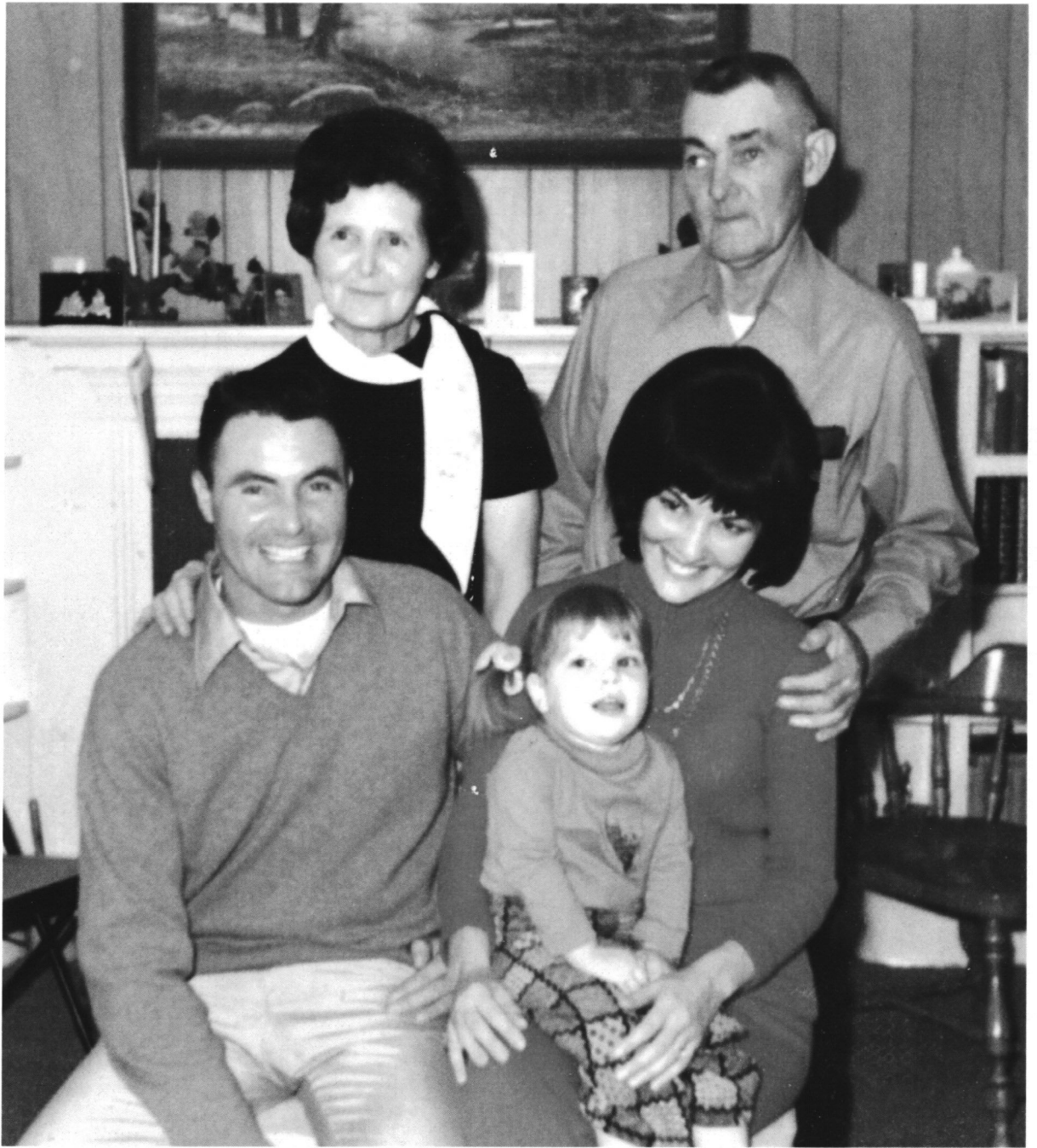




Ruth Lloyd



Ruth, John, Herbert Jack, Janice & Allison



BG. Lloyd, Hannah, Beth, Matthew, and Mark Lloyd



Getting Ready for Snow Training at Ft. Drum





Fort Drum



RANGER HALL OF FAME

RANGER HERBERT LLOYD





