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Donald 'Doc' Evans, the 4th Division's first Medal of Honor Recipient in Vietnam

By Bill Comeau



Donald Evans was the first recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for the 4th Infantry Division during the Vietnam Conflict. He was the second

Medic to receive it in Vietnam and first to lose his life in action. He was my friend, and every man who served with him in A/2/12 of the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division considered him theirs. Donald was a bigger-

than-life figure who cast a long shadow not only on his unit's history but also on the lives of the men who shared that moment in their lives known as Our Vietnam Experience. We all knew that Donald acted heroically on that day in January 1967, losing his life in the process. Most of his buddies never knew that he was honored with the highest military honor accorded to a member of the military until recently.

Over the last three years our Company has been locating members of our unit that served during 1966-67 and we formed "Alpha Association." One hundred and seventy four members are currently in our

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group. We meet once a year, publish our own newsletter, (*Alpha's Pride*) and have our own website (<http://www.alphaassociation.org/>). We are the custodian for historical Vietnam 2/12th archive photos and clippings received from Ray Cassidy. Ray secured this important collection while serving as a correspondent for "Stars and Stripes" and was part of the group involved with the transfer of the Dau Tieng Base Camp to the ARVN in 1970 as the 2/12 was sent stateside. Ray now is Webmaster to the 2/12 website, which is: <http://www.212veterans.org/>. The archive material can be viewed on Ray's site. We have archive material on Sydney R.K. Springer, our original First Sergeant. He has the distinction of being the third most decorated man alive today. Which brings me to Donald Evans' Archive, our most extensive. It took three years of research to collect the data and as I followed one lead after another I was astounded by the material I collected. The trail ended with the location of Richard Evans, Donald's brother, who graciously filled in a lot of the gaps in the research. This is an abbreviated version of what we learned.

Donald was born in Covina, CA and attended Covina High School where he developed into a World Class track star. He set state records in the 660, 880, 1500-Meter runs, Mile run, Mile Relay and Cross Country. Some of these records were not broken for twenty-five years! Don was courted by a number of presti-

Klaus and Jereb receive Lingert Service Award



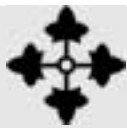
Leo S. Jereb (left) and Elmer J. Klaus hold 2002 Ralph E. Lingert Awards presented them at the Ohio Chapter Fall reunion.

Photo by Roger Dearnmeyer.

by Ray Dunkel

The "Ralph E. Lingert Service Award" is normally presented at the National Reunion. This year the two recipients selected to receive the award, Elmer J. Klaus and Leo S. Jereb (members of the Ohio Chapter) were not present in Spokane therefore were not presented with the award. To remedy this shortcoming National President Roger Dufek asked if I would present the award to Elmer and

Leo at the Ohio Chapter's Fall Reunion. I readily agreed and had the pleasure and honor of presenting the "Ralph E. Lingert Service Award" to Elmer J. Klaus and Leo S. Jereb during our banquet. Both Elmer and Leo expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to the membership for the award. They both articulated that the support of the membership was largely responsible for them being selected to receive the award.



From the Editor...

Gregory A. Rollinger

Send me corrections

I would like to ask all National and Chapter officers listed in this issue of *The Ivy Leaves* to review their address information and phone numbers and send me any corrections. This being the first issue after the National Reunion and many chapter's electing new chapter officers at fall reunions, I'm anticipating that I do not have all the updates.

New Member!

Donald R. Wray joined the 4IDA back in April 2001. He was in HSB/5/16 FA, Vietnam, '67-68'. He is a member of the Midwest Chapter. Sorry I missed you in earlier new member listings.

March 2003 Deadline

The deadline for articles for the next issue is February 1, 2003.

4ID Scholarship Winners Drawn

by Alex Cooker

The following individuals were drawn at the National Reunion Banquet on September 28, 2002, to receive a \$1000 scholarship.

Shane Thomson

Of Santa Rosa, CA, who is currently attending Santa Rosa Jr. College.

Christopher Doucette

Of Sharon, MA, who is currently attending Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Lisa Burkman

Of Lusby MD, who is currently attending St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary, MD.

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Hello everybody! What a great honor it is for me to serve as President of our great 4th Infantry Division Association. This is another great year for my family. My first grandchild is approaching his first birthday and Linda and I are really enjoying watching him discover the world.

There are many things going on in the world that make it an even greater time for us to not only remember the past but protect the present and plan for the future. Our monument at Arlington Cemetery is visited by literally thousands of people every day. It is a real, tangible, and solid depiction that honors our history.

The present calls on all of us to seek out all former 4th Infantry Division vets in any way we can. I urge all of you to take our membership brochure, copy it and distribute it and post it in all public places that you know about. If you need one to copy, let me or Greg Rollinger know and we'll get it to you. Chapter officers all over the country should pick up on Rick Adams, our Senior Vice President's, plan to publish our patch in all the local newspapers in your respective cities and towns. Please contact Rick if you need help with the plan.

Looking forward, our Executive Board has passed a resolution to plan to adopt the units of the current active 4th Infantry by our membership. The unit chapters can really make an impact on our troops overseas or deployed elsewhere in the war on terrorism. But each chapter should pick a unit or units

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within the 4th. Our letters, care packages, Emails, and other contacts are all great morale builders for them.

Many thanks to Rob Reilly for the great reunion in Spokane. He and his great volunteers kept the attendees busy with activities and great food. We will be back at Ft. Hood next September, thanks to the Texas Chapter. The CG, Major General Odierno has promised us a great week. The following year we will return to a July reunion in Branson, Mo.

I can't tell you how lucky we are to have Greg Rollinger as our new Executive Director. Rollie was one fine machine gunner and squad leader in my unit, A-1-8. Many thanks to Roger Barton for his years of outstanding service. We do need someone to step up and take over the *Ivy Leaves*. If any of you reading this would like to be our new editor or know some one who might want to, call me at once.

Finally, we live in the greatest country, in the greatest time, in the history of mankind. It is my fervent hope that peace prevails and all of us can have a great holiday season in 2002 and go forward with a positive spirit, enjoying life and freedom!

Fourthfully,

Gerry W. Howard , President

The Ivy Leaf Collection

More newspaper copies needed

By Bob Babcock

Response continues to be good to our request for old copies of *Ivy Leaf* newspapers from WWII, Cold War, and Vietnam. We have received a few WWII copies and two copies from Camp Butner, NC - 23 Nov 45 and the 16 Feb 46 issue indicating the 4ID was going to be deactivated and covering the award of the Belgian Fourragere (sent to us by Gene Westberg of King City, OR). As promised, I got nearly all the issues of *Ivy Leaf* from Cold War Germany from 1951 and many from 1952 (plus several issues of Stars and Stripes) sent by Leonard Sternicki of Garland, TX. We also received several more issues from Vietnam. I'll highlight our latest status of *Ivy Leaf* newspapers in our archives and at the 4ID Museum in the March 2003 issue so you'll know what all we have. And thanks to all those who sent copies to me since the last newsletter.

We still need more copies. Dig into your foot locker, your attic, your basement or wherever you store your Army memorabilia. If you don't want to send the original, go to Kinko's (or a similar copying place) and make us a copy. I'll copy whatever I get and send a copy to Ceilia Stratton, Director of the 4ID Museum at Fort Hood, TX to insure she has as many copies as we can locate. My brother found several copies that I had sent home from Vietnam so I'm expecting to add those issues from 1966-1967 as soon as he sends them to me. Mail your copies to me at PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068.

Help Wanted

We need a new National Archivist. This position has the responsibility for the 4IDA historical documents which includes copies of *The Ivy Leaves*, books, memorabilia, photos, and a lot of other stuff. Requirements would include access to a safe and a dry place at least room size I would guess. For more information, please contact Bob Babcock.

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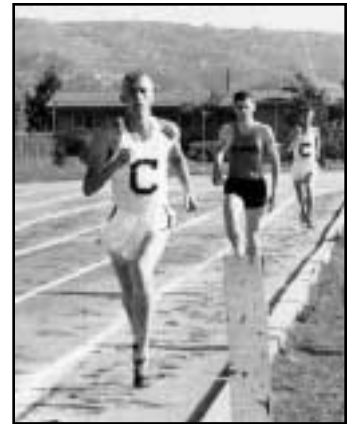


This is how we remember Donald. The Medic with the friendly smile and disposition who put the safety of his Company brothers ahead of his own. It is fitting that Fort Sam Houston chose to name the Auditorium where all the Medics of the Army receive their Graduation Certificates on its stage. Evans Medical Center in Fort Carson reflects the pride and honor that was displayed by this remarkable man from Covina, CA. During its recent accreditation, Evans Medical Center was ranked in the top 10% of all healthcare facilities in the country. Doc must be proud. So are we.

