



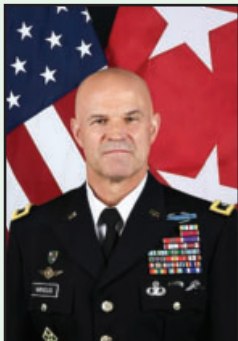
THE IVY LEAVES

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New Army Vice Chief of Staff

Gen. James J. Mingus has been sworn in as the 39th vice chief of staff of the Army. Mingus also received his fourth star during the swearing-in ceremony led by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy A. George.



Gen. James J. Mingus

Gen. Mingus most recently served as the director of the Joint Staff from 2022 to 2024 and is a former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division and he commanded the 4th Infantry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team, leading it on a deployment to Afghanistan.

During that deployment, former Capt. Florent Groberg, who led Mingus' personal security detachment, earned the Medal of Honor for stopping a suicide bomber from attacking Mingus and other senior leaders who were attending a meeting with Afghan leaders. In September 2015, Mingus returned to Fort Carson and the 4th Infantry Division to serve as the division's deputy commanding general (maneuver).

He has commanded every echelon from company to division, and worked in key staff positions in Army, special operations, and joint units.

Gen. Mingus has deployed 12 times to Iraq and Afghanistan, and since January 5, 2024, serves as the Army's No. 2 general officer and is the principal deputy to Gen. George.

4th Infantry Division HQ Building Renaming

Maj. Gen. David S. Doyle, commanding general of 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Division Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Kupratty, command sergeant major of 4th Infantry Division, and 4ID alumni unveiled the new name for the 4th Infantry Division headquarters building during a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colorado, on December 8, 2023. The 4th Infantry Division will honor 1st Sgt. David H. McNerney with the new name for the headquarters building. A formal ceremony is being planned during Ivy Week 2024 in June.

4th Infantry Division Command Sgt.



The 4th Infantry Division celebrated its 106th Birthday with events in December, 2023 culminating with the announced renaming of the 4th Infantry Division HQ building to McNerney Hall in honor of Medal of Honor recipient 1st Sgt. David H. McNerney. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Scyrrus Corregidor)

Maj. Alex Kupratty addressed the gathering of the 4th Infantry Division's sen-

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D-Day 80th Anniversary

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II, which ultimately led to the liberation of Europe, will be celebrated June 6, 2024. Special celebrations with World leaders are being planned throughout Europe and in the United States to mark the 80th anniversary of the invasion.

Nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944. Of those, 73,000 were from the United States, 83,000 from Britain and Canada. Forces from several other countries were also involved, including French troops fighting with Gen. Charles de Gaulle against the

Chosen as the spearhead amphibious division of the D-Day landing on the Normandy coast of France, the men of the 4th Infantry Division stormed ashore...on a stretch of the French coast named - for this operation and forever after - Utah Beach.

Nazi occupation. They faced around 50,000 German forces. In all, more than 2 million Allied soldiers, sailors, pilots, medics, and other people from a dozen countries were involved in the overall Operation Overlord.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Glen 'Rusty' Armstrong

Meet your new Assistant Ivy Leaves Editor – John Harris



We are pleased to announce that John Harris has 'stepped up' to take on the role of Assistant Ivy Leaves Editor and in the future take on the top spot when he is ready. Last year we formed an Editorial Board group to help with the Editors workload and this will continue as we transition the position.

John has been serving as National Service Officer for several years and is a member of the Mid-West and Redlegs Chapters. He served in Vietnam with HHB/5-16 FA in 1969-1970. John and his wife Carol reside in Washington, Missouri. He can be contacted at johnharris@gmail.com / 636-390-3863.

Help the Association Grow

Sign up a New Member! Give a Membership !

'Ivy Leaves' Deadline

Deadline for submission of copy for the next (Fall/Winter 2024) edition of *The Ivy Leaves* is October 15, 2024.



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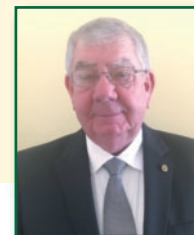
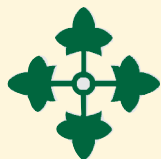
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It has been busy but a rewarding time through the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Working with the new website we launched in late September, publishing the Ivy Leaves' magazines, as well as the 2024 Annual Calendar fund raiser which was mailed in October. Publishing the monthly E-Ivy's which has become an important part of getting news out to members. We have had several chapter changes with mergers, and we are in discussions with others who are considering changes. In December, I attended the 4th Division's 106th birthday events at Fort Carson, and then finishing the details for the 2024 National Reunion with Armed Forces Reunions and publishing them on the website. We made an important financial investment move with our 'Green in the Ivy money', establishing a Working Capital Management Account with a high fixed rate return. Thanks to our key team members of Don Kelby, Bob Babcock, Jim McCarthy, Ron Rogers, and Rusty Armstrong to name a few who have worked tirelessly during this time on your behalf.

Since the new website launched, fifty-five members have renewed or joined via the new site. Only a very few members have made use of the site so far though, as most of our members are still renewing by mail directly with the Executive Director. The biggest single issue has been password reset problems. I encourage you to take full advantage of the website as we move to two printed *Ivy Leaves* magazines per year.

The 2024 National Reunion in San Antonio is shaping up to be another memorable reunion. We have a fun week of events and shared camaraderie in store for you. Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) will handle collecting registrations, planning, running the tours, and the registration desk as in the past. They will coordinate all other activities except the ladies' function, raffles and the hospitality room duties which will be handled this year by the Redlegs Chapter.

Reunion tours offered include a City Tour of San Antonio on Tuesday, a Tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War located in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, and Tours of the Buckhorn and Texas

We have several members who are dealing with illnesses and other health issues. If you know someone who has a health problem, please let them know you are thinking about them, it makes a real difference.

Ranger Museums, The Alamo, and El Mercado on Thursday. Thursday evening we will have the R&R dinner and dance with three entrée buffet, DJ music, and a cash bar.

On Friday we will hold our Business Meetings, the hospitality Raffle drawings, and the Ladies Luncheon. On Friday evening we will have our Flames of Remembrance Banquet and keynote address. There will be a reception with a Cash Bar starting at 5 PM. The Banquet will also feature the 2024 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award presentation, the Legacy Educational Scholarship winners will be announced, and the annual Quilt Raffle drawing. This year's beautiful quilt is made by Donna Goulait of the Carolinas Chapter to raise funds for the "Green in the Ivy Fund".

The Cut-Off date for National Reunion Pre-Registrations with AFR is August 19th, and the Cut-Off to make Hotel Room Reservations at the Marriott NW San Antonio is August 23rd. Committee Chairmen and Chapter Officers who want to preschedule your meeting times in the Fannin/Crockett room, should contact me, the earlier the better.

Don Kelby and the E-Board will be holding a meeting with representatives from each Chapter at the National reunion on Friday following the second business meeting. Each Chapter is requested to have at least one member attend the meeting. Chapter Questionnaires will be sent to chapters for information prior to the meeting. Contact Don if you have any questions.

If you have an interest in any Elected Officer or Appointed Positions, contact the Nominations Committee Chairman, Jerry Bumpus.

Nominations for the 2024 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award are due to the

Executive Director by April 15. A list of requirements and past recipients can be found on the website and in this Ivy Leaves.

The deadline to submit 2024 Legacy Educational Scholarship Applications and Patriotic Essays to the secretary of the Scholarship Committee, Philip Menendez, is June 15. The theme for the 2024 Essay is: "What does patriotism mean to me?" Applications are available online and in this Ivy Leaves.

The two 4th Infantry Division Memorials at Fort Cavazos, TX (formerly Ft Hood); The Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and the Medal of Honor wall memorials need repairs, cleanup, and plaque maintenance. While at the Division's 106th Birthday week events, we were able to meet with the Division's Chief of Staff and other key staff members to discuss the conditions of the memorials and coordinate with the two installations to accomplish the work. We will be tracking this work over the next few months.

This June 6th will mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion 1944. Most of our WWII Veterans are no longer with us or do not travel anymore to our meetings. Like most of us Vietnam Veterans, I have wonderful memories of the friendships I was able to share with our WWII Veterans at our Chapter and National gatherings. They are surely missed, and we will celebrate this milestone for them in Steadfast and Loyal fashion.

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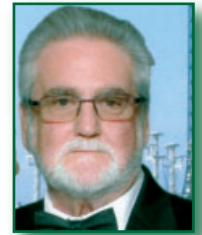
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don Kelby



Fellow Ivy Men and Women,

We are at the beginning of a new year with the opportunity to make the start of our future a memorable one.

Ahead are some important Holidays. I urge all members to make your Association/Division known by participating in ceremonies for Memorial Day. Try to attend ceremonies, parades, and any other scheduled observances that you can. Display your Divisions colors proudly. Talk to the Younger folks. Thank the older Veterans and your fellow 4th Divisions Veterans and their families.

As I have said many times before, this is YOUR Association and it is up to us to ensure we remain Steadfast and Loyal not only to ourselves, but to your families, our Veterans, and our country in general.

Our National reunion in San Antonio Texas is September 16-21, 2024. The host hotel is the Marriott San Antonio NW. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone. Please try to attend. You never know who you might run into. The tours discussed are going to be great. See the information in this Ivy Leaves. This year, right after the second business meeting, I would like to have a meeting with the officers of our chapters or their representatives.

At the Banquet each year, we present the Ralph Lingert award. If you know of a member that you feel is deserving of this award, send your nomination and a brief writeup to me either via email or snail mail before April 15. The requirements are spelled out elsewhere in this issue.

Our Association is old, and we must look to the future. Our new website will bring us into the current times. Please give it a chance. Go to www.4thinfantry.org and set up your account. From now on, you must renew via the website to keep access to the Members only sections of the website.

Please renew your membership when it comes due, I hate to drop anyone for non-payment of dues.

If you receive word that a member had passed away, please notify me so I can recognize them and set my records straight. I have just finished another push to make sure my records are up to date with our WWII members, and I am anxiously awaiting their

Unless you are a Life Member, your membership has an expiration date. Contact me if you need help finding your expiration date and keep me advised if your contact information has changed.

responses to the letters I sent.

The Northwest Chapter has merged with the Western States chapter. Our thanks to the Officers both past and present for the job they have done in keeping that chapter going. I also thank the Officers of the Western States chapter for accepting this merger with open arms. This merger makes sense since we as an Association are continuing to decrease in membership. The regional chapters are a step in the right direction for our Associations wellbeing in the future.

As I have said before, we are at an age where you never know when your time will come.

As we are reaching that inevitable time, I encourage everyone to reserve their spot in our national Cemetery if that is where you wish to be buried. The cemeteries are filling up and they predict that in the future, some will be unable to accept more residents. I was granted my reservation on May 8, 2017. It is free so, do it while you can and save your loved ones the hassle of making those final plans themselves. It is one thing less they will have to worry about. Go to www.cem.va.gov.

However, no matter what happens in the future, as Ivymen and Ivy women, we will always remain STEADFAST AND LOYAL. Be steadfast in knowing we have been through tough times before and we will sup-

port and defend our fellow soldiers, past, present, and future.

As I have said many times before, your Executive board is made up strictly of Volunteers. If you have suggestions or problems, please feel free to contact us. Also, if you think you would like to volunteer for any of these positions, feel free to do so, we are always looking for replacements. Whether you are a male or female member, you will be welcomed with open arms.

I am in my 17th year as Executive Director and once again, I want to thank everyone for their continued support not only of me, but also of your Chapter Officers as well as the National Officers. It is through our love of the 4th Infantry Division that we do these jobs. If I can be of any help, please feel free to email me at 4thidaed@swbell.net. If you call and I don't answer, leave a message or I will not call you back.

I know it sounds cliché, but we are all in this together. We have been through tough times before and we can get through this together also. WE WILL NOT BE DEFEATED.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. Please do not send jokes or other non- association related links.

Humbly submitted, Don Kelby, Executive Director

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Glen "Rusty" A. Armstrong



Our association over two-plus years of challenges by the COVID 'pandemic' and now we are seeing more incidence to threaten our health. Our board leadership has done an excellent job to secure our annual reunion with Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) since 2021. Make sure to Save the Date for the 106th National Reunion September 16-21, 2024, at the Marriott San Antonio NW, San Antonio, Texas. I was again challenged in my efforts to advertise our reunion. We all should be aware that our younger War on Terror Veterans are hesitant to join nor participate in Veteran service organizations. There is no similar organization to Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). I have contacted Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America IAVA (<https://iava.org>) without much result.

