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## DROPPING IN ON THE TROOPS

We've been down at Benning visiting the old Post. It looks some different. However, none of us stayed over. Enough was enough. We did not get to check out the chow. We were supposed to eat in a Ranger Mess Hall but somebody beat us to it and burned it down two days before we were due.

### General Business Meeting Saturday August 8, 2003

The Meeting was called to order by Historian/Reunion Chair Passanisi at 12:20 p.m.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

**Reunion Chairman's**—Robert Passanisi reported that in spite of the preliminary trouble he had with the Valley Forge Hilton Hotel management, in the end they did an excellent job and last year's reunion was a great success.

**President**—Phil Piazza

His report is as stated in the latest Burman News. He spoke on the Marauders at an 8-part symposium at a local college and was asked to repeat it. He also mentioned contacts with CNN cable TV to include the Marauder history in a future series.

**Vice President**—JACKSON POKRESS

Pokress reported that, he gave a number of talks on the Marauders in his area. He found that many people knew little or nothing about the Marauders and that talks at the schools were most interesting.

**Executive Secretary** - Raymond Lyons

Last years reunion donations were \$3,945.

Expenses for the Fiscal year 2002 were \$13,751.48, for 2003 were \$9,686.09.

We sent out 882 pieces of mail at a cost of \$1,400.49 and 6,594 copies of the Burman News. We purchased 25 copies of Mars Men in Burma for \$594.21. The 124th TX NG also purchased a larger quantity for their members as a joint purchase to obtain a lower price for both of us. Total receipts from donation and sales were \$12,953.89. The donations in the last year have increased, especially from honorary members. We received two \$1,000 donations, one member has been doing it for a number of years and the other from an Honorary came as a wonderful surprise. The Exc. Sec. Checkbook balance as of August 4, 2003, was \$3627.98.

I went to China as the MMA representative for the re-opening of the Marauder exhibit at the Stilwell museum at my own expense because Treasurer Herbert Clofine refused to reimburse me. This matter came up at the last minute and between traveling to LA to get my Passport renewed and a Chinese Visa attached, we did not think to get prior approval of expenses by MM Officers. Dave Quaid and Dave Richardson were aware of my proposed travel.

Note from Bob Passanisi- *It should be stated that Treasurer Clofine didn't approve the expense before Lyons went to China because he lacked the authority to approve that large an amount without agreement of the required number of Executive Committee members. The required number of Executive Committee members has since agreed to reimburse Lyons the amount of \$850 towards his expenses of \$1519 for airline and hotel expenses.*

Tony Colombo was not present at this reunion for the first time in many years. It was brought to the attention of the membership as to what Tony Colombo had done for this association. Tony Colombo had an attorney draw up the Constitution & by-laws, had the Association Incorporated, got us tax exempt status and started the newsletter.

**Treasurer—HERB CLOFINE**

Receipts 2002 Reunion = \$9383.70  
Expenses = -1093.15  
Gross income from 2002 reunion: \$8290.55  
Balance as of 8/24/02 = 14332.70 plus \$500  
uncashed checks.

Checks issued = \$8441.74  
Executive Sec. = \$3627.98  
Total account = \$18585.29  
Accounts Payable = \$1058.12

Motion by Passanisi to accept Treas. Report.  
Seconded by Piazza. .Approved by voice vote.

**Chairman—Bob Passanisi**

The final edition of the revised by-laws is now complete and is being sent to all Board Members for their review. The revised by-laws will be presented to the membership at the 2004 Business Meeting, for their acceptance or rejection. If you plan to attend the 2004 reunion and wish to have a copy of the revised by-laws, make your request by e-mail or regular mail to: Robert E. Passanisi, Historian, Merrill's Marauders Association, 111 Kramer Drive, Lindenhurst, NY 11757-5407, e-mail: [historian@marauder.org](mailto:historian@marauder.org). Note: Be sure to include your name and address. If you must call, my phone # is Tel: 631 957 9634. Note: The phone number listed in the directory, under Historian, still has the wrong area code.

We have most of our photos on computer disk and many are displayed on the Merrill's Marauders Webpage, [www.marauder.org](http://www.marauder.org). I can supply high quality 8" X 10" copies of these photos, to anyone who requests them. The copies will cost \$3.50 ea. plus \$1.50 per order for shipping and handling. The minimum order I can accept is for three (3) photos, for a total of \$12.00. You must give the identifying number of the photo as shown on the Webpage. For other photos I will need a clear description and your phone number. The History Channel Video, Merrill's Marauders, Dangerous Mission, did not arrive in time to be available for sale at our 2003 reunion, but can be had by sending a check for \$24.95 to Robert E. Passanisi, at the above address. Every Marauder or family member should have a copy of this video, it is very well done.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** No votes taken. A motion made from floor by Harry Palmer to elect by acclamation entire slate of existing officers. Approved without opposition.

