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Welcome Home 4th Infantry!

■ Thanks for a job well done!

Welcome home Ironhorse Soldiers, the entire 4ID Association are proud of you!

A Job Well Done! You have added much to our great Division's history. "We Got Him" will be a phrase remembered forever in our great legacy. On behalf of all those before you, let me be the first to extend an invitation to join us, and keep that history in tact, and to honor the memory of all who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation.

Richard J. Adams,
National President
1/10 Cav 1968-1969
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This is the day all former 4th I.D. Vets have been waiting for. I wear 4th Division shirts

whenever possible and many people said, did you hear the news, the 4th I.D. captured Saddam! You guys and gals made me proud that I wore the same patch in 1970. You all proved to me and the rest of the world the 4th Infantry is still the best Division in the United States Army. I salute you.

Roger R Dufek
Past National President
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You men and women of Task Force Iron Horse have shown the ability to do the job under the most difficult and hazardous conditions. You performed to highest standards and expectations of the Ivy Division motto - Steadfast and

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4ID Nears End of Iraq Mission

Return Scheduled in March/April – Significant Accomplishments added to our History

By Bob Babcock

There will be a day long welcome home ceremony at Fort Hood, TX, April 22... All 4ID veterans and families are invited to attend.

As you receive this newsletter in March, the 4th Infantry Division and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers will be in the process of returning to their posts in the United States and Italy (if all goes as planned). Alerted for movement to the war in Iraq on January 21, 2003, the 4th Infantry Division has written another proud chapter in the history of our 4th Infantry Division.

Most notable among their accomplishments was the capture of Saddam Hussein on December 13, 2003 (see article on that capture in this newsletter). The world press descended on the 4ID as the news broke about the capture. The 4ID patch and that significant event in world history were prominently displayed in newspapers and TV broadcasts around the world.

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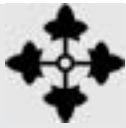
Saddam's Spider Hole



Well-trained and observant soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division uncovered Saddam Hussein's hideout. Photo above shows triumphant soldier exiting the so-called "Spider Hole" where Saddam was hiding. The term "Spider Hole" originated in the Viet Nam era. Viet Cong fighters used them to hide from a/o ambush U.S. patrols. Widely known as "trap door" spiders in the deserts of western America the spider excavates a hiding place and secretes a fluid to make a hinged trap door. The spider then waits inside until it feels vibrations of its prey walking over its hideout. It then springs into action capturing and making a meal of its victim.

D-Day Ceremonies in Normandy

The United States Embassy in Paris France wants names of everyone attending the D-Day Anniversary Ceremonies in Normandy June 6, 2004. The French Government is issuing special passes to the special events. Send your full name and names of those in your party (and name of hotel where you are staying) to: ivyleaveseditor@aol.com and we will forward the list to the U.S. Embassy



From the Editor...

Dick Taylor

Thanks to everyone who have found someone to e-mail chapter reports and other stories. You are greatly appreciated. You take a big burden off my back. Thanks very much!

One way to insure your submission getting published is to send it by email. We are always deluged with mail just before deadline. We become, sometimes, overwhelmed!

And thanks for limiting the words in your submission. Make it "short and sweet" and you'll keep the interest of your readers and leave room for other stories. It seems like we always have leftovers... stories that can't get published... some stories can't be squeezed in. Make it short and send it by email and 99% of the time it will be published.

I love this job as your Editor... and I appreciate your help to reduce the hours I have to struggle to produce a good looking and interesting periodical for you.

Thanks for all your interesting submissions! Keep 'em coming!!

Dick Taylor
Volens et potens

'Ivy Leaves' Deadline

Deadline for June issue is May 1st, 2004. Please limit Chapter Reports to ONE page or less. Please send information preferably by email as an attachment in MS Word 98 or an later version, or send it in the body of an email. If you are not "online," I hope that you can find somebody to send it to us electronically

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NORMANDY REVISITED

D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

by Philippe Cornil

Bob Babcock and I have organized a group of about 45 persons for the D-Day Anniversary. From June 3 to June 7 included, we'll have especially with us the following people :

- TORRE Armand, Co H, 12th Inf Regt, 4th Inf Div
- SMOLENS Irving, 29th FA Bn, 4th Inf, Div
- PHILIPPS Curtis Co D, 22nd Inf Regt, 4th Inf Div
- MILJEVIC Alexander, Coy F, 22nd Inf Regt, 4th Inf Div
- RODERICK David, Co H, 22nd Inf Regt, 4th Inf Div
- SELLNER Clete, 501th PIR, 101st Airborne
- Pat ROY, daughter of Major Richard O'MALLEY, CO, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf Regt - KIA 16 July 1944
- Thorpe MEALING, nephew of LTC Arthur Teague, CO, 3rd Bn, 22nd Inf Regt
- Henri BARBER, grandson of LtGen Barber, 3rd Inf Div WWI - 4th Inf Div WW II and son of Col Barber 3rd Inf Div WWII - Korea - Vietnam

To speak only of those related with WW II.

We'll make a ceremony at the 4th ID monument during the afternoon of June 6, with British, French and Belgian re-enactment groups, local officials and I hope, US representatives that I'd like to have with us. Not sure that TF Ironhorse will accept to make the detour. I'm kidding.

The note I'd like to put in the *Ivy Leaves* would be to inform the other people of the 4th who would be travelling separately, not knowing what we do, that we have a nice group who will be active and that there are welcome to join us, anytime during the week and the events.

Bob will read us in copy, so he could add or precise the things he wants to.

Bob and I will be the contact points to send more details to those who are inter-

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Warmest Greetings to all Ironhorse Soldiers, Ivy Association Members and your families. Spring is just around the corner and so is the planned return of our brave 4ID soldiers. All 4ID Association members join me in welcoming you home, and thanking you for a job well done. The "We Got Him" Task Force Ironhorse has added another historic chapter in the great legacy of the 4TH Infantry Division.

