

REGISTRATION – 84TH ANNUAL NATIONAL REUNION – SPOKANE, WA

Make hotel reservations directly to the hotel: (509) 455-9600 no later than 8/29/02

**DoubleTree Hotel
Spokane City Center
322 North Spokane Falls Court
Spokane, WA 99201**

Please print clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Name(s) of Spouse/Guest(s) _____

Chapter _____ Arrival/Departure Dates _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Indicate any special dietary needs _____

Mail completed form as soon as possible and **no later than 15 August 2002** to: Bob Reilly, 107 Schafer St # 7a, Wenatchee WA 98801-6340. Include check payable to: 4 IDA

DAY	EVENT	\$ COST	X # OF PEOPLE	=	TOTAL \$
	Reunion Registration Fee (\$10 before 7/1, \$20 after, \$30 at door		x _____	=	_____
Wed 9/25	Hell's Canyon Jet Boating	\$89*	x _____	=	_____
Thu 9/26	Age of Elegance/Patsy Clark Mansion	\$47.50*	x _____	=	_____
Thu 9/26	Western Barbecue: Ribs, beef, sausage	\$15*	x _____	=	_____
Fri 9/27	Continental Breakfast Buffet	\$18*	x _____	=	_____
Fri 9/27	Coeur d'Alene Lake Luncheon Cruise	\$45*	x _____	=	_____
Fri 9/27	Dinner Buffet, Music and Drawings	\$38*	x _____	=	_____
Sat 9/28	Continental Breakfast Buffet	\$18*	x _____	=	_____
Sat 9/28	Silver Valley and Gold Mine Tour.....	\$40*	x _____	=	_____
Sat 9/28	Banquet: Prime Rib	\$32*	x _____	=	_____
	Baked Orange Roughy	\$32*	x _____	=	_____
Sun 9/29	Western Dinner and Laser Light Show	\$46.50*	x _____	=	_____

Note: * indicates tax and tip included

84th National Reunion Polo Shirt(s):.....\$25x _____ = _____

Red (size____) Navy (size____) White (size____)

Grand Total\$ _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Renewal New

Having served with the 4th Infantry Division, I hereby make application for membership in the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division and enclose \$15.00 for annual dues.

Complete Unit and where served _____

Name _____

Phone #: _____ EMail _____

Address _____

Mail to:

Roger S. Barton, Executive Director, 2 Spring Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793

Murphy's Laws

- ◆ Beauty is only skin deep, ugly goes to the bone.
- ◆ To know yourself is the ultimate form of aggression. (Freudian psychology)
- ◆ Never play leapfrog with a unicorn.
- ◆ A smith & wesson beats four aces.
- ◆ If everything seems to be going well, you obviously don't know what the hell is going on.
- ◆ In case of doubt, make it sound convincing.

84th Spokane National Reunion: 23 – 29 September 2002

Chair: Bob Reilly 509-667-2416, joans.bob@verizon.net

Hotel Accommodations

The 379-room DoubleTree Hotel. Spokane City Center is nestled next to Spokane's Riverfront Park and is in the heart of downtown Spokane's cultural and shopping center. Parking is free and valet service is optional. The hotel provides free shuttle service to Spokane International Airport. Room Rates: \$88 single/double; \$98 for 3 or 4.

You must make your own reservations with the hotel. Phone direct to the reservations clerk: (509) 455-9600. Be certain to say that you are coming to the 4th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion. We have reserved a limited number of rooms. If you reserve early, additional rooms can be made available. If you wait too long, you may not get a room in this hotel or you may have to pay their regular rate. Our room block will be held only through Thursday, 29 August 2002. That may seem a long way off now but time passes quickly when you delay action. Don't be disappointed...and be mad only at yourself if you fail to act soon.

Transportation

Amtrak and Greyhound, as well as several major airlines serve Spokane. Situated just ten minutes from the hotel, Spokane International Airport is served by Delta, Northwest, United, Alaska, Southwest, Horizon, Air Canada, Big Sky and American West Airlines. More than 152 flights with more than 14,000 seats arrive daily. Non-stop service is available from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Chicago, Denver, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Calgary, Portland, Seattle and Boise.

- Amtrak has daily connections from Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Los Angeles and New Orleans.
- Greyhound covers most everything else.
- Metro bus service is extensive, inexpensive and easy to use.
- Car rental is available at the airport or the hotel.
- Shank's Mare (walking) will take you comfortably to nearby handicap-friendly downtown dining and skywalk shopping.

Tours

Monday and Tuesday 23-24 September are open time. Tours or golf can be arranged, on request.

Wednesday 25 September: Jet Boating in Hell's Canyon. Two hours south of Spokane is America's deepest gorge, Hell's Canyon, where you'll ride a jet boat down the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, an unforgettable trip through the beautiful and rugged country of the Northwest. Don't forget your camera! This ride takes you past historical sites and tells of the history of the canyon. A lunch stop will be at Heller's Bar, overlooking the Snake River. Time: 0630 – 1600 hours. Cost: \$127*/person buys you bus transportation, guide, jet boat ride and lunch. (* \$127 Cost Reduced to \$89/Person!)

Thursday 26 September: Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance" tour with lunch at Patsy Clark's mansion. Enjoy a tour of the rich history, historic homes and attractions of Spokane as we travel past Spokane Falls, learning about where the city began, along the grounds of the former Expo '74 site, now Riverfront Park. Then up the South Hill, where views of the city, stunning mansions and majestic St. John's Episcopal Cathedral are located. Tour inside the

cathedral. Discover Manito Park while strolling through the formal sunken gardens, authentic Japanese Gardens and flower-filled Conservatory. See the historic area of Browne's Addition where many of the old mansions are being restored to their former splendor. Lunch will be at the spectacular Patsy Clark's mansion, built for a million 1898 dollars. The architect traveled around the world to select designs and materials for the home. After lunch, tour the Crosbyanna Room at Gonzaga University's Crosby Library to see gold records and other alumnus Bing Crosby memorabilia. Time: 0900 – 1330 hours. Cost: \$44/person, plus 8.1% WA state tax, for bus transportation, guide and 3-course lunch at Patsy Clark's.*

Friday 27 September: Lunch Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Travel to Idaho where you'll board the cruise boat for a 2-hour private cruise with lunch on gorgeous Lake Coeur d'Alene (pronounced ("core-dalane"). National Geographic reported this as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Along the way, pass by the now famous floating green at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course. There will be a no-host bar on board. Time: 1100 – 1500 hours. Cost: \$50*/person, based on 80 people, a bit more if fewer sign up. If more go, perhaps we can negotiate a slightly better deal. Cost includes: bus transportation, guide, a two-hour lake cruise and deli buffet lunch. (*\$50 Cost Reduced to \$45!)

Saturday 28 September: Historic Silver Valley and Crystal Gold Mine tour: Learn about the boom days of the late 1800's on the way into the richest Silver Mining District on Earth. Start with a tour of the Cataldo Mission, the oldest building in the State of Idaho, built by the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe and the Catholic missionaries in 1853 without the use of a hammer or nails. Next is lunch at the Enaville Resort, the former "Snake Pit", built in 1880 as a supply store for the early miners during the Mining Rush. This log building has driftwood furniture and eclectic art hanging from the walls and ceilings. Then on to the Crystal Gold Mine, an authentic 1890's underground gold mine. See native silver, gold-bearing quartz, unusual crystal formations and mining artifacts. Learn how the miners worked with only the use of a pick, shovel, dynamite and a candle on their hard hat for light. You'll be amazed how they were able to work in these conditions. Return to Spokane after the tour. Time: 1030 – 1630 hours. The cost of \$43*/person includes: bus transportation, guide, lunch at the Enaville Resort and admission to the Cataldo Mission and the Crystal Gold Mine. (*\$43 Cost Reduced to \$40/Person!)

