

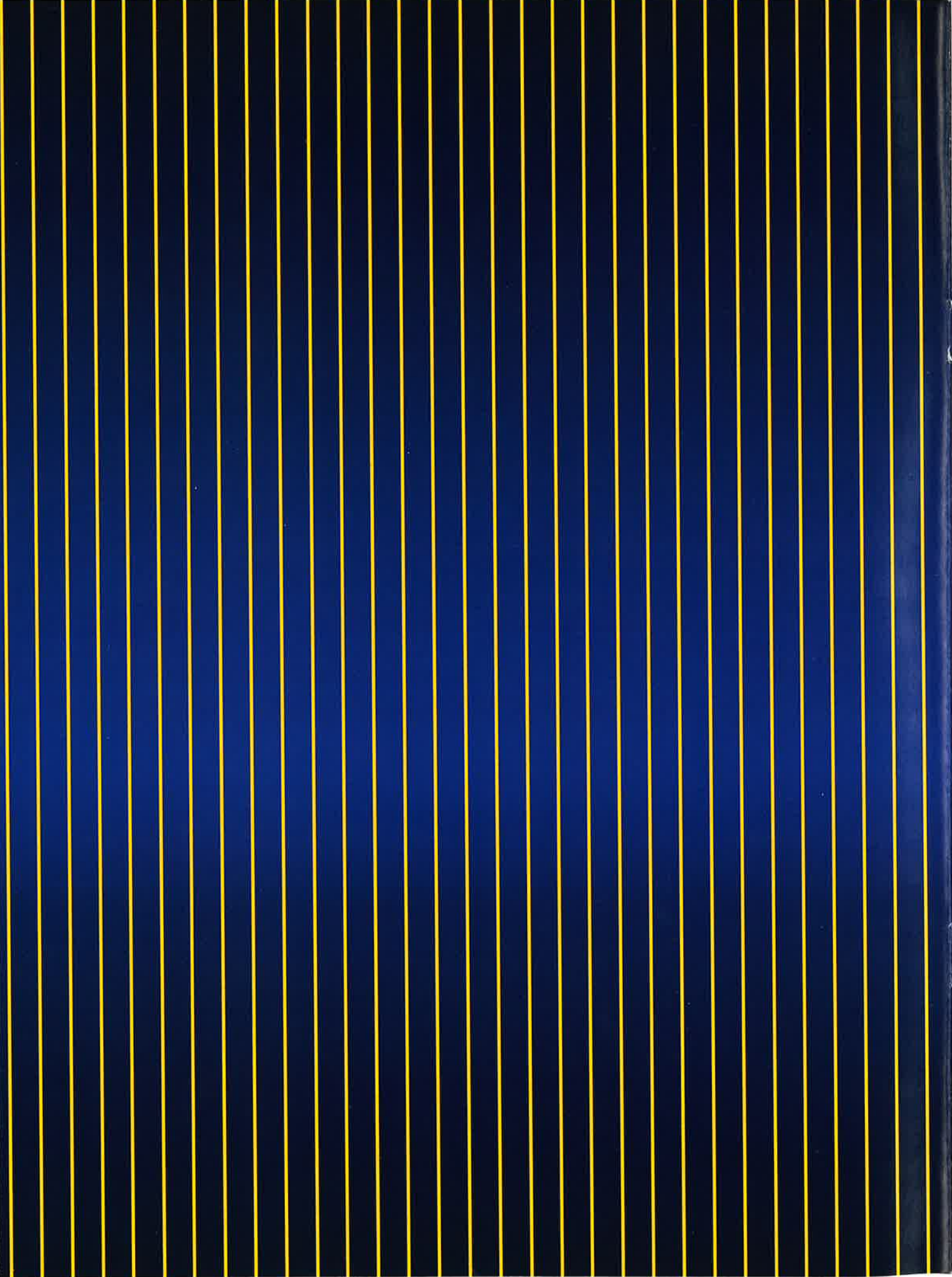
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*A boy is a person who is going to carry on  
what you have started. He is going to sit right  
where you are sitting and when you are gone,  
attend to those things you think are important.  
You may adapt all the policies you please, but how  
they will be carried out depends on him.*

*He will assume control of your cities, states  
and nations. He is going to move and take  
over our churches, schools, universities  
and corporations.*

*All your books are going to be judged,  
praised or condemned by him. The fate  
of humanity is in his hands.*

*So it might be well to pay him some attention!*

1962 LEADER MANUAL



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Whether you've been a Royal Ranger for five years or fifty, you'll appreciate the rich heritage of this great ministry. Come celebrate with us the story of a program that has become one of the premier ministries to boys and men. **Page 6**



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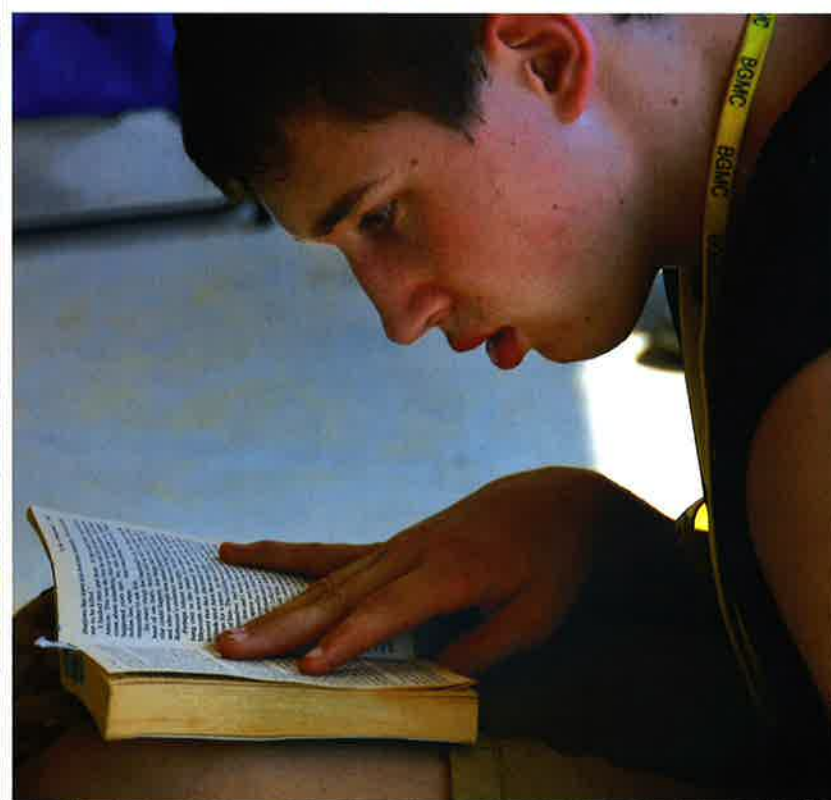
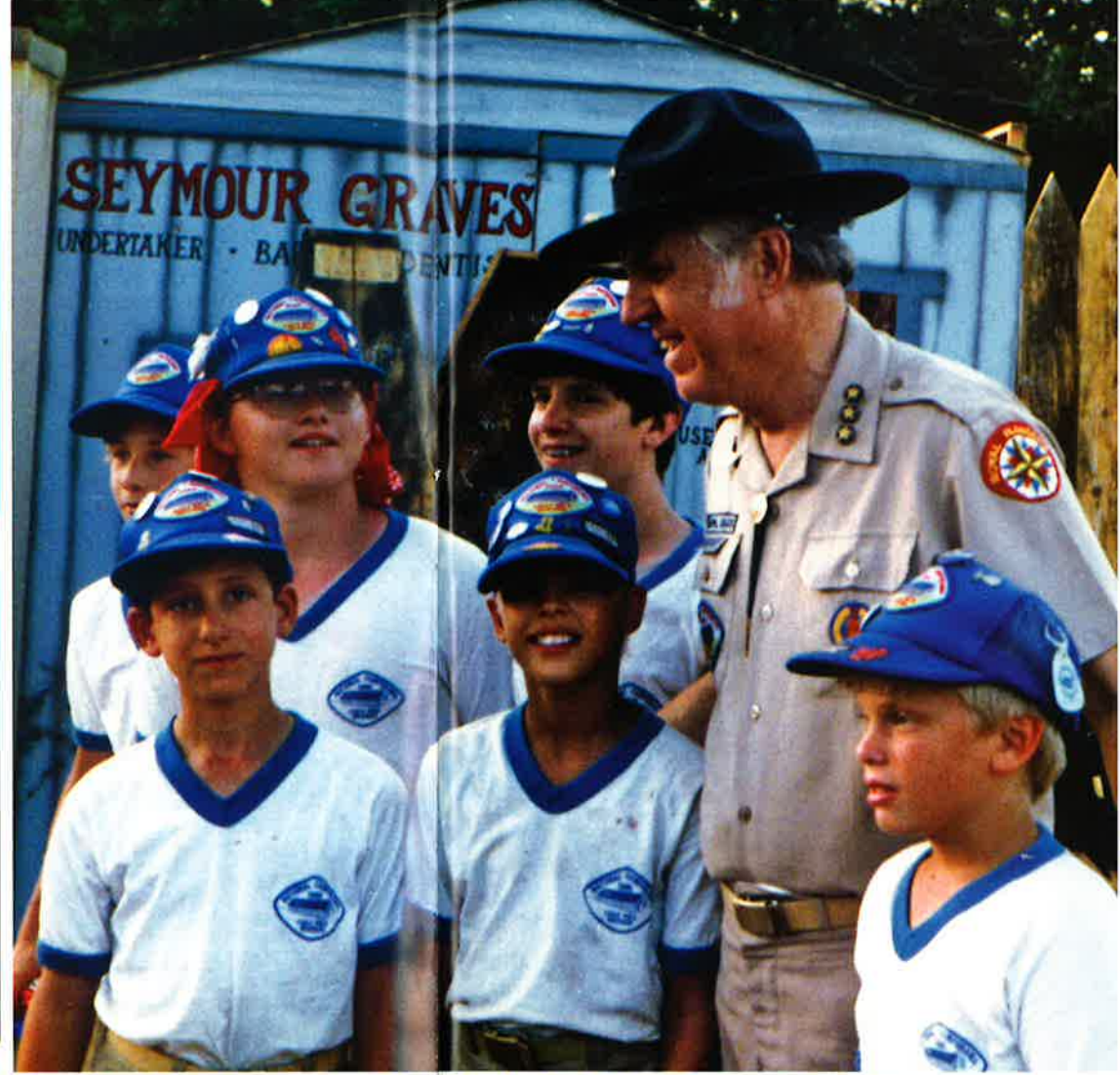
From Barnes to Hunt to Mariott to Marsh, for five decades these great men have led the Royal Rangers ministry through the process of becoming the greatest ministry to boys and young men available today. Learn more about these men through these short but insightful bios.

