## **Introducing Our New National Outreach Coordinator**



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We are excited to announce that Marvin "Sarge" Summers has been approved by the Assemblies of God leadership as the new Royal Rangers national outreach coordinator in May 2019.

If you spend any time talking with Sarge, you realize that he has lived an interesting life. How many of you know that Sarge didn't graduate high school in the United States? Although he attended high school in Hobbs, NM and Wewoka, OK, he graduated in Nuremberg, Germany. Throughout the years, he has attended colleges and universities all over the United States, including Midland College in Midland, TX and Vincennes University in Vincennes, IN. He has completed 146 semester hours of college.

Sarge served on active duty in the United States Army from December 1970 until January 1992. If you know your American history, you will know that he is a Vietnam-era veteran. Upon retirement from the United States Army at the rank of sergeant first class, he went to work for MATRIX Service Company in Tulsa, OK. He then worked for HMT Tank Service for eleven years in operations and eventually moved into sales and marketing. He has spent twenty-seven years in the oil and gas industry and currently has customers in upstream, midstream, and downstream sectors of the industry.

Prior to Sarge's first Wednesday at First Assembly of God in San Pedro, CA, he had never heard the term "Royal Rangers" before. He was twenty years old at the time. He, his wife, and daughter had just walked into the church, a Royal Rangers leader walked up to Sarge and said, "I have four boys in the basement, and their leader is not here this evening." He pushed a Pioneer Handbook (9-11-year old boys) into Sarge's hands and walked away. He met with the boys that night. When he came back to the Royal Rangers leader and attempted to give him the handbook, the gentleman handed the book back and said, "This is your handbook, and that is your group from this day forward." Sarge was hooked.

Even Sarge's Royal Rangers career and been interesting and varied. He has served in the Indiana, North Texas, Northern California/Nevada, Oklahoma, South Texas, Southern California, Tennessee, and West Texas districts over the past forty-five years. Throughout that time, he has served at every level in the organization—local outpost, area, section, district, and region. Mostly recently, he served with Doug Marsh in Royal Ranges International. Now, he serves on the U. S. national staff as the outreach coordinator.

When asked why he loves Royal Rangers more today than when he started, Sarge said that he's seen many changes in the ministry over the years. He's seen plenty of Royal Rangers leaders, pastors, boys, and parents come and go. He remains.

Why? He made a contract with God that if He would give him a son, he would serve in Royal Rangers all the days of his life. For Sarge, a commitment is a commitment, and he takes it very seriously. Through the years, the love for the ministry and the enjoyment of mentoring young men has grown.

He has been married to his wife, Sandy, for forty-six years. They reside in Oakhurst at Kingwood in Porter, TX. and have three adult children (Misty, Jason, and Jeremy), eight incredible grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren that all live in Texas. He is an active member at North Central Assembly of God church in Spring, TX. Although he has already received the RRA Lifetime Service Award, I suspect there is still more ministry for Sarge to do in Royal Rangers.