

I've commented in a separate letter on the flawless performance of the Honor Guard and of the bugler but each performance by these superb soldiers was so worthy of note that I couldn't let the opportunity pass to say once again that they were extremely impressive. It almost—let me stress almost—makes me want to get back into uniform.

LTC Jackson was extremely helpful and accommodating in all of our interactions, beginning months ahead of the Spokane reunion and up to our last contact. There was nothing we asked that occasioned even a moment's hesitation. We asked...we received. Who could ask for more?

Your Executive Secretary, Karen Casey, was also extremely obliging. Again, there was no task too great in fulfilling our requests...a very pleasant lady, indeed.

My wife, Joan, and I enjoyed our brief interactions with you...we even enjoyed your speech, which doesn't happen often at the banquets we attend. You were lively and on target. Better yet, you were brief and to the point. I admire that in a speaker. You accepted my good-natured ribbing as Master of Ceremonies and gave as good as you got. We all appreciated your candor and great sense of humor and consider it fortunate to have you at the head of our active duty soldiers. I have no doubt that you impress your soldiers, at all levels, with the innate quality of leadership that I sense.

All who attended the Spokane reunion enjoyed the chance to meet and talk with you, members of your staff, and your exceptionally proficient soldiers. Please relay our thanks to all.

Fourthfully,

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



April 16, 2002

Dear Mr. Barton:

I am writing to you concerning the article written by Lee Rung 'The Life Saving Helmet'.

I am Private First Class Erwin M. Blant, Company runner of the First

Platoon, Company E, 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Division.

I came into the division as a replacement in late January 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge. This was after Sergeant Melvin Pike had left the Company because of injuries.

After his recovery, he came back to the Company and he was my sergeant. Frankly to us in the Company, he was Sergeant Pike.

We were so busy chasing and fighting Germans, I never got to know his first name until the past few years when one of the boys gave it to me.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland and Central Europe, Sergeant Pike was once again injured by artillery fire that struck him in the leg, which interfered with his being able to walk. The place of injury was in the woods and he needed help to get to the road and the medics. I assisted and carried him out to the medics while the company moved ahead. Your article brought back fond memories of the past. He was a real gentleman.

I want to express my condolences to the family.

Very truly yours,

Erwin M. Blant
Retired Judge
Port Chester, New York



October 9, 2002

Dear Gregory:

In the June 2002 issue of "Ivy

Leaves", I have turned to TAPS several times to read again and again of the death of Lt. Colonel Harold Smith. It is unbelievable. I was in the 12th Infantry Regiment from June 1941 until June 1945 but never under the command of Harold Smith. Even so, I was aware of this very stern, strict but fair officer.

The day he was wounded, I happened to see him on a stretcher hooked to the back of a Jeep waiting to take off for the beach on a single lane unpaved road. At that time, the seriously wounded were taken back to England via boat. His abdominal cavity was split wide open. I could see every organ there was. An awesome sight! We feared the worst.

Several years after the war, Joe Summa and I went up to Boston for a New England Chapter meeting. During the cocktail hour, who walks in but Harold Smith. In the small group I was with no one believed he could have survived. But here he was, looking good and a student at Harvard Law School. Through the years at the various association reunions, I got to know him. In 1969, returning from Europe and the 25th anniversary of Normandy D-Day, I sat with Harold for several hours. It made the all night flight a pleasure.

No one but a Harold Smith could have fought such a successful battle of survival and made a meaningful life for himself and his loved ones.

He deserves our highest admiration.

Fourthfully,

Bill Buell

4th Infantry Division Association ♦ ♦ 2003 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, 2003.

Spokane Reunion Fades – But Not From Memory

by Bob Reilly

You guys and dolls came from far and wide to meet old friends and make new ones in the cool beauty of the Inland Northwest. Ninety-nine members, most of whom brought one or more folks with them, represented twenty-six of twenty-eight chapters and the at-large membership from throughout the nation. The division CG, Major General Raymond Odierno, a giant of a man, brought more than a dozen active Army men with him from Fort Hood. The Honor Guard was magnificent and the bugler played perfectly (see the NW Chapter report for their names). We played hard but did the necessary work, too. Bob Babcock will give you a report on the two business meetings. Governor Gary Locke and Mayor John Powell issued proclamations declaring the period of our visit as 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association Week in the state of Washington and the Spokane area.

Many enjoyed shopping in downtown stores, where it's possible to use the skyway system to shop the entire downtown area without having to negotiate city streets. Others got pleasure from the malls in the north end of town and in the Spokane Valley. The athletically inclined found that they could walk or run for miles along the carefully tended asphalt path that runs for miles from downtown east into Idaho, along the Spokane River.

The food at all the functions was so far above average reunion/convention fare that it was memorable. Two western barbecue dinners were enjoyed. NW Chapter member Chuck Lawrence, attired in western garb including a thousand-dollar embroidered



Florence Stromberg, John and Nell Tolleshaug are shown at Saturday banquet.

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jacket, entertained the crowd at the Thursday night barbecue with his own special mix of C&W and "Viet-Vet" music, a perfect accompaniment to the meal catered by the Longhorn Barbecue in Riverfront Park, by the hotel. A whole bunch of poagie-bait was left over to take back with us. The hardy bunch that stayed over for the Sunday night tour enjoyed another as part of the Coulee Dam Laser Light Show.

A busload of us traveled south through the Palouse wheat country on Wednesday, hearing an often-humorous historical and geological chat from our knowledgeable guide enroute and anchoring at Clarkston, WA. There we boarded the jet boat that took the gregarious group down the sometimes-wild waters of the Hell's Canyon Gorge of the Snake River, bordering on Washington, Idaho and Oregon. We enjoyed two stops, one for a fine buffet lunch and another at a museum where we were able to nibble on fresh fruit snatched from trees in the orchard surrounding it. Both our guide and

the young boat captain kept us amused with their description of things along the way. The weather was perfect, the boat was enclosed (only a few in the back got splashed a little) and the scenery was phenomenal.

The Spokane city tour featured stops at the stately Duncan Gardens and the peaceful Japanese Gardens in Manito Park, the grandly impressive and reverential St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. Many found glorious memories in the Bing Crosby Library on the campus of his alma mater, Gonzaga University, which houses many of the respected crooner's gold records and other memorabilia. Along with my father, Bing was raised on what is now included in the campus and they attended high school and college together, with Bing being two or three years ahead of Dad. Gonzaga wasn't yet a university. The recently refurbished Davenport Hotel served a scrumptious lunch and gave us the opportunity to stroll about the superbly restored opulence of its lobby and public rooms (see the September issue for more detail about the Davenport).

The highlight of the week for me was the



The hotel bar was a popular gathering spot. Fourth ID CSM Fuss and G5 Jackson flank Bob Babcock in photo by Irv Smolens.

beautifully touching memorial service that NW Chapter Chaplain, Rev. Walt Sauer, put together on Friday evening at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which sits on a quiet, grassy knoll overlooking the Spokane River. With guests congregated on the gentle slope below the monument, the 4th Infantry Division Honor Guard marched the colors smartly across their front, posting the US and Division Colors near that shrine to our honored dead. Judson Lockwood read his poem: I Am Your Flag, The American Flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by John Tuft. After an invocation by Chaplain Sauer, Vernon Baker, a WW II recipient of the Medal of Honor from neighboring Idaho, spoke in gentle tones that honored the theme, Standing on Holy Ground, after which the chaplain spoke briefly, as well. His words paid tribute to all our deceased veterans but especially to PSG Bruce Alan Grandstaff, B/1/8 Inf, a Spokane native who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Pleiku Province on 18 May 1967. The bugler from the 4th Infantry Division Band soulfully rendered Taps at the end of the chaplain's benediction and the ceremony ended as the colors were retired. All involved so skillfully performed their roles in the whole service that it will remain with me always. Some of Bruce's relatives were in the large crowd, as was local Congressman George Nethercutt.

Food, food, food! We're a hungry bunch! Friday found two busloads of revelers floating along northern Idaho's incredibly scenic Lake Coeur d'Alene, enjoying drinks and another "yet another chicken buffet", someone commented. Later, they all returned to the hotel for more drinks and a more expansive (not to mention expensive) buffet and dance music from the sixties.