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NATIONAL ROYAL RANGERS | 50th Anniversary



## A GREAT PAST, A BRIGHT FUTURE

IN THE LATE 1950s, IT BECAME APPARENT TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LEADERSHIP that young men were leaving our churches, and the few that were staying were inadequately prepared to live life as strong followers of Jesus Christ. A ministry that would engage young men in their interest, minister to them on their level, and prepare them to be lifelong Christians and members of our churches was needed. The Executive Presbytery in conjunction with the national Men's Ministries office gathered a team to build this new ministry. Rev. Burton Pierce, National Men's Fellowship secretary, expressed this need in saying, "Our number one priority was to get men involved in the soul-winning and discipling of boys."



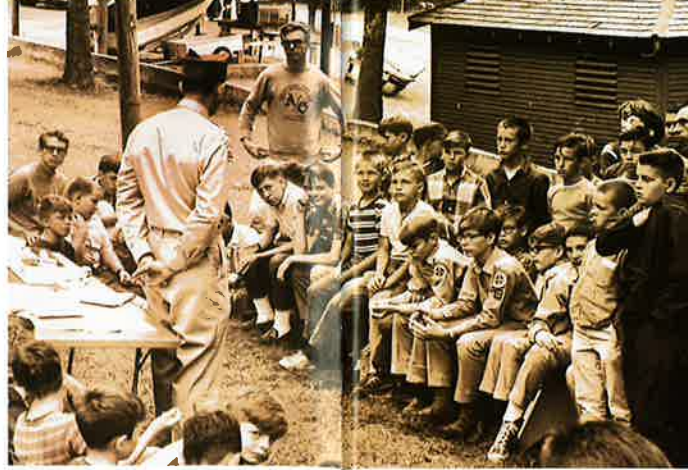
Rev. Johnnie Barnes was chosen to serve as the first national Royal Rangers commander.

Someone was needed to lead the development and launch of this new ministry. A fiery young man, named Rev. Johnnie Barnes, was chosen to serve as the first national Royal Rangers commander. Barnes, who had a scouting background and was the district Christ ambassadors president (now district youth director) in the North Texas district, moved to Springfield, Missouri in December 1961 with his wife, Juanita, and children, David and Anita. Barnes began work on January 1, 1962.

Rev. Charles Scott suggested the new ministry be named Royal Rangers. "Royal" indicated belonging to the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. "Rangers" symbolized action and adventure. The name was an instant hit and started a buzz that began to move through the Assemblies of God, generating excitement and intrigue. Within eight short months, Barnes had

completely written the *Royal Rangers Leader's Manual* and the handbooks for the three initial boys' groups—Pioneers (9-11 years), Trailblazers (12-14 years), and Air-Sea Rangers (15-17 years). That fall churches received literature on starting Royal Rangers in their communities, and *The Pentecostal Evangel* (now *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*) ran articles on the exciting new boys' program. In October 1962, Royal Rangers officially launched.

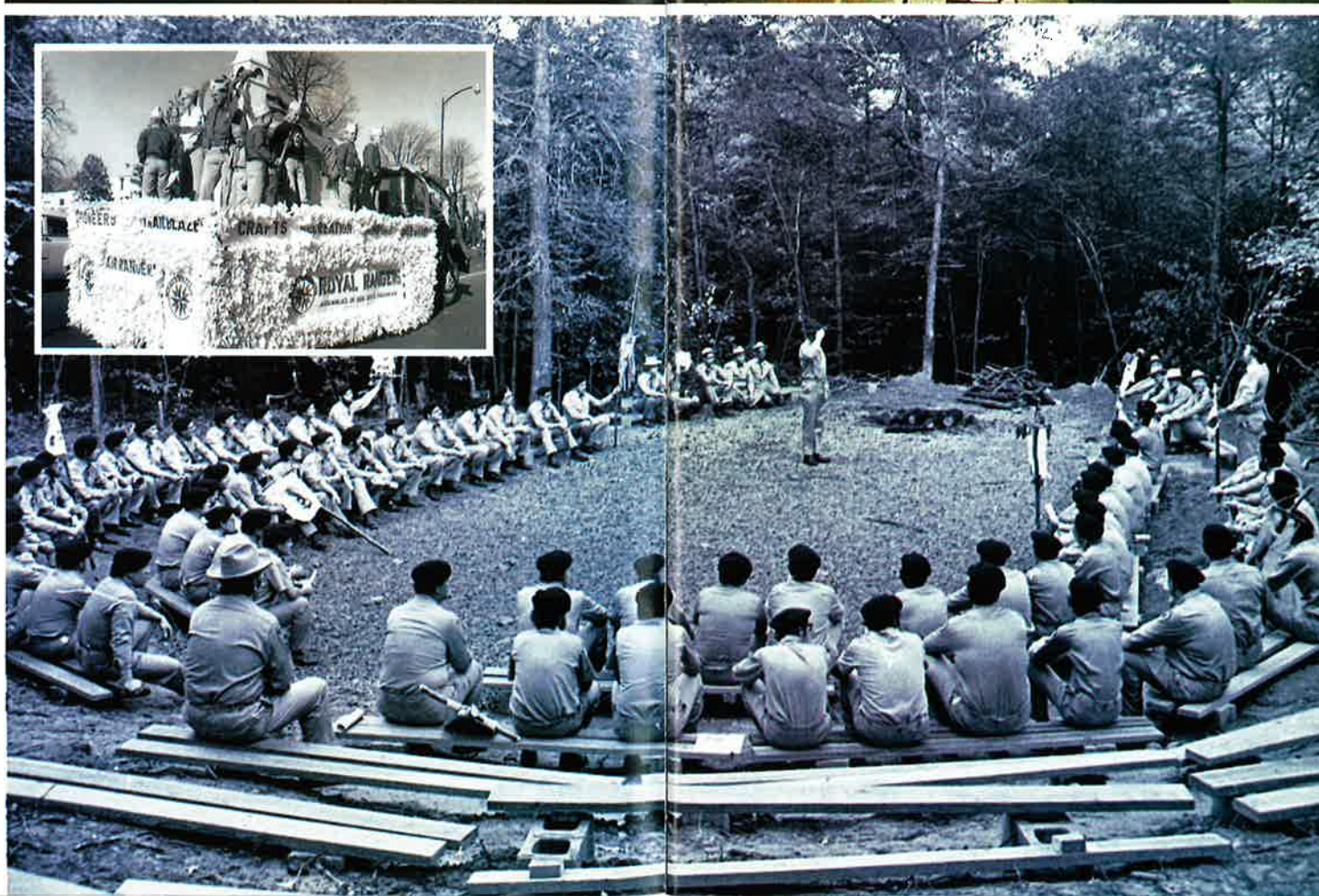
Almost overnight, dozens of churches started Royal Rangers ministries. Interested churches received a pamphlet on how to start a local outpost. Following those steps,