Sunday 29 September: Barbecue and spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam. For those willing to stay over an extra day...travel through some of Eastern Washington's rich farm country on the way to Grand Coulee Dam. Along the way, stop for a western style dinner. Next, see the Laser Light Show on one of the world's largest dams (one of the eight Wonders of the World when I was a kid). The show is narrated and accompanied by music and bleacher seating is provided. Time: 1630 – 2330 hours. Cost of \$43/person, plus 8.1% WA state sales tax, includes: transportation, guide and dinner. *

**Note: All of the tours, except the cruise, are based on a minimum of 27 people.*

Tentative Reunion Schedule

Monday, 23 September

Early arrival. Golf or tours can be arranged on request.

1500 to 1800 hours Registration desk open, vendor setup time.

Tuesday, 24 September

1500 to 1800 hours Registration

1600 to 2300 hours Hospitality Room open

Wednesday, 25 September:

0630 to 1600 hours Jet boating in Hell's Canyon

Noon to 1800 hours Registration

Noon to 2400 hours Hospitality Room open

Thursday, 26 September:

0900 to 1800 hours Registration

0900 to 2400 hours Hospitality Room open

0900 to 1330 hours Age of Elegance tour with lunch at Patsy Clark's mansion

1400 to 1600 hours Committee meetings

1630 hours Western barbecue in the park with pork ribs, beef and German sausage

Friday, 27 September:

0730 to 0810 hours Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast

0815 to 1015 hours First Annual Business Meeting

0900 to 1800 hours Registration

1030 to 1645 hours Hospitality Room open

1100 to 1500 hours

Coeur d'Alene Lake luncheon cruise

1700 to 1800 hours

Memorial Service at Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Riverfront Park. With special honors to PSG Bruce Grandstaff, Spokane's 4th ID MOH recipient

1900 to 2100 hours

Buffet Dinner (3 salads, pork loin and salmon, lots more), Music and Drawings

2100 to 2400 hours

Hospitality Room open

Saturday, 28 September:

0730 to 0810 hours Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast

0815 to 1015 hours Second Annual Business Meeting

1015 to 1700 hours Hospitality Room open

1030 to 1630 hours Cataldo Mission, Silver Country and Gold Mine tour

1400 to 1830 hours Registration

1900 to 1930 hours Attitude Adjustment Time (cash bar)

1930 to 2200 hours 84th Annual Reunion Banquet, Awards and Drawings

2200 to 2400 hours Hospitality Room open (Closed for the season at midnight)

Sunday, 29 September:

1630 to 2330 hours Barbecue Dinner enroute to Grand Coulee Dam Laser Light Show

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Member Death Notification

(Executive Director's copy)

Chapter _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Era and Unit _____

Date of Death _____

Spouses Name _____

Ivy Leaves Editor notified? Yes No

Spouse may join as a "MEMORIAL" member if she/he desires. Have them fill out an application and pay the appropriate dues.

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2 Spring Drive
Walkersville MD 21793-8107

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Executive Director notified? Yes No

Other Comments: _____

Mail to: Gregory A. Rollinger
13507 Danube Lane
Rosemont, MN 55068

Looking for...



James Farmer

I'm interested in communicating with anyone that served with the following personnel in the 4th in Vietnam between 1965 and 1968. Last known rank and duty station SFC Lampkins (Silver Star recipient) 71st Trans. Bn., also Sp5 Allison Westbrook who was killed in Jan. 1968 in a tank.

james.e.farmer@att.net



Ken Eska

I served with the 4th Eng. Bn. from June through Dec. of 68 and was then "infused" to the 20th Eng. Bn.. My "fondest" memories relate to the months my platoon supported the 2nd of the 8th Mech. INF. under Lt. Col. Beres or Berres who was working on the third star to his CIB. The strange part is that I kept all of this in the back of my mind until last week when I went to The Wall for the first time. Then from The Wall I (my wife and I) went to the Korean War Memorial. The combination of the two brought back a flood of vague memories. The faces on the patrol members of the Korean Memorial are haunting and can be easily put on the faces of the grunts my platoon supported, or for that matter, the faces of any patrol in any war. While at The Wall I did a few traces of a fraternity brother, a classmate, a guy I met on the way over who took us to a piano bar in Carmel, CA before we got on what turned out to be his last plane ride and a member of my platoon. Since my visit last week I am almost obsessed with finding out more information about some of the men I served with. (I hope it will pass.) Maybe you can help. Do you have any information on any of the following:

Lt. James Blick, Lt. Henry Hamomd, LTC Berres, Sgt. Skaggs, Maj. Reno, Sgt. Scott (He may be in jail), CPT. Eric Fernandez, Sgt. Stiricker, Chaplain (Maj.) Brown (had a CIB with a star), an enlisted man named Rose from CA, a Black SP4 named Moore who I spent a very rainy night with very early in my stay in the bush, my Hawaiian Plt Sgt. who taught me as much as he could

when I arrived at the firebase and he was going home in a few days. Anyone with the 4th Eng. Btn between June and Dec of 68, anyone with the 2/8 in the same time period. A fragging incident at the 4th Eng. Btn officers club.

keska@netscape.net



Joseph Paul Schrank

Although I am a swab jockey I am a Life member of the Ivy Div Assn. because my Dad was in it during WWI. At one time I had all of his gear, helmet, gas mask, medals, uniform, leggings.... While I was away in the Navy my mother gave it away...she said she did not think I was coming back.... I also had a copy of the history of the 4th in WWI in excellent condition. That was gone also. In the past ten years I have been looking for a copy of the book and ran across quite a few. However, they were all missing the five- (5) maps that were in the book. I now have a book in good condition, but no maps. I was hoping that I could advertise for anyone who had a book with the maps, or at the very least had a book with the maps and be willing to make copies of them for me. I am more than willing to pay reasonable costs for copies of the maps. Thanks for any help you can give me in this project...In Comradeship

navymustang@worldnet.att.net



Ralph Duran

I was hoping you might be able to assist me in obtaining information on my uncle, Sgt. Donaciano Tellez, assigned to the 4th during WW2. He

was killed in action around June 14, 1944 in France. Any information or advice to find out more about him would be greatly appreciated. He was from Morenci, Arizona and played the guitar. Hopefully one of his buddies will remember him. Thank you for all your sacrifice. I am grateful for my freedom that your division fought and died for. Thank you.

Rduran@SANDSEXPO.com



Jim Nichols

I attended the Infantry Officers Basic course with Lt. Lyons in late 68'. Following IOBC he was assigned to the Fourth Infantry Division. The last I heard from him was in early 72' and he had left the Army and was teaching school in Australia. I believe he came to Ft. Bragg looking for me but we had already left the Army and had moved from Fayetteville.

Jimmynewt@aol.com



Jim Richmond

I'm looking for a Lester O. Roy who was in the 14th. Some time from 66 to 67. He was with the 25th.MP.'s and was sent to the 14th. He was from Ohio and that is all I know about him.

