

# SOUTH CENTRAL REGION ROYAL RANGERS



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### National Council 2005 Highlights

#### National and Regional Medals Awarded at National Council

The following district commanders received the Silver Eagle Award, the annual service award for district commanders:

##### Silver Eagle

Gulf Latin .....Richard Garza (30 <sup>th</sup> )	Kansas .....Ken Watkins (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
New Mexico.....Tracy Stambaugh (12 <sup>th</sup> )	North Texas .....Paul Patterson (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Oklahoma .....Jim Eubanks (17 <sup>th</sup> )	South Texas .....Johnnie Tarwater (9 <sup>th</sup> )

The following annual service awards were presented to members of the regional staff:

##### Gold Star

Jonathan Trower (1<sup>st</sup>)

##### Gold Eagle

David Elliott (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Ronnie Franklin (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Tony Garcia (1<sup>st</sup>)

Bart Garrison (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Mark Oliver (1<sup>st</sup>)

John Permenter (2<sup>nd</sup>)

David Shepherd (2<sup>nd</sup>)

National service awards presented by the national commander included the following to members of the South Central Region:

#### National Medal of Merit

Don Eubanks, Outpost Commander, Oklahoma  
 Ronnie Franklin, Regional Missions Coordinator, North Texas  
 Roger Heppner, Camp Eagle Rock Manager, originally from Kansas  
 Mark Oliver, Regional Public Relations Coordinator, North Texas  
 Darrell Russell, Outpost Commander, North Texas

#### Special Service Award

Barbara Heppner, Camp Eagle Rock Secretary, originally from Kansas

#### District Awards Presented at National Council

Districts are divided into five divisions, based on the total number of A/G churches in each district.

Division 1	0 – 104 churches	New Mexico
Division 2	105 – 170 churches	Central Latin, Kansas, West Texas
Division 3	171 – 225 churches	
Division 4	226 – 349 churches	South Texas
Division 5	350+ churches	Gulf Latin, North Texas, Oklahoma

Awards were presented in the following categories:

### **Number of Boys and Leaders**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Division 5	Oklahoma	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	North Texas	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

### **Number of Leaders Attending National Camps**

Division 1	New Mexico	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Division 4	South Texas	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Division 5	Gulf Latin	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

### **Gold Medal of Achievement Recipients**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Division 5	North Texas	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	Oklahoma	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

### **Total Medals for Boys (GMA, SMA, and BMA)**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Division 5	North Texas	1 <sup>st</sup> place

### **Number of Chartered Churches**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Division 5	North Texas	3 <sup>rd</sup> place

### **Percentage of Chartered Churches**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
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### **ACMR Churches with Royal Rangers**

Division 1	New Mexico	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Division 2	Kansas	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Division 5	North Texas	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	Oklahoma	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

## **Changes on National Staff**

At National Council, there were three changes announced in the national Royal Rangers staff.

- Rick Dostal has stepped down as national FCF president. He will remain on the national staff as the Camp Eagle Rock construction coordinator. No replacement has been named yet for FCF president.
- Brian Hendrickson has stepped down as the national programs coordinator. Brian and his wife Angel will be moving to Oregon to assume duties as children's pastors at a church there. He will leave the national office about April 1. The national Royal Rangers office has not received approval to replace Brian at this time.
- Jerry Parks has stepped down as the national public relations coordinator. Jerry has moved to another department at the Assemblies of God headquarters. The national office is in the process of getting approval to replace Jerry with a new public relations coordinator.

## **Election of National Council Officers**

Every two years elections are held for the officers of the National Council. This year Jim Barger was elected to serve as president of the Council, Harry Hunt vice president, and David Vincent secretary. All terms for nationally appointed positions, like regional coordinator and regional staff positions, were also up for reappointment. All regional officers in the South Central Region were reappointed for another two-year term.

## **Camp Eagle Rock Improvements**

Work continues on Camp Eagle Rock, with the goal to have everything ready for National Camporama in July 2006. The main projects to be completed over the next 14 months include: food service building (where all Camporama meals will be prepared), 3 food service pavilions, rifle and air rifle range improvements (funded in large part by Daisy), archery range improvements, two additional shower houses, and additional campsites and parking. If your church, section, or district would like to schedule a work team to go to help at Camp Eagle Rock, that would certainly be appreciated. Contact the national office ([rangers@ag.org](mailto:rangers@ag.org)) and work to schedule something with Rick Dostal.

