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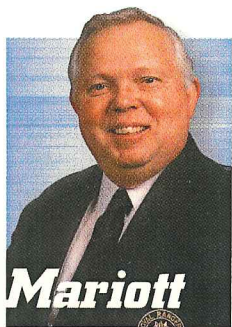
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New Program Development

From the Desk of

Richard Mariott



The Royal Rangers National Council will be considered a "historical council." It included introductions of new national staff members and portfolios and the introduction of the Royal Rangers for the 21st Century changes being developed by the national staff and national Royal Rangers Executive Committee.

Along with the presentation on the new program concepts, it was noted that this is a work in process and development. Many changes and adjustments have been made after receiving comments from the field.

The developmental process being used for formulating these program changes is not a new method at all; it is one used by many corporations—for us that is developing new and reevaluated, innovative ideas as possible solutions and to identify better ways of doing what we are presently doing.

I, along with other national Royal Rangers staff and national Royal Rangers executive members, have been traveling and presenting the "Royal Rangers for the 21st Century Presentation" through a PowerPoint presentation at Royal Rangers district conferences and councils and at men's conventions. It is our desire that every district would invite one of our qualified staff members to attend your main district-wide functions to make this presentation. The PowerPoint presentation is only part of the presentation. In addition to that, a qualified staff member has to effectively communicate and field questions and answers as they relate to this process.

While on my way to one district Royal Rangers conference, the man who picked me up from the airport made the statement, "Brother Mariott, our district poll showed that over 80 percent of the commanders are not with you on these changes in Royal Rangers!"

I responded: "Commander, I nor any of our staff have had the opportunity to come to your district, until now, to make this presentation. Why would you take a poll

before ever hearing an accurate presentation from us?" Then I added, "Commander, take a poll after the presentation and question and answer sessions are over."

As I was getting ready to leave the conference, the same commander came up to me and said: "Commander, thank you for coming. You have answered our questions. Commander, the unofficial poll we just took shows that 100 percent of the commanders here are with you and the national office. We are excited about the opportunities we will have in the 21st century and accept the challenge to REACH every boy in our communities with the gospel message!"

Currently, we have over 40 districts that have communicated with us—either through e-mail, letter, or personal communication—stating they are in support of and looking forward to the changes necessary to revitalize Royal Rangers and the ministry to boys.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

In the event you were not at the 2000 National Council, let me introduce the two newest members of our staff:

Rick Dostal (pictured below) was appointed as national training coordinator in February 2000. His responsibilities include the coordination of all national training camps offered through the Royal Rangers ministry. He also serves as National Camporama and National Rendezvous coordinator.

Rick and his wife Maggie have been married for 25 years and have one daughter, Hannah, who is a junior in high school. Rick is originally from Oklahoma and moved to Southern California at age 12. Maggie and Hannah were born and raised in Grover Beach, California. The family moved to Northern California in 1992, where they resided until their relocation to Springfield in February.

Prior to his appointment, Rick worked 7 years as a building inspector for the city of Pittsburg, California, after working as a superintendent and journeyman carpenter for 15 years. Maggie has been a pharmacy technician for over 21 years. She has served as WM's leader, Missionettes coordinator, and Sunday school teacher. Hannah is

an honor student and is very proud of her 1966 Mustang. She was crowned Honor Star in 1997. Rick and Hannah have used their skills in American Sign Language to interpret for the deaf at church services.

Rick has been involved in the Royal Rangers ministry since 1978. He served as the Northern California-Nevada District FCF president for the past 6 years and as FCF vice president, and divisional representative in Southern California District. He has served as commander of the following positions: sectional, area, senior, Trail Rangers, Trailblazers, Pioneers, Buckaroos, and Straight Arrows, along with serving in his local church as board member and Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

Rick's interests include spending time with his family, camping, and hunting. He enjoys speaking at FCF, Royal Rangers, and Men's Ministries camps and meetings. His vision is to see all boys have the opportunity to ask Jesus Christ, our Master Ranger, into their hearts as Lord and Savior.

Mike Laliberty

was appointed the Pioneers-Trailblazers coordinator for the national Royal Rangers Office on March 1, 2000. Mike and his wife, Alice, have two grown boys: Thomas, age 30, and Matthew, age 24.

Prior to his appointment, Mike and Alice lived in Longmont, Colorado. He was employed as an electrical engineer and programmer with IBM for over 25 years. Mike graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1974 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Then, in 1992, he received an M.S. in Computer Information Systems from Denver University.

Mike has over 23 years of experience in a variety of leadership roles with the Royal Rangers ministry.