Donald's MOH Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. He left his position of relative safety with his platoon which had not yet been committed to the battle to answer the calls for medical aid from the wounded men of another platoon which was heavily engaged with the enemy force. Dashing across 100 meters of open area through a withering hail of enemy fire and exploding grenades, he administered lifesaving treatment to 1 individual and continued to expose himself to the deadly enemy fire as he moved to treat each of the other wounded men and to offer them encouragement. Realizing that the wounds of 1 man required immediate attention, Sp4c. Evans dragged the injured soldier back across the dangerous fire-swept area, to a secure position from which he could be further evacuated. Miraculously escaping the enemy fusillade, Sp4c. Evans returned to the forward location. As he continued the treatment of the wounded, he was struck by fragments from an enemy grenade. Despite his serious and painful injury he succeeded in evacuating another wounded comrade, rejoined his platoon as it was committed to battle and was soon treating other wounded soldiers. As he evacuated another wounded man across the fire covered field, he was severely wounded. Continuing to refuse medical attention and ignoring advice to remain behind, he managed with his waning strength to move yet another wounded comrade across the dangerous open area to safety. Disregarding his painful wounds and seriously weakened from profuse bleeding, he continued his lifesaving medical aid and was killed while treating another wounded comrade. Sp4c. Evan's extraordinary valor, dedication and indomitable spirit saved the lives of several of his fellow soldiers, served as an inspiration to the men of his company, were instrumental in the success of their mission, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.

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gious colleges, including UCLA in Berkeley and San Jose State, both with outstanding track traditions. Donald elected to stay near home and graduated from Mount San Antonio College. In May 1963, Donald and another outstanding track star, John Norton, won the State Championship for Mount San Antonio!

Not long after graduating from college he received his draft notice. He entered the service in early 1966 and after basic was sent to Fort Sam Houston for training as a Medic. He joined A/2/12 in May, 1966.



During his time with A/2/12 he decided to wed his long time love, Bonnie. In September 1966 he boarded the Nelson M. Walker Troopship with the rest of us of the Third Brigade of the 4th Division for deployment to Vietnam. Along the way, the ship stopped in Okinawa, Japan for refueling. Ironically, it was the location of Donald's first honor, two years after his death. The Army Base Medical Center there was named after him. We arrived in Vietnam at Vung Tau on October 8th, 1966. Our unit eventually built a massive base

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Presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor by Stanley Resor, Sec. of the Army, to Mrs. Donald Evans Jr.- his widow, Elsie and Donald Evans Sr.- his parents. Donald's Dad never did recover from his son's loss and died still heartbroken, in 1974.



Elsie became a noted Veteran's Advocate in her community and was instrumental in the establishment of Evans' Courtyard which leads into Covina's City Hall. The Courtyard honors all the soldiers from Covina who were lost in Vietnam.



Elsie, and Richard Evans spent the next two decades speaking of Donald at a number of dedication ceremonies that were in his honor. First there was Evans Base Camp, near Pleiku, Vietnam, (1967); Evans Medical Center- Sukiran, Okinawa, (1969) and Letterman Army Medical Center, on the Presidio, in San Francisco named a hall after him in 1989. Fort Irwin, California named a firing range after him. The Crown Jewels of his namesakes are at Fort Sam Houston, TX (above left) and Fort Carson, CO (above right).



Donald's brother, Richard, our Guest of Honor Speaker, showing the CMH that Donald earned on that day in 1967 while serving with these same men in Vietnam. It was a mutual honor to finally meet.

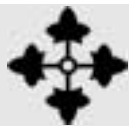
camp at Dau Tieng, an enemy stronghold northwest of Saigon, where the VC were freely operating.

In January our Brigade was involved in Operation Cedar Falls. On January 27th, our Company stumbled into an enemy base camp where its lead platoon was pinned

down by withering enemy fire coming from a bunker complex. As the cry of "Medic!" rang out from the lead unit, Donald answered the call with heroism. (see CMH Citation for details of his deeds which cost Donald his life.) When the Company returned and the complete picture of his selflessness became



The men of A/2/12, 1966-67 who served with Donald, at this year's reunion. apparent, Lt. Jim Olafson who commanded the Company at that time began the long process to assure that Donald was properly recognized. It took a year before the MOH was finally approved.



From the National Service Officer...

Chuck McKee, PNP/NSO

The Ladies of Arlington

While recently attending a funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, I observed a middle aged woman standing near the ceremony. She was well dressed, and with an Army escort. After the services had ended, I approached her and introduced myself asking if she knew the deceased. She answered "No, I'm an Arlington Lady".

She went on to explain that the late Air Force General Hoyt Vandenberg had never wanted his members to have a bleak and friendless funeral. He and his wife often attended the funeral service of Air Force personnel. Soon her other Air Force friends and wives joined them. Their invariable presence at the funerals earned them the nickname, the Arlington Ladies. This lady was one of 150 Arlington Ladies, all volunteers. These dedicated women have carried on a tradition for more than 50 years: No soldier will be buried alone at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dressed in ordinary clothes, an Arlington Lady can be recognized by the simple lapel pin the service branch insignia representing the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Their duties go beyond the

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graveside and the title of professional mourners. They give comfort instead of showing sorrow, helping others through the worst times and letting them know that their loved one has not been forgotten.

Many families cannot attend their loved ones internment at Arlington because of distance, financial limitations, or illness. The Arlington Ladies often write detailed letters to them of the services beginning with the weather and ending with soulful sounding of Taps. When requested by relatives, an Arlington Lady will place a wreath on a veteran's grave for Memorial Day, or other holidays.

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Chapter Reports



374TH Radio Research Company (ASA) "Finder" Chapter

By Steve Zawacki

The newest chapter within the association wishes to convey its gratitude to the Executive Committee for granting our charter.

The 374th Radio Research Company (ASA) was probably the least known of all the units within the division. The "radio research" cover name was given to the company upon its arrival in Vietnam, as all "Army Security Agency" (ASA) units were redesignated as "radio research" units for security purposes.

The 374th provided direct signals intelligence (SIGINT) and communications security (COMSEC) support to the division throughout the division's time in Vietnam. The SIGINT/COMSEC mission was a combination of technical intelligence and counterintelligence activities.

The technical intelligence activities included: 1) radio intercept, monitoring, identification and intelligence analysis of radio traffic from VC/NVA units in the division's AO; 2) locating VC/NVA units through radio direction finding of hostile transmitter sites; 3) liaising with other Army and Air Force units in Vietnam also conducting SIGINT operations; and 4) conducting intelligence analyses of all relative SIGINT information received from other SIGINT units.

The technical counterintelligence activities involved: 1) determining security weaknesses within the division's communications; 2) identifying specific mission/information compromises due to disclosure over the division's radiotelephone nets and conventional telephone circuits; and 3) providing advice and assistance at all echelons on how to eliminate/reduce information compromises through better communication techniques and the use of approved codes and ciphers.

The 374th also had its own aviation section, comprised of two UH-1 "Left Bank" helicopters specially equipped to conduct radio direction finding operations.

The 374th was comprised of a company headquarters element supporting the Division Tactical Operations Center, and also forward detachments (with 7 to 14 personnel each) with each of the brigades. Due to security restrictions, full knowledge of the company's operations was limited to the Division/Brigade Commanders and their respective G/S-2 officers.

Thus, the 374th was the division's "ear" into the enemy's communications nets, the "finder" of the enemy's transmitters (and headquarters) at all command levels, and the "protector" of the division from VC/NVA SIGINT operations targeted against the division.

The chapter maintains an Internet web site at "www.geocities.com/374th_rrc" which contains many photographs of the 374th's personnel, operations and deployment sites. All are welcome to visit this web site.

We look forward to the coming year as a new chapter.

8th Infantry Regiment Society

By John O'Malley

The reunion at Spokane was a good time for those who attended thanks goes to the NW Chapter and Bob Reilly, who did an outstanding job. The trip on the Snake River was outstanding.

There was a memorial for PSG Bruce Grandstaff who was awarded the CMH for action on May 18, 1967 with B Co. 1st of the 8th Inf. All the men of the 4th Platoon share in the award, to the men who died, may they rest in peace, to the survivors may God be with them and put there minds at rest. Those 9 days in May have been written in the Unit History.

We held our annual meeting in my hotel room there was about 10 of us there. We elected a new Chapter Commander Mike Robinson, Vice Commander Richard Bolin. There wasn't a brave person to who wanted my job, so I'm still here. We adopted the Black Beret with Army slash (current Army issue) with regimental crest as official head gear. The chapter also picked up a few new members, thanks for joining.

I have been giving 8th Inf. Reg. History and our patch to some Army Recruiters here in Cleveland, OH. I'm trying to get the regiment noticed by as many as possible. Does anyone out there know if there's 8th Infantry Regimental tie, if not let's come up with one. My goal is to make the 8th Inf. known as a great unit. We have the history all we have to do is let it be known.

Dues notices are going out; please respond in a timely manner booking takes a lot of time. I'm an accountant and tax season is coming up and I'll be busy with my clients. This is the reason I ask for a timely return. Until the next Ivy Leaves, when a chapter notice is due Happy Holidays and good health to all.

