

**REGISTRATION – 84TH ANNUAL NATIONAL REUNION – SPOKANE, WA**

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

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

Please print clearly

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Spouse/Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival/Departure Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

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

DAY	EVENT	\$ COST	X # OF PEOPLE	=	TOTAL \$	
	Reunion Registration Fee (\$10 before 7/1, \$20 after, \$30 at door .....	x	_____	=	_____	
Wed 9/25	Hell's Canyon Jet Boating .....	\$89*	x _____	=	_____	
Thu 9/26	Age of Elegance/Patsy Clark Mansion .....	\$47.50*	x _____	=	_____	
Thu 9/26	Western Barbecue: Ribs, beef, sausage .....	\$15*	x _____	=	_____	
Fri 9/27	Continental Breakfast Buffet .....	\$18*	x _____	=	_____	
Fri 9/27	Coeur d'Alene Lake Luncheon Cruise .....	\$45*	x _____	=	_____	
Fri 9/27	Dinner Buffet, Music and Drawings .....	\$38*	x _____	=	_____	
Sat 9/28	Continental Breakfast Buffet .....	\$18*	x _____	=	_____	
Sat 9/28	Silver Valley and Gold Mine Tour.....	\$40*	x _____	=	_____	
Sat 9/28	Banquet: Prime Rib .....	\$32*	x _____	=	_____	
	Baked Orange Roughy .....	\$32*	x _____	=	_____	
Sun 9/29	Western Dinner and Laser Light Show .....	\$46.50*	x _____	=	_____	
Note: * indicates tax and tip included						
	84th National Reunion Polo Shirt(s):.....	\$25	x _____	=	_____	
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association**

Renewal     New

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

Complete Unit and where served \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
**Roger S. Barton, Executive Director, 2 Spring Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793**

**Korean plan for collecting uniforms?**

Among the first "Germans" captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army, until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army, until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army, until they were finally captured by the US Army.

# 84th Spokane National Reunion: 23 – 29 September 2002

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

## Hotel Accommodations

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

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

## Transportation

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

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

## Tours

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tentative Reunion Schedule

### Monday, 23 September

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

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

### Tuesday, 24 September

1500 to 1800 hours Registration

1600 to 2300 hours Hospitality Room open

### Wednesday, 25 September:

0630 to 1600 hours Jet boating in Hell's Canyon

Noon to 1800 hours Registration

Noon to 2400 hours Hospitality Room open

### Thursday, 26 September:

0900 to 1800 hours Registration

0900 to 2400 hours Hospitality Room open

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

1400 to 1600 hours Committee meetings

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

### Friday, 27 September:

0730 to 0810 hours Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast

0815 to 1015 hours First Annual Business Meeting

0900 to 1800 hours Registration

1030 to 1645 hours Hospitality Room open

1100 to 1500 hours

Coeur d'Alene Lake luncheon cruise

1700 to 1800 hours

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

1900 to 2100 hours

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

2100 to 2400 hours

Hospitality Room open

### Saturday, 28 September:

0730 to 0810 hours Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast

0815 to 1015 hours Second Annual Business Meeting

1015 to 1700 hours Hospitality Room open

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

1400 to 1830 hours Registration

1900 to 1930 hours Attitude Adjustment Time (cash bar)

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

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

### Sunday, 29 September:

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

## National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

### Member Death Notification

(Executive Director's copy)

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Era and Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ivy Leaves Editor notified?  Yes  No

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

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Walkersville MD 21793-8107

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Executive Director notified?  Yes  No

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Looking for...

## Woody

I was wondering if anyone can tell me what outfit Cliff Mize was in? He was with the 4th id in the central highlands (Pleiku). He came to Vietnam in October of 1966, was KIA June 23rd 1967. His MOS was 11B4P. MOTwoowoo@aol.com



## Buddy

I served with 2nd squad, 2nd platoon. of Delta CO. 1/12 Inf. 4th Inf. Div. 69/70. I cannot remember name of friend who was KIA early part of 70, may have even been early spring, during operations outside of An Khe. He was a transfer from Recon CO E and was not with me long before he was KIA by sniper/ambush. I am planning return trip to Vietnam and the Central Highlands in April and it would mean a lot to me if I could recall my friends name. BuddyBarman@aol.com



## Andy De Cusati

I am looking for information on 2nd Lt. Wilson Greene of the 12th Inf. in WW2. He was in Company D, L and M. I am trying to find out when he was in each. Also, he had back trouble and missed D-Day and some of the Bulge, is there anyway to find out more about him? He died before I could ask him these things. I am not family I am just a friend. I have some of his things and would like to put as much of his story down as I can. Any help you could give would be appreciated. My address is; Andy De Cusati, 642 Hooker Dr, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 Phone number is 717-334-0685 lilnemo1863@hotmail.com



## Mike Seeley

My grandfather, Sgt. Euell I. Baldwin, KIA Sept. 1944, was in Patton's 3rd Army, 4th Infantry Division. He was killed in action (in France I believe) in September of 1944. He was the company cook. This is all anyone in my family seems to know. My grandmother recently gave me his Purple Heart and the few personal effects sent home. I'm told he was buried in Nanci, France, but that these graves were moved years later. I'm looking for any informa-

tion, historical and personal, about his outfit, where he was killed, any possibility of surviving vets that may have known him, etc. MSeeley@sonusnet.com



## Jack McElroy

I was with the 4th Aviation Co. / Ft. Lewis WA from Sept 60 to Mar 63. I am currently in contact with a couple of the guys from those days and would like to try and find a few more. The guys I am in contact with are: Lt. Bill Vertrees and SP4 Richard Buckwalter. Buckwalter is in contact with Bill Sherrill. I would like to contact and say hello to Lt. Jim Hunt and Lt. "Connie" Wheeler, both pilots in our outfit. jak-7@kc.rr.com



## Bob Kuhn

My Dad fought with the 4th in WWII. His name is Carl Kuhn, 37096684, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 8th Infantry, from North Dakota. He died when I was young so I never was able to talk to him about his service with the 4th. I do know he told me he was in the D-Day invasion and I know he won ribbons for battles in France and Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star at Ansbach for heroic action 17 April, 1945 and I have the citation. He never sent for the medal, he told me he just wanted to go home. I was wondering if any of you ever served with him or remember him. He only spoke to me one time about his combat service (18 months) and that was in 1961 when he took me to see "The Longest Day." I was 9 years old. I am trying to piece together his service record so that I can save it for my 2 sons. rakuhn@monsanto.com

## Frank Schuler

I am 20 years old and I am living in Diekirch/Luxembourg. I am very interested in WW II and specially in the battle of the bulge. Diekirch was hit very hard too. I am looking for veterans who were here in 1944-45 to tell me their personal experiences and adventures during those terrible fights. I have a lot of books on the B.B. but there are only explanations on division movements and battles but very rarely something about the soldier's life. I want to know how the soldiers felt during the fights and after and that is what I am looking for now. If you can help me in my researches I'll be very happy. Thank you in advance. frank@schuler.lu



## Donald A. Mullins

Looking for 1st. Sgt. Bobby Graham, SFC Winfred Daubert, SFC Robert White, CO. Capt. Enders, 1Lt. Cherio. All from the 1/12th Inf. Regt. 4th. Inf. Div Co. A. Ft. Lewis, Wash. The years from 1956 through 1958. Anyone with info. about any of these old soldiers., please contact MSG. Donald A. Mullins Rebel81621@aol.com.