Colonel Minh's Son Charlie, Colonel Minh, General Lloyd

Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

Ft. Benning, Ga

July 2014



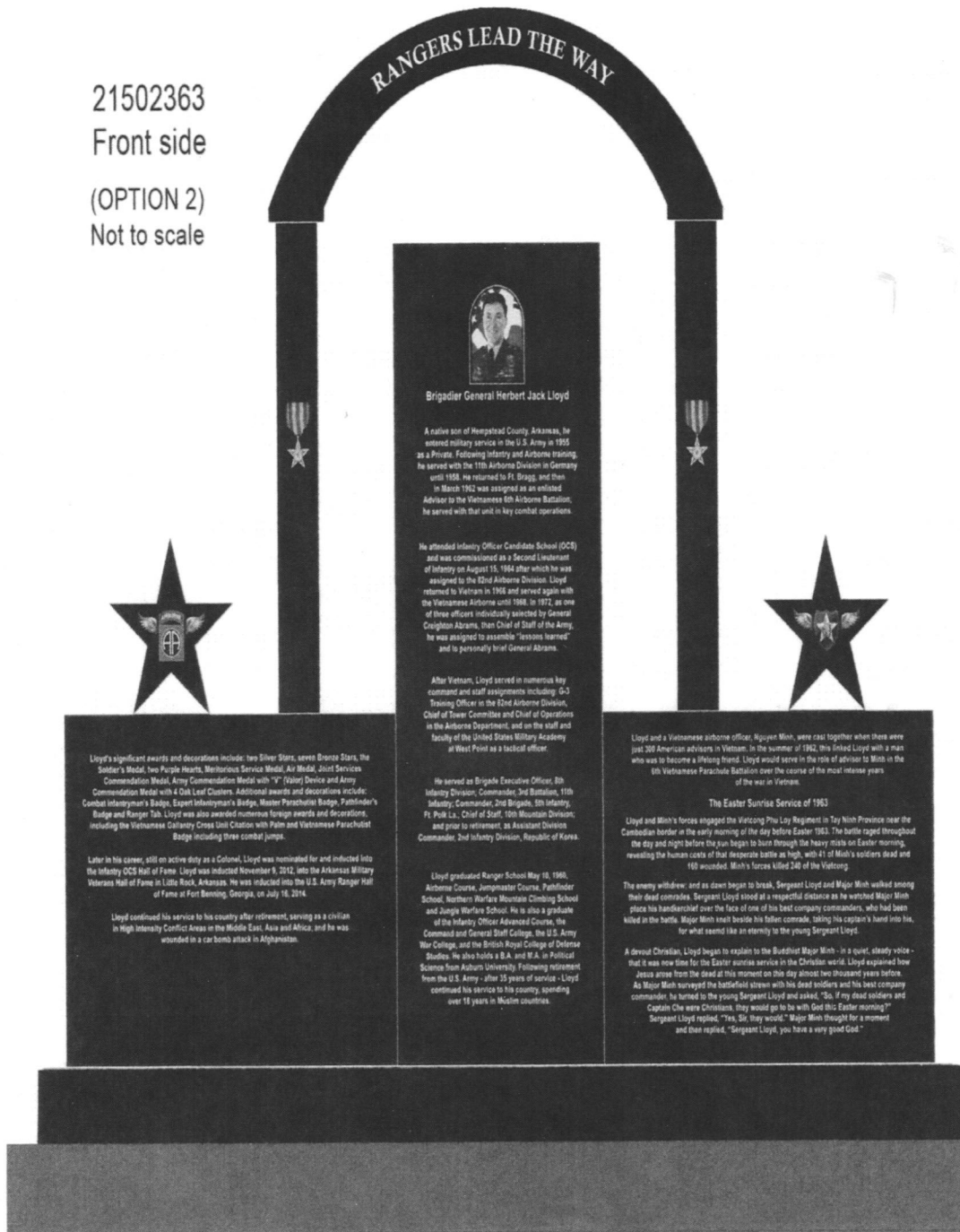
Charlie Minh, Sheriff James Singleton, Colonel Minh, General Lloyd, and Gary Chambless