**REUNION SITE:**

Selection of 2004 Reunion Site  
Two possible reunion sites meeting Association requirements were approved and presented to the members for a vote. Passanisi presented the first, a proposal for the

Sheraton Westport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri Piazza then presented a proposal he said came from Grant Hirabayashi, who was absent on family business, for the Hyatt Regency, Crystal City Arlington, Virginia. At our reunion over Labor Day Weekend. Hyatt Regency Hotel Crystal City. Double person package \$330. includes two banquets, breakfast, Sat & Sun Brunch. Single person package \$250. Extra night lodging \$79. plus tax.

Votes for proposal #1 – 39. Votes for proposal #2 - 28.  
The membership, by ballot, voted for the Sheraton Westport in St. Louis MO.

**Historian – Bob Passanisi**

Passanisi reported that the website has been in service for more than 5 years and has had more than 60,000 visitors. He posted more than 250 photos with captions that haven't been posted before. He has also begun arrangements to address classes in local schools on the Marauder's experiences in World War II. Passanisi said that he has developed a method to convert our black and white Burma photos to color photos. He has converted six so far, enlarging and mounting them. He intends to do all of the important ones and is looking for a cost-effective way of enlarging and mounting them. It takes more than an hour just to piece a four-part photo together and mount it. Passanisi stated that because of a number of requests from members of Mars Task Force Men and their descendants, he has started work on a MTF webpage. He said that working a webpage takes an enormous amount of time.

**Historian Emeritus—Not present.**

**Liaison Officer – Dave Richardson**

He has been in close contact with The National Museum of the Pacific War and Nimitz Foundation. This organization holds a symposium each September on some phase of the Pacific war. In the past, the symposium at Admiral Nimitz's birthplace strongly favored Navy and Marine operations throughout the Pacific. Richardson said that in serving on a panel of war correspondents at a previous symposium, he emphasized a need to give corresponding attention to the Army's role in winning the war. One result is that this year's symposium will be on "The Forgotten Warriors of China-Burma-India." Richardson stated that he was given a major part in planning the event and obtaining speakers. Three of the speakers will be Marauders: Dr. Jim Hopkins, Grant Hirabayashi and himself. The symposium will be a two-day event.

**OLD BUSINESS—**No old business was presented

# SHARING THE STORY

Dear Robert:

Thank you for including me on your list of addressees for the Weston e-mail. I have not responded to Mr. Cress B. Johnson's comments regarding Logan, and now--based upon the advice in your second e-mail--I do not intend to. I do have several comments for the historical record, however, for use in any fashion you may wish.

To the point: Logan Weston was one of the three bravest men I ever knew in the course of my 37 years of military service. By just about any measurement one can apply, he was arguably the most capable and effective company grade officer in all of Galahad. I would make the case that he clearly earned the Distinguished Cross at least twice during the North Burma Campaign--the first time during the battle at Walawbum, the second time during the prelude to the battle for Nhpum Ga. In the latter instance, Weston's skillfully conducted rearguard actions covering the retreat of the 2d and 3d battalions from the Inkangahtawng area prevented without a doubt what otherwise would have been a true debacle spelling the end of the Marauders as an effective combat unit.

Logan and I were best friends. I would maintain that he and I had the two best I & R platoons in the outfit. He was roughly eleven years my senior, far more experienced, mature and combat-wise than I, and I looked up to him almost as a leadership icon and never ceased to learn from him. I saw early on that there were several sides to his nature. He was a man of strongest faith, deeply dedicated and devoted to his Lord. In private and under non-stressful conditions, he was quiet-spoken, almost shy, and ever considerate of those around him. When the shooting began, his whole demeanor, voice and gestures would change, and he would become a man of fire with blazing eyes--yet under complete control, concerned only with destroying the enemy and guiding and protecting his men. He epitomized the effective small unit combat leader; I have cited him many times in my classes of instruction as a classic leadership model.