churches recruited leaders, organized meetings, gained members, and filed the necessary paperwork to become a "chartered" outpost. The excitement and pride over having a Royal Rangers outpost was great. Pastors framed the charter certificate, proudly displaying it in their church foyers. They also frequently donned their Royal Rangers uniforms, which consisted of khaki pants, khaki shirts, and clip-on ties to match the color of each group.

It quickly became obvious that Royal Rangers was more than just teaching a class; it was a robust mentoring ministry to boys, and the leaders needed additional training. The national Royal Rangers office accepted the challenge by appointing Bob Reid to develop leadership materials. Under Reid's guidance, the Leadership Training Course (LTC), a correspondence course, was introduced in 1963 to better equip leaders to use the handbooks and to teach them how to lead boys to Christ, to counsel them through life's problems, and to mentor them into Christlike manhood. From then until now, training has been an integral component of Royal Rangers. Only eight men have served as the national training coordinator: Bob Reid (1963-1965), Paul Feller (1965-1971), Don Franklin (1965-1974), Paul Stanek (1974-1999), Rick Dostal (1999-2003), Mike Laliberty (2003-2007), Perry Siddle (2007-2008), and Steve Schultz (2008-present).

As Royal Rangers continued to grow, the national office developed specialized training to teach men how to conduct a wide-range of activities with their boys. In 1968, four National Training Camps (NTC) were conducted in Missouri, Colorado, New York, and California. The camps were designed to give leaders the very best training possible. The response and benefits were so outstanding that more camps were added the following year. In 1970, to further meet the continued demand for outdoor training for leaders, four National Training Trails (NTT) were conducted on hiking trails in the Ozark Mountains, the High Sierra Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, and the Adirondack Mountains. In 1973, as a sequel to NTC, the Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC) was added. In 1972, Junior Leadership Training Camps (JLTC) were introduced to provide leadership training for older boys. Many districts began conducting JLTC's, Junior Training Trails (JTT), and winter camping events for their boys. Additional camps were added throughout the 1970's: National Canoe Expedition (NCE) in 1973, National Aquatics Camp (NAC) in 1976, and Winter National Training Camp (WNTC) in 1977.



Barnes continued to lead and grow Royal Rangers through the 1960's, adding new program elements frequently.

In the fall of 1963, the first issue of *Dispatch*, a quarterly magazine for leaders, was published. The *Dispatch* included a weekly Bible study course and a planning guide. It was designed to give leaders new ideas, devotions, and information. In 1974, Barnes shifted the editorial responsibility of *Dispatch* to John Eller. In 1971, *High Adventure* was introduced as the quarterly magazine for boys. It was designed to challenge boys to higher ideas and spiritual dedication while providing worthwhile, exciting reading. In 1986, *Dispatch* and *High Adventure* were combined into one magazine with boys and leaders editions of *High Adventure*.

In 1964, the Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA), the highest award earned by a Royal Ranger, was introduced and immediately became the goal of boys across the nation. By design it required hard work and dedication to complete. Since its introduction, approximately 6,300 young men have earned this prestigious award, which constitutes less than 1% of the entire Royal Rangers membership history. Royal Rangers GMA recipients have gone on to become pastors, business leaders, missionaries, politicians, military officers, college professors, professional athletes, and even the current national Royal Rangers director.

The Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (FCF, later changed to Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship) was launched in 1966. FCF was designed to encourage advancement; to cultivate the very best in Christian example and service; to develop camping skills among older boys; to encourage leaders to complete the leadership training program; to stimulate Christian involvement; and to preserve the historical primitive skills of our American forefathers. A highlight of this group has always been its colorful ceremonies, which feature members dressed in authentic historical clothing.

To help promote the FCF program, territorial representatives were appointed in 1969. In 1970, John Eller was selected as the first president, and Fred Deaver was elected president in 1974. Deaver led FCF from 1974 until becoming national president emeritus in 2002. Since his retirement, great men like Rick Dostal (2003-2005), Jim Rounsville (2005-2009), and Paul Walters (2009-present) have led FCF into the early part of the new century.

Fred Deaver, an accomplished and widely-acclaimed western artist, is considered to be second only to





# JOHNNIE BARNES

NATIONAL COMMANDER | 1962 - 1989

Johnnie Barnes was born on August 16, 1927, and grew up near Alvord, Texas during the Great Depression. He was one of six children; his siblings were Billy, Frances, Bertha, Dorothy, and JB. When he was still a young boy, tragedy struck his family. His sister, Bertha, died from a spider bite. The memory that



Johnnie was always searching for a closer walk with God, and his hunger grew as he became acquainted with Rev. H. M. Harrison, the pastor of Alvord Assembly of God. Under Rev. Harrison's loving and tender ministry, he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In 1950, Johnnie was licensed to preach in the

comforted young Johnnie was the game Bertha had created for the children the week before. They had been imagining what heaven would be like, and Johnnie knew that Bertha was there enjoying it.

Assemblies of God and started an evangelistic ministry that lasted seven years. During these years, he spoke at numerous youth camps and discovered his talents for painting and writing poetry.

He was saved in a Methodist tent revival in 1946 at the age of nineteen, which was an annual event in his small town. During a similar revival a few years earlier, Johnnie and his best friend decided to "baptize" each other. His friend did quite a respectable job on him; however, Johnnie fell on top on his friend and almost drowned him. His friend's reaction, "You'll never be no preacher—that's for sure!"

In June 1961, he was elected the North Texas District Christ Ambassador President (DCAP). During his ministry, Johnnie often thought it would be wonderful if the boys and men of the Assemblies of God could get together and be encouraged in their faith, allowing them to see they were part of a larger community boys and men.

The happiest memories of Johnnie's youth were of days spent sitting on a small hill at the back of the farm and daydreaming about the great things he wished he could do, of outdoor adventures shared with his brothers and friends, and of his love of reading adventure stories. He was good at remembering facts about history and he loved reading about history. His love of daydreaming is where he would later get his nickname, the barefoot dreamer.

Then an unexpected invitation came from Rev. Burton Pierce, who also had a dream for a national boys' ministry, to move to Springfield, MO and to develop a Christian boys' program. A group of men had been trying to determine if the Assemblies of God should develop a boy's ministry or continue using the Boys Scouts of America. Royal Rangers was the name that Charles Scott gave to the ministry during their early meetings.

He was working with the Boy Scouts in his hometown when he decided to attend Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. He chose to follow God's call instead of accepting a scholarship to play football at another college. During college, he was assigned a circuit pastorate to two Red River Valley churches and developed strong youth groups in both churches.