It was back into northern Idaho on Saturday morning, with a stop at the oldest building in the state, the Cataldo Mission, built by Father DeSmet and the Coeur d'Alene Indians in 1853. All found the mine tour and the mountainous beauty of this outing all it was cracked up to be...but no one brought back any large quantity of gold or silver.

MG Odierno regaled guests at the cocktail hour prior to the closing banquet and with his address with dessert. He proved to be an engaging personality, an interesting

speaker...and a physically imposing man who appears up close to be about 6'6" or taller. At 6'1½" I don't have to look up at many people but boy, did I have a crick in my neck after talking to him for a while! We had scheduled two guest speakers this year but Cadet Wes Hardin, USMA, had to cancel due to academic requirements.

At the banquet, Chaplain Sauer was joined by National Chaplain George Knapp in presenting the Flames of Remembrance

ceremony with great reverence, while the candles were lit by Cold War veteran John Tolleshaug and Vietnam veteran Dave Kuyper, both of the NW Chapter.

For the first time in my memory, there were zero complaints about the hotel or the tours. Except for my own overworked crew, I saw nothing but happy faces during the whole week. That spells success! See you in Fort Hood in September 2003!

Reunion Attendees

At the risk of running out of space and of omitting someone (almost always happens), here is list of members who attended (there are too many wives, girlfriends, kids, parents and friends who came along to even try to list them all so, even though they made this gathering fun, I must omit them): Rick Adams, Spartanburg SC; William Anderson, Minden LA; Russell Armstrong, New Stanton PA; Charles Armstrong, Ft. Hood TX; Bob Babcock, Marietta GA; John Barclay, Phoenix AZ; John Bednarczyk, Clarksville IN; Arlen Bliefert, Poynette WI; Richard Bolin, Kings Mountain NC; James Brannon, Frankford WV; Hite Bright, Hot Springs AK; Wayne Brown, Marshalltown IA; Fred Campogni, Taylorville IL; Danny Carroll, Mt. Washington KY; Jack Casey, Shirley MA; Clyde Comer, Seagrove NC; Garner Cook, Springfield TN; Alex Cooker, Carneys Point, NJ; Carl Dry, Concord NC; Outgoing President Roger Dufek, Manitowoc WI; Ray Dunkel, Irving NY; John Edgerton, Williamsburg VA; Earl Eskridge, New Stanton PA; Sandy Fiacco, Bothell WA; 4th ID CSM Charles Fuss, Fort Carson CO; Bob Gassett, Colorado Springs CO; Delbert Gillam, Post Falls ID; Gary Gilpin, Olympia WA; Fred Gould, Ridgewood NJ; Joseph Grinkewicz, Philadelphia PA; Quentin Hancock, Tonganoxie KS; Raymond Harton, Ocala FL; Harry Hendron, Spokane WA; Richard Herbert, Greenburg PA; Roland Hoffer, La Center WA; Robert Hooper, Camano Island WA; Incoming President Gerry Howard, Birmingham AL; Jerry Januszewski, Chicago, IL; John Kapior, Oak Lawn IL; John Kaye, Ferndale WA; Rich Kellar, Odessa WA; Rev. George Knapp, La Grange Park IL; Robert Krause, New Port Richie FL; Dave Kuyper, Monroe WA; Harley LaRoche, Reno NV; Chuck

Lawrence, Sumner WA; Norman LeVasseur, Warren MI; Norman Lilley, Burtonsville MD; Fred Luna, Hawthorne CA; Joseph Marcin, Center Valley PA; Randy Martz, Clarkston WA; Michael May, Baltimore MD; Ken McCormack, Spring Valley CA; Ed McEniry, New Port Richie FL & Clan McEniry; James McIntyre, Louisville KY; Rev. John McMath (Grandstaff cousin), Rathdrum ID; Bryant Middleton, Ft. Walton Beach FL; Richard Mika, Spring Lake NC; Leonard Morley, Salkum WA; Carl Morris, Herford NC; Bert Nicholson, Wheaton IL; George Nutter, Quincy WA; MG Raymond Odierno, Fort Hood TX; John R. O'Malley, Perry OH; Randy O'Toole, Vancouver WA; Gil Porter, Vancouver WA; Pablo Rael, Albuquerque NM; Jo Rask, Spokane WA; Bob Reilly, Wenatchee WA; Mike Robinson, Salisbury MD; Mike Roebuck, Sutherlin OR; Greg Rollinger, Rosemount MN; Rev. Walt Sauer, Spokane WA; Cliff Shaver, Orlando FL; Edward Sleichert, Chicago IL; Irv Smolens, Melrose MA; Richard Sover, Chicago IL; Mike Stavisky, Montoursville PA; Barbara Stout, Spokane WA; Tom Steffen, Cashmere WA; Smokey Stover, Winetka CA; Jerry Strand, Olympia WA; Larry Stromberg, Richland WA; Lawrence Tassie, Sagle ID; E.W. Thompson, Lake Ridge VA; George Thurston, Palm Desert CA; John Tolleshaug, Longview WA; John Tuft, Spokane WA; Dennis Viergutz, Glenwood MN; Benny Villaverde, Honolulu HI; Arnold Waggoner, Yukon OK; James Waterman, Fresno CA; Terry Weibel, Richfield MN; Dorsey White, Bernville PA; Charles Wickesberg (left on family emergency), Lake Tomahawk WI; Lee Windham, Medical Lake WA; Bill Wooten, East Wenatchee WA; Ben Zaricor, Santa Cruz CA.

Looking for...



Peter Lefcourt

I am writing a novel that takes place in France in 1944. I need some information about the American soldiers who helped liberate Paris in August of 1944. I know that the 4th Division was the main fighting unit. Can you put me in touch with anyone who might be able to provide me with anecdotal information about what those few days were like. Many thanks. <lefcourt@earthlink.net> (310) 205-0150



Russell Hall

I served with E co 58th infantry 11/68 to 2/69. I then transferred to 3rd platoon A troop 1/10 CAV and was wounded in An Khe 8/69. I would like to hear from anyone who served with me. <rags@starpower.net>



C. S. Lewis

Hi, I am searching for SFC Louis Brown (Big B). I am SFC Carl Coblentz (Ret). If someone can help me locate this person please have him e-mail me at: <poppie@attbi.com>



Russ

How can I find battle information about the 58th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division on or about 6 August 1918? My great-great grandfather was killed that day in France. His records were lost in the St Louis fire. Anything you could do to help me learn more about him would be appreciated. Russwick@aol.com



Greg Raczkowski

Can you give any info on a buddy—Hamilton served in 2/9th F.A. He was with me on the Q-4 counter mortar radar set at Duc Co and at the Oasis. When I left he had extended his tour by 4 months. I heard he got killed. Any info would be appreciated. <rac-124@msn.com>



Joe Cryan

I am looking for info on the 4th div. in Germany during the Korean war. My farther was in the 35th trucking co. or transportation co. in the 4th div. <banshee58@msn.com>



Gene Enders

Since the disastrous fire of 1974 in St. Louis destroyed any record of the subject below, my cousin, I am reduced to searching in any way possible to locate information on him since all family members are dead. If there is any way you have access to original division records and could confirm or deny his membership in 4ID, we could proceed accordingly.

My purpose is to locate where he died and make a memorial visit.

KNAPP, James G.
Service #35,672,5698
4055 Railroad Ave, Cincinnati, OH at enlistment,
DOB 15 Sept. 1920
DOD 15 June 1944 somewhere in France
Mother: Vera / Father: Harry
Date of Entry: 16 November 1942
Unit unknown at this time

Gene Enders
Harrison, Ohio
513-367-1661
<bassbum@fuse.net>



Hector Fuentes

I was stationed with the 1st BN 19th FA at FT Carson CO. back in the 70's and I have tried to find out some info about the unit history after I left the unit. Is the unit still around or has it been deactivated.
<hfuentes1@earthlink.net>



Laura O'Brien

I am looking for some information about the Ivy Leaves publication from June 1977. On the cover of that issue is a picture of the front of the Skirmisher

from March 29th, 1919. I am trying to find out who the author of that painting is. I could also use a color copy if it's available. Any help you could give me would be much appreciated. <godsdesertrose@insightbb.com>



Irene

I hope that you might be able to help. I am looking for Normandy veterans and their families. I am compiling the experiences and memories of Normandy veterans. My interest started with the search for information about my husband's uncle William Hek. He was with 7th Bn 6th Airborne KIA D-Day. If you can help I would love to hear from you. <irene.payne@btpenworld.com>



Elmer T. Horne Jr.

