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## NATIONAL WINNERS—

# Eight Rangers Awarded National Honor



TOP ROW: Brian Hendrickson, Rick Dostal, Richard Mariott, Marshall Bruner, Mike Laliberty  
MIDDLE ROW: Joshua Johnson, Benjamin Barnett, Neal Bradshaw, Jason Beall  
BOTTOM ROW: Jonathan Wolfson, Christopher Privette, Matthew Brown, Jeremy Schaefer

Eight Royal Rangers traveled to Missouri in July to attend the 2000 National Rendezvous, in which about 1,000 members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship attended. Though the event itself was grand and worth the travel from across the nation, they had come for even another motive: to receive special recognition during the Rendezvous as the 2000 National Royal Rangers of the Year.

The eight regional finalists were named National Royal Ranger of the Year on July 18 during the morning service at the National Rendezvous. They were presented one of the highest and most prestigious awards known to Royal Rangers.

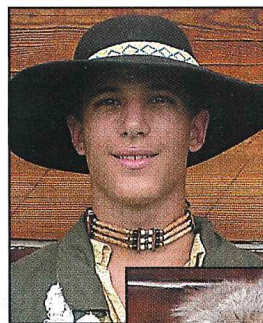
The national Royal Ranger of the Year award goes to those who win their outpost, sectional, district, and regional competitions. This follows months of rigorous competition among hundreds of Royal Rangers, with only eight receiving the top award.

The winners of the 2000 National Royal Rangers of the Year competition, listed by region, are as follows: Jonathan Wolfson, Great Lakes; Benjamin T. Barnett, Gulf; Matthew D. Brown, North

Central; Jason Beall, Northeast; Neal J. Bradshaw, Northwest; Joshua B. Johnson, South Central; Christopher M. Privette, Southeast; and Jeremy Schaefer, Southwest.

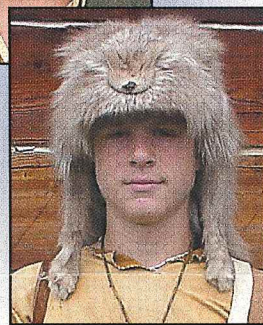
Jonathan Wolfson, of Calvary Church in Naperville, Ill., is age 16. Benjamin Barnett, of Farragut Assembly in Knoxville, Tenn, is age 18. Matthew Brown, of Maple Grove Assembly in Maple Grove, Minn., is age 17. Jason Beall, of Worship Center in Lancaster, Penn., is age 17. Neal Bradshaw, of World Outreach in Boise, Idaho, is age 16. Joshua Johnson, of Glad Tidings Assembly in Altus, Okla., is age 15. Christopher Privette, of Green Acres Assembly in Sumter, S.C., is age 17. Jeremy Schaefer, of Central Assembly in El Sobrante, Calif., is age 18.

As national winners each Royal Ranger will serve as an honorary member of the National Royal Rangers Council for 1 year and will serve as a volunteer member of the national staff. Each will also have opportunity to travel within his region for special speaking engagements at various Royal Rangers functions.



**Daniel KNORR**  
Colonial Territory

**Kyle HULSEY**  
Rifleman Territory



## 2000-2001 National Scouts

The National Scout and Assistant National Scout were voted into office during the recent National Rendezvous. The Young Bucks who attended National Rendezvous voted on the Scouts based on the dozens of FCF Young Bucks who have been serving as District Scouts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Outreach Ministry Pilot Programs**—Two outreach ministry pilot programs for the Royal Rangers ministry 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.

**Convoy of Hope, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Royal Rangers district leaders will coordinate an entire Convoy of Hope event on August 19 in Milwaukee. The Convoy of Hope will involve Rangers and commanders in community outreach through door-to-door invitation to the Convoy and participating in numerous functions at the Convoy itself.

**Convoy of Hope, Richmond, Virginia:** This Richmond Convoy of Hope on October 14 will enable Royal Rangers and commanders to directly participate in evangelism. Boys and their leaders from across the Potomac District will participate in this grand Great Commission event.