Was it was too good to be true? Would he do a good job and not disgrace himself and God? Johnnie doubted his ability create such a program even though it was his dream. After days and nights of prayer, God told him that this is what he had spent his life preparing for. God was giving him an opportunity to do something few people ever get to do—build a ministry for boys and men from the foundation. He totally surrendered and prayed, "Lord, I'm available if this is what You want me to do, with Your help I will do it!"

The happy memories from his youth of daydreaming, adventuring with friends, and reading historical stories played an important role in helping him appeal to boys' natural desire for adventure as he developed materials for the new program. He spent weeks researching the various Christian youth ministries that were available.

The first few weeks were spent developing the basic philosophy and organizational structure of Royal Rangers. He then spent the next few months tooling out the contents of the program. By September 1962, Johnnie had written six books, had application forms, charter certificates, membership cards, advancement requirements, awards, insignias, and promotional brochures ready. Royal Rangers was officially launched by announcements and articles in the *Pentecostal Evangel*. What was thought would take a few years to develop was accomplished in nine months. This was God's timing!

What would the visual symbol of this new ministry? The Royal Rangers emblem seemed to come from God because Johnnie woke out of a sound sleep in the middle of the night with an idea of a complete emblem with its many points, colors, and meanings. Although a few minor changes have been made as to the shape of the emblem it is still the same today. After God gave him the idea for the emblem, creating the pledge, code, and motto came quite easily.

Rev. Johnnie Barnes passed away on June 16, 1989. His legacy will always be tied to the name Royal Rangers. He was a man of humility, yet his convictions and strong character made him a "man's man" who possessed the ability to build up other men. He loved boys and the great outdoors and used this love and hard work to build Royal Rangers into a world-class, Christian ministry for boys.

Juanita Barnes, Johnnie's wife, said: "Johnnie laid a solid foundation of faith, love, and sacrificial service for others to follow. His life was an example of steady fast determination. He demonstrated that a dream is nothing unless you are willing to be led by God, work hard, and inspire others to embrace that dream to make it a reality. God and us can make the impossible possible." ☞





Johnnie Barnes when considering the contributions made to the Royal Rangers ministry. He has traveled extensively around the United States as a trainer, camp speaker, and ambassador for Royal Rangers. He has encouraged countless men to be men and to lead their local Royal Rangers ministry as well as their families, churches, and places of employment with integrity, honor, and faithfulness.

In 1966, Royal Rangers branched out and became an international ministry, starting outposts in Latin America and the Caribbean and in Australia. That same year, a new auxiliary group for 7-8 year olds was

Requests arose for the involvement of even younger boys, particularly 5-6 year olds. As a result, the Straight Arrows group, which had a Native American theme, was introduced and enthusiastically received in 1977.

The first National FCF Rendezvous was held in 1972 at Fantastic Caverns in Springfield, Missouri. Over 200 delegates gathered for food, fun, and fellowship while being challenged spiritually in the evening services. They played games, learned frontier crafts and skills, and worshipped God in His wonderful canopy of nature and in caves once inhabited by Native Americans.

The first National Camporama took place in 1974

influence of Royal Rangers was first seen. Edwin Louis Cole, who became a leading authority on issues of Christlike manhood, got his start as a Royal Rangers leader in Northern California. Author of *Maximized Manhood* and *Courage*, Cole regularly attributes the impact of his time spent as a Royal Rangers leader as the major catalyst in his ministry to men. Cole founded the Christian Men's Network in 1977 and was integral in the founding of Promise Keepers, and his impact is still felt today.

In the 1980's, Royal Rangers continued its trajectory of growth with two major events. In 1986, the Na-

communications building, industrial kitchen, resort accommodations, and an amphitheater. Besides being the permanent home of National FCF Rendezvous and National Camporama, it is the location for annual national training events and frequently hosts campouts and retreats for churches and various other groups. It is also a regular meeting place for the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee.

On June 16, 1989, Rev. Johnnie Barnes, the founder of Royal Rangers and its leader since its inception 27 years earlier, went to be with the Master Ranger, Jesus Christ. Barnes' life was that of one well lived. His



**FRED DEEVER**  
*encouraged a countless number of men to lead with integrity, honor, and faithfulness.*



**PAUL STANEK**  
*Served as National Training Coordinator for over 25 years, equipping countless men to "reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ."*



formed, called Buckaroos. Following the wildly successful edition of Buckaroos, Barnes added Trail Rangers to Air-Sea Rangers (15-17 years), enabling boys to focus on specialized skills in camping and survival settings, air competencies, or sea proficiencies.

The 1970's continued to be a decade of growth and excitement for Royal Rangers, seeing two new auxiliary groups introduced, a new national camp for boys and men developed, and international expansion flourished.

Chi Omega Rho, a program for college students, was developed in 1972. By 1982, there were active chapters at Central Bible College, Evangel College (now Evangel University), Southeastern Bible College (now Southwestern University), and Southwestern Bible College (now Southwestern Assemblies of God University). It was disbanded in 1999.

in Colorado Springs, Colorado on the grounds of the United States Air Force Academy and boasted an attendance of over 1,400. It was a fantastic setting and an unforgettable event that included the Air Force Marching Band and the governor of Colorado. Astronaut Jim Irwin, one of the speakers, kept the boys on the edge of their seats. Patch trading was initiated and spawned the design and proliferation of Royal Rangers patches across the country.

Since their inception, National FCF Rendezvous and National Camporama continue on a four-year rotation and moved permanently to the National Royal Rangers Center in Eagle Rock, Missouri in 1986. National Camporama has grown to consistently attract 5,000 participants, and the National FCF Rendezvous draws regularly 850.

The 1970's was also the time when the far-reaching



tional Royal Rangers Training Center (now National Royal Rangers Center) in Eagle Rock, Missouri was dedicated. Nestled in the middle of the beautiful Ozark Mountains of the Mark Twain National Forrest, Camp Eagle Rock, as it is commonly referred to, is a sprawling 1,445 acres of land, complete with mountains, streams, and fields. The *Johnnie Barnes Lodge* was dedicated as the headquarters for the campground. Since that time, a number of permanent structures have been added to enhance the Eagle Rock experience including: shower houses, bunk houses, trading post, chapel,

impact was literally felt around the world, and his loss was heartbreaking to not only Royal Rangers leaders but also to religious leaders across the globe. A man whose FCF name was "Strong Heart" had exactly that, a strong heart for reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Jesus Christ. His funeral was attended by hundreds of people in Springfield, Missouri.

Barnes was widely loved and recognized for his contributions to the kingdom of God. In 1975, he was recognized in Marquis' *Who's Who in Religion*. He received honorary doctoral degrees from Alabama Bible College (1981) and Covington Theological Seminary (1982). At the 1981 General Council, General Superintendent Zimmerman presented Barnes with a special plaque of recognition that read in part "... with commendation for his distinguished leadership in establishing and developing this world-wide ministry





to boys involving Assemblies of God Men.” In June 1983, Barnes received the *God and Service Recognition Emblem*, which expresses appreciation for outstanding leadership and significant contributions by an adult to the spiritual, social, and physical lives of young people, from the Inter-denominational Church Commission for Civic Youth Serving Agencies in Alexandria, VA.

Barnes once said, “I have a dream of an army of Royal Rangers around the world lifting high the banner of Jesus Christ, making an impact on their generation for God.” He definitely saw that dream fulfilled in his lifetime. At the time of his passing, over 150,000 men and boys were participating in Royal Rangers in the U.S. with tens of thousands more participating worldwide.

In August 1989, Rev. Ken Hunt, who had been serving in the national Royal Rangers office, was appointed the second national Royal Rangers commander. Hunt, a kind and methodical leader, set out to walk in the footsteps of a legend. Following the pioneer of anything, especially a ministry as successful as Royal Rangers, is never an easy task, but Hunt handled it with grace and class.

As a result, the 1990’s saw continued advancements in the Royal Rangers ministry. Under Hunt’s leadership the National Royal Rangers Training Center’s debt was liquidated. A new *Royal Rangers Leaders Manual* was written, the first since the inclusion of Straight Arrows (1977). It included more extensive information than previous editions and included the *Royal Rangers Adventures in Camping*, a guide for outdoor adventures, which had previously only existed as a separate book.