JIMRGENTRAL@aol.com



David E Moore

Trying to locate a World War II veteran who I believe was on landing craft with my uncle at Utah Beach. My uncle's name was Eugene W Smith he was living in Greensboro, N C when he

4th Infantry Division Association ♦ ♦ 2002 Scholarship Application

Complete this form and mail it to: Alexander Cooker, 78 N. Dupont Rd., Carneys Point, NJ 08069

Member's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Relation to Member: _____

Name and Type of School: _____

Address: _____

One Application per student. Must be received by June 15, 2002.

was drafted ,but his home town was Maryville TN .He was a member of the 4th Infantry Division 8th Infantry Regiment 1st Battalion Company C . He was in boat # 9. I found this document (disembarkation roster) at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. I have about 22 names. There are 30 men on the list. I know for sure 8 are dead. My uncle was wounded June 10, 1944 died June 14, 1944 in action near Montebourg, France. My hope is that one of these men might have known my uncle. I have talked to one company C veteran, but he did not know Gene. These are the names that I have: Ray W Sherman, Herbert W Garrecht, Peter Palko, Rudolph C Keene, Oree A Howell, Irwin H Brocker, James W McKee, Chester T Olzewski, Allen V Bangle, Eral Cunningham, Pascal V Dismuke, James F Drowdy, Frank A Fagyas, William D Murray, Joseph F Nortillo, Jr., Remondo Saccone, Robert L Trimble, James E Adams, Henry S Ashley, Jack Balagna, Leroy Rubin, Thomas J Nenadovich.

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Frank H. Moser

Looking for anyone who served with or knew PFC Henry C. Wade Company K, 12th Infantry Regiment WWII. PFC Wade was missing in action on 11/12/1944. Anyone with information is asked to contact Frank H. Moser Jr., 8767 KY 910, Windsor KY 42565-6067. Phone number is 270-866-6115.



Franklin County Veterans

We are looking for John E. Galvin (not sure E. is correct) from Columbus Ohio. He served in 4th Inf. in WWII. 8th Inf. Reg. He was a 1st. Lt. If you have any info please advise by email or contact Pickney Cheatham, P O Box 492 Franklinton, NC Phone 919-494-2242

franklincovso@ncol.net



Richard Ifenecker

More than 50 years ago, Lorraine has been liberated from German invasion, my mother give us so many details



Walter and Coffee? Soldiers of 4th Division who liberated Grosbliederstroff.

about the US and the good time they spend with some of the guys. We have some pictures and I would know if there are some possibilities to find out the name and location of the men on the pictures. In 1945, there was a great barrier with the language, and my mother remembers only the names of some of the soldiers (Walter and Coffee) probably there are some differences between spelling and writing. I can join some copies of the pictures, so please inform me if we have some chances to find the results.

I know that it was the 4th Division who liberate our city of Grosbliederstroff in February 1945 (the 18th). I know also that there is a veteran association of this division, but I cannot find the address, I met also some of the veterans in 1995 for the 50 anniversary. Waiting good news from you by return.

richard.ifenecker@wanadoo.fr



Paul F. Burgess

I am looking for SFC Henry Aikens, RA Service NO. 11222514, last heard from in Vietnam 1968-69 147th LEM Co. APO 96384; his MOS was 31G4H (Communications Chief/ instructor) but he was also a mechanic. I believe he was serving in maintenance/ salvage depot type job in Nam. We were OCS Communications instructors in Fort Belvoir, Virginia 1966 – 68, would like to hear from him or someone that knows of him.

Please contact S/Sgt retired Paul F. Burgess, 12305 Harbor Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Pfburgess@netzero.net



Richard MacLeod

Looking for anyone who can identify the two men on the left and center. Richard MacLeod, on the right, was in G Co., 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. He was stationed at Camp Warren in Devonshire, England near the town of Seaton. The



Can you identify the two men on the left. Richard MacLeod, on the right, was in G Co., 2nd Bn., 8th Inf.

date of the photo may be April 1944. Richard was from Dark Harbor, Maine. Please Contact Edward A. Dodge, HCR 81 Box 64, Searsmont, ME 04973 Tel: 207-342-5148



Jennifer Murch

My undergraduate studies (as a mature student at college in Plymouth, Devon in 1990) concerned the training of troops in the Slapton Sands Battle Training Area and the evacuation of civilians in order to facilitate the live ammunition exercises that took place. I intend to expand this thesis considerably in my forthcoming research. It was my good fortune at that time to conduct interviews with local (Devon) people, and also correspond with several veterans in the United States who participated in Exercise Tiger and the follow-up training for the Normandy Landings. I am also keenly interested in the historical perspective of D-Day and the eventual Liberation of Europe.

I would very much like to hear from as many veterans in the USA as possible about their personal recollections of life during their time in the UK. It is perhaps important for me to state that my intentions are solely to record from a historical standpoint and also with the greatest possible respect afforded to anyone who cares to participate in the study. The outcome of any research findings will be made available to anyone who expresses an interest. Jennifer Murch (Ms), 4 Stretton Close, Sutton Farm, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, SY2 6EY

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Book Corner



Time Heals no Wounds

By Jack Leninger

Ivy Books, 1993, 317 pages, \$4.99 (paperback)



Jack Leninger's *Time Heals No Wounds* is a superb account of a 20-year-old draftee in Vietnam. A portrait on life in the combat zone during 1968 and 1969, the story is told without fanfare or gloss. Leninger's account

is not one of Navy SEALs, Green Berets, and other "glamorous" types which have had volumes written about them. Instead, the author provides the "real war". It's the gritty, boring and terrifying world of a young U.S. infantryman. The result is an exceptional record of Vietnam combat as it was seen by thousands of grunts – kids not old enough to buy a beer in their hometown.

Time Heals No Wounds moves quickly. From being drafted, through basic training and AIT, to arrival in Vietnam, Leninger tells the story of the U.S. Army in the late

sixties. Then, the story of the man's war begins.

Serving in a combat infantry outfit, the author tells it like he saw it. More than a war story; Leninger relates the importance of cohesiveness in the small combat unit. Men received and shared mail...talked of home and girlfriends. On the perimeter, staring into the darkness, men relied on each other. It is the type of bond you will find nowhere else. It is a spirit Leninger captures dramatically.

Leninger and his buddies "humped" endless jungle trails. They dreamed of going home. There is nothing romantic or glamorous in Leninger's war.

The author weaves plenty of action throughout his story of Vietnam. One will not find tales of Rambo within these pages, but simply young American kids trying to stay alive among the insects, heat and elusive enemy of the jungle and rice paddies. Leninger's prose is clear and to the point. It rings of authenticity. A grunt's lot consists of small joys, the delivery of mail, discovering a new way to prepare C-rats, finding a small hole in your helmet after a firefight is something to remember, getting a day or two of stand-down, maybe even a shower was a joyous event, one to be savored. Leninger presents life on the line as few others have.

In addition to his personal accounts of Vietnam, *Time Heals No Wounds* also features operational reports from military archives. These are interspersed in a chronological fashion, which allows the reader to place Leninger and his squad mates in the much bigger picture of the war as it rages around them. This technique is supplemented with a handful of eyewitness accounts from other grunts involved in key actions. All combined, this helps the author transcend the bounds from a personal memoir to a work of unique military history.

This book is highly recommended. *Time Heals No Wounds* is a grunt's story of Vietnam. Realistic, well crafted and honest, it definitely rates as one of the best accounts to date of a war many Americans would like to forget. But some like Jack Leninger and thousands like him can't.

Order Form

Yes, I want my first edition copies of "Utah Beach to Pleiku" so I can read the stories from our 4th Infantry Division veterans. Mail your order and check, made out to National 4th Infantry Division Association, to: **PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068**.

