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Dear Fellow Rancheros & Friends of the Ranch:

#### Air Force Health Study: March 1991:

For the past 2 years, scientists conducting the Air Force Health Study have re-evaluated the medical data obtained from the third physical examination conducted by Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, LaJolla, CA in 1987. This statistical analysis compared the health status of both Ranch Hand cohort and our Comparisons using measured levels of dioxin in the blood of both groups in this equation.

Elevated dioxin levels in the Ranch Hand group showed no evidence indicating that dioxin was associated with: systematic cancer, skin cancer, liver diseases, cardiovascular diseases, kidney disease, immunologic disorders or neurological problems. The serum dioxin statistical analyses did detect an association with lepic related problems; i.e., diabetes and body fat. Cholesterol levels and blood sugar levels (glucose intolerance) were elevated in those of us with elevated dioxin levels above the background level. The serum dioxin analyses also revealed an association between increased dioxin levels and the decrease in testicular size!

This statistical association does not demonstrate that dioxin, a trace production contaminant in the herbicides, is, in and of itself, the cause of these variances. The medical scientists "working" this question simply cannot explain these statistical findings medically. A number of hypotheses are currently being investigated and further examination of this latest data will continue.

The next physical examination, scheduled to begin in February 1991, will include increased emphasis on blood sugar levels, body fat percentages, cholesterol levels and all body functions associated with diabetes and diabetes-related conditions.

It should be reassuring to note that the blood serum dioxin analysis echoes all previous conclusions of the Air Force Health Study, both the mortality reports and the morbidity studies, regarding major diseases such as cancer, heart disease, liver disease, kidney dysfunctions, etc.

Each of us will receive a copy of the DOD news release and executive summary of this latest report.

#### News of Cowboys Around the World:

Ron Peters, Nashua, NH (retired navigator/Bien Hoa 1967): When I heard from Ron he was ready to go to Saudi if Intel could locate a tree or two to hose. Thanks Ron!

Don Sawyer, Burlington, VT: Don was probably the first Ranchero to be discharged in 1962. He has been working for G.E. making Gatling Guns for the U.S. - and from the sound of things lately, damn good ones. Don sends his best to Pappy. Thanks Centurion!

Jerome Klein, Riverside, CA: Jerome is still working in the construction business in Riverside. Thanks to a new Centurion!

Richard A. (Dick) Peskins, Brunswick, GA: Dick is working with Lockheed in the commissioning and servicing of the ballistic missile submarine fleet at King Bay, GA. He hopes to join us in Oct. '91.

Col. Richard (Dick) Duckworth, Ft. Worth, TX: Sir, if you can loan the old Ranch stuff, the Association would appreciate it very much. Thanks Centurion!

Lou Seminare, Midlothian, Va: Lou joined the Centurion rank, and he sends his best to all Cowboys. Thanks Lou.

Francis Griffin, Dublin, OH: "To the Ranch" to all. Thanks Centurion!

Doc Weaver, Santa Fe, NM: Great friend of the Ranch and our artist whose picture of our A/C is on display at the A. F. Museum at Wright-Patt AFB, OH, Doc could not be with us in '90 but sent his best to all the Rancheros.

Joe Wolozyn, Mt. Holly, NJ: Joe is currently a USAF Liaison Officer to the N.J. State Civil Air Patrol. Previously Joe was Chief C-5 Pilot with Stan/Eval at McGuire AFB. Thanks Joe!

Col. John T. Parish, Niceville, FL: Thank you John!

Bill Tucker, RH '67-'68, Arlington, VA: "Best regards to all the Cowboys." Bill hopes to join a round-up soon. Thanks to a "double" Centurion!

Lt/Col. Bill Yoachim, Clearfield, UT: Bill, still on active duty, couldn't make the '90 Round-Up but sends his best to all. Thanks Centurion!

Vito Long, Falls Church, VA: "Missed the reunion this year again..." Vito is a Centurion again and I predict he'll make a Round-Up soon!

Eugene S. Robertson (T/SGT(RET), Randolph AFB, TX: Gene's wife was recently transferred to A.F.M.P.C. at Randolph; and Gene continues to drive his own rig as an owner/operator and is keeping busy. Gene, just stay off the Baghdad/Jordan Highway.

Col. Paul Knese, St. Louis, Mo: Paul retired in 1982 and has been serving on the Army Light Helicopter Selection Board. Thanks for the update Centurion!