Two other major strides were made under Hunt’s leadership. For years, limited instruction was given to individuals serving on staff at national training events, such as NTC. In order to better train men who would be training Royal Rangers leaders, the National Academy was developed. An Advanced Academy was added in order to give additional training to leaders serving as the camp commanders and senior guides, the key roles of the camps. These camps generated a significant increase in the quality of training at national training events.

The second major stride was the expansion of the advancement system. Additional awards were added to the Pioneer and Trailblazer groups to encourage more young men to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement. Air-Sea-Trail Rangers took on a new look and the moniker of Challengers. These changes again laid the foundation for future improvements.

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# KENNETH HUNT

NATIONAL COMMANDER | 1989 - 1998

Rev. Kenneth Hunt was born on June 2, 1947, in Tuscumbia, MO. He spent his entire childhood in Missouri, moving to Eldon when he was five and to Barnett when he was ten. He loved the outdoors and spent much of time hunting and fishing. In school, he played football and the trumpet, but at home he helped work on the farm and raise chickens. He also developed an interest in photography and flying airplanes.

During his childhood, the Hunt family attended First Assembly of God in Eldon. It was a cold night when evangelist Richard Vineyard gave the altar call that changed 7-year-old Ken's life forever. Lying there on the platform, he gave his life to Christ and was instantly filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the beginning of a spirit-filled life that would provide great direction and stability in his life.

After graduation from Eldon High School, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967. His unit deployed to Vietnam in 1968 and made the slow voyage across the Pacific. God provided him with great protection physically and spiritually. He was a combat engineer and earned a Purple Heart during his tour. For Ken, the best part about going to Vietnam was coming home. He arrived just in time to enroll in the fall semester at Evangel College. During these college years, he had the opportunity to travel across the United States as long-distance truck driver during the summer.

While attending college, Ken met Sharon in a philosophy class, and they quickly became good friends. They began dating during his senior year and were married on June 2, 1973, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Since they married on his birthday, Ken was guaranteed to remember his anniversary every year.



They settled into married life and started a family; they had two children, Ryan and Heather. He supported the family through a variety of careers over the years. He was in management in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for a few years. He built homes in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. He

worked in commercial construction and served as a real estate broker.

While he and Sharon were building their family and he was building his career, the new pastor at First Assembly of God in Ponca City was building the ministries in the church. Unbeknownst to Ken, the pastor had a plan to start Royal Rangers at the church and invited him to help get it started. This was his first introduction to Royal Rangers. He started working with the Pioneers and enrolled in the Leadership Training Course (LTC) to better prepare himself to mentor boys.

Although Ken was new to Royal Rangers, he was familiar with church service. He had served as a board member, choir director, and Sunday School teacher for the young married class at various churches over the years. This was a new and exciting ministry for him to enjoy.

On Nov 29, 1988, Ken started working at the national Royal Rangers office as the promotions coordinator and editor for the *High Adventure* magazine. God had a plan that not even Ken could have realized on that first day in the office. In June 1989, Johnnie Barnes past away, and in August 1989, Ken Hunt became the second national commander for Royal Rangers.

For the next ten years, Ken Hunt led Royal Rangers and saw many advancements of the ministry. Leadership training was a focus with the National Academy and Advanced National Academy begin developed to

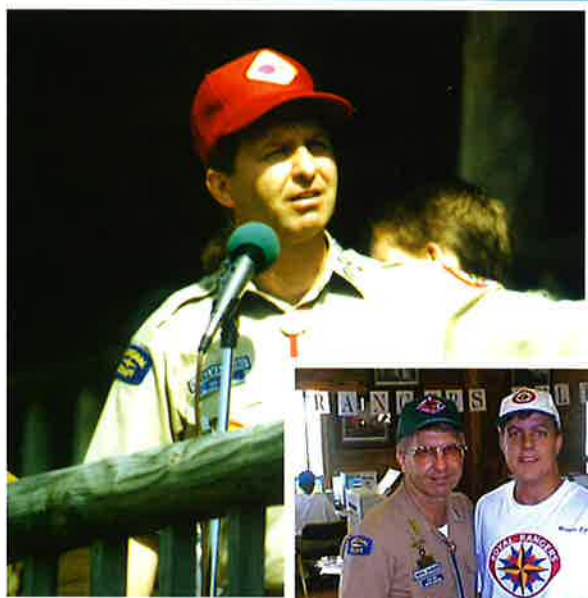
better train staff instructors for the various national training events. The advancements systems for Pioneers and Trailblazers were expanded to encourage more young men to complete the Gold Medal of Achievement. Air-Sea-Trail Rangers became Challengers, which laid the foundation for future curricular improvements.

Although his leadership saw many successes, there were a few memories that really stood out to him. One moment came when the national campground's, Camp Eagle Rock, debt was liquidated with a surplus of funds for future projects. Many of his other favorite memories centered on boys and young, the fruit of Royal Rangers, whose lives were radically changed for Christ at the events he attended.

He also remembered that the German delegation gave him a piece of the Berlin Wall, titled *The Wall Falls Down*, at the 1990 National Camporama. This presentation changed his world perspective. He helped to lay the foundation for many new countries around the world to begin Royal Rangers through supporting missions efforts, such as missionary Doug Marsh. This area of expanding Royal Rangers abroad is where Ken would have liked to accomplish more during his time as national commander.

In 1998, Ken Hunt announced his resignation as national commander, a position he had faithfully served in for ten years. At that time, the Lord moved Ken and his family into full-time pastoral ministry. From his youth, He had a strong desire to be a pastor, and after leading Royal Rangers, it was time to follow another ministry path.

Ken and Sharon Hunt have been the pastors at First Assembly of God in Highlandville, MO for the past ten years. However, Ken's legacy is building foundations in training, curriculum, and missions that positioned Royal Rangers to expand and strengthen the ministry. Under Ken's leadership, General Superintendent Thomas Trask said that Royal Rangers was "the number one soul-winning ministry in the Assemblies of God." 🙌



In 1998, Ken Hunt announced his resignation. Hunt guided Royal Rangers extremely well during his tenure. Perhaps his most lasting legacy came from General Superintendent Thomas Trask when he said that Royal Rangers was “the number one soul-winning ministry in the Assemblies of God.”

In 1999, Rev. Richard Mariott, the district Royal Rangers commander and Men’s Ministries director from Northern-California/Nevada, was appointed the third national commander. Mariott was charged with taking the expansion of the advancement system Hunt had begun and broadening it to reach a new generation of Royal Rangers.

In 2000, Royal Rangers announced restructuring and renaming the groups. Straight Arrows and the first year of Buckaroos were combined to become Ranger Kids. The second year of Buckaroos and Pioneers became Discovery Rangers. Trailblazers was renamed Adventure Rangers. Challengers was renamed Expedition Rangers. The advancement system of each age group became merit-driven, allowing boys new to Royal Ranger to begin advancing immediately. This new system contained annual medals for Discovery and Adventure Rangers and culminated with the GMA at the completion of Adventure Rangers. A new *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*, *FCF Handbook*, and boys’ handbooks were written.

Other new additions were introduced. Royal Rangers *Leader’s Guides* were created for each age group and included all of the weekly meeting plans, games, devotions, and ceremonies. The *Leader’s Merit Reference Guides* not only provided the answers to the merits the boys were earning, something never available before, but also teaching tips, a five-week lesson plan, and supplemental materials to help the commander teach the skills to his boys. Boy’s workbooks were also created with worksheets and helps for the young men to learn the skills presented and earn their Bible and skill merits.

Mariott and his team also revised leadership training. The LTC training, which had become a 16-week course, became the Leadership Training Academy. The requirements for training moved from one long, all-inclusive course to a combination of required and elective training modules. The national training events were also changed to reflect the new curriculum and training structure. Junior training adapted to the merit-driven system, and more camps were added to cover a greater variety of topics and skills.