Staff Sergeant Salomon Castro, 38579911, was killed in action in Germany on 4 March 1945 while serving with the 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division. His son now is passionately searching for every minute detail of his father's military career, and I will appreciate anything you can do to help.

I'm involved because I'm curator of our Camp Fannin, Texas Roll of Honor, a list of men and women who served at Camp Fannin and died in uniform during World War II. Staff Sergeant Castro took his basic training at Fannin before assignment to the 4th Infantry Division. His son Luis writes: "... I am one of the sons of Salomon Castro, 38579911, who took training at Camp Fannin [ending] on March 1944. Where he went or what happened after he left the camp we don't know. We were notified of his death in Germany with the 4th Infantry Division in March 1945. His body was not returned to Fort Bliss [where he was re-interred] until 1949. Would appreciate any help you can provide..."

I recognize, Mr. Rollinger, that Staff Sergeant Castro could have been assigned to the 4th at any time between

March of 1944 and March of 1945, but if you can provide his assignment date and any details of the action in which he was killed — or any other relevant information — I'll be so grateful.

Elmer T. Horne Jr.
2213 Mendoza Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
<thorne@flash.net>



Janis Sorenson

My brother, Neal O. Worden, was a soldier with the 4th Division in the invasion at Normandy. As with so many others, he was killed in action, probably in the battle at St. Lo. Hopefully with the help of 4IDA members, I can get additional information.

<Jsorenson@asapnet.net>
W60N914 Arbor Drive
Cedarburg, WI 53012



D Davis

Hey I am looking for Lonnie Jones and John Johnson who were with me In the 1/12 Company A in August of 67 to 68. Ddavis49@aol.com



Kyle Wood

I'm trying to find a photo of my uncle who served with the 4th Division in Europe during WW II as a medic. I'm hoping you can help or steer me in the right direction. His name is Charles E Wood. His unit was Company B 4th Medical Battalion, Army serial number 36-366-229.

He landed on Utah Beach near Les Dunes de Varreville. I am hoping maybe there is some kind of 4th Division scrapbook that might have his picture in it. Anyway if you can help or at least steer me in the right direction it would be greatly appreciated. <wood@texas.net>

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For e-mail message and additional address information, contact:
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“War Stories – Utah Beach to Pleiku” – Great Holiday Gift

by Bob Babcock

As reported in the last Ivy Leaves, we have now sold enough copies of “War Stories” that the money from each copy sold (except for cost of shipping) now goes directly into the treasury of our Association. We have just under 250

copies left of the first edition. If you want to give the book for a holiday present, please send your order in ASAP – I will get them back in the mail to you as soon as possible upon receipt of your order. Price remains at \$25, including postage. Please use the order form below.

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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.**

Please send me the following:

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Schedule of Events

Upcoming Chapter Level Events/Meetings National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

April 2003:

❖ 25-27 - Carolinas Chapter Spring Mini-Reunion

Holiday Inn Airport, Columbia SC - Hotel phone 803-794-9440 Contact Rick Adams at 864-576-7359 or RJAdams90@cs.com

June 2003:

❖ 5-7 - Red Warrior Reunion

The 1/12th Red Warriors (Vietnam) will hold a reunion June 5th, 6th and 7th 2003 at Ft Carson, Colorado. For further information contact:
Harry Dilkes, 9 Morris Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 732-494-3572 dilkes@aol.com

September 2003:

❖ 24-28 – G Company 12 Infantry Reunion

Myrtle Beach South Carolina – Contact Johnnie B. Newton
594 Todd Dr NE, Concord, NC 28025 704-782-6256

For further information concerning any of these events,
contact the appropriate chapter treasurer.

Volunteer Now to Support our 4ID Troops When, and If, They Go to War

I have no insider information but I firmly believe that unless Saddam Hussein does a complete turn around from what he has shown over the past many years, our country will be at war with Iraq before next summer. I also firmly believe that if we do go to war, our country will send the most advanced and lethal division that exists in the world today – the 4th Infantry Division. Just as was the case in WWII, the 4ID has been the experimental division for new technology. And just as you guys were the first called on to land on D-Day in Normandy, the current 4ID is ready to show the world how lethal that new technology is.

At our reunion in Spokane in September, the attendees unanimously voted to support our troops when and if they go off to war. Those who fought in World War II were not supported by our World War I veterans – and we who fought in Vietnam were not supported by our WWII vets. I'm sure there were no reasons why the support was not there, I just don't think any of the vets realized how much the latest group of 4ID soldiers would have appreciated hearing from those who built the division's history and heritage before them.

To insure that same mistake is not made again, now is the time to start building our data base of volunteers who want to support our 4ID troops when and if they go off to war. Please fill out the following form and send it to me, Bob Babcock, and I will compile the list of volunteers so we are ready to call on you when and if you are needed. Volunteering can be as simple as agreeing to send cards, emails, letters and care packages to our soldiers when they are deployed; it can be the adoption of a specific unit by one of our chapters; or it can be any type of support that you can think of that our troops would benefit from. For example, I would think the Spottswood DeWitt chapter would want to adopt the 6-29 Artillery Battalion. I know the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society has already agreed to support both the 1-22 Infantry Battalion from the 4ID and the 2-22 Infantry Battalion from the 10th Mountain Division. I would hope that each of our chapters would volunteer to supporting a battalion or larger size unit.

Let's hear from you – both individuals and chapters. Now is the time to get our volunteers lined up so we can strike swiftly if our current group of 4ID soldiers need our support.

Bob Babcock

Send this form below to: Bob Babcock, National 4th Infantry Division Association,
PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068.

Yes, I want to support our current 4ID soldiers when and if they go to war. Let me know what I can do to help.

Name _____ Phone _____

Your Unit when with 4ID _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (please include if you have one (This is the best and fastest way to notify you if we need your help): _____

Check here as appropriate I am an officer of _____ chapter and am volunteering our chapter to support a battalion or larger size unit. Unless noted in the comments section, we will support whatever unit you assign to us. If we have a specific unit we want to support, I have indicated it in the comments section.

Please include comments, ideas, and suggestions of how we can support our 4ID soldiers: _____

“Unwanted or Just Lucky”

John S. Kapior AUS (Ret)

It all started with a letter “Greetings from the President of the United States” around Thanksgiving Day 1965. By December 10, I reported to the Induction Center in downtown Chicago. After a brief reception at Ft. Polk, Louisiana we were assigned our final destinations for Basic Training. I was on my way to Ft. Lewis, Washington. On January 2, 1966, I started basic training with B Co 3/22 Infantry, 3rd platoon.

After returning from basic training On June 14, 1967, I was wounded and leave my platoon my squad leader Sgt. Doberman told me to get my gear together as I was killed and posthumously awarded the Silver Star. HHQ 3/22, “Davy Crockett” platoon, which I thought at the time was a “joke”. It was no “joke” as I was soon to learn. S/SG Catron was our platoon instructor. It was a “nuclear weapon system”. After “someone” determined they were not going to use nuclear weapons in Vietnam all the personnel were reassigned to other units for further training.

I was attached to HHQ 3/22 under Captain Bray. I was with Recon, 106 recoilless rifle, Lt. Goff, platoon leader. Then I trained on the 81-mm mortar. After leave before going to Nam I was assigned to A Troop 1/10 Cavalry, 4.2 mortar track # 29. On June 14, 1967 I was wounded and my squad leader Sgt. Montoya was killed and posthumously awarded the Silver Star. I was hospitalized for 13 months, 6 months at Great Lakes Hospital in Illinois and then 7 months at the Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Colorado and finally medically retired from the Army. After all these years

I came in contact with my former Captain and 1st Sergeant who recently wrote affidavits in support of my Bronze Star with “V” device which I received on 7-13-01.