As we continue to develop the Royal Rangers ministry in other nations around the world, your help is needed in the following areas:

- 1) If you wish to be involved in conducting training of any degree in a foreign nation and you have the proper credentials to do so, please contact me.
- 2) If you are making plans to participate in any



From the Desk of **Rick Dostal**

type of training in a foreign nation, the following procedures must be followed:

- If you speak with a foreign delegate who is wanting to train their leaders, do not assume that you can organize a group of men to travel to that nation to conduct Royal Rangers training.
- Contact my office via e-mail, letter, or phone and explain in detail the type of training in which you wish to participate.
- My office, in turn, must coordinate all training activities with the Division of Foreign Missions and the foreign missionary of the area where training is desired.

Following this procedure ensures the ongoing welfare and safety of our missionaries in that foreign nation. Doing so ensures that the foreign missionary in the area where training is desired can properly coordinate the activity. Doing so also ensures proper follow-up by the foreign missionary in developing or strengthening the overall Royal Rangers program in that area of the nation.

In addition, if you are trained to serve on NTC staff and have not been invited to serve, please let me know. Perhaps some qualified staff members have been inadvertently overlooked due to an incorrect paper trail.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you in the event you can lend a hand in training.

He first became involved with Royal Rangers in 1976, when Alice asked him if he would assist his oldest son's Straight Arrows leader on Wednesday nights. Ever since then Mike has served as a group leader in all the outpost groups except Pioneers. Prior to Mike's move to Springfield, he was serving as a lieutenant commander in his local outpost. Mike also served as a senior commander for 15 years.

In 1982, in addition to his local outpost duties, Mike also began serving in a variety of other positions—such as Leadership Training Course instructor, section commander, district Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship vice president, district FCF president, and most recently as district training coordinator. Mike has also served on Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Training Conferences, National Training Camps, and National Cadres in the Rocky Mountain and Northern California-Nevada districts.

Mike also has an excellent list of training credentials, which include LTC-1978, NTC-1979, ICS-1980, National Staff School-1982, ANTC-1995, IT-1995, BSTC-1996, Academy-Phase II Advisor-1996, Academy-Phase III Senior Guide-1997.

With this wealth of experience in Royal Rangers, Mike has been assigned the responsibility to coordinate the writing of the new curricula and training for the Pioneers and Trailblazers programs for the national Royal Rangers ministry.

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Optional
Go back and earn Bronze, Silver & Gold Medal

ADVENTURE RANGERS
Optional
Go back and earn Discovery Advancements

DISCOVERY RANGERS
Optional
Go back and earn RK Advancements

RANGER KIDS

ROYAL RANGERS

ADVANCEMENT CHART

Outreach Ministry Pilot Programs

From the Desk of

Marshall Bruner



Three outreach ministry pilot programs are underway this year. Please look for an opportunity to participate in any of these events. Your labor toward the Great Commission can enable us to achieve our 10-year goal of reaching 2.5 million boys for Christ.

Sun City AIM Trip: Our goal is to eventually engage Royal Rangers and leaders in Royal Rangers outreach efforts across the nation and in foreign nations. To pilot our foreign missions evangelism endeavors, I hope to take a team of at least 15 leaders and Royal Rangers (ages 12 and up) to Mexico. The trip is scheduled for June 30 to July 7. Participants will gather in San Diego then travel as a group in vans to Mexico. For around \$350 a Royal Ranger or commander can participate. We will be traveling either to Ensenada, Mexico or San Quintin, Mexico, along with about 1,000 AIM members. If you wish to participate in this event, contact me at the national office—phone: 417-862-2781, ext. 4177, E-mail: RANGERS@AG.ORG.

Convoy of Hope, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Brian Schmid, deputy district commander for Wisconsin/N. Michigan District, is coordinating a Convoy of Hope, in which Royal Rangers boys and leaders will be participating. The event is scheduled for August 19. The Convoy of Hope involves Rangers and commanders in community outreach through door-to-door invitation to the Convoy and participating in numerous functions at the Convoy itself—such as server, altar worker, children's worker, security. If you wish to participate in this event, contact Brian Schmid at phone: 414-342-3720, e-mail: BRIANSCH@EXECPC.COM.

Convoy of Hope, Richmond, Virginia: This Richmond Convoy of Hope will enable Royal Rangers and commanders to directly participate in evangelism. The event is scheduled for October 14. For further details on how to participate in this pilot project, please contact me at the national office.

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

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

District Commander, to order this ad for your district newsletter, contact Marshall Bruner — 417-862-2781 ext. 4177

FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

National Rendezvous 2000



CAMP EAGLE ROCK July 17-21, 2000

UPCOMING EVENTS

Time is quickly approaching for the 2000 National Rendezvous, July 17-21. If you have not done so, send in your registration and medical record forms. Visit our website at www.royalrangers.ag.org to print out these forms.

Applicants need only to have an active FCF membership, having at least the Frontiersman Rating, complete with all necessary signatures the application form and medical record form, and send in \$50 for Old-Timers or \$40 for Young Bucks (ages 12-17).

Registration Due: JUNE 1, 2000. If postmarked after this date, Registration Fee is \$75 for Old-Timers, \$65 for Young Bucks.