In 2002, Mariott in conjunction with John Bueno, the director of Assemblies of God World Missions, asked Rev. Doug Marsh, who had been working with Royal Rangers as a missionary to Latin America and the Caribbean since 1993, to return to the United States and launch Royal Rangers International (RRI). Marsh, the son of missionaries to Peru and Bolivia, was himself a GMA recipient and had extensive experience starting Royal Rangers in a number of countries from the time he was 14. RRI became a starting point for nations around the world to begin and resource Royal Rangers groups in their countries. When RRI was founded,

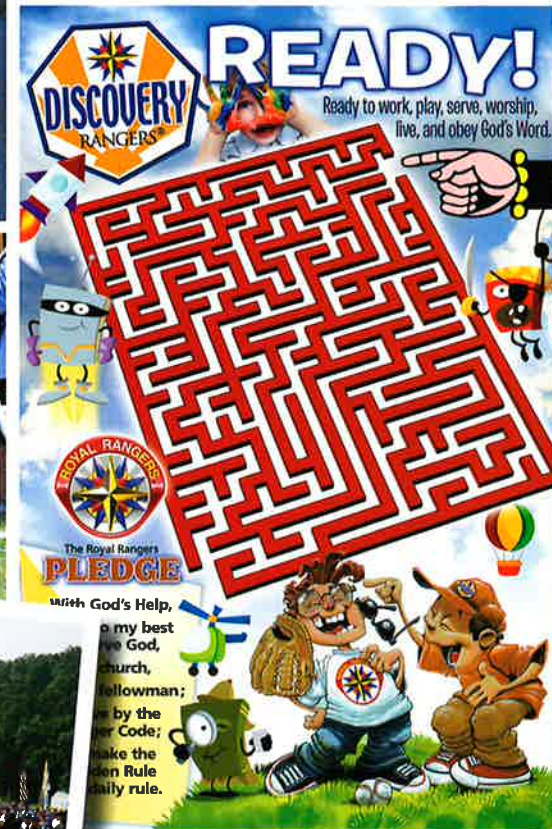
and listening to the voice of the field, the national team set out to build on what Barnes, Hunt, and Mariott had established and to position Royal Rangers to adapt in an rapidly changing environment.

Today, Royal Rangers has a goal of influencing more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever! It seeks to be the premier, most sought after church ministry for the next generation of men in America—period! To be affordable and practical so that every family and church can participate. As it grows, it has a desire to remain quick and nimble to learn and adapt to our changing society. Men will be eager to be trained



**ROYAL RANGERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

*Missionary Doug Marsh returns to the United States in 2002 to launch Royal Rangers International.*



forty-five nations had national ministries with active Royal Rangers groups. Today, Royal Rangers is ministering in eighty countries.

In late 2006, Mariott announced his resignation. He guided Royal Rangers through an important transition, oversaw the largest events in Royal Rangers history, and oversaw a state of the art expansion of Camp Eagle Rock. He returned to California with his wife, LeeAnne, where he is still actively involved in Royal Rangers.

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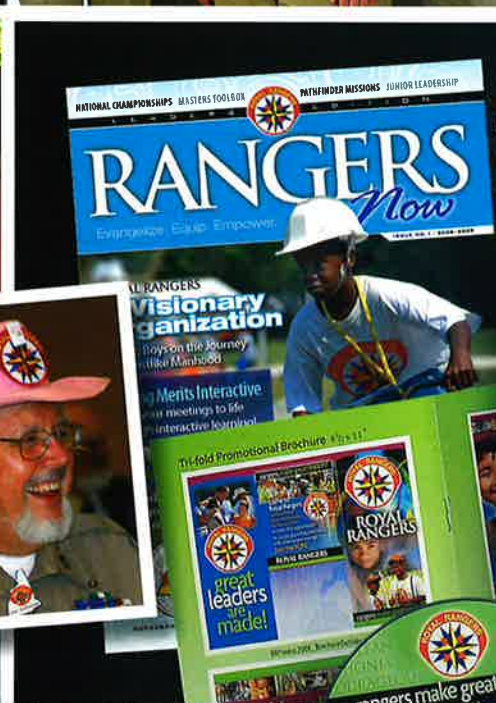
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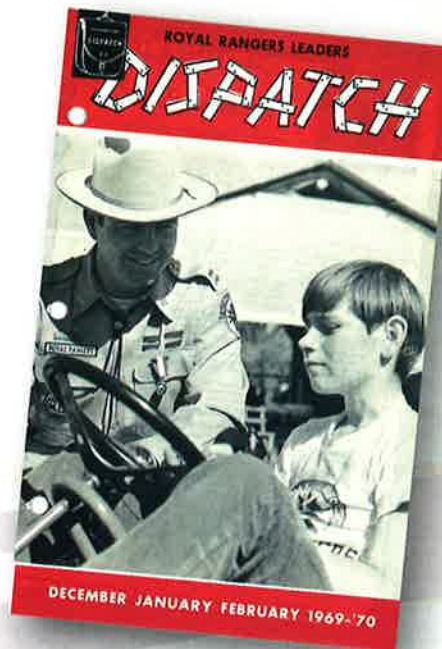
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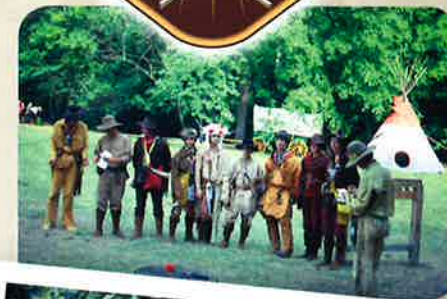
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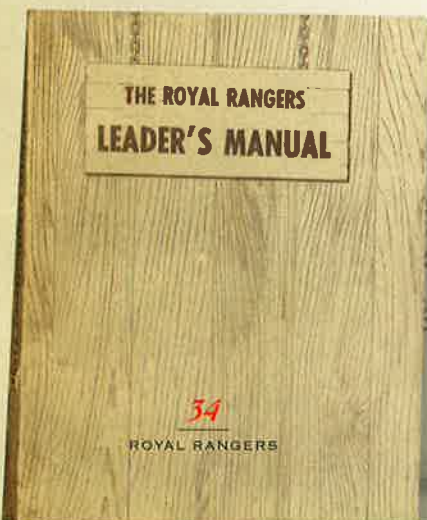


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National Aquatics Camp (NAC) first conducted.



## 1977

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Straight Arrows, a group for boys 5-6 years old, is created.

Winter National Training Camp (WNTC) first conducted.



## 1978

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# 1980s



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**1982**

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JULY, 1986

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**1986**

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JUNE 16, 1989  
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Rev. Ken Hunt succeeds Johnnie Barnes to become the second National Commander for Royal Rangers.



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**1998**

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# 2000s

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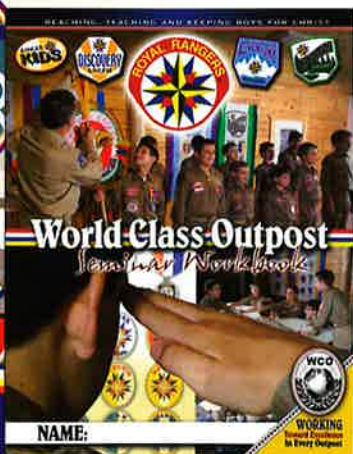
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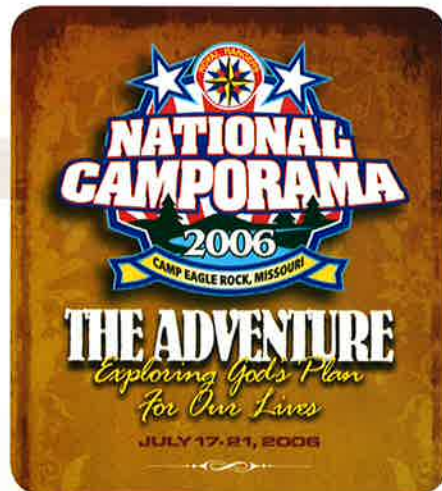
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## 2006

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## 2007

National Commander Richard Mariott resigns having led the Royal Rangers ministry for 8 years.