In closing I want to say I was spared the “Real Horror of War” that my basic training buddies experienced at “Soui Tre.” “Unwanted or Just Lucky?” – you be the judge, I personally know which one I am.

Put Me In Coach!

By Maj. Michael Rauhut

(From "Army" magazine, June 2002 - edited)

The 4th Infantry Division (Ironhorse) stands ready today to deploy anytime, anywhere, to meet directed contingency requirements. Known for many years as the Army's experimental force, the Ironhorse Division assumed the Forces Command (FORSCOM) Division Ready Brigade (DRB) mission in November 2001 and made the transition into the Army's rapid deployment heavy division cycle. Since the tragic events of September 11, the 4ID has deployed over 2000 soldiers from four infantry/engineer task forces to various contingency areas – two to homeland security missions in the continental United States and two overseas as part of Desert Spring and Enduring Freedom. In addition, it provided special protective capabilities in support of high visibility events, and it continues to maintain DRB and other quick reaction forces on alert to respond to crises should they occur.

Its successful transition from a predominantly experimental force to today's fully deployable unit required great organizational and personal effort on the part of its assigned soldiers as well as many other soldiers and civilians at Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Carson, Colorado. The 4ID took lessons from many years of hard training and its own and others' deployment experiences to bring DRB assumption to fruition. Six years of training and testing, culminating in the Division Capstone Exercise I (DCX I) at the National Training Center (NTC) in April 2001 and Division Capstone Exercise II (DCX II) at Fort Hood, Brownwood and Brady, Texas, in October 2001, demonstrated that the 4ID is the most lethal, versatile and flexible combat division in the U.S. Army with embedded advanced technologies that significantly enhance its warfighting capabilities.

Specifically, the 4ID possesses lethal combat systems manned by high quality soldiers. It maintains unprecedented situational awareness. It is able to see itself and

the enemy better than less digitized units and thus can more quickly identify its own or the enemy's vulnerabilities and assess what the enemy will do, synchronize its battlefield activities and defeat the enemy at a time and place of its choosing to achieve battlespace dominance. The 4ID stands prepared to meet today's needs and to further inform and validate ongoing Army Transformation efforts. Its soldiers continue to meet the nation's call to arms and remain true to their motto, "Steadfast and Loyal!"

As capable as its systems are, the 4ID's embedded advanced technologies would be superfluous without trained and ready soldiers. As Lt. Gen. Burwell B. Bell III, Commander, III Corps, stated during the DCX, "At the center of the formation remain confident, extremely well trained and highly motivated soldiers who are imbued with a winning offensive spirit." The 4ID retains this offensive spirit with highly proficient soldiers, organizations and staffs who have been trained to execute combat operations through months and years of pre- and post-assumption contingency and training deployments, warfighter exercises, NTC rotations and a host of ancillary preparatory requirements. The 4ID is on the leading edge of combat operations, has motivated soldiers and leaders, possesses lethal platoons, companies/teams, maintains highly competent and trained battle staffs and demonstrates the power of its situational dominance every day.

The 4ID's exclusive mission remains to deploy to an area of operations anywhere in the world and execute sustained, decisive full spectrum operations in order to achieve its assigned objectives. At the same time, the 4ID remains committed to Army Transformation. It will continue to appraise combat system and Army Transformation efforts by embedding testing events such as the System of Systems initial operational test and evaluation (IOTE) in Spring 2003 and the ongoing tactical unmanned aerial vehicle IOTE in March 2002 into its go-to-war training.

It will ensure the Army reaps the benefits of its six years of experience with advanced technologies. The Ironhorse Division is hungry and stands ready to answer the call-to-arms, as it has over the course of its 86 years of illustrious service.

Customs and Traditions of the Service

By Chuck McKee, NSO

Having attended numerous military ceremonies where the gun battery or firing detail discharged a 21 gun salute, and being of an inquisitive nature, found it to be the addition of the individual numbers of 1776, the sum of which equals 21. I similarly wondered why the flag detail took such care in folding the America flag 13 meticulous times. The following is what I found:

- The first fold of our Nations flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold represents our belief in eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who have given their lives for the defense of freedom.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, as Americans turning and trusting in God in times of peace as well as war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, as in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country ... may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge our allegiance our flag.
- The seventh fold is in tribute to our nations Armed Forces, for it is they who stand in her defense, both foreign or domestic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that he might see the light of day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it is by their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of this great country has been formed; and to honor mother for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The tenth fold is a tribute to fathers; it is they too who have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
- The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew's eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian's eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is folded, the stars are

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Through the lines one night in June, 1944

Story can be found in "War Stories" on (page 227-228). From Frank Glaze.

From: "genevieve.lc"

Dear Frank

Thank you for your answer.

The group you met on that very night, coming from Montebourg was escaping the small hospital, because one of the buildings had been shelled and was on fire. They were children (a group of orphans a young nun was leading through the fields), and women and other children who had escaped from a cellar on the main street (by the way it was the street named by my grand-father, Paul Le Cacheux) the house was on fire and they had to go. Among them were two cousins, very young cousins who don't remember anything about the battle. They had fled with their aunt (the parents lived in Cherbourg, and the children had been evacuated in 1943 because of bombings!)

The two other cousins (about my age) had been separated and were lost. They could reach the Abbey and met us there.

The group you met had crossed the fields and a brook and were running to meet the "liberators". Those had run to the right way and waited in Sainte-Mère Eglise the end of the battle of Montebourg. Nothing was left of their houses, but ashes. As soon as you liberated Cherbourg, my cousins who had joined up, went back to their parents. Their house was not destroyed. This family, my father's first cousins, helped us through the years, they gave money to pay our studies and schools and tried what they could to help my mother with her twelve orphan children. They invited the younger ones at holiday time, gave clothes and food.

I am very glad you took them with you that night. Thank you very much.

God bless you), dear Frank.

National 4th Infantry (Ivy)
Division webpage:
www.4thinfantry.org

4th Inf. Div. WWII Yearbook Reprints

Order Yours Now

by Bob Babcock

In late 1945, while the 4th Infantry Division was at Camp Butner, NC, the division produced five yearbooks – 8th, 12th, and 22nd Infantry Regiments, Division Artillery, and Division HQ. The books were available early in 1946. Each of the yearbooks has the same pictures and stories about the 4th Infantry Division's accomplishments in WWII in the first 72 pages and then covers the specific unit's accomplishments and individual pictures of the soldiers still in the unit in the remaining pages. Each book also has a long list of former members of the units following the individual pictures. The shortest book is Division Artillery with 161 pages and the longest is the 22nd Infantry Regiment with 223 pages.

Many of you had already left the unit when the books were produced and never got a copy. Others had a copy but for whatever reason the books have been damaged or lost over the years. Some of us, including family members, have never owned a copy of the yearbooks. Now is the chance for all of us to get a reproduced copy of your unit's yearbook from WWII. We have a complete set of the yearbooks in the archives of the National 4th Infantry Division

Association.

I will contract with a company in Florida that has already reproduced the 8th Infantry Regiment's yearbook and have all five of the yearbooks reprinted. Although the price is not firm yet, I expect we will be able to reprint it, including postage, for about \$30 per book.

If you would like to reserve a copy, please send the form to let me know how many copies you would like to buy (*Do not send money now*). On January 1, 2003, I will determine how many copies of each book we need to reprint and place our order. I anticipate that the book will be available by March 2003. Once I get the details on delivery, I will send those who have ordered the book an invoice with the exact price so you can send me your check to pay for the book.

If you or your family or friends want copies of one or more of these yearbooks, please send me your order to arrive no later than January 1, 2003 – I will reprint a few extra copies but not many – don't be disappointed by not pre-ordering your copy.

Send your order to: Bob Babcock, National 4th Infantry Division Association, PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068.