What probably is not known to many is that Logan, COL Hunter and I--all three--were separately invited out to Hollywood in the summer and fall of 1960 to consult with representatives of Warner Brothers, who had bought the screen rights to Charlton Ogburn's book and were making preparations to begin filming. For

whatever reason, I was the one whom they asked to serve as technical advisor. At the time I was serving as the Director of Instruction of the Army's Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, where I had just completed writing a special course on Counter-Insurgency Operations that was attracting a lot of attention from higher-up and was being scheduled for its pilot run.

My boss at Bragg agreed to release me for six months to work with Warner Brothers on the condition that I find a suitable replacement to run this important course in my absence. And who do you think agreed to take my place? My loyal and selfless friend, then-LT COL Logan E. Weston.

We should all salute his memory.

Sammy Wilson, 5307/1/RCT/I&R PLAT LDR

**GEN BUSINESS MTG, Continued:**

## New Business

Chairman Passanisi presented copies of the revised by-laws. He explained that the revised by-laws are the currently existing by-laws incorporating all known amendments that have been passed in the years since by the membership. Copies clearly showed the existing wording, the wording that was deleted, the new wording, and an explanation and justification for each change. Chairman Passanisi read each of the affected paragraphs and asked the Board for comments. A discussion ensued on how many members of the Executive Committee should be required to approve expenses of \$300 or more. Lyons felt that the necessary number of members should be two, while Passanisi felt it should be three. The question was not fully resolved. It was agreed that the revived by-laws will be presented at the 2004 General Business meeting for approval by the membership. Copies will be made available to any member by addressing his request to Chairman Passanisi.

A motion by Passanisi was unanimously passed to appoint Grant Hirabayashi, honored as an honorary member of the Ranger Regiment, to the Board of Directors.

A motion by Sherry Cowling to appoint Richard Avery to the Board of Directors for his important services was also passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting was passed by voice vote.

## PASS IN REVIEW

Deaths reported recently. Name and Hometown (Where Known), Organization, Where, When Deceased.

**JAY D CAMPBELL JR, 5307/2/F CO; 475/2/HQ, 200 S Melcher St, Johnstown NY 12095-2819, (518) 736-1503, Widow/ JOYCE, August 2, 2003 @Rgr/Reddragon**

**URIAH M CLEMMER, 5307/3/K FORCE; CHIN COMBAT COM, 340Clemmer Dr, Chuckey TN 37641-5602, May 3, 2003 @ Dtr/Wilhelmina Williams**

**FRANK FERRANTE, 124/B, 2367 82nd St, Brooklyn NY 11214-2721, (718) 373-2964, July 16, 2003 @ Gary / Son**

**CLARENCE (TED) HELWEG, 475/3/33QM PK TR, 186 Sutton Mott, Victoria TX 77905, March 16, 2003 @ Austin Huber**

**DAVID HYYTI II, 5307/2, 12 Hickory Hill Cir, Osterville MA 02655-1321, July 24, 2003 @obit from Quaid, Widow/ELINORE**

**ROBERT H KNOER, 5307/3/K CO; 475/3/K CO, 10216 North 44th Dr, Glendale AZ 85302, October 1980, @ Son/Harold R.**

**GERARD RODRIGUEZ CSM, 5307/3/HQ/I&R; 475/3/HQ, PO Box 116, Beaumont KS 67012-0116, (316) 843-2296, September 12, 2003 @ Tom Miller, CBI, Widow/MARGARET**

**GEORGE SEATE, 5307/2/F CO; 475/2/F CO, PO Box 1643, Roxboro NC 27573-1643, (336) 599-9394, August 1, 2003 @ Richard Seate/Son, Widow/ AGNES**

**CHRIS SORENSEN, 5307/31 QM PK TR; 475TH, 2306 N Highway 14, Marquette NE 68854-3330, (308) 697-4494, July 16, 2003 @ Widow/JEAN**

**CAPT CHARLES A STEFL, 5307/209/B CO; 209/B, 106 Canterbury Dr, Coraopolis PA 15108-1345, August 31, 2003 @ Frank DeSantis, Widow/JEANNE**

**JAMES E TOWN, 5307/1/RCT/A CO, 48 Garrison Rd, Queensbury NY 12804-2035, 792-7087, July 23, 2003 @ Robert Mongold, Widow/GERALDINE**

## FALL IN

**LTG SAMUEL R WILSON, 5307/1/RCT/I& R PLAT LDR, PO BOX 98, RICE VA23966-0098**

**JAMES H BUMPAS, 5307/1/WCT/B CO, 662 BIG ROCK RD, BIG ROCK TN 37023**

**GILBERT M HORN, 5307/3/KCT, RTE 1 BOX 38, HARLEM MT 59526**

## TORCH CARRIERS

Torch Carriers, some new and some old. Honorary Members that are in touch.