With the pending return of the Division, we will begin a busy spring and summer calendar leading up to our National Reunion, July 13 – 18 at the Radisson Hotel in Branson, Missouri. Now is the time to start planning to attend. Events scheduled for the return of the Division are still unannounced, but check the 4ID and 4IDA websites and watch for news about these events. Let's be there to welcome them home.

The Association will be hosting a Hospitality Suite at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, DC on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the weekend of the WWII Memorial Dedication, May 29TH. All 4IDA members are welcome to join us and mingle with your friends, just a short distance from the Memorial site.

June 6th marks the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Europe, and the 4TH Infantry's landing at Utah Beach. One of the many pleasures I have had as a member of this great Association, is the opportunity to meet so many D-Day veterans. They are truly a special group, and many are no longer with us. Events are planned in Normandy,

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Bedford, VA, and New Orleans to honor these veterans.

Several "Thank You's" are in order. I want to thank all that answered the request for donations to the Paid-For-Life fund. The results were fantastic with well over 300 members sending in donations. There is still a need to help the fund, if you have not given please consider a gift this year. I want to thank all of you who work behind the scenes and keep the Association strong, the many volunteers, the National and Chapter Officers, especially the Treasurers who get the dues in each year. I want to thank all of the members who got their dues in early.

Looking ahead, we have some unfinished business left over from the last reunion to be completed before July, such as getting the Association Incorporated. We have some future planning to properly recognize some current active units by adding their unit crests on the 4ID Monument in Arlington. Also, continuing to support the families of deployed soldiers and especially the children of 4ID soldiers lost in Iraq, by providing scholarship opportunities for these children. As Steadfast and Loyal members, I know we will get this done.

4thfully,
Richard J. Adams

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Loyal. Well done, and thank you.

We, the veterans of the Ivy Division, salute each of you and bid you all a hardy Welcome Home! Job Well Done!

Chuck McKee, 1/8 Inf, Vietnam
Past National President

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Welcome home, we are proud of you! You've added another great chapter to the 86 year history of the 4ID. The Sunni Triangle and capture of Saddam Hussein will rank right up there with the five campaigns of WWI; the D-Day landing, liberation of Paris, bloody Hurtgen

Forest and Battle of the Bulge in WWII; standing against the Russian threat in the Cold War; and fighting for over four years in the jungles of Vietnam.

You are now part of our family of 4ID vets. We look forward to you joining our ranks in our Association and continue the tradition first established by our World War I forefathers and carried on by every generation since then.

Steadfast and Loyal,

Bob Babcock , B/1-22 Inf, Vietnam
President of 4IDA - 1998-2000
Current Historian of 4IDA

WWII Memories of Marlene Dietrich

By: Dick Taylor

During WW2 I was a teenager in Glendale, CA, just a couple years short of being eligible for military service.

There was no uniform nor M1 for me but my thoughts were often full of the news coming from all "war fronts." Daily reminders were the P-38 fighter aircraft that were often in our skies over-head (they were built by Lockheed Aircraft Co. in the city of Burbank adjoining my hometown of Glendale).

Even today I hearken back to the school War Bond drives, the gas rationing, and the newsreels at the local bijou... my memories are crystal clear.

So last weekend when I was "surfing" the different TV channels and landed on the History Channel and saw Marlene Dietrich singing (in German) "Lili Marlene" my memory bank came into bright focus!

All of you WW2 vets who served in Europe will remember this very sultry songstress performing at hundreds of U.S.O. shows (some not far from the front lines). She had a deep voice and sexy delivery. The newsreels would often show her performances to thousands of cheering GI's. The TV show I watched described her as a "Hitler-hater" but lover of Germany and her life in the United States. To show her complete support of the American troops she asked for and got approval to wear a tailored U.S. military uniform as one of her show costumes. The troops, of course, appreciated that



Germanborn actress-siren-songstress, Marlene Dietrich fought the hated Adolph Hitler by entertaining U.S. Troops during WW II. She became a very popular Hollywood actress.

evidence of support but went crazy when she came on stage dressed in a slinky sexy tight-fitting gown (with her shaply legs peeking through) singing a deep throated love song like "Lili Marlene" (a song of a lonely soldier and his girl friend on a dark night at the gates of his military barracks).

If any of our readers have memories of this crowd-pleasing siren, please send me a note (or e-mail) of what you remember.

Does anyone remember her song with the lyrics: "See what the boys in the back room will have and tell them I'm having the same!"

Patch Ceremony in Heart of the Sunni Triangle

CPT Brian Gebhardt



Patch Ceremony. Photo taken by SSG Marlow, Combat Camera.

On a balmy fall afternoon in Balad, Iraq, Fort Carson soldiers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division conducted a combat patch ceremony. Colonel Frederick S. Rudesheim, the Brigade Commander, pinned the 4th ID "Ivy" patch on the right shoulders of each of his battalion commanders, thanking them for their hard work and dedication, and directing that they each conduct their own patch ceremonies, thereby ensuring all soldiers in the 3rd BCT are presented with the patch.

...combat veterans have proudly worn patches on their right shoulders, signifying the sacrifices American service members have made...

Major General Raymond Odierno, the 4th ID commanding general, chose the patch, which is said to resemble that which 4th ID soldiers wore during World War II. It features a brown background with

green ivy leaves.

Since April, soldiers of the 3rd BCT have made a tremendous contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the Brigade Adjutant, Captain Marc Beckage mentioned during the ceremony, the 3rd BCT has been all over Iraq, entering through Kuwait to the south and going as far north as Kirkuk, before working for the past several months to stabilize areas along the eastern edge of the much talked about

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But, the capture of Saddam is not all that the 4ID has done since their arrival in Iraq in April 2003. Some of the highlights that will live in our history books, taken from an unclassified briefing provided for our benefit by 4ID headquarters in Iraq include:

- ◆ Task Force Ironhorse represents 28 States and 3 coalition countries, 33 National Guard and Reserve Units, and 58 organic 4th Infantry Division and other active army units. The task force is made up of 33,000 soldiers.