From the Desk of **Richard Mariott**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### The family of Carl Tedder.

Marvin Lemke writes, "Just wanted to let you know Carl Tedder died Friday, May 19, and his funeral service was held May 22 at First Assembly of God in Midland, Tex. Carl has been a long time Royal Rangers leader—35 years. He served many years as the West Texas District deputy district commander. Recently he had taken on the responsibility of sectional commander for the Midland Section. Carl will be greatly missed. Please pray for his family."

#### The family of Joe Walter.

Joe served as the chapter FCF president for the Potomac District. We received word from the Potomac District that Commander Walter was killed en route to the National Rendezvous, when his car left the road and struck a stationary object just 20 miles away from his home. A Royal Ranger who was traveling with him sustained neck injuries without paralysis.

Joe's full name was Upton Joseph Walter. We understand that his spouse had died some years earlier and that they had no children. According to the Potomac District Royal Rangers Office, his immediate next of kinship is his mother, Elsie Walter. If you wish to write, her address is as follows: Elsie Walter; 5 Redcar Ct.; Waldorf, MD 20602.

# National Rendezvous 2000

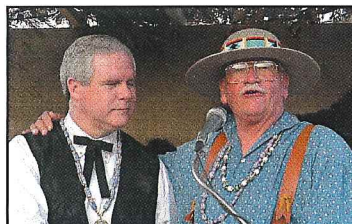


About 1,000 members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship made way to Eagle Rock, Mo., to participate in the grand National Rendezvous, July 17-21. We endured the heat and even a storm with 70-mile-an-hour winds, which destroyed several lodges the FCF's had set up. And though we faced the greatest spiritual opposition ever witnessed at a National Rendezvous, the fresh Spirit of God did mightily move. Several Young Bucks and Old-timers alike renewed their walk with God. Numerous Young Bucks were called into ministry.

The Rendezvous gathered members from across the nation to present a great spiritual awakening. Each day began with a morning devotional and ended with an evening service. Special speakers for the morning devotionals were as follows: Sonny Green, July 18; James McHaffie, July 19; and myself on July 21. Brother Thomas Trask, our general superintendent was to present the July 20 morning devotional, which was cancelled due to the harsh weather that swept across the Rendezvous meadowland. We had presented Brother Trask

with an elaborate FCF outfit, which he was to wear during his devotional presentation.

We experienced the presence of God during the evening services as well. Fred Deaver, national FCF president, began the Rendezvous with a moving message with history of Royal Rangers and how God moves the Old-timers by dreaming dreams and the Young Bucks by seeing visions, based on Joel 2:28: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." I was speaker of the July 18 evening service, followed by Terry Raburn, district superintendent of Peninsular Florida on July 19, Sonny Green, national FCF vice president, on July 20, and Fred Deaver again on July 21.



Fred Deaver with Terry Raburn, Peninsular Florida District Superintendent

Throughout the week, several competitions, special awards, and special presentations made this a most memorable National Rendezvous. Indeed we won the battle against Satan!

## A Word of Thanks...

Dear Commanders:

This will be my last issue to write you. It is with much emotion that I convey my appreciation of you and our ministry after having served at the national Royal Rangers Office for the past 10-plus years. I write to notify you that I am resigning from my position as Ministries and Publications Coordinator with the national office, effective July 24. I depart on my own initiative with a tremendous love for our ministry and with a strong relationship with Richard Mariott and the staff here. Indeed you are blessed to have them representing you.

I have been offered a position with the Media Center here at Headquarters, to serve as Director of Media Marketing. I will be privileged to work with Rev. David Lee and his fine team at the Media Center, touching the world for Christ through the ministry of media.

As a Royal Ranger since 1963, please know I am not leaving the ministry. I will continue working at my local outpost and will be serving as National Outreach Ministries Field Advisor.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown me over the years. Indeed you are God's greatest people on the face of His earth. Your tireless efforts in reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ are undaunted, and you are to be highly commended. Our reward will be great in heaven for having touched the millions of boys for Christ Jesus; to God be the glory!