**LYNN BETTENCOURT, 4126 Dundee Dr, Murrysville PA, 15668-1010, DTR / GRANT  
HIRABAYASHI, HONORARY, In Memory of George Rose.**

**KAY HIRABAYASHI TAKATA, 7756 Dutra Bend Dr, Sacramento CA 95831-4478, DTR/GRANT  
HIRABAYASHI, HONORARY, In Memory of George Rose.**

**MRS AMELIA WEBER, 2 Brooklane Ct, Whiting NJ 08759-3122, HONORARY, IN MEMORY OF  
FRANK**

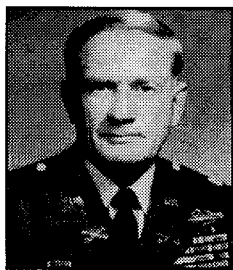
# RANGERS COLUMN

## 11TH ANNUAL RANGERS HALL OF FAME

### FORT BENNING GA, AUGUST 6, 2003

**INDUCTEES – 2003**

MERRILL'S MARAUDERS ASSOCIATION, LTC Melvin Blair  
 RANGER BATTALION ASSOCIATION WORLD WAR II, COL James B Lyle, LTC Walter N McIlwain  
 RANGER INFANTRY COMPANIES (AIRBORN) OF THE KOREAN WAR, COL Anthony Labrozzi, MSG Romeo J Castonguay, SFC William T Miles  
 75th RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, 1Lt Mark J Toschik, SGM Vladimir Jakovenko  
 RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE, Honorable MR Les Brownlee, BG John T Corley, CSM Sam B Spears  
 75TH RANGER REGIMENT, CSM William H Acebes  
 UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION, LTC James M Stamper Jr.  
 RANGER HALL OF FAME MEMBERS, CSM Theron V Gergen, SGM Andy Markivich  
 2003 HONORABLE INDUCTEE, UNITED STATES ARMY RANGER ASSOCIATION, MR Howard H Callaway



**CITATION FOR LT COL MELVIN R BLAIR**

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin R Blair is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for displaying exceptional valor in two wars. He enlisted in the Army in 1934 and served in the 13th Horse Cavalry Regiment at Fort Riley KS, until assigned to the Cavalry ROTC unit at Norwich University, Northfield VT. In 1942, he was commissioned upon his graduation and served as a platoon commander in the 10th Horse Cavalry Regiment at Camp Lockett, California. In World War II, he volunteered for Merrill's Marauders and, upon arriving in Burma, was assigned as a reconnaissance platoon leader in the 209th Combat Engineers. When a patrol under his leadership was pinned down by machine gun fire, he crawled alone to the rear of the enemy position and killed the enemy gun crew with his carbine. Three days later, when two members of his patrol were wounded, he crawled out under heavy enemy fire and brought them back. He earned a battlefield promotion to captain and was appointed the Executive Officer of the 3rd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment. Shortly thereafter, he was wounded by enemy action but rejoined his unit in China. Following World War II, he attended the Army Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth Kansas; Armor School and the G-2 course at Fort Leavenworth. He then went to the G-

2 staff at General Headquarters, Tokyo. During the Korean War, he served as a battalion commander in the 25th Infantry Division. After one of his companies lost all but one officer to enemy fire, he took over. He led one platoon in a successful counter-attack; organized a perimeter defense with 50 men; and inspired them by word and deed to hold the position, despite four Banzai attacks by more than 400 enemy soldiers. With ammunition running out, he ordered the withdrawal of his unit while personally guarding its rear with six men. Although wounded, he remained until sure that the main body and other wounded were able to withdraw safely.

After his recovery, he held assignments in the Pentagon, Fort Bragg and Fort Benning and retired from military service in 1954. For extraordinary heroism in two wars, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Silver Star; the Bronze Star, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Purple Heart, with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Combat Infantryman Badge with Star.