Capital Chapter

by Roger S. Barton

The Capital Chapter met for its annual Crab Feast and fall meeting on September 7, 2002 at the home of Butch and Janet Maisel in Sykesville, Maryland. It was a beautiful day and the Maisel's went all out to make our members feel welcome. Butch had his 4th Infantry Division museum open and, as usual, it was enjoyed by all. The mood was somber for our meeting as the Chapter mourned the loss of our beloved Chaplain Wallace "Bud" Whelan who passed away on August 14, 2002. Bud had served as our Chaplain for many years and had often hosted our annual Crab Feast at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Chapter President Norman Lilley called the meeting to order and following the roll call of officers Larry Schwartz led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Ruth Sparks offered the opening prayer and Chris Maisel assisted in the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony. Following the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony the official announcement of Bud

Whelan's passing was made to the Chapter and his distinguished service to his country and the Chapter was discussed. A moment of silence was observed in Bud's honor, which was followed by a special playing of TAPS. Bud was truly a Steadfast & Loyal Ivyman and he will be missed. First timers Don & Honey Manley were introduced and welcomed. The annual election of officers was held and the following were elected to serve in 2003: President, Norman Lilley, Vice President, Steve Shlagel, Secretary/Treasurer, Roger Barton and Chaplain, Butch Maisel. Special thanks goes out to Bill & Rachael Thompson who brought many photos of past reunions for our viewing pleasure and to Butch and Janet Maisel for hosting the meeting. It should also be noted that Butch's son Chris had a great display of a Vietnam style fighting position set up in the back yard...great job Chris! A big thank you also goes to Peter Lee for the use of our meeting tent! Our 2003 Spring meeting will take place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Watch the IVY LEAVES and our Internet website for further details.

Carolinas Chapter

by Rick Adams

The Chapter is pleased to welcome Mary Harrelson as a memorial member. Mary is the wife of the late Carl B. Harrelson, Jr. who died March 25, 2002.

Thanks to all who sent your 2003 dues in early. If you have not paid, this will be your last issue of "Ivy Leaves" If you are moving please send me your new address.

Our fall reunion was held in Mt Airy, North Carolina October 18-20, 2002. Attending were Rick Adams, Richard and Sheila Bolin, Cecil Boswell, Jack and Mary Jo Crites, John Frost, Robert and Esther Gobble, Bill Greenlee, Warren and Mary King, Jack and Karen Leonard, Sherwood and Bonnie Locklair, Carl Morris, Walter and Alma Norman, Sandra Smith, Ray and Annie Mae Rogers, Dan and Pat O'Malley Roy, Larry Simonson, Roy Surratt, Doziene Waldrop, Norman and Faye Webb, Dorsey White, Carlton and Maedeene Wilson, Robert and Marjorie Witherington, John and Thelma Worthington, several guests of the Webb's, including retired Col. Don Belle and his wife.

A big thank you to Norman and Faye Webb, and Warren and Mary King who hosted another great reunion. The chapter is investigating getting the I-26 Exit 111 in Columbia, SC named the 4TH Infantry Division Interchange, and the stretch of Wilkinson Blvd in Charlotte around Camp Greene and Monument Streets named the 4TH Infantry Division Parkway. At our business meeting the membership voted to send \$500 to FOCH, and we will purchase another case of "Utah Beach to Pleiku" books for sale and donation to schools and libraries.

The Carolinas Chapter was well represented at the National Reunion in Spokane. Attending were: Rick and Patty Adams, Richard and Sheila Bolin, Clyde and Chyerl Comer, Carl and Joan Dry, Carl Morris and Deloris Hawkins, and Dorsey White. The Northwest Chapter did an outstanding job, and we thoroughly enjoyed the scenic Spokane area.

Our spring reunion will be April 25-27, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Columbia SC. You will not receive the usual registration



Carolinas Chapter fall reunion in Mt Airy, NC, October 10-20, 2002

form mailing, see the Chapter Events page in this "Ivy Leaves" to get your registration form. Contact the hotel direct to make your reservations at 803-794-9440. We have given a special invitation to the new 1/10 Chapter to join us at this reunion. So mark your calendars, and watch the "Ivy Leaves" Schedule of Events page for future Chapter activities and notices.

Colorado Chapter

by Eugene F. Carter

Greetings from colorful Colorado, "America the Beautiful State". We are announcing that we will be attending and participating at the wreath placing ceremony at Memorial Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado on Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. Our wreath placers will be Colonel (ret.) James C. Miller, and Chapter President, Eugene F. Carter. We will also be parading November 9, 2002 on Tejon St., Colorado Springs, for the Veterans Day Parade. Since all of this will be over by the time this issue of The Ivy Leaves is published, we will make our report in the March 2003 issue.

Congratulations are in order for Kenny Vegoren. Kenny is our new Department Commander for the State of Colorado. Commander Vegoren is a current member and past president of the Colorado Chapter and has been a staunch supporter of our association for many years. Commander Vegoren is a retired Aviation Command Sergeant Major with 30 years of service to this great nation of ours. He was also the Commander of VFW Post 3917 in Security, Colorado, and District Commander for District 5 of the Pikes Peak region. Your leadership and personal devotion to any association that you have ever been involved in certainly emulates the American spirit at it's finest. Good luck to you Kenny and your beautiful wife, Eileen. We love you both here in the state of Colorado. We know you have given it all to this country of ours. But you still have one more step to go in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. "Steadfast and Loyal".

We the Colorado Chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Association hope that you had a great Thanksgiving Day. We wish you all and your families a joyful Christmas and prosperous 2003.

Florida Chapter

by Edward J. McEniry

The Florida Chapter held a semi-annual reunion at the Holiday Inn, I-75, Ocala, Florida October 31 – November 3, 2002. Attendees started the lively weekend activities Friday afternoon and evening in the popular Hospitality Room. After breakfast Saturday morning, we traveled about 40 miles to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell for the official dedication of the Florida Chapter Monument located along the cemetery's Memorial Trail. The monument is dedicated to all past, current and future valiant deceased veterans of the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division. Ceremonies at the committal shelter opened at 10 AM with a Salute to the Flag, a welcome from President Bob Krause, followed by a very topical and moving address by Chapter Vice President, Bryant Middleton. We then walked the Memorial Trail to our monument site. On site activities started with an invocation by the Chaplain and rifle salute by the Honor Guard from American Legion Post 343, New Port Richey, FL and concluded with the playing of Taps.



Official dedication of the Florida Chapter Monument located in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell along the cemetery's Memorial Trail.

Following the dedication ceremonies, we returned to our Ocala reunion site for a chapter prepared buffet luncheon in the Hospitality Room. At 2:15, the chapter conducted a business meeting, which highlighted the election of officers for the coming year. Bryant Middleton was elected President; Jerry Sadler, 1st Vice President; Edmund Hines, 2nd Vice President; Robert Krause, Treasurer; Edward McEniry, Secretary; and Dominic Argiro, Chaplain. At 6 o'clock, we gathered in the hotel main dining room for the cocktail hour, the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony and evening banquet. Later, just about everyone returned to the Hospitality Room for more socializing and to close out a very lively evening.

Sunday morning, a breakaway Continental Breakfast was served in the Hospitality Room with a final opportunity for last

minute conversations and fond farewells before making our departures. In attendance were: Dominick & Helen Argiro, Fulton & Ruby Baxley, Helen Bogdanski, Pegi Bolyard, William & Helen Buell, Norbert & Merle Croucher, Anne Dowgiallo, Othel & Fran Drummond, Wesley & Catherine Gregory, Patricia Gould, Raymond & Rena Harton, Edmund & Pat Hynes, Robert Krause & America Ortiz, Lloyd & Berness Kuehn, Robert Johnson & Barbara Abhold, John Malanaphy, Edward & Marie McEniry, Bryant & Regina Middleton, Charles O'Malley, Mitchell & Wanda Radon, Jerry & Daylene Sadler, Paul Savino, Mildred Stokes, Cecil & Helen Titman, Loren & Heide Tucheck, Herbert Walter, Doris Welsh & daughter.

Illinois Chapter

by Rick Sover

Accolades to the Northwest Chapter and Bob Reilly and his committee. A great time was had by all in attendance. Members in attendance from the Illinois Chapter were: John S. Kapor, III, Jr. Vice President, National Treasurer Wayne Brown and his wife Jerry, National and Illinois Chaplain and III. Sr. Vice President Rev. George Knapp and his wife Virginia, Bert and Janetta Nicholson Ed Sleichert, Jr. and Rick Sover Illinois Secretary/Treasurer.

