

## THE RANGER CREED

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high "esprit de corps" of the Rangers.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster, and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be. One-hundred-percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy, and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission though I be the lone survivor.

*Rangers Lead The Way!*

## Best Ranger Competition 2018 Information Booklet



April 13-15, 2018

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### Post INFO

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BLDG 4 SDO	545-2218
Protocol	545-4662
Post Information	545-2011

## KEY EVENTS

Key Events	Date/Time	Location
Welcome Competitors	03 Apr 1300	Camp Rogers
Opening Ceremony	07 Apr 0545	Camp Rogers
Best Ranger Competition	07 - 09 Apr	FBGA
Super Supper	09 Apr 1630	Camp Rogers
Awards Ceremony	10 Apr 1000	MWH, BLDG 4



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## COMPETITION HISTORY

In July of 1981, The Ranger Department was asked to design and conduct a "Ranger Olympics" in order to identify the best two-man Ranger buddy team in the Ranger Department. From the very beginning the objective was clear: the competition should place extreme demands on each buddy teams' physical, mental, technical and tactical skills as Rangers. The standards of performance were to test the mettle of those Ranger qualified Soldiers who dare to compete. The Best Ranger competition was named in Honor of Lieutenant General David E. Grange Jr., Former Ranger Instructor, Ranger Department Director, and Commanding General of Fort Benning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, and the United States Sixth Army. Mr. Richard A. Leandri, a close personal friend of General Grange, formed the Chairborne Rangers of Clearwater, Florida, in 1979 to financially support the competition and provide awards to the winning teams.

In 1981, Colonel Duane Cameron, Commander, Ranger Department, developed the operational concept and schedule of events for the first Best Ranger Competition, which was further refined by his successor, Colonel Eugene Hawkins.

In 1982, buddy teams from each of the three Ranger Department Divisions competed against each other in the first Best Ranger Competition. The competition expanded in 1982 to include teams from the Ranger Battalions and Special Operation Units throughout the Army. In 1985, the competition was further expanded to include light infantry units and by 1987 the increased interest in the competition resulted in an Army wide invitation to all units with Ranger coded positions. Many of the participating commands conduct preliminary competitions to select the teams which will represent them at Fort Benning each year, resulting in only the best Ranger qualified Soldiers competing.

## WHAT MAKES A RANGER?

A more elite Soldier who moves further,  
faster, and fights harder

✚  
“Do things with [his] hands and weapons  
better than anyone” - The Abrams Charter

✚  
Never quit, never surrender

The Best Ranger Competition measures these aspects over a  
grueling three day competition in which competitors move 60  
miles, shoot at seven ranges, and complete Ranger tactical tasks



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**COL (Ret) Hazen Baron**  
**Johnnie Downs**  
**Jesse Nelson**

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

### Friday, 13 Apr 18

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
0545 - 0630	Opening Ceremony	Camp Rogers
0630 - 0800	Mass Start Run	Camp Rogers
*0715 - 0900	Malvesti	Malvesti Field
*0730 - 1000	Weighted Carry	Malvesti Field
*0800 - 1030	Victory Pond Swim	Victory Pond
*0815 - 1200	Body Armor Run	Victory Pond
*0900 - 1300	Urban Assault Course	Shelby CACTF
*0915 - 1500	FRIES / Air Assault	York Field (BLDG 4)
*0930 - 1900	Main Post Ranges	Dixie Road Ranges
*2000 - 0100	Foot March	Foot March Route

### Saturday, 14 Apr 18

*0100 - 0500	Night Stakes	Galloway Range
*0800 - 0900	Spartan Race	Dekkar Strip
*1030 - 1830	Day Stakes	Todd Field
*2000 - 0500	Night Orienteering	Darby or Dahlonga

### Sunday, 15 Apr 18

*0800 - 1100	Darby Queen	Camp Darby
*0830 - 1230	HELOCAST	Victory Pond
*0900 - 1430	CWSA	Victory Pond
*1430 - 1500	Final Buddy Run	Camp Rogers
*1530 - UTC	Super Supper	Camp Rogers

### Monday, 16 Apr 18

1000 - UTC	Awards Ceremony	Marshall Auditorium at McGinnis-Wickham Hall (BLDG 4)
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•All event times are approximate. Event start and end times may vary based on competitor performance.