Co. David "Skip" Nowlin, Woodbridge, Va: Col Nowlin is currently on the faculty at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in D.C. with a pending assignment as the USAF Attache in South Africa. "Col. Skip" and Joan plan to make N.W. Florida their eventual retirement home. Thanks Centurion

Bryce C. Connor, Orlando, FL: Bryce was unable to make this last reunion due to business commitments in real estate in the Orlando area. Many thanks to another Centurion!

Peter J. Clark of Alexandria, VA: Pete again sent his best to all Cowboys in addition to his continued support. Thanks again Centurion! Regarding models of C-123's Pete, "No - sorry." JS.

Marvin C. "Marvelous" Zeph, Troy, NY: Marv couldn't be here for the 25th but he sends his best. Thanks Centurion!

Bud Fisher, Las Vegas, NV: Warren P. recently visited W/P AFB, Ohio to see Patches which brought back many memories for him. Another great Centurion!

Watson R. Jones (M/SGT(RET), RH '62) Wake Forest, NC: Watson is still with AMTRAK and sends his best to all. Thanks much!

Scott Goshorn, Northglenn, CO: Senior Master Sergeant Scott Goshorn retired from the United States Air Force in August of 1971 at Minot AFB. In 1963 Scott served with the Ranch as our NCOIC. Thanks for being in touch.

Raul Gamboa, Fresno, CA: Raul is one of the most recent Centurions; however, it is worthy to note that he stayed in touch routinely and contributed significantly for many many years. We owe a lot to men like Raul. He also keeps the post office squared away in Fresno. Thanks again Centurion and friend!

Jack Womack, Midwest City, OK (RH 68/69): The Association thanks Jack for his large contribution and his kind thoughts about the Ranch - past and present. He promises to make a reunion soon. Thank you sir!

John Waltz, Greenville, SC (RH 67/68): After John served with the Ranch in the 67/68 time frame, he and Shirley located in SC where he is Project Manager for a chemical disposal facility on Johnston Island in the Pacific. Johnston was the #2 landing stop for the Ranch during the original deployment to Vietnam in 1961. John provided a great photo -- looking down runway 22 on Johnston Island, including the whole island which has been greatly enlarged since 1961 to accommodate all the special projects that have occurred there since and those planned into the future. Stay healthy John, and Thanks!

Henry (Hank) Good, Kalispell, MT: Hank was sorry to miss the 25th bash last October, but he was there in spirit. Hank's son is a "Navy lifer" continuing in Dad's tradition. His second retirement is in process -- selling business holdings, closing down civic commitments and focusing on joining the "Over the Hill Gang" for breakfast -- then hiking in Glacier Nat. Park. I suspect Hank will never really qualify as an "Over the Hill" gang member. Thanks Centurion!

Richard Kenny, Ft. Myers Beach, FL: Thanks for the stamp money Ranchero!

Colonel Dale M. Svarverud, Fairfax, VA: Mrs. Margaret Svarverud was kind enough to write and say: "It has taken me a long time to let all of Dale's colleagues know of his passing on July 22, 1988." (Col. Svarverud suffered from lung cancer and passed away following a massive stroke. Dale retired in 1985.) "Dale spoke fondly and often of his association with the Ranch Hand 'guys' and its mission."

(Ed. note: All of us who knew Dale express our best to Margaret and their three sons. Dale was a fine man and will be missed. Thank you Margaret.)

Contributions/change in address, but no words:

James D. Maddrey - from Largo, FL to Clearwaterwater, FL  
Ed Blaufuss, Irving, TX  
Carl Schelin, U.S. Embassy, Lima, Peru  
Cornelius Nunn, Vista, Ca  
Robert A. Sanders, Kotzebue, AK  
Howard F. Bowles, Jr., Newtown, Ct

USAF Armament Museum:

This past November the Ranch Hand Association Board of Governors agreed to contribute \$150.00 to the Air Force Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base to help with the expense of obtaining SR-71, Tail Number 959, for perpetual display. When Cowboys visit the Ft. Walton Beach area in the future, please visit the Eglin Armament Museum. Blackbird #959 is a thing of beauty, worthy of all accolades -- for accomplishments never completely revealed, thus, never fully appreciated.