## **Boys Training**

At National Council the national office released both the Basic DTC and Basic JTC. These two courses are designed to teach basic leadership skills to Discover and Adventure Rangers respectively. These courses can be taught in a local outpost, or at a sectional or district training event, or they can even be completed by boys working at home on their own. These CDs will be sent to every chartered outpost this spring.

## **Royal Rangers Data Manager (RRDM)**

For several years we have been promised that the national office would release a "tracker CD" that would help the local outpost commander keep track of advancements for the boys in the outpost. This program is finally a reality. The Royal Rangers Data Manager (RRDM) was previewed at National Council, and should be sent to every chartered outpost during the month of April. Many commanders will be able to begin using this program immediately, as there is an extensive user's guide that accompanies the program. For those who prefer to receive training on the program, there is a LTA module on the RRDM that sections and districts should start offering in the very near future. Contact your sectional or district training coordinator for more information on when and where this module will be taught. To receive maximum value from this LTA module, you really need to have access to a laptop computer for the course.

## Royal Rangers Alumni

The RRA is for leaders age 55 or older who want to remain involved in Rangers even though age may be making them slow down a bit. This group of leaders has some aggressive goals to accomplish in the coming months:

- They are looking for approximately 200 volunteers to assist with the 2006 Camporama.
- They have launched a project, called the "Outpost Sponsorship Program," to help sponsor new outposts. Through tax deductible donations individuals can help buy the materials and curricula for a new outpost.
- They are raising funds to build a pole barn at Camp Eagle Rock to shelter the trams when not in use.
- They are developing an award for "Lifetime Achievement" in Royal Rangers.
- They are exploring ways to provide relief during disasters through a new project called "disaster services."
- There will be a RRA Reunion at Camp Eagle Rock October 7-11, 2005, where there will be a time of fellowship and reminiscing.

For information on any of these activities, or for more information on the RRA, visit their web site at [www.royalrangersalumni.org](http://www.royalrangersalumni.org)

## Ranger of the Year

The Ranger of the Year process has been simplified somewhat for 2005. The key change is that boys in Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers will only have to choose three of four merits to be evaluated on. This will help reduce the number of stations that need to be set up at sectional, district, and regional evaluations. The manual has also been updated. The materials for 2005 will be released in late April, 2005. At that time the national office STRONGLY encourages everyone to throw away the 2004 CD to avoid the possibility of confusing the old materials with the new ones.

The regional ROTY will be held November 19, 2005 at Christ Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. District ROTY coordinators will be asked to provide a list of the Adventure and Expedition Rangers who qualify for the regional ROTY by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost to participate in the regional ROTY evaluation will be \$20 per boy.

## Training Update

If you visit the national Royal Rangers training web site (<http://royalrangers.ag.org/training/registration/index.cfm>) you will notice that everyone can now view the status of a national training event – number of people registered, number required for the camp to be held, and the deadline by which that number of people need to be registered to prevent the camp from being cancelled. There is also a link to "camp info" that is unique to that camp – it provides the equipment list, schedule, and map to the camp.

The only new training module released at the 2005 national council was the training on the Royal Rangers Data Manager (RRDM). This is a four-hour module that is taught in a hands-on lab setting. It is best if participants have a laptop computer available to them for the course so they can work through the RRDM as the instructor teaches this module.

New insignia are available for Certified Instructors and Instructor Trainers. CI pins are available only through your district, while IT pins are only available from the regional training coordinator. Updated CDs for CIs and ITs will be released this year that will contain both the required and elective LTA modules.

## 2005 Mission Trips

The South Central Region has organized a Gold Pathfinder Missions trip to King's Mountain, El Salvador. King's Mountain is an area that is being developed as a Royal Rangers camp for the boys and girls of El Salvador. The sponsoring missionaries are Don and Terri Triplett of Kings Castle Ministries [www.kingscastle.org](http://www.kingscastle.org).

The Pathfinder trip is scheduled for June 18th to June 26th. If you wish to be a part of this exciting Gold Pathfinder Missions trip please contact Ronnie Franklin, SCR Missions Coordinator as soon as possible. His Email address is [ronnie@royalrangers.net](mailto:ronnie@royalrangers.net), phone number 817-886-0550. The deadline to have your application and deposit to Ronnie is March 25, 2005.

### National Training Events for Leaders

There are three national training events for leaders scheduled in our region this year: two National Training Camps and one Ranger Kids Training Conference. If you want to take the next step in your leadership training, consider attending the training event that is designed for you.