## Bob Baratta Jr.

My father, Bob Sr. was a member of the 4th Division, 22nd regiment during the 2nd World War. When he passed away, my mother and I were going through his papers and found his DD214. His Purple Heart with Clusters was listed (we knew about that) but along with the EAME Ribbon with one bronze arrowhead, there are three bronze stars. My mother enlisted the help

### 4th Infantry Division Association ♦ ♦ 2002 Scholarship Application

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

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Relation to Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Type of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

of local politicians who eventually were able to have a Bronze Star awarded to my father posthumously. My issue is there was no citation report on what my father did, and if I'm reading his DD214 correctly, he may be entitled to two additional bronze stars. I have the form to request records information from Syracuse, but I don't have much hope that they'll be able to find anything after all these years. My greatest wish is to just find out what he did, because he never talked about it. It would be great to find someone who knew him during that time. He's listed in the 4th Division, 22nd Regiment European Campaign book as being in Company K. He was a Staff Sergeant/Squad Leader

603-875-1404 rbaratta@worldpath.net



**Walter M O'Donnell**

I am trying to trace a Sgt. James O'Connor who was stationed in or around Torquay in England (UK) around 1943/44 with the 4th. s.odonnell@select.co.uk



**John Karnes**

Staff Sgt. Hollis Webb Kemp's records are lost and I need to rebuild them for my Sons. He reportedly was awarded the Silver Star, 4 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for actions during the Battle of the Bulge in WW II. We have some information that he was attached to the 4th Infantry Division(Ivy) of the 3rd Army and possibly the 76th Infantry Division (Liberty Bell) by patches from his uniform. Mr. Kemp passed away in January 1990. Any knowledge or Division/Incident records justifying these awards would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

John Karnes, Son-in-Law  
712 N. Oakridge Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76087-7768  
(817) 596-8128  
(817) 599-7284 FAX



**Larry Stimeling**

I am assisting a woman in trying to find people who might have known her brother-in-law. He was with the 4th in Vietnam and was KIA on August 24, 1969 near An Khe. Larry Shea was with the 1st squad, 10th Cavalry and he operated an APC. Larrt@nam-vet.net



An interpreter, and my grandfather, Johnny Halkowicz, on the right in Dunbar (?), Belgium



**Suzanne Cesari**

My grandfather, Johnny Halkowicz was a medical technician of the Army's 4th division in WWII. His memory is pretty bad, and he until recently, he refused to talk about the war.

I want to find out more about his service records, etc. Attached are some photos I have of him in England, Belgium, and Germany. He is 83 living in Pennsylvania, and I am not sure how many years he has left. I would like to find resources book, articles, or anything else associated with the 4th infantry. cesar.sm@home.com



**Stanley R. Adydan**

Looking for anyone who knew my Uncle SSGT Stanley J. Adydan. Enlisted at Syracuse, NY in February 1942 and was assigned to Co. K, 8th Inf. 4th Div. at Camp Gordon, GA on June 10, 1942. He landed on Utah Beach, was wounded vicinity of Percy France on August 2, 1944 and returned to duty on January 22, 1945. He was killed in action on February 28, 1945 near Kleinlangenfeld, Germany. If anyone knew him please contact me at: 241 Kinne St., East Syracuse, NY 13057-2251



**Michael T. Pumphrey**

I am in search of WWII veterans that served with the division's Military Police. Being an amateur historian and WWII reenactor, I am trying to research the role of the MP's of the 4th Inf. Div. during that time. Contact me at: 260 Blakeney Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228 (410) 747-7213



Klitz(?), Germany. Johnny Halkowicz is second from left.



Taken in England and on the back it says Maj. K. M. McPherson.

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For e-mail message and additional address information, contact:

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**A place of Honor**



LTC Marby's Medal of Honor and class A blouse are on display at the Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, GA.

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

# Ryter recalls winter in Ardennes

Submitted by John Plonski

It was winter, 1944. Allied troops who had stormed the beaches six months earlier on D-Day, June 6, had pushed forward through the Nazi defenses.

On the morning of Dec 16, while crossing the woods at Ardennes, Belgium, the troops were met with a massive offensive by about 500,000 German soldiers.

This was the Battle of the Bulge and Ridgewood resident; Adolph Ryter was there.

Now 73, he sat in his comfortable living room on Newcomb Road recently, recalling that brutal time 50 years ago when he was a scared private going into what would be the biggest battle of his life.

Code named "Watch on the Rhine" by Nazi Leader Adolph Hitler, it was one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

The plan called for German Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt and General Hasso Von Manteuffel to take their troops and break through the Allied line in Ardennes.

The fighting that followed became so intense that soldiers finally went to hand-to-hand combat utilizing the bayonets at the end of their rifles.

Under the command of allied commander General George S. Patton, the first and third armies stopped the German offensive, forcing the Germans to retreat further into Eastern Europe.

When the battle ended, heavy casualties were suffered by both sides. The Allies suffered 77,000 dead and wounded and the Germans 130,000, including Hitler's last powerful reserve, his Panzer Elite Tank Unit, which was destroyed.

Ryter, a former New York native, was born in Italy and immigrated with his family to New York. He became a lens grinder before being drafted into the army, Fourth Infantry Division, Eighth Infantry Regiment, Company E, in 1943.

After landing on Normandy Beach, Ryter's company advanced with the rest of the allies and starting on Dec 16, they fought their way through German occupied territory for the next three days. Ryter fought his last battle Dec 19.

"It was about 6 a.m. and cold. Command

had pulled us out of the Hertgen Forest and moved us to this forward area by truck. When we got there we got out and headed back into the woods. We were going down a small hill to set up an opposition for the Germans that were reported to be on top of the hill in front of us," began Ryter.

"There was a farmhouse on the left. What we didn't realize was that the enemy was setting up a line of tanks on the flank. Then the shelling started."

Ryter and his unit spread out and took to the ditches along the sides of the country road.

"It seemed like an eternity," he said. "One of the 88-mm shells went off and I took pieces of it in my leg. I had three-and-a-half inches of bone shot out of my leg and a hole the size of a fist."

Ryter lay in the ditch among the dead and wounded soldiers as the shells exploded all around. Company Sgt. Plonski ran to the ditch and carried Ryter out.

"Out of 65 men, 12 were alive and our of the 12, eight of us were wounded. I was brought to the farmhouse, which was used as an Aid Station. I remember they moved us out at night because it was dark and I was hurting like hell."

Ryter was moved to a battalion station in Metz, France where they performed the first operation on his leg. After several days he was taken to an Army Air Base in England.

"They said I had a million dollar wound...I would be sent home. I arrived in England on New Years Eve. After a couple of months at an army hospital, I was shipped home on the Queen Mary on March 7 and landed in New York on March 11," said Ryter.

Ryter spent a total of 50 months in the hospital, undergoing operations on his leg.

For his actions during the battle, he received a Bronze Star with a cluster, a Purple Heart with a cluster, European Theater Operations Award for fighting in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland American Campaign Award, World War II Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

*(Editors note: John Plonski is a member of the 4IDA and submitted this article after seeing it in the newspaper.)*

# 4ID has Friend in Normandy

by Bob Babcock

You have heard me talk about our good friend, Philippe Cornil, formerly from Belgium but now living in St-Marie-du-Mont, just behind Utah Beach in Normandy, France. Philippe first contacted me by email in 1999, visited me in Atlanta in January of 2001, and has been a great asset and friend in researching the WWII accomplishments of the 4th Infantry Division and sub units of the division.