This association has a new candidate for editor for The Ivy Leaves magazine. John Harris has 'stepped up' to become the Assistant Editor for this coming issue and later assume the duties as editor. John will need your assistance in providing content articles for our magazine. Please remember to provide him with "who, what, where and how" along with photos and captions from the 2024 reunion by October 15, 2024. I am willing to mentor and assist as VP of Communications.

The following mission goals are still necessary.

- Continue the Association's image and reputation.
- Improve 'Association Awareness' on social media platforms.
- Facebook is one area that shows continued growth and outreach by the

"Gass Duo reaching more contacts than our printed newsletter.

- Webmaster Rick Adams continues to exceed all expectations for our website with many enhancements submitted for review at our last annual reunion.

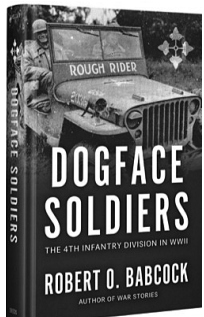
The decision to modify the *Ivy Leaves* magazine to two issues for the 2024 calendar year will have an impact on report submission deadlines. Our reunion will be this September with the need to submit business meeting minutes and other significant association news for the Fall/Winter issue which is due October 15, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Glen "Rusty" A. Armstrong

FROM THE HISTORIAN

New Book Announcement

Dogface Soldiers – The History of the 4th Infantry Division in WWII



From the first National 4th Infantry Division Association (4IDA) annual reunion I attended in 1991 until the early 2000s, I sat and listened to our WWII veterans for hours on end as they told their war stories from their fight across Europe in 1944-1945. When I became president of 4IDA in 1998 and appointed myself as historian (which I still am today), I challenged our dwindling number of WWII veterans to write down their war stories and send to me to put into a book.

In 2001, I published my first book of War Stories. In it are 325 stories from WWII vets, 50 from Cold War vets, and

100 from Vietnam vets. Today, most of our WWII veterans are no longer with us, but their stories live on.

As we approached the 75th anniversary of D-Day in 2019, I started digging through the 4ID WWII Daily After Action Reports that a WWII vet had copied many years ago from the National Archives. Every week that year from D-Day (6 June) to VE Day (May 8), I sent out a Facebook post covering the 4ID history from that week, along with war stories I had collected.

As we come up on the 80th anniversary of the 4ID's fight across Europe, it will likely be the last one with more than a few WWII vets still alive. Most Americans today know very little about what their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents did to save the world from the grasp of Adolph Hitler's attempt to dominate the world.

Thus, I have focused much of the past few years taking the history I have secured from many sources and putting

it together into a single, all-inclusive (over 500 pages) 4ID World War II book entitled *Dogface Soldiers: The History of the 4th Infantry Division in World War II*. Told from the daily after action reports, excerpts from books written by 4ID Soldiers and historians, personal stories written by 4ID veterans, pictures, and other sources, make this the all-inclusive history of the 4th Infantry Division in World War II – from June 1940 to March 1946.

Pre-sales of the book began on the www.deedspublishing.com bookstore on 15 February, with books to be available before 31 March 2024. Proceeds from the book will go into my work to publish several additional books of 4ID history and war stories from Vietnam through today's War on Terror. Steadfast & Loyal, Bob

P.S. Our current generation War Stories book will be out in time for this year's reunion.



Bob Babcock



The Ralph E Lingert Service Award Nominations

All nominations must be submitted to the Executive Director by April 15th.

The Ralph E. Lingert Service Award represents the highest award that can be given by the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association. It is a lifetime achievement award named in honor of Past National President and Financial Secretary Ralph E. Lingert. It shall be presented annually to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association member who is deemed to have shown the type of devotion to duty and Steadfast and Loyal dedication to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association that was found to be synonymous with the name Ralph E. Lingert. The recipients will be announced, and the award presented at the National Reunion banquet each year.

Nominations

1. Any member of the Association in good standing may nominate a candidate.
2. Any Chapter (with the concurrence of the Chapter President) may nominate a candidate.
3. Nominations must be in writing outlining the candidate's outstanding accomplishments as to the development, perpetuation, and service to his/her Chapter and/or the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association.
4. Each member and/or Chapter may only make one nomination per year.
5. Nominations must be mailed or E-mailed to the Executive Director, for review and selection by the Executive Board. All nominations must be **received by April 15th each year.**

Selections

The Executive Director will submit all valid nominations to the Executive Board for review. The Executive Board will select the recipient from the valid nominations received. Any member of the Executive Board whose name is placed in nomination shall exclude himself/herself from the entire selection process. Selection of the recipient must be made by June 1st each year, or a minimum of 30 days prior to the National Reunion (whichever is sooner).

Ralph E. Lingert Service Award Recipients

- 1997 Earl H. Kohlberger** – Achievements in membership recruitment over many years
1998 James D. Roan – Service to the Association
1999 Francis X. Bradley – Past National President, longtime IVY LEAVES editor and Chapter officer
2000 Rev. George W. Knapp – Association Chaplain for many years
2000 Richard A. Sover – Past National President, long time Illinois Chapter Treasurer
2001 Paul E. Brunelle – Past National President, long time National Archivist
2001 Gerhard O. Gramp – Past National President, Arlington Monument Fund Treasurer
2002 Elmer J. Klaus – Past National President, Chapter Treasurer and National Reunion Chairman
2002 Leo S. Jereb – Past National President, Association Goodwill Ambassador for many years

- 2003 Roger S. Barton** – Past Executive Director, Financial Secretary and IVY LEAVES editor
2003 Joseph E. Motil – Past National President and Lehigh Valley Chapter Treasurer
2004 Robert O. Babcock – Past National President, Historian and liaison to the 4ID
2005 Wayne A. Brown – National Treasurer for many years and member of many National Committees
2006 Tallie J. Crocker – National Scholarship Fund Secretary, Charter member the Carolinas Chapter
2007 Gerry W. Howard – Past National President, chairman of the Monument Committee
2008 Gregory A. Rollinger – Past Ivy Leaves Editor and Executive Director
2009 Raymond H. Dunkel – Past National President. Treasurer of the Ohio Chapter
2010 David H. McNerney – Honorary National President and a true American hero
2011 Richard J. Adams – Past National President and many National and Chapter offices
2012 Roger R. Dufek – Past National President and many National and Chapter offices
2013 Raymond A. Harton – Founding member of the Spotswood DeWitt chapter
2013 D. Bruce Gass – Past National President and many National and Chapter offices
2014 Donald E. Kelby – Executive Director and held many National and Chapter offices
2015 Alexander J. Cooker – Past National President and secretary of the Scholarship committee
2015 Michael P. May – Judge Advocate / Parliamentarian and Chapter officer
2016 Herbert Shore – National Vice President – WWII / Cold War Era
2016 Glen A. 'Rusty' Armstrong – Ivy Leaves Editor; National Vice President – Communication
2017 Richard W. Bolin – National Sergeant-at-Arms, Chapter officer
2018 Philip M. Menendez – Past National President, Chapter Officer and Scholarship Secretary
2019 Bert C. Nicholson – Chairman of the Memorial Committee and past Illinois Chapter Treasurer
2019 Albert 'Swede' Ekstrom – Serves as National Reunion DJ and active as a member recruiter
2020 Jerry N. Bumpus – Two-term National President with steady leadership of the Association
2020 Richard J. Adams – Second award, VP Planning, Past National President, Past National Treasurer
2021 Stephen N. Edmunds – Longtime Leader of the Ivy Dragoons chapter and Missions to Vietnam
2022 Donald E. Kelby – Second award, Executive Director and held many National and Chapter offices
2023 Charles 'Skip' Cole – Longtime Leader of the Ohio chapter and Community Volunteer

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ior leaders and 4ID alumni at Division headquarters by reading the Medal of Honor citation of 1st Sgt. David H. McNerney, stating this kind of

'Steadfast and Loyal' dedication to duty is in keeping with the highest ideals of the Ivy Division.

Our own Mike May has received two honors of special note!

October 26, 2023



Michael P. May, Esq. is the Honored Recipient of the 2023 Brigadier General Philip Sherman Award presented during the Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association's Veterans Affairs and Military Law Section.

Citation: On December 29, 1980; Michael Patrick May became a member of the Maryland State Bar. As a trial Attorney and Counselor at Law, Mike May has dedicated his time to preserving the legal rights and due process of Maryland's citizens. In this capacity, he has maintained a general law practice since February 1997. It has been stated that "Mr. May is an exceptional attorney. His ethics and honesty are above reproach. His knowledge of Maryland statutes and laws are rather amazing."

Of note, and representative of his passion for advocacy on behalf of veterans and service members, Mr. May military service included serving in the U.S. Army, as a Military Police Officer, Fourth Infantry Division, Vietnam, from August 1967 to September 1968 to include the awarding of the Army Commendation Medal. Continuing his dedication to public service, Mr. May served as Detective Police Sergeant from June 1970 until his disability retirement in the line of duty in August 1977. Ultimately, Mr. May obtained the rank of Colonel during his service as a member of the Maryland Defense Force from 2007 to 2015.

Congratulations to Michael P. May on being elected Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2024 Baltimore St. Patrick Parade! SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024



Maj. Gen. David S. Doyle, commanding general of 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Division Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Kupratty, command sergeant major of 4th Infantry Division, and 4ID alumni unveiled the new name for the 4th Infantry Division headquarters building during a ceremony at Fort Carson, Colorado, on December 8, 2023.

CITATION

"1st Sgt. McNerney distinguished himself when his unit was attacked by a North Vietnamese battalion near Polei Doc. Running through the hail of enemy fire to the area of heaviest contact; he was assisting in the development of a defensive perimeter when he encountered several enemy at close range. He killed the enemy but was painfully injured when blown from his feet by a grenade. In spite of this injury, he assaulted and destroyed an enemy machine-gun position that had pinned down five of his comrades beyond the defensive line. Upon learning his commander and artillery forward observer had been killed, he assumed command of the company. He adjusted artillery fire to within 20 meters of the position in a daring measure to repulse enemy assaults. When the smoke grenades used to mark the position were gone, he moved into a nearby clearing to designate the location to friendly aircraft. In spite of enemy fire, he remained exposed until he was certain the position was spotted and then climbed into a tree and tied the identification panel to its highest branches. Then he moved among his men readjusting their position, encouraging the defenders, and checking the wounded. As the hostile assaults slackened, he began clearing a helicopter landing site to evacuate the wounded. When explosives were needed to

remove large trees, he crawled outside the relative safety of his perimeter to collect demolition material from abandoned rucksacks. Moving through a fusillade of fire he returned with the explosives that were vital to the clearing of the landing zone. Disregarding the pain of his injury and refusing medical evacuation, 1st Sgt. McNerney remained with his unit until the next day when the new commander arrived. 1st Sgt. McNerney's outstanding heroism and leadership were inspirational to his comrades. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country."

Submitted photos for publication

Whenever possible, please identify the subjects in photos you submit. We realize that it is not always possible, especially in group photos. But, when you can, identify them, use designations such as (R-L), (L-R), (Standing, L-R), (Seated, L-R), etc. And, please write subjects' names as legibly as possible. We can usually figure out who the 4IDA members are, but we cannot guess at non-members' identities.



The Utah Beach Landing Museum located at Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, France. “In the footsteps of the heroes of Utah Beach”

Chosen as the spearhead amphibious division of the D-Day landing on the Normandy coast of France, the men of the 4th Infantry Division stormed ashore at H-Hour (0630 hours) on a stretch of the French coast named - for this operation and forever after - Utah Beach. It was for his actions that day that Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Assistant Division Commander, earned the first Medal of Honor of the division.

After their successful D-day landing, the men of the Ivy division fought through the hedgerows of the Cotentin Peninsula en route to taking the critically important

port of Cherbourg on June 25, 1944. The division was in continuous action during the period of June 6 to June 28 when the last resistance around Cherbourg was eliminated. During this period, the 4th Infantry Division sustained over 5,450 casualties and had over 800 men killed.

