camp, September 29-October 1
- Wisconsin—Spencer Lake, October 6-8
- Alabama—Springville Conference Center, October 27-29
- Minnesota—Alexandria, April 7-9

National Academy

■ Missouri—Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), May 10-14 (Phase 2), May 8-14 (Phase 3)

National Training Camp

- Florida—Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness), February 3-6
- Wisconsin—Waupaca (Camp Wilderness), May 4-7
- Northern California—Mineral (Camp Mt. Lassen), May 18-21
- Indiana—Bruceville (Camp Arthur), May 18-21
- Mississippi—Meridian (Waukaway Springs), May 18-21
- Southern California—Frazier Woods Conf. Center, September 7-10
- Southern Missouri—Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), September 7-10
- New Jersey—Woodstown (Camp Roosevelt, BSA), September 7-10
- Washington—Silverlake Bible Camp, September 28-October 1
- Alabama—Springville (Camp Lone Eagle), October 5-8
- North Texas—Maypearl (Lakeview Camp), October 12-15

National Training Trails

■ Northern California—Placerville (Camp Loon Lake), August 24-27

Winter National Training Camp

■ Northern California—Mineral (Mount Lassen A/G Camp), January 27-30

PRAY FOR...

... Robb Hawks and his family.

Robb served as the national productions coordinator for several years and is now serving as a missionary in Brussels, Belgium. Robb reports:

"Here's just a quick update on what is going on with the Hawks Family: For those of you who have not heard, we are indeed back in Brussels. This summer's medical furlough was a whopper! Robby had his kidney removed. He is doing great and is fully recovered. Ashley and Jonathan had corrective feet surgery on both feet. Ashley also had to have gum surgery. Heather was tested and fitted for a hearing aid. And big Robb (that's me) had a hernia surgery. Add to that, six dental appointments, four physicals, six eye exams and five sets of glasses. It was a summer that I was afraid would never end!

"Thank you for all your prayers and for the financial gifts some of you sent to help offset the medical expenses this summer!"

... for **Joe Dixon**, former Knoxville, Tenn., sectional commander, who has been diagnosed with cancer. He is undergoing chemotherapy and greatly needs our prayers.

... for the family of **Paul Kjentvet**, executive director from Shalom Ministries, who was killed in a car accident in January. Please pray for his dear wife, Kathy, and the whole Shalom Ministry team. Shalom has their offices in the Milwaukee Urban Center, the same building that houses the Wisconsin/N. Michigan District Royal Rangers Offices.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following National Councilmen have earned the Light for the Lost Councilmen sapphire pin for having enrolled five or more Junior Councilmen in 1999:

- Rob Barrans, Northwest District
- Stanley Botts, Oklahoma District
- Kenny Catchot, Louisiana District
- David Christensen, Wisconsin/N. Michigan District
- Carlos Cobos, Spanish Eastern District
- Dave Emerson, Nebraska District
- Ken Gray, Northwest District
- Kevin Molodecki, Arizona District
- Greg Stulgies, Nebraska District

The following district commanders have also earned the sapphire pin for having 20 or more Junior Councilmen sign up in their district during 1999:

- Jimmy Burnett, Northwest District
- Harry Hunt, Ohio District
- Angel Ortiz, Spanish Eastern District
- Eugene Morrison, Wisconsin/N. Michigan District

CURRENT EVENTS

Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Coordinator Appointed to National Office

Brian Hendrickson was appointed the Straight Arrows-Buckaroos coordinator for the national Royal Rangers Department November 1, 1999. Brian and his wife Angel have four children: Tabitha, age 14, Nicole, age 12, Chris, age 11, and Karrin, age 9.

Prior to his appointment, Brian and his family lived in Loyalton, Calif. He taught kindergarten and first grade at Loyalton Elementary from September 1995 until moving to Springfield. Brian was active throughout his community while living in Loyalton, often holding down two jobs, which gave him the opportunity to work in law enforcement, resort management, and construction.

Brian graduated from Bethany College in Santa Cruz, Calif., in 1987 with a B. A. in Cultural Studies. Prior to and during his graduation there, he served in missionary and pastoral ministries for nearly 10 years. He then returned to Bethany College to complete his teacher's certification.

Brian had been very active as a Royal Rangers commander at Loyalton Assembly of God in Loyalton. He also served in positions at the sectional and district levels for the Royal Rangers ministry.

With this wealth of experience in Royal Rangers and in education, Brian has been assigned with the responsibility to write new curricula for the Royal Rangers programs.

AGNEWS: From This Day Forward Highlights Now Offered Via E-mail

From This Day Forward, the daily 15-minute radio program sponsored by the Assemblies of God, continues to share concise analyses of key issues in moral living on a growing number of radio stations across the country. Now anyone with an e-mail account has the opportunity to receive, free of charge, highlights from each broadcast's transcript.

Dr. Richard Dobbins, *From This Day Forward* host, is an Assemblies of God minister and internationally known counselor who founded EMERGE Ministries of Akron, Ohio. Dr. Dobbins' in-depth perspective shared on each broadcast has been gained through his decades of professional counseling. Cohost Pastor Jerry Qualls is pastor of Glad Tidings Church (Assemblies of God) in Norfolk, Va.

From This Day Forward is the newest production in a line of Assemblies of God projects dating back to the 1950's and the weekend broadcasts of C.M. Ward as host of *Revivaltime*. Early broadcasts of *Revivaltime* could be heard by an international audience, but listeners were limited to receiving them on their local radio station's schedule.

Internet technology has dramatically changed the way media ministry organizations can serve their audiences. *From This Day Forward* is no exception, with archived broadcasts available online 24 hours a day at <<http://www.dayforward.org>>.