- ◆ The Area of Operation of TF Ironhorse encompassed much of the Sunni Triangle, the hotspot of support for Saddam Hussein and his followers. Three provinces north and east of Baghdad, with headquarters in Tikrit, Saddam's home town, are now patrolled by the 4ID and TF Ironhorse soldiers. As TF Ironhorse returns to their home stations, the mission is being assumed by a task force led by the 1st Infantry Division.

- ◆ 4ID accomplished what no previous unit had accomplished when they unloaded 36 ships in 10 days. The first ship down-loaded in Kuwait on 1 April 2003. The first tactical unit closed on its assembly area in northern Kuwait on 5 April and crossed the Line of Departure into Iraq on 16 April.

- ◆ Offensive operations began on 16 April when 1-10 Cavalry and the 1st Brigade Combat Team crossed the border into Iraq, fighting pockets of resistance up through Baghdad to seize Taji airfield. They engaged and destroyed enemy forces within three hours of crossing the LD. The TF continued to fight as we secured Baqubah and pushed north to Tikrit. Balad airfield, Samarra, Tikrit, and Baiji were secured within three days after we crossed the LD. There were very few, if any, coalition troops in our area of operations (the Marines and 101st Airborne blew right on through on their way to Mosul).

- ◆ The 173rd Airborne Brigade, a key part of Task Force Ironhorse, jumped into northern Iraq (Bashur airfield) on 26 March and on 10 April secured the city of Kirkuk and the northern oil fields.

- ◆ Offensive operations of TF Ironhorse continued in early June with Operation Peninsula Strike, and were followed through the summer and fall with Operations Desert Scorpion, Sidewinder, Ivy Serpent, Ivy

Needle, Ivy Focus, Ivy Cyclone, and Red Dawn (the pinpoint mission where Saddam was captured). Among the accomplishments of those missions were the capture of Saddam Hussein, 6,542 detainees, 32 Iraqi intelligence agents, \$10.1 million in US dollars, 54.3 million Iraqi dinar, 50 gold bars, 15 financiers, 25 IED (Improvised Explosive Device) makers, 52 SA-7 missiles, over 2,000 other types of missiles, 1,949 rockets, and tons of other weapons, ammunitions, and explosives.

- ◆ Operation Ivy Blizzard, still ongoing as of press time, accomplished the following in the Samarra area from 30 November through 24 January: 416 engagements, 503 raids, 18,687 coalition patrols, 2,664 static checkpoints, 449 ambushes to name a few of the offensive operations. Captured targets and munitions included: 272 targeted individuals, 2,238 detainees, 154 IEDs, 3 financiers, 148 mortar rounds, 1,693 grenades, 1,200 mortar rounds, over 300 rifles, 2 El Fatah missiles, and tons of ammunition and explosives.

- ◆ While offensive operations were underway, TF Ironhorse was very active with civil initiatives to help the people of Iraq rebuild their country. As of January 24, they had trained and put in place over 5,000 Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) personnel, over 2,000 border police, almost 20,000 municipal police forces, helped establish the beginning of the new Iraqi Army, and established a Military Advisory Committee to help in the overall security operations in their AO.

Working with the Iraqi interim governments, they established the first democratic process in Iraq with multi-ethnic participation where provincial governors and councils were selected. Local councils were established and a government/sheik engagement program was implemented. Courthouses were refurbished and provincial budget processes were put in place.

Over 640 schools were impacted by TF Ironhorse actions. A Model School Program in 40 schools set the standard for others to follow. Operation Pencil Box contributed supplies to 115 schools. Youth centers, sports programs, and computer training centers were built and became operational for the children of Iraq.

Social service initiatives included Women's Rights Councils, Religious Site Engagement Initiative, an Employment Center Initiative that helped with over 30,000

jobs, plus housing initiatives were established.

Infrastructure repair included a 300% increase in power generation, 40 water treatment plants were refurbished, sewage services were improved in 10 locations, and road improvements and fuel distribution programs were established throughout the TF Ironhorse AO.

In the medical arena, over 95% of the hospitals and clinics were refurbished, they participated in a National Immunization Day, and started a Medical Text Donation program.

Economic initiatives included a Model Bank Program, business and industry surveys, participation in the new Iraqi dinar exchange program that eliminated the old currency used by Saddam's regime, harvest payments, civil servant payments, and small business grants.

In the city of Kirkuk, a comprehensive economic development plan was established, a business and industry symposium was held, and an initiative to improve the airport and railroad system was begun.

Finally, in the media and communications area, six radio stations and 5 TV stations were established, one regional and three governorate newspapers were established, three internet cafes were put into operation, and work on the telephone infrastructure was done to make it 82% operational.

The list of civil initiatives is extensive and one that all we Americans and 4ID veterans can be proud of. Unfortunately, those are not the things the press reports on so I thought it important to list them here.

There will be a day long welcome home ceremony at Fort Hood, Texas on April 22 when all 4ID soldiers have returned from Iraq. All 4ID veterans and families are invited to attend. If the date should happen to change, that will be posted on our web page at www.4thinfantry.org.

If you would like to receive the daily updates about the 4ID that are being provided to over 3,000 4ID and Task Force Ironhorse families, send an email to Bob Babcock at babcock224@aol.com. The updates will continue through the official welcome home ceremony at the end of April. Also, a CD with copies of all the daily updates over the past year is available by contacting Bob Babcock at babcock224@aol.com.