**LTC MELVIN R BLAIR, Acceptance speech.**

Thank You, Executive Board, Ranger Hall of Fame, Merrill's Marauders Association, Fellow Rangers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I stand here today, humbled and overwhelmed, to receive induction into the U.S.ARMY RANGER HALL OF FAME. I proudly accept this honor solely on behalf of my fellow Rangers who died in the jungles, rice paddies and mountains of Burma in World War II In death they remain an inspiration for those of us who survived that terrible war in that fearsome environment, beset by a clever vicious enemy force of Japanese troops who sought haven in their heaven rather than surrender when surrounded. And our Rangers, ravaged by malaria and fatigue, carried on, often without adequate military supplies and rations, and when wounded or ill, transported to distant medical aid facilities by ox cart. To have known and served with our Rangers was the greatest privilege of my life. They fought and perished while leading the advance combat elements of their units into enemy territory. Thus allowing those of us here today to fight on to victory and to return safely home.

Those brave Rangers, who fell there, in faraway places with strange sounding name, are with us today, in spirit and in our hearts. It behooves us with what time we have left to do everything in our power to uphold their high standards, preserve their integrity and build on their achievements and ultimate sacrifices.

Rangers Lead The Way! Thank you and God Bless!

## RANGER RENDEZVOUS, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

The Korean WAR Rangers (RICA) is hosting a rendezvous at Atlantic City, NJ, arrive 01 and depart 04 Dec 03. The Ranger Battalions Association WW II (RBA WWII) will be there 02 through 05 Dec 03.

# RANGER COLUMN

All who have served in a Ranger unit and/or earned the Ranger Tab are invited. Location: Holiday Inn, Boardwalk at Boardwalk & Chelsea Av, 08401, next to the Tropicana Casino. Must make reservations in writing as your choice of food for the banquet on 03 Dec must be signed by you.

There is a three-night/four day package deal that includes room for 3 nights, reception on Monday, buffet at the Casino on Tuesday, banquet on Wednesday, & buffet on Thursday AM for \$331 for one person or \$214.00 per person for two. Each person will be given a \$30.00 coin bonus. For more info go to this [Holiday Inn](#) website.

Also, contact [Ranger Bob Black](#), 21 Thornhill Court, Carlisle, PA 17013; 717 249 6423; if you prefer to visit only one night or just for the banquet. The RICA Rangers are paying a \$30.00 registration fee and the banquet fee is \$30.24.

**THIS IS AN ALL-RANGER AFFAIR ! PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN.** You will have the opportunity to meet and fellowship with Rangers who are on active duty now and Rangers from every era back to WW II. Y'all come for the fun, food, and fellowship! If you desire to go but prefer to ride with another Ranger, or if you need assistance in traveling, please contact the Worldwide Army Rangers, Inc. (WAR) at 706 689 7200 or 334 855 0348; Email: [rgrpeleg@aol.com](mailto:rgrpeleg@aol.com)  
Drive on, Rgr Bill.

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Hello Marauder Friends & Family,

I am writing about my dad, Col. Logan E. Weston (The Fightin' Preacher), 5307/3/OCT/I&R Plat Leader, age 89, who peacefully went to be with our Lord on May 5, 2003. He could have been buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors, but he would never consider it. He always insisted he "was no hero." I disagree. He was my champion and more importantly, my precious dad. He was an example of the good that can result when an ordinary man submits his life to our extraordinary, awesome, living God.

In his last 2 days, he saw and counted angels, or as he called them, "translucents." He dedicated his life to "make a difference" and to live for the Glory of God. In and out of con-

sciousness, he was fighting "his last defensive battle" to protect his men from the enemy. How he loved you!

My family and I were unsure if we should attend this year's reunion in Georgia because we are all still adjusting to such a great loss. Sometimes his death hits us hard and other times it seems like it has not even begun to sink in. We have all wept so much and been through a lot this year. It is good to now focus on our many pleasant memories, the present, and each other. We are so blessed and grateful for our friends, family, and the peace of God that passes understanding.

I am so thankful we did attend. It was inspiring. The healing that we received through the remembrance and respect given to Dad was unexplainable. Everyone was so kind, reverent, and considerate to us. This is something our family will never forget. The more we were around you the more we were comforted, strengthened and renewed. Words cannot express how much we were moved and rescued by your shining love, beautiful words, and prayers.

Merrill's Marauders are among our nation's most excellent heroes: paramount, unmatched, and in short, amazing. It is staggering to me to know such living legends. One of the reasons the Marauders were victorious against all odds is because they fought, sacrificed and overcome as one. The incredible family bond of unified commitment is as strong and motivating today as it was 60 years ago. Although Dad is not physically with us, I felt his spirit and saw him in the courageous face of every Marauder and Ranger. He lives in our hearts and minds. The way you so beautifully treated my family was not only a tender tribute to Dad but it mirrored the enormous admiration and strength earned and shared between every Marauder.