Because of his outstanding support of us, Philippe has recently been made an honorary life member of the National 4th Infantry Division Association.

In late January, Philippe opened an exhibit of historical pictures, military vehicle models, and other artifacts in his museum in Normandy, which will be available through early April. Additionally, he hosted men of today's active duty 2-22 Infantry as they visited the D-Day beaches in late February (just as this newsletter was going to press). Philippe gave up a lucrative law practice in Belgium to move to Normandy and pursue his passion of preserving the history of the American soldiers who saved Europe in WWII - with special focus on our 4th Infantry Division WWII vets. To help make a living, Philippe has two sleeping rooms in his house that he rents out, and he will give custom tours of the Normandy area, in addition to his museum and exhibits. If you or any of your family or friends are heading to the battlegrounds in Normandy, please contact Philippe and see if he can help you - and you can help him. You can check him out on his web site at [www.revive-it.com](http://www.revive-it.com) or write him at: place de l'Eglise n 38, 50480 Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, France.

Because of his outstanding support of us, Philippe has recently been made an honorary life member of the National 4th Infantry Division Association.

Philippe sent the following note in early February, "I was on a radio interview yesterday in Normandy and told them the 4th

See FRIEND on page 26

## The Iron Horse

*Below is a note from COL (Ret) Dave Hughes, a former 4ID (M) 3Bde Cdr., G3, and CoS. Sheds light on the division's recent history and thought you might be interested in it. He's near Colorado Springs and has quite a distinguished combat record from the Korean War. Got to talking to him about direct-support artillery for maneuver brigades and accidentally said something about "Ironhorse" to him, hence the story below. John Thomson, MAJ—4ID DIVARTY*

I'll give you (and the 3d Bde) a little more depth of the reason why the name - and its associations - happened at the end of the 60's.

I happen to be a Colorado native - grew up in Colorado Springs before the Air Force was out of the Army (AFA) and Fort Carson, an expansion post for WWII, was thought of. Went to West Point from CS, and accidentally was assigned to Carson, an Infantry Division Post, and the then going-out-of-business 5ID, becoming the 4ID(M) as I arrived in 68.

The CG, Roland Gleser wanted me for his G-3, first giving me the 2dBn, 11th Inf. (M) to learn a bit about I was always aware of the tradition of the US Army in the West in the 1880s. A while after that Gen. Bernie Rogers took over, I was G-3, and major changes (VOLAR) were afoot across the Army, trying to become all volunteer. Most of the radical 'changes' had to do with the social, living, and people-conditions of the Army. Nobody was much modernizing the 'training' for combat readiness. I was always combat oriented - preferring to be a warrior.

I saw immediately that all the soldiers and NCOs coming back from Vietnam didn't know an M113 from a Truck - and treated them either as a Truck, or a Tank. And they were neither. I remembered that the 'Dragoon's - who rode to battle on horses like Cavalry, but fought on foot, like Infantry - were the historical model for the Mech. Infantry. But there was no home for the Mech. Infantry. Infantry had its Benning, Knox its Armor, Sill its Artillery. Mech. was an orphan, and soon there would BE no pure Infantry Divisions, as the missions aimed at Europe and away from Asia.

Now while the proud 'Ivy' Division had landed at Normandy, and some of the old vets didn't like any changes, I suggested that

the 4ID(M) take the Iron Horse (M113s) as its new identity. And we put a black horses head on top of the Ivy Patch (still there???? I doubt it - but you can see signs with that all over Colorado Springs and outside Carson), bought a beautiful black stallion, and thus we added the Western 'horse' soldier image to that of the Ivy Leaf Infantry. That's where the name originated, circa 1970-71. Gen. Rogers had made me Chief of Staff of the 4ID(M) and of the Post.

I wasn't done yet. While the radical changes were going on (and believe you me Fort Carson was way out ahead of the rest of the Army, AND controversial.) As I pondered how to create pride and real combat-oriented 'professionalism' in the 'Mech Infantry' I hatched the idea of Mechando - Mechanized Recondo. Just as Rogers was replaced by MG John Bennett, who was more interested in flair than substance - but was good at it. And I was put in command of the 3d Brigade.

Mechando was a training/readiness concept in which every officer and man in the Division would have to 'earn his Gauntlets' - the black GI glove with a wide leather cuff added to it - as the Dragoons wore. And earn it by successfully negotiating the Fire Run, the Water Run, and the Night Run alone in an M113. The Fire Run being negotiated over the absolutely steepest uphill, side hill, and downhill terrain the M113 could handle (and we rolled a few tracks experimenting), while live frangible ammunition was being fired at the buttoned up track. And at one point, the track being unable to go up a small cliff, the trooper inside (from MG Bennett to Private E-2) had to bail out with pot, rifle, bayonet climb that cliff and assault the dummies on top. Underscoring that it was STILL Infantry in that Track. Something the old Armor Sergeants didn't have to do.

The Water Run requiring the trooper to go off a ramp buttoned up, into the water, pancaking, sinking a bit, bobbing up, then swimming across the small water body, and coming up, without sinking (and drowning). They had to go off at just the right speed. The Night Run, buttoned up, following fast with only night lights on tracks, through woods. All designed to totally familiarize every man in the Division, and give every one, including small unit leaders in the hatch - not just drivers - with the capabilities and limitations of the M113 and Mech Tracked (arty included). So they could 'wield' a track like a

Ranger's knife, or airborne's chute. (and we did LOTS of other things, like 'tug a track' pulls, to teach leaders track flotation, what it would take with manpower only - not a track retriever - to get a busted track off the road) and hatched new tactics, such as quiet running night 'infiltration' of entire battalions through spread out defenders. And we held tank drag races. And road rallies, with the girlfriend in the hatch, navigating, to a picnic site. MY slice of the Russian Army would be 13 Russian Regiments against my 1 Bde in war plans. We had to be cleverer, more accomplished with our weapons and tracks to substitute for mass - ala WWII. My classmate, Jack Palmer commanded the Artillery of the Division then, and had counterpart training.

Once the trooper successfully negotiated the runs, his name was stamped into the flared leather cuff of the Gauntlet glove and he wore it thereafter. Like the beret, the wings, and the patch so long as he was in the 4ID(M) at Carson. It certainly worked - and got soldiers interested via its 'adventure training' that was relevant to the deployment combat mission, while I, and Rogers and Bennett, were there, and helped 'transition' a lot of officers and men from the Vietnam airborne Infantry, to the European Mechanized Infantry realities and the Volunteer Army.

It was, needless to say, controversial, costly (a few lives, including one redleg soldier who showed up drunk, failed to fasten his seatbelt before the Fire Run - and nobody checked him - rolled his track.) And as usual I was in the middle of the firestorm of 'administrative' criticism. But then I never ducked criticism from those who did not know what extreme combat was all about - which I learned in Korea AND Vietnam.

So I think it was that phase of the 4ID(M) that made its Iron Horse name stick.

