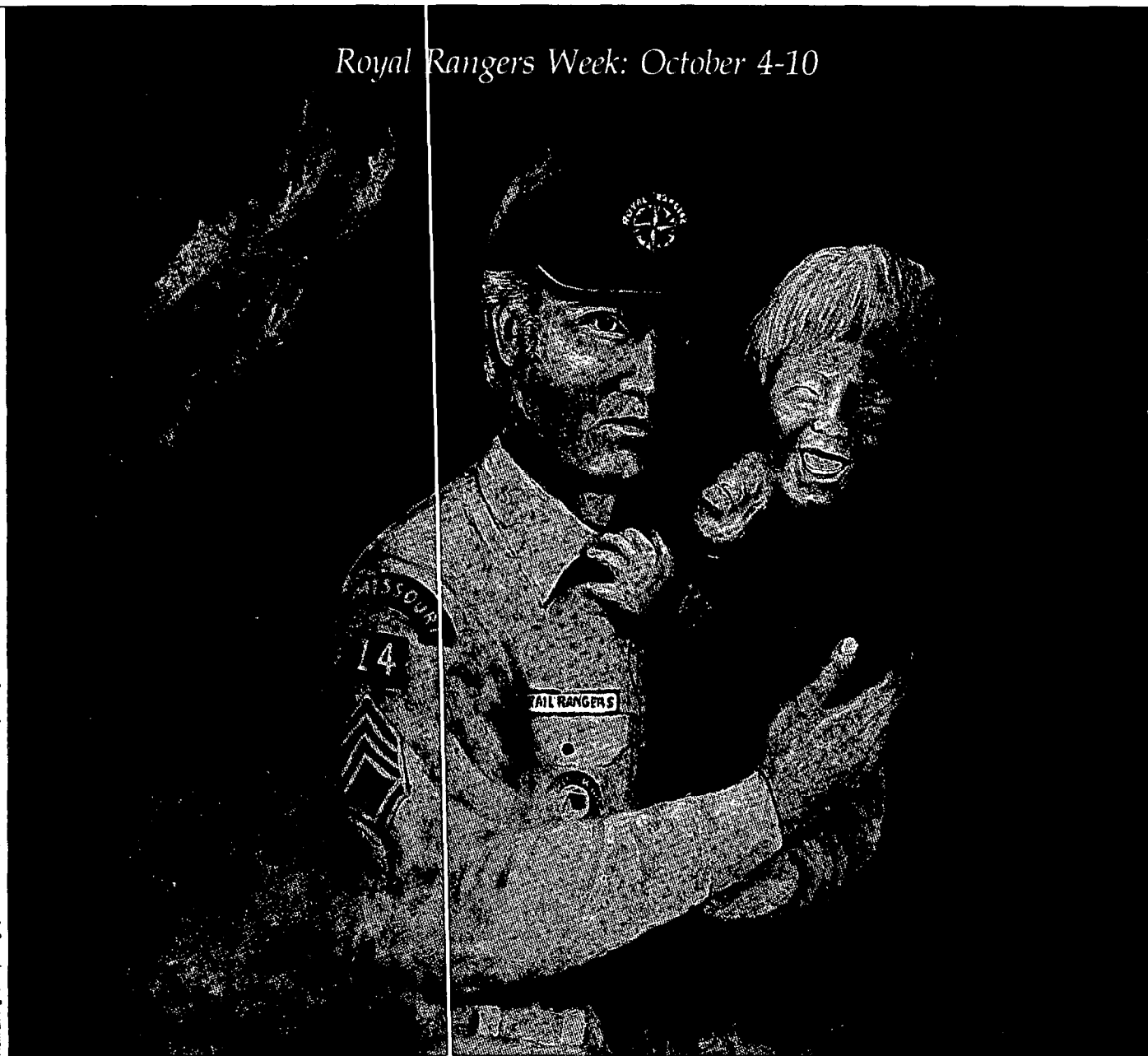


Royal Rangers Week: October 4-10

From an original oil painting by Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Royal Rangers



Uncommon valor

The Royal Rangers Medal of Valor is presented to leaders and boys who have risked their lives to save others.

Since 1964 the national Royal Rangers office has approved 196 Medals of Valor for men and boys who have displayed unusual courage, bravery, and heroism when human life was at stake. These daring acts demonstrate faith in Christ and a commitment to God and fellowman.

The first Medal of Valor was presented to "Cricky" Tucker, son of J.W. and Angeline Tucker, Assemblies of God missionaries to the

Congo. After the Simba rebels captured "Jay," they held him hostage at a Catholic convent, murdered him, and they fed his body to the crocodiles. When Angeline called to ask about her husband, the Catholic sister who answered the phone simply said, "He is in heaven." For his bravery and courage in that time of stress and danger, Cricky was awarded the Medal of Valor.

Other Medal of Valor recipients:

Comander Fred Cordova of Hollister, California, saw a runaway mule and wagon heading toward a 5-year-old boy at a county fair. He

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knocked the boy out of the way, then fell underneath the wagon and was dragged a number of yards. He was admitted to the hospital with multiple cuts and bruises. He asked to see the lad whose life he had saved. It was his own son.

Jason Land, a Buckaroo from Panama City, Florida, saw a bulldog knock a neighbor girl to the ground and begin biting her at her throat. He yelled for help, but there was no response. Jumping the fence, he attacked the animal with his bare hands so the girl could escape. Jason was