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# Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

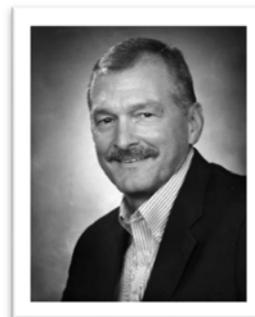
“You’ll never get a hit with the bat on your shoulder.” –Cal Farley

## A Message From Dan Adams

### *The Importance of “Alumni Support”*

A couple of weeks ago, I was walking up to my office at the Campus Support Center (Town Office), and noticed a young man sitting on the steps outside. What struck me was that it was 20 degrees outside and he was sitting there shivering in a sleeveless shirt.

This young man was somewhat disheveled; it looked like he had not been taking good care of himself, was hungry, and he looked depressed. I asked him what he was doing and he replied that he was waiting on Teddy, one of our alums, who is now a case manager in our *Alumni Support* department. Teddy was working with this young man, trying to help him work his way through some problems he’d created for himself, and organize a good plan for his future.



This young man had graduated from Boys Ranch the prior year. His time at Boys Ranch had been very well spent. He had been academically successful, participated in sports, he was a hard worker, he had friends, and his relationships with his family were much better. Most importantly, he had goals and aspirations for his future.

At Boys Ranch, people cared about him. His responsibilities were clear. People helped him organize his life and gave him guidance and nurturing. Life was structured and predictable. After graduation, he left Boys Ranch on cloud nine, with a diploma in hand, a college scholarship and lofty dreams.

But, the realities of life hit him in the face like a brick. What he soon found out was that society was not waiting there with open arms ready to embrace him. His fantasy about being able to go home to a warm embracing family soon evaporated. Old acquaintances immediately began to test him. College was hard and required a lot of studying.

He was overwhelmed by the fact that that independence meant that he alone owned his success or failure and no one was going to wake him if he overslept; tell him what to wear; advise him on who or who not to hang out with; or remind him of his class or work schedule. Needless to say, this young man needed some help.

We offered him a bed in our Alumni Support Center, and contracted with him on a plan of action to get his life back on track, whether back to school, to work, or the military. We agreed to help him with a strategy for taking care of some fines he had incurred, getting some transportation, filling out applications, and reconciling some problems he’d created at school.

We did what you or I would do for our own child caught in the same circumstances.

Today, there are 24 youngsters in our Alumni Support Center working on plans for independence. Each of these young people has different circumstances, different goals, different levels of resilience, and different levels of motivation. But, one thing is for certain –they each have worth and potential.

We know that some of our most important work is not confined to the boundaries of Boys Ranch. When our graduates struggle, we don’t spend time moaning and groaning over how they let us down or disappointed us. We know that struggling is a reality of life –we know that life is not often neat and tidy, and that success and failure will ebb and flow.

Most of our youngsters are not going to graduate from West Point or make a touchdown in a college bowl game. Most are good, average people living modest lives with modest means.

We help these young people establish more productive life trajectories. We strive to give them hope. Often times, the best tools in our tool box are patience and understanding. Ultimately, the outcome is up to them. The rewards for us are seeing their small or profound successes that validate our purpose, that we are doing the right thing, and that our mission is alive and well!

Thanks for what you do to help support our efforts.