I would like to pre-order the following 4th Infantry Division WWII Yearbooks (reprints):

8th Infantry Regiment	_____ copies
12th Infantry Regiment	_____ copies
22nd Infantry Regiment	_____ copies
Division Artillery	_____ copies
Division Headquarters	_____ copies

Total copies ordered @ \$30 each (estimate) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____ Total Order

Final price will be determined and an invoice will be sent to you early in 2003. Books should be available by March 2003.

Ship the books to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (if you have one): _____

The Coffelt KIA Database

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On June 5, 2002, a CD was presented to the National Archives at College Park. This CD represented years of work at identifying company-level units for all 58,000 Vietnam KIAs by: Richard D Coffelt, Korean War veteran, David L. Argabright, 2/60th, 9th Division, Vietnam; and Richard J Arnold, 35th Infantry, Vietnam. The deeding of the database to the Archives ensured that it would forever remain in the public domain.

The project was started in the early 1980's by Richard D. Coffelt as an attempt to provide unit identification down to the company/battery/troop level for United States Army deaths in the Southeast Asian War. During the decade of the 1990's Richard J. Arnold and David L. Argabright began assisting Mr. Coffelt in the research effort. During 2001, much unit identification information was obtained for those members of the United States Marine Corps, the United States Air Force, and the United States Navy who died in Southeast Asia. While those involved in the research effort did not have the necessary time, other resources, and order of battle expertise to fully analyze and incorporate the data for the other Armed Forces into the database, it was decided to include the information in the format in which it was obtained so that others would have the benefit of the research findings. In 2002, the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and The

The Army list of unknowns is now down to just slightly over 600. Twelve of those belong to the 4th Division, please see the accompanying list of names and pertinent data.

Virtual Wall contributed significant additional amounts of information for members of all the Armed Forces. Primary methods of identification included Presidential Letters of Condolence, Individual Deceased Personnel Files, Graves Registration records, as well as far too numerous to count input from former veterans, KIA relatives, and various division/regimental groups. The database name, "The Coffelt Database", was chosen in recognition of years of unselfish, tireless research by Richard. Clearly, he has established himself as the leading expert on Vietnam KIAs.

As of June 2002, the database had either complete (in most cases) or partial unit/ship identifications for those members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of service in Southeast Asia as follows; more than 37,000 of the 38,200 members of the US Army, more than 11,000 of the 14,836 members of the US Marine Corps, more than 1,700 of the 2,584 members of the US Air Force, more than 2,200 of the 2,564 members of the US Navy, and 3 of the 7 members of the US Coast Guard.

The information is as accurate as the researchers could make it. We deeply regret any erroneous unit designations

that may be included in the database. The intent is to correct any errors in future releases of the database. However, it should be noted that the information in the database can only be as accurate as the source documents or the memories of family members and those who served with the individuals listed in the database. In all too many instances the government documents provide conflicting unit designations or have been proven to be in error.

The database is the product of the efforts and financial contributions of private citizens. Despite appeals for monetary help to many major military organizations, only the 35th Infantry Association contributed any meaningful amount. The three lead researchers alone worked thousands of hours and spent more than ten thousand dollars of their personal funds, all without reimbursement, to make this project a reality.

Since June 2002 the three lead researchers have continued to work at identifying units. The Army list of unknowns is now down to just slightly over 600. Twelve of those belong to the 4th Division, please see the accompanying list of names and pertinent data.

The entire database has been given to both Virtual Walls and each major Army division/regiment organization has been supplied with their soldier's identifications. The Archives is due to shortly release the database for sale at an expected cost of \$100. An alternative is to buy one from Richard Arnold for \$10 with the proceeds to go to the 35th Infantry Regiment Association.

Last Name	First Name	Rank	MOS	Date of Casualty	Age	Province	Start of Tour	Race	Home	Cause of Death	Comments
Bass	James	HE3	Infantry	/20/1968	25	Kontum	12/18/1967	N	Chattanooga, TN	Multi-Frag	Probable 3/12, need Company
Corzine	Bobby	WE3	Infantry	1/21/1967	20	Phu Yen	9/7/1966	C	Bonham, TX	Small Arms	
Estes	Kenneth	5	Engineer	4/5/1969	29	Unknown	5/28/1968	N	Steubenville, OH	Accidental Homicide	
Hinson	James	HE7	Armor	7/3/1967	35	Quang Ngai	9/7/1966	C	Bonifay, FL	Burns	WIA 6/22/67, APC hit Mine
Huffman	Issac	PE3I	nfantry	10/11/1967	26	Unknown	Unknown	C	Volga, W	Villness	
Kuebler	Clifford	AE3	Infantry	10/14/1968	22	Darlac	6/22/1968	C	Detroit, MI	Suicide	
Lyle	Michael	SE1	Infantry	5/24/1967	21	Unknown	9/15/1966	N	Denver, CO	Suicide	Pro Boxer Ron Lyle's Brother
Orton	Ellis	E8	Unknown	11/25/1966	36	Unknown	Unknown	C	Parowan, UT	Malaria	
Rockenbaugh	Wayne	ME3	Unknown	4/1/1967	Unk	Unknown	Unknown	Unk	MD	Hostile	
Romero-Oyola	Heriberto	E4	Infantry	2/25/1967	25	Kontum	7/21/1966	C	Trujillo Alto, PR	Small Arms	
Townsend	BruceE	4	Unknown	6/15/67	27	Pleiku	1/7/67	N	Miami, FL	Multi-Frag	DOW
Willis	Joel	T1	LtInfantry	6/11/1967	22	Binh Duong	11/23/1966	C	Lodi, CA	Multi-Frag	Probable 2/12, 2/22, or 3/22