# 2018 BEST RANGER TEAM LIST



Team	Name	Unit	Team	Name	Unit
1	CPT Gaudin, Mark	1st Infantry Division	27	MSG Dyer, John	USASOC
2	1LT Miller, Duane	1st Infantry Division		SSG Mendenhall, Nathan	USASOC
3	CPT Cayne, Ryan	1st Infantry Division	28	CPT Burnett, William	USASOC
4	CPT Benson, Everett	1st Infantry Division		SFC Hanks, Eric	USASOC
5	1LT Kinney, James	3rd Infantry Division	29	MSG Ray, Derek	USASOC
6	SSG Wilson, Dane	3rd Infantry Division		CPT Hock, David	USASOC
7	1LT Irwin, Andrew	3rd Infantry Division	30	MAJ Ford, Alexander	USASOC
8	1LT Gordano, Colton	4th Infantry Division		MAJ Young, Peter	USASOC
9	1LT White, Thomas	4th Infantry Division	31	SSG Cherry, Shelton	USASOC
10	1LT Dacey, Corbin	4th Infantry Division		SFC Panzili, Luke	USASOC
11	1LT Spaulding, Connor	4th Infantry Division	32	SFC Price, Daniel	75th Ranger Regiment
12	1LT Colonna, Joseph	1st Cavalry Division		SFC Ryan, Tyler	75th Ranger Regiment
13	1LT Henry, Kevin	1st Cavalry Division	33	CPT Toomara, Tyler	75th Ranger Regiment
14	SSG Saucedo, Luis	Coast Guard		1LT Toomer, Jenny	75th Ranger Regiment
15	MSG Emerson, Matthew	1st Armored Division	34	CPT Thomas, Matthew	75th Ranger Regiment
16	PFC Gorman, Joseph	1st Armored Division		1LT Thomas, Matthew	75th Ranger Regiment
17	CPT Rusk, Tyler	1st Armored Division	35	CPT Hark, Connor	75th Ranger Regiment
18	1LT Keith, Ryan	1st Armored Division		CPT Pierce, Samuel	75th Ranger Regiment
19	1LT Carroll, Michael	1st Armored Division	36	MAJ Hubicki, Lance	193rd
20	SPC Sommers, Jonathan	10th Mountain Division		SFC Camelongo, Michael	193rd
21	1LT Sizum, Matthew	10th Mountain Division	37	SSG Spies, Kevin	198th
22	SFC Delgado, Jesus	10th Mountain Division		SFC Join, Sean	198th
23	SOT Garcia-Rancho, Javier	82nd Airborne Division	38	CPT McKewer, Marquis	8th Army (2D) ROK
24	1LT Rainone, Philip	82nd Airborne Division		CPT Pitts, Roland	7th Infantry Division
25	SSG Mercado, Carlos	82nd Airborne Division	39	1LT Bean, Andrew	7th Infantry Division
26	1LT Hart, Christopher	82nd Airborne Division		SSG Brown, Emmet	101st Airborne Division
27	1LT Motz, Colton	82nd Airborne Division	40	SFC Beauchamp, Christopher	25th Infantry Division
28	1LT Snaglesie, Ty	82nd Airborne Division		1LT Smith, Christopher	25th Infantry Division
29	SFC Dagis, Anthony	82nd Airborne Division	41	SFC Schmitt, Aditya Singh	25th Infantry Division
30	SFC Miller, Trent	101st Airborne Division		SSG 1st, Carlos	USMA
31	1LT Callan, Michael	101st Airborne Division	42	CPT Cookrell, Sean	National Guard
32	SSG Lusk, Philip	3rd Cavalry Regiment		CPT Donak, Charles	National Guard
33	SOT McInnes, Dylan	ARTB	43	SSG Friedman, Erich	National Guard
34	1LT Buffalino, Drew	ARTB		CPT Cornwall, Travis	National Guard
35	1LT Chenery, Dan	ARTB	44	SSG Kutz, Luke	National Guard
36	CPT Grant, Colin	ARTB		SSG Conrad, Troy	National Guard
37	SFC Jones, Gabriel	ARTB	45	SFC Torres, Jose	National Guard
38	SSG Hodges, Scott	ARTB		SFC Ehrenrich, Robert	National Guard
39	SFC Roggero, Michael	ARTB	46	SFC Wolfberg, Jan	National Guard
40	SSG Brown, Michael	ARTB		SOT Brewer, Jordy	USACBRHS
41	SFC Allen, Anthony	172nd Airborne Brigade Combat Team	47	CPT Mansfield, William	Cyber Protection Brigade
42	SFC Rolles, Joshua	3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment		CPT Meyer, Shawn	USASoE
43	SFC Spaulding, Benjamin	USARAK	48	CPT Barzera, Dennis	MOE
44	SSG Spaulding, Joseph			CPT Gorman, William	
45	1LT Brenner, Gregory		49	CPT Goldsmedh, William	
46	1LT Carmin, Austin			CPT Shalvey, Robert	
47	SSG Crabtree, Christopher		50	CPT Doyle, Robert	
48				CPT Moyn, Taylor	
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Note: There is no team 13. Total number of teams on this list is 50.