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## **2014-15 Calendar**

Dallas Gathering – February 7

Maryland – March 14

Memphis – March 21

DFW Golf – May 16

Oklahoma – May 26

Boys Ranch Graduation – May 30

Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo  
September 5-6

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## Condolences



**Glenn R Pace**  
Boys Ranch 53-56  
Oct 7, 2014  
Petrolia, TX



**Fred Hiller**  
Boys Ranch 47-51  
Oct 12, 2014  
Lowery City, MO



**Kyle Humphrey**  
Boys Ranch 75-81  
Oct 22, 2014  
Ft Worth, TX



**Ernest Brawner** "Sonny"  
Boys Ranch 66-69  
Nov 2, 2014  
Alva, OK



**Lanny Bostwick**  
Boys Ranch 58-61  
Nov 4, 2014  
Centerville, TX

### David M Kennedy

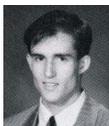
Boys Ranch  
Nov 14, 2014  
Houston, TX



**Thomas G Riehl Jr**  
Boys Ranch 84-88  
Nov 25, 2014  
Farmersville, TX



**Mark Lowery** "Aaron"  
Boys Ranch 61-66  
Dec 14, 2014  
Houston, TX



**Kenny Larkan**  
Boys Ranch 89-91  
Dec 18, 2014  
Amarillo, TX



**Mike Alaway**  
Boys Ranch 70-79  
Jan 9, 2015  
Spearman, TX



**Buddy Brennan**  
Boys Ranch 79-83  
Jan 11, 2015  
Huntington, IN



**Teddy Hodges**  
Boys Ranch 66-71  
Jan 11, 2015  
Amarillo, TX



**Donnie Johnson**  
Boys Ranch ?-68  
Jan 14, 2015  
Amarillo, TX

**Daylon Johnson**  
BR Staff  
Jan 11, 2015  
Dumas, TX

**Patti Larson**  
CSC Staff  
Winter 2014  
Amarillo, TX

## Roll Call (Alumni we've heard from or talked to)

Richard Strain (48), Clifford Minshew (49), Glendon Hill (50), Chester "Cy" Garnett (54), Marc Ziolkowski (60), Jerry Nicholson (60), James Calhoun (63), Richard Amon (64), Teddy "Butch" Johnson (64), Samuel Aams (64), Ron Dickson (65), Chuck Duffy (66), Samuel Sosa (68), Ray Heredia (70), Marlin Rogers (72), Gene Ray Coleman (73), Delbert Morris (73), John Taylor (76), Britt Hammond (77), Linda Thompson (GT/77), Mary Griffith Raleigh (79), Ronnie Williams (81), David Noble (82), Dennis Linam (82), Daniel Scroggs (83), Darrall Clemons (83), Mike Crane (83), Dean Thompson (87), Robert Brethauer (88), Kenneth Sanders (89), Beau Cream (89), Richard Michael King (89), Dustin Melton (90), Tim Sheehan (90), Enid Williams Moore (GT/91), Roger Muzquiz (91), Marci Little (GT/92), Brandon Crews (94), Kevin Lennington (95), Belinda Montemayor (GT/96), Erin Weatherspoon (96), Dana Mau Moulton (GT/01), Ambria Budlong Wolfgang (GT/98), Chuck Clendennen (99), Tia Koenig (GT/01), Jimmy Rodriguez (01), Jemie Eason (01), Kansas McCracken (02), Lashondra Sandoval Martin (02), Dallas McCracken (02), Michael Hunt (02), Lashondra Sandoval Martin (02), Daniel Jones (04), William Clendennen (02), Julie Harvey Owens (05), Axl McCracken (06), Christopher Long (07), Johnathon Denbow (08), Issac Holland (09), Trevor Knight (09), Dylan Biondo (10), Kaila Young Cupston (11), Brooke Williamson (11), Benjamin Cole (13)

## Where are they now?

### Dennis Linam (82)

Dennis lives in Chickasha Oklahoma. He has four children ranging from 9 years old to 27. His oldest, Christopher, died in 2006 during combat operations in Iraq. At age 50, he graduated from the University of Phoenix with an Associate's degree in human service management and a Bachelor's degree in communications journalism. As a combat veteran, he used his



9/11 GI Bill education. Dennis works part time for Mollman media radio as a news journalist. He currently serves on CFBRAA's Membership and Veterans committees, and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014.

Dennis was medically retired after 17 years of service on December 2011 from the United States Army for injuries received in Afghanistan and Iraq. He received the Combat Infantry Badge with one star, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation medal during his combat service.

Born in Chula Vista, CA, Dennis came to BR in October 1978 and lived in Bridwell dorm with Mr. and Mrs.

Chandler as dorm parents. He won third in state with his FFA meat cutting pre-lab under the supervision of Mr.

Finstad and Mr. Novak. He was a member of the Chapel choir, BMA, Varsity Glee, FFA secretary 1981-82, wrestling team, BR

band and Rodeo honor patrol. He managed all this while working at the butcher shop and meat processing plant. He graduated from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1982.



*"Always moving forward is my motto, motivating me through trials and tribulations to always do the best that I can do. The fact is, without Cal Farley's influence, I would not have been able to do*

*what I have done, nor be where I am today." ~Dennis Linam*

## Sympathy and Prayers

Prayers to **Chuck Clendennen** (99) and **William Clendennen** (02) on the passing of their brother, Ernest.

