



“Continuing to Serve”

# Royal Rangers Alumni Newsletter

## First RRA Reunion

We had a great time at the first Royal Rangers Alumni Reunion October 7-9, 2005 at Camp Eagle Rock. Approximately 35 were in attendance, many more were signed up but at the last minute they had to cancel due to illness. We missed you and are looking forward to having you next year. The weather was great and the food and cabins were excellent.

For some it was the first time to visit Camp Eagle Rock and for others well let's say it had been a long time since they were there. Our first official event was to have dinner together Friday evening. The meal was excellent including all the other meals Keith Brooks prepared for us. Friday evening we viewed some old pictures of years past and of course we remembered and reminisced those great experiences. Some of the guys were so young in the pictures that it took awhile to decide who they were. Some guys even had hair in the pictures; others had dark black hair and lots of it.

Saturday morning after breakfast, Sonny Green brought us a brief devotion and after the devotion we sat around the fireplace in the Johnny Barnes lodge. Many of the group shared stories, testimonies and whatever they had on their hearts. What a great time that was as we really got to know each other. After lunch we took a tram tour of Camp Eagle Rock. As I mentioned earlier some had not been to the camp for at least eight years and for some it was their first time.

Commander Mariott explained to the group about all the improvements and how God has blessed and allowed us to make the improvements. The food service kitchen is well under way. The frame and roof is up and hope to have it in the dry within the next few days. The concrete slabs for the regional feeding areas have been poured and the cover will go up in the next few weeks. Restrooms and shower houses have been improved, roads and bridges improved, camping sites enlarged, communication tower (96 feet high) installed. Commander Mariott stated there are several projects he would like to get completed before Camporama including the medical building and improvements to the amphitheater with new lighting and sound. Deaverton is a very unique area with a number of small cabins with bunk beds. Each building is an old frontier style structure. A new shower house and restroom facility is near by. Commander Mariott also shared with us about some of the projects that we want to start but are still in need of additional funds.

Sunday morning Paul Stanek was our morning speaker; as usual Paul did an outstanding job. After his message we shared communion. Some had to leave after the morning service others stayed and enjoyed Camp Eagle Rock. If you missed the first reunion make plans to attend the next one which will be in October 6-8, 2006 at camp Eagle Rock.

Special thanks to Keith Brooks for cooking and all The RRA members who attended. The group requested that we use Camp Eagle Rock for our 2006 reunion and we hope to have a larger attendance.

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## Camporama Volunteers Needed!



## Time is running out before the 2006 Camporama!

We need a lot of help with volunteers for the 2006 Camporama. The Royal Rangers Alumni has been given the opportunity to serve in this valuable position by our national commander, Richard Mariott. By giving this task to the RRA, it frees up many of the younger commanders to be with their boys with Camporama activities. It also gives the older commanders a chance to work with and fellowship with their old friends. Camporama is an event that most boys get one maybe two opportunities to attend and we want it to be the best for them. The callings most of us have had in Royal Rangers may be taking on a different view, and that is a good thing. For more information about joining the RRA and becoming a volunteer for Camporama please visit the RRA website at:

[www.RoyalRangersAlumni.org](http://www.RoyalRangersAlumni.org)

Paul Stanek has been appointed to serve as the RRA National Historian. Paul has served in the National Royal Rangers office for 26 years as the national training coordinator and I am delighted to have Paul as part of the National RRA team. Ole timers, district commanders, regional coordinators and all other leaders I know you have collected many different Royal Rangers items over the years and you were wondering what to do with them. Contact Paul via e-mail at [paulstanek@hotmail.com](mailto:paulstanek@hotmail.com), and see if we can make it part of the National Royal Rangers Museum. Please welcome Paul to the National RRA Staff.

Please send articles and pictures to Dan Holloway, [dan@royalrangersalumni.org](mailto:dan@royalrangersalumni.org), to publish in our next newsletter.