

# My Ranger Years:

from Junior Ranger  
to Park Ranger



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**My Ranger Years** Gordon Wallace,1993      **The Ranger's Magazine: Or the Man of Fashion's Companion ... For the Year 1795** ,1795      **An Old Ranger'S Memories** Richard McKillop,Sherry McKillop,2015-12-04 An Old Rangers Memories Building Montaa de Oro State Park chronicles the adventures had in taking what used to be a working seaside ranch and transforming it into what would become San Luis Obispo Countys most beloved state park From Ranger McKillops first visit through to the first Labor Day weekend in the almost fully developed park the reader will experience the tasks challenges and accomplishments of those early days      **The Ranger's Texas Proposal** Jessica Keller,2016-11-01 A Wife for the Ranger When Texas Ranger Heath Grayson agrees to investigate thefts at the boys ranch he s also hoping to solve a decades old murder case his father s Getting involved with pretty pregnant widow and boys ranch volunteer Josie Markham is not on Heath s agenda But the more time he spends with Josie the harder it is to ignore their growing attraction The somber ranger is convinced a wife and child are not in his future But with a little help from the boys at the ranch he may just realize a family is what he needs most of all      **Memoirs of My Years with IBM** Gordon R. Williamson,2008-12-26 Take an anecdotal journey to more than fifty countries on six continents read fascinating insights into the mores customs languages and social conditions that make these near and remote nation states so interesting intriguing and exciting This compilation of short narratives describing activities events and places provide amusing historical and cultural insights into the diverse world in which we live The incidents recorded herein are true and comprise an important and lasting reminder of the ancillary benefits of living overseas and working for an international corporation such as IBM      **A Ranger's Life** T. W. Strait,2011-05-12 T W Strait was employed by the Missouri State Park Board each summer from 1958 through 1962 He was a college summer day worker for the first year but became the Campground Supervisor for the next four summers Most of what you will read comes from many personal experiences and a bit of creative license He saw so many things happen through young eyes that have stuck with him for these many years Tom met his wife while working at the park and has had a fondness for all memories connected with that work experience He made many friendships while employed there and for that reason felt it important to share those experiences with you When Tom started working for the Park System at Lake Ozark State Park he arrived as a210 pound over weight spoon fed son of an IBM Branch Manager who got the job for him during the Christmas break of 1957 Tom s junior year in high school Mowing his dad s yard and watching TV was his only summer interests during previous summers This summer was be different Upon arriving at the park Tom was quartered in the back room of the main park office witha bunk and with only a refrigerator and a hot plate for appliances There was no hot water heater so any showers were taken in very cold well water in the basement or by catching aride to the campground six miles away for a hot shower With no vehicle Tom depended on the other students with cars two to go to town to shop for groceries and other necessities This was a major difference in his past lifestyle Tom s duties that first year were to help clean all of the

restrooms at the campground swimming beach and picnic shelter After doing that he helped haul garbage from each of the above locate ones and then hauled wood back to the campers Once done with those projects he and the other boys cut grass and whipped weeds for the rest of each day Once week he and his co harts got to runt he road picking up litter thrown out by thoughtless visitors That was a 6 mile run in very hot and humid weather Every once in a while he got the privilege of helping pump out the out house toilets in the campground and that was an enlightening experience Needless to say by summers end Tom had lost 35 pounds and had really gained some never before enjoyed muscle tone as well as had received a very good education of what life was really all about The next 4 years as Supervisor he assigned duty es to the then 6 extra students and he also collected camp fees During those 5 years he gained a real appreciate on for life and the feelings of others that has carried with him throughout his later career as a Marketing Manager After graduating from Indiana University School of Business in 1963 he married his park sweetheart and went to work for a major oil company for the next 4 years He attained the tattle of Senior Sales Representative before leaving to go back to Missouri to work with a smaller independent oil company as Sales Manager Here he stayed for the next 40 years helping build the company to a multimillion dollar concern He is currently semi retired working three days a week for that company and working the other two days with his son in a company they started in 1997 called T S Distributors L L C that sells installs and services automotive equipment Tom credits his park experience for much of his business success It was there he gained firsthand experience dealing with about every conceivable type of situation imaginable The wife beating attempted suicide accidents lassoing the wounded deer the lost camper the German shepherds the lost teeth the couple in the tent the Clydesdales and forest fires were all things in which Tom personally had to become involved None of the characters named in this book are real or reflect on anyone he worked with in the park The comradely however did prevail there throughout his tenure Tom s dealings with all park and Park Board personnel were handled in a very positive an dedicational manner and he is most grateful to the Board and Mr Joe Jaeger its Director at the time for giving him the chance of a life time and the job Tom also dedicates this book tohis first

