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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Top 3 teams holding as Best Ranger heads toward finish line

FORT BENNING, Georgia – Still leading the field of 24 teams vying for the title of Best Ranger as the 32nd annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition begins its final day of events today are Soldiers from the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade.

Team 38 – Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Lemma and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Briggs – is 18 points ahead of the second-place Team 10 – Capt. Robert Killian and Capt. Travis Cornwall of the Army National Guard – as all teams begin the Darby Queen obstacle course.

Last night's orienteering course has Team 27, Staff Sgt. Philip Jewah and Sgt. Thomas Malphrus of the 75th Ranger Regiment, about 120 points behind the leaders and in third place.

Once teams complete the Darby Queen – a course of 26 obstacles spread over slightly less than 2 miles of uneven terrain – they will pack their gear water-tight and board a Blackhawk helicopter for a one-way trip to Victory Pond. There they will perform a Helocast, swim to shore and prepare for the Water Confidence Test, which includes a log-walk-rope-drop and a suspension traverse.

The competition wraps up today with a buddy run back to Camp Rogers, the ARTB headquarters on post. Events are open to the public. The formal awards ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 13 in Marshall Auditorium at McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

Photos of the competition can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/2015BestRanger>. A schedule of events is available at www.benning.army.mil under the announcements section.

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