



**Fact Sheet**  
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**Ranger Rendezvous**  
**Aug. 3-6, 2009**  
**Fort Benning, GA**

**Q. What is Ranger Rendezvous?**

A. Ranger Rendezvous is a regimental tradition that coincides with the regimental change of command every other year. The week-long event also includes Ranger demonstrations including an airborne operation, a stress shoot and team building sporting events including tug-of-war, football, softball and combatives/boxing.

**Q. Where is Ranger Rendezvous?**

A. Ranger Rendezvous takes place at various locations on Fort Benning, Ga. Maps, schedule and updates, and other information is available on the Ranger Rendezvous website at <http://rangerrendezvous.soc.mil>

**Q. Can the general public take part in any of the events?**

A. The general public can attend all of the events with the exception of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Distinguished and Honorary Member of the Regiment induction ceremony due to lack of seating in the ceremony locations, and the informal barbeque, which is a private event for Rangers and their families.

**Q. Who attends Ranger Rendezvous?**

A. Traditionally, all of the available Rangers from Regimental Headquarters and the four Ranger battalions attend Ranger Rendezvous. In addition to Regimental Headquarters, Regimental Special Troops Battalion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion at Fort Benning, Ga., the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment also has the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah, Ga., and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion at Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Wash. Family members and Ranger veterans from all generations also attend. Due to mission in support of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, some Rangers will not be in attendance this year. Past years' attendance exceeded 10,000 visitors, family members and Rangers.

**Q. How long does the Ranger Rendezvous tradition date back?**

A. The first Ranger Rendezvous was in 1987. The event has been held in conjunction with the regimental change of command ever since.

**Q. How and why is the tradition still carried on during a time of war?**

A. The 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment has had Rangers continuously deployed since October 2001. This event has traditionally been a time to bring all of the Rangers together for a short time to build unit cohesion between geographically separated battalions. Though all of our Rangers may not be able to attend the event this year, it is important to keep the tradition alive for those not currently deployed to maintain that esprit de corps. For the Rangers, their family members, Ranger veterans and general public interest, a website is available to follow the week's activities: <http://rangerrendezvous.soc.mil/> at Ranger Rendezvous.

**Q. What can someone expect to see during Ranger Rendezvous?**

A. There are two days that really afford the public an opportunity to observe the Rangers in action. On Aug. 3, there will be a mass airborne operation with more than 1,000 Rangers jumping in full combat gear from approximately 15 Air Force aircraft. On Aug. 5 there will also be a day-long sporting competition including tug-of-war, football, basketball, boxing and combatives. Concluding the week on Aug. 6 is a formal change of command ceremony for the incoming and outgoing commanders of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. A full schedule of events is available at the Ranger Rendezvous website where people can track updates to the schedule, and find articles, photos, interviews and other activities during the week. The website is: <http://rangerrendezvous.soc.mil/>

**Q. Who is changing command for the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment?**

A. Colonel Richard D. Clarke is relinquishing command to Colonel Michael E. Kurilla. Colonel Clarke assumed command in August 2007. Colonel Kurilla was formally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment commander from 2006 to 2008. The change of command ceremony is scheduled to take place on Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. at the National Infantry Museum.

**Q. Is there an opportunity to see the Rangers in full combat gear?**

A. The Rangers will conduct an airborne operation on Aug. 3 in full combat gear.

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