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Front of Monument

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Front side
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RANGERS LEAD THE WAY



Brigadier General Herbert Jack Lloyd

A native son of Hempstead County, Arkansas, he entered military service in the U.S. Army in 1955 as a Private. Following Infantry and Airborne training, he served with the 11th Airborne Division in Germany until 1958. He returned to Ft. Bragg, and then in March 1962 was assigned as an enlisted Advisor to the Vietnamese 6th Airborne Battalion. He served with that unit in key combat operations.

He attended Infantry Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on August 15, 1964 after which he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Lloyd returned to Vietnam in 1965 and served again with the Vietnamese Airborne until 1968. In 1972, as one of three officers individually selected by General Creighton Abrams, then Chief of Staff of the Army, he was assigned to assemble "lessons learned" and to personally brief General Abrams.

After Vietnam, Lloyd served in numerous key command and staff assignments including: G-3 Training Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, Chief of Staff, Committee and Chief of Operations in the Airborne Department, and on the staff and faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point as a tactical officer.

He served as Brigade Executive Officer, 8th Infantry Division; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry; Commander, 2nd Brigade, 5th Infantry; Ft. Polk, LA; Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division; and prior to retirement, as Assistant Division Commander 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

Lloyd graduated Ranger School May 18, 1960; Airborne Course, Jumpmaster Course, Pathfinder School, Northern Warfare Mountain Climbing School and Jungle Warfare School. He is also a graduate of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, and the British Royal College of Defense Studies. He also holds a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Auburn University. Following retirement from the U.S. Army - after 35 years of service - Lloyd continued his service to his country, spending over 18 years in Muslim countries.

Lloyd's significant awards and decorations include: two Silver Stars, seven Bronze Stars, the Soldier's Medal, two Purple Hearts, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "Y" (Valor Device) and Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Additional awards and decorations include: Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder's Badge and Ranger Tab. Lloyd was also awarded numerous foreign awards and decorations, including the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm and Vietnamese Parachutist Badge including three combat jumps.

Later in his career, still on active duty as a Colonel, Lloyd was nominated for and inducted into the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame. Lloyd was inducted November 9, 2012, into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia, on July 18, 2014.

Lloyd continued his service to his country after retirement, serving as a civilian in high intensity conflict zones in the Middle East, Asia and Africa, and he was wounded in a car bomb attack in Afghanistan.

Lloyd and a Vietnamese airborne officer, Nguyen Minh, were cast together when there were just 300 American advisors in Vietnam. In the summer of 1962, this linked Lloyd with a man who was to become a lifelong friend. Lloyd would serve in the role of advisor to Minh in the 6th Vietnamese Parachute Battalion over the course of the most intense years of the war in Vietnam.

The Easter Sunrise Service of 1963

Lloyd and Minh's forces engaged the Watcong Phu Loy Regiment in Tay Ninh Province near the Cambodian border in the early morning of the day before Easter 1963. The battle raged throughout the day and night before the sun began to burn through the heavy mists on Easter morning, revealing the human costs of that desperate battle as high, with 41 of Minh's soldiers dead and 168 wounded. Minh's forces killed 248 of the Vietcong.

The enemy withdrew and as dawn began to break, Sergeant Lloyd and Major Minh walked among their dead comrades. Sergeant Lloyd stood at a respectful distance as he watched Major Minh place his hands on the face of one of his best company commanders, who had been killed in the battle. Major Minh snatched his fallen comrade, taking his captain's hand into his, for what seemed like an eternity to the young Sergeant Lloyd.