PAST EVENTS

National Royal Rangers Council Prepares for 21st Century

The 2000 National Royal Rangers Council convened March 16-18, 2000, in Springfield, Mo. I was most pleased at the progress made at this council. It will be remembered as an historic event in Royal Rangers history, because it marked a number of important and outstanding activities.

Utilizing the theme, "Beyond All Limits," the Royal Rangers National Council presented an approach of ministry to boys that will be just that: a ministry that exceeds all expectations and previous limits.

Prior to the opening ceremony and Silver Eagle Banquet, the national executive committee gathered on March 13 and 14 to discuss the exciting future of Royal Rangers and an expanded approach to ministry to and for boys. Curriculum resource members met on March 15 to discuss and assign curriculum writing for the enhanced program. Survey responses from district and outpost leaders have shown an overwhelmingly positive response for the expansion and enhancement of the Royal Rangers programs.

One leader expressed his sentiments toward the new program by saying, "I only wish I had this new program now!"

The District Leadership Training Conference, held March 16, provided training opportunities to district Royal Rangers leaders for improving their ministries.

The council kicked off with the Silver Eagle Banquet, March 16, attended by 425 Royal Rangers supporters. Of those in attendance, 329 were registered councilmen. Among those councilmen, 91 wives also attended to participate in ladies activities. The primary focus of the banquet is to recognize district commanders for their outstanding service in ministry to boys during 1999. This recognition is given through the awarding of the Silver Eagle Award. During the banquet 37 district commanders received the Silver Eagle Award.

Charles Hackett, executive director for the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions, provided the keynote address during the banquet. Drawing upon a number of topics, Hackett created an inspiring message that challenged the councilmen to be godly role models as they work with boys.

The following day, March 17, the council business sessions convened. During the council business session, much time was devoted to discussing the development of Royal Rangers for the 21st century. With the addition of non-camping advancements and achievements to the program, Royal Rangers leaders expect the program to continue to grow and reach multitudes of boys for Christ every year.

The council business session was also an election year for council leadership. James Barger, regional coordinator for the Great Lakes region, was reelected as the National Council president. Freddie



Richard Mariott presents James Barger with Chartering Award of Excellence for Outpost 21 at First Assembly of God, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Espinoza, district commander for the Southern Pacific Latin America District, was reelected vice president. Harry Hunt, Ohio District commander, was reelected as secretary.

Two upcoming major national events were discussed during council business: the 2000 National Rendezvous and the 2002 National Camporama.

Council business reports included comments from foreign and home missionaries involved in the Rangers ministry. Mark Broberg, a candidating missionary preparing for ministry in Russia, shared his vision to spread the Royal Rangers ministry throughout Russia. Spontaneously, councilmen pledged \$15,551 toward this new work. Moved to tears by their giving, Broberg replied, "Your giving has enabled children to learn about Jesus."

The council closed on March 18 with three special events. Additional time was slotted for the councilmen to plan for the revisions of the boys programs. During the afternoon, a reception was held for Paul Stanek, recognizing him for his 25 years of service as the national training coordinator and deputy national commander. Stanek received plaques from the General Council of the

Assemblies of God and from the National Royal Rangers Council for his years spent in reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ.

The closing function was the Saturday evening Junior Councilmen Banquet, sponsored by Light for the Lost. Don Jacques, a Springfield, Mo., businessman and executive member of the national LFTL Council, challenged the councilmen to continue and extend their support of the Junior Councilmen program, a ministry for Royal Rangers involvement in LFTL. During the banquet \$268,251 was pledged toward the continued development and printing of two Junior Councilmen evangelism literature projects.

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Paul Patterson, district commander for North Texas, reported that the district conducted a North Texas District Winter Pow Wow. In all 986 commanders and boys attended, with 58 boys being saved and 66 boys receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Malaysia Camporama 2000

Commander Wong shares the following:

Dates: May 31st - June 4th, 2000.

Site: Ampang Pecah

District: Kuala Kubu Baru State Selangor, West Malaysia

The Site: It is about 65km from the capital Kuala Lumpur. The scenery there is beautiful, surrounded by hills, forest, natural pools and a river that flows just at the back of the site.

The site is very private, fenced for security and very clean. It has air-conditioned chalets which will be used by leaders instead of tents, a very big soccer field which will be the camping and games area for Royal Rangers, good toilet facilities, a canteen for meals, an indoor hall for rallies, etc.

Camp Fees: The camp fee has not been confirmed. The registration fee, however, would include a T-shirt, a cap, two Camporama patches, and a metal badge souvenir.

About 1,000 campers are expected, and they are opening wide their "welcoming arms to all fellow Royal Rangers" to come and join them. Overseas Visitors: The Foreign Convoy Coordinator, Commander Herbert Ong, will be in charge of coordinating the overseas campers. You can contact him through e-mail: herbertong@hotmail.com.



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