*Dave Hughes dave@oldcolo.com*

*P.S. The biggest kick I got was when MG George Patton Jr. - in DSCOPS Training, Pentagon, showed up. I demonstrated the course to him, standing up in the hatch while I - a grunt -drove the track over the extreme course, while he, old armor himself, waved and smiled at the track following with Press in it, but was scared spitless, and was cursing me out over the intercom threatening to beat me to a pulp if I rolled the track. So we even showed the old tankers a trick or two. Ha!*

# Chapter Events



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## A/1/8 2002 Reunion

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### June 21, 22, 23 Casa Marina – Key West, FL

Preparations and arrangements are in process for our A/1/8 Chapter Reunion 2002. At the San Antonio meeting last October, it was decided to avoid any conflict with the National Reunion by moving the 2002 meeting up a few months. This will also give some people who have said that October is a bad time for them the opportunity to attend. And we have it on good authority from our 2002 reunion chairman, Jerry Horton, that June is a great month to visit Florida as the weather is excellent and the hurricane season is still a few months off.

Jerry Horton has signed a contract guaranteeing us excellent rooms at this luxurious beachfront hotel for \$139/night. He also plans to offer us deep sea fishing, snorkeling and a Saturday night Beach Party in front of his beachfront home. Or there is the local scene and the possibility that we might get Jimmy Buffet to sing for us. It's going to be great. More info will be sent to A/1/8 Chapter members. Others interested can contact Ken McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, A/1/8 Chapter, 4IDA, 4208 North Rogers Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91977

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## Michigan Chapter Spring Reunion

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*By Merle Davies*

### Midland, MI

Preparations and arrangements have been completed for our Michigan Chapter Reunion 2002. A hard copy will be mailed to all Michigan Chapter Members in April 2002. Please set aside the date. "Old 88"

### Michigan Chapter Spring Reunion

#### Midland Michigan

Our Michigan Chapter - 4th Division Association, has again selected your location, for our Spring Reunion, May 16, 17, 18 2002. At The Fair View Inn, 2200 Wackerly Rd, (800) 422 2744, E - mail at <gck2200@ejourney.com>, Midland, Michigan 48640.

Will you please set aside twenty five (25) rooms and two (2) Handicapped Rooms for our use, 2 persons in 1 bed @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ tax; total amount of \$ 70.00 per night.

Registration cut off date May 01, 2002. *Two* other groups are booking into the Inn on these dates.... So Register *early* (under 4th Division Reunion).

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## New England Chapter - Spring Meeting

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*by Bill Babcock, Frank Bradley, Irv Smolens*

The N. E. Chapter of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association will hold its Spring Meeting over the weekend of 25 -28 April 2002 at the Best Western Mainstay Inn 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, RI 02840. Please make your hotel reser-

vations directly by..calling 1-401-849-9880 and mentioning the 4th Division Association. Room rates are \$53.76 for Thursday and \$68.54 for Friday and Saturday including tax. Please make your reservations as soon as possible but no later than 25 March 2002 to receive this special rate. There are other reunions scheduled at the hotel for the same period so do not wait. The hotel, located just off the Newport Bridge, is close to downtown and the Newport Naval Base.

On Thursday afternoon, 25 April, the hospitality room will open for early arrivals. On Saturday morning, 27 April, while the men gather for the business meeting at 10 A.M., the ladies will meet to make a seasonal craft and enjoy tea and other refreshments.

On Saturday evening following a social hour, we shall have our Flames of Remembrance ceremony at 7 P. M. with a buffet dinner to follow in the hotel restaurant. The menu will include stuffed breast of chicken baked scrod, sirloin beef tips, roasted red bliss potatoes, fresh green beans, tossed green salad, assorted desserts and beverage for \$24.00, tax and gratuity included

On Sunday morning from 8 to 10 A.M. we shall have a break-away breakfast buffet for \$10.00 per person, tax and gratuity included.

The customary letter will be sent to chapter members and friends. Other members and friends wishing to attend this weekend gathering should contact: Treasurer Siegfried A. Budrick, 49 Black Flats Road, Dennis, MA 02638-1713 Phone 508-385-2291, as soon as possible but no later than 25 March to make dinner reservations.

### Directions to Best Western Mainstay Inn

From Route 95 North or South, take Exit 3, Route 138 East (Kingston/University of Rhode Island) and follow the signs for the Newport Bridge. Stay on Route 138 through Kingston, take a left on Route 1 back to Route 138 East. Stay on Route 138 going over the Jamestown Bridge, through Jamestown, then over the Newport Bridge (\$2.00 toll). Follow the signs to Cape cod (not Downtown Newport). The Mainstay is on your left at the traffic light. Newport Jai Lai is to your front

From Route 195 take the Newport/Tiverton Exit (Route 24/138 West) just before Fall River and follow 138 west toward the Newport Bridge.

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## Ohio/Western PA Spring Mini-Reunion

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*By Chuck McKee*

WPA/Ohio Chapter Spring Reunion will be held May 18 and 19, 2002 at the Days Inn Conference Center, Meadville, PA. Room rates will remain at \$65.00 per night, and the banquet meal at \$40.00 - Stuffed Pork Chop, Prime Rib, or Baked Scrod. Mailers will be coming to WPA & Ohio Chapter members; others interested in attending should contact WPA Secretary Chuck McKee at (412) 882-9086.

## Schedule of Events

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

#### APRIL 2002

##### ❖ 5-7 - Illinois Chapter Mini-Reunion

The Illinois Chapter mini-reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn in Danville, IL. The Ramada Inn is located off Interstate 74, Exit #220 North (Lynch Rd). Make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 217-446-2400. Be sure to mention that you are with the Illinois Chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Assn. For further information contact:

Jerry Januszewski at 773-978-3239 or BcoDakto@aol.com or Milton Crippin at 217-446-4839 or Mdcrip@aol.com

##### ❖ 25-28 - New England Chapter Mini-Reunion

The New England Chapter mini-reunion will be held at the Mainstay Inn, Newport, Rhode Island For further information contact:

Bud Budrick, 508-385-2291 or Bill Babcock, 401-782-8157. Association members will find further details in *The Ivy Leaves*.

##### ❖ 26-28 - Midsouth Chapter Mini-Reunion

The Midsouth Chapter is holding its annual reunion at the Biloxi Beach Resort, 2736 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Mississippi from April 26th - 28th 2002. The hotel is located close to Keesler Air Force Base and faces on the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. For those who feel lucky there are eight gambling Casinos close by! There will be plenty of time for renewing "old" friendships and to make many a new one. The highlight of the reunion will be the Saturday Night Banquet at 6pm on the 27th. Former WWII POW Conrad "Frenchie" Adams will serve as Master of Ceremonies and will be ably aided by Midsouth Chapter President Herb Martin. For more information and details contact Midsouth Chapter Treasurer Lee Rung at 504-392-3699 or Rungs@juno.com

##### ❖ 26-28 - Carolinas Chapter Tenth Charter Reunion

Holiday Inn, Columbia, South Carolina Phone 803-794-9440  
Contact Rick Adams 864-576-7359, or RJAdams90@cs.com

#### May 2002:

##### ❖ 2-5 - Florida Chapter Mini-Reunion

The Florida Chapter mini-reunion will be held at the Quality Hotel (Westshore) in Tampa, Florida. Room rates are \$69/night plus tax. Hotel address is 1200 N Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33607 (Just North of I-275 Hotel phone number is 813-282-3636. For further details or info contact Florida Chapter Treasurer Bob Krause at: rovinKid@akos.net or 727-376-2660

##### ❖ 18-19 - Western PA & Ohio Chapters Mini-Reunion

The Western PA & Ohio Chapters mini-reunion will be held at the Days Inn Conference Center in Meadville, PA. Room rates will remain at \$65.00 per night. Banquet meal will be \$40.00 with choice of Stuffed Pork Chop, Prime Rib or Baked Scrod.