A devout Christian, Lloyd began to explain to the Buddhist Major Minh - in a quiet, steady voice - that it was now time for the Easter sunrise service in the Christian world. Lloyd explained how Jesus arose from the dead at this moment on this day almost two thousand years before. As Major Minh surveyed the battlefield strewn with his dead soldiers and his best company commander, he turned to the young Sergeant Lloyd and asked, "So, if my dead soldiers and Captain Che were Christians, they would go to be with God this Easter morning?" Sergeant Lloyd replied, "Yes, Sir, they would." Major Minh thought for a moment and then replied, "Sergeant Lloyd, you have a very good God."

Rear of Monument

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"Primarily, I'd say, it's my mother's prayers that have kept me alive all these years."



In April of 1967, Lloyd was with Minh's 61st Parachute Company near the Ben Hai River. Their force had been overrun by a superior enemy force. As word came in of the heavy losses that day, Minh was told that Lloyd was missing and presumed dead. These reports were wrong; in fact, Lloyd was the last of the 17 survivors of the 21 men of the 61st Parachute Company. Lloyd was able to fight his way back to Minh's location as darkness fell over the Ben Hai River. For his actions that day, Lloyd was awarded the Silver Star.

On February 25, 26 and 27, 1968 on Hill 614 in the central highlands near Daot Tho near the border with Laos, Minh's Vietnamese 6th Parachute Battalion - with Lloyd along - engaged the battle-hardened 6th NVA Regiment, reinforced by the 17th NVA Regiment, with no friendly ground force reinforcing.

The 6th Battalion was outnumbered 12 to 1 in unprepared positions, fighting from a narrow ridge-line in one of the most intense battles of the war. Five hundred twelve Vietnamese paratroopers and 13 American advisors, artillery forward observers and engineers - approximately half of the 6th Parachute Battalion - were killed or wounded during the intense three days and nights of fighting. In the end, the enemy suffered even heavier casualties and withdrew into Laos, three miles to the west. Lloyd was the last to leave the battlefield, flying out on the fourth day on the last helicopter load of dead soldiers. Upon landing at the Daot Tho airstrip, Lloyd reported to his commander, Colonel Hai Dill.

Colonel Dill surveyed the battle-worn Lloyd and said, "Herb, the way you managed all the fire support, the gunships, Air Force fuel movers and the artillery - you saved that battalion." Lloyd's selfless response was typical of him. He said, "Thank you, Sir, but the men did it all. They are all awarded or dead; we must see to them quickly." Based on more heroic actions than one might count during the three-day battle, Lloyd was awarded his second Silver Star.

During the Tet Offensive of 1968, Lloyd's C-130 aircraft was struck by enemy fire as it came in for a landing at Tan Son Nhut outside Saigon. The C-130 was in flames as it crash-landed with 42 soldiers and two chained-down vehicles aboard. The flight crew, aircraft commander and others exited through the crew exit near the cockpit as flames engulfed the interior of the aircraft. Once outside, about 40 yards from the burning aircraft, Captain Lloyd could not locate his Vietnamese radio operator among the men. Lloyd surmised that his radio operator was still aboard the burning aircraft, which was expected to explode at any time.

Lloyd re-entered the burning aircraft and found his radio operator and two other Vietnamese soldiers pinned by one of the vehicles on board. Lloyd freed all three injured soldiers and ran from the aircraft as it exploded, knocking Lloyd and the soldiers to the ground and rolling them another 25 yards. All three Vietnamese soldiers and Lloyd suffered burns but survived. For his actions that day, he was awarded the Soldier's Medal.

The Citizens of Hempstead County thank you, Brigadier General Herbert Jack Lloyd, for your service and sacrifice to keep the United States of America a free country.

Dedicated on this 11th day, 11th hour, 11th month of 2015

FOR ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation."

-George Washington.

The Meaning behind the Monument

The black granite stone represents the Darkness of the Vietnam War

The White letters represent the purity of each life given in the Vietnam War

The two Stars Represent General Lloyd's Rank, Brigadier General, one engraved with the 82nd Airborne's patch. The wings behind the patch represent all 82nd Airborne Troopers who have given their life in service to this great nation.