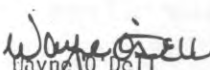
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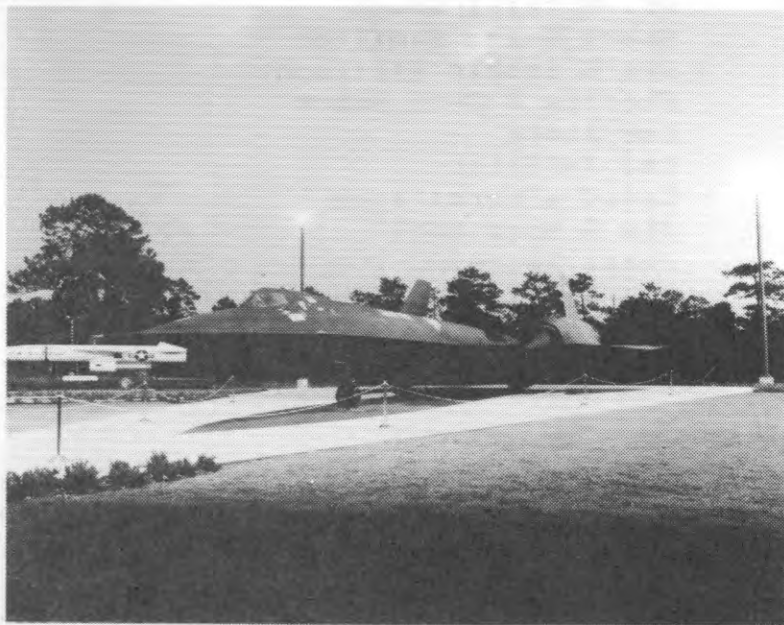
Dear Jack:

On behalf of the Directors of this Foundation, I want to express our appreciation to all the members of the Ranch Hand Vietnam Association for the significant contribution made in support of the SR-71 exhibit project. Next fall we will erect a memorial wall near the SR-71. On this wall, in a prominent position, we will recognize the generosity of your elite group. Please thank each of your members for us.

With Appreciation,

  
Wayne O. Bell  
Executive Director

HO:jcd



Costa Rica - Lee Inman:

Some of us, myself included, have from time to time "dreamed" of a retirement location or a neat place to visit. Costa Rica has come to my mind largely because of the sailing or boating environment on the Pacific coast. It turns out that Lee Inman of Orlando, FL has become "Ranch Hand's resident guru" on Costa Rica. Lee has made a number of trips there recently and he has prepared a typewritten guide dealing with visa rules, hints on currency, hotel costs (various), travel tips, etc. For more good info contact Lee Inman at 407-657-5249.

Ranch Hand Patches:

The Association now has 100 Ranch Hand patches available. The actual cost was \$3.22 each. They may be obtained for any contribution over that amount plus postage.

General Fund:

There is currently \$2,458.90 in the general fund before the cost of this newsletter. As postage costs continue to rise, contributions are continually needed.

### Reunion 1990;

By all reports, the 25th annual reunion was the best ever. The gathering was noteworthy for the large number of new faces in attendance. Col. John Poast, Air Attache to Brazil, made the longest trip to join the group.

Those attending the 25th get-together of the World's Dandiest Defoliators were:

Bill Aldrich  
James & Norma Arthur  
Don & Pat Ayers  
Jim & Maria Bassett  
Jack Brennecke  
Earle & Kate Briggs  
Paul & Barbara Cecil  
Willie Clark  
Butch & Diann Cobb  
Jerry & Annie Cornell  
Ed, Jeannie & Ed Jr. Dabbert  
Bud & Doris Day  
Ralph Dresser  
Ralph & Imogene Evans  
Gary & Phyllis Ferguson  
Ed & Ann Fitzpatrick  
Jack & Bobbie Gentry & guests  
Brig. General Paul Gleason, M.D.  
Millard & Carmen Gorman  
Dr. Michael Gough  
Geech & Ann Hamilton  
Lee & Bobbie Harrison  
Charlie & Beth Hubbs  
Lee Inman  
Cal Jeffries  
David & Carol Jobe  
Jim & Mona Kahl  
Pearl Ketzell  
Ben & Margaret King