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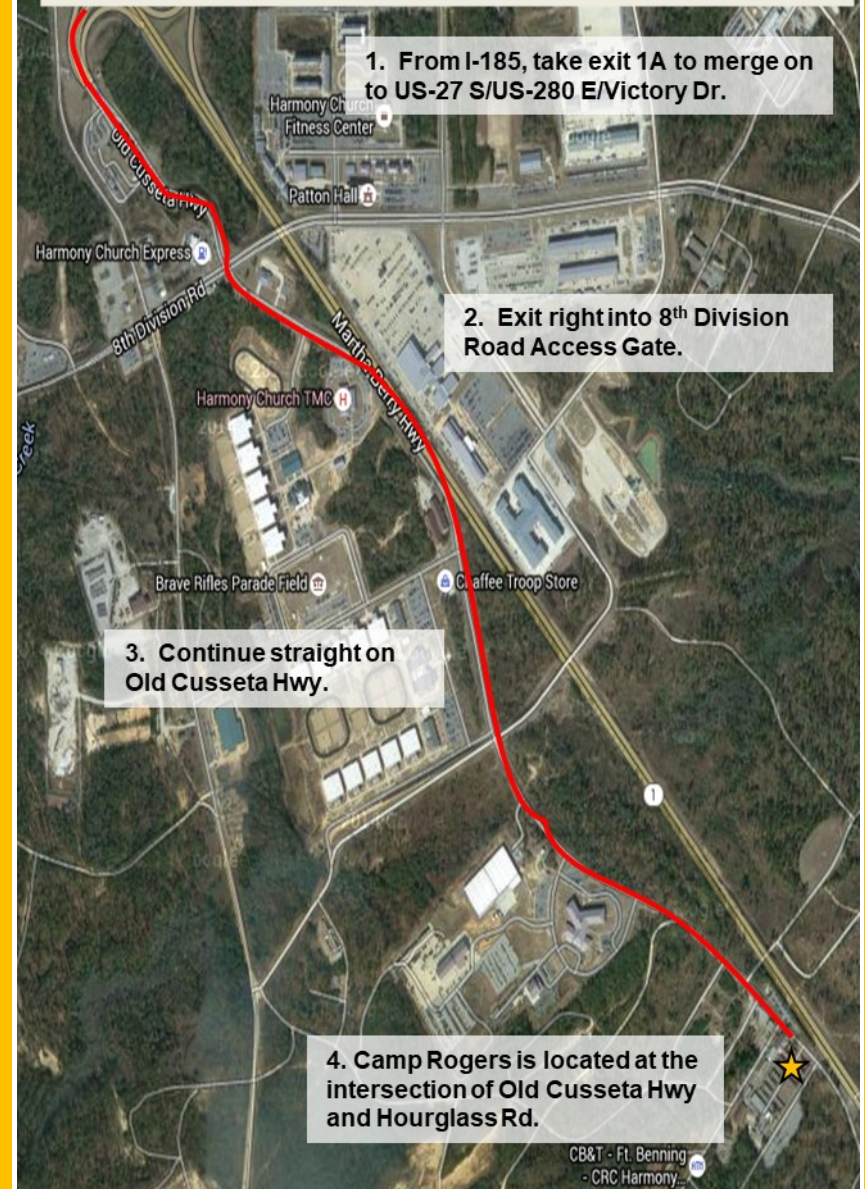
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## ARTB STRIP MAP