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What Is Memorial Day?

By *LT Bobby Ross*

My years whirl past me. Swirling. Dry, broken grass hovering in a spring breeze. Can I remember my experiences in war? Hardly. Fighting for my country, my youth invested, seems such a long time ago, and so unimportant. Have I lost something? The traditional Memorial Day, also known as Decoration Day, is on the 30th of May. This observed Memorial Day on another day coincidentally allows for a national three-day holiday. Such is commercialism's capitalistic American display. But why do I feel so stricken, like I have abandoned old friends from long ago? Their ghosts consort with my floating years and their spirits coast around my presence.

Another three day holiday! Memorial Day! Maybe the kids and me can go camping? Or, to the beach? Memorial Day is fun! This is the inconsiderate, thoughtless approach to this meaningful and consecrated moment representing one three hundred and sixty-fifth of our year. What is the meaning of Memorial Day? Is it merely a three-day escape from our worldly duties? Or, is it the official beginning of summer? Is selling more hot dogs at the ballpark the overriding clarification?

Many souls, sacrificed in war, in duty to America, are wandering. They drift in a heavenly place, minus their future here upon earth. Tomorrows were forfeited. Given up so our nation would invigorate free souls, aspire them to freedom, and justly allow their lives lived, as they prefer. Raising offspring above restrictions, as they desire. Those lost lives giving we, the living, what we want freely. Those are the souls we respect on Memorial Day. This means it is a sacred day. Without retrospect, sacrifice is mute. Old Glory does not wave by accident. It flutters in the spring air revealing honor. The color red represents the blood bloom from those who fell those who clawed those who cried in horrible pain. Those who died fast. And, those who died ever so slowly. They did their duty. When I see Old Glory waving on a sunny, end of May day, the pigment red gushes from millions of souls, floating, not with us, anymore. They are amongst our heroes, cajoling with angels with their cham-

pions, conquerors and commanders. Friends and loved ones gather, over the grave, witness to those who gave more than anyone should be required to relinquish. They did not want to yield. They were in the wrong place at the wrong time, and when the moment harshly struck them their fatal blow, they cried for their mother, or their friend. Then there were those, many of those, who knew exactly what they were giving. They moved forward knowingly. They lost their lives so their mission would be accomplished.

Fools! Some intellects can say that. One would have to be an imbecile to give up life, no matter what the cause. For a flag? Futile! For a country! More pointless! For freedom! What freedom is there in mortality? Yes, fools they may have been, but their numbers add up in an awesome display of American loss! Veterans' Cemeteries, white badges sailing row after row after row upon green grass, almost never ending, creeping onto the horizon. Constant reminders of the devastation of our human treasure. Mothers' tears enough to fill an ocean to overflow. Sweethearts, broken hearted, reading telegrams. Sons and daughters, many unborn, wakening at birth to a devastated family suffering from a victim of war there no more. And what does all this macabre math equal? Memorial Day is the correct answer.

Few Americans know a person who died in war. Their family trees have lost some leaves, falling as they fought in one of America's wars, or discarded in the peacetime military. We are a busy people. We have business to capture. Our kids are in school. We have chores. Mundane, or surrealistic. We are a spirited society, seeking applications to improve ourselves and our communities. We are a helpful populace, always there when the going gets tough to help those who have suffered the tragedies of nature, whether a hurricane or a famine. Americans are always the first on the scene worldwide bearing their gifts of human spirit and abundance. This is why it is so puzzling that the meaning of Memorial Day seems to lack substance to many of our own people. Even with the day itself. Put back to accommodate a holiday schedule fixed by some organism no one knows, yet powerful enough to do so, the day itself lacks consequence to too many. Many who never knew a person who died in service to America are wrought with the

invisible pain of not feeling for those who do.

Americans take things for granted. We have so much. So very much. Endless choices. These options are not available worldwide. Our shelves are full. Unlike many in other nations of the world. So many are empty or offer very limited selections. Those American fighting men and women killed in battle whose souls are floating actually made available these wondrous choices we have every day of our American lives. Yet, most of our youngsters have no idea whatsoever what this means. They don't learn this in school. We must teach them. For without knowledge, they may end up thinking, or believing, all these marvelous selections came without circumstance. Minus anything. Equaling no meaning. Our nation needs to halt and perceive the flags and flowers on our Veterans graves on this consecrated holiday. We need to lift a common voice of adoration to those floating spirits of our onetime American Warriors, and extol them with a salutation. We have not come that far with our technological miracles of this millennium to become crass. We still need respect. Our backs can not turn from formality. Our eyes can not look away from custom. Our voices must not resonate in silence against honor and glory. To do so will leave us hollow, only to fill us with that which is desolate and lacking potential. This is not the true meaning of Memorial Day. The heartfelt significance requires reminding. Story telling. Wisdom being passed on from our Veterans to our younger generations. An interpretation certified by those who remember the horrors of war. Without this core, our society can not remain genuine. It becomes contemptible. It rots from within. These floating souls of our lost American Warriors are a powerful force, for they live within our hearts. They constantly seek justification for their contributions, and they are real within us. Such is what our American substance stands for, where character is developed, individually is guaranteed, and a community, a nation, survives.

America enters the 21st Century as the most powerful entity humankind has ever experienced. America permeates this next century with vast responsibilities. Our children must bear this promise. We can not turn our backs on these bygone descendants, nor can we do so upon ourselves. Memorial Day offers us the opportunity to express a

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Chapter Events



B/2/8 Reunion

B/2/8th, Vietnam Veterans are looking forward to hosting a unit reunion to coincide with Veterans Day 2002 in Washington, D.C. We are still in the planning stage and full details are not yet available. For further information or to offer your assistance, or to just check in, contact: Mike Hughes, 204 Skyline, Locust Grove, Va. 22508 504-972-1743 or Steve Wittenberg, 4 Columbia Rd., Ardsley, NY 10502 WITTENDOG@aol.com or George Hosso, 9544 Lexington Ave., Brookfield, IL. 60513 708-387-0344.

Illinois Fall Reunion

The Illinois Chapter Fall mini-reunion will be held October 11 through 13 at the Holiday Inn in Carol Stream, IL. You can make reservations by calling the Hotel at either 630-665-3000 or 1 800-800-6509. The rate for the rooms is \$69.00 plus tax. For further information contact: Joe Czyzyk at 630-980-9672 e-mail: josczyk1@hotmail.com or Robert Krueger at 630-213-8830 e-mail: the_krueg@netzero.net or Bert Nicholson at 630-690-1335 e-mail:bcnicholson@hotmail.com or Vernon Ray at 630-232-8653 e-mail: vray442@hotmail.com.

Lehigh Valley Chapter annual Dinner

Dear Fellow Ivy men:

The Lehigh Valley Chapter will hold its Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd, at the AMERICAN LEGION HOME, Main Street, Hellertown, PA. Plan to have your Sunday dinner with the men of the 4th Division and their families and friends.