### DOUG MARSH JUNE, 2007

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## 2009

### RANGERS MINISTRY ACADEMY

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The National Royal Rangers Council becomes the National LEAD Conference.

## 2010

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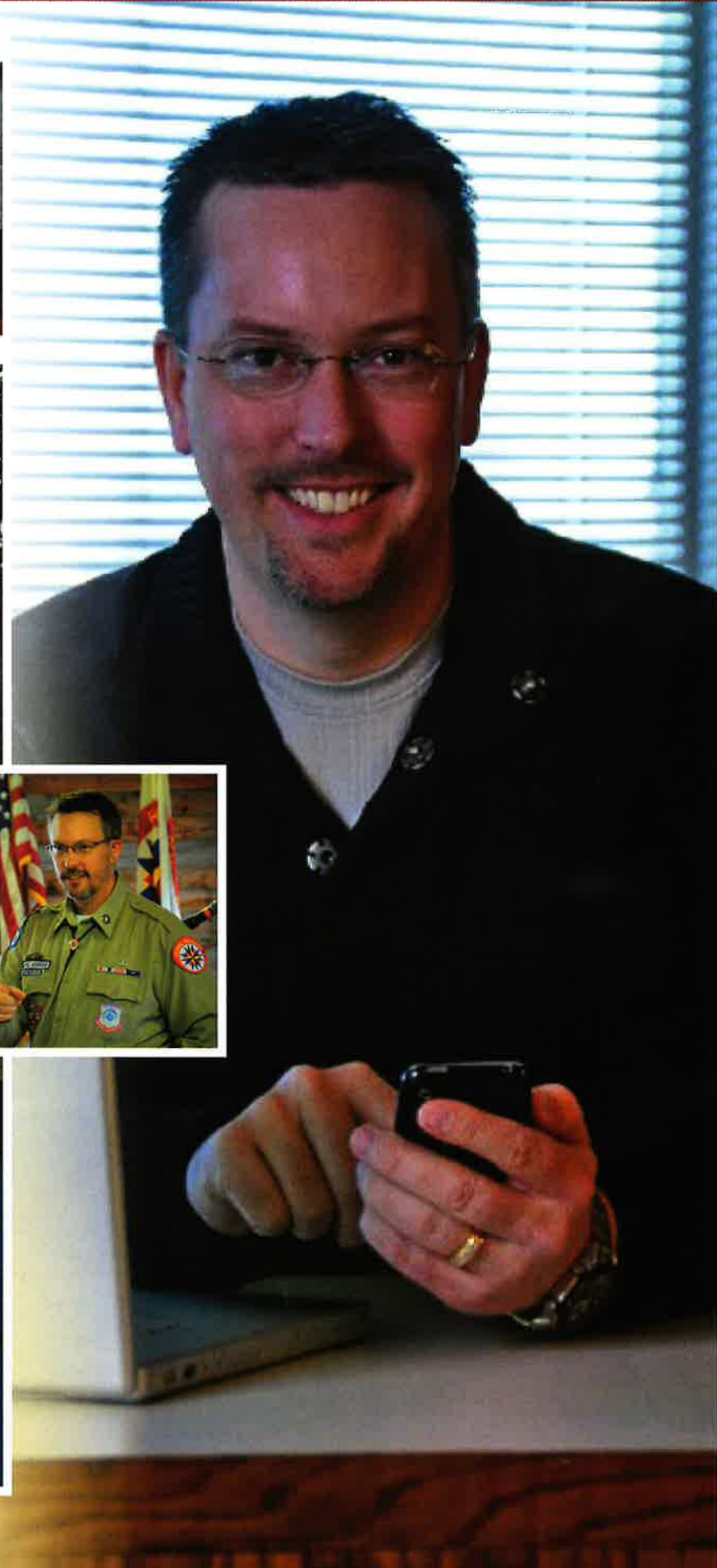
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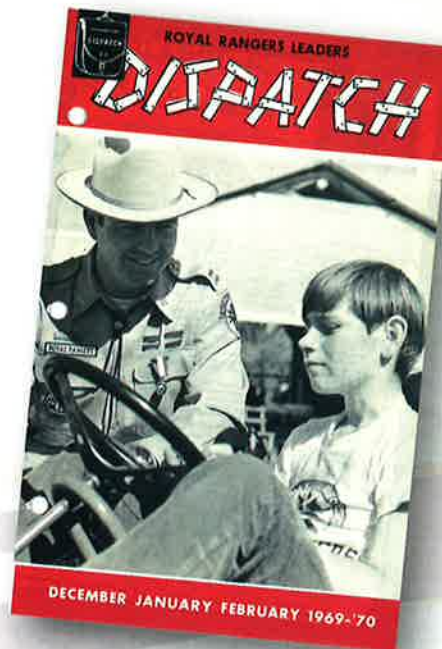
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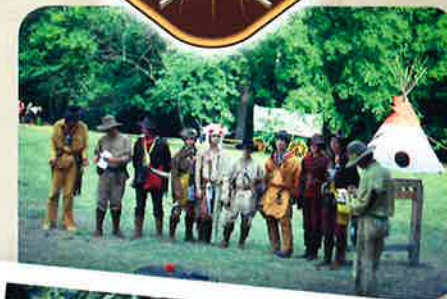
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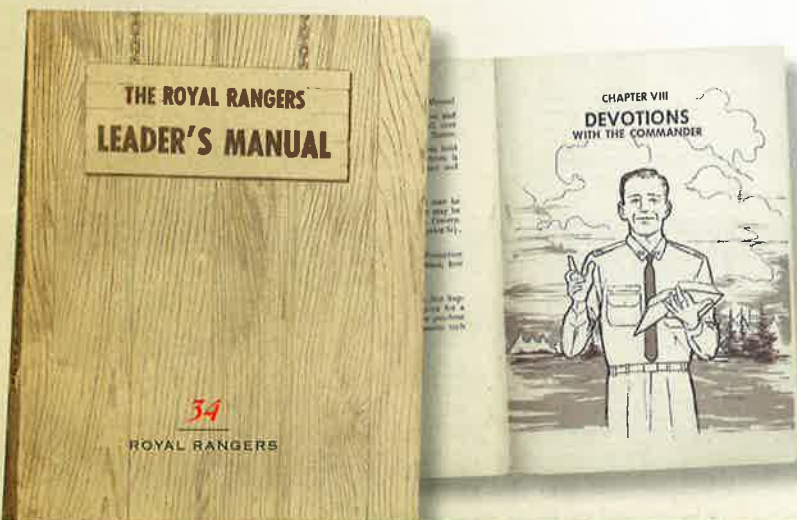


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The first National Camporama is held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO with over 1500 men and boys in attendance.



## 1976

### INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

The Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS) is instituted to equip leaders as instructors for the Leadership Training Course (LTC).



### NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS

The second National FCF Rendezvous was held in Dogwood Valley, MO. Training Course (LTC).

### NATIONAL AQUATICS CAMP

National Aquatics Camp (NAC) first conducted.



## 1977

The District Commander's Conference and National Aide De Camp Council are combined into one body entitled the National Royal Rangers Council. The first meeting of the new National Council is conducted in Springfield, MO.

Straight Arrows, a group for boys 5-6 years old, is created.

Winter National Training Camp (WNTC) first conducted.



## 1978

The second National Camporama was held in Farragut, ID.



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# 1980s



**1980**

## NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS

The third National FCF Rendezvous was held in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee with over 600 in attendance.



**1981**

## NTC STAFF SCHOOL

The NTC Staff School is instituted to train leaders to staff National Training Camps (NTC).

**1982**

## NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

The third National Camporama was held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.



## JOHNNIE BARNES LODGE

JULY, 1986

Dedication of the "Johnnie Barnes Lodge" a two-story building at the Royal Rangers Nat'l Training Center near Eagle Rock, MO. It sits on 1,445 acres.



**1986**

The fourth National Camporama is held at the new Royal Rangers National Training Center at Eagle Rock, Missouri.