Superintendent Mr Ned Brown who died in a truck accident very much like the one his character JJ in the book experienced Tom hopes you enjoy these stories as much as he enjoyed experiencing or creating them **The Glory Guys** Mona D.

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**Danger Close!** Phil Gioia,2022-06-15 Phil Gioia grew up an army brat during the decades after World War II Drawn to the military he attended the Virginia Military Institute then was commissioned in the U S Army where he completed Jump School and Ranger School Not even a year after college graduation he landed in Vietnam in early 1968 in the first weeks of the Tet offensive which marked a major escalation of the war Leading a platoon in the 82nd Airborne Division Gioia

took his paratroopers into the lifting of the siege of Hu where death was always just around the corner and the grisly discovery of mass graves of those executed by the Vietcong during their occupation of the city Wounded he was sent home in April Released from hospital he commanded a paratroop company in the 82nd Airborne in 1968 returning to Vietnam with the hard hitting First Air Cavalry Division a year later this time leading a rucksack company of light infantry Inserted into far flung landing zones Gioia and his men patrolled the jungles and rubber plantations along the Cambodian border looking for a furtive enemy who preferred ambushes to set piece battles and nighttime raids to daylight attacks Danger Close recounts the Vietnam War from the unique boots on the ground perspective of a young officer who served two tours in two different divisions He tells his story thoughtfully straightforwardly and always vividly from the raw emotions of unearthing massacred human beings to the terrors of fighting in the dark with red and green tracers slicing the air Hard to put down and hard to forget Danger Close will remind readers of the best Vietnam memoirs like *Guns Up and Baptism* **National Parks** ,2010 The flagship publication of the National Parks Conservation Association National Parks Magazine circ 340 000 fosters an appreciation of the natural and historic treasures found in the national parks educates readers about the need to preserve those resources and illustrates how member contributions drive our organization s park protection efforts National Parks Magazine uses images and language to convey our country s history and natural landscapes from Acadia to Zion from Denali to the Everglades and the 387 other park units in between *No Excuse Leadership* Brace E. Barber,2011-01-06 Every organization needs good leadership in order to win against the competition Through his own personal story and those of nine other Rangers Barber illuminates fundamental lessons about what it really takes to win These first person accounts of trial and triumph highlight the importance and the inherent truth of the Army s most fundamental leadership principles seeking and taking responsibility for your actions and knowing yourself and seeking self improvement Adhering to those principles and putting them at the core of your organization will push you and your company to do more and do it better *My Lettermen Years: The Journey To Hell and Back!* Jim Pike with E. L. Scott,2012-09 August 1961 was a month to remember for Jim Pike That was the month his song The Way You Look Tonight hit the charts at number thirteen in the nation From that moment on Jim Pike and The Lettermen would be known around the world Jim had everything going for him Then in 1975 and at the height of his fame he lost his golden voice For the next decade he spoke only in whispers He had to give up The Lettermen For the next ten years he struggled with the fear that he may never be able to sing again But when miraculously he was reunited with his voice he took it as a sign Reunion his new group was born After suffering for a decade he overcame one of the biggest tragedies of his life Losing his voice cost him much more than just his career but when he got it back he also regained a greater appreciation for his family his life and his music Through it all Jim realized that what seemed like a tragedy was really a blessing In the process of finding his voice again what he really found was himself **Hearings** United States. Congress Senate,1960 Grazing on Public Domain Lands United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Interior

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