Lehigh Valley Chapter – Annual Dinner Form

Name: _____ No. Attending: _____

Wife's Name: _____ Dinner: _____

Friend's Name: _____

Children's Name(s): _____ Dinner: _____

Dues for 2003* \$15.00 _____ Dues: _____

*only if not paid as yet

Total: _____

Mail your check to: **Joseph E. Motil, Treasurer, 827 E. 6th Street, Bethlehem PA 18015-3501**

Make sure you include your zip code plus 4-digit number

Open bar from1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Flame of Remembrance2:00 PM

Dinner served promptly.....2:10 PM

Country Style Dinner.....Turkey and Ham

The cost for dinner is \$13.00 per person, \$26.00 per couple. Children's dinner is \$6.00 per child under 12 yr. old

Mail in your 2003 dues early, don't miss out on your *Ivy News* for your chapter news and your National news. All dues should be paid by Dec. 31st for 2003.

Mail to : Joseph E Motil, Treasurer , 827 E. 6th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015-3501 Phone no. 610-866-2831

Bring along a friend and have an enjoyable time.

Please make your checks payable to: **NAT'L 4th INF. DIV. L.V.C.**

Please reply by October 26th, 2002

By James J. Olesak

NY and NJ Chapter picnic and meeting.

Dear Members and Friends of the Fourth Infantry Ivy Division Association:

This is usually the letter that notifies and invites all our members to "The Gramp" picnic. Gerry and Mildred Gramp have hosted this annual get together for many years. In Honor of our departed host, I would like to continue calling it "The Gramp" picnic, if this is o.k. with you all.

This year the New York and New Jersey Chapters invites you all to join us in Staten Island for our annual picnic on Saturday August 10th rain or shine. Our chapter has arranged to use the facilities of the local Marine Corp. League. There is adequate parking and a roomy outdoor covered picnic area. . The usual hamburgers and hot dogs, salads etc. will be served up. Soda and beer will be here to quench your thirst. There is also a cash bar for those who prefer mixed drinks. You are encouraged to bring any salads or cakes , pies or yummys that we can consume.

There will be our "Flames of remembrance ceremony followed by an election of officers. We have an outgoing President, Tom O'Connor, registrar and corresponding secretary positions that need filling. Please be prepared to step up to these positions or at least make nominations.. We need hands and minds to continue our organization. The fun starts at 12 noon, but you should arrive early to help set up. Bring your comfy folding chairs along. Door prizes will be drawn.

There will be a \$5 registration for all members and guests. You should pay in advance to Treasurer, Mike Horan , 22 Geldner Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306 .The chapter will pick up the bulk of the cost again this year. We ask however ,that you contact me, Mike Horan 718-979-6370, if you plan on attending and with guests, so we have sufficient goodies. Please respond A.S.A.P.(if answering machine leave message please).

Directions to The Marine Corp. League of Staten Island, 46 Ontario Street.

■ From Verrazano Bridge- Take 278 (Staten Island Expressway) to Slossan Ave Todt Hill road exit., make right at light onto Todt Hill road. Next light right onto Victory Blvd. Continue down Victory approx. 1/4 mile , make right on ONTARIO. League is on right , enter gates and park.

■ From NJ Bridges- Take 278 (Staten Island Expressway) to Slossan Ave Todt Hill road exit., make left at light onto Todt Hill road. Next 2 lights right onto Victory Blvd. Continue down Victory approx. 1/4 mile , make right on ONTARIO. League is on right , enter gates and park.

Mike Horan, Chapter Treasurer
718-979-6370

Former OCS Grads Honor Fallen Comrades

Earlier this month about 50 graduates of Infantry OCS Class 14-67 (March 7, 1967) met for the first time in 35 years and, among other things dedicated a plaque to our KIA classmates — 5 of whom were killed while serving with 4th Division units in Vietnam. (In fact, one of these men, Bill Zimmerman, was the primary name when I dedicated my contribution to the Arlington Memorial Fund on Christmas Day 1999. Bill was mentioned in Bob Babcock's President's Letter in the following issue of *Ivy Leaves* talking about my Christmas email to him.)— Brian Smith.

By Robert L. Usher

Ft. Benning, GA; March 8, 2002 - At Ft. Benning today, 35 years after graduating as Second Lieutenants from the Army's Infantry Officer Candidate School, 50 former officers met again to honor ten of their classmates and two of their OCS Tactical Officers who were killed in action in Vietnam. The moving ceremony culminated in the laying of a granite stone affixed with a brass plaque engraved with the name and date of death of each of their fallen comrades. At the invitation of the group, also in attendance were relatives of the honored heroes: Claudia Jackson of Atlanta, widow of William E. Zimmerman and Mary Lazaro of Mantua, New Jersey, sister of Robert J. Lazaro.

The official gathering, including wives and some children of these officers began at the Columbus Hilton where the group met to re-acquaint, share memories and update each other on the activities in their lives since 1967. This was the first time since being commissioned on March 7, 1967 (OCS Class 14-67) that most of the group had seen each other. And they traveled from 28 states and the District of Columbia to do it.

By a sheer coincidence, one year ago, one of the former officers (Bob Usher of Lacey's Spring, Alabama) was surfing the internet after viewing the traveling Vietnam Wall in Huntsville, Alabama. In looking at a Vietnam Wall web site he came across a message that was left by his OCS roommate (Brian Smith of Boca Raton, Florida) on a web

Brass plaque engraved with the name and date of death of each of the fallen members of Infantry OCS class 14-67



page memorializing one of their classmates. One email later and the reunion was put into motion.

But how did it all come together? Out of 169 graduates from the 5th Student Battalion's 52nd Company, only these two had any contact with each other, and the addresses they had were 35 years old. Solely using internet search engines the roommates went to work. One year later they had accounted for 123 of the 169 classmates and 6 of the 8 cadre. Sadly, in addition to the 10 classmates and 2 cadre who gave their lives in Vietnam, another 12 have died in civilian life. This, of course, still leaves 46 graduates and 2 cadre that have yet to be accounted for and the two former roommates, in keeping with one of this country's greatest military traditions to never leave anyone behind, pledge to continue their search until the whereabouts of the last man is known. They will also be following in the spirit of their graduating class whose motto continues to be "52nd, Never Second, Sir!"

In addition to the memorial dedication, today's activities included a visit to the barracks they shared during 1966-1967 and a tour of the OCS Hall of Fame, where two of the graduates, Preston L. Funkhouser and Richard H. White (retired Colonels) are

honored. The reunion will include a mixer at the Columbus Hilton on Friday night and a dinner at the Fort Benning Officers Club on Saturday. The featured speaker at the dinner will be retired Colonel Robert B. Nett, an OCS graduate from 1941, a former commander of the OCS Student Battalion and the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions above and beyond the call of duty during the World War II in the Pacific in 1944.

The power of today's technology and the determined spirit of these classmates in searching for and finding 102 living classmates, and 3 Tactical Officers, has resulted in old friendships being renewed and memories being shared. These friendships – 35 years old that they may be – will, as their classmates and cadre who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, never be forgotten.

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moment of solitude where each of us can personify in our own way what we feel. I only speak for myself, as one who has bared his soul to the dread of war. So my father did, and his father's father before him and their souls float amongst the multitudes. My mother and her mother held their Veterans after they returned from war, tears streaming down their cheeks in gratitude for their safe return. And there were those in my ancestry who did not return from war. And their mothers' tears soaked the pillows on beds for generations to sleep upon. Their souls are the dreams that drift amongst the floating, gathering at the end of May in the breeze of summer's coming, in the cool glass of lemonade at the child's street side stand, in the cheers at the ball game from the crowd rooting their team to victory and enjoying the best hot dogs in the world. Let us all stop for a moment, whether it is on the traditional day, or the observed Memorial Day, or even at the end of May, and reach for those floating souls. Let us reveal to them how much we cherish their sacrifice for our free people. Let these memories harvest our recognition of the meaning of Memorial Day in a very simple word. And let that word, simply stated be Thanks.