Mailers will be sent to Western PA and Ohio Chapter members. Others interested in attending can contact Western PA Chapter Secretary Chuck McKee at: 412-882-9086. or cmckee4id@aol.com

#### June 2002:

##### ❖ 21, 22, 23 A/1/8 2002 Reunion

Casa Marina – Key West Florida

Jerry Horton has signed a contract guaranteeing us excellent rooms at this luxurious beachfront hotel for \$139/night. He also plans to offer us deep sea fishing, snorkeling and a Saturday night Beach Party in front of his beachfront home. Or there is the local scene and the possibility that we might get Jimmy Buffet to sing for us. It's going to be great. More info will be sent to A/1/8 Chapter members. Others interested can contact Ken McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, A/1/8 Chapter, 4IDA, 4208 North Rogers Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91977

#### September 2002:

##### ❖ 18-19 - 84th National Reunion

The 84th National Reunion of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association will be held at the 379 room DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane City Center. The hotel is next to Spokane's Riverfront Park and is in the heart of downtown Spokane.

Parking is free and Valet service is available. Free shuttle service to Spokane International Airport Room rates are \$88 single/double or \$98 for triple or quad. Make hotel reservations directly with the hotel at 509-455-9600. Be sure to tell them that you will be attending the National 4th Infantry Division Association reunion.

#### Schedule of Events/Tours

- Monday September 23rd - arrival day, golf can be arranged.
- Tuesday September 24th - Registration, Hospitality Room open.
- Wednesday September 25th - Jet Boating in Hell's Canyon, Registration, Hospitality Room open
- Thursday September 26th - Registration, Hospitality Room open, Age of Elegance Tour, Committee meetings, Western Barbecue in the park
- Friday September 27th - Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast, 1st Business meeting, Registration, Hospitality Room open, Coeur d' Alene Lake Luncheon cruise, Memorial Service @ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at Riverfront Park with special honors to PSG Bruce Grandstaff 4ID Medal of Honor recipient., Buffet dinner with 3 salads, pork loin & salmon, music, drawings.
- Saturday September 28th - Executive Continental Buffet Breakfast, 2nd Business meeting, Hospitality Room open, Cataldo Mission Silver Country & Gold Mine Tour, Registration, Attitude Adjustment Time (cash bar), 84th Annual National Reunion Banquet with awards and drawings, Hospitality Room open.
- Sunday September 29th - Barbecue Dinner enroute to Grand Coulee Dam Laser Light Show.

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

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### Wisconsin Chapter Reunion

#### Registration Form

**Date:** April 19 and 20, 2002

**Place:** Best Western East Towne Suite

4801 Annamark Drive

Madison, WI 53704

Call for Reservations: 1-800-950-1919

**Cost:** \$70 and 13.5% Sales Tax Includes Hot Breakfast, Microwave and Frig in Room.

■ Flames of Remembrance Banquet (Roast Beef and Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad and Dessert).  
Cost: \$20 per Person (all-inclusive)

The weekend will include friday night hospitality, saturday tours of capital and convention center, luncheon, ladies raffle and banquet.

**Questions:** Call Arlen At: 1-608-635-7251

**Directions:** I 90-94 to Highway 151 Exit south to first light – turn left – turn left at next corner

**Send To:** Arlen Bliefert, Box 183, Poynette, WI 53955-0183.

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

Name	Unit	Era	Name	Unit	Era
<b>November 2001</b>			<b>January 2002</b>		
Joe Balla	A/3/8 INF	1968-1969	Michael T. Pumphrey	ASSOCIATE	
Don Bosch	D/3/8 INF	1968-1969	Johnny C. Purser	C/1/10 CAV	1969-1970
Norbert E. Brauner	HHB/6/29 FA	1967-1968	Johnnie J. Rerich Sr.	G/2/8 INF	WWII
Tracey Lee Cohen	ASSOCIATE		Larry D. Romero	B/3/12 INF	1966-1967
Gregory D. Crawford	D/3/8 INF	1967-1968	John R. Tuft	U/U/U	1961-1963
Michael V. Croy	B/1/8 INF	1967-1968	Scott C. Vinger	B/124 SIG	1995-1997
Donald Eisenman	A/124 SIG	1960-1961	Harry M. Weisman	HHC/2/35 INF	1969-1970
Larry J. Farnham	A/1/20 FA	1980-1982	Raymond E. "Gene" Whelchel	D/1/12 INF	1969-1970
Paul H. Gerard	U/U/U	WWII			
Clifford G. Greenlick	C/1/10 CAV	1967-1968	E. Charles Bann	A/1/8 INF	1967-1968
Dan Grzyb	D/3/8 INF	1967	James Connolly	HHB/2/9 FA	1967-1968
James M. Guswiler	HHC/3/8 INF	1966-1967	Phillippe Cornil	ASSOCIATE	Life Member
Charles E. Hawkins	A/1/12 INF	Vietnam	Elmer F. Culbertson	A/1/22 INF	WWII
George E. Hile Jr.	HHT/1/10 CAV	1970-0971	John L. Dell	U/U/U	1967-1968
Carl A. Hoffman Jr.	104/MI	ActiveDuty	Gordon D. Dixon	A/3/8 INF	1967-1968
Greg Illingworth	C/3/8 INF	1966-1967	Roger A. Domrois	U/4/S&T	1967-1968
George Kelly	U/6/29 FA	1965-1967	Jim Eckhardt	ASSOCIATE	
John Lindstrom	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam	Edward J. Farah	U/70M MNT	Vietnam
Donald A. Manley	4/MI	1968-1969	Abe Feinsilver	F/2/12 INF	WWII
David H. Mills	A/5/16 FA	1970-1971	Robert French	SVC/44 FA	1951-1952
R. Keith Ostrum	87/CHEM	1943-1945	Wendell V. Grant	HHT/1/10 CAV	1967-1968
Don Pender	D/1/10 CAV	1971	Ruben S. Grubb	HHC/4/ENG	1969-1970
Patrick P. Pertuit	C/1/10 CAV	1968-1969	James L. Irving	AT/22 INF	1954-1956
Richard David Pickett	B/3/8 INF	Vietnam	James H. Jones	HHT/1/10 CAV	1968-1969
David R. Ray	C/1/10 CAV	1969-1970	Douglas C. Keen	A/1/14 INF	Vietnam
John C. Rollins	U/U/U	1968-1969	Roy S. Kelly	SVC/44 FA	1951-1952
John L. Roussell	B/1/35 INF	1967-1968	Jerry M. Martin	B/2/8 INF	1969-1970
Alfred F. Thomas	B/3/8 INF	1966-1967	Robert R. Maschmeyer	U/4/42 FA	1967-1968
Roy Turcotte	HQ/1/BDE	Vietnam	James A. McCartney	A/3/8 INF	1969-1970
Vada L. Walker	B/3/8 INF	1966-1967	Michael R. McDaniel	U/2/35 INF	1970
Mrs. Mamie Y. Worrell	MEMORIAL		Jose Munoz	A/1/10 CAV	1969-1970
<b>December 2001</b>			Benjamin Muro Jr.	B/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Manuel Anderson	U/U/U	Vietnam	Kevin A. O'Neil	A/1/8 INF	1967-1968
Richard Augusta	C/U/12 INF	1959-1961	David S. Peyton	C/1/14 INF	Vietnam
Lloyd W. Ballard	A/1/12 INF	1967-1968	Edward E. Pippin	B/3/8 INF	1967-1968
James S. Brannon	A/1/10 CAV	1970-1971	Charles A. Pleskonko	A/1/12 INF	1967-1968
James J. Burke	LRRP & S&T	1966-1967	Paul C. Romine	D/3/8 INF	1968-1969
Dennis P. Coyne	374/ASA	1968-1969	Terry L. Savely	U/2/35 INF	1968-1969
Michael D. Cramer	D/3/12 INF	1968	Carl R. Seaton	HHC/2/BDE	1998-2001
Dorian C. Dowell	C/6/29 FA	1970	Frances G. Starnes	MEMORIAL	12/31/02
Earl Lester Eskridge	C/4/42 FA	1968-1970	Thomas R. Swartz	PATHFINDERS	1966-1967
Walter G. Fletcher	B/1/14 INF	1969-1970	James J. Tessmann	A/1/8 INF	1969-1970
Andrew Giordano	C/1/10 CAV	1966-1967	Doziene Waldrop	MEMORIAL	12/31/02
Mildred Gramp	W/LIFE		Wilson R. (Budd) Williamson	B/1/10 CAV	1965-1967
Robert Edward Haney	U/1/10 CAV	1969-1970	Colin Wright	ASSOCIATE	
Paul Eugene Hignite	A/1/12 INF	1969-1970	Lee H. Evans	I/3/22 INF	WWII
1/LT Charles Holmes	64TH FSB	Active Duty	(Joined October 2001)		
Levie Isaacks	B/3/8 INF	1967-1968			
Rodger Jay "Doc" Lamkin	A/4/AVN	Vietnam			
Robert A. Lampo	B/3/8 INF	1968-1969			
John A. Lawrence	MED/8 INF	1950-1952			
Stanley McGahan	87/TRANS CO	1966-1967			
Blaine McIntosh	HHT/1/10 CAV	Vietnam			
Lee O. Miller	C/1/12 INF	WWII			
Robert Morales	A/2/8 INF	1968-1969			
Albert G. Peckham	A/2/12 INF	1966-1967			
Ronald Lee Peters	U/U/U	Vietnam			
Dean R. Plager	B/3/8 INF	1967-1968			