If you are Eagle Rock bound next month, please look me up at the grand National Rendezvous 2000. Together we will praise God under the star-lit heavens as He ignites our hearts with greater compassion to reach the hearts of boys ... while the day of His soon return draws near.

Thank you for allowing me to have served you. May God richly bless you for having been such a blessing to me!

Serving Christ,  
— Marshall Bruner



# Ranger TESTIMONIES

## NOW I'M SAVED AND SERVING

I want to share a short testimony about Rangers and Missionettes: We used to take our children to Royal Rangers and Missionettes on Wednesday nights—to say the least, for baby sitting. Then one day my daughter asked us to come to church. Well, that took awhile, then we finally went to church to make them happy.

Well, 10 years later here I am, serving the Lord and working in Rangers and teaching boys. I have one boy in particular who stared to come to Royal Rangers, then his mom and dad began to come regularly and are now very active in our church.

I want to thank the Lord for my family's salvation. Thank you Jesus!

—Terry Putt

## WE'RE REACHING THE IMPOVERISHED

I don't know how this will measure up as a testimony, because we are such a new outpost. About 2 months ago we, as a church, decided to begin the Royal Rangers and Missionettes programs. We put out flyers all around town and got in the van and went around to pick up kids. We have many trailer parks here in town that suffer from extreme poverty, and these are the kids we've reached. Praise God, in 2 months we have grown out of our van and are now taking the big church bus out to bring in 40 or so kids! We feed them at the end of our meetings because many of the kids have nothing at home to eat. We have many young men who have no male role models in their lives at all and no positive attention. We feel we have a responsibility to these kids to teach them that they are loved and that they are valuable and important. Thanks for the great site.

—Phil Baugh

Sweet Home A/G; Sweet Home, Oregon

## THE COMMANDERS OF MY LIFE

Unlike the 70's and 80's, there are more and more of us who have seen all sides of the program—as boys and now as commanders... and fathers. I have many commanders in my own "Book of Heroes," and I must admit that to see some of my Pioneers now wearing commander's bars, oak leaf bars, or in other forms of full time ministry gives me great pride. But I'll be most proud when the "roll is called up yonder," and *they'll be there!*

The one commander I cannot shake is the very first commander I had back in 1973 as a Pioneer. He now happens to be my father-in-law. My brother-in-law was one of my highest achieving Pioneers in the 80's and who wore commander's bars—long before I ever met and married his sister.

Rangers is my family bloodline, and it won't wash out. Now my own boys—ages 8 and 10—are infected with "Ranger itus." Their current hero is their old commander, Simon Tanner (Rick Dostal)—no better an example to my boys than that. Of course, he's pretty high up on my list too!

Perhaps this note will prompt others to take a moment to reflect on their past and to pick out those who've made the impressions that formed their lives.

### Martin ("Lil' Green Frog") Kelly:

The senior commander who talked me out of quitting Rangers at 17. His favorite quote was always, "Don't give up on Rangers until you've tried JLTC." Never have I had a commander *beg* me to go to a camp until Martin worked me over about JLTC; it changed my life and put Rangers in my blood to stay.

**Gary Marentis:** He is the Trailblazers/Trail Rangers commander who spent hundreds of his personal hours working with me to make sure I could earn every award my vest holds. His favorite quote was always: "What do you mean you didn't have time? Did you sleep?" And here's his other: "Why stand ye thar gazing? Get to work!"

**Kent ("Tall Eagle") Teeters:** Ken was once my district commander. He took me under his wing and treated me better than I deserved. My favorite quote of Kent's, when he would walk into my campsite to see me working on something, was, "Do you understand all you know about what you're doing?" His son, Doug ("Tall Turkey") Teeters, and I used to hang out together with Duane ("Chili Raccoon") Velos at Traces and Pow Wows—loads of pranks and fun!

**Cat ("Big Chief") Velos:** He was a mentor, father figure, and a man who understood the heart of a confused 16-year-old boy. He has one of the biggest hearts there is! His favorite quote is too long to tell, but suffice it to say I still tell his eagle story to this day. It was he and Kent Teeters who inspired my love for bald eagles.