## HARMONY CHURCH EVENT MAP



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**LTC (Ret) Joe and Rita Rippetoe**





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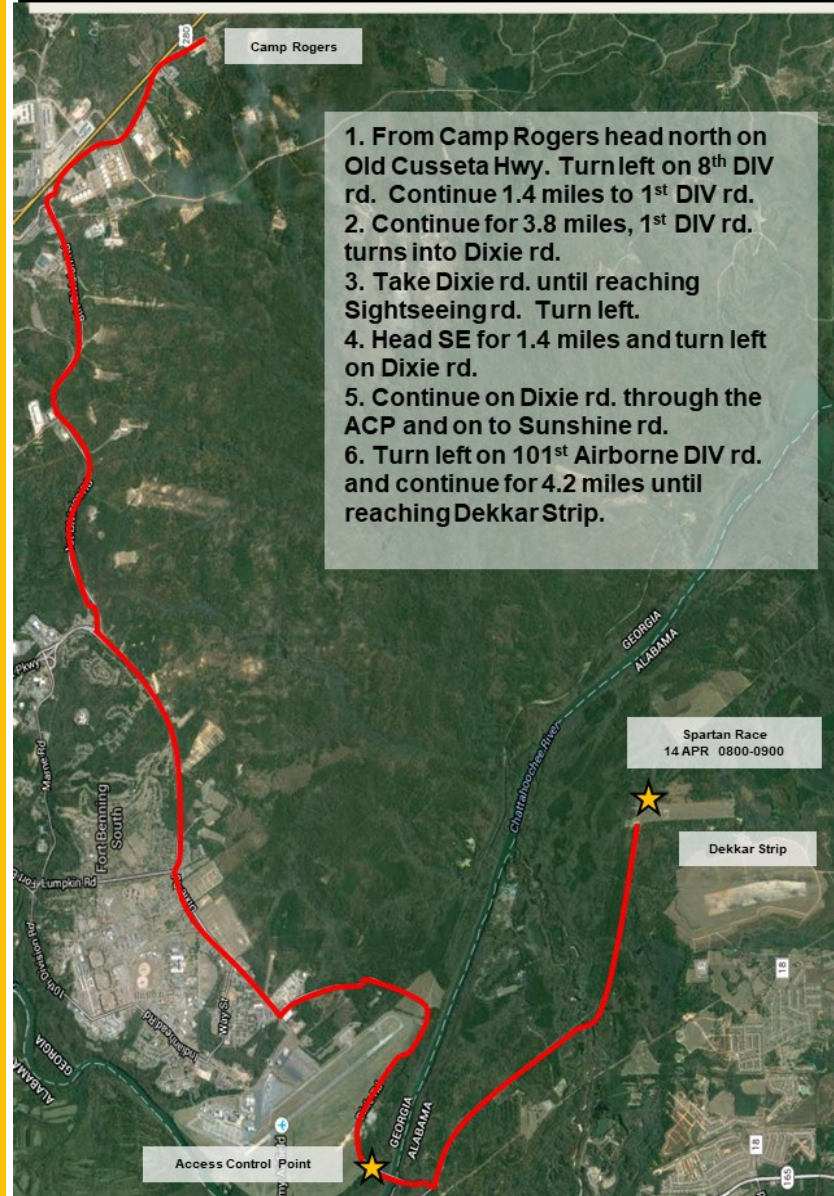