Chapter Reports



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

Colorado Chapter

By Eugene F. Carter

We ended the year by first participating in our annual Veterans Day Parade, conducted on a cold but sunny Saturday, 8 November 03. Jack Pace was our “designated driver” of Vic Lopez’s all decked out green thunderbird. The intent of the T-bird was to provide transportation for two of our World War II veteran members, CW2 Lyman Hall and Bernard Greenstein, who volunteered to join us. We didn’t want them to march the one mile distance. When they arrived prior to our start time, they wouldn’t have any of it! They wanted to march, and march they did. It was very inspiring to say the least. We were also represented in marching by Vic Lopez, Carlos Machin, Bob Gasset and myself. Our banner was carried by Fort Carson & Fountain High School JROTC members Nathanael Luckenbill, Alexis Rodriguez, Matt Napper and Jonathan Isly. CW2 Hall, who retired as bandmaster of the 4th Infantry Division band, mentioned that the parade had the best crowd reception he had ever seen.

Our more formal portion of Veterans Day activities was conducted on Veterans Day at Memorial Park. Over 20 other chapters and organizations were present. Our traditional wreath laying ceremony was performed by the 3d BCT rear detachment sergeant major, Carlos Bassatt, along with his assistant, Master Sergeant Thomas Beach. Others who attended the solemn rite were Carlos Maachin, Bob Gasset and myself.

We literally “wrapped up” the year on 20 December by conducting a fundraiser for our chapter at the Fort Carson Post Exchange. What did we do? Wrapped gifts, of course. Volunteers included Vic Lopez and his wife Martha, Carlos Machin and his wife Rita, Ken Vegoren, Bob Gasset and myself. A special thanks to Martha and Rita, who were the only ones that can wrap presents properly. It was evident by your tips, and our lack thereof.

So ends another year. We remain - “Steadfast and Loyal”.

Illinois Chapter

By Bruce Gass

I hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable New Year. It being a new year, we need to do some things different. One way is to be active in the Chapter. We are going to have our spring reunion in April. It will be held at Peoria 1-74 Northwoods Mall Holiday Inn (Brandywine) on April 16th - 18th. We will have our hospitality room open on Friday afternoon, the ladies breakfast and business meeting on Saturday morning, hospitality room on Saturday afternoon, and banquet with Flames of Remembrance Saturday evening at the hotel. This will be a very important meeting as we will be nominating officers for the next few years and some constitutional changes. Even if you can not attend all

of the reunion, stop by if you are in the area. And that goes for any one that is in the area. We have a small group that attends the reunions, but we need you to. You are the missing piece, I will have a full report on the reunion in upcoming Ivy Leaves. Hope to see you there.

Also, the fall reunion is going to be held at Lake Geneva, WI. It was voted at the fall 2003 reunion at Carol Stream to hold a joint reunion with the Wisconsin Chapter. More on this later.

If you have ever thought about attending a National Reunion, this year will be the one. It is just a short hop from any part of Illinois. It would be nice to have the largest contingent there. Roger D. gave a short report at the fall reunion and it sounds like a good one. It will be here before you know it.

With the 4th Infantry being in the news, it should be a little easier to get some new members. Everybody knows somebody or is looking for somebody from the past. Maybe he or she will turn up as somebody’s new member. Just something to think about.

Hope to see you at Peoria in April. “Steadfast and Loyal”

Lehigh Valley Chapter

By Joe E. Motil

I thank the 4th Association for the Ralph Lingert Award. This, I never expected to receive. Sorry that I could not attend the reunion in Fort Hood.

I joined the 4th Association in 1963. My first reunion was in N.Y. City in 1964. Since then, I attended almost every year. Yes, I joined the Division in GA. That time it was Camp Gordon - in April of 1942 with the 22nd. Inf. 3rd Bat, Co. L. I did enjoy all of the friends I made in the company, but I sure did not like the hikes, 25 miles, and less some times in the deep sand and hot sun. I left for England in Jan. 1944, and it had nice and cold weather.

In the ship we went over in Capetown Coastal. Again, more training in England till we hit Utah Beach with the first wave alongside of the 8th Infantry. After being seasick on the landing craft, it wasn’t that easy for my stomach. The first thing I saw was a small tank in front of me on the beach at a stand still. I sure made a quick bypass and on into the sand dunes. From there I did not get much sleep at all... day and night fighting for our lives. Until the 5th day, I had to go back to Battalion Headquarters with a message, “Need help with artillery fire.” That night would have been my first good night’s sleep, but then incoming artillery fire started coming in 1-2. Third one landed in the field where I dug my foxhole. That ended my fighting the war.

But not ending to get back on my feet again, it took me one year to get out of the army. Also, I took a long time to heal my wounds. With the help of my wife, she gave me the best treatment any one could have. Her love and her understanding the pain that I have. Every step I took, it took a long time to get used

to walking always with a cane to work at the steel company. Thank God that I did not lose any days do to my injury. I still wear the brace for drop foot and I am still walking a lot. For many years I talked about the 4th Div. In 1963 my best friend, John Howey, came to our house and asked if I wanted to go back to France to visit our place of landing. Then my wife said, "Joe, you always said you did want to go back there." That is the year I joined the 4th Div. Association.

In 1964 we made the trip to France and visited where the 4th did all the fighting in France, Germany, and Belgium. Also, I met Kenneth Rutan and his sister, Kate W. We sure had a wonderful time for 12 days.

After a few year of going to our reunion I got interested with the 22nd Reg. book and hit the phone book that I was able to get from the phone company. Yes, I did find many IVY members. Many of them joined the Association. Then I started with the 8th Inf. Book, 12 Inf. Book, and Headquarters Field Artillery when members gave me their Reg. book. No, I did not keep the books.

After doing research for 12 years as membership chairman at a mini reunion in PA, our National President at that year 1974, Ralph Jones, and other officers asked me and Hugh Jourge to start a chapter in North East PA. We took it on, and thank God. It became a great chapter with lots of hard work to build up the chapter. We started with 25 members, and in a short time we had 250 members in the Lehigh Valley Chapter.

We held many mini reunions in the northeast of PA. And I could say that I am sure we had the largest national reunion that I know of in King of Prussia Valley Forge, PA with 735 people attended of course I was the president in 1980-1981. Our Reunion was in 1982.