With hardly a pause to catch their breath, the Ivymen continued to attack through the hedgerow country and, along with the 2nd Armored Division, spearheaded the breakthrough at St. Lo on July 25, 1944. Exploiting the break in the German lines, the division continued the attack across France. On August 25, 1944

With the Hurtgen Forest behind them, the division moved into a defensive position in Luxembourg and was soon engaged in the Battle of the Bulge.

they, along with the French 2nd Armored Division, were the troops who earned the distinction of liberating Paris from four years of Nazi rule. Passing through the wildly applauding Parisians, the Ivymen left the victory parade to outfits following in their wake and continued to pursue the Germans.

On September 11, 1944, a patrol from the 4th Infantry Division became the first Allied ground force to enter Germany. Fighting in the Siegfried Line followed. Mid November found the division in the bloodiest battle of its history. The most grueling battle in Europe was fought in the Hurtgen Forest. Fighting in the cold rain and snow and in a forest of pine and fir trees 150 feet in height, the Ivymen slugged it out yard-by-yard and day-by-day against determined German artillery and infantry resistance. By early December, the division had fought through what had become a twisted mass of shrapnel-torn stumps and broken trees and had accomplished its mission. Casualties in the Hurtgen often exceeded 150 percent of the original strength of a rifle company.

With the Hurtgen Forest behind them, the division moved into a defensive position in Luxembourg and was soon engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. General George S. Patton wrote to Major General Raymond Barton of the 4th Infantry Division: “Your fight in the Hurtgen Forest was an epic of stark infantry combat; but, in my opinion, your most recent fight – from the 16th to the 26th of December – when, with a depleted and tired division, you halted the left shoulder of the German thrust into the American lines and saved the City of Luxembourg, and the tremendous supply establishments and road nets in that vicinity, is the most outstanding accomplish-



First Command Post of 4th Infantry Division on Utah Beach, France, D-Day, June 6, 1944. Pictured: Major General Raymond O. Barton (Center), Brigadier General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., (Left) in soft cap.

ment of yourself and your division.”

As the German push was halted in the Bulge, the Ivy Division resumed the attack and continued the pursuit through the Siegfried Line - the same location it had crossed in September - and fought across Germany as the war ground on in the first four months of 1945. When the war ended on May 8, 1945, the 4th Infantry Division had participated in all the campaigns from the Normandy Beach through Germany. Five more battle

streamers were added to the 4th Infantry Division colors and personnel of the Division during this period wear the five campaign stars of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. The division suffered almost 22,000 battle casualties and over 34,000 total casualties, including over 5,000 who were killed or died of injuries, during their eleven months of fighting across Europe. For 199 straight days, the 4th Infantry Division was in constant contact with the Germans.



4ID troops passing through Paris on liberation day, 25 August 1944



On 16 November 1944, the 4th Infantry Division attacked into the Hurtgen Forest participating in Operation Queen, a combined offensive by the First and Ninth U.S. Armies to seize the Rhine River crossings into Germany.

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BENEFITS

VA to ease benefits rules for vets exposed to Agent Orange in the US

Thousands of veterans exposed to Agent Orange while serving in the United States will for the first time be eligible for fast-track disability benefits under plans unveiled by the Department of Veterans Affairs on Friday.

The move represents another major expansion of toxic exposure benefits for veterans, this time for individuals suffering from illnesses dating back to the Vietnam War era. The changes follow mandates included in the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act — better known as the PACT Act — passed by Congress in August 2022.

Over the last two years, a combination of administration moves and new legislation opened access to disability benefits for millions of veterans who incurred injuries from burn pit smoke, radiation contamination and other military toxic exposure events.

Get a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

A Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) is a photo ID card you'll use to check in at your VA health care appointments. Learn how to get a VHIC in person or online—and how to replace a lost or stolen card.

How do I get my VHIC?

First, you'll need to be enrolled in VA health care. If you're not already enrolled, you can apply now. <https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/>

After you receive your VA health care welcome call, you can apply for a VHIC in person at a VA medical center or online. Note: Only request your card once, either in person or online. If you request your card more than once, it will cause a delay.

**National 4th Infantry (Ivy)
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www.4thinfantry.org



2024 Educational Scholarships

Two types of Educational Scholarships are available from the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Scholarship Trust: the E.R. Smith Memorial Scholarship and the Legacy Educational Scholarships (previously named Annual Educational Scholarships). By applying for Educational Scholarships, you agree to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Trust. The number of scholarships and the dollar amount awarded each year will be determined by the committee based on the Scholarship Trust Fund balance. Applications for both types of Educational Scholarship may also be downloaded from the 4IDA Website.

E. R. Smith Memorial Scholarship - shall be awarded to the child, children, stepchildren or legally adopted child or

children of those soldiers of the Fourth Infantry Division who died while serving with the Fourth Infantry Division in Iraq, Afghanistan and/or the War against Terror since September 11, 2001. Membership in this Association is not a condition precedent for application for a Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility to receive a Memorial Scholarship ends at age twenty-five (25). Requests for Memorial Scholarships may be submitted at any time annually using the E. R. Smith Memorial Scholarship Application request form and attach documents that confirm your eligibility. The E.R. Smith Memorial Scholarship Application may be downloaded from the 4IDA Website's Scholarship page.

Legacy Educational Scholarships – Legacy Educational Scholarships shall be awarded based on Patriotic themed essays submitted by the applicants. The Scholarship Committee will use a blind judging process to select the top essays from all entries. Applications for Legacy Educational Scholarships must be emailed prior to the June 15th deadline each year using the current years' application form and attaching your Patriotic themed essay in 250-to-500-words in Microsoft Word format to the Scholarship Committee Secretary, Philip Menendez at pmenendez6@comcast.net. The current year's Legacy Educational Scholarship Applications may be downloaded from the 4IDA website Scholarship page or may be found in The Ivy Leaves.

The Patriotic theme for the 2024 Essay is: "What does patriotism mean to me?"

Legacy Educational Scholarships - a) A regular member of this Association in good standing may apply for a scholarship for his or her child, children or stepchildren, legally adopted child, or children and/or grandchild, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren. b.) To be eligible to receive a Legacy Educational Scholarship, applicants must be a high school graduate and enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student to an accredited college, university, or postsecondary vocational/technical schools within the United States. c.) Regular members submitting winning applications must provide written proof, from the applicable institution, of the student's acceptance or current enrollment to the Scholarship Committee secretary by December 15th of the year the scholarship was awarded. Failure to submit such written proof in timely fashion shall result in withdrawal of the scholarship. All Applications for Legacy Educational Scholarships must follow the Scholarship Committee's guidelines. Incomplete Legacy Educational Scholarship Applications will not be considered.

Memorial Fund Donors

The Memorial Committee represents the Association on all matters pertaining to the care and maintenance of the Association's monuments in Europe. During the period of January through March 2023, the Memorial Committee received the following donations to the Memorial Fund. The Committee would like to thank all the donors for their continued support.

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Or you can use the following Link to make Donations by credit card on the Association's Website:
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2024 Legacy Educational Scholarship Application

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The 2024 Patriotic theme essay topic is: **"What does patriotism mean to me?"**

Scholarship Awards of up to \$1,000 will be offered in 2024 to winning essays. Submit your 250-to-500-word essay in Microsoft Word format in an email attachment to the Scholarship Committee Secretary along with your completed application.

In the email subject line put: **2024 Legacy Educational Scholarship Application**

In the body of your email: **Tell us about yourself, interests, sports, hobbies, and future goals**

Attach this Application and your Essay in separate attachments to the email. You will receive a confirmation from the Secretary that your information has been received.

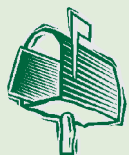
By submitting this Application, you certify that you are the sole author of the attached essay.

Signature of Applicant

Date

One entry per student - Must be received by June 15
Email completed Application form and Essay to: pmenendez6@comcast.net
Philip Menendez, Scholarship Committee Secretary

In the event you are selected to receive a Legacy Educational Scholarship award, we require a recent photo be sent to the Scholarship Committee Secretary for publishing with your Bio in our newsletter.



MAIL BAG

Attached is a 1944 Christmas Card and note from Leslie Weisner. Her Dad survived the Battle of the Bulge, and she has been a loyal and constant supporter of our Association. Isn't that the way it always goes! Sent back for a rest and then ordered right back in again! Rusty

With Gratitude For All Our Fourth Division Veterans



Just a quick note for Christmas as we approach the eightieth anniversary of WWII. My father, Hank Strecker was at Junglinster and was given a 48 hours pass to Paris – a memorable time – where he bought this card to send home. Afterword they spent one night in Rheims and were trucked back to Junglinster. Hank was eager to tell his buddies about the trip to the City of Light and enjoy a quiet rest, but inside the house, where they had been quartered, everyone was frantically running around packing up and the fireplace was already out. His only question was a startled, “What the heck is going on?” Someone answered, “The Germans are coming that’s what.” The war would not be over by Christmas. It was the start of the Battle of the Bulge.

Thanks for the Parade

“Rusty”: Just a note to express my appreciation for the 2024 calendar. I was pleasantly surprised when viewing the month of February to view a parade picture which I participated in. I was a Sergeant in the H & S Company of the 4th Infantry Division stationed at Hanau, Germany in the Hess, and Homberg Kaserne. As noted, one of our assigned missions was to keep Russia from invading West Germany. The noted picture was a pass and review following a joint military exercise of some seven allied nations to ensure readiness to defend West Germany in the event of a Russian invasion. The joint exercise was called “Cordon Blue”. Our Engineering Company Guide Arm [E] was out front. I was located in the first row of NCO’s saluting as we passed the Reviewing Stand. Our Company CO was First Lt. Smith and our First SGT. was Sgt. Hobby, both WWII veterans.

Conley Ballinger clballinger1@aol.com

Message from the Red Warriors Vietnam Association

Happy New Year to you and your family! I visited our website < <https://redwarriors.us/> > today and reread its mission statement. The purpose of the website is “to preserve the five-year history of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division” during the Vietnam era. Over the years, many people have offered compliments for its treasure trove of historical data and content. I do not have statistics to share regarding the many Red Warriors, family members, and civilians who have been able to preserve our history and reconnect with fellow Red Warriors. The website has served as an invaluable tool to connect us over the years.

Our Red Warriors Vietnam Association, however, has a more personal mission. Its primary mission is to facilitate keeping alive in our civilian lives the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that we formed on the battlefield. We have had wonderful opportunities to renew those bonds over the years in Fort Carson, Bismarck, St. Louis, San Antonio, Washington DC, San Diego, and Milwaukee. The history that binds us has not changed and the friendships that we have formed have grown into deep personal relationships that will last till the last man standing.

In the next few days, I will send you more details about the 4th Infantry Division Association reunion in September of 2024 in San Antonio. It is our best opportunity to fulfill our mission to preserve our history and to stay personally connected to one another.

I hope that, as you look forward to the New Year, you think of making a commitment to fulfill our purpose - to reunite as a band of brothers... the Vietnam Red Warriors Forever!

Best, Wilfred Plá, President Red Warriors Vietnam Association
<wilfred.pla@gmail.com>

Editor's note: The Red Warriors have been invited to join us at the National reunion in San Antonio. The Red Warriors Vietnam Association are not directly affiliated with the 4th Infantry Division Association or the 12th Infantry Regiment Chapter; however, many of their members are also members of the 4ID Association. Our hope is that they will want to actively join the ranks of the 4ID Association.

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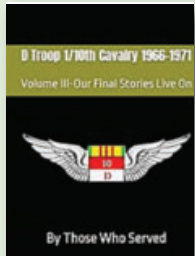
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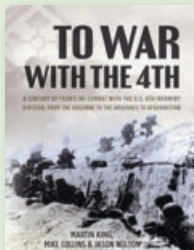
You might not have written a story for any of our three volumes, but there is a chance that you are named in one or more of the stories. As a minimum, you will be familiar with some of the missions written about in the books or will have conducted similar missions.

If you have not ordered any of the three volumes from Amazon.com, you should reconsider. Some day after we are gone, our children, grandchildren or other family members and friends will want to know what we did in Vietnam. These books will answer their questions as no other source can.

If you can order only one volume, I would advise you to start with Volume III. A lesson we learned from the first two volumes was that many non-Shamrock readers didn't really understand how D Troop was organized and how we operated. Volume III provides background information. Once you have Volume III, you will want the other two. Please address your questions to Doug Maas (maas0755@comcast.net) or me. Ron Adams (adamssofga@aol.com).