On October 11-13th the Illinois Chapter held their Fall Reunion in Carol Stream, IL. at the Holiday Inn. Members present were National Treasure Wayne Brown and his wife Jerry, Howard and Claudia Bulta, Milton Crippin, Richard Davis, Bruce and Sue Gass, William and Janice Hamilton, Grant Jackson, III. President Jerry Januszewski, Nat'l and IL. Chapter Chaplain, and IL. Sr. Vice President Rev. George Knapp and his wife Virginia, Jim and Lillian Nannini, Past National President Roger Dufek and his wife Linda, Edwin and Margaret Williams, Rick Sover with Guests Jim and Pat Sover and committee members Joe Czyzyk and his wife Sun and nieces Linda and Sue, Bert and Janetta Nicholson, Vern and Barbara Ray and Robert Krueger. Our committee chairman and his committee did a splendid job keeping the members happy.

Members and friends stopping by on Friday because of other obligations were IL. Jr. vice president John S. Kapor, Ed Sleichert, Jr, Jim Bialka (199th LIB) Craig Para who became a secondary member William Wilds, Dale Jester from Denver, CO. who happened to be in town at the hotel and never knew there was an association. He was promptly recruited and his membership to the CO. Chapter forwarded The Chapter Business meeting was held on Saturday morning. Saturday evening we held the "Flames of Remembrance" Ceremony Banquet conducted by National Treasurer Wayne Brown assisted by Edwin Williams and James Nannini. As usual the food and service were excellent.

The Illinois Chapter is still behind in 2003 dues renewals. So get them in as quickly as possible. For your information, I am planning on retiring as Secretary/Treasurer of the Illinois Chapter at the Spring Chapter Reunion. After 30 years it is time for the Old war-horse to let some new blood into the chapter offices.

Steadfast and Loyal Rick Sover

Mid South Chapter

by Lee Rung

We shall start this update by offering a note from our Chapter President, Ken Glass:

Another Veteran's Day has passed, and many of us took this time to reflect on our friends, those that are with us and those that went before us. They served their country well, and many still do in their own way. We must remember the future veterans who are now serving. Soon many of them may be placed in harms way. They will do their job, and do it well. I know that if our 4th Infantry is called upon, its members will serve well; and bring further honor to the Ivy Division and our great nation.

I would ask each of you to take the time when you see a member of our Armed forces to let them know they are appreciated and thank them for their service. Remember they are us 30-40-50-60 years ago; and they are us 30 to 60 years from now. May God bless and protect them all!

I would like to thank Gerry Howard for his service to the Mid-South Chapter. We are proud of you, we know you "WILL DO US PROUD" as our Association President. Let us know if we can help you in accomplishing the goals that you have set for the Association during your watch. I know that I speak for all the members of the Mid-South in saying this. We also want to thank our Past President, Roger Dufek, for a job well done.

Jo-Ann and I are looking forward to seeing you all at our next chapter reunion in Pigeon Forge. We wish you all well.

Ken Glass

As Ken mentioned above, we will be holding our chapter's next reunion in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The reunion dates are the 24th (a Thursday), 25th and 26th of April. This will be the weekend following Easter. Robert Kennington and Marlin Goar will serve as hosts. We will meet in the new James Manor, 105-room hotel. The room rate for Thursday will be \$43.57, and the rate for Friday and Saturday is \$59.37 per night. These are most reasonable rates. I shall be mailing out reunion kits the first part of January 2003. So do mark your new calendars for you'll enjoy a fine time.

We want to welcome a new member, Donald P. Chappell, who served with C/1/35 INF in 1968. On the sad side we were saddened to hear of the death of William N. "Slim" Caskey, Hq/44 FA, and Leroy Nuckolls, Sr., K/3/22 INF.

In the event of illness or death of a chapter member you or your family are asked to notify me by phone at (504) 392-3699, mail at: 25 Yosemite Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131, or e-mail: rungs@bellsouth.net. Your help with this shall be greatly appreciated.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and the best in 2003!

New England Chapter

by Frank Bradley

The N: E. Chapter met over the weekend of 3 - 6 October 2002 at the Ramada Inn Bangor in Bangor, Maine. The hospitality room was all set up and ready to fill the needs of the early

arrivals on Thursday afternoon with the customary nibbles and the varied libations to accompany them. There were no arrangements for Thursday's dinner so guests were free to choose either the hotel dining facilities or one of the nearby quality restaurants.

The weekend's festivities began on Friday at 2:30 P.M. when the group traveled via convoy to the neighboring Cole Land Transportation Museum. Its brochure describes a visit as "An educational experience for the entire family." The outstanding displays are all clearly described and their source is acknowledged. An extensive variety of Cole's Transportation vehicles over its many years as a large Maine Trucking outfit are accompanied by snow removal equipment, horse drawn equipment, Fire fighting equipment, farm equipment, railroad memorabilia and vintage automobiles to mention just a few.

There is a special room dedicated to 5th Armored Division memorabilia especially and to other military units. In the great state of Maine every Memorial Day they have a parade and celebration. In 1998 through 1999, the Governor presented 1800 commemorative walking sticks to World War II veterans either individually or through VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Since our N.E. President, Don Ellis of Richmond, ME and Norman W. Nelson of Madawaska, ME had never received a walking stick; Galen Cole presented these 4th Division veterans with one in a special ceremony during our Friday visit.

Friday evening via convoy again, we went to Miller's Restaurant for dinner in a private dining room. This very popular Bangor establishment is renowned for its remarkable buffet. Judging from the crowd waiting for accommodations and from our personal tour of the buffet items available, one can readily understand the reason for its acclaim. One may order from the menu to have dinner served if so desired. After dinner we drove back to the hospitality room to enjoy the company of our 4th Division friends.

On Saturday morning, the men met next to the swimming pool for their business session around 10 A.M. while the ladies met in the hospitality room for a special craft production arranged by Dot Ellis. The ladies made very colorful 10 inch display plates suitable for wall hanging or curio cabinet. These fancy plates were made of clear glass, which was covered with patterned cloth and coated with a plastic preserving solution soluble in water. They can be dusted but not washed.

Prior to the business meeting, President Don Ellis had a special drawing for the men, which our Vice-president Kevin O'Connor won. It was a battery operated "Big Mouthed Larry Lobster" mounted on a wooden plaque which writhed and raised its claws and tail as it delivered a message about Maine lobsters: "Take me back to the water. Get me out of this pound."

The weather on Friday was chilly, cloudy and, drizzly and continued so until around noon on Saturday when the skies cleared and brilliant sunshine took over. After the business meeting, Don Ellis, Frank Bradley, and Normand Chartier went back to Cole Museum to present the museum with 4th Division print No.163 for display, in the military section. Norm Chartier, our photographer, took advantage of the nice weather to take some pictures before the State of Maine Monument to World

War II, which is located on the Museum's grounds. It is an exact bronze casting of the Museum's WWII Willys Jeep, The Jeep's driver is the sculptured likeness of Charlie Flanagan killed in WWII and Galen Cole's best boyhood friend.

After our visit to Cole museum, we drove back to the hospitality room for coffee and goodies until it was time for our Saturday evening banquet.

Dalton Coffin died in April of 2001 and the notice should be in the, next Ivy Leaves. Dalton had responded to Ed Dodge's request for information about his uncle S/St MacLeod of G Company/8th Infantry in the Ivy Leaves. Ed and Dalton had been corresponding for a couple of years. Dalton's widow, Theresa, drove down from Millinocket on Saturday afternoon with a lady friend to present Ed with some items that Dalton wished him to have. We were delighted to see Theresa who visited with us for awhile before returning home.

Our evening's banquet was scheduled for 6 to 8:30 P.M. in the hotel's Penobscot Room. At 6:15 P.M. everyone was ready so President Don Ellis called the group to attention and asked Sgt.-at-arms Fred Corey to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and to give the invocation. For our Flames of Remembrance ceremony Don Ellis called the roll of honor and Heikki Fager and Paul Pepin lit the memorial candles and unit members present stood in place. Now Don asked those not already standing to please rise. Frank Bradley played Taps on our CD player and Paul Brunnelle offered grace before our meal.

The tables were set with a square green table cloth set kitty-corner, on sparkling white table cloths. We had special centerpieces made by our talented Sheri Brown Griffith. They were replicas of a bird's nest securely affixed to a piece of a tree branch, complete with a colorful bird, various hues of M&Ms peanuts to serve as eggs and decorated with Fall berries. Winners of the center pieces were those whose birthday was nearest the date. Sheri presented Mary Pluta, Dotty Merola's friend, who was attending her first N.E. Chapter mini-reunion, with a centerpiece.

Ed Dodge of Searsmont introduced his family who were with him: his wife, Charlene, and daughter, Stephanie, his aunt Judy Gove, his grandson, Travis Dodge and his nephew Mike Dodge. Ed's uncle, S/Sgt. MacLeod was in the 4th Division and Ed has been most faithful in attending N.E. Chapter reunions.

After a delicious Maine "down east" dinner, we had the usual drawing for one free meal which Debbie Brown Sopel won and one free, night's room which Mike Dodge won. Members and friends lined up for picture taking by Norm Chartier and other photographers. We adjourned to the hospitality room as the noise and joviality of the group in the adjoining room became too loud for further conversation.