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New Members ♦♦♦ National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Name	Unit	Era
February 2002		
Frank F. Adams	C/4/ENG	1975-1980
Ralph G. Adams	B/6/29 FA	1970
Jack D. "Danny" Brown Jr.	E/704/MAINT	1969-1970
William B. Bullen	K/75 RANGERS	1969-1970
Seldon W. "Bud" Collins	B/1/10 CAV	1968-1969
Ed M. Emerson	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Haywood Faison	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Paul Fitzsimmons	U/1/10 CAV	1975-1976
Thomas G. Glover	A/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Mrs. Harriet Greenberg	MEMORIAL	
Thomas Grinstead	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Robert Hall	A/1/8 INF	1969-1970
Michael Hattervig	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
LTC Donald E. Jackson	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Dennis G. Jones	4/ADMIN	1970
James Kline	B/3/22 INF	1968-1969
Richard J. Lagueux	D/1/69 AMR	1968-1970
Louis J. Macellari	A/1/8 INF	1965-1967
Jimmy S. McKnight	HSB/6/29 FA	1968-1969
Danny McPherson	A/1/8 INF	1969-1970
David A. Miller	C/3/12 INF	1967-1968
Elwin Pelican	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Ron L. Rogers	A/6/29 FA	Vietnam
William E. Smith	D/1/10 CAV	1971
Paul F. St. Marie	HHC/2/22 INF	Cold War
Leo Stinson	E/2/12 INF	1945
John M. Trebbe	HQ/1/8 INF	1969
Loren E. Tuchek	HQ/DIVARTY	1950-1953
Charles H. Woods Jr.	U/U/8 INF	1961-1962
March 2002		
James K. Bahr	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
SGM Victor S. Bailey	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Rahael A. Coltrin	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Kent C. Combs	U/1/8 INF	1967-1968
Harry A. Cracraft Jr.	U/2/22 INF	1966-1967
John C. Cunniff	4TH ADMIN	1967-1968
Lee Andrew Davis	E/1/12 INF	1969
Steven P. Delp	E/4/ENG	1968
John E. Duncan	A/1/10 CAV	1969
Joseph T. Edwards	D/1/8 INF	Vietnam
SGM Robert Erlich	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
LTC Samuel E. Faires	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Jose P. Felix	U/3/8 INF	1969-1970
Steven E. Fosness	4TH MPS	1973-1974
Donald E. Harris	2BG/47/INF	1957-1962
Jack W. Hughes	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Connie L. Jansch	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Donald McCue	A/1/8 INF	1966-1967
Gerard McLeer	E/2/35 INF	1967-1969
Henry E. Perkins	A/3/22 INF	1966-1967
Bill Pollock	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Dennis Ragan	A/4/AVN	Vietnam
John T. Robinson	D/3/8 INF	1969-1970
Brent A. Schultz	1/44 ADA	1998-2000
Jack E. Smith	E/704 MAINT	1969-1970
Robert A. Swiatko	D/U/12 INF	1961-1964
Tommy W. Thompson	B/1/8 INF	1968-1969
Paul E. Troy	4/MP/CO	1968
Alfred A. Zullo	40TH TNK BN	1955-1956

Name	Unit	Era
April 2002		
Jean M. Aiton	HHT/1/10 CAV	1970
Kenneth Harry Ames	D/4/ENG	1968-1969
Steven W. Anderson	USMC 3/3	
John Benitez Jr.	C/3/12 INF	1967-1968
Bernard O. Berry	A/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Richard D. Butterfield	D/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Charles T. Carpenter	U/U/U	1969-1970
John P. Coffey	4/REPO	1964-1965
Reginald J. Cole	E/1/12 INF	Vietnam
Cyrus M. Fleming	U/4/ENG	1969-1970
Wilbur R. Fouts	HHB/4/42 FA	1968-1969
Simon F. Geisler	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Brian Glaspell	U/1/10 CAV	Vietnam
Paul W. Gray Jr.	U/2/8 INF	Cold War
Winnie Harris	C/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Eddie Harrison	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Ronald J. Hartle Sr.	HQ/2/12 INF	1965-1967
David Hotchkiss	B/3/8 INF	1968-1969
David Hreniuk	ASSOCIATE	N/A
Stanley L. Hreniuk	U/U/12 INF	1942-1945
Edgar O. Hughes	4/MP CO	1951-1952
E. Wayne Jackson Jr.	A/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Richard Jackson	C/3/8 INF	1966-1967
Robert H. Jarvis	374/RRC	1966-1967
Jack Johnson Jr.	C/2/8 INF	1967-1968
Wayne R. Johnson	E/4/ENG	1963-1964
William A. Kahmann	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Lawrence L. Kislia Jr.	U/U/8 INF	Cold War
Rick Letz	C/3/8 INF	Vietnam
Fred Lippner	U/U/U	WWII
Robert D. Moen	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Gary Osterkamp	U/1/12 INF	1969-1970
Robert H. Quinby	USMC/RECON	1967
Jon S. "Steve" Raitala	U/124 SIG	1967-1968
Royce L. Reed	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Stephen Sienecki	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Richard E. Teach Jr.	U/4/ENG	1968-1970
Sammie J. Vore	C/1/8 INF	1967-1968

Senior Personals from Florida

FOXY LADY: Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, slim, 5'4" (used to be 5'6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT: Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

SERENITY NOW: I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE: Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

BEATLES OR STONES? I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the air guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my boss collection of eight-track tapes.

Update

Friends of the Central Highlands

We will never forget...

FOCH + Dreams = Reality ❖ YOU + Your Generosity = Monagnard Programs Supported

FOCH has recently learned that approximately 1,000 Montagnards are due in the United States as a part of a resettlement program. Saddened by their plight, FOCH plans to continue to offer whatever aid we are able to provide. Many Montagnards have been exiled in Cambodia because of unrest in the Central Highlands. They continue to be persecuted and subjected to atrocities by the government because they supported US Forces and openly protested the taking of their land (to resettle Vietnamese from the north) and for religious freedoms being taken from them. The United Nations has stepped in and prevented the return of the Montagnards to Vietnam from Cambodia, because it would mean certain death or long, inhumane periods of confinement in a "reeducation [prison] camp". Bob Laskowski is assisting in the resettlement of some of these Montagnards in the New Bern and Havelock, NC area. There is an immediate need of cash donations to assist these very brave allies in resettling in the land that owes them so much. For those of you who want to donate, please contact Bob Laskowski at (910) 455-4515. You may also send donations, earmarked "MONTAGNARD RESETTLEMENT"; check can be made payable to Lutheran Family Services (Montagnard Refugee Resettlement) and mailed to:

Lutheran Family Services
Refugee Director
PO Box 12287
Raleigh, NC 27605

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the 4th IDA membership for responding to our request in the March issue. That assistance makes it possible for FOCH to provide assistance to the families of those who have been imprisoned by the Vietnamese government simply for protesting the taking of their lands and their religious freedoms.

If any of you have contemplated donating to FOCH but have had second thoughts or felt like you couldn't afford it, we would like to share with you a recent story about how one person felt like they could make a difference—and did. We are extraordinarily appreciative of Eric Knudsen, who attended a FOCH board meeting in April of 2002. Eric is thirteen and the son of George Knudsen, a FOCH board member and Vietnam Veteran. Eric made a cash contribution of \$25.00. He had saved his allowance of \$5.00 per week for the four weeks of Lent and then kicked in an extra \$5.00 "from my wallet" to round out his donation of \$25.00. If a thirteen-year-old Friend can make such a sacrifice—what's your excuse? At our April meeting Eric was elected to serve as an Honorary Member of the FOCH Board of Directors. Eric is the kind of "Friend" that believes that he can and will make a difference—then acts upon that feeling—with the kind of caring and sharing that really matters.

