

Rudder's 2nd Ranger Battalion honors him during ceremonies

Survivors of the late Maj. Gen. Earl Rudder's 2nd Ranger Battalion honored him Thursday as tough, intelligent and "determined to follow through on any assignment" during special ceremonies at his gravesite just south of the Texas A&M University campus where he was chief officer for 11 years.

"He exemplified the co-called Ranger mystique," said James W. Eikner of Austin, president of the Rudder chapter of the national Ranger Battalions Association.

"We shouldn't be somber. We should be happy for having known this man," added NRB president G. McKinnon of Houston.

About 100 Ranger veterans and their families made the trip to College Station prior to the start of the national Ranger reunion in Houston this weekend. Most were from Rudder's famed 2nd Battalion which made a daring assault on German positions atop 100-foot cliffs at Normandy on D-Day.

"Earl Rudder looked on his Williams to be guest speaker at local A&M club

Texas A&M University System Chancellor Jack K. Williams will be guest speaker at the Brazos County A&M Club's first meeting of 1977-78.

Club President Malon Southern said Dr. Williams will talk about plans for the new academic year at Texas A&M.

The Aug. 23 meeting will be at the quonset hut party facilities on FM 60 just west of Eastwood Airport. Refreshments will be available at 6:30 p.m. and barbecue dinner, at \$3 per person, will be served at 7 p.m.

Reservations should be made by phoning Pat Gersbach at 845-7514 by 5 p.m. Aug. 22.

The club also will have chartered-bus football trips to the Baylor, Rice and TCU games this fall. Brazos Aggies have been mailed information.

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American Institute of Cooperative Education, 8 a.m., University Center.
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Institute of Electronic Science Graduation, 7:30 p.m., 701 Rudder Tower.
Saturday
Family Society and Older Texans, 8 a.m., 301 Rudder Tower.
Alumni Golf Tournament, 9:30 a.m., 502 Rudder Tower.
TAMU Housing Staff Workshop, 2 p.m., 501 Tower.
Sunday
Student Y Fish Camp Counselors Registration, 8 a.m., 2nd Floor Rudder Tower.
Muslim Student Organization, 1 p.m., 310 Rudder Tower.

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Ranger experience as one of the most rewarding in his life," Eikner said. "It is fitting that we come to rededicate this soil and honor our former commander."

Mrs. Margaret Rudder, his widow, placed one of two wreaths at graveside and announced that a civic group at Pointe du Hoc, France, where the D-Day assault took place, was at that very moment holding a similar memorial service.

Other portions of the ceremonial



Mrs. Margaret Rudder, widow of former Texas A&M President Earl Rudder, greets new Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller during special ceremonies honoring her husband.

included a color guard from the 49th Armored Division and a fly-by of jets from the Texas Air National Guard.

Eikner, recalling the decorations Rudder had received in war, noted that he had been outstanding also as a citizen, husband and father.

Rudder, a native of Eden and former mayor of Brady, came to Texas A&M in 1958 as vice president after a three-year term as Texas Land Commissioner.

In 1959, he was appointed president of the university and was chosen for the post of president of The Texas A&M University System in 1965, the office he held at the time of his death on March 23, 1970.

Thursday's ceremony marked the first time many of the Rangers present had been able to visit Rudder's grave. Eikner explained that that fact and the proximity of the national convention prompted the project.

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"Once these pipes fail, it take about \$5 million to fish the old pipe out and replace it," explained Dr. John Randall, head of the center and a principal investigator on the project.

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