**1989**

JUNE 16, 1989  
National Commander Johnnie Barnes dies at his home in Springfield, Missouri from a heart attack, having led the Royal Rangers ministry for 27 years.

## KEN HUNT

Rev. Ken Hunt succeeds Johnnie Barnes to become the second National Commander for Royal Rangers.



And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

— COLOSSIANS 3:17



# 1990s

**1990**

## NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

The fifth National Camporama, which has a special international emphasis, is held at Camp Eagle Rock.



**1994**

## NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

The sixth National Camporama takes place at Camp Eagle Rock.

**1995**

Revisions to the Pioneer and Trailblazer advancement systems known as the "Gold Track" are created to provide a clearer path to earning the Gold Medal of Achievement.



First National Academy is held at Camp Eagle Rock to training leaders to staff national training camps.



**1998**

The seventh National Camporama takes place at Camp Eagle Rock.

**1999**

National Commander Ken Hunt resigns having led the Royal Rangers ministry for 10 years.

## RICHARD MARIOTT

Rev. Richard Mariott is appointed to become the third National Commander for Royal Rangers. Under Mariott's leadership, Camp Eagle Rock, the Royal Rangers curriculum, and the training programs undergo substantial re-development and improvement.

## ROYAL RANGERS ALUMNI (RRA)

is established as a means of keeping older leaders engaged in service to Royal Rangers.





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# 2000s

## 2001



### LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

The Leadership Training Academy (LTA) is launched and replaces the Leadership Training Course (LTC) as the primary method for training new Royal Rangers leaders. Ranger Basics is released to serve as the first step in the new LTA training process.



## 2002

### ROYAL RANGERS INTERNATIONAL

Royal Rangers International (RRI) is established to help coordinate the efforts and needs of the approximately 45 countries using Royal Rangers.



## 2002

Significant program updates are released including revisions to the advancement trails for all age groups, uniform and insignia changes, and the development of a complete weekly curriculum for leaders. The Straight Arrows, Buckaroos, Pioneer, Trailblazer, and Air-Sea-Trail Ranger age groups are replaced by new groups entitled Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers.



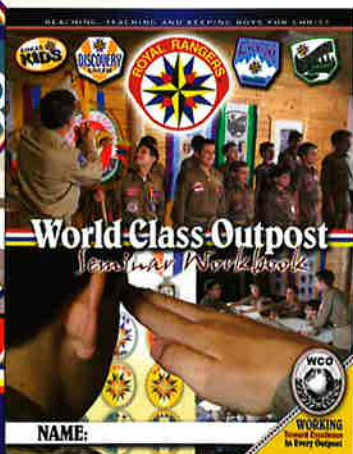
The eighth National Camporama takes place at Camp Eagle Rock.



## 2005

### WORLD CLASS OUTPOST

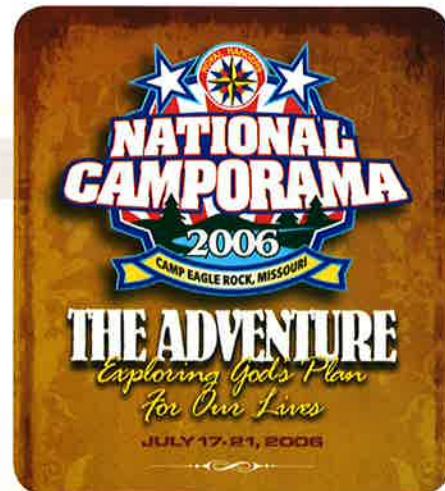
The first World Class Outpost (WCO) seminar is held.



## 2006

### NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

The ninth National Camporama takes place at Camp Eagle Rock.



## 2007

National Commander Richard Mariott resigns having led the Royal Rangers ministry for 8 years.

### DOUG MARSH JUNE, 2007

Rev. Doug Marsh, director and founder of Royal Rangers International (RRI) becomes the fourth National Commander.



## 2009

### RANGERS MINISTRY ACADEMY

The Leadership Training Academy (LTA) is revised and expanded to become the Rangers Ministry Academy (RMA).



The National Royal Rangers Council becomes the National LEAD Conference.

## 2010

Royal Rangers re-emphasizes its core mission as seeking to “evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.” Royal Rangers further defines itself as “a mentoring ministry for future men, providing Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment.”



TraCclub, the Royal Rangers online resource delivery system is launched making the curriculum available electronically via internet.

National Rangers Ministry Camp (NRMC) replaces National Training Camp (NTC) as the primary national training event for leaders. The first NRMC is held in Minnesota.

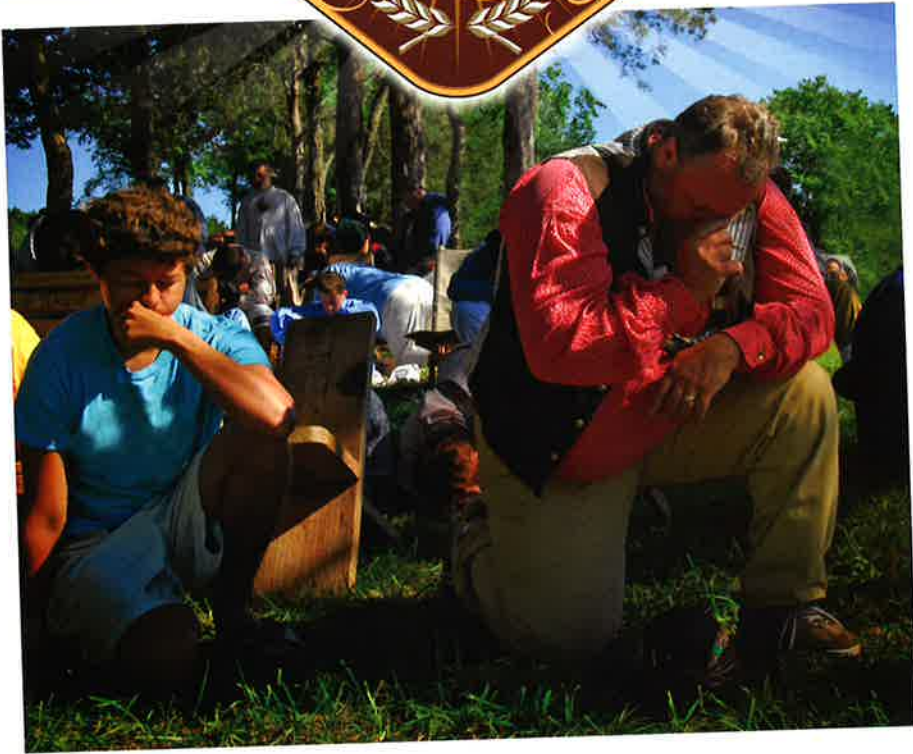


## 2012 Royal Rangers celebrates its 50th ANNIVERSARY!

The tenth National Camporama is held at Camp Eagle Rock.



Royal Rangers has shaped over 2.5 million young men around the world, and over 6,800 boys have earned their Gold Medal of Achievement award (GMA). Royal Rangers International has 86 member nations and continues to grow each year.



*“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”*

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16 (NIV)



## The Future is Here

*Royal Rangers is the premier, most sought after church ministry for the next generation of men in America-period!*

*We are affordable and practical so that every family and church can participate.*

*As we grow, we remain quick and responsive to learn and adapt to our changing society.*

*Men eagerly train to mentor young men in Christlike manhood; young men are empowered to assume leadership of Royal Rangers, making it a boy-led, adult-facilitated ministry.*

*Personal and spiritual growth is fun, hands-on, and experiential; friendship charges our ministry atmosphere.*

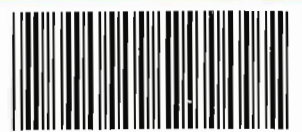
*We reach every boy and young man by creative methods; every Ranger is eager to serve a God-given cause greater than self.*

*Church leaders, mentors, boys, and young men are proud to be associated with Royal Rangers.*

**With God's help,  
I will do my best,  
to serve God,  
my church, and  
my fellowman;  
to live by the  
Ranger Code;  
to make the  
Golden Rule  
my daily rule.**



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