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

Name	Unit	Era	Name	Unit	Era
August 2002			Fuss, Charles	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Anderson, William	B/1/10 CAV	Vietnam	Gilpin, Gary	HQ/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Austin, Burma	MEMORIAL		Good, Thomas E.	U/4/MED	1968-1969
Blaylock, Mrs. Opal	MEMORIAL		Graziano, Matthew	U/124/SIG	Active Duty
Bollinger, Walter D.	B/6/29 FA	1965-1967	Hanson, Trent	HHC/2/4 CAV	Active Duty
Bonn, Edward J.	G/2/8 INF	1944	Hargiss, Gary A. "Drew"	U/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Conigliaro, Joseph J.	RECON 2/9 FA	1969-1970	Harvey, Renee	4/BAND	Active Duty
Desrochers, Edward J.	A/6/29 FA	1967-1968	Haverston, Jon	U/U/U	Active Duty
Drew, LeRoy L.	I/3/12 INF	WWII	Hayes, James	C/1/4 AVN	Active Duty
Franklin, William E.	H/2/8 INF	1953-1955	Henderson, Jordan	U/204 FSB	Active Duty
Gray, Mrs. Nell	MEMORIAL		Henderson, Nancy	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Harris, John R.	HHB/5/16 FA	1969-1970	Hengoed, Terrence W.	A/4/42 FA	1967-1968
Harris, Fr. Richard	ASSOCIATE		Hollister, Jerry G.	B/1/12 INF	1967-1968
Herder, Gary T.	HSB/6/29 FA	1967-1968	Hooper, Jeanne	HHC/DISCOM	Active Duty
Knight, Ernest E.	C/6/29 FA	1969-1970	Howard, Charles	U/2/8 INF	Active Duty
Leismann, Paul W.	A/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Howell, James	HQ/4/42 FA	Active Duty
Lindsey, Errol L.	HSB/6/29 FA	1966-1967	Kelly, Robert C.	HSB/6/29 FA	1969-1970
Macias, Angel M.	B/1/22 INF	Vietnam	King Jr., Elijah	U/3/16 FA	Active Duty
McCauley, Leo Joseph	A/1/8 INF	1954-1956	Leach, Troy	HHB/4/42 FA	Active Duty
Murphy Jr., James E.	HHC/1/14 INF	1969-1970	Lee, Natalie	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Olson, William C.	B/4/S&T	1965-1967	Leick, Edward B.	C/2/8 INF	Vietnam
Pike, Mrs. Mary M.	MEMORIAL		Logan, James J.	B/6/29 FA	1969-1970
Santangelo, Rose M.	MEMORIAL		Longfield, Jared	B/404 ASB	Active Duty
Thoreson, Terry A.	B/6/29 FA	1967-1968	Love, Craig	U/U/U	Active Duty
Walker, Billie Gene	A/6/29 FA	1969-1970	MacCagnan, Victor	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Walker, Mrs. Margaret	MEMORIAL		Mahoney, Mike	U/3/16 FA	Active Duty
September 2002			Maples, SGM Joe T.	A/1/10 CAV	1966-1967
Armstrong, Charles	U/1/68 ARMOR	Active Duty	Martinez, Herman B.	A/2/8 INF	Vietnam
Baez, Evangello	C/1/10 CAV	Active Duty	Massaglia, Amy	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Baker, Robert T.	C/2/8 INF	1966-1967	Matt, Michael	HHC/3/67 AMR	Active Duty
Beck, Timothy	U/299 ENG	Active Duty	Mattox, James	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Beerbower, Mark	A/204 FSB	Active Duty	Mays, Lee Ann	B/124 SIG	Active Duty
Bell, Myron	B/704 DSB	Active Duty	McDonald, William	4ID PAO	Active Duty
Bell, Todd	U/U/U	Active Duty	McEver, Richard R.	B/1/8 INF	1975-1979
Beorn, Waitman	U/1/10 CAV	Active Duty	McGuire, Michael	B/6/29 FA	1969-1970
Borgmeyer, Robert	U/124 SIG	Active Duty	McNeese, Douglas	U/299/ENG	Active Duty
Bradstreet, Ronald F.	374/RRC	1968-1970	Minyard, Michael	U/4/FSB	Active Duty
Burron, James	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty	Moody, Michael	HHC/4/BDE	Active Duty
Bustoz, Jacob	E/704 DSB	Active Duty	Morris, Ed	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Buttaro, Raymond	HSB/6/29 FA	1966-1967	Mueller, Thomas R.	B/1/22 INF	1968-1969
Caggins III, Myles	A/204 FSB	Active Duty	Norman Jr., Cliffert E.	A/6/29 FA	1967-1968
Carter, Michael	HHC/2/4 AVN	Active Duty	Parrish, Clifton L.	A/6/29 FA	1967-1968
Cavanaugh, Larry W.	U/4/MED	1968	Pennington, Jasper	B/204 FSB	Active Duty
Cernaghan, Archie T.	MEMORIAL		Pitt, George	U/4/42 FA	Active Duty
Chambers Jr., Eddie	HHC/4/SIG	Active Duty	Pompella, Dominio	U/4/42 FA	Active Duty
Champe, Michael	HSB/6/29 FA	1969-1970	Porche, Dennis	D/1/22 INF	1967-1968
Crum, Joe	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty	Reinhardt, Bryant H. "Bud"	HSB/6/29 FA	1966-1967
Daly, Edward A.	MEMORIAL		Richardson, Gil	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Davis, Kyle	U/3/16 FA	Active Duty	Richardson, Rick	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Dixon, Michael	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty	Rininger, William C.	HHC/8 INF	1943-1945
Edwards, Richard W.	B/1/8 INF	1956-1958	Roberson, Davis	U/3/67 AMR	Active Duty
Eggleston, Kirk	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty	Robertson Jr., John B.	C/6/29 FA	1966-1967
Estes, Jennifer	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty	Rueschhorf, Jan	D/104/MI	Active Duty
Flaherty, Richard E.	A/2/39 INF	1959-1961	Sadlowski, Frank	4 MCBT ENG	Unknown
Forbes, Freddie H.	4/RECON/CO	1951-1952	Sanders, Donald	U/404 FSB	Active Duty
Foster, David	4/MP	Active Duty	Schleifer, John	U/124/SIG	Active Duty
Fregoso, Juis	B/2/20 FAR	Active Duty	Sexton, Larry H.	C/6/29 FA	1967
Frost, John	U/2/4 AVN	Active Duty	Sherill, James	HHB/DIVARTY	Active Duty
			Speakes, Stephen	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
			Spencer, Wayne	U/U/U	Active Duty

Name	Unit	Era
Springman, Jeffrey	U/3/29 FA	Active Duty
Squiers, Bruce	C/3/12 INF	1969-1970
Starkey, Rick	U/1/44 AD	Active Duty
Stramara, Kevin	HQ/4/DIV	Active Duty
Stull, Alan	404/AVN	Active Duty
Sutton, Jermaine	U/1/10 CAV	Active Duty
Thielker, Leonard E.	U/1/77 AMR	1974-1977
Urbont, Robert	HSB/6/29 FA	1969-1970
Velishka, Jonathan	U/4/42 FA	Active Duty
Walker, Dwayne	E/4/FSB	Active Duty
Weedman, Walter	HHC/4/DIV	Active Duty
Wells, Max D.	A/6/29 FA	1967-1968
Wendl, Erich	U/4/MED	1954-1956
White, Sharon	HHC/DISCOM	Active Duty
Williams, Fred	HHC/DISCOM	Active Duty
Williams Jr., Luther	4ID BAND	Active Duty
Wood, David	64/FSB	Active Duty
Wright, Homer E.	HHC/2/12 INF	1964-1967
Young, Mark	U/3/67 AMR	Active Duty
Zaricor, Ben	ASSOCIATE	

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Barnes, Danny F.	A/1/22 INF	1967-1968
Caraballo, Hector L.	U/1/12 INF	1969-1970
Chavez, Carlos	HQ/3/22 INF	1967-1968
Chicora Sr., Paul Joseph	B/6/29 FA	1967-1968
Cole, John M.	DIV BAND	1969-1970
DeLosh, Kent L.	C/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Dibble, Robert W.	U/2/34 AMR	1976-1977
Dressler, Christopher R.	U/3/8 INF	Vietnam
Eiden, John W.	704 ORD	1950-1952
Ginty, Robert J.	B/1/10 CAV	1968-1969
Halbach, Francis J.	U/U/U	Unknown
Harrelson, Mary H.	MEMORIAL	
Harris, John M.	HHC/3/8 INF	1968
Jensen, David F.	3.18TH FA	1964-1965
Jester, Daniel Robert	U/5/16 FA	Vietnam
Lee, Daniel H. "Dan"	CSC/1/77 FA	1979-1980
Mack, Richard E.	A/1/8 INF	1969-1970
Marquez, Robert	B/3/12 INF	Vietnam
McKesson, Edward L.	HQ/4/DIV	1968-1969
McNamee, Mike	U/4/61 ADA	1971-1973
Moser, Richard William	U/2/8 INF	1968-1969
Mrozik, Donald	C/1/14 INF	1968-1969
Mulderrig, Thomas M.	568TH ENG BN	1992-1995
Paddy, Donald Lee	A/1/8 INF	1969-1970
Perez, Carlos	C/124 SIG	Vietnam
Pruett, Delbert L.	C/6/29 FA	1968-1970
Randall, Max	F/2/12 INF	1944-1945
Reddoor, David L.	HHB/5/16 FA	1966-1967
Rispoli, Vito W.	A/1/22 INF	WWII
Rosedahl, James	HHC/1/4 AVN	1998-2000
Rybicki, Lawrence J.	U/4/AVN	1968-1969
Shell, Lawrence H.	U/4/ENG	Vietnam
Smith, Charles J.	C/1/8 INF	1976-1978
Smith, James L.	4TH RECON	Cold War
Snyder, Dennis W.	B/1/35 INF	1967-1968
Sweeney, Charles R.	U/1/10 CAV	1969-1970
Tarrant Jr., Lee R.	HHT/1/10 CAV	1968-1969
Tripp, William G.	C/3/8 INF	1967-1968

Chapter Events

Carolinas Chapter Spring 2003 Mini-Reunion

The Carolinas Chapter will hold its 2003 Spring Reunion April 25-27, 2003, at the Holiday Inn - Airport, Exit 111-B, I-26, Columbia, South Carolina. Make your reservations direct with the Hotel (803-794-9440).