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***To War with the 4th*: A Century of Frontline Combat with the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, from the Argonne to the Ardennes to Afghanistan, By Martin King, Mike Collins, and Jason Nulton.** <https://www.amazon.com/War-4th-Martin-King>



A century of valor among one of the finest infantry divisions ever to serve, vividly chronicled through extensive research and interviews with veterans. From the Great War to the War on Terror, the US 4th Infantry Division has always been there. *To War with the 4th* recounts a hundred years of combat, beginning with their first battle on September 14th, 1918. The men of the "Ivy" Division faced German artillery, fell in the hundreds, and yet won the day. On D-Day of World War II, the 4th Division landed at Utah Beach and kept fighting across Europe until Germany surrendered. From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge, no other American division suffered more casualties in the European theater, and no other division accomplished as much. In Vietnam, they executed dangerous "search and destroy" missions and fought major engagements, including thirty-three consecutive days of close-quarters combat during the Battle of Dak To. In May 2009, they fought in Iraq at the height of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan for a year-long combat mission in the birthplace of the Taliban. Through first-hand interviews with veterans across the decades, and the expert analysis of the authors, the role of one of America's mainstay divisions is illuminated in these pages.

Infantry Life: Vietnam's Central Highlands, 1966 - 1967



The book is available through Amazon – hard copy or Kindle (<https://a.co/d/bLIEPUQ>) - for anyone you think might like to read it. Thank you again for your interest in my book.

Sincerely, Dennis M. Witt

Firefights, mortar attacks, and friendly fire were all part of the experiences of an infantryman in the jungles of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. But bugs, leeches, exhaustion, swamps, accidents, snakes, C-rations, digging in, cutting overhead cover, grief, humor, camaraderie, rain, thirst, impressive weapons, useless weapons, care packages, and much, much more filled up most of the infantryman's one-year tour in Vietnam

POET'S CORNER

Gallant Men

By Charles Osgood

Down through the years
There have been men
Brave gallant men who have died
That others might free

And even now, they do it still
Brave gallant men know that
Someone must and so they will

Gallant men have built us a nation
Passes us a torch of flame
Let us hold it high
And light up the sky
With praise of our gallant men

Tyrants must know, now just as then
They cannot stand, not as long
As there are gallant men

Our gallant men
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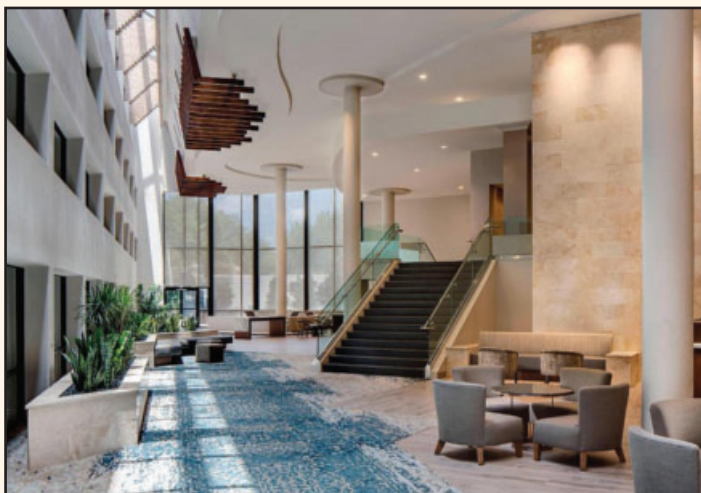
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As there are gallant men
Gallant, gallant men

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The cut-off date for reserving Hotel Rooms is August 23, 2024 - Standard Hotel Room rate is \$124 plus tax (currently 18%) and include Complimentary Parking, Courtesy Airport shuttle service, 15% discount in Hotel's restaurant, Free Wi-Fi, and Fitness Center use. Hotel rates will be offered to attendees (3) days before and (3) days after the above dates, based on availability.

Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) will handle collecting registrations, planning, and running the tours, the registration desk, and event meals; we will handle the Friday banquet seating as in the past. They will coordinate all other activities except the ladies' run raffles and the hospitality room duties which will be handled by the Redlegs Chapter.

AFR Reunion Reservations Cut-off Date is August 19, 2024: All reunion registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before, Monday August 19, 2024. Send the amount due payable to: ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. After the Cut-Off date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. See the AFR Registration form for full details. You can access AFR's online registration system using the direct link on the 4IDA website before the deadline.

All Reunion Registrations Forms should be sent directly to Armed Forces Reunions, 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510, ATTN: 4th Infantry Association or completed using AFR's on-line reservations link. There is a 4% convenience fee added to registrations paid by credit card.

Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) Tour Requirements: There is a thir-

ty-five (35) person minimum requirement to proceed with any tour. The Group must meet a seventy (70) person minimum to secure a second motor coach. In the event of a number's shortfall, AFR will refund those registrants beyond the capacity of one motorcoach and place these people on a wait list based on their date of registration.

Monday – September 16, 2024 – will be an arrival day with on your own activities, plus Registration, Hospitality, and time for Committee and Chapter gatherings.

Tuesday – September 17, 2024– will feature Registration, Hospitality, time for Committee and Chapter gatherings and a **City Tour of San Antonio**.



■ **Tour Details:** From the earliest Spanish Missionaries in 1691 to today's traveler, San Antonio's appeal continues to draw attention. Relax and enjoy a fully narrated tour of San Antonio's unique blend of rich heritage, tradi-

tions and natural beauty. Points of interest include stops at the Mission Concepcion, which is the oldest unrestored stone church in America; San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers; Enjoy a short visit to the historically registered German neighborhood of King William. From there you'll enjoy some time at the San Antonio River Walk or River Center Mall. Enjoy lunch on your own, possibly at Casa Rio, the first Mexican Restaurant on the River Walk. Its beautiful location and colorful umbrellas have come to symbolize the serenity and romance of the San Antonio River Walk.

- 9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel \$54/Person includes bus, guide, and admission to the Institute of Texas Culture. Lunch on your own.

Wednesday September 18, 2024 – will feature Registration, Hospitality, Committee and Chapter gatherings and a **Tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War** located in Fredericksburg.

■ **Tour Details:** National Museum of the Pacific War <https://www.pacificwarmuseum.org>

Enjoy a scenic ride to Fredericksburg, the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Tour the National Museum of the Pacific War, which is dedicated to everyone who served in the Pacific under Admiral Nimitz. Nimitz served as CinCPAC, commander in chief,



United States Pacific Fleet, and was soon afterward named commander in chief, Pacific Ocean Areas, during World War II. The Museum, once a hotel owned by Nimitz's grandfather, now includes over 34,000 square feet of

indoor exhibit space including the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Nimitz Education and Research Center. A 43,000 square foot expansion was added in 2010, where you can explore the impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns. Enjoy lunch at one of several restaurants or delis located on Fredericksburg's downtown Main Street. There is shopping nearby on Main Street for those interested.

- 9:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel \$77/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.

Wednesday evening September 18, 2024 – The Redlegs Chapter will host a Pizza Party in the Hospitality Room between 5 and 6 PM. The Ivy Dragoons Chapter will be having a private chapter meeting and three entrée buffet meal with a reception and cash bar (from 5:00 PM) for which you must be pre-registered for using the 2024 National Reunion Registration Form.

Thursday September 19, 2024 – will feature Registration, Hospitality, and time for Committee and Chapter gatherings and **Tours of the Buckhorn & Texas Ranger Museums, The Alamo, and El Mercado.**



■ **Tour Details:** Enjoy a continuous shuttle three locations. First stop, the Buckhorn Saloon and Museum. It all started in 1881 when trappers, hunters and cowboys traded deer antlers for beer or

whiskey at Albert Friedrich's saloon. Enjoy the Hall of Horns, Hall of Feathers and Hall of Fins which house not only the largest, but also some of the most impressive collections of native and exotic wildlife around. Next door you'll find the Texas Ranger Museum which contains priceless artifacts documenting the history and lore of the Texas Rangers. Second stop, The Alamo. The jewel of Texas heritage and a historic destination. From historic buildings and artifacts to dramatic living history and peaceful gardens, there is something for everyone. Be sure to go online and get your timed ticket to visit the Church <https://www.thealamo.org/visit/calendar/alamo-free-timed-entry> Third stop, El Mercado – a three block outdoor plaza

lined with shops and restaurants in downtown San Antonio. El Mercado is the largest Mexican market in the United States featuring more than 30 specialty shops.

- 10:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel \$62/Person includes bus, escort and admission to Buckhorn/Ranger Museum – First pick-up at the hotel is at 10am and the last pick-up at El Mercado is 2:45pm. The shuttle will leave on a pre-determined rotation making stops at all three locations before returning to the hotel.

Thursday evening September 19, 2024 – we will have our R&R Buffet Dinner and Dance; there will be a Cash Bar, three entrée Buffet Dinner and Dance with DJ music.

Friday – September 20, 2024 – we will hold our Business Meetings, Raffle drawings, and the Ladies Luncheon; The Ladies Luncheon will feature a Gourmet Salad Bar Buffet - served with fresh chicken and tuna salad, diced black forest ham, sliced hardboiled egg, romaine, field greens, arugula, baby spinach, tomato, cucumber, shredded carrots, red onion, mushrooms, garbanzo beans, applewood bacon bits, grated cheddar and feta cheese, pasta salad, cottage cheese, sunflower seeds, toasted walnuts, croutons, choice of dressings, buttermilk ranch, house-made vinaigrette, blue cheese, extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, selection of freshly baked rolls, lemon bars, freshly baked cookies, and Iced Tea, and Coffee Service. Entertainment provided by Frank Greer, a magician and mentalist with more than 30 years' experience performing for large and small audiences in the San Antonio area.

Friday evening September 20, 2024 – we will have our Flames of Remembrance Banquet and keynote address. Meal choices include a Beef, Chicken, and a Vegetarian entrée. There will be a reception with a Cash Bar. It will also feature the 2024 Ralph E Lingert Service Award presentation; the Legacy Educational Scholarship winners will be announced and the annual Quilt Raffle drawing.



2024 Quilt Raffle - This year's beautiful (96"x96") quilt is made by Donna Goulait of the Carolinas Chapter. We will hold the annual Quilt Raffle drawing at the Banquet on Friday night to raise funds for the "Put the Green back Into the Ivy Fund".

The quilt colors are muted blues and reds with white-on-white prints as the background. The inner border will contain the name of the division, the motto, and all the wars and major campaigns. The four corners of the outside border will contain ivy leaves embroidery. The border sides will contain pieces of all the fabrics used in the quilt. The back of the quilt will contain stars made from the fabrics used.

Quilt Raffle Tickets are available by mail and in the Reunion Hospitality Room for a (\$5) donation per ticket. You do not have to be present to win. To request Tickets by mail, send your donation check to: Don Kelby - National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association - P.O. Box 1914 - St. Peters, MO 63376-0035. Make your donation

payable to: 4ID Association, write 2024 Quilt donation in the memo line. Make sure to include your name, address, phone, email, and the number of raffle tickets (\$5 each) you wish to purchase.

Watch for more National Reunion details on the website and in The Ivy Leaves.

2024 National Convention Schedule

Monday – September 16, 2024

- Arrivals – On Your Own Activities
- Noon – 5:00 PM – Registration
- Noon – Late PM – Hospitality – Salons D&E
- Noon – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Fannin/Crockett

Tuesday – September 17, 2024

- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Salons D&E
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – City Tour of San Antonio
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Fannin/Crockett
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – E-Board Meeting – Bowie

Wednesday – September 18, 2024

- 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Registration
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Salons D&E
- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – National Museum of the Pacific War Tour
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Committee / Chapter Meetings – Fannin/Crockett
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Pizza Party in Hospitality Room

- 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Ivy Dragoons Chapter Dinner

Thursday – September 19, 2024

- 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Registration
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Salons D&E
- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Buckhorn/Texas Ranger Museums, the Alamo, and El Mercado Tours
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – R&R Reception with a Cash Bar
- 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – The R&R Buffet Dinner / Dance – Salons ABC

Friday – September 20, 2024

- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Registration
- 9:00 AM – Late PM – Hospitality – Salons D&E
- 9:00 AM – Raffle drawing will take place in the Hospitality room
- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM - First Business Meeting – Salon B
(There will be a 15 Minute break between meetings)
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Second Business Meeting – Salon B
- 11:30AM – 2:00 PM – The Ladies Luncheon – Bowie
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM – Raffle drawing winners can claim items from the Hospitality room
- 4:00 PM – 2nd Raffle drawing for unclaimed items – must be claimed by 5 PM
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Banquet Reception with Cash Bar
- 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – The Flames of Remembrance Banquet – Salons ABC

Saturday – September 21, 2024

Departure Day – On Your Own Activities

Call for 2024 Elected Officers Nominations

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association • 106th National Reunion - September 16-21, 2024
Marriott San Antonio NW - San Antonio, Texas

The following officers shall be elected and installed at the 2024 National Meeting: National Senior Vice President, Vice President–Planning, Vice President–Communications, Vice President–Finance, Vice President–World War’s and Cold War, Vice President–Vietnam, and Vice President–War on Terror. Nominees will be recognized at the first business meeting, voting, and swearing in of new officers will be done at the 2nd business meeting.

