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69th Merrill's Marauders Reunion

Labor Day Weekend: September 3–5, 2015

Hosted by Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants
in honor of their beloved Burma heroes

DFW Marriott Solana, 5 Village Circle, Westlake, TX 76262



Please plan to join us this Labor Day weekend in Westlake, TX (near DFW) for the 69th Merrill's Marauders Reunion.

The DFW Marriott Solana hotel is located off the Northwest Parkway, minutes from Southlake, Texas, DFW Airport and historic Grapevine, Texas. On-site restaurants include *Cielo*, open for breakfast and lunch, as well

as our own Starbucks serving popular handcrafted beverage treats all day. Guests at our Westlake, TX hotel can take advantage of complimentary shuttle service to and from DFW Airport.

This year there will be no Friday morning excursion. Instead, we want our reunion attendees to venture out on their own individually or in

groups. Dallas/Fort Worth has many opportunities for folks to explore.

Marauders' meals will be paid for this year by the Proud Descendants, but we need you to complete and return the Meal Reservation form on page 3 of this newsletter so we know how many will attend. ★

Karl Monger of GallantFew to Speak at Banquet



Karl Monger is the founder and Executive Director of GallantFew, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization formed in 2010 and dedicated to helping veterans transition to civilian lives full of purpose and hope. His vision of building a nationwide network of veterans successfully transitioned who guide veterans transitioning has helped over a thousand veterans. He has created The Darby Project (US Army Rangers), The Raider Project

(Marine Corps Special Operations and infantry combat veterans), Wings Level (US Air Force) and others. He has developed or helped develop numerous innovative veteran programs to include executive producing a veteran short film scheduled for release Veterans Day 2015.

He produces and hosts the weekly internet talk show "The New American Veteran" and oversees the companion blog and podcast



A Message from the MMPD President

“I Thought I Thaw A Puddy Tat”

Remember Tweety Bird saying that phrase whenever Sylvester the Cat was sneaking up on him?

Well, winter is beginning to thaw out finally, and lots of tweety birds are starting to show up in our backyards, but I noticed something missing. Even though the annual Marauders Reunion is sneaking up on us real fast I'm not seeing many reservations coming in.

It takes an awful lot of planning to put these events together and several of our MMPD Board members work diligently to present a wonderful and memorable event for our Marauders and Descendants. A major ingredient in that process is knowing as far in advance as possible how many guests to plan for.

Consider it a great opportunity to “Get Out West”, experience some of that great Texas hospitality and view some real cowboy life.

And don't forget, we need to see our heroes in person as often as we can, while we can, to thank them and remind them that they were an integral part of the greatest fighting men in the history of the United States.

So, please allow me the enjoyment of saying, “I thought I thaw a puddy tat” and send in another reservation form for the Dallas/Fort Worth reunion. I know I'm looking forward to wearing a 10-gallon hat in public without looking out of place! See you there pardner'!

— *Bob Menta, President*

(Banquet, from page 1)

publication as well as the *Gallant-Few Daily* and *Sua Sponte Weekly*, both online newspapers.

Karl is also owner and CEO of Transitur, LLC, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business specializing in personal growth coaching, veteran care and support issues, and advising corporations and agencies on veteran-related activities and practices. He was named U.S. Small Business Administration Region VII Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year, 2012.

Karl began his military career as an Army ROTC scholarship cadet at Wichita State University where he earned the title Distinguished Military Graduate. He served

as an infantry platoon leader, rifle company commander, and Ranger battalion staff officer, and parachuted with the 1st Ranger Battalion into Kuwait during a show of force operation in 1992. He holds the rank of Major, retired Reserves.

He is a graduate of Ranger, Jumpmaster, Airborne and Air Assault Schools, the Command and General Staff Officers Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Armor Officer Basic Course, the US Air Force Air Ground Operations School, and a few others. His awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army

Achievement Medals, SouthWest Asia Service Medal with bronze campaign star, Korea Service Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Wings.

Since departing active duty he has held general manager and sales manager leadership positions in several corporations and served as Executive Director of a Big Brothers Big Sisters agency. Karl is a past member of the US Army Ranger Association Board of Directors, past Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita Kansas, and has mentored troubled youth and prison inmates. He is married to the former Sara Callender, and lives in Texas. He has two grown daughters and recently became a Grandpa. 🍷

Final Roll Call

Edward Kohler, 94, November 23, 2014 in Wapakoneta, OH.

John Evanoff, 90, January 15, 2015 in Massillon, OH.

Robert C. Wildasin, 92, January 18, 2015 in Hanover, PA.

Bernard C. Speth, 90, January 19, 2015 in Grand Valley, PA.

Dr. Charles L. Nowlin, 94, Feb. 20, 2015 in Panama City Beach, FL.

Louis Antonelli, Sr., SGT HHC 1st Bn 5307th/Red Cmbt Tm.

Ernest Jordan, S/SGT HHC 1st Bn 5307th/Red Cmbt Tm.

Darwin Carlile, 92, April 11, 2015 in Perry, IA.

Urban Gustave Terbieten, M.D., 90, April 20, 2015 in San Antonio, TX.

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Hosted by Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants
September 3 - September 5, 2015 - Westlake, Texas

Name: _____

Spouse/Companion(s): _____

MARAUDER or Relationship to: _____ BN: _____ Co.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ Email: _____

Please list all names, addresses and relationship to Marauder of all attending the reunion.

Make Checks Payable To: Merrill's Marauder Proud Descendants (MMPD). All meal reservations must be received by August 12, 2015. Marauders will only need to pay for their companions meals. **Marauders meals are paid for by MMPD.**

Mail Checks To: Jerrie Daly, 4373 Victor Path #1, Hugo, MN 55038

Need Assistance/Have a Question?

Contact Joni Newman, mmpdvicepres@gmail.com or call 1-937-423-1294

Room Reservations Call: DFW Marriott Solana, 5 Village Circle, Westlake, TX 76262.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dalwl-dallas-fort-worth-marriott-solana/> Please reserve your room/s directly with the hotel by calling 1-817-430-5000 or toll-free at 1-800-228-9290 and referencing Merrill's Marauders Proud Descendants. Rates are \$99 + tax per night. Rooms accommodate up to 4 guests. Suites are \$199.00 + tax per night.

Rates are good up to 5 PM August 10, 2015. Reservations made after that date are subject to availability. Rates are good 3 days pre and post reunion dates. All meal packages include Friday and Saturday Dinner and Saturday and Sunday Buffet Breakfast. **The MMPD is paying for all Marauders Meals this year.**

ACTIVITY	NUMBER ATTENDING	PRICE PER PERSON	TOTAL
MEALS - Marauders Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>		No Charge	
MEALS - Adults Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>		\$110	
MEALS - Kids 12 and under Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>		\$80	
Ladies Reception - Friday		No Charge	
Men's Gathering - Friday		No Charge	
Donation		Suggested \$25/ per household	
TOTAL DUE			

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