Now that I am a retired Lehigh Valley Chapter Treasurer of 28 years, I sit at my desk and ask myself how did I do all these mini reunions and our Christmas dinner meetings. It was a Godsend gift to me to keep our members together. Now I know that our new Treasurer, James Olesak, will do a great job and others will be there to help all officers to keep our chapter going.

Yes it was a great pleasure to be a 4th Division member.

"Steadfast and Loyal"

Michigan Chapter

By William Pelfrey

Michigan Chapter members again send greetings to our fellow Ivymen across the land. With another year past and the 4ID again in harm's way, we stand prouder than ever with our Division motto, "Steadfast and Loyal."

Our membership continues to decline but our spirit remains strong. Total membership is now less than 100 and only 20 people (all from the metro Detroit area) were able to attend our annual December banquet. In attendance were:

- Merle Davies, who was unanimously elected to serve another term as Secretary and Treasurer. Known fondly as "Old 88," Merle served with the 12th Infantry in the Hertgen Forest and the Bulge. Without the support of his recently deceased wife Arlene, he remains the real NCO of our motley crew, keeping us functioning like the well-oiled machine that we like to think we once were in other phases of our lives.

- Jim Roan, who also fought in Europe with the 12th Infantry and earned the Lingert Service Award for keeping the Chapter running for more than thirty years, and his wife Irene.

- Norm LaVasseur, past National President and Association Judge Advocate, who also saw extensive action in the European theater with the 12th Infantry. Norm was joined by his wife Jean.

- Roy Cheff, who turned 90 this year and still amazes us with his stories as one of the "oldest" lieutenants to land with the 8th Infantry at Utah Beach. Roy's unique exploits include having personally chased British General Montgomery out of Cherbourg, France, with the warning, "A German sniper will get you!" Roy's wife Mary was unable to attend because of illness: he was accompanied by his son Roy, Jr.

- Ernie Teckman, another D-Day veteran infantryman who landed with the 12th Infantry and proudly holds the honor of having the longest active tenure of any of our chapter members. Ernie's wife Burnie also recently passed away: he was joined by his grand daughter and her husband.

- Murney Bell, who also saw combat in Europe with the 22nd Infantry, and his wife Linda. Murney and Linda were joined by son Murney Russell Bell and his wife Christine.

- Sebastian LaFatta, another of our 22nd "Regulars" who earned his CIB and other medals in Europe, and Glenda Bolts.

- Col. Bob Noce (ret.), our West Pointer who served two tours in RVN, and his wife Pauline.

- and, Bill Pelfrey, also a 22nd Infantry "Regular" (E Company, 1/22 Inf., RVN), who was unanimously re-elected chapter president, and his wife Lilia.

The banquet began with past secretary Jim Roan reading names of those no longer with us and giving the invocation in their memory.

Among the tall stories shared during the evening, Secretary Merle Davies reminded the World War II brethren of the broader significance of Calvados, the apple brandy from Normandy which some remember fondly and others not so fondly. Calvados seems to be the equivalent of the infamous Bossi-dei rice wine for us RVN vets. Ever the thorough researcher, Merle produced documentation clarifying that Calvados is also the name of the French land "Department" on which the D-Day Omaha Beach landings were made. Stretching along the English Channel from Orne to the Vire River and also known as the "Cote Fleurie" (Flowered Coast), the Calvados Department includes many posh beach resorts and the provincial capital city of Caen, hard fought for by the British forces. Merle also pointed out that Utah Beach, where the 4ID landed, was part of an adjacent "Department."

Merle's history lesson was followed by dinner and a cake decorated with the 4ID motto, "Steadfast and Loyal." The evening concluded with an old Irish toast that we share with all of our 4ID brothers and families across the land:

"May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

And rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand."

With that thought, we now look forward to our spring reunion to be held in Frankenmuth, MI – details to be announced shortly – and to the National reunions in Bransom in 2004 and Las Vegas in 2005.

We also remind all Michigan Ivymen that the Chapter continues to gather for monthly luncheons the third Thursday of each month, alternating on the East side and West side of the city of Detroit. All Ivy Leaves readers in the area are welcome and encouraged to attend. We meet at 1:00 PM at the following locations:

West side: Mitch Howsey's, Livonia – (734)-425-5520.

East side: Applebee's, Chesterfield – (586)-949-7010.

MID-SOUTH CHAPTER

By Lee Rung

We start off with a note from our Chapter President, Ken Glass:

“Here it is 2004 and most of us never figured we would be around to see it. We find our beloved Division still in harms way. Our young Ivy men and women are doing a great job in making history for the 4th. I don't need to repeat the things they have accomplished, for we all know what they have done, and the honor and pride they have brought upon themselves and the Division. Let's keep them and their families in our prayers and hope they will be home soon.

May is coming and our reunion is being well planned by the New Orleans group. The Chapter reunion will be held in New Orleans at the Brent House Hotel. Please make plans to attend for you will enjoy it. I have attended several reunions and have never heard anyone say they did not have a good time. Jo-Ann and I will see you in New Orleans”.

Ken Glass

By now you should have received the information on the Chapter reunion scheduled for the 6th, 7th and 8th of May that was mailed out in early February by the Brent House Hotel staff. You will find the rooms are large and comfortable and at a modest cost of \$77.10 per day, which includes tax, and a hot breakfast. Free parking in the hotel and hospital garage is also included. (The hotel is part of the large Ochsner Hospital complex.) There is so much to see and do in the New Orleans area that you will only wish you had more days to spend here. We are planning to have a bus on Friday the 7th to take the group down to the D-Day Museum. This activity will depend on our having a sufficient number of people so do let us know if you will join us for the bus trip and visit to the museum. On Saturday morning we will have our business meeting to include the election of officers. On Saturday evening we will enjoy a sit down dinner. We will have a speaker for the dinner. If you have any questions please contact Lee Rung at (504) 392-3699 or e-mail: leejr@bell-south.net.