Bill & Shirley Knoethe  
Paul Lacey  
George & Betty Lathrop  
Ray Lemaire  
Carl & Sandy Marshall  
Gene & Pat Marshall  
Art McConnell  
Ed & Louise McGee  
Russ & Billie Mohny  
Al & Emily Nicolas  
John Poast  
Art Reese  
Bud Robinson  
Pappy & Moe Rothermel  
Sidney & Chloe Rust  
Phil Saldivar  
Hugh & Jane Scott  
Michael & Cindy Sexton  
Mike Shuppert  
Dick & GeeGee Slay  
Ike & Lela Sowles  
Jack & Marilyn Spey  
Pete & Kathy Spivey & guest  
Mike Topolosky  
Wayne Waller  
Fred & Nancy Watts  
Gary & Joan White  
Col. Bill Wolfe  
Keith & Toni Yale  
Al Zambrano

### Reunion 1991:

The 26th annual Ranch Hand reunion will be held in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida on 11, 12 and 13 October 1991. Our corral will be at the Ramada Inn on Okaloosa Island. Further details will be provided in August. Make plans now.

### General Nguyen Cao Ky, Air Vice Marshal:

When Operation Ranch Hand was deployed to Vietnam in 1962, the "office" of "the Ranch" was located on the Special Air Mission (SAM) ramp at the south end of the original N/S runway at Tan Son Nhut Airport, later known as Charlie Row. The SAM ramp and adjacent hangars and buildings were used by Ngo Dinh Diem and subsequent leaders of the Republic. The "Ranch office" was housed in an aged French-constructed "quonsut hut" on the SAM ramp. In 1964, the VNAF's 83rd Detachment was located on the SAM Ramp. Vice Air Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky and his carefully selected A-1H pilots became "neighbors"! Dressed in black flight suits and with A-1 aircraft painted black, the 83rd Detachment was the general's own. As time went on, a special comradery developed between "the Ranch" and, for a significant period, the A-1's of the 83rd provided Ranch Hand aircraft with close air support, and they were superb -- real warriors. Our C-123's were often used, after spray missions, to airlift rice to refugees and supplies to orphanages on behalf of the 83rd and the Commander of the 83rd - Maj. Koung. This close relationship between the Ranch and the 83rd and Air Vice Marshal Ky continued until Operation Ranch Hand was moved to Bien Hoa Air Base in 1966.

At this writing, Air Vice Marshal and former Prime Minister of the Republic of Vietnam, Nguyen Cao Ky, will be attending the 26th Annual Reunion of Operation Ranch Hand on 11, 12 and 13 October 1991.





Now that's a grand parade of Cowboys!  
What year??

## Centurions:

When the Roman Empire in its heyday controlled the economy and politics of the then known world, the Emperor of Rome relied on the Centurions to protect the Empire. For the past 25 years, Operation Ranch Hand has had its Centurions - those who have contributed \$100 or more in a single contribution. The Centurions as of 25 February 1991 are:

Commander: Paul Khese

Steven A. Aigner	James Hancock	Al Nicolas
Bill Aldrich	Robert Hanson	David Nowlin
Dick Alexander	Lee Harrison	Dick Peshkin
James Arthur	Charlie Hubbs	John Poast
Chuck Avery	Carl D. Hughes	James (Pooch) Pochurek
Jim Bassett	Lee Inman	Don Rayment
Ed Blaufuss	Burton M. Kellogg	Eugene Riley
Joe C. Boyer	James Kelly	Bud Robinson
John Brady	Ronald Kempfer	Gary Runey
Ken Bramble	Jerome Klein	Phil Saldivar
Miles Burgenheim	Bill Knothe	Donald Sawyer
Paul Cecil	Paul Lacey	Carl M. Schelin
Howard M. (Howie) Clark	Jack Langhorne	Hugh L. Scott
Peter J. Clark	George Lathrop	Louis Seminare
Bryce Connor	Ray Lemaire	Mike Shuppert
Gerald J. Cornell	Vito Longo	James Slay
Bob Cruts	Robert Marshall	Pete Spivey
Ed Dabbert	R. E. (Gene) Marshall	Maj/Gen. John T. Stihl
Robert Dennis	Gerald Martin	Rex Stoner
Richard D. Duckworth	Donald J. Maxwell	Neil G. Stroud
Jon Dudenhoeffer	Charles Meadow	James L. Tanner
Robert Dyer	Dick Meadow	John R. Thomas
Rolf Eagleson	Lawrence McCarthy	William Tucker
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Jack Gentry	Ed Mucho	Bill Wolfe
Hank Good	H. D. (Dill) Mullis	Jack Womack
Frank Griffin	Russ Mohney	Keith Yale
James (Geech) Hamilton	Stan Nelson	William Yoachim
		Al Zambrano
		Marvin Zeph