Condolences to **Paul Chandler** (77) on the recent passing of his wife, Mary Jo. Also, keep his parents, **Winston & Ollie Chandler** in your prayers during this sad time.

Sympathy goes out to **Tommy Whitehead** (80) on the passing of his father.

Please offer prayers of continued healing for Carla Powell.



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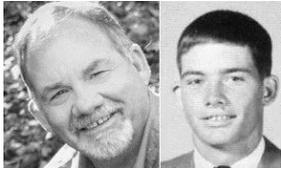
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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by David Rodgers (70)



Hello everyone. I hope each and every one had a great Holiday season and a prosperous 2014. As I was writing this I thought about Christmas at Boys Ranch. When I first came to the Ranch our dorm would go all out when it was time to build a Christmas scene in front of the dorm. We built a stagecoach with reindeer pulling it, and for snow we gathered up tumbleweeds and dipped them in whitewash paint to look like snow. That year we won first place for all of our hard work. Christmas was exciting because we were able to go home for a few weeks and see family members we didn't usually get to see and visit.

On to new news for 2015. One of the association's goals for the past few years was to design and build a Veterans Memorial at Boys Ranch. We have been raising money through the sale of Alumni tee shirts for two years, selling tiles to honor veterans and soliciting donations from alumni and others. Dean Sharp has chaired the committee to design the memorial and the wall of honor. The center piece of the memorial will honor our brothers who gave their lives defending our country and our way of life. The wall of honor will also display the tiles of former residents or employees of Cal Farley's who served in our military. These tiles will need to be purchased by each individual or a family member. They can be purchased either on our web page or through Bobby Sarpalius. I recently sat in on the Memorial committee's meeting where the final details were worked out with Mike Pacino from the ranch. The construction will start over the next few months and we will have a dedication on Veterans day in November 2015. This project is going forward and I would like to thank Dean and his committee for the work they have put into this and have gotten us this far. Thank you Mike Pacino and Dan Adams for working with us and giving in the generous manner in which you have given to us. Now it's up to our veterans who served to get the tiles purchased so they can be mounted on the wall of honor.

One other project your association has been looking into and working on is streaming our reunion and gatherings. Dennis Linam has been working on getting this set up for us. We are planning on streaming our auction live during the reunion. For those who can't make it to the reunion you can now go on line and watch the banquet and bid on the different items we will have up for bid. Dennis showed me how this works the other day and its pretty "groovy" as we said in the 60's. Thanks Dennis for your work and support of our association.

Once again, I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season, and that your new year will be blessed.

## DALLAS GATHERING

February 7<sup>th</sup> is the date. Haggard Party Barn is the Place. Second Largest Annual Gathering of Cal Farley's Alumni is the event. The Dallas Gathering will be held the same place as last year, Haggard Party Barn (5948 McKamy Trail, Plano, TX). It has been an outstanding venue for our get-together.

We will start gathering at 5:30 and start serving supper around 6 p.m. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 12, without reservations, add \$2. Bring friends and invite any alumni you know. Alumni from all over the country come to this event and you will want to enjoy the fellowship.

This year the gathering will be "Live Streamed" across the country on the web. We will have a live auction of a few unique items including "Your Birthday on the Radio." This is a gift you can give to the one you love for their birthday. Ron Hancock provided this broadcast on Rock Remembered.com and radio program. It is a live broadcast on the birthday of the one honored calling out the name, events in the life and songs of the times of the one you recognize. Other very special items are being gathered and it is going to be fun.

We will be emphasizing the Veterans Memorial which will be dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at BR. Only a few months left to get tiles for inclusion on the Veterans Wall.

Make your reservations ([cfbraa@sarp.serv.dom](mailto:cfbraa@sarp.serv.dom)) so we will have plenty of food and make your contacts. We'll All Get Together in Big D. (Actually it's Plano, but the Dallas Cowboys are in Arlington so I guess we can say "Big D")

### Bob's Bear



#### Bobby Sarpalius (67)



We start the year with a bang. It usually doesn't take long before we are "beat." The resolved as dissolved, the lost pounds have been found, the good intentions have become memories. While I am grateful for new years and new starts, I'm very grateful God broke the year up into 365 parts. It's a lot easier to make a new day's resolution and keep it. I started this year with great resolve, and was behind in everything, including writing this article, before the first week was over. But this is still going to be the most remarkable year ever for CFBRAA. It is exciting to consider the new and significant events that will happen this year for CFBRAA. We will be "Live Streaming" the Dallas Gathering and the Annual