As Ken said “ya'll come” and we guarantee a great time.

Midwest Chapter

In November 2003 Executive Director Werner Juretzko represented the Midwest Chapter in Washington, DC where he attended a reception at the Bulgarian Embassy commemorating the

Revolutions of 1989 and the end of the Cold War. This annual event was co-sponsored by the Ambassadors to the United States from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. We are grateful for the support CWM is offered by these former USSR satellite countries. Werner also visited Arlington National Cemetery to pay tribute to John F. Kennedy as well as the gravesite of Francis Gary Powers. Also during November Werner Juretzko attended the Dinner meeting of the Military Officers Association of America-North Shore and Chicago Chapter. Werner gave a presentation on the subject of “Espionage- a weapon during the Cold War”, speaking about undercover operations as a West German and US intelligence operative during the 1950s. For his talk the Association donated \$100.00 to the chapter.

Intern Joins the Midwest Chapter

We are pleased to have the services of Frank Adams, a senior history major from Carroll College in Waukesha, for the next couple of months. Carroll College has been a big supporter of CWM and we are grateful for the help Frank will offer us for the spring semester. He will be assisting predominately with research-oriented projects for the time being.

OHIO Chapter

By Ray Dunkel

A warm welcome is extended to our new members; Robert G. Jacot, Hqs Battery, DivArty (Wadsworth, OH), Ronald A. Gray, C/4th Engineers (Warren, OH), Larry Clawson, Division Headquarters (New Philadelphia, OH), Charles A. Barrett, 87th Chemical Mortar Bn. (Jamestown, PA), John M. Lukasik, B/2/9th FA (Aurora, OH), Russel E. Michaelis, C/1/14th Inf. (Fair Harbor, OH), Joseph Patrick, C/1/12th Inf. (Frederick, PA), William J. Wilson, L/3/12th Inf. (Beaver, PA), John J. Como, C/29th FA (McKeesport, PA), Marco M. Hervatin, Hqs 8th Inf. (Jamestown, PA), James R. Myers, 4th MP Company (Cabot, PA), Stephen J. Rice, Memorial (Springfield, OH), and Margot Armstrong, Memorial (Kinsman, OH).

On the sick list are: Polly Eberly, Bob Hafely, Harley Little, Lester J. Steele, Marge Jereb, Cecilia Cook, Joe and Mary Corcoran. They have our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery

Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on New Years Eve were Norm and Betty Wolcott of Derrick City, PA. Congratulations to you both!

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families and friends of:

- ★ Robert T. Rice Sr.
- ★ SGM Wayne F. Armstrong USA Ret.
- ★ Ralph M. Wires
- ★ Paul S. Zoller
- ★ Ernest Techman

*They do not die whom we call dead; they go from life to life”
“May they rest in Peace”*

My sincere appreciation and thanks to those members who promptly renewed their membership in the Chapter and Association for 2004. The following individuals contributed generously to the Chapter, to National and the Scholarship Fund in

addition to paying dues. Additionally there were several instances where individuals contributed to all three. Kudos' to Donald L. Barie, Robert L. Bates, Louis Berus, Warren F. Coate, Joseph A. Davoli, Roger P. Dearmyer, George Demand, Ronald R. Fisher, Gale L. (Whitey) Flockerzie, Albert J. Fresch, Thomas J. Fulton, George Gotch Jr., Curtis B. Hall, Edward C. Henz, Roger A. Hill, Raymond D. Johns, Charles M. Klayman, James H. Kroft, Mildred Kvocka, Charles J. Lindquist, Clarence W. Lindsco, William E. Lozier, Thomas Mahon, Albert C. Mantey, Charles P. Mignogna, Marion W. Morrow, Oakley R. Noe, Charles W. Pelechaty, Joseph J. Picetti, Joseph D. Potter, Bernie Rehtin, Thomas Romine, Raymond W. Russell, Paul K. Schneider, Thomas M. Seighman, Melvin L. Sipe, Gerald P. Soslowicz, Sidney J. Speece, Carl R. Spence, Henry C. Strecker, Ted Troski, Donald C. Vitous, John A. Wech and Raymond L. Zaney.

A reminder that the Chapter Fall Reunion will be held, 7-10 October in Fremont, Ohio at the Fremont Holiday Inn. Plan on attending and mark your calendar accordingly.

*"He that has learned to obey will know
how to command...Solon"*

Texas Chapter

By: Doyle Volkmer

The Texas Chapter is planning a mini-reunion for it's members for the week end of June 24, 25 26, 2004. Mr. Bob Williams has arranged lodging for us. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800 - Holiday and ask for San Antonio, Texas Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (Hotel Code SATNE), or call the Hotel direct at 210-226-4361. The address is 3855 I-35 North, San Antonio, TX 78219. Their fax number is 210-226-6903. Be sure and tell the clerk you are registering with the Texas Chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Association. Special Room rates are \$63.00 per night. This rate is valid until June 14, 2004. After that date the rate is based on space availability. In other words you need to be checked in by June 14, 2004. Many of you might be familiar with the San Antonio River Walk. The hotel is near the downtown River Walk for those wishing to drive. I also understand there is a bus stop at the hotel for those who want to "leave the driving to us". There is also Alamo, and Fiesta Texas is within driving distance.

The Texas Chapter has 135 members (five are new). Now, let me see a show of hands from those of you who haven't yet paid their 2004 dues. David Heallen tells me there are still a few not in. Please put that on your list of things to do.

Oscar Vogt writes that with all the rain, he's been wearing rubber boots and recently when removing the boots he pulled the right hip joint out of socket and stretched the hamstring muscle. He's mending and is diving again. Elaine Wells wrote and is also on the mend. The doctors still don't know why she blacked out and was involved in an accident while driving. She thanks David Heallen for the flowers sent. She says they helped her morale. Michael Paul writes he and Muriel made a 3,300 mile trip in last August. Muriel came down with a delight case of food poisoning and they couldn't make the Nation Reunion.