Each regular member of this Association in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meeting.

The National President will be fulfilling the second year of his two-year term. All other elected and appointed officers shall serve a term of one (1) year.

1. To be qualified to hold a national elected office, a member of this Association must have served with or been attached to the Fourth Infantry Division and have been authorized to have worn the Fourth Infantry Division shoulder patch. To be qualified to hold the office of National President or National Senior Vice-President, a member of this Association must have been a member thereof for at least three (3) years and have successfully served in a national elected or appointed position or have served as an elected officer of a chapter of this Association.

2. The qualifications to hold the office of National Senior Vice-President outlined in Paragraph 1, shall be waived for War on Terror veterans (Active-Duty Service since 9-11-2001) who have thoroughly demonstrated their leadership skills through their recent service to the Fourth Infantry Division. Candidates who potentially meet such requirements shall be nominated, or may apply, for those positions in sufficient time for the Nominating Committee to confirm that the nominee or applicant has a sufficient and satisfactory qualifying record of service with the Fourth Infantry Division.

The following officers shall be appointed by the National President and will serve on the Executive Board: The Executive Director, National Treasurer, Judge Advocate, and National Secretary. The Immediate Past National President shall also serve on the Executive Board.

Other Appointed offices and Committee Chairman will be appointed by the National President. A complete list of requirements and responsibilities for all Elected and Appointed positions and Committee Chairmanships can be found in the Constitution and Bylaws on the 4IDA website ‘About Us’ page. If you have an interest in any of the positions, contact the Nominations Committee Chairman, Jerry Bumpus, (573-647-7601) ivyvet69@yahoo.com.

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.** in the form of a check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <https://www.events.af-reg.com/e/4thInfantry2024> (4% convenience fee will be added to credit card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 19, 2024. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form. Please do not staple your payment to this form.

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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS MONDAY August 19, 2024			
	Price Each	# of People	Total
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEES</u>			
REGISTRATION FEE – 4IDA REGULAR ADULT MEMBERS & GUESTS	\$40.00	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE – CHILDREN (Under 16) OF 4IDA REGISTRANTS	\$15.00	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE – 4ID ACTIVE DUTY & GUESTS	\$15.00	#	\$
<u>TOURS</u>			
TUESDAY: 9/17/24 – SAN ANTONIO CITY TOUR	\$54.00	#	\$
WEDNESDAY: 9/18/24 – NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR - FREDERICKSBURG TOUR	\$77.00	#	\$
THURSDAY: 9/19/24 – SAN ANTONIO SHUTTLE (BUCKHORN ALAMO & EL MERCADO PLAZA)	\$62.00	#	\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
WEDNESDAY: 9/18/24 – IVY DRAGOONS CHAPTER DINNER (Buffet)	\$54.00	#	\$
THURSDAY: 9/19/24 – R&R BUFFET DINNER / DANCE	\$65.00	#	\$
FRIDAY: 9/20/24 – LADIES LUNCHEON – (Gourmet Salad Bar)	\$50.00	#	\$
FRIDAY: 9/20/24 – FLAMES OF REMEMBRANCE BANQUET (Select your entrée)			
Flat Iron Steak	\$60.00	#	\$
Chicken Piccata	\$55.00	#	\$
Portobello Stack	\$55.00	#	\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

Please Print

First _____ Last _____ (Badge 'Nick' Name) _____

Spouse Name (If attending) _____ Guest Names _____

Street Address _____ Email _____

City, ST, ZIP _____ Mobile Number (_____) _____

Membership Type: ☐ Veteran ☐ Active-Duty ☐ Memorial ☐ Associate ☐ Non-Member Chapter: _____

Service Era: ☐ WWII ☐ Cold War ☐ Vietnam ☐ War on Terror Unit: _____

Dates Served (Years): _____ Is this your first reunion: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disability/ Dietary Restrictions: _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee direct with hotel)

Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair to participate in bus trips? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Please note we cannot guarantee availability).

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.



REUNIONS & EVENTS

Reunions, Meetings & Gatherings

Carolinas Chapter Spring Mini-Reunion

The Spring Reunion will be held April 12-14, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Savannah Gateway, 11 Gateway Blvd., E., Savannah, GA 31419. All 4IDA members are welcome to join us at Carolinas Chapter's mini-reunions. Make your reservations by calling 844-201-9623 or by following the link posted on the 4ID web site under events not later than Monday, March 11, 2024. Request the 4th Infantry Reunion group rate of \$164.95/night plus tax and resort fees for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights using the group code CCR. Room types available will be doubles and kings. Breakfast is included with this room rate and being served in the hospitality room. We have several members who are dealing with health issues, so please Pre-Register at least two weeks before the reunion using this form, call or email Don Eisenman or Phil Menendez so we have an accurate count to plan our meal arrangements. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for the Raffle after the Banquet. You may also download the registration form at www.4thinfantry.org Come early and stay late and enjoy all that Savannah has to offer.

Reunion Schedule

Thurs. April 11Free Day for on-your own activities
Fri. April 1212 noon Hospitality Room Open
	6PM Dinner - will advise
Sat. April 138AM-10AM Breakfast – private room
	10:30AM Officers Meeting
	11:00AM Business Meeting
	6:00PM Flames of Remembrance Banquet
Sun. April 158AM-10AM Breakaway Breakfast
	– private room

Carolina Chapter - Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Spouse/ Guest: _____

E-Mail _____

Registration Fee: # people _____ X \$5 (Adult) = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet: # people _____ X TBD = \$ _____

Donation (Specify)\$ _____

Amount Enclosed:\$ _____

Return this form no later than two weeks prior to the event.

Make checks payable to: Carolinas Chapter

Mail to: Don Eisenman - 605 Smokerise Drive SW, Shallotte, NC 28470-5313; Phone 910-754-9315

Email: Don Eisenman <ragmufman64@atmc.net>

Midwest Chapter 2024 Spring Meeting

The Midwest Chapter is planning our Spring Meeting in April the evening of April 19th and April 20th at the Holiday Inn Express Osage Beach - Lake of the Ozarks, 4533 Osage Beach Pkwy., Osage Beach, MO.

Based on the number of attendees who said they could attend, we have changed the location to the Holiday Inn Express Osage Beach. They offer free high-speed Internet access in each room as well as a refrigerator and microwave in each room. There is a lot to do at the Lake of the Ozarks and lots of shopping areas for the ladies.

We have sent emails to our members so please if you have not received anything check your spam folder or if you have changed your email please provide us with your new one. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing everyone.

Joe Carter, President Midwest Chapter

josephcarter50@icloud.com

Phone 660-247-0936

Lehigh Valley Chapter Picnic

The Lehigh Valley Chapter will hold our annual picnic September 7, 2024 at VFW Post 7293 in Whitehall, PA. All 4ID veterans are welcome to attend. For more information contact Doug Foster, Chapter President, 610-433-7009, df993@rcn.com.

Western States Chapter Annual Reunion

The Western States Chapter of the 4th IDA will hold their annual reunion in Folsom, California at the Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, California 95630 from October 15-18, 2024. The banquet and Flames of Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, October 17th.

Please call to make your room reservation at 1-800-808-5253 by October 1, 2024. The room rate is \$131.75. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the 4th IDA Western States Chapter. Additional meeting details will follow. Please contact Scott Moffat at 562/221-3524 with any questions.

Wisconsin Chapter - Fall Mini-Reunion

September 27 September 29, 2024

PLACE: Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, 60 N Gasser Road, Wisconsin Dells (Baraboo Address), 1-800-648-4765

RATES: \$79 per night plus tax

Make reservation with reference to 4th Infantry Division WI Chapter

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY September 1, 2024

Weekend to Include:

Friday 5pm – Hospitality

Saturday 10am – Business Meeting

11:30am - Luncheon

Flames of Remembrance Banquet

5pm – Cocktails

6pm – Dinner

Plated salad with Chicken and Pork Buffet to follow

Program and Ladies Raffle to follow the banquet

COST: \$40 per person – includes hospitality, lunch and dinner

Name _____ Spouse/Guests _____

Wisconsin Chapter Fall Mini-Reunion

Name: _____

Spouse/Guests: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Number Attending _____

Number Attending Dinner: _____ x \$40/person = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED\$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: Barb Powley, 1241 Wayland Street,
Beaver Dam, WI 53916; 1-608-440-0982

Redlegs Chapter Reunion

Scheduled 17-21 June 2024

Our last "All Redlegs" Reunion was in 2019 at Fort Lewis (JBLM) and the Seattle, Washington area. This time, we will join in a week of excitement and fellowship. At the same time, we gather at Fort Carson, Colorado, and help celebrate IVY Week with the 4th DIVARTY and the entire 4th Infantry Division.

If you are interested in attending this year's Redlegs Reunion, you are encouraged to submit your initial reservations as soon as possible. Instructions for submitting your initial registration are on the Redlegs website at <https://4thidredlegs.org/2024-redlegs-reunion>. We have arranged for several rooms at the Candlewood Suites Building 7306, located on Fort Carson. While rooms are limited at the hotel on post, we have arranged for other hotels to accommodate additional veterans.

Because the hotel is on Fort Carson, we will be required by the hotel, as well as DIVARTY, to submit a list of attendees before you can make your actual reservation with the hotel.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the pre-registration form on the Redlegs Chapter website.

We have many activities planned in addition to IVY Week activities. Our liaison officer with DIVARTY is helping us with both on-post and off-post activities. Plans are in the works for visiting the Air Force Academy, the Air and Space Museum, and the Gog Railway up Pikes Peak. There is also the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the Golden Bee at the Broadmoor, the Garden of the Gods, and many more activities to enjoy during our reunion. Keep current with the planned IVY Week events and other activities on the Reunion on National's and the Chapter's website page (<https://4thidredlegs.org/2024-redlegs-reunion>.)

Branson Veterans' Week

9-12 November 2024

The Redlegs Chapter will again host the Branson Veterans' Week. Hospitality Room for the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association at the Hotel Grand Victoria. The Veterans Day Parade will be on Monday, 11 November 2024. Arrangements have been made with the Hotel Grand Victoria at the same rate as 2023 (\$111.00 plus tax), including breakfast. That rate will be available for nights beginning on 6 November and departures on 12 November 2024. You are encouraged to make your reservation early to get a room on the same floor as our hospitality room. When contacting the hotel, specify you are attending with the "4th Infantry Division" group for the special rate. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 417-336-2935 or 800-324-8751. Last year, we used our full 20-room allotment, and many made their reservations for this year as they checked out of the hotel in 2023. Watch for more announcements and information on National's and the Redlegs Chapter website <https://4thidredlegs.org>.

Attention All Chapter Officers

All chapters are requested to attend a meeting at 2024 National Reunion with the Executive Director and E-Board members and have at least one member who can speak for the chapter and provide an update on the chapter's status. Questionnaires will be sent to each chapter to be completed and returned to the Executive Director NLT August 20, 2024, that will be reviewed at the meeting. The chapter review meeting will take place following a short break after the second business meeting on Friday, September 20.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Business and News Reports

EDITOR'S NOTE TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: This section of your news magazine is primarily for your Chapter's news and business reports. The *Ivy Leaves* welcomes your input. Please limit text to short/brief reports. And please find someone in your chapter who will take over the responsibility of sending it to us via e-mail at: ivyleaveseditor@gmail.com –Thanks!