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Infantry Division had not received a decoration from the French government for the landing on D-Day. I figured if I raised some noise, maybe someone will contact you to fix that problem." He went on to write, "I am awfully proud to be considered as an honorary member with all that means. Thank you very much for the certificate of appreciation. I am full of emotion at the reading of your words and I thank you deeply for the honor and your friendship. Be sure that I'll always do my best and there, wherever I go, the 4th Infantry Division will never be forgotten, and not just for the WWII part of your history."

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

The Friends of the Central Highlands, Inc. has an informal history reaching back to the war years, 1968 - 1970. Though the organization was not formally organized and set up as an Oklahoma Charitable Corporation until March 29, 1995, the dream to return to the Central Highlands of Vietnam for the purpose of providing assistance to the Montagnard people had been in the hearts of two of the founders for some twenty-seven (27) years.

While serving with the United States Army's 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands during the years 1968 - 1970, Arnold R. Waggoner and Charles Burt lived and worked with the Montagnards (translated as Mountain People), particularly the Jarai clan. Waggoner and Burt's tours with the 4th Engineer Battalion (Combat), living and working with the Jarai clan, provided them with a deep and abiding respect for these simple mountain people, and provided the impetus for the formal organization of The Friends of the Central Highlands, Inc. (FOCH). Bill Rinehart, the third incorporator, also served in the Central Highlands, during the period 1968 - 1969, with the 3/12th Infantry, where he became impressed with the Montagnard people through a Montagnard company of Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) soldiers serving with his unit.

During the war years, the Jarai tribesmen were taught self defense and agricultural improvement; schools were built to teach their children the Vietnamese and English languages; and attempts were made to assist the Jarai in adapting to the 'new society' brought about by the foreign intruders to their highland country. Unfortunately, when the United States withdrew from the Vietnam War, the Montagnards paid the price for their association with the United States military. Waggoner and Burt, with their departure from Vietnam imminent, promised their Jarai friends and allies that they would return someday to assist them. From this promise The Friends of the Central

Highlands, Inc. was born some twenty-five years later.

The Friends of the Central Highlands (FOCH) funded twenty-eight (28) scholarships for Montagnard students to finish elementary and for secondary and university studies in 1995. At the end of 1995, three university students received degrees and hopefully will put their education to good use helping their fellow villagers. FOCH approved scholarship applications for twenty-four (24) Montagnards continuing their education and four new applications for scholarship in 1996. The Friends funded thirty-one (31) scholarship applications in 1997 and, for the first time, provided over \$10,000.00 in scholarship funding, agricultural initiative funding and other types of financial support designed to improve the Jarai Tribe's standard of living. Recently, with your assistance, we have been able to expand support to other Montagnard tribes, as well.

FOCH has supported the following agricultural endeavors with the Central Highland Montagnards since its inception:

- Grants for trials with irrigation of vegetables, and trials with well pumps.
- Sustained efforts, for women only, to develop tree plantations (joss, eucalyptus, etc.)
- Funded trials with numerous types of vegetable and tree varieties that are not normally found in the Central Highlands area of Viet Nam.
- Instituted a small loan program (\$100.00 maximum) with a quick turnaround to support cottage industries.
- FOCH has also been instrumental in providing the means to pursue agricultural development, including the purchase of land by Central Highland Montagnards, planting of coffee trees as potential cash crop, and vegetable production for resale and personal use.

FOCH has no paid employees. Each of the founders and other members of the Board of Directors donate their time and

expertise to the organization. FOCH does now have a full time office manager (also unpaid). Arnold's wife, Janelle Waggoner, has begun working for FOCH full time and is appreciated by all. She or Arnold may be reached by email: [sgmw@flash.net](mailto:sgmw@flash.net). Welcome Janelle!

Now for the bad news: FOCH has recently learned that persecution and punishment of the Montagnards in the Central Highlands continues to plague these courageous and wonderful people. One of the project managers for FOCH was recently sentenced to four years in prison for allegedly being involved in the uprisings of February 2001 in Pleiku. Ksor Alup is a former officer in the Mike Strike Force and he served as an interpreter for Special Forces and the 4th Infantry Division. His son, Ksor Hon barely escaped the same sentence by seeking exile in Cambodia. Through sponsorship, Hon has just arrived here in the United States and resides in North Carolina with some relatives. These are men our group had lunch with in Pleiku in 1998 and whom I (Bob) hold dear. Several other Montagnards received even longer sentences for protesting the taking of their lands and the restrictions of their religious practices. Alup leaves behind his wife, Byoh who is now alone, as are other families of those who have been unjustly incarcerated for simply wanting to keep their land and to practice Christianity as their religion of choice. The families aren't allowed to visit or even know where their loved ones are being held. They were not even allowed to attend the trial, which is reported as being more like a kangaroo court rather than a court of law.