Mention the 4ID Reunion to get our group rate of \$ 65 / Night. Direct any questions to Rick Adams at (864-576-7359 or 864-576-0800). Please pre-register using the Registration Form below or call me so we have an accurate count. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for our raffle after the Banquet.

We have invited the new 1/10 Cavalry Chapter to join us at our Spring Reunion. We are looking for a big 4IDA turnout.

Reunion Schedule

Friday 25th	1:00 PM	Hospitality Room Opens
	6:30 PM	Friday Buffet
Saturday 26th	9:00 AM	Chapter Officers Meeting
	10:00 AM	Chapter Business Meeting
	2:30 PM	Lunch Deli-Bar
	6:30 PM	Flames of Remembrance Banquet
	Sunday 27th	8:00 AM

REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Chapter – 2003 Spring Reunion

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

Registration Fee: (\$5 / per Adult)\$ _____

Friday Night Buffet: (\$20 per person)\$ _____

Saturday Deli Lunch (\$12 per person)\$ _____

Saturday Banquet (\$23 per person)\$ _____

Flames Of Remembrance\$ _____

Donation(s))\$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Return this form by *April 11, 2003* and make check payable to: Carolinas Chapter. **Mail To:** Rick Adams, 101Cinderridge Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301 864-576-7359.

WPA/OH Chapters 2003 Spring Reunion

The 2003 Spring Reunion of the WPA/OH Chapters will be held during the weekend of **May 8 through 11, 2003** at the Butler DAYS INN and Conference Center, Butler, PA. Room rates will be \$74.00 (tax inclusive) and banquet costs will be \$38.00. Choice of meals will be Yankee Pot Roast or Stuffed Breast of Chicken. Hoagies will be served at NOON Saturday, and the breakaway breakfast will be Sunday morning. More information will be provided in the *Ivy Leaves* as the time nears.

Chuck Mckee

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**, Kenneth M., D/4/MED, WWII, 128 Chapin Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14209 passed away recently. He was a member of the NY/NJ Chapter of the 4IDA. No other information is available. Thanks to Roger Barton
- ★ **BEDNARCZYK**, Erma M., wife of CSM John F. Bednarczyk, of 1804 Tennyson Dr., Clarksville, IN 47129 passed away on August 23, 2002. John is a member of the Indiana/Kentucky Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to John F. Bednarczyk
- ★ **BONCZAR**, Frank J., I Company, 3/22nd Inf., WWII, of 184 Pleasant St., Lowell, MA 01852 passed away on August 3, 2002. Frank was with the 4IDA for eleven years and was a member of the New England Chapter. His wife, Sophia, survives him. Thanks to Siegfried A. Budrick
- ★ **BRENNAN**, Randel J., SSG, WWII passed away at the age of 86 on July 4, 2002. He served in Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. Also served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes. He was also a lifetime member of DAV in Peabody, Mass and Mesa, AZ. His wife, Marquerite, survives him. Thanks to his wife, Marguerite
- ★ **CASKEY**, William N. "Slim", HQ/44 Field Artillery, WWII. "Slim" passed away on 22 May 02, in the Hodge, Louisiana area. His wife Alice preceded him in death. A daughter and son survive him. His son, William H. Caskey can be contacted at 10601 North Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO 64155. Thanks to William H. Caskey and Lee Rung
- ★ **CLARK**, George W., K Company, 3/8th Inf., WWII, of 1554 Robeson St., Fall River, MA 02720 passed away on July 19, 2002. George was with the 4IDA since 1985 and was a life member of the New England Chapter. His wife, Mary, survives him. Thanks to Siegfried A. Budrick
- ★ **COATE**, Helen, wife of Warren, F/2/8 Inf., WWII, 244 Edwards Rd., Johnstown, OH 43031 passed away on September 6, 2002. Warren and Helen attended all the Ohio mini-reunions. She was very ill for a long time and finally succumbed to cancer. She loved seeing her friends of the Ohio/WPA Chapters. Her birthday was in October and we always sang Happy Birthday at the banquet. We'll all miss her very much. Thanks to Elmer Klaus
- ★ **COFFIN**, Dalton H., SSG, WWII, Hqs. & Hqs. Co., 12th Infantry Reg., of Millinocket, Maine, died April 28, 2002 at the age of 81. Dalton landed in the early morning of D-Day on Utah Beach with Company C (having been temporarily assigned for the landing) and served with the 12th Inf. throughout the campaigns in Europe. He was awarded a Bronze Star in Normandy. He also served his country during the Korean War stationed in France with the 101st Airborne Division. Dalton was a member of the New England Chapter of the 4IDA. His wife Theresa, four children and five grandchildren survive him. Thanks to his wife, Theresa
- ★ **DAVIS**, Neal Scott, SP4, 1st BN 12th INF. Vietnam (Pleiku Area) Aug.'65-July'67. Passed away suddenly on January 24, 2000. He was a good man, a true friend and loving father. He was a proud American who did not hesitate to fight for his country when he was called to do so. He was born & raised on Long Island, NY & is survived by his son, Michael G. Davis and daughter-in-law, Dawn Davis, both of Beacon Falls, CT. Neal will be missed by all those who knew him. Thanks to Karen L. Steinberg
- ★ **DUNLAP**, Barton T., Royersford, PA died July 17, 2002. He was a D-Day veteran and served with 42 FA. His wife, two sons and a daughter survive him. Thanks to Jim Drennen
- ★ **EVERDELL**, Harold J., M/3/12, WWII, of 3661 Citrus St., Saint James City, FL 33956 passed away on July 5, 2002 at the age of 78. He served in the US Army for five years and three months. He was 17 when he enlisted. Harold landed on Utah Beach on D-Day and served in the Battle of the Bulge. His wife, Irene, one son and four daughters survive him. He was a member of the Florida Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his wife, Irene
- ★ **GEE**, James L., B/1/12 Inf., WWII, of 6935 Braun, Center Line, MI 48015 passed away on July 1, 2002. He served with the 4th Division during World War II, landing at Utah Beach on D-Day and earned the Purple Heart. His wife Ruth survives him. He was a member of the Michigan Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his wife, Ruth
- ★ **GLISTA**, Fred, B Btry., 20th FA, WWII, of 138 Artisan St., Chicopee, MA 01013 passed away on April 29, 2002 at the age of 77. Fred was a member of the New England Chapter. His wife, Eleanor, survives him. Fred loved to go to the reunions. We will miss him. Thanks to Siegfried A. Budrick
- ★ **GREELY**, Laverne L., 4th Signal Co., 2100 Silver Lake Rd., New Brighton, MN passed away July 9, 2002. He was a member of the Wisconsin Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Arlen Bliefenicht
- ★ **HARRELSON**, Carl B. Jr., Gastonia, NC, died March 25, 2002. He served with K/1/12, W.W.II and was a member of the Carolinas Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his wife Mary.
- ★ **HOVANEC**, James F., Lt. COL (ret), 4th Engineers, WWII, passed away on February 17, 2002 at the age of 87. He was commander of POW Camp Smith Point, Nanjemoy and the 4th Engineering Battalion. He served with the Military Advisory Group in Vietnam. Although an engineer officer, he spent most of his career as counter intelligence behind the Iron Curtain. His wife Katheryn survives him. He was a member of the Capital Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his daughter, Donna
- ★ **JACKSON**, Charlie W., (80) of Goldsboro, NC died September 23, 2002. He served with A / 20th FA, WWII, and a member of the Carolinas Chapter. His wife, Grace, survives him. Thanks to Grace S. Jackson
- ★ **JOLLEY**, Charles A. Jr., MAJ (ret), A/4th Eng., WWII, of 2615 Cloister Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211 passed away on September 25, 2002. He served with the 4th Division as a Combat Engineer during WWII, landing D-Day on Utah Beach. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. His wife Elizabeth survives him. He was a member of the Carolinas Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to his wife, Elizabeth
- ★ **LAY**, Kenneth, COL (ret), HQ/12th Inf., WWII, of 863 Nordane Ave., Ripon, WI 54971 passed away on July 23, 2001. He was a member of the Wisconsin Chapter of the 4IDA. His wife Irene survives him. Thanks to Roger Barton
- ★ **LOCKLAIR**, Sherwood H. Jr., entered into eternal rest on the afternoon of October 24, 2002 in Waynesville, North Carolina. Mr. Locklair was born February 17, 1922 in St. Stephen, South Carolina and was a United States Army Veteran of World War II. In addition to receiving the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters; Mr. Locklair was also the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. He served with C / 1 / 8 Infantry in WWII. "Junior" was a longtime active member of the Carolinas Chapter, and the Military Order of the Purple