"Listeners who have more limited access to the Internet may not be able to use our audio files," says Diane Doucet, director of development for the Assemblies of God's Cardone Media Center. "By signing up for 'DayForward OnLine,' they can get the key content of our broadcasts in a print format."

The material can be put to a variety of uses by ministers and lay people alike.

Eventually, the show's website will have indexed listings, allowing visitors to access past broadcast audio files that address a specific need or printed versions of the same material.

PAST EVENTS

Tennessee Pathfinder Impact Kenya Africa, By Mike King—

On January 13, 34 Pathfinders from Tennessee began their 17,000-mile journey to build a church and school combination in Awaso, Kenya, and a church in Talek, Kenya. This was the most complicated and expensive task our men have attempted.

The Royal Rangers Pathfinders is a special ministry partnership with the MAPS Abroad program. Members of the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship engage in church construction projects where other MAPS teams cannot go due to geographic, environmental, and/or living conditions.

The Nashville Cornerstone Church paid the building material cost. This was a great blessing for the Pathfinders since normally we pay for materials also. The travel expense was so great that each man still had to raise \$2,500. The teams were made up of men from all across the state of Tennessee.

The present church in Awaso consisted of a few benches under a shade tree. The dust in this area is unbelievable during the dry season and the mud the same during the wet season. During the song service one would be covered with dust. The new church/school is a rock building 50- by 100-feet with a red, metal

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FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

National Rendezvous 2000



CAMP EAGLE ROCK July 17-21, 2000

roof. On the final night at this site, a special service was held with some 400 Maasi attending to view the *Jesus Film* in their native language. Crossville Trinity Tabernacle and Murfreesboro Family Worship Center donated the projector for the film.

The church at the second site was held in the local public school at Talek. This new church is 35- by 50-feet and is located on one acre of land, which was donated to the church by the tribal chief of that area. The Pathfinders finished this rock structure with a beautiful green, metal roof and 49 solid, wooden benches and a hand-crafted podium.

The community of Talek is located 4 hours away from Awaso, which means the team was divided. Dave Wharton and Missionary J.R. Gould directed the teams, using the construction skills of Danny Rogers and Gary Follis.

Maasi warriors with bows, knives, and spears guarded each of the camps. This was a great comfort to us city folk, since we could hear the lions and hyena at night.

The teams overcame many obstacles, but with your prayers and God's help, the churches were completed on time. ♦



Royal Rangers Court of Honor, 1999 JLTA Graduation, By James Oas

A Court of Honor was held on Sept. 11, 1999, as 13 young men graduated from the 4-year Junior Leadership Training Academy, conducted in the Northwest District. The Academy rewards the Royal Rangers trainees a Civil War replica saber upon graduation.

Academy Director Ralph Allen and John Sleeth had a vision for bringing the JLTA to the Northwest District. Now, after its fourth year since the inception of the JLTA, the Academy rings true with leadership skills, spiritual truths, and practical applications, all of which were taught in the four camps. These camps, which were held over the 4-year period, covered the following: Camping Leadership; Training Trails, which included rappelling; Canoe Expedition; and Survival Camp.

District Commander Jimmy Burnett and Ralph Allen honored each boy with a special ceremonial saber "display of arms" in conjunction with a reading from some of the boys. The banquet preceding the ceremony was filled to capacity with over 200 in

attendance. It was a day long awaited by these young men, who likely will not forget its importance in their lives in the years to come.

The 1999 graduates are as follows: Terry Barhitte, Daniel Cederblom, Isaac Cronk, Bryan Dormaier, Derek Fay, Joshua Granger, Robert Joecher, Nathan Johnson, Jesse Palmer, Dustin Rush, Russel Silva, Marcus Smith, and Michael Westman.

Southern Pacific District Holds First Instructor Certification Seminar, By Lorenzo Martinez

On Oct. 21-23, 1999, the former Pacific Latin American District and now Southern Pacific Latin American District, had its first-ever district ICS. Our new district now covers the entire southern California area and all of Arizona.

We had five commanders recertify and nine others who were newly certified. We want to congratulate the following commanders: Joshua Aguilar, Gabriel Bustamante, Brenda Cruz, Lupe Duran, Elias Gomez, Delmy Martinez, Robert Mena, Mauricio Panchame, Edwin Rodriguez, Zaira Romero, Joel Romero,

Richard Sarinana, Roman Saucedo, and Israel Valdez. All met the certification requirements and are now teaching our men and women the exciting and challenging Leadership Training Course. We also want to thank our district commander, Freddie Espinoza, and the entire ICS teaching staff who were instrumental in making this ICS a historic event and a great success. ♦



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LEGAL UPDATES

The following is an excerpt 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>.

PERSONAL INJURIES—on church property or during church activities

"A Missouri court found a charity liable for injuries sustained by an adult while bungee jumping at a charity-sponsored event.

"Application: Many churches have engaged in inherently dangerous activities as a way to amuse adolescents, and in some cases adults. Bungee jumping is an obvious example of such an activity. This case is important because it illustrates that a church cannot avoid liability associated with an inherently dangerous activity by hiring an independent contractor to operate or conduct it. There is one other aspect of this case that should be noted: The court ignored the 'release form' that the victim signed prior to his injury. It observed, 'one may never exonerate oneself from future liability for intentional torts or for gross negligence, or for activities involving the public interest.'"

Sexual misconduct by clergy and church staff

"Unsupervised contacts between male church workers and adolescent families may lead to inappropriate sexual behavior, or to false allegations of inappropriate conduct. In either case, the church worker is exposing himself and his church to legal risk."