Since FOCH was founded in 1995, we have not, as a matter of policy, spoken publicly of the politics or injustices against the Montagnard people of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Our agenda has been providing assistance to the children and families so that they could move on into a better way of life. But it's

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**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.**

★ ACKERMAN, Lester E. Sr., of Co A, 1/22nd Inf., Ft. Lewis 1959-1962, 512 Ridgeway Dr., Wrightsville, PA 17368 passed away on December 12, 2001. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the 4IDA. His wife, Audrey, survives him. Thanks to Joe Motil

★ BRITKO, Andrew, Co A, 1/12th Inf., WWII, 60 Broadway St., Westford, MA 01886 passed away on April 11, 2001. He was a member of the New England Chapter of the 4IDA. His wife, Dorothy, survives him. Thanks to Bud Budrick

★ BURNS, Walter J., Co. F, 8th Inf., WWII, of 2915 Ashcroft Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN passed away on November 19, 2001. He was inducted into the army on March 15, 1941 and took basic training at Camp Wolters. He then joined the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Benning, GA. He made D-Day with Co. F and later as a Sergeant, won a battlefield promotion to 2LT. He was not a member of the 4IDA. Thanks to Gerald Darr

★ CASTIGLIONE, Leo L., WWII, 12th Infantry Regiment, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 passed away on January 25, 2002. He was not a member of the 4ID Association. His wife, Gemma, survives him. Leo participated in the Normandy Invasion, earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantrymen's Badge. Thanks to Ray Dunkel

★ COPELAND, Silas L. Sgt. Major, of Conroe, Texas passed away at the age of 81 on Tuesday December 4, 2001. He served in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was our Sgt. Major at the 4th Infantry Division in 1970 at Pleiku and An Khe. He made Sgt. Major of the Army in October 1970. He retired in 1973. Thanks to Jim Brannen

★ DALTON, Charles, MSG (Ret) passed away 22 Dec 01, in Tacoma, WA. He was the S-2 Sgt. 3/8 Inf. in Ft. Lewis. Got promoted and became the 1st Bde., 4th Inf. Div assistant S-2 Sgt., in Vietnam. Charley was famous for the martini's he made as a bartender at the Ft. Lewis Officer's Club in the early 60's. Thanks to Mike Irving

★ D'ANELLA, Silvio D., B Company, 1/12th Infantry Rgt., WWII, 752 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19147-2839 passed away on November 28, 2001. He was a member of the Eastern PA chapter and a Past National President of the 4IDA. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ EDWARDS, Earl, of Grayslake, Illinois passed away on December 17th, 2001. He was 89 years old. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin he entered the Army and attended Officers Training School. He then went on to Fort Benning for additional training with troops. He served with HQ Company of the 4th Infantry Division during WW II from 1941-1945. According to his wife Shirley he was awarded 2 Silver Stars, 2 Bronze Stars a Purple Heart and

numerous other medals and ribbons. He was a Veteran of D-Day. He was an Illinois Life Member of the 4IDA. Thanks to Jerry Januszewski

★ GRAMP, Gerhard Otto, 81, of North Haledon passed away suddenly on December 12, 2001. Beloved husband of Mildred Gramp (née Gill) with whom he celebrated his 60th Wedding Anniversary this year. Devoted father of Robert Gramp and his wife Nancy, Alice Slusser and her husband Pat, Richard Gramp, Millie Hughes and her husband David, and John Gramp and his wife Mary. Loving



Gerhard Otto Gramp

grandfather of 13 Grandchildren and 9 Great-Grandchildren. Dear brother of Otto Gustav Gramp of Brecksville, OH. Several nieces and nephews in Ohio also survive him. A granddaughter Jennifer Gramp and a brother, Walter Gramp and his wife Trina of Ohio predecease him. An Army veteran of World War II, he served with Company I, Fourth Infantry Division in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. He was past National President of the Fourth Infantry Division Association.

He also served as President of it's NY/NJ Chapter, and was treasurer of the Arlington Memorial Fund. He is Quartermaster of VFW Post 9782 and past Commander of American Legion Post 428. He served as the Grand Marshall in the 2000 North Haledon Memorial Day Parade. He was employed by PSE & G at the Gas plant in Paterson, NJ for over 34 years before his retirement in 1980 and was an active member of the Public Service Retired Employees Club. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of North Haledon, where he served as a Deacon and a member of the choir. He formerly served as Sexton, Trustee, and Ruling Elder. He was a member of North Haledon Fire Company #1, and a Life Member of the Haledon Emergency Ambulance Association, where he was active for 25 years. Thanks to Gerry's daughter, Millie

★ GREENBERG, Alfred A., Tech-5, M Company, 3/12th Infantry, WWII of 2201 Acacia Park Dr. #110, Lyndhurst, OH 44124 passed away suddenly on Nov. 16, 2001. Alfred landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, Hurtgen Forest, Rhineland, Adrennes-Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

He also was awarded the French Fourdeguere and a citation from the French government for

the Liberation of Paris. He organized and became the first commander of JWV Post 303 in Sun City AZ in 1983. He was a life member of JWV, DAV and 4IDA. He worked for 35 years as a draftsman for Sanymetal Products Inc. in Cleveland, OH. His loving wife of 60 years Harriet, daughters Judith Goodstein (Robert) of Mayfield Heights, OH and Rhonda Greenberg of Dallas, TX., grandchildren Lisa Kaufman (Michael) and Scott Goodstein and great-grandchildren Alex and Danielle Kaufman survive him. He's buried in Zion Cemetery in Cleveland, OH. He was a member of the Ohio Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Judy Goodstein

★ HARTNETT, John A., HQ/2/8 Inf., WWII, RR 2, Chateaugay, NY 12920 passed away recently. He was member of the NY/NJ Chapter of the National 4th Infantry Division Association. His wife, Rita, survives him. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ JULIAN, Victor, WWII, 4917 N Regal St, Spokane WA died on 3 January in Spokane. He had been quite ill for quite a long time but was looking forward to attending the 2002 reunion in Spokane and had been helping as best he could in the planning. His daughter, Barbara Stout, is on the planning committee in his stead. He was a member of the Northwest Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Bob Reilly

★ LASZCZAK, Walter J., Co. I, 12th Inf., WWII, 7259 W. Thorndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 passed away on January 14, 2002. His wife, Lorraine, survives him. He was not a member of the 4IDA. Thanks to Rick Sover

★ LITTLETON, Carroll J., B/2/22nd Inf., Vietnam, 1003 E 7th St., Muscaline, IA 52761 passed away September 20, 2001. He was a member of the Illinois Chapter of the 4IDA. His wife, Joeline, survives him. Thanks to Rick Sover

★ McNERNEY, Charlotte, wife of 1967, A/1/8 MOH recipient, 1/SGT David McNerney. Crosby, TX passed away on February 7, 2002. Burial was at the VA National Cemetery in Houston, TX. Thanks to Gerald Blankinship

★ MEYER, John H., COL (ret), WWII, Charlottesville, VA passed away on December 3, 2001 at the age of 87. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated in the class of 1939. He was the battalion commander of the 8th Infantry during the 4th Division's assault at Utah Beach in June 1944.