After a sumptuous Sunday morning breakaway breakfast buffet, another joyful Chapter reunion came to an end with heartfelt good-byes and thanks to our Maine friends for a good time.

We are looking forward to our spring mini, 24-27 April 2003 at the Best Western Wynwood Hotel and Suites U.S. Highway No. 1 by-pass. Portsmouth, NH 03801. Room rates will be \$71.28 for singles or doubles with a \$5.00 charge for each extra

person in the room. Reservations must be made by 24 March 2003. Phone 1-603-436-7600 and mention the 4th Division to get this special rate.

Members and friends in attendance were: Alex & Lillian Bernardo, Frank Bradley, Carlton & Lucille Brown, Ron & Gail Brown & Sheri, Adam & Quinn Griffith; Paul & Betty Brunelle, Bud & Gloria Budrick & Susan Nicole & Ralph Costa; Normand & Marcelle Chartier, Fred Corey, Betty Costello & Lenore Campaniolo, Theresa Dalton, Ed & Charlene Dodge with daughter, Stephanie Fuller, Aunt Judy Gove, grandson, Travis Dodge & nephew, Mike Dodge; Don & Dot Ellis & daughter, Marcia Lechner; Heikki & Mardie Fager, John T. Kearns, Dotty Merola & friend, Mary Pluta; Norman W. Nelson, Kevin O'Connor, Paul, Nancy, Michael & Allen Pepin; George Ward & Helene Meyerowitz.

Northwest Chapter

by Bob Reilly

I wish the happiest of holidays to all of you and yours!

As the 84th National Reunion fades into the past, I want to thank all who made it a fantastic success, in spite of a small financial loss...not big enough to accept the association's offer to take up the slack for us. To those of you who traveled far, I appreciate your courage. To all who made it, I applaud your loyalty. To all who had a great time—you are not alone! To anyone who didn't, I can't imagine why but please let us know so we can correct the problem in the future...and let Arnold Waggoner in Texas know, for the Killeen/Ft. Hood 2003 reunion. To those for whom this was their first reunion, I know how moving it must have been for you; my own experience and your comments tell me that. I hope to see you at many more. To those who could not make it, it was a loss for us all. For those who could have afforded the time and money but chose not to come, especially those in my own chapter who live reasonably close...shame on you. It's a slap in the face when the host chapter has such a low turnout...and you made our faithful few work awfully hard and long to make things work. Do make the next one; you miss out on so much when you don't...and many miss you! After all, reunions are about reuniting with you. Make every effort to get



Reunion Chair Bob Reilly flanked on left by outgoing National President Roger Dufek and our new National President Gerry Howard on the right.

Photo by Larry Stromberg.

to the Texas reunion next September and to our chapter reunion before that...time and place to be announced. Once again, I ask chapter members to volunteer to host a chapter reunion in your area. Contact Rick Kellar or me.

84th Reunion Team: Each and every one of you who volunteered in any way contributed to the overall success and satisfaction felt by our brothers and sisters from near and far. Nothing done was insignificant...yes, your contribution was a big deal and I appreciate it. In listing people, someone always seems to be inadvertently left out—if it's you this time, accept my apologies along with my thanks. It would take way to much print to list the accomplishments of these precious volunteers but I need to especially thank: my wife, helpmate and best friend Joan; Rich Kellar, Benny Villaverde, Bill Wooten, Larry & Florence Stromberg, Barb Stout & Jo Rask (honoring the memory of their father/brother Victor Julian by their service), Walt Sauer, John Tuft, Hite Bright, Randy & Susan Martz, Delbert Gillam, Bernace Burgmeier, John & Nell Tolleshaug. We would never have made it through the first two days without two Capital Chapter members: James Brannon & Maycel Williams jumping in to help. Other chapters furnished further indispensable help: Ray Dunkel (Ohio), Bob Gassett (Colorado) and Pablo Rael (Arizona). These good neighbors responded to a need without question and did a great job for us!

Active Duty Team: The active 4th Infantry Division was impressively represented by the Commanding General: MG Raymond Odierno; LTC Donald Jackson, G-5; CPT Charles Armstrong, the general's Aide, and the Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Charles Fuss. Worthy of special recognition and thanks are the 4th ID Band's melodious and professional bugler, Tony Lombardi and the magnificent members of the 4th ID Honor Guard: SSG Kenneth Traynham, NCOIC; SGT Patrick Rivers, National Colors; SPC Michael Tenerio, Army Flag; SPC Brian Gray, Division Colors; SPC Benjamin Bugarin, Rifleman; SPC Reed Engelke, Rifleman; SPC Joel Thomas and PFC Jason Strandlien in Reserve. General Odierno spoke briefly and forcefully of the Division's strengths, missions and future, as well as highlighting it's proud past, recognizing the contribution we all made.

2002 Annual Chapter Meeting: We met a month early this year so that we could finalize plans for the September reunion. Your friends and neighbors turned out to support the chapter, in spite of it still being the summer vacation period and still pretty hot on the banks of the Columbia: Bernace C. Burgmeier, Puyallup, WA; 1st VP Rich Kellar and Connie, Odessa, WA; 2nd VP Randy Martz and Susan, Clarkston, WA; PCP Len Morley and Chartley, Salkum, WA; President Bob Reilly and Joan, Wenatchee, WA; Sean Reilly, Wenatchee; Chaplain Walt Sauer and Dolores, Spokane, WA; new members Bob Siderius and Rosemary, Wenatchee; Tom Steffen and Elaine, Cashmere, WA; Larry and Florence Stromberg, Richland, WA and Bill Wooten, East Wenatchee, WA.

The group enjoyed a potluck meal and Eastern dancing by a local belly-dancing troupe, with live Eastern music. Selected members were shanghaied for a fun dance-lesson... belly laughing appropriately ensued. Unfortunately, pictures exist.

Your 2002-2003 Officers:

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Sergeant-At-Arms	Ron Soden, Tacoma, WA 253-756-1784 <PhotoRon1@aol.com>

Fourth Division Memorabilia: Some Spokane Reunion items still available. There are a few reunion caps (\$18) and some shirts @ \$25 for any size and color (red, white or blue) available. Selections are limited. The caps have a red & white striped bill topped by white (glow-in-the-dark stars) on a blue field and have a special reunion 4th ID logo above the bill. None of these items will ever be made again, so if you want these collector's items, order now. Orders limited to stock on hand: email me at joans.bob@verizon.net, or send check to 4 IDA, 107 Schafer St #7A, Wenatchee WA 98801-6340. Send an SASE for our brochure of other available 4 IDA shirts, caps, jackets. *There are also a few Spokane, 2002 Reunion cap pins available @ \$3.50 each (postage incl.) until they sell out...then they'll be history.* An 84th Annual National Reunion pen will be included *free* with each reunion item order.

Thanks to you who renewed dues early! The dues year runs from 1/1 to 12/31 yearly but we begin collecting the preceding September (and are usually still trying into the summer). This normally involves sending out several mailings, reminding and pleading. Still, we lose a percentage every year. For these reasons, I'm very thankful for those who responded early. Thanks to those whose dues reached me prior to this page going forward (late October): Bernace Burgmeier, Bob Siderius, Larry Stromberg, Tom Steffen, Rainer Guensch, John Hart, Dan Thomson, John Tolleshaug, Gary Brandt, Brian Glaspell, Ed Gossler, Roland Hoffer, Bob Quinby, Herb Roemke, Louis Roumagoux, George Shields, Bob Snell, Ron Soden, Jay Burman, William Bussey Jr., Delbert Gillam, Neil Macaulay, Sidney Mayer, Phillip Strommen, Vaughn Downing, Jerry Crowder, Robert Gaines, Richard Hubert, Walt Morris, Barrie Grant, David Kuyper, John Marks, George Litynski, Gene Westberg, David Jurick, Warren Wolff, Kurt Wolbing and Peter Herzog.

Welcome to New Members: Archie T. Cernaghan & Alzada, Memorial members from Coeur d'Alene, ID, whose father served with the 59th Inf Regt, 4th ID, in WWI; Memorial member Kenneth Ferro, Spokane, WA, son-in-law of Juls Zvoncheck; Gary Gilpin, 6/29 Arty, Olympia, WA; Dennis Porche, CO, D/2/22 Inf 67-68, Spokane, WA; Memorial members Barbara Stout, daughter of Victor Julian, Spokane, WA; Memorial member Jo Rask, Victor's sister, also of Spokane (these two lovely ladies gathered most of the items for the Spokane reunion goody bags and the Silent Auction).

Thanks to Donors: Thanks to these donors for their generosity to the chapter, the national association and the Friends of the Central Highlands (FOCH)—as of submission of this report

(end of October): Bernace Burgmeier, Walt Sauer, John Hart, Jud Miller, Dan Thomson, John Tolleshaug, Gary O. Brandt, Herbert Roemke, Louis Roumagoux, Bob Snell, PCP Ron Soden, Delbert Gillam, Sidney Mayers, Vaughn Downing, Clarence Smart, Richard Hubert, David Kuyper, Ben Zaricor and Warren Wolff.