Marauders, thank you for the legacy you left us. You have such good hearts and immense bravery. It was your volunteering, unparalleled valor, devotion, and for suffering such horrors of war so that we may live in freedom today. May your heroism and sacrifices never be forgotten or taken for granted. "He is my strength and song in the heat of battle, and now He has given me the victory. The strong arm of the Lord has done glorious things. I shall not die, but live to tell of all his deeds." Ps. 118: 14, 16, 17.

Dad distinguished himself as an incredible warrior for God and Country, serving with humility and unwavering dextion. He touched and inspired many lives. His faith and zest for life was contagious. One of the last things Dad said to me was to "Trust God. Walk with Him daily". I want to try to be like him - as a Second-Generation Marauder. I think he would like this.

With much Respect and Admiration,  
Sherry (Weston) Cowling on behalf of the Weston Family.

**EDITOR:**

My Brother Johnnie Smith was killed in action with the Marauders at Tingkrakawng in May 1944. He was in the 1st Platoon, I Company, Khaki Combat Team, 3rd Bn. His Platoon Sgt James Mc Guire, kept a diary of the entire Marauder Operation in Burma. With Jim's permission before he passed away, I worked with Bob Passanisi to put the diary on the Marauder Web site.

I would also like to mention one other item. My Brother Frank Smith of Chico CA and I want to find out Johnnie's military unit prior to joining the 5307th. We know that he was assigned to the 43rd Infantry Division and saw action in one or more of the following islands: New Guinea, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, and New Georgia. But we do not know what subordinate unit (s) (Regiment, Battalion, Company, etc) that he was assigned to. If any of our Marauders were in the 43rd and assigned to one or more of those islands before they served with the Marauders, please let me know. Be sure to include your Regiment, Battalion, Company, etc and the dates. We need that information to help us apply for decorations/medals Johnnie could have earned. Thank you all very much. Loranzo D Smith, Lt Col USAF (Retired), 1413 Soplo Rd SE, Albuquerque NM 87123, Phone 505-293-6561.

**EDITOR:**

I have a suggestion about Marauders who have uniforms, equipment, etc that they do not know what to do with. I have recently had an experience selling a relative's WW II uniform and equipment on the e-bay system. It was a surprise to me to find out there is a big market for such items and significant money shows up for the offering. It should certainly be a factor when MM men or widows make such an offer. It is a complicated system to establish yourself on the e-bay market but worthwhile. You need to open an account with E-bay or a similar internet auction. If you want to allow your customers to use a credit card, then you have to sign up with Paypal or some other financial institution. You can limit payment to check, money order or cash but I think you get more sales offerings if you can use credit cards. Look at "completed items" for your category. You need a

picture of your items. Suggest using a digital camera, one that does not have a lot of pixels. THOMAS STUART, 23 Bonnet Av, Larchmont NY 10538, 914-834-2370; Trauts33@aol.com

**EDITOR:**

BARBARA SHAY, DAUGHTER OF T/5 WILLIAM GERARD DEROUIN, 5307; 475TH HQ, ASN 31 324 119, is looking for information about him and his service in BURMA. He passed away when his children were young and they would like to hear from friends who knew him at that time. Phone number 978-771-5374. Call them



**Merrill's Marauders Men present at  
Columbus, GA. 2003 Reunion**



**Merrill's Marauders, "Second Generation"  
Group Picture at Columbus, GA.  
2003 Reunion**

**INDIA-BURMA CAMPAIGN  
(1ST CAMPAIGN)**

**Columbus, GA.  
August 6, 2003**

**5307<sup>th</sup> Composite Unit (Prov.)**  
 Commanding General - Brig. Gen. Frank D. Merrill  
 Second in Command - Col. Charles N. Hunter  
 RAY LYONS, ACTING SGT MAJOR  
 JACKSON POKRESS, PHOTOGRAPHER  
 DAVE RICHARDSON, YANK, - ROBERT HALL

<b>Command Post Group</b> Executive Officer Maj. Louis J. Williams RAY LYONS-SGT MAJOR	<b>209<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers</b> Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sandvall, Lt. Col. Coombs, Lt. Col. Edw. H. Hollinger MELVIN R BLAIR	<b>236<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers</b> Commanding Officer Col. Mahlon E. Gates	<b>Rear Base</b> Commander Maj. Edward T. Hancock
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