If you have any tidbits that may be of interest to the Texas Chapter members, get'em to me.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Roger R Dufek

The Wisconsin and Mid-West Chapters have been busy planning the National Reunion in Branson, MO. The dates are July 13 -18, 2004. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. The committee has put together an itinerary that we hope will please everyone. There are many shows to choose from and many sights to see in the area so we did not fill the week. We do hope that you send your reservations as soon as possible. There is limited space on the motor coach for Wednesday which will take you around the city with stops at the Veterans Museum, old downtown and some of the local shops. The motor coach is at no cost to you so it will fill fast. Limited space is available for the shows we have booked also. Plan on bringing the entire family to beautiful Branson and help make this the *best* reunion ever.

Our chapter has lost 2 more members. Scott D. Wilson passed on December 21st, 2003 and was laid to rest with full military honors with many Wisconsin Chapter members attending. Scott served 2 tours in Vietnam with the 4th Division and Glenn E. "New Guy" Morcomb who passed away July 5th, 2003 while undergoing surgery. Glen served with D Co. 1/14th from June 1969 to April 1970 when he was wounded in a ambush north of An Khe.

Our next mini-reunion will be in Waupaca/King area the weekend of March 26 -28, 2004. This will be a BINGO weekend so plan on having a good time with the Veterans at the King Veterans Home.

60th Anniversary D-Day - 4th Infantry Division

We at US Embassy Paris are trying to get an estimate of the number of vets and family members coming to Normandy for the ceremonies in June. If you know of folks from your association who are planning to come, can you please forward their names to me so we make sure they get into the ceremonies. Also if you have any info on when they will arrive in Normandy and perhaps where they will be staying.

This is what we have for 6 June as far as "big" ceremonies are concerned:

- 0930-1030: Bi-National (French-US) ceremony at Utah Beach
- 1100-1200: National ceremony at American cemetery
- 1230-1415: Multi-National Lunch (exact time and locations TBD)
- 1430-1630: Multi-National ceremony at Arromanches
- 1730-1830: Ceremony/Dedication at Point-du-Hoc

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Brian Duddy, USAF
US Embassy, Paris
0033-1-4312-4644, fax 4602

Capital Chapter to Host Hospitality Suite

The Capital Chapter of the National Fourth Infantry (IVY) Division Association has reserved a Suite at the world famous Willard InterContinental Washington Hotel, located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20004, Telephone: (202) 628 - 9100, or Toll Free 1-800-827-1747, from Thursday evening, May 27th, 2004, through Saturday, May 29th, 2004. Anticipated hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

A grand historic landmark hotel, the Willard InterContinental Washington combines heritage and luxury with contemporary comfort and modern technologies. Located in the heart of Washington DC, the hotel is near government and business offices, within walking distance to several Washington theater districts, as well as many sightseeing attractions. The White House is just two blocks away and the National Mall, with its diverse museums, is within walking distance (approximately 6 blocks). From its inception in 1850, to this day, the Willard hotel has been a favorite choice of US and international travelers. Known as the "Crown Jewel of Pennsylvania Avenue", or the "Grand Dame of American Hotels", the Willard enjoys its place as a major force in the social and political life of Washington DC.

Important Note: For food and beverage planning purposes if you're planning on attending this event please write, or telephone Andy Jurcak (Reunion Chairman), 3464 Maddox Court, Waldorf, Maryland 20602, Telephone (301) 843-0760. You can also email me at: kzfan@superpa.net and / or dedshell@hotmail.com This is a major event and the American Battle Monuments Commission expects close to 100,000 to attend over the four day period. Please let me know if you will be attending this event...thanks!

The National WWII Memorial

President Clinton signed Public Law 103-32 on May 25, 1993, authorizing the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to establish a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The memorial will honor the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S.

during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial will be a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world. It will inspire future generations of Americans, deepening their appreciation of what the World War II generation accomplished in securing freedom and democracy. Above all, the memorial will stand as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and awesome power that can flow when a free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause.

The calendar of events, highlighted by the memorial's formal dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 29, will run over Memorial Day weekend 2004 from May 27 through May 30.

Dedication Ceremony

The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, May 29, at 2 p.m. The dignified dedication that follows will recognize the important addition of the memorial to the National Mall and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation. President Bush has been invited to receive the memorial on behalf of the nation.

Other dignitaries will participate in the ceremony, including former Senator Bob Dole, who served as the voluntary national chairman of the memorial fund-raising campaign.

National World War II Reunion

The Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage in partnership with ABMC will produce a National World War II Reunion. This open-air, tented activity will be open daily, Thursday through Sunday, May 27-30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Reunion will be staged on the National Mall from 3rd to 7th Street, NW, between the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum and the National Gallery of Art. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

Activities will include:

- Two large performance pavilions where guests will once again hear the live sounds of big band, swing and other music from the WWII era. \

- A Wartime Stories Tent where narrative sessions, interviews and workshops on a variety of topics, and chats with prominent WWII veterans will take place.

- A Veterans History Project Tent where the Veterans History Project at the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress will present interviews, speakers and exhibits that showcase first-hand accounts of those who served in uniform and on the home front. Library of Congress representatives will also provide information and workshops on how to write, record, audio/videtape and preserve personal histories.

- *Preserving Memories* - Experts from the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress will counsel veterans and their families on how best to preserve the documents, scrapbooks, photos, medals and memorabilia from WWII.

- *Building the Memorial* - This pavilion will feature an exhibition on the planning and building of the memorial.

- *Reunion Hall* - A pavilion where veterans and their families can relax and get acquainted with others.

- *Veterans' Services* - Representatives from federal agencies and federally chartered organizations will be on hand to provide information on veterans' resources and benefits that are available.