Another Loyal Member Lost: Juls Zvoncheck, Spokane, missed the national reunion in his hometown that he had been anxiously waiting to attend. No details available.

Bernace on the Mend: Bernace C. Burgmeier, Puyallup, WA, the widow of Charles N. Burgmeier and herself a veteran Army Nurse, is recovering from a triple bypass and is looking quite well. She has devoted a great deal of her energy on behalf of the NW Chapter over the past several years. We hope that soon she'll be ready to dive in again.

Bill Wooten Hospitalized: Our resident tanker has been in ICU at Harborview Hospital in Seattle for a couple of weeks, as I write this in the last week of October. Bill (Charles W.) spent most of the Spokane reunion staffing the registration desk. He has an aneurysm in the brain stem, which is probably inoperable, has caused at least two strokes and will necessitate a very long and intense recovery program.

Reilly's Last Term: I've threatened before but this is definitely my last term. I will finish my tour-of-duty following the next annual chapter meeting. Someone must step forward to accept the offices of secretary and treasurer. They are core functions in the day-to-day operation of the chapter and must be filled for the chapter to continue its existence. I initially stepped in because no one else would and the chapter was about to return its charter to the national unless someone did. Now it's time that one of you does the same. I will assist in any way I can for the first year but I've been in the trenches for about ten years now. It's somebody else's turn. Call or email President Rich Kellar or me.

84th Reunion Pictures Available on VCR

The Northwest Chapter has produced a VCR Video Tape with more than fifty still pictures of the reunion functions and tours for only \$15.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling. To order, send your name and mailing address with a check or money order for \$17.50 each. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Make the check or money order payable to E. L. Stromberg. Call 509-627-3232, or write E. L. Stromberg, 1137 Foxtrot Lane, Richland, WA 99352, or send E-mail to FOFOLARRY@AOL.COM if you have any questions.

Ohio Chapter

by Ray Dunkel

Greetings Buckeye Ivymen, here it is December already, where does time go. Now that December is upon us, on behalf of the Chapter Officers, and myself I would like to wish you and your families a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season. It seems that only yesterday we were in the Austinburg/Ashtabula area with the Western PA Chapter enjoying the fall reunion. I am going to take this opportunity to update you on the great reunion we enjoyed at the Ashtabula Comfort Inn.

On Thursday afternoon the Hospitality Room was open and well stocked with beverages and goodies for the early arrivals. Our members and guests continued to arrive throughout Friday and when settled in they headed for the Hospitality Room to say hello and renew old acquaintances. During the early afternoon Dick Powell (commonly referred to as the Mayor) rounded up a few card players and they all enjoyed playing "Scat" (31). Others not interested in playing cards spent the afternoon enjoying each other's company or in several cases toured the countryside or went shopping at the Ashtabula Mall.

A Hawaiian theme for the Polynesian Dinner and Show was reflected by a wide variety of colorful Hawaiian attire worn by those in attendance. Rev. Richard Thompson said grace prior to dinner after which we were treated to a Polynesian Buffet featuring a relish tray, salad, rolls, sweet and sour chicken over rice, strips of steak, green beans, ambrosia, pineapple upside down cake or coconut cream pie with coffee or tea. After this delightful meal and pleasant table conversation, all were ready for the evening's entertainment featuring Ed Waring's Hawaiian Dancers. The dance troupe was made-up of 3 ladies (dressed in authentic Hawaiian dress) and 2 male (wearing colorful Hawaiian shirts and white trousers) dancers. Ed Waring the Master of Ceremony explained the various hand and body movements that the dancers used during their performance. The show was well received and to show our appreciation the performers received a well deserved round of applause. At the conclusion of the show the party moved to the Hospitality Room to enjoy the remainder of the evening.

After a hearty breakfast Saturday morning the ladies gathered in the Hospitality Room where under the direction of Lori Dunkel the ladies enjoyed playing "Towel Bingo". The men hunkered down in the Motel Lounge for the chapter business meeting. The major accomplishments were: the 2003 reunion will be held 2 - 5 October 2003 at the Holiday Inn located in Hudson, Ohio; The Lieutenant Robert Rice Memorial Scholarship Fund established at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio will receive a donation of \$250.00, (Lt. Rice, a Buckeye was KIA while serving with B/2/8 Inf. in Vietnam). Elected to serve as Chapter Officers for the ensuing year were, Charles "Skip" Cole President, A/3/12 Inf., Harry Cracraft 2/22 Inf., Harley Little Sv Co/8 Inf. Vice Presidents, Ray Dunkel Hqs/4Engrs. Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Richard Thompson A/44 FA, Chaplain and Richard Ceiker 4MP Co. Sergeant at Arms. Elmer J. Klaus who has served as the chapter's Secretary/Treasurer for the past 29 years declined to accept the position of Secretary/Treasurer for health reasons. Elmer will continue to serve as Chairman of the Reunion Committee. We thank Elmer for his devotion and loyalty to the chapter during his 29 years of service as Secretary/ Treasurer.

The Chapter's business completed and the ladies already in the Hospitality Room it was time to enjoy Papa John's Pizza. After everyone had their fill of pizza there was free time until the Flames of Remembrance Banquet. Some folks remained in the Hospitality Room to play Scat or Poker and some remained to visit, while others ventured out to see what the surrounding area had to offer and still a few retired to their rooms to rest.

Saturday evening's banquet commenced with Reverend

Thompson giving the Invocation, followed by those assembled Pledging Allegiance to the Flag. Chaplain Thompson, assisted by Clarence Lindsco C/1/22 Inf. and Roger Dearthmeyer B/2/8 Inf. who lit the remembrance candles, conducted the solemn and touching "Flames of Remembrance Ceremony". Elmer Klaus Hq/2/22 Inf. rendered "Taps" and Harry Cracraft and Skip Cole assisted with the lighting. The "Flames of Remembrance Ceremony" completed dinner was served. There was a choice of Roast Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Monterey accompanied by a green garden salad, baked potato, green beans almondine, carrot or black forest cake for dessert, coffee or tea. Following dinner the "Northeast Ohio Golden Notes" a group of musicians, who's music reflected the big band era played for us. Their music was smooth, had a great beat and found most of us reminiscing about the music we had grown up listening too. They were just great and received a rousing round of applause at the end of their performance.

First timers in attendance were Harry Cracraft and his wife Becky who reside in Hubbard, Ohio. Harry served with 2/22 Inf. in Vietnam. During the weekend Cliff and Jennie Burk as well as Ray and Elizabeth Zaney of the Western PA Chapter celebrated wedding anniversaries.

The "Ralph E. Lingert Service Award" is normally presented at the National Reunion. This year the two recipients selected to receive the award, Elmer J. Klaus and Leo S. Jereb (members of the Ohio Chapter) were not present in Spokane therefore were not presented with the award. To remedy this shortcoming National President Roger Dufek asked if I would present the award to Elmer and Leo at the Chapter's Fall Reunion. I readily agreed and had the pleasure and honor of presenting the "Ralph E. Lingert Service Award" to Elmer J. Klaus and Leo S. Jereb during our banquet. Both Elmer and Leo expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to the membership for the award. They both articulated that the support of the membership was largely responsible for them being selected to receive the award. Rev. Thompson pronounced the Benediction after which the ladies conducted a fun raffle. To those who donated raffle prizes, we thank for your generosity. The banquet over, the party moved to the Hospitality Room to complete the evening's festivities.

Sunday morning found the early risers waiting for the kitchen staff to complete setting up the breakfast buffet of juice, eggs, bacon, sausage links, fresh fruit, cereal, pastries, coffee, tea and milk. Breakfast over, it was time to say goodbye accompanied by the usual hugs and kisses and head for home. Another great reunion completed.

I would be remiss if on behalf of the attendee's I didn't acknowledge and thank Elmer and Stella Klaus for their remarkable effort in making the arrangements for the reunion, which resulted in one great weekend. The chapter's next reunion is scheduled for October 2 - 5, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Hudson Ohio. Please set these dates aside and plan on being there. Your attendance is highly desired.

Attending the reunion were; Don and Mildred Barie, Lou and Mary Berus, Victor and Zoro Bonomi, Cliff and Jennie Burk, Warren Coate, William and Cecelia Cook, Joe and Mary Corcoran, Roger and Sue Dearthmeyer, Skip and Marty Cole, Harry and Becky Cracraft, Ray and Lori Dunkel, Edward and

Polly Eberly, Elmer and LaVonne Glenn, Paul and Doris Jendral, Earl and Eleanor Jenkins, Leo and Marge Jereb, Albert Kadlowec, Kim Kadlowec, Clarence Lindsco and Rose Sitko, Elmer and Stella Klaus, Harley Little, Keith and Margaret McDougall, Chuck and Carol McKee, Jim and Natalie Missenda, Lon and Barbara Murphy, Lucille Nelson, John O'Malley, John Padula, George and Eleanor Peterman, John Pfister and Woody, Richard and Helen Powell, Alfred and Marlene Rego, Rev. Richard and Betty Thompson, William and Edith Wilson, Norman and Betty Wolcott and Raymond and Elizabeth Zaney. Finally, if you are not a "Paid For Life" member your dues are due. Anyone not keeping their dues current is dropped from membership and will no longer receive "The Ivy Leaves". Should anyone be temporarily unable to keep your membership current let us know and I am sure we can workout a solution. To those members who have paid their 2003 dues "THANK YOU".