The needs of FOCH continue to grow. At the April Board meeting thirteen additional scholarships were approved which brings the total number of scholarships you provide to 32 per

year, from 1st grade to university. The English teacher project (Dec. '01 The Ivy Leaves) was approved and a Summer School program will be funded that will impact even more Montagnard children. Two additional agricultural projects for raising sugar cane were also approved. We look forward to seeing each of you in the beautiful state of Washington in September. Please continue to pay and pray for the projects and for the Montagnard people of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. We believe that their needs are far greater than ours and that we owe them more than we can repay.

FOCH has a bountiful supply of Montagnard baskets, cross-bows, ceremonial "Happy Houses", blankets, purses, headbands and bracelets. Contact Arnold: sgmw@flash.net, (405) 354-8227, Fax: (405) 354-8970 or Bob: joans.bob@verizon.net, (509) 667-2416 to place an order or receive a brochure. Contact Arnold's wife Janelle janelle1@flash.net or Arnold's numbers given above to get on the mailing list for the FOCH newsletter.

Arnold Waggoner and Bob Reilly

Our Heroes Live

Flanders Field, Arlington Cemetery, the Wall
hold some of our honored dead, not all;
some of them come to life inside my head
whisper, shout, "never let the world forget".

the heroic dead make fine companions;
I'm glad to be one of their champions;
while I live, they'll never go unsung,
nor shall the nation forget what they've done.

spring mornings they'll never get to see,
sleepless nights, they keep me company
they walk beside me and sigh in my ear,
telling me stories the living should hear.

"I fought against the Kaiser's Germany."
"I fell on the beach at Normandy."

"I rode in the charge up San Juan Hill."
"Do men remember Valley Forge still?"

worst of all is "I died a prisoner,
forgotten, alone, after the torture.
don't let them leave another guy behind;
make sure POWs are kept in mind."

most frequently I hear, "I was a boonie rat,
hard core grunt, door gunner, tunnel rat."
that was the war that claimed my warrior
though he died slowly, and long after.

Mimi Palmer Hensley

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TAPS



All of us in the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association extend our sincere sympathy to the friends and families of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

★ ALFORD, Guy Franklin, Co. G, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, of 120 Mayo St., Tarboro, NC 27886 passed away March 6, 2002 at the age of 80. He landed on Utah Beach with the 1st assault wave at 6:30 a.m. on D-Day. He was wounded on June 21st. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Muriel, a son Guy F. Alford Jr., and a daughter Evelyn A. Williamson. He was a member of the Carolina Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Muriel H. Alford, wife

★ BULLIS, Donald I/3/22, WWII, 2580 19th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234 recently died. His wife Rose survives him. He was a member of the Florida Chapter, 4IDA and the 22nd Inf. Regt. Society. Thanks to Ed McEniry

★ BURKETT, James D., 1/12th Inf., South Charleston, SC passed away December 23, 2001. His daughter, Dianne Johnson, and son, Ronnie, survive him. Thanks to Charles Rader

★ CERRETO, Frank L., H/2/8 Inf., WWII, of 401 Old Liverpool Rd., Liverpool, NY 13088 passed away recently. He was a member of the NY/NJ Chapter of the 4IDA. No further information was provided. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ COLBERT, Bernard J., WWII, Company K, 8th Infantry Regiment, passed away 17 February 2002. The funeral was at Arlington National cemetery on 19 April 2002 at 3pm. He was originally a member of the New England Chapter until he moved to the United States Soldiers and Airmen's Home in Washington DC 12 years ago. Bernie was a Paid for Life member of the Capital Chapter. The last reunion I think he went to was in Massachusetts in 2000? When I was younger he took me to a many reunions both New England and national and I remember the pride they all had in each other. Thanks to Lisa Freedman & Bob Reilly

★ DOWGIALLO, William E/2/12, WWII, 6306 Bikini Road, Sarasota, FL 34241-5505 died 18 January 2002. His wife, Anne, survives him. He was a member of the Florida Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ EDGAR, Thomas I., Col., 96, of Asheville, NC, died Sunday May 12, 2002. He served with HQ / 42 FA, WWII. Thanks to James Drennen

★ GIACOBONE, Anthony F., Bath, SC, died April 2, 2001. He served with A / 42 FA, WWII. Thanks to James Drennen

★ GRANAHAN, Hugh J., Sgt. Co. A, 22nd Infantry in WWII, who I believe was a long-time member of the 4IDA passed away on March 8, 2002 at the age of 84. Uncle Sonny (as my family called him) died after a terrible 9-month battle with

Alzheimer's and constant falling and breaking his hip (the same one three times!). He had fallen in his Chicago home at 5057 North Natoma (he and his wife Jeanne had lived there since 1949) last July, and he was in and out of the hospital and rehab. units ever since. My Uncle was a retired Chicago Police Dept. Sgt., and his last position with them was at Illth and State, as a fingerprint technician. Thanks to Mary F. Zentmyer

★ HOVANEK, James Franz, LT/COL died on February 17, 2002 at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, Katheryn; son, Kurt and daughter, Donna. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. He was a member of the Capital Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his daughter, Donna

★ KREKEL, Edward F., I/3/22nd Inf., WWII, PO Box 958, Baldwin City, KS 66006 died on March 12, 2002 at the age of 76. He had terminal cancer. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, and Bronze Star for his service with the 4th Division from Utah Beach to the Rhineland, Germany.

KREKEL, Edward F

His wife, Jo Ann, survives him. He was a Charter Member of the Midwest Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ LEE, Robert W. Jr., Co K, 3/22nd Inf., WWII, of PO Box 77, Lynch Station, VA 24571 passed away on December 9, 2001. He joined K Company on D-Day plus 10. During the Hurtgen Forest Campaign, he volunteered to serve with the Scouts and Raiders, which was attached to the 3rd Battalion, Headquarters Co. His wife, Evelyn, son Robert and one daughter Bonnie Lee Finch survive him. He was a member of the Capital Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Charles R. McKibben

★ MANTO, Peter, HQ Co., WWII, 53 Japonica Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45218 passed away on January 13, 2002. He was in the 1st wave on D-Day and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and campaign medals. His son, Peter Jr., and four grandchildren survive him. Thanks to son, Peter Jr.