## Change in Address:

After mailing of the last newsletter, forty were returned because many of us had PCS'ed and the Association was not aware of those changes. The whereabouts of the Cowboys continues to be important to the scientific community of "Uncle Sam" as well as the Association. When you change your address please remember to send a notice to:

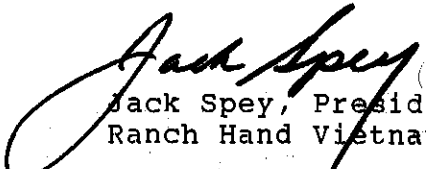
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Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

and USAF SAM/EKS  
Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5301

Well Cowboys, it's Mixtures-Idle Cut Off, Wheel Chocks-In Place  
Bat. Off. Keep the letters coming in. Make plans for October 1991.

To the Ranch!

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Mr. Mike Shuppert

7 September 1991

Dear Fellow Rancheros & Friends of the Ranch:

#### REUNION 1991:

The 26th annual Ranch Hand reunion will be held on 11, 12 and 13 October '91 in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. The corral will be at the Ramada Beach Resort on Okaloosa Island. Finalize your plans now. Call Marilyn or Jack Spey at 904-243-5696 for your reservations and special requests and news. Marilyn and Jack are the single point of contact to effect all coordination. The Ramada's telephone number (1-800-874-8962) is provided for your family at home if you need to be contacted during the reunion. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, 11th: 6:30 PM - Informal outdoor dinner buffet and dixieland band

Sat., 12th: 10:30 AM - Visit to Ranch Hand Memorial, Hurlburt Field  
2:30 PM - Visit to A.F. Armament Museum  
6:30 PM - Open bar and sit-down dinner

Sun., 13th: Outbound breakfast



#### "Patches"; Air Force Museum, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio:

Many thanks to Col. Hugh Scott (RET) for the pictures of the most famous C123 to fly for the Air Force. Col. Scott took these pictures while on a business trip to Dayton in June 1991. Thank you Sir!

#### The Guru of Costa Rica - Lee Inman:

In the last newsletter we were informed about Lee Inman's intense interest in Costa Rica as a vacation/retirement location, and he has had some response. To contact Lee you can either telephone or write him at: 3406 Rider Place, Orlando, FL 32817 (407-657-5249). Drop Lee a line for more info on our neighbor in Central America.





Reminder: Ranch Hand patches are available at \$3.22 + 29¢ postage (\$3.51).

Photo Credit - July '91 Newsletter: "Bien Hoa - 1969 - 12 ships": Lt. Col. Rex Stoner - Commander. Good work Rex!

#### Air Force Health Study:

During the latter priod of this year or early 1992, many significant events and study results will be forthcoming.

1. The latest mortality update comparing Ranch Hand mortality rates, trends and causes - comparing the Ranch Hand cohort with the comparison group - should be published in December 1991. To date, there are no significant deviations between the two groups.
2. The birth outcome study, again comparing Ranch Hand children with those children of the comparisons, is expected to be published in late winter/early spring 1991.
3. The 4th physical examination is scheduled to begin in February 1992 and to be completed that same year. The contract and statement of work is currently in the hands of clinics who may wish to bid on the contract. The contracting clinic and location should be known in November 1991.
4. Regarding the question of the possible relationship between dioxin and diabetes-related diseases, the scientists are actively reviewing and pursuing further clarification of this question, as raised in the latest morbidity report (March 1991).

In 1979 the United States Air Force undertook an epidemiological study of Ranch Hand personnel in an effort to determine if the herbicide mission conducted in Vietnam had any unusual health effects on those conducting that mission. For the past 10 years our participation rate has been excellent. The number of those of us who participated, and continue to do so, far exceeded the scientist's expectations; however, as we enter the eleventh year of the 20-year study, some advantages to our continued participation should be restated.

The Ranch Hand group is unique - one of a kind - much like it was years ago in Vietnam. Our special mission then makes us scientifically special now. Everyone gains by our participation - our comrads, ourselves and all Americans. All of us will receive a medical examination that most of us could never afford on our own. Many of us are in better health today as a result of problems or potential health problems discovered in previous physical examinations. Everyone gains by our giving of a short period of time - especially a Cowboy.