Think about the following quotation by Publilius Syrus: ABILITY - No one knows what he can do until he tries.

Comments/suggestions are welcomed; my address is listed in "The Ivy Leaves" under the heading "Chapters".

Wisconsin Chapter News

by Roger R Dufek

The Wisconsin Chapter met the weekend of October 18th, 19th, and 20th in Reedsburg Wisconsin. Friday brought us to the hospitality room for snacks and liquid refreshments and time to look at some photo albums that members brought. After our men's business meeting on Saturday the ladies put out pizzas and cold cuts for a great lunch. Thanks to all who brought food and desserts, especially Bob and Pat Loonsfoot for the great cold cuts.

We had a great turnout with 56 people attending our Flames of Remembrance Dinner. Linda and I had attended the Illinois Chapter meeting and liked the way their program went and thought that it would be nice to expand our program. It was on short notice so we asked their chapter if we could use some of their things. Our thanks go out to their chapter for help in making our meeting better. Thanks Guys!

Our Banquet started with Amos Johnson installing our new officers for the next two years. Ken Schmidt is President, Tom Truesdell Sr. Vice, Mike Grobelch Jr. Vice, Don Delamore Sergeant at Arms, and Arlen Bliefernicht as Treasurer.

Next for our Flames of Remembrance candle lighting we had father and son Terry and Shane Weibel and Arlen and Kelly Bliefernicht lighting candles with Roger R Dufek reading the units. President Ken Schmidt then gave the invocation before our meal. After dinner past president Gary Powley drew the 4 names for our own Amos and Betty Johnson scholarship. Winners were Jessica Johnson, Rachel M Morcomb, Andrew T Kettle, and Crystal Kachnowski all relatives of members of the Wisconsin Chapter. Linda Dufek then read the tribute to the flag. Next David Spindler and Matt Grobelch led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Grobelch than talked about what a soldier carries. Next Nancy Bliefernicht read If I Only Knew, there were not too many dry eyes after that reading. Tom Treuesdell then

read Lets Not Forget, It's the Soldier. Amos Johnson then read The 4th Infantry Soldier. Gary Powley our out going president was then given a plaque for his service to the chapter to end our banquet. A special thanks to Phil Schuman for donating a 4th Division coffee mug to everyone at the banquet.

At this time we had our ladies raffle with many great prizes and hand crafted items. As Sandy Grobelch called the numbers Nancy Bliefernicht picked out prizes and some of our younger guests took them to the tables and collected the winning tickets. \$700 dollars was collected and will be used for scholarships and other donations that the chapter makes.

Those attending were Roger & Linda Dufek, Terry &

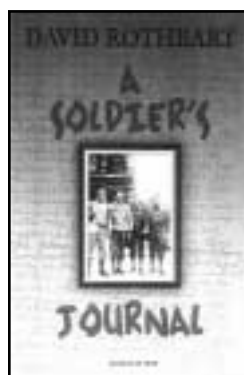
Charlene Weible, Shane, Tina & kellen Weibel, Amos Johnson, Don & Shirley Wert, Bob & Pat Loonsfoot, Nancy & Arlen Bliefernicht, Cheyenne Bliefernicht, Ann, David, David Jr., Hanna & Eivind Spindler, Gary & Barb Powley, Phil Schuman, Steve & Lois Thompson, Tom & Evelyn Truesdell, Don & Meta Delamore, Mike, Sandy & Matt Grobelch, Janet Lewellyn, Pat Dueno, Cindy Tremel, Kelly, Gina, & Lacy Bliefernicht, Ken & Cam Schmidt, Dennis, Dorothy, Laura, Steve & Paula Portz, Edith (Portz) Scleihien & Dale, Dale Allen, Mitchell, Michael & Elizabeth Scleihien. My apologies for any misspellings or omissions.

Book Corner



New Book

"A Soldier's Journal"



I would like to announce to members of the 4th Infantry Division Association that after 57 years, my World War II Army Journal that I had self-published and listed in the book section of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, has been accepted for publication by New York book publisher iBooks, Inc., an affiliate of Simon and Schuster who will handle all distribution. I signed a contract and received a cash advance April 1, 2002. They changed the title to *A Soldier's Journal*, by David Rothbart. It will be

out in May 2003. There is much more to say about it. I will communicate with you further near the publication date. Even now the book is listed for sale on Internet by Amazon.com for delivery next May. Bob Babcock, Historian and former president of the 4th Div., read the book and wrote to me that he liked it very much. At one of the Army reunions I attended, Major General John F. Ruggles told me: "I read parts of your Journal several times a year."

Many memoirs have been printed about World War II, most of them written long after the war. I have never seen anything like my journal, written at the time and place. It contains 486 dated entries. I began writing upon my induction into the Army on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1942 and continued on to the conclusion of my Army service. After 13 weeks of basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, I joined the 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia and remained with this outfit throughout the campaign in Europe and until my discharge after the war ended.

I look forward to the exciting publication next May.

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NATIONAL 4TH INFANTRY (IVY DIVISION ASSOCIATION)

Office of the Treasurer
Wayne A. Brown

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 1, 2001 TO JUNE 30, 2002

Opening Net Worth July 1, 2001		\$24195.38
Receipts		
Dues	\$27211.00	
Donations	2494.50	
Dues - Paid for Life	2187.50	
Redeemed shares for PF.L.Rebates	2856.00	
Prints & Ties sold	263.00	
Monument Fund Donations	47.50	
Scholarship Donations	700.00	
Royalty's - MBNA - Jostens - Turner Pub.	1144.01	
Raffle at National Reunion	1060.00	
Refund from Milspec Travel	400.00	
Gerden Johnson's Books Sold	2500.00	
Bob's Book Sales to Date	17524.10	
Interest Income - C.D. & Checking Acct.	<u>613.25</u>	
	\$59000.86	
Disbursements		
Paid for Life Investments	\$ 2187.50	
Rebates to Chapters	4621.00	
Advertising	1744.47	
Ivy Leaves	18442.94	
President Expenses - Roger Dufek	1535.57	
Expenses - Bob Babcock Book Postage	5400.00	
Gerden Johnson's Reprints	2700.00	
Donations to Monument Fund - Prints & Ties	310.50	
Printing - All Offices	1610.24	
Postage - All Offices	2518.47	
Office Exp. - All Offices	930.00	
Bonding Premium	303.00	
Donation to Scholarship Fund	700.00	
Misc. Expenses - IRS Penalty, Bank Chrg	5198.14	
Computer - Repairs & Supplies	2389.07	
ADA Association Dues	15.00	
Plaques & Trophies & Flowers Purchased	946.32	
Donations - Central Highlands	2000.00	
Donation to WWII National Memorial	<u>500.00</u>	
	\$ 54052.22	
Net Gain to June 30, 2002		<u>4948.64</u>
Closing net worth - June 30, 2002		\$29144.02
Reconciliation		
F & M Bank - Savings Acct. (1.5%)	\$ 25000.00	
F & M Bank - Checking Acct. (.6%)	\$ 4144.02	
		\$29144.02
Respectfully submitted, Wayne A. Brown, Treasurer		

Summary

By Bob Babcock

In the absence of national secretary Roy Surratt, Bob Babcock was asked to keep the minutes of the business meetings. Following is a summary of business conducted at the two business meetings:

First Business Meeting – Sept. 27, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Dufek promptly at 8:00AM. POW flag had already been draped on the chair in front of the room prior to the meeting. Gerry Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain George Knapp gave the Invocation. First time attendees were announced (17 in attendance). Wayne Brown read the treasurer's report. Net gain for the year was \$4948.64 with net worth now being \$29,144.02 (as of year ending date of June 30, 2002). Roger Dufek read the minutes of the second business meeting from Washington, DC from July 2002. Bob Babcock read the report from the Executive Board meeting held the previous evening. Ray Dunkel gave the Audit Report – certified the books are correct, both general books and Arlington Monument Fund. Gerry Howard gave the Monuments and Memorial Committee report. Lots of work has been done with the Arlington Monument, have been working on publicity with media in Washington, DC. Arlington Monument Fund account will be closed and the funds moved to the General Fund. Fred Gould read the nominations for officers for coming year (see officer list on page 2 for new officers). No nominations were submitted from the floor. Gerry Howard gave the Membership Committee report. Web page will be changed to solicit more members, Rick Adams, incoming Senior Vice President, will lead our membership drive. Arnold Waggoner, president of Texas chapter, reported that next reunion, jointly hosted by Texas chapter and Fort Hood (Iron Horse) chapter, will be held at Killeen/Fort Hood, TX at the Plaza Hotel on September 7-14, 2003. Negotiated room rate is \$69 per night. New Business – It was agreed to spend no more than \$1500 to host a hospitality suite at a hotel to be determined over the Veterans Day weekend (Nov 9-11) in Washington, DC.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Wall. Mike May was to work out the details. Arnold Waggoner reported on Friends of the Central Highlands. It was agreed to donate \$1,000 to FOCH. Ray Dunkel, working in the absence of Frank Bradley, explained the process for banquet

seating for Saturday night and asked for volunteers to help assign seating. Bob Babcock reported on his work with the Veterans History Project. Chaplain George Knapp gave the closing prayer – meeting was adjourned at 10:17AM.