**Ken Moran:** He's the man who ensured that I knew his name was *not* spelled "moran" during my first JLTC. He was the mentor who helped guide my ministry and who always knew how to discern God's voice—and who wasn't afraid to lay it on the line with me.

**Dwane Truman:** He was a former divisional commander who ensured I understood that my age didn't matter—that I *could* make a difference, even though I was young.

**Pat Rielly:** The man's smile—through his thick beard—will melt the heart of the most hardened person. If you want to know about a commander who understands unconditional love, that would be ol' Bearwall!

**Rick Dostal:** This man actually put up with me in his outpost, even through my hectic schedules, personal pains and troubles, the hard times I faced in marriage, and child rearing days. He was always there with a smile, a shoulder, and some type of varmint on the spit to fill my belly.

### Bob ("Screamin' Eagle") Chapman:

He was the district FCF president when I was but a "mere varmint" in the old FCF initiation ways. He's the one who donned me "Parson" with

the FCF parson's hat that I wear any time I speak at an FCF function. My "preachin' hat" was one of his favorite hats that I hounded him about my entire time as a Young Buck. After I did some time in college, I was elected the first district FCF parson in NCN at the Territorial Rendezvous that year. He called me over to his lodge and took off his parson's hat and put it on me saying: "Here now; your the parson after all." It fell down over my ears! I promptly stuffed it full of "mountain money" (toilet paper) and wore it with great pride. I still get a lump in my throat, thinking of that moment.—though my head is much thicker now, so I don't need the tissue stuffing any more.

**Rich Mariott, our new national commander:** He was my divisional commander back when I was 14 years old. Then, when I was a Young Buck, he served as my district FCF president. Later he served as my district commander... and now as the national commander! 'Nuff said. He's risen to the top of the pile by God's grace, but no better man for the job. His vision is inspiring, and his dedication is unwavering. He has a tremendous love for the lives of boys.

There are many more great men I could name, but I'll save those for the book I'll probably never get around to writing. Thank the Lord for all the godly commanders in my life. Rangers is my life, but more importantly... it was the *tool* God used to *keep* me in the Kingdom. Blessings on y'all!

—Andy ("Parson") Burns



Limited Edition

## Year 2000 Commemorative Gift Set

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

To order, contact the national Royal Rangers Office at 417-862-2781, ext. 4177. Or send your request via e-mail—to include full name, mailing address, phone number, and GPH account number—to: RANGERS@AG.ORG.

## 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 Training Camp

- 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

## New Ranger Program Development

Preparation for Curriculum Update—Approximately 2 weeks ago, we gave Jean Lawson, of GPH, sufficient information for her to complete a final timetable for the revision process of all our materials and handbooks. Per Jean's comments, we have provided GPH all the materials needed to complete the cost estimates to revise the entire Royal Rangers program.

Throughout the new material forthcoming in 2002, we will be introducing a new cartoon character, which will become the central character used in relating to and teaching the boys. The cartoon character prototype has been drawn and will be introduced as Buzz Beaver.

### Curriculum development status:

- Leader's Manual has been received from GPH in electronic form. Chapter revision assignments are now being given to writers.
- Pinewood Derby booklet is ready, and we are working with GPH on final copy.
- Ranger Kids writing assignments have been given out. Brian Hendrickson is working with his Ranger Kids resource members on curriculum development.
- Discovery Rangers and Adventure Rangers writing assignments have been given out by Mike Laliberty, who is working with his resource members on the curriculum development.



- Expedition Rangers writing assignments will be outgoing within the next 30 days.
- Foreign and Home Missions — "Expeditions Trips" will be developed in conjunction with the Youth Department to give credit for AIM trips, Shake the Nations trips, and DFM and DHM missions trips to assist boys in their new advancement requirements for missions-oriented merits and awards.
- We are reworking and developing our merit awards and will release over 240 merits in the new boys' handbooks.