The other Star with the 2nd Infantry Patch represents General Lloyds Service as he served in Korea; The Wings also represent the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines who paid the ultimate price in the Korean War.

The two vertical columns represent the strength of two men, Brigadier General Lloyd, and his Faithful friend and comrade Colonel Nugyen Minh who were thrust together in war and remain friends to this day. The columns also display the Two Silver Stars awarded to General Lloyd for heroism.

The Arch is in the shape of the Ranger Tab and it includes the Rangers Motto "Rangers Lead The Way" Something General Lloyd has done his entire life. On the rear of the arch is a Quote from General Lloyd in tribute to his Mother "Primarily I'd say it's my mother's prayers that have kept me alive all these years".

And finally a Tribute for All who have served. And a Quote fitting for Past, Present, and Future Soldiers from George Washington.

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Comments from Fellow Soldiers who served with General Lloyd

Having served with BG Lloyd during OCS in 1964, I knew at that point that he was going to be elevated to that rank in a short period. He had that leadership ability. Herb, I would follow you in combat to the ends of the earth.

Dennis Porche

Having served for a brief period of time with BG Lloyd (then COL), when he was Deputy Chief of Staff, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, LA, in my very humble opinion, he is one of the greatest Americans I have had the honor and privilege to meet. My most precious piece of military memorabilia is the hand-written draft of a letter of recommendation that COL Lloyd was most generous to provide me when I left the service. (Yes, I still think of him as colonel.) Sir, if you monitor this site, greetings from former SP4 Nancy Rose. God bless! [Salute

Nancy H. McGuire

Like Dennis Porche, I too was in Infantry OCS/54th Co with Herb Lloyd and saw in 64 a great leader, American and soldier. We graduated Aug 25, 64 as new LT's. The Gulf of Tonkin had occurred early that month. Jack had several SF tours (TDY) in SE Asia and I recall him "educating" us on Vietnam. The tacs used to call on him and he'd say, "Sir Candidate Lloyd" Where are you from candidate? "Sir, Hope Arkansas" Talk about extremes, Jack Lloyd and Bill Clinton both from little Hope, Arkansas.

I know several officers and NCO's who served with him over the years and had nothing but respect and admiration for this great American. I shook his hand at our OCS graduation and said, Herb, you are the finest American I've ever met. Glad so many saw that too.

Ron Saxton LTC, Ret, Marina, CA

I have carried my memories and lessons learned since my first assignment in 3/11th INF back in the early eighties. Then and now, BG (or LTC back then) Lloyd has been the single most influential man in my life. And if the measure of a Man is how you are remembered as a Man and a Soldier then he is "Above the Rest".

I was just a PFC in the Scout Platoon but I quickly realized that this guy is what great leadership is all about. He led by example, cared for troops and I constantly used his lessons of Honor, Courage and Loyalty to serve as my guide post during my years of service. I remember once when I was put on Post Flag Detail at Ft. Polk and LTC Lloyd came down to watch us take down the flag in the evening. He came down because he believed in us and he was proud of us, he loved his Country and our Nations Flag. Such a simple thing as watching us on a detail struck me.... This Man is real and he cares about what he does. He was a man of action not talk, and a true American Hero.

1SG David Dibble

I served with BG Lloyd in Korea in 1991-92. I will never forget the day he landed on the airstrip at Camp Stanton and spoke to our battalion. We were dressed in full battle gear with rifles. He told us of the deadly seriousness of our mission in the R.O.K. and said that, "the reason the Korean landscape is so green is because the hills are washed in American blood." He brought us into focus and gave us purpose as only a true leader can. We would have followed him through hell to choke Kim Il Sung by the time he was done speaking. An inspiration and a soldier's soldier. We as a Nation need more like him. I was barely 20 when I heard him speak those words,. I have never forgotten them. May God bless General Lloyd

Anonymous

All I want to say for this honorable real man is a short sentence.

If we are made to fall into hardship it is because to be a source of ease to others; and I am sure he proved it.

Thanks

SAMEIULLAH AHMADY from Afghanistan



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