★ NELSON, Johnathan L., age 56, of Smethport, PA died April 12, 2002. A memorial service was held on April 14, 2002 with final internment in Arlington National Cemetery. John was a Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart recipient from A/1/8 Inf. - Vietnam. Members of

the 116th Infantry Regiment, PA National Guard provided full military Honors during the memorial service. John was a member of the WPA Chapter of the 4ID Association, and will be greatly missed. At the request of the family, contributions may be made to the National 4th Infantry Division Monument or Scholarship funds in Johns' memory. Thanks to Chuck McKee

★ PEREIRA, Raymond, 22nd Inf., WWII, 47 Red Hill Rd., Manchester, NJ passed away on February 1, 2002 at the age of 83. He was in the invasion at Cherbourg and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His wife, Eileen, two sons and one daughter survive him. Thanks to Jimmy Burns

★ REIGNER, Franklin K., WWII, of 1701 W. High St., Stowe, PA 19464 passed away on March 18, 2002 at the age of 85. He of the talked about World War II, Normandy going in on the 2nd wave, and in Northern France. He was wounded, received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and five battle stars. His wife, Marian, survives him He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his wife, Marian

★ SCHAAD, Marcella, E. wife of Walter (deceased 1994), 42nd FA Bn., WWII died on March 23, 2002. She will be missed by all her friends of Ohio-W. PA Chapters of the 4IDA. She attended all mini-reunions with her husband Walter who was a Past President of the Ohio Chapter. Sons, James, Tom and Kenny, daughters Elizabeth and Judith and many grandchildren survive her. Thanks to Elmer Klaus

★ SMITH, Harold Henkel, Lt. Colonel USA, Retired, died on February 17, 2002. He was a Member of the 4th Infantry Division, Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, D-Day Invasion, June 6, 1944, Utah Beach, Normandy, France. On D+5 he was critically wounded by a through and penetrating sniper's bullet that severed an artery in



SMITH, Harold Henkel, Lt. Colonel USA, Retired

his right wrist, entered his right side, blowing his abdominal wall off, before exiting his left hip. He was retired 70% disabled after spending approximately 2.5 years in the hospital. Among his awards were the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Army Commendation. Our country is losing a great

number of W.W.II Veterans, at a rapid rate, who fought to give us the Freedom that we now enjoy. He was a Member of the Carolina's Chapter of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association. Thanks to Richard Alan Smith, Son

★ SUNDE, Gordon L., MSG (Ret) peacefully passed away on 2 March 2002 at the age of 76 in Regina, SK, Canada, where he had resided for many years. His wife, Doris; daughters Lisa and Michele; sons Dwight, Tim and Nairn; 14 grandchildren, four brothers and 10 sisters survive him. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion were honorary pallbearers and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Academy provided an Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, SS Chapter; Box 721, Regina, SK; S4P 3A8 or the Canadian Cancer Society at 1470 Wascana St;

Regina, SK; S4T 4J5. A Vietnam Veteran, proud member of the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry and the NW Chapter, 4th IDA, Gord's many decorations and awards included the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/OLC and the CIB. Thanks to Bob Reilly

★ THORNE, Glenn W., Co. A, 1/12th Inf., WWII of 1312 Canterbury LN, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 passed away January 7, 2002 at the age of 81. His wife, Mary, survives him. Thanks to daughter, Beth Saunders

★ WALKER, Glenn, LTG died on May 4, 2002. Glenn served with 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment of 4ID in WWII, working his way up to battalion commander after landing on D-Day as a captain. He was wounded in the Hurtgen Forest, the same day that all three battalion commanders were either killed or wounded. Glenn later com-

manded the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam after having commanded the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division while they were attached to the 4th Infantry Division. His wife, Margaret, of 534 W. Moore Tower Road, Forest, MS 39074, survives him. Reported by Chaplain Bill Boice.

★ WELLS, Roger Merwin, Lake George, 86, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, April 13, 2002 During World War II, he served with the 4th Infantry Division and was wounded in the Battle of Normandy. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of the American Legion Post 374 and Disabled American Veterans. Thanks to Frederick R. Miller.

American WWII Orphans Network (AWON)

In a perfect world the above organization would not exist. The need would not exist. In real time, it did not exist for 50 years after the event. Potential members were the first to experience the "don't ask - don't tell" program. Why they did not want anyone to ask is beyond me today. But, that's the way it was for over 50 years until someone had the guts to ask the question, "why aren't we talking and trying to heal?" That lady, Ann Mix, kind of upset the apple cart. What she found was a nation full of adults, who as children, lost their parent in the War of the Century - The most significant event of the Twentieth Century.

Founded in 1991 by Ann Bennett Mix, and headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, the American WWII Orphans Network (AWON) is a nonprofit organization comprised of the Sons and Daughters of Americans killed or missing in World War II. AWON's mission is to locate and support American orphans of World War II and to honor the service and sacrifice of our fathers, and of all veterans. More than a million fathers served in World War II. Leaving their wives and children, they traveled overseas. There, many paid the highest price in service to their country. The deaths of more than 406,000 men left an estimated 183,000 American children fatherless. Most of these fatherless children are now in their fifties and sixties and many are unaware that so many others share the same legacy.

AWON has located almost 3,000 sons and daughters of men who were killed, as well as many of the family members. The

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organization has received national recognition by military, government and veterans groups, with the founder invited to breakfast at the White House to witness the signing of the contract to begin construction of the National World War II Memorial on Memorial Day 2001. National and local conferences have brought members together across the nation, from Washington DC to Seattle Washington. They have created a computer network of active, sharing individuals from all over the US. Members report that participation in the network has a profound impact on their lives.

The American WWII Orphans Network provides the following:

- ❖ A registry of orphans and families of WWII casualties
- ❖ National, regional and local conferences and gatherings
- ❖ Guidance to locating information from military and government records
- ❖ Publications, including "The Star" newsletter
- ❖ On-line network communication

among American WWII orphans

- ❖ AWON website, including a members-only section

Website memorials to our fathers

AWON publishes a quarterly newsletter, "The Star". Founder Ann Mix has published a resource book called "Touchstones: A Guide to Records, Rights and Resources for families of American World War II Casualties." And co-authored with Susan Johnson Hadler, a psychologist and war orphan, a book containing interviews with war orphans entitled, "Lost in the Victory: Reflections of American Orphans of World War II."

If you would like to become a member of AWON, register yourself and your parent in our database, or request a free copy of our newsletter, our website is at www.awon.org or contact:

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If you are a war orphan and have kept your loss to yourself all these years and you just want to surround yourself with some of the warmest and understanding people that truly share your loss, think about attending the National Conference in Branson Missouri on November 1-4, 2002. The program will be held at the Lodge of the Ozarks. Think about it. Write or email the above. Do it! You actually owe it to yourself.



I hope this finds all of our members well and enjoying life. Even though we lost over 400 members this past year due to failure to renew their dues, our rolls continue to grow. We have over 8500 names on our membership roster with over 3500 being paid up and in good standing. We are still getting a good number of inquiries through our aggressive advertising campaign and most of them end up joining our great Association.

Our "Unit" Chapters continue to recruit new members and we expect to have at least 2 new Chapters in the near future. As always we recommend that those who are not yet Paid for Life members please consider it. Once you are *Paid for Life* you don't have to worry with paying annual dues any longer. Of course your Chapter and National both want you to continue to support them with your donations to help offset operating expenses. Also, you can still donate to both the Monument Fund and the Scholarship Fund. Those donations can be sent directly to National Treasurer, Wayne Brown.

Special get well wishes go out to Past National President Paul Brunelle. It seems that Paul had some heart problems while on a trip to Florida this spring and it resulted in by-pass surgery. When I last spoke with Paul he was on the mend and recovering nicely. Paul is one of the most Steadfast & Loyal Ivymen that I have ever known and a great friend...*Get well soon Paul!*

I also recently had a phone call from Bill Buell. He's looking at knee replacement surgery soon...well I don't wonder...the way he was kicking up his heels at his wedding a couple of years ago it's no wonder that he's worn them out! Doesn't the man know how to slow down? I wish I'd been around to see him in Paris about 50 some years ago.

The search is still on for a webmaster for our web site and for a new Executive Director. If you are interested in either job please contact National President Roger Dufek ASAP.

4thfully, Roger S. Barton

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