**National Training Camp (NTC)** is designed for leaders of Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. It is designed to give leaders professional training in camping and leadership, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the outdoors. There is an NTC scheduled for Atchison, Kansas May 25-29, and another for Chandler, Oklahoma October 10-13. Application forms and information about both camps can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/training/registration/index.cfm>. Applications for the Atchison camp need to be in by April 21 to help assure that the camp won't be cancelled (there need to be 24 registered leaders by that date).

**Ranger Kids Training Conference (RKTC)** is designed for leaders (men and women) of Ranger Kids. It is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will also receive training in various aspects of the Ranger Kids ministries. There is one RKTC in our region this year, in San Antonio May 12-14. Application forms for this conference can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/training/registration/index.cfm>. Applications for this conference need to be in by April 7 to help assure that the conference won't be cancelled (there need to be 24 registered leaders by that date).

## **Regional Staff Changes**

Since the 2005 Regional Conference we have had two changes in the regional staff.

After serving 3 years as the regional camps and events coordinator and about 3 years before that as the regional Buckaroos/Straight Arrows coordinator, David Elliott has resigned to spend more time with his family and to devote more time to his local outpost. David has been a valuable member of the regional staff, particularly as the coordinator for vendors and our regional booth at the annual regional conference, and as a staff member at many of the national training camps in the region over the past few years. David will continue to serve on camp staffs in the future, and he promised he wouldn't be a stranger at the conference. Next time you see David please tell him "thank you" for his service to Royal Rangers.

David Shepherd has served on the regional staff for about 2 years, first as our missions coordinator and then as our RRA coordinator. Recently David was asked to serve as a national field advisor for the RRA, so he has stepped down as our regional RRA coordinator. Over the years David has served on the staff of many national training events and missions trips, most recently on the ANTC staff in Tver, Russia. He will continue to provide a valuable service to Royal Rangers in this new position with the RRA.

## **2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous**

The 2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous will be held at the NRA Whittington Center near Raton, NM July 14 though 16. The rendezvous is open to all FCF members in the territory. This promises to be a great time of competition, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Sonny Green, national FCF vice-president emeritus, will be our speaker. There will be competition for the positions of national and territorial scout, and competitions in the areas of hawk and knife, outfits, flint and steel, black powder shooting, stump preaching, and others. You can download an application and information packet for the rendezvous on the regional web site: <http://scr.royalrangers.net>

## **Regional Web Site Changes**

The SCR web site has recently been redesigned. Take a few minutes to visit the site -- <http://scr.royalrangers.net> -- and if you have comments or other information you would like to see on the site, send Mark Oliver (mark@royalrangers.net) a note.

Also, the e-mail list that this issue of the Bugle Call was sent to is maintained by Mark. If you have commanders in your outpost who are NOT receiving the electronic versions of the Bugle Call, send Mark an e-mail with their e-mail addresses and he will get them added to the e-mail distribution list.

## 2006 Regional Conference

The 2006 Regional Conference will be held January 27-28 in Houston, Texas. Our host hotel will be the Hobby Airport Marriott, a very nice conference hotel. Room rates will be \$70 for 1-4 people per room, and junior suites will be available for an additional \$10. Our speaker for the conference is Robert T. Schlipp. Robert received his GMA as a boy in Royal Rangers, and he also served as the assistant national FCF scout for two years. Robert graduated from Evangel University several years ago, and has been serving as a children's pastor and evangelist. He currently is ministering around the country as Bible Man.

At the 2006 conference we will have a variety of classes, including several LTA modules.

Special activities are already being planned for the ladies in Galveston, with bus transportation provided.

If you would like to make this weekend a mini-vacation, the room rate at the Marriott will be honored for several days before and after the conference. The Houston/Galveston area has many attractions, including NASA, that would make this an ideal get-away.

Complete details about the 2006 Regional Conference will be posted on the regional web site this summer, and will be mailed out to all commanders on our mailing list this fall.

### Website Links for More Information

- 2006 National Camporama—<http://royalrangers.ag.org/camporama/>

National Camporama is scheduled from July 17—21, 2006. This site contains applications, schedules, maps of Eagle Rock, and directions. Start preparing your outpost in order to bring your boys for this once in a lifetime trip.

- South Central Regional Site—<http://scr.royalrangers.net>

Contains information on regional activities, like missions trips, Territorial Rendezvous, Ranger of the Year, and the annual Regional Conference.

To view the South Central Regional website, go to <http://scr.royalrangers.net>. To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#). If you have specific questions you would like to have answered, please contact [mark@royalrangers.net](mailto:mark@royalrangers.net)