Second Business Meeting – Sept. 28, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Dufek at 8:00AM. POW/MIA flag had been draped on chair before the meeting started. Roger Dufek led the Pledge of Allegiance; Chaplain George Knapp gave the Invocation. Reading of minutes of last meeting was suspended in recognition of time restraints of this meeting. Rick Adams read the Resolutions Committee report with their recommendations on approval or disapproval – key items are:

1a) That the National 4th Infantry Division Association incorporate and retain its 501(c)(3) status with IRS (recommended approval).

1b) Subsequent to incorporation that the association purchase Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance to indemnify its officers and directors and pay their litigation expenses in the event of a suit or claim against them (recommended approval).

2) Upon the death of a paid-for-life member, their spouse shall continue to receive the Ivy Leaves (recommended that this NOT be approved – too costly).

3) Renumber items in Section 4 of Constitution (recommended approval).

4) Add wording that those members in good standing at the annual business meeting constitutes a quorum (recommended approval).

5) Strike entire section dealing with Arlington Monument and put funds into an interest bearing account until such time as the Association can determine the best way and legalities for use of these funds (recommended approval).

6) Dual / Secondary Chapters – full dues paid for two or more chapters for dual membership. Only chapter portion (\$5) will be paid for secondary chapters (recommended approval).

It was recommended that we cast a single vote to approve the resolutions as recommended by the committee – it was passed.

Bob Babcock gave the Finance Committee Report. Alex Cooker gave the Scholarship Committee Report – funds are available to give three scholarships of \$1000 each. Roger Dufek asked three times for nominations for new officers from the floor,

none submitted – nominations closed. Slate of officers as recommended at previous meeting was unanimously approved. Officers were sworn in by Chaplain George Knapp as follows:

President – Gerry Howard; Senior VP – Rick Adams; Junior VP's (in order) – Ray Dunkel, Bob Gasset, Roger Barton, Scott Moffitt, Bob Krause; Treasurer – Wayne Brown; Registrar – Alex Cooker; Executive Director – Greg Rollinger. Gerry Howard gave his thoughts on his focus as president – great honor and privilege to be associated with men of your caliber, will work to keep the Association growing, work with chapter presidents, bring Association into a continued growth period. He is always available to talk to anyone.

Greg Rollinger as incoming Executive Director is looking forward to helping and will work with Roger Barton to review roles and responsibilities of the office and make a smooth transition. It was loudly approved to recognize Roger Barton for all the great work that he has done in his ten years as Executive Director of our Association. First timers were recognized. Thanks were extended to Bob Reilly and his crew for the great work they have done at the reunion. New Business – John Kaye gave an update on the Spottswood Dewitt chapter (6-29 Artillery). Membership has grown from 50 to 100 with target of over 200 by next year. Ray Hart is responsible for that growth and was recognized. Bob Babcock recommended that we put plans in place to support 4ID units when and if they are deployed to a hostile environment. Gerry Howard will assign people to work on this; Babcock volunteered to continue to be liaison to 4ID at Fort Hood.

Irving Smolens made a motion to appoint a committee to consider the feasibility of putting a plaque in the Hurtgen Forest. Gerry Howard will appoint a committee. Benny Vilaverde, reservist called to duty with the 4ID indicated he will work to establish a chapter in Hawaii. John Edgerton, past president of the 8th Infantry Regiment chapter, indicated it has grown from 26 to over 80 members and he thanked John O'Malley for his great work in building that number. He invites all members who ever served with the 8th Infantry Regiment to become members of the 8th Infantry chapter. Roger Dufek thanked the membership for all the support he has received as president of the Association. Roger Dufek led the Pledge of Allegiance to close out his term as president; Chaplain George Knapp gave the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM.

Mail Bag



Hi Greg:

I would like to share some information with you that I think you may find interesting. My Daughter has informed me that United and other airlines have a group travel program that allows organizations such as ours to make arraignments for group travel at discounts but the members can depart from different locations. You may get information on this by calling airlines at 1800 426-1126. I don't have numbers for other airlines. Also if the association ever considers a reunion in Hawaii Service organizations such as ours may use the Hale Koa (house of the warrior) Armed forces recreation hotel.

I was there in 1991 and it is fabulous. Also my son is sales manager for my nephews establishment known as One Way Graphic which makes embroidered and silk screen items such as T-shirts, polo, Denim shirts, windbreakers, tote bags, computer bags, barbecue aprons, and other items. The prices are extremely reasonable and the quality is outstanding. I believe Linda and Roger Dufek and Jerry Januszewski will attest to that. They do work for the Chicago public schools, Chicago police department, US navy and many other organizations. I suggested to them that they offer their services to the chapters as a fundraiser.

At this time we have the association logo and the crest of the 8th 12th, 22nd Infantry and the 10th CAV however they are able to do most emblems if a good facsimile is provided. If you feel the association may be interested let me know and I will send a price list and samples. Remaining steadfast and loyal Grant S. Jackson



7 October 2002

MG Raymond Odierno
Commanding General
Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division
Ft. Hood, TX 76544

Dear General Odierno:

I don't know that I can find words to thank you adequately for all the dedicat-

ed and intense work your Honor Guard personnel put into making our 84th Annual National Reunion in Spokane last month the resounding success that it was. They performed with absolute precision. Many a heart beat with patriotic pride as a direct result of the perfection of their presentation of the Colors.

While on active duty, it was my honor to have served six months as Executive Officer of the Eighth US Army/United Nations Command Honor Guard Company in Seoul, Korea. As a result of that service and my observation of the Old Guard at Arlington, I can speak with some authority when I say that your Honor Guard is among the elite. Their training, personal pride and devotion to duty were showcased admirably in Spokane.

Movement to position and return at the Riverfront Park ceremony was particularly difficult, yet flawless. The service was held at the crest of a hill, where the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial is situated. Posting of the Colors required a move downhill, across an uneven grassed area, through a throng of spectators, then uphill about fifty meters. At the end of the ceremony, they reversed that route. In the process, there was never a misstep or fumble. An observer would think that they moved on a concrete sidewalk.

One of those observers, Congressman Nethercutt, of that district, commented on the professionalism of their performance. Several others congregated there marveled at the proficiency and apparent ease with which these fine soldiers infused military dignity into the spiritual honors rendered to deceased members of the 4th Infantry Division, to soldiers who died in Vietnam and especially to Spokane's posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor, Platoon Sergeant Bruce Grandstaff.

Your bugler, Anthony Lombardi, 4th ID Band, also performed flawlessly the five bugle calls at the reunion hotel ceremonies and Taps at the Memorial Service in the park. He asked all the right questions before each performance to assure that he gave us exactly what we wanted,

from precisely the right position and at the preferred volume. Socially, he and your Honor Guard soldiers mixed easily and freely with our veterans, proving themselves to be diplomatic representatives of the active division.

The City of Spokane has not had an active Army unit since the Second World War. I was personally gratified, as a former resident of Spokane, to see our Army family so wonderfully represented by these exceptional soldiers and I salute them!

Our veterans and their guests enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with you, your staff, and your exceptional soldiers. On behalf of our officers and members, I extend grateful thanks.

Fourthfully,

Robert J. Reilly, Major, USA, Retired
Chapter President & Reunion Chair

4th ID Honor Guard Personnel Who Participated in Ceremonies

- SSG Kenneth Traynham – NCOIC
- SGT Patrick Rivers – National Colors
- SPC Michael Tenerio – Army Flag
- SPC Brian Gray – Division Colors
- SPC Benjamin Bugarin – Rifleman
- SPC Reed Engelke – Rifleman
- SPC Joel Thomas – Ready Reserve
- PFC Jason Strandlien – Ready Reserve



9 October 2002

MG Raymond Odierno
Commanding General
Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division
Ft. Hood, TX 76544

Dear General Odierno:

Your presence at our 84th Annual National Reunion, along with the Honor Guard and bugler; Command Sergeant Major Charles Fuss; your G-5, LTC Donald Jackson and your aide, Captain Charles Armstrong contributed immeasurably to the success of our reunion and the enjoyment of our national membership. On behalf of the national officers and the members of my reunion committee, I want to thank you for that.