Reunion. This means alumni from all over the country will be able to participate even if they can't make the journey. We will be dedicating the Veterans Memorial at BR. This is the most significant and meaningful undertaking that CFBRAA has done in joint effort with Cal Farley's. We have alumni who have come up with same fantastic ideas for raising funds including gun raffles, radio broadcasts, shooting range memberships. We are raising funds for one purpose...to help the family. Do you realize that your Association has provided over \$130,000 in support of families in crisis and education assistance in the last 7 years? You provided \$20,000 of support last year. You are providing real help to meet real needs. In addition, over the past five years you have given over \$25,000 to Cal Farley's. YOU DO GOOD WORK. Let's keep starting each day new and do even greater work in 2015.



**Bridgette Madrigal Martinez (GT/94) & Kari Johnson Cabrera (GT/94)**

As we head into the ambitions of 2015, we want to thank our alumni for their diligent hearts and unwavering desire to support the alumni and the Cal Farley's mission. It is such a blessing when can be faithful in the small things because that is where we find our strength and how we touch the lives of others, one person and one alumni at a time.



I hope that each of you find happiness in what you have and know that the process of getting the things you want may often times be a bit of a hardship but it is in the celebration of small successes that pushes us forward. It is where your character is built and a legacy of your success is witnessed by your children and family to develop their character. I frequently hear stories of our alumni and how their time within the program has come to shape who they are and their lives. Most are positive and some less than but it is in the perspectives we carry that make it all worth it

for every staff, every alumni and our generations to come. This is the perfect year to make a five year plan on what you want to pursue and have been holding back on but do it with yearly objectives to stay on task. Use the alumni as support and to share in celebration along the way. WE LOVE to hear from you. If you find a spirit to serve a program "of any kind", nurture that spirit to its fulfillment. As always, the Alumni and Cal Farley's has room for your talents or even the smallest financial contribution if you have something that is close to your heart. The act of giving or doing for others is an amazing feeling. From our homes to yours, we encourage to you to always know your own value and now that when times are tough you will find blessings through the love of others and we are truly your family waiting to be there to show our support. Please stay connected by newsletters, in social media or even with a phone call to let us know how you are. Find an alumni gathering in 2015 and share your story and time. May you build meaningful relationships and make every day in 2015 count.

Be Blessed - Bridgette Martinez

## Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Angela Fulkerson Lopez (GT/96)** on earning her Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing. A birdie tells me she is going to go on and get her Masters. Way to go Angie!



Congratulations to **Sophia Prosser Martin (GT/91)** and **David Martin (94)** on the birth of their daughter, RozaLynda, born on Nov 10, 2014. She weighed in at 6 lbs 12 oz and was 18 inches long.

### Support CFBRAA with every Amazon Purchase it.

When you make your purchases from Amazon, log in to smile.amazon.com instead of Amazon. It is the very same except that Amazon will donate .5% of all your purchases to the charity you choose. Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association is an option. Select CFBRAA as the charity of your choice. That's No additional cost, just the opportunity to help CFBRAA with your regular Amazon Purchases. Contact the Association Office ([cfbraa@sarpserv.com](mailto:cfbraa@sarpserv.com)) if you have any questions.

### Distinguished Alumni & Distinguished Staff

Nominations for Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Staff for 2015 need to be submitted to the Director's office by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Nomination forms and policies are available on the web site. Get your nominations in now.

### Veterans Memorial

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is the dedication day for the Veterans Memorial at BR. The site of the memorial has been appropriately moved to the Boys Ranch Cemetery. A rendition of the monument and the Veterans Wall will be unveiled at the Dallas Gathering. All former residents of Cal Farley's who have served in the armed services are invited to have a tile placed on the Veterans Wall. Forms for purchasing a tile (for yourself or someone else) are available on the web site.

### CFBRAA Scholarship Recipient

Hello, my name is Dustin Jordan. I am the grandson of Earl Jordan, an ex-Rancher of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. I am a freshman at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. I am currently majoring in Occupational Therapy for Family Sciences. With this degree I am planning to work in hospitals and helping families that may have children with an illness or disorder. The Boys Ranch Alumni Association has enabled me to attend school and achieve my goals for the future, and without their scholarship I would have had no option but to take out school loans that I could not afford to pay back. Thanks to the Boys Ranch Alumni Association I may help families in the future and have a steady career to provide for my future family.



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