This winter we will be contacted by the School of Aerospace Medicine to coordinate the 1992 physicals. Saddle up again Cowboys! We stood tall in the past. It will soon be time to stand tall again.



## Centurions:

When the Roman Empire in its heyday controlled the economy and politics of the then known world, the Emperor of Rome relied on the Centurions to protect the Empire. For the past 26 years, the Ranch Hand Association has relied on individual contributions, large and small, to fund the Ranch Hand Memorial, defray reunion expenses and keep our group informed and together. The Association has had many Centurions - those who have contributed \$100.00 or more in a single contribution.

As of 7 September 1991 "Alpha Squadron" acquired 100 good men and is commanded by Col. Paul Knese.

### Alpha Squadron - Commander: Paul Knese

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Bill Aldrich	Lee Harrison	John Poast
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James Hancock	David Nowlin	Marvin Zeph

"Bravo Squadron" is commanded by Chief Master Sergeant Burnie R. Dallas, Jr. Members of Bravo Squadron are:

### Bravo Squadron - Commander: Burnie R. Dallas, Jr.

Donald Ayers  
Allen L. Jennings  
James F. Marnell  
Ken J. Sherwin  
Orlando Smith  
William Southerland  
Keith W. West  
Winthrop W. (Bill) Wildman

## Money in Association Account:

As of 6 September 1991 the Association has \$2,949.00, prior to the printing of this newsletter. Contributions are continually needed.

## Editor's Note:

The last newsletter reported that James Maddrey PCS'ed from Largo, Florida to "Clearwaterwater, Florida. "Jim, where the hell is Clearwaterwater, Florida?! (Steno's note: Sorry Jim!)

### The Last Rancheros:

During the ten year history of Operation Ranch Hand's distinguished service in Southeast Asia, approximately 1285 men served in Vietnam's most famous unit with great pride and dedication to help this nation achieve its military objectives during that conflict. Of those original airmen, twenty-seven are currently (July 1991) still serving our country. They are:

Colonel John M. Carney, Jr.	Lt/Colonel Joseph R. Wolozyne
Colonel Arthur G. Ericson	Lt/Colonel William G. Yoachim
Colonel Richard N. Galloway	Major Delbert D. Harris
Colonel David V. Nowlin	Major Jesse D. Humberd, Jr.
Colonel Donald R. Ritter	Major John A. Stroup
Colonel William M. Rogers	Major Jimmy P. Thrush
Colonel Leonard S. Spitzer, Jr.	Captain Paul D. Parham
Colonel Thomas A. Stevenson	Chief Master Sergeant Arnold E. Hansen
Colonel Woodrow Wilson, Jr.	Chief Master Sergeant James D. Neal
Colonel Linwood L. Wright	Senior Master Sergeant Lloyd F. Hammerstrom
Lt/Colonel Stephen D. Howell	Master Sergeant Merrill W. Archambault
Lt/Colonel Robert L. Slaughter	Master Sergeant James A. Harris
Lt/Colonel Richard D. Tebay	Master Sergeant Teddie L. Nelson
Lt/Colonel Francis E. Walker, Jr.	

A special award will be presented to the "Last Ranchero".

### Ranch Hand Association Newsletters:

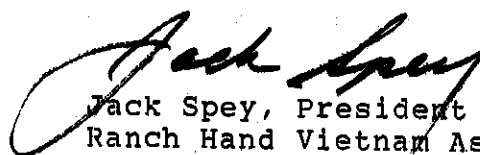
The Association newsletter that you are reading has certain expenses and it is occasionally appropriate to explain these costs:

1. Writing, editing, typing, layout and photo-ready prep for the printer:	No cost
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3. Computer up-date of address list and computerized envelope addressing:	\$ 97.00
4. Envelopes:	\$ 63.00
5. Postage	\$340.00
6. Printing of 1200 copies:	\$210.00
7. The folding, stuffing, licking and posting of 1200 newsletters:	No cost
Total cost of each published newsletter:	<u>\$710.00</u>

Keep the letters coming in to be shared by those attending the reunion and in News from Cowboys in the next newsletter.

It's time to close the throttle, feather the prop and cut the mixture.  
See you in October!

To the Ranch!

  
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