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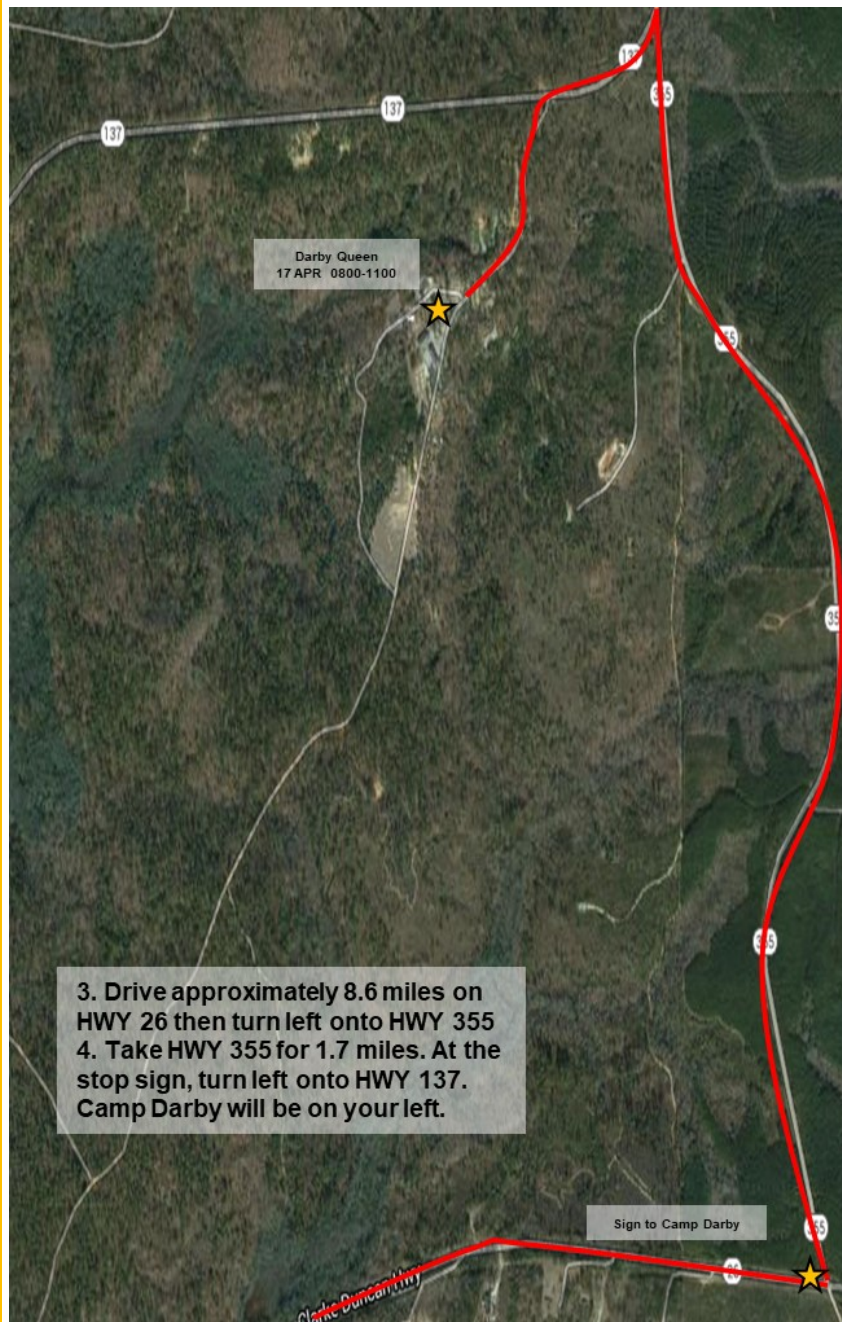


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## DEKKAR STRIP MAP





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