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER

By Doug Foster

The Lehigh Valley Chapter in conjunction with the New York/New Jersey Chapter held our annual picnic on September 6, 2023 at the VFW Post 7293 in Whitehall, PA. Attending the picnic was Donald and Diana Androsky, John Bauer, Baron and Susie Cebrosky, Jim and Rita Coughlan, Bob Derr, John Ferrante, Vance and Carol Fink, Doug and Jenny Foster, Ed and Mary Ellen Goehring, Doug and Cindy Gush, Mike and Ann Hamer, Joe and Connie Jones, John and Carol Kukitz, Jim and Linda Matyas, Eddie and Nancy Meier, Paul and Vivian Modafferi, Curt, Julia and Robert Morgan, Jim and Pat Olesak, Jack Pollard, Eileen Reitnauer, George (Skip) Rice, Ron and Marti Sebring, John Wendell, Bruce and Andrea Wesley, Gene and Lynne Wilkinson.

Our guest speaker was Clyde Hoch. Clyde is a Marine Corp veteran who served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. He is the founder and president of Veterans Brotherhood of Pennsburg, PA. For more information about his organization, please visit www.veteransbrotherhood.vet.

The VFW Post 7293 was very generous and helpful by providing their wonderful outdoor facility and other help for the picnic that was catered by Mission BBQ of Whitehall. **Our next picnic is scheduled on September 7, 2024 again at Post 7293. All 4ID veterans are welcome to attend.**



Men of the Lehigh Valley and New York/New Jersey Chapters

Ladies of the Lehigh Valley and New York/New Jersey Chapters



NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY CHAPTERS

Notice to Chapter Members: The NY/NJ Chapter is now without officers as no one has come forward to keep the Chapter active. Back in the fall of 2009 our chapter was likely to be dissolved and was in need of a replacement president. Since it seemed to me that all the efforts of past members should not be lost, I became president, kind of by default. In the time since, we are still together and not much has happened. I, as all of us have aged; I

don't drive at night, or too far, etc. We need a new slate of officers, or the National Board is recommending that the Chapter be closed. If you are interested call me 973-427-1880 or send an email nyn-jivy@yahoo.com. Steadfast and Loyal, George Iannacone.

NEW CAVALRY CHAPTER

Calling on all who have served in a Cavalry unit with the 4th Infantry Division. The 1/10 Cavalry Chapter has become an inactive chapter. Back prior to the 2023 National Reunion; emails were circulated to current 1/10th chapter members about changing the chapter to the Cavalry Chapter. The responses were all positive to the change. At the 2023 National Reunion in Jacksonville, the E-Board gave provisional approval to change the Chapters identity to the 'Cavalry Chapter' and open the membership to all Cavalry units. This change would require a new set of Bylaws and a new Slate of Officers, as the current officers are looking for replacements. We are looking for officers who will get engaged and take ownership of the chapter. If we cannot find enough interest, officers, and volunteers to come forward, the 1/10 Cav Chapter will be closed. We would like to have this decided by the end of this fiscal year, June 30th. Contact Rick Adams or Don Kelby if you have an interest in serving the new Cavalry Chapter.

IVY DRAGOON CHAPTER

IVY DRAGOONS 2024 "NATIONAL REUNION" IN SAN ANTONIO, TX SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2024

Our IVY DRAGOONS Chapter has been reestablished with a National 4th IDA Chapter Charter. We had full support from the 4th Infantry Division Association Officers, given the Ivy Dragoons commitment to be an active National Association Chapter.

The IVY DRAGOONS will reunite in San Antonio with a dedicated Chapter Dinner / Banquet, Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The IVY DRAGOONS event will coincide with our National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Annual Meeting.

Make your reservations at the Marriott San Antonio NW, in San Antonio Texas at 3233 NW Loop 410 (tel: hotel direct at 210-377-3900 ext. 6666, or toll free at 888-236-2427, reference the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

Or, you can access the hotel reservations system by the direct link below on this website: <https://www.4thinfantry.org/news-events/2024-national-reunion>

The IVY DRAGOONS CHAPTER Dinner / Banquet will include attendance and recognition of Steve and Elsie Edmunds, the long-time IVY DRAGOONS Meeting Leaders & Dragoon Champions.

Our Chapter Business Meeting, election of officers and expression of priorities will be Wednesday, 18 September, 4-5 pm. We will try to set up a ZOOM meeting call for members who cannot

attend in person.

Please submit any comments or suggestions to:

President: Ed Sleichert esly84@comcast.net (mobile: 708-699-2960)

Vice- President: JD Smith jds04447@gmail.com (mobile: 612-309-2460)

Sec / Treas: Jim / Mac McCarthy jimmac.mccarthy@gmail.com (mobile: 812-454-0123)

ELECTIONS 2024: Our current officers volunteered at the 2023 meeting in Branson, for a One Year term, to help re-establish and re-invigorate our IVY DRAGOONS Chapter. We hope YOU can find a way to serve our IVY DRAGOONS Chapter going forward. Please let JD Smith know if you would be willing to serve in Chapter leadership for 2025.

We need your help to establish leadership for 2025 for the IVY DRAGOONS Chapter to function effectively and keep our bond and communication alive and vibrant. TEAM EFFORT!

We have shared much and have much in common. What can YOU do to help maintain our Chapter and sharing among WE 4th Infantry BROTHERS in the coming year? 2024 - 2025.

Comments / Suggestions Welcomed at any time, in any way.

IVY DIVISION CHAPTER

by Rich Blackaby, Chapter President

Greetings from Colorado! This is the latest from the IVY Division Chapter. As some may know, we shut down the Gift Shop a few years ago because of Covid and the cost of operation and have not been in a position to reopen it. We are also now operating under the umbrella of the National Association as the IVY Division Chapter and no longer a stand-alone Chapter.

We continue to seek new members and leaders for our Chapter. Our membership needs to be more active with all the units at Ft. Carson. It is a very busy post; therefore, more membership and leadership are needed. Those interested in joining the leadership team need to be a member in good standing within the IVY Division Chapter and have a positive outlook on the future of the Chapter. This is a volunteer position, but also a very rewarding position. We are planning on a very busy year ahead. Those interested in becoming members of the Chapter please indicate that on the application as your placement Chapter. Steadfast and Loyal, Rich

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Mail To: RICH BLACKABY, 2566 CHIMAYO DRIVE, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

I want everyone to know I have a new address. Anyone want-

ing to send newsletter articles in hard copy can send to: Linda Dueno-Dufek, 1000 River Point Dr #202, Manitowoc, WI 54220, 920-860-1630, rrdufek2244@comcast.net. A huge thank you to John and Carole Mersinger for working so hard at bringing new members to our Wisconsin chapter meetings. We really appreciate all your hard work. With that said we hope to see you all in September. Fourthfully, Linda

Wisconsin Chapter to Award Scholarships

One of the benefits of belonging to the Wisconsin Chapter is our Amos & Betty Johnson Scholarship program. This fall we will be giving out at least 1 scholarship good for college or trade schools to any member, their wife, children, step children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. You must be a Wisconsin Chapter member in good standing (your dues must be current). All approved applications will be placed in a "hat" and drawn at the Fall Reunion. The money will be paid directly to the school.

Scholarship Application

Members Name _____

Phone # _____

Students Name _____

Students Relationship to member _____

Name and Type of school _____

School Address _____

Complete this form and mail it postmarked no later than September 15 to: Barb Powley, 1241 Wayland Street, Beaver Dam, WI 53916 (608-440-0982)

REDLEGS CHAPTER

by Al Downs, Vice President - Communications

Redlegs Chapter reunion: 18-21 June at Fort Carson, Colorado.

We will celebrate IVY Week with the 4th DIVARTY and the 4th Infantry Division. We have arranged for at least 15 rooms at the Candlewood Suites (Building 7306) on Fort Carson. The room rate, including breakfast, will be \$169 per night (plus tax). Each room in the hotel has a fully equipped kitchen with a full-size refrigerator. Laundry facilities are also available. We will also arrange nearby accommodations for Redlegs who don't want to stay on post or when we exceed the room quota. While they will release our allotted rooms that haven't been reserved by 1 May, we may still get additional rooms at this TDY price if rooms are still available. Be advised that "Ivy Week" tends to draw a crowd, so reserve your room sooner rather than later. If you are interested in attending this year's Redlegs Reunion, you are encouraged to submit your initial reservations as quickly as possible. Instructions for submitting your initial registration are on the Redlegs website at <https://4thidredlegs.org/2024-redlegs-reunion>.

Because the hotel is on Fort Carson, we will be required by the hotel to submit a list of attendees before you can make your actual reservation with the hotel.

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Additional activities are being planned. Our liaison officer with DIVARTY is assisting with both on-post and off-post activities. Plans are in the works for visiting the Air Force Academy, the Air and Space Museum, and the Cog Railway up Pikes Peak. There is also the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the Golden Bee at the Broadmoor, the Garden of the Gods, and many more activities to enjoy during our reunion. Keep current with the planned IVY Week events and other activities on the Reunion website (<https://4thidredlegs.org/2024-redlegs-reunion>).

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Reunion 16-21 September 2024:

This year, the National Association Reunion will be held at the Marriott San Antonio NW Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The room rate is \$124 plus tax per night. Make your reservations early. Our special rate is available three days before and after the reunion. Armed Forces Reunion (AFR) will be handling reunion reservations again this year, and you need to make your hotel reservations directly with the Marriott San Antonio NW (210-377-3900 ext. 6666 or toll-free 888-236-2427) reference 4th Infantry Division Association.

Our chapter will be the host chapter for the hospitality room, open from 9:00 AM (Noon on Monday) until late evening each day. Your help will be needed to meet our obligation as a chapter. Let us know if you plan on attending this year's reunion in San Antonio, TX.

For a complete schedule of activities and links to register to attend, visit the national website at <https://www.4thinfantry.org/news-events/2024-national-reunion>.

Branson Veterans' Week 9-12 November 2024: See information in "Reunions and Events."

Message from the Chapter President: We've had a busy few months since we met in Branson, MO. Over 40 veterans of the 4th ID were at the parade and dropped by the hospitality room at the Hotel Grand Victoria. I thought it would be the last year we hosted the room, but after the turnout and excitement demonstrated, we need to continue this service to the National Association. We started the planning process before we even left the hotel on 12 November. Many who attended decided to make their reservations for 2024 before they exited the hotel. I've asked one of our attending couples to host the event. They had some great ideas for the gathering in 2024. They must check their calendar to ensure the dates don't conflict with hunting season.

In November, we started serious planning for the June IVY Week reunion of Redlegs. Our relationship with the 4th DIVARTY is strengthening, and an officer has been assigned as our liaison for the 17-21 June events at Fort Carson. In January, we were asked to send a representative to Fort Carson for a DIVARTY Leadership Conference. I invited John Harris to be our representative, and he attended the event on 2 February. His after-action report has been posted on our Redlegs Blog page (<https://4thidredlegs.org/redlegs-blog>). I think the blog page can become an excellent tool for us to share information in the future. Be sure to read John's account of his day at Fort Carson. Typical February weather at Fort Carson as he left to return home – SNOW. My first duty assignment after graduating OCS was at Fort Carson, and on a field exercise in February, we were snowed into the "out-back" for three days. But the June weather is fantastic, so I look forward to seeing you for IVY Week.