He led the battalion across France through Luxembourg and Germany in five campaigns. His military decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Legion of Merit, the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre and the Belgian Fourragere. Survivors include his two children and one granddaughter. Thanks to Robert Witherington

★ MOORE, John L., Co. F, 12th Inf., WWII of passed away 10 November 2001. His wife Geneve survives him. No further information was given. Thanks to Chuck McKee

★ O'DEA, Patrick L., died on January 14, 2002, after a long illness. His memorial service will be Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Fort Worth, and he will be laid to final rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, probably in March, 2002. Pat O'Dea was a paid for life member of the Texas Chapter of the National 4th Infantry Division Association. Thanks to his son, Patrick

★ PEARSON, Ellis "Alton", Co L, 12th Inf., WWII, of Cowan, TN passed away on November 19, 2001 at the age of 85. He enjoyed seeing his old buddies from Co. L at the mini-reunion we attended the past years. He was very proud to be part of the brave group of men who liberated



Malvin R. Pike

Paris. His wife, Emelin, four sons and one daughter survive him. Thanks to his wife, Emelin

★ PIKE, Malvin R., T/SGT, E/2/8 Infantry, WWII, age 82 of 18631 W. Lake Terrace Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 passed away on 6 November 2001, following a lengthy bout

with leukemia. Malvin was a squad leader and Platoon Sergeant with E Company from Utah Beach on D-Day throughout the European Campaign. He was the recipient of four Purple Hearts. His wife, Mary, of 55 years, six children, twenty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, survives him. Malvin was buried with full military honors courtesy of the US Marine Corps. Thanks to Lee Rung

★ REISINGER, Edward L., CWO, 926 Eagle lane, Wrightsville, PA 17368 passed away 21 January 2002. He served with the 4th Signal during WWII. Ed also had a tour of duty in Korea during the Korean Conflict and retired from the US Army with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He was an active and a valued member of the Florida Chapter and continued his loyalty to the chapter after he moved back to Pennsylvania. His wife, Margaret, survives him. Thanks to Edward McEniry

★ SHERIDAN, Stan R., (MG), HQ/1/69 Armor, Vietnam, 611 Jacana Cir, Naples, FL 34105 passed away recently. He was a member of the Florida Chapter of the 4IDA. No other information was provided. Thanks to Roger Barton

★ SHIMKUS, Charles A., Co. F, 12th Inf., WWII, 6341 W. Henderson, Chicago, IL 60634 passed away on January 12, 2002. His wife, Albina, survives him. He was a member of the Illinois

Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Rick Sover

★ THOMAS, Dave, 1950-1953 Cold War Era, One Bay Colony Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL died on January 8, 2002 from cancer of the liver. Dave Thomas had a carcinoid tumor, which is slow growing cancer, for more than a decade. His wife, Lorraine, and family were with him. He is probably best known as the founder of the Wendy's restaurant chain. He served in the 4th at Ft. Lewis WA and while in Germany, he served as a manager of the EM Club. He was a life member of the Ohio Chapter of the 4IDA. Thanks to Roger Barton & Elmer Klaus

★ TULLUCK, William E., 90 of Orangeburg, SC died January 1, 2002. He served in WWII with HQ / 12th Infantry. He was a charter member of the Carolinas Chapter. Thanks to Tallie J. Crocker

★ VIVIANO, Alfred, HQ 22nd Inf., WWII, passed away on Monday, November 19, 2001. He was

a lifetime member of NY/NJ Chapter of your fine organization and served as National President in 1975. I have many fine memories of my Father's friends and comrades who served with the Fourth Division during World War II. They were more like brothers to him rather than friends. My Father was very proud to serve with the Fourth and I have a lot of comfort knowing that he is once again among his brothers. Thanks to his son, Peter A. Viviano

★ WORRELL, Clyde L., Hermitage, TN, died November 8, 2001. He was a charter member of the Carolinas Chapter, and served in HQ / 42 FA, WWII. Thanks to his wife, Mamie

★ ZOLLAND, Harold R., 22nd Inf., WWII, of 704 E. Orleans St., Stillwater, MN 55082 died November 21, 2001. His wife, Mabel, survives him. Thanks to his wife, Mabel

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about time that we all move on and realize that we are all in this thing called life, together. It's about changes and it's about time that we need to try to turn things around.

FOCH is once again asking for your help in providing assistance to the families of those who have been incarcerated for expressing their views regarding the taking of their lands, and for expressing their views regarding the practicing of Christianity as their religion of choice. Every veteran knows that these two important rights have been protected for centuries and that untold lives have been

lost through protecting land and religious freedoms.

As always, thanks for the continued support that is raised through the National 4th Infantry Division Association and the members who so willingly give to the cause for freedom, it's about time, it's about changes, and it's about time to turn this world around. If you are interested in our obsession with the Jarai, you can commit to helping us by pledging a donation, sending us your comments and suggestions, and telling us a little about yourself. Go to [www.foch-ok.org](http://www.foch-ok.org).

### Survey/Questionnaire for all Members

At the request of the Executive Board, please answer these few questions and send them by mail or email or fax to **Gerry Howard Sr., V. P., 3614 Montclair Rd., Birmingham, Al 35213** WWW.GHBAMA1@aol.com FAX 205 8794453 or Ph. (205) 879-2911.

1. Is it time for our association to pay the executive director as other associations currently do?  Yes  No
2. Should we mount a national campaign to sign up new members?  Yes  No
3. Should we invest our monies more aggressively?  Yes  No
4. Should we have two meetings a year, one for business, and one for social events, each over a long weekend?  Yes  No
5. Should we buy part of Camp Gordon Johnston?  Yes  No
6. Should we increase dues to bring us in line with other Associations?  Yes  No
7. Should we have a ladies auxillary?  Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Not required)



I've had a number of inquiries about the Survey/Questionnaire that was printed in the December issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. Primarily the inquiries have been about the very first question regarding paying the Executive Director. At this time I would like to set the record straight by saying that I had nothing to do with the content of any of the questions that were asked. I have never asked to be paid for what I do for this Association, nor do I intend to ever accept any type of salary. I like to think that all of us who hold offices within the Association do so for love of the Association and not for any type of personal gain. I recently sent a "News from National" newsletter to all National Officers, Chapter Presidents, Treasurers and other key Association personnel addressing this issue. In that newsletter I stated that no one person should stay in a job or office so long as to become a "fixture".

I think that it is now time for me to step down and let someone else have all this fun. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested please let me know. The person should have some computer knowledge and have a multitude of time on their hands. Also along those lines I would like to step down as Webmaster of our Internet website. Our website was one of the very first Association websites to appear on the Internet and is fast approaching its 250,000th "hit" (visit). To date over 600 new members have joined through our website. If you have the skills required to run a website I will be happy to turn it over to you.

In the *News from National* newsletter that I sent out I had Jr. Vice President Ray Dunkel's e-mail address wrong. His correct e-mail address is raydunkel@evansnationalbank.net. Ray, I apologize.

There has been a lot of confusion and questions regarding the Association's policy on multiple Chapter memberships and Secondary Chapters. The Executive Board has developed an official Association policy and it is printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. Please read it so that you will know where you stand if you are seeking multiple memberships.

As of the end of January we still have 700 members who have not yet paid their 2002 dues. Those 700 people did not receive this issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. We only have a very limited number of "extra" magazines so even if they now pay their dues chances are that they will not get this issue. Congratulations to the Midwest, New England, Eastern Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin Chapters. They have the highest percentage of renewals thus far. I hope that all of our Chapters will keep working on getting the above-mentioned 700 back on our rolls.

Once again if you are interested in running for Executive Director or would like to run our website, please let me know.

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