Heart. During his service to our country, he also served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Surviving in addition to his wife of Ladson are his sons: Timothy Locklair of Alto, GA, Larry Locklair of Fredricksburg, VA, a daughter: Theresa Sims of North Charleston, SC, two step-sons: Donald Weaver of Greenville, SC, Samuel D. Weaver of Greer, SC, and his sister: Dorothy Steen of Cottageville, SC, grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Thanks to Tallie J. Crocker

★ **MORRISON**, Victor G., C/1/8 Inf., WWII, of 232 James St, Mount Ephraim, NJ 08059 passed away recently. He was a member of the NY/NJ Chapter of the 4IDA. No other information is available. Thanks to Mike Horan

★ **NORMAN**, Bobby B. Sr., 22 INF, passed away at an unknown date in late 2001 or early 2002. Bobby was with the 4th Division's 22nd INF during the Cold War. His wife Patsy reportedly survives him whose latest address was 211 Sunshine Acres Trail, Royal, AR 71968. Thanks to Lee Rung

★ **NUCKOLLS, SR.**, Leroy, Co K, 3rd Bn, 22nd INF Regt, of 442 Mayfair Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111, passed away on 11 Sept 02. Leroy earned his battle laurels with the award of two Purple Hearts during the European Campaign in WWII. He was laid to rest on 13 Sept 02. Leroy is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Nettie. His wife Nettie can be reached at 442 Mayfair Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111. Thanks to Nettie and Lee Rung

★ **OSGA**, John M., G Company, 22nd Inf., WWII, of 26 Aetna St., Somerset, MA 02726 passed away on April 25, 2002 at the age of 81. John was a member of the New England Chapter. His wife, Mary, survives him. He received the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon and Silver Star. Thanks to Siegfried A. Budrick

★ **REIGNER**, Franklin K., HQ/2/22, WWII, of 1701 W. High St., Stowe, PA 19464 passed away on March 18, 2002 at the age of 85. He went in on Utah Beach as part of the 2nd wave on D-Day. He was awarded 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

★ **SENSEL**, James E., AT/ 12th Inf., WWII of 16 Main St., Hancock, MD 21750 passed away on June 2, 2002. No other information is provided. He was a member of the Capital Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Roger Barton

Update

Friends of the Central Highlands

We will never forget...

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

By Arnold Waggoner and Bob Reilly

Arnold made a brief annual report to the general membership meeting at the Spokane reunion, after which the association made a generous thousand-dollar donation to FOCH. Many thanks to the Association for its continued support of the projects in Vietnam by this gracious donation. It was great visiting with each of those who attended the reunion.

Our project manager is now in country visiting the projects, so there isn't much to report in the way of current conditions in the Central Highlands. Some of us at FOCH have spoken with some Montagnard refugees who have recently resettled in the Carolinas. Their needs are great. They left the country of Cambodia literally with the clothes on their backs. Some of them are entire families with young children. FOCH is getting involved in the resettlement of these wonderful people of the mountains of Vietnam.

FOCH is now actively asking for the support of each and every member of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association to make the first Christmas in America for these Montagnard Children one they will never forget. Please dig down deep and earmark your donations to FOCH as "Christmas in the Carolinas". Several families have been identified and, just as in our scholarship program, every donation to the Christmas project will go directly to the resettled families. These

people are looking for a new life in America and are a hard-working group that will earn its keep when given the chance. Let's not disappoint them. Our vision at FOCH is to assist the families to purchase inexpensive transportation to take them to jobs, medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. How many of us could make it in America without transportation? This is one of their biggest barriers to making their lives meaningful and productive in this country. When they are working and providing for their families, they become a part of the American Dream. They also continue to send what they can to those loved ones they had to leave behind in a country with some uncertain times.

The Board of Directors at FOCH wants to take this opportunity to wish everyone Special Blessings during the Holidays. Thanks to each of our "Friends", you Very Special People, for making a difference in the lives of those who gave their friendship and support, their lives and limbs to the American Forces during the Vietnam War. Even today they are continuing to pay and pay again for that undivided, unquestioned allegiance. If you are able, we ask that you send two checks: one for FOCH's continuing projects and another for the First Christmas Fund. We can't thank you enough, or often enough, for you continued bigheartedness!

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From the Executive Director

Greg Rollinger

As most of you know by now, I have “volunteered” to take on the responsibilities of the Executive Director position. As I did with the Ivy Leaves Editor position, I have stepped into this without a good understanding of what the responsibilities and time commitment are for the job. So I guess I’ll be learning under fire. I have received some documentation, forms and computer software from Roger Barton and I had hoped to spend some time at the National Reunion in Spokane with Roger to start the transition. But Roger was unable to attend and I was only able to attend for the Saturday business meeting and evening banquet. So with all of that said, it should be understood that the transition will be gradual and probably not occur all at once. By the time this issue of *The Ivy Leaves* is in your hands, I should have had an opportunity to meet with Roger and we should have transitioned most of the Executive Director responsibilities to me. At least that plan is in place as I write this article.

We need to all give Roger Barton a great big “thank you” for his last 10 years of service as the Executive Director. I believe that

Roger is responsible for much of the growth of the organization during his watch and I’m sure a lot of the successes that the 4IDA has had during these past 10 years would not have occurred without his dedication. There are big boots for me to fill. All I can say is I’ll do the best I can for the benefit of the 4IDA and it’s members.

One brief notification I need to make at this time is that the Executive Board has placed a moratorium on new life memberships. Our new National President, Gerry Howard, will be identifying a committee to consider the continued viability of life memberships and at what cost. So for now, if any Chapter Secretaries receive application and money for new life memberships, they should be returned to the applicant until this issue is resolved.

That is all for now. I look forward to this new challenge and I ask you all for your support during this transition period and as we move forward into the future.

Wishing all of you and your families a joyous Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

4thfully, Greg Rollinger

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 _____

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uppermost reminding us of our nation’s motto: In “God We Trust”.

After the final portion is tucked and the flag is complete, it takes on the shape of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who

were with Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in Americas armed forces.

They represent the traditions of the service, and as you watch a flag ceremony in the future you will know the meaning. *(Attributed to the Chaplain of the USS Enterprise)*

July 25 - 27, 2002

40th Tank Bn Holds Reunion

L. Rogers Law

The annual reunion of the 40th Tank Battalion Veterans from the years of 1951-1953 and who served in Mannheim and Friedberg, Germany was held July 25, 26 and 27, 2002 at the Executive Inn, Riverside in Paducah, Kentucky. There were 73 veterans and guests in attendance.

Though the 4th Infantry Division served in Germany during the Korean War, the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War, (2000-2003) was observed by those at the reunion in arrangements made by Clarence Schmidt. The battalion dinner was held at the Inn Saturday night.

Plans were made to hold the 2003 reunion again in Paducah at the Executive Inn, July 24, 25 and 26. For information, contact Clarence L. Schmidt, 421 Meadow View Ct., Vandalia, OH 45377. (937) 898-5990.

Military Words of Wisdom

- ◆ “A slipping gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what’s left of your unit”
- ◆ “Aim towards Enemy” - Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher
- ◆ When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.
- ◆ If it’s stupid, ...but it works, ...it isn’t stupid.
- ◆ Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs always hit the ground.
- ◆ If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- ◆ It is generally inadvisable to parachute directly over the area you just bombed.
- ◆ Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.
- ◆ When in doubt, empty the magazine.
- ◆ Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.
- ◆ Odd objects attract fire - never lurk behind one.
- ◆ Incoming fire has the right of way.
- ◆ Tracers work both ways.



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