Office of The Treasurer Ronald L. Rogers National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Financial Statement July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023	
7-1-2023 opening cash balance	\$ 157,649.41
Income	\$ 36,837.49
Expenses	\$ 42,470.49
12-31-2023 closing cash balance	\$ 152,016.23
Net Change For Period	\$ (5,633.18)
Detail	
Income	
Dues - Regular Memberships	\$ 6,311.51
Dues - PFL Memberships	\$ 1,350.45
Donations - 'Put Green Into the Ivy'	\$ 8,769.95
Donations - Annual Calendar Project	\$ 12,518.10
Donations - Monument Memorial Fund	\$ 1,904.46
Donations - Educational Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,140.97
Donations - PFL Fund	\$ 80.00
Donations - Chapters	\$ 695.00
Meeting & Convention - Registration Fees	\$ 825.77
Other Income / Interest / Refunds	\$ 1,241.28
Total Income	\$ 36,837.49
Expenses	
Cost Ivy Leaves Publication	\$ 3,578.91
Cost Annual Calendar Publication	\$ 7,304.25
Website / E-Ivy Newsletters	\$ 160.60
PFL Fund - Life Memberships	\$ 1,458.00
Dues Rebates to Chapters	\$ 4,963.15
Donations to Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,245.00
Donations to Chapters	\$ 7,327.26
Donations - All Others	\$ 1,000.00
Dues ADA - AUSA	\$ 175.00
Insurance / Bonding	\$ 296.00
Bank Charges	\$ 25.00
Accounting - Tax Returns	\$ 1,250.00
IT Support - Website	\$ 4,000.00
Meeting & Convention - Expense	\$ 1,541.32
Office Expense - All Offices	\$ 203.50
Printing - All Offices	\$ 1,332.64
Postage - All Offices	\$ 294.26
Supplies	\$ 2,041.92
E-Board Travel & Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,254.50
President's Travel	\$ 1,019.18
Total Expenses	\$ 42,470.49
12/31/2023 Fund Balances	
Green In the Ivy Fund*	\$ 70,315.00
Monument Memorial Committee Reserve*	\$ 11,016.59
PNC - Monument Memorial Fund	\$ 41,751.32
PNC - Scholarship Fund	\$ 68,765.51
American Funds - Paid For Life Fund	\$ 158,963.93



When the new website was launched in September 2023, we transferred the member records from the old site; anyone who was a member as of January 1, 2022 was imported into the new site database. When you come to the new website for the first time, you will need to reset your password with your email address. Your Login credentials from the old site will not allow access to the new site. You can also visit the FAQ page for more information and help. If you haven't reset your password yet, then hit the 'click here' at the top of the Login Page and follow the instructions.

Members are encouraged to login, set up their password, and use the features of the site. Expired members can Login, see their profile information, but will be denied access to the 'Members Only' portion of the site. We are anticipating these members will want to reinstate their member-

ship, so please take the time to go through each page of the website and become familiar with the content. Certainly, contact the webmaster if you encounter anything that needs correcting. Visit the website often; we will keep updates coming your way.

One of the features we wanted to incorporate into the new site is Auto-Renewing Memberships, as long term this will benefit dues collection and provide an added convenience to members and help the Executive Director with dues collection. It should be noted this will take some years to transition all our membership over to this more automated process as we have members expiring out through 2029.

One issue with the Auto-Renewing feature is that it only works for memberships on an annual basis. So, we will not be able to offer the 3-Year memberships on the web-

site. At this time, all the imported Expiring Members will not be able to see their expiration dates in their profile until they have purchased a membership plan on the new site. Further, they will not get a notice from the website that will have to be done manually. To make that chore less burdensome for us, we will be sorting /assigning membership expiration dates by calendar quarters. This will allow us to send group renewal notices to only those expiring members as needed.

When a member's dues have expired, access to the gated 'Members Only' content will be denied. They will still be listed in the membership directory, however.

Members, who choose not to be listed in the online Membership Directory, can make that selection in their profile, and not be included in the member search field.

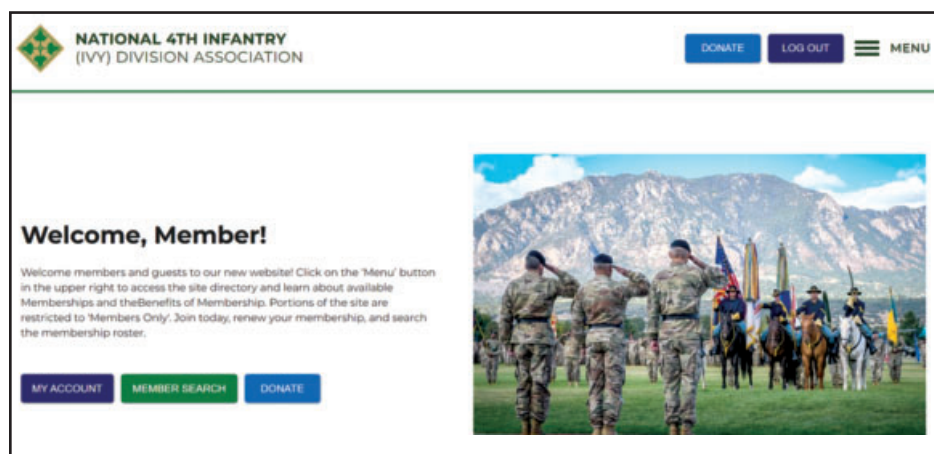
Since we will be using the Auto-Renewing feature for membership management, any donations made through the website will need to be done in a separate transaction. The membership options on the new website will be:

Auto-Renewing Annual Memberships

- One Year, Veteran, Memorial, and Associate Memberships (\$20/yr)
 - One Year, E-Ivy Veteran Digital Memberships (\$15/yr)
 - One Year, Active-Duty Digital Memberships (\$10/Yr) all ranks
 - Life Memberships – one time purchase for either Veterans or Active-Duty
 - E-Life, Digital Memberships (\$125) and
 - Paid for Life (Based on Age) Includes the printed Ivy Leaves magazine
- PFL, Life, and E-Life members will not see any change to the way they use the website.

Renewals By Mail - Members who choose to do so can maintain their memberships by mail using the renewal envelopes inserted in the Ivy Leaves and membership applications that are published inside the back pages of every Ivy Leaves magazine.

Contact either of us with any additional questions. Thanks, Rick Adams /Don Kelby



ship after seeing the new site.

To Update email address or change password - Once you have logged in, click on 'My Account' in the Membership Menu and navigate to the 'Email & Password' tab to update your email address and password.

To Update your member profile - Once you have logged in, click on 'My Account' in the Membership Menu and navigate to the 'Update Profile' tab to edit your information. Make sure you keep the Executive Director advised of any changes to your contact information.

There is so much information on the new

site, but the annual Auto-Renewing feature will take away the problem of remembering to renew each year.

Annual expiring members will receive a notice from the site that their credit card will soon be charged with their new renewal fee. Members who chose not to renew can simply login and turn-off Auto-Renew. No action is required by Members who wish to continue their membership, it will Auto-Renew.

Once a member purchases an annual membership on the new site, their expiration date will be displayed in their 'My Account' - 'Secure Billing Portal'.



4ID NEWS

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, to Europe to replace the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, as part of a regular rotation of forces to support the United States' commitment to NATO allies and partners.

FORT CARSON, Colo. 02.02.2024—Service members know they could deploy, but not everyone gets the chance. For one new private first class, it is not only his first deployment but also his first time ever setting foot outside the U.S.

Pfc. Gage Borum, a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer assigned to the 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, enlisted in the Army on Oct. 20, 2022, and serving the country is something he always wanted to do.

He says the Army was a good starting point to jump-start his career. He was always interested in the mechanical aspect of service, which led him down the path to becoming a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer. After graduating from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, he arrived at his first duty station at Fort Carson.

Despite the nerves that come with doing something entirely new, Borum says he is ready to face this head-on and complete every task necessary to ensure the mission's success.

"We're making sure all our equipment is up and running, washed and ready to go," Borum said. "We're dealing with genera-

tors, wheeled and tracked equipment. We're doing proper preventive maintenance checks and services and ensuring everything is operable. We have to make sure they are ready for missions."

With the high stakes of deployment, many Soldiers can feel uneasy at the thought of having to leave. Most must go through classes and mentally prepare to be away from family and friends.

"You have to learn and adapt to any situation you're going through," said Staff Sgt. Dalton Mitchell, Borum's section leader, assigned to 64th BSB, 3rd ABCT, 4th Inf. Div. "The first time I ever went overseas, I was scared. For a lot of Soldiers, deployment is going to be a humongous shock. They have to be resilient but also have the leadership to back them up and support them."

However, Mitchell also says the Soldiers have much to look forward to and many new things to experience during a deployment. Although deployments typically only last nine months, the memories Soldiers make during them will last a lifetime.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Dalton Mitchell, a section leader assigned to 64th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, provides instructional feedback on equipment readiness to Pfc. Gage Borum, a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer with the 64th BSB, 3rd ABCT, 4th Inf. Div., at the 64th BSB Company Operations Facility, Fort Carson, Colorado, Jan. 24, 2024. Mitchell informed Borum on details of the upcoming deployment and how to prepare for it. (Story and photo by Pfc. Isaiah Mount)

"I'm a little nervous to enter a new country but excited for it," Borum said. "I'm hoping to get a lot of experience and a lot more knowledge. As far as expectations go, I expect the best of everything. It's the excitement of going on this deployment, it's all exciting, and it's all new."

Retired Soldier Council promotes SFL mindset

By Mark E. Overberg, Deputy Chief, Army Retirement Services

The Soldier for Life (SFL) mindset was the main focus of the Army Chief of Staff's Retired Soldier Council during their recent annual meeting at the Pentagon. The Council discussed the retired community's desires and concerns with 15 of the Department of Defense's senior leaders, including Acting Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey. The Council saw the Soldier for Life

mindset as the means to link members of the retired military community who still have a strong desire to serve with the Army's need to bridge the civil-military divide. Council members cited misunderstandings caused by a lack of personal interaction between civilians and military as the source of the civil-military divide. Members saw the divide widening as older veterans pass away and fewer Americans serve in the military or meet Service members during their daily lives.

The members of the Retired Soldier Council represent more than 950,000 Retired Soldiers and 243,000 surviving

spouses in the United States and 124 other countries. They are nominated by the Army installation or Army Service Component Command retiree councils on which they serve. The Council Co-Chairs select new members each year to fill vacancies on the 14-member Council. New members are approved by the CSA to serve four-year terms and are recalled to active duty annually for the Council's week-long meeting.

All of the Council's recommendations can be found in their 42-page report on the Council's webpage at <https://soldierfor-life.army.mil/retirement/retireecouncil>.

'Sense Of Urgency' Fuels Army Transformation



February 6, 2024 – Army Chief of Staff Gen Randy George addresses the services' transformation efforts during the Coffee Series event hosted at AUSA's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia (AUSA Photo)

In addition to building a reliable, secure network, the Army must have a network that's mobile and agile. "When you're on the battlefield, you don't want to be seen, you want to blend into the environment," George said.

The Army must move with a sense of urgency as it contends with an increasingly volatile and complex world, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George said.

"The difference today is the tech disruption we've had, the volatility is completely different, and just how fast things are spinning on the tech side," George said Feb. 6 during an Association of the U.S. Army Coffee Series event. "I think it's completely different from what we've seen, and there's a lot of implications with that and how we do business and how we change."

As he travels across the force, George said he's been able to see how soldiers are adapting to the challenges of missions around the world. "I've been really getting out there and talking to our troops," he said. "What we want to do is focus on our warfighting mission and building cohesive teams."

George said he also is focused on how the Army can "unencumber" commanders and soldiers, such as getting rid of excess equipment, so that they can focus on the important tasks.

"Warfighting, I always tell everybody that that has to be the focus," George said.

"I want leaders at every level to understand that's what we're focused on. If you're not relaying that message all the way down with what you're doing, then we need to recalibrate what we're doing."

As the Army prepares for the future fight, George said he's looking at lessons from the war in Ukraine and fighting in the Middle East. This means prioritizing the network and looking for ways to incorporate unmanned aerial systems, robotics, 3D printing and other emerging technologies to bolster the force.

It also means minimizing units' footprints—digital and physical—on the battlefield.

"The network has to be the No. 1 priority," George said. "You cannot communicate, you cannot command and control, everything we do across our warfighting functions depends on our network."

In addition to building a reliable, secure network, the Army must have a network that's mobile and agile. "When you're on the battlefield, you don't want to be seen, you want to blend into the environment," George said.

During a recent visit to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California,

George said he observed as the 1st Armored Division tactical command post was "five vehicles" protected by a radio frequency shield and a small unmanned aerial system, and a command-and-control node "that could be moved in five minutes." The III Corps command post was hidden in a warehouse with no vehicles parked outside.

"That's what we need," George said. "It was very low signature."

To further experiment with reducing a unit's digital footprint while maximizing technologies such as robotics and unmanned aerial systems, the Army is selecting a number of brigades for what George calls "transforming in contact."

The goal is to adjust these formations for what the mission may demand. As an example, George said, a unit may get more unmanned aerial systems and electronic warfare capabilities. Another may get more robotics or the first batch of Next-Generation Squad Weapons. They will then train with these new capabilities and provide feedback on what's working and what's not.

"It's a really busy Army. We have to make some adjustments," George said. "There's a sense of urgency to what we're doing."

As the Army moves forward with its transformation, George said he tells leaders that everybody has a job to do at every level, and the service must do everything it can to make sure soldiers have the right leaders, equipment and training they need when they go into harm's way. "We can't forget that, regardless of how far you get from the front line, that's our mission, and we need to keep that at the forefront," he said.

4th Infantry Division Association

RECENT ASSOCIATION DONATIONS

NAME	CHAP	SCHLSHP	PFL	MON/MEM	GREEN	Comments
Northwest Chapter	NW				\$2,645	Northwest Chapter Closeout
Ernest Banasau	TX	\$150			\$150	
Arlen Bliefernicht	Wi				\$20	
Kenneth David	OH			\$100		
Bruce Gass	IL				\$100	
Deborah Giannoni	IL			\$25		In Memory Of Terry Giannoni
Randy Simmons	TX				\$55	
Craig Osborne	NC			\$10		
Robert Bates	OH	\$15				
John Gammicchia	Nat	\$100				
Phillip Dodds	CV	\$50				
Richard Moran	A8	\$25		\$25		
Gerald Olivas	12IR				\$50	
Robert Krueger	IL			\$10	\$10	
Al Boden	OH				\$20	
Pink Hill Ruritan Club	Nat			\$200		In Memory Of John Worthington
Rick Adams	NC			\$25		In Memory Of John Worthington
Edwin Danford	TX	\$25	\$25			
Julie Keville	Nat			\$150		In Memory Of John Worthington
ILlinois Chapter	IL			\$200		
Alice Scott	Nat			\$30		In Memory Of John Worthington
Charlotte Waters	Nat			\$25		In Memory Of John Worthington
Max Worthington	Nat			\$75		In Memory Of John Worthington
Bernard Williams	OH				\$20	
Donna Bumpus	MW			\$60		
Glen Armstrong	WI			\$25		
James Moher	NC	\$20		\$20	\$20	
Edward Sulenski	NY	\$10				
Jessie Dekker		\$100				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Mona Groenheide		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Mary Yarnell		\$20				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Steven Vander Roest		\$100				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Richard Breton	NE				\$20	
Edward Davis	NY				\$100	
Dennis McClure		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
David Crotser		\$25				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Wayne Germek	MW				\$50	
Benny Herioux	WI				\$55	
John Jonaschk	NE			\$20		
Rosalie Jasiak		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
John Cape		\$25				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Art Gaylord		\$100				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Steven Giddings		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Nancy Van Haitsma		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Air Flow Equipment		\$1,000				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Janet Knudsen		\$20				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Daythel Nichols		\$20				
Sue Dearmyer	OH		\$25			In Memory Of Roger Dearmyer
John Worthington Jr				\$500		In Memory Of John Worthington
Carolinas Chapter	NC			\$10		In Memory Of William Miller
Susan Bennett		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Jerry Drews		\$100				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Thomas Moyer	Nat				\$20	
Joseph Mullen	NE	\$25				
ILlinois Chapter	IL				\$2,643	ILlinois Chapter Closeout
John Ochlan	NY				\$25	
Brad & Gillian Hardy		\$100				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
J.L. Remington		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Jane & Steve Kirk		\$50				In Honor Of Ed Gasaway
Jim Gano	MW				\$10	
Mid South Chapter	MS				\$489	Mid South Closeout
Larry Small	WI	\$10				
Gerald Soslowicz	OH	\$20		\$20	\$20	

News from the Memorial Committee

The contractor has completed an erosion barrier around the Manheulles WWI Monument in France. The Manheulles Monument is one of four Association's monuments in France, and one of three that were built by the 4th Engineers following WWI. Below are some before and after pictures of the project to secure the area around the base of the monument.



Before pictures shows area at the rear of the monument



The Memorial Committee working with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) manages the care and maintenance of these monuments. The Manheulles Monument is in memory of the soldiers of the 4th Division who made the supreme sacrifice while eliminating the St. Mihiel Salient from September 12 to September 16, 1918. It is located on the north side of the rue du General Marguerite (D-903), where it intersects with the D-904, on the eastside of Manheulles, Lorraine, France. Thanks to the Carolinas Chapter who funded this project, and to the many generous donors who support the Memorial Committee.



Picture after stabilization of area around the monument

Welcome Home!

New / Reinstated Members National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Name	Unit	Era	Chap
CHARLES WHALEN	DIV HQ 4TH DIV CHEMICAL	VIETNAM	NAT
LEROY HENNING	C/2/22 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	WI
ROGER ROSIN	C/2/22 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	WI
STEVEN D. THOMPSON	C/2/22 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	WI
CRAIG OSBORNE	A/1/12 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	NC
JEROME CHRISTENSEN	C/2/22 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	WI
BILL WONDERS	3AB 7TH ARMY	ASSOCIATE	OH
DANIEL HUSEK	DIV HQ	WAR ON TERROR	IVY
EDGARD GONZALEZ	4TH COMBAT AVIATION BDE	WAR ON TERROR	IVY
JOSEPH MYERS	4TH ADMIN	VIETNAM	NC
WILLIAM WELLS	4TH AVN	VIETNAM	TX
DAROLD MUHS	8TH INFANTRY REGIMENT	VIETNAM	ID
DONALD WOLF	A/1/14 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	MW
GEORGE ROGERS	4TH ADMIN	VIETNAM	NAT
RONALD JUSTIS	1BCT	COLD WAR	NC
WESLEY KIBLER	588 ENGINEER BN	WAR ON TERROR	NAT
TEMAN MEBANE	299th BDE ENGINEER BN	WAR ON TERROR	NAT
PATRICK GODDEYNE	HNB 3/4 ABCT	WAR ON TERROR	IVY
DOUGLAS BRISSON	HHC/1/22 INFANTRY	WAR ON TERROR	NAT
GARY HANER	C/1/10 CAV	COLD WAR	CV
DORIS DAVIS	ASSOCIATE	ASSOCIATE	WS
THOMAS PROTSIK	1/12 INFANTRY	VIETNAM	12IR
HARRY WINNING	E/2/12TH INFANTRY	VIETNAM	12IR
MICHAEL PATRICK	MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL	WS

Ivy Internet Links

- <http://www.carson.army.mil/units/4ID/> Link to the 4th ID Website at Fort Carson
- <http://va.gov> Department of Veterans Affairs
- <http://www.army.mil/standto/> Army Stand To! Official Focus of the Army
- <http://www.army.mil> Army Homepage with many links
- <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/change-of-mission> Change of Mission link for active Soldiers at their 17 year length of service
- <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/GI%20Bill%20Programs> GI Bill Incentives
- <http://www.armyhistory.org> The National Museum of the U.S. Army
- <http://www.campgordonjohnston.com/museum> Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum, Carrabelle, Florida, site of 4ID amphibious rehearsals for the Normandy invasion
- <http://www.americancoldwarvets.org> American Cold War Veterans website
- <http://iava.org> Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
- <https://www.fasttrack.va.gov/AOFastTrack/jome.do> Agent Orange/New presumptive conditions
- www.archives.gov Military Personnel Records Request

4ID Social Media Sites:

- <http://www.facebook.com/4thid>
- <http://www.flickr.com/photos/the4id>

- <http://www.youtube.com/user/the4id>
- <http://www.slideshare.net/the4id>
- <http://www.twitter.com/@4thinfdv>

Check out the Association Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/195558932329/>

- 1BCT, 4ID Facebook page
www.facebook.com/raiderbrigade
- 2nd Stryker BCT, 4ID Facebook page
www.facebook.com/2ndbct4
- 3BCT, 4ID Facebook page
www.facebook.com/3bct4id
- 4CAB, 4ID Facebook page
www.facebook.com/4thcabcarson
- 4ID Webpage
www.carson.army.mil/units/4id/
- Coffelt Database of Vietnam Casualties: <http://www.coffeltdatabase.org/index.php>
<http://www.virtualwall.org/docs/vwdbase.htm>
- COVID19 Military Support
<https://covid19militarysupport.org/>



Membership is Our Strength

**It's not the price you pay to belong,
It's the price you paid to become eligible to join**



Day is done ... Gone the sun ... From the lakes ... From the hills ... From the sky ... All is well. Safely rest... God is nigh. Fading light... Dims the sight ... And a star ... Gems the sky ... Gleaming bright... from afar... Drawing nigh... Falls the night. Thanks and praise ... For our days. Neath the sun ... Neath the stars... Neath the sky... As we go this we know... God is nigh

- ★ **Bailey, Desmond**, 51 of Wetumpka Alabama passed away on July 19, 2023. He is survived by his Wife Kelly, two Sons and 3 Grandchildren. Also survived by his mother, Stepmother, siblings and other numerous close family members and friends. His Army unit helped capture Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in December 2003. He served with G/1/10 Cav, C/1/22 Infantry and 2/8 Infantry in OIF and Spartan shield. He was a member of the eighth Infantry Chapter of our Association.
- ★ **Brunelle, Elizabeth G. (Crocker)** "Betty," 98, a lifelong resident of Avon, passed away November 2, 2023. Born in Brockton, she was the only child of the late Everett L. and Marie L. (Nolan) Crocker. She would josh that she was the original "Betty Crocker". In earlier years she worked at the Avon Egg Auction. After meeting Paul E. Brunelle they were married on June 2, 1956, and cherished 61 years as husband and wife until his passing. She was employed for many years at C.C. Overland Express, a trucking company, and she retired as an office manager from there. She and Paul loved the Town of Avon and were active in local organizations, and they were lifelong communicants of St. Michael Church there. They travelled extensively all over the world. Betty especially liked New Zealand and thought of Salzburg, Austria as the most beautiful place. One notable trip to France was the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Normandy as Paul was the President of the 4th Infantry Division Association
- ★ **Ciszewski, Robert**, 75, (Also known as motorcycle Bob) of Mora Minnesota passed away in Mission Texas on January 16, 2024. He is survived by his wife Janice, two sons, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, two brothers and many friends and other relatives. He served with Headquarters Company 704th Maintenance Company in Vietnam from August 1968 – July 1969. He served for 27 years in the Army reserve. He was a member of the Wisconsin Chapter.
- ★ **Davis, William**, 98, of Lancaster Pennsylvania passed away on December 2, 2023. He was the Husband of Margaret for over 75 years. He served with B Co. 29 Field Artillery. He served with the 4th Infantry Division and participated in the D-Day invasion at Utah Beach. He was a member of the New York/New Jersey Chapter.
- ★ **Gasaway, Charles Edward**, 81, of Portage Michigan passed away on November 13, 2023. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his two children, two grandchildren, two sisters and many nieces and nephews. He served with the 4th Admin Company in Vietnam. Ed served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in Vietnam and was proud of his service, especially in earning a Bronze Star medal. He set up the 4th Infantry Division Association Scholarship fund. He was a member of the National Chapter.
- ★ **Giannoni, Terry**, 76, of Chicago Illinois passed away on August 9, 2023. He is survived by his wife Deborah, two daughters, two brothers and a sister and other family members. He was a fire director with D/5/16 Field Artillery in 1970-1971. He was a member of the Illinois chapter.
- ★ **Kiser, Charles**, 76, of Junction City Kansas passed away November 12, 2023. He is survived by his parents, His Wife Carmen, his children, his grandchildren, and his great grandchild. He served in Vietnam with HHC/3/8th Infantry. He was a member of the National Chapter.
- ★ **Miller, William R**, 73, of Statesville North Carolina passed away November 12, 2023. He is survived by his Wife Margert, One Daughter, one son, two brothers, four Sisters ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He served with B/3/8th Infantry in Vietnam 1969-1970 where he earned the Purple Heart Medal. He was a member of the Carolinas chapter.
- ★ **Ochlan, John**, 98, of Bogota, New Jersey passed away on January 9, 2024. He was the husband of the late Mary Ochlan. Father of Nancy Lucash and John Ochlan. He had 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He served with D/1/12 Infantry of the 4th Infantry Division during WWII. He was a member of the New York/New Jersey chapter.
- ★ **Olson, LTC Robert** "Ole," 83, of Eldorado Arkansas passed away November 21, 2023. He is survived by his wife Alice, Son Robert, and Daughter Tiffany who were with him when he passed away. He served as a Huey pilot in Vietnam serving in D troop 1sqd, 1/10 Cavalry from 1968-1969. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying cross for his service.
- ★ **Pelhank, Norman**, 77, of Marion Illinois passed away January 13th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Martha, two sons, 4 Grandchildren, two Brothers and several nieces and nephews. He served with Company C, 3 of the 12th Infantry 1965-1967. He was a member of the Midwest Chapter.
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