- *Family Activities* - Children of all ages can engage in hands-on activities relating to the WWII period.

- *Military Equipment Display* - Throughout the Reunion site there will be displays of military artifacts and equipment.

Additional information regarding the dedication can be obtained by writing to: National World War II Memorial, 2300 Clarendon Blvd, Ste 501, Arlington, VA 22201. Or call: 1-800-639-4WW2 or visit their web site at: www.wwiimemorial.com

Editors Note: The National 4th ID Association is helping with the funding of this event.

A Request from Baghdad

Christy Ferer is a 9/11 widow who recently was a member of a group of celebrities (including Robert De Niro and Kid Rock, among others) that took an Armed Forces Entertainment Office and USO-sponsored trip to Iraq to show support for the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines still over there. Following is an e-note she sent her escorts about the experience. In her cover note, she said she intends to submit it to the NY Times for publication. It is really powerful, and very moving, and will make you proud that you have chosen to serve your country, and proud to be an American. Enjoy...and thanks as always for all you do for America's Air Force!

...Brig Gen Ron Rand

When I told friends about my pilgrimage to Iraq to thank the US troops, reaction was “underwhelming” at best. Some were blunt. “Why are YOU going there?” They could not understand why it was important for me, a 9/11 widow, to express my support for the men and women stationed today in the gulf.

But the reason seemed clear to me. 200,000 troops have been sent halfway around the world to stabilize the kind of culture that breeds terrorists like those who I believe began World War III on September 11, 2001. Reaction was so politely negative that I began to doubt my role on the first USO / Tribeca Institute tour into newly occupied Iraq where, on average, a soldier a day is killed.

Besides, with Robert De Niro, Kid Rock, Rebecca and John Stamos, Wayne Newton, Gary Sinise, and Lee Ann Womack, who needed me? Did they really want to hear about my husband, Neil Levin, who went to work as director of New York Port Authority on Sept. 11th and never came home? How would they relate to the two other widows traveling with me? Ginny Bauer, a New Jersey homemaker and the mother of three who lost her husband, David and former marine Jon Vigiano who lost his only sons, Jon, a firefighter and Joe, a policeman.

As we were choppered over deserts that looked like bleached breadcrumbs, I wondered if I'd feel like a street hawker, passing out Port Authority pins and baseball caps as I said “thank you” to the troops. Would a hug from me mean anything at all in the presence of the Dallas Cowboy

cheerleaders and a Victoria's Secret model?

We arrived at the first “meet and greet”. It made me weep. (Why?) Armed with M16s and saddlebags of water in 120-degree heat the soldiers swarmed over the stars for photo and autographs.

When it was announced that a trio of 9/11 family members was also in the tent it was as if a psychic cork on emotional dam was popped. Soldiers from every corner of New York, Long Island and Queens rushed toward us to express their condolences. Some wanted to touch us, as if they needed a physical connection to our sorrow and for some living proof for why they were there. One mother of two from Montana told me she signed up because of 9/11. Dozens of others told us the same thing. One young soldier showed me his metal bracelet engraved with the name of a victim he never knew and that awful date none of us will ever forget.

In fact at every encounter with the troops a surge of reservists — firefighters and cops including many who had worked the rubble of Ground Zero — came to exchange a hometown hug. Their glassy eyes still do not allow anyone to penetrate too far inside to the place where their trauma is lodged; the trauma of a devastation far greater than anyone who hadn't been there could even imagine. It's there in me, too. I had forced my way downtown on that awful morning, convinced that I could find Neil beneath the rubble.

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad. Others had clearly

been holding in stories of personal 9/11 tragedies which had made them enlist.

USO handlers moved us from one corner to the next so everyone could meet us. One fire brigade plucked the 9/11 group from the crowd, transporting us to their firehouse to call on those who had to stand guard during the Baghdad concert. It was all about touching us and feeling the reason they were in this hell. Back at Saddam Hussein airport Kid Rock turned a “meet and greet” into an impromptu concert in a steamy airport hangar before 5000 troops.

Capt. Vargas from the Bronx tapped me on the back . He enlisted in the Army up after some of his wife's best friends were lost at the World Trade Center. When he glimpsed the piece of recovered metal from the Towers that I had been showing to a group of soldiers he grasped for it as if it were the Holy Grail. Then he handed it to Kid Rock who passed the precious metal through the 5000 troops in the audience. They lunged at the opportunity to touch the steel that symbolized what so many of them felt was the purpose of their mission—which puts them at risk every day in the 116 degree heat and not knowing if a sniper was going to strike at anytime.

Looking into that sea of khaki gave me chills even in that blistering heat. To me, those troops were there to avenge the murder of my husband and 3 thousand others. When I got to the microphone I told them we had not made this journey for condolences but to thank them and to tell them that the families of 9/11 think of them every day. They lift our hearts. The crowd interrupted me with chants of “ USA, USA, USA.” Many wept.

What happened next left no doubt that the troops drew inspiration from our tragedies. When I was first asked to speak to thousands of troops in Qatar, after Iraq, I wondered if it would feel like a “grief for sale” spectacle. But this time I was quaking because I was to present the recovered WTC recovered steel to General Tommy Franks. I quivered as I handed him the icy gray block of steel. His great craggy eyes welled up with tears. The sea of khaki fell silent. Then the proud four-star general was unable to hold back the tears which streamed down his face on center stage before 4,000 troops. As this mighty man turned from the spotlight to regain his composure I comforted him with a hug.

Now, when do I return?

What I was not prepared for was to have soldiers show us the World Trade Center memorabilia they'd carried with them into the streets of Baghdad.



A Game of Cards...

Photos by US photographer secured for Ivy Leaves by Irving Smolens

VA Gets Record Budget for FY 2004

WASHINGTON (Jan. 27, 2004) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will receive a record budget of \$64 billion for the current fiscal year, up \$4.2 billion from the previous spending level.

"I'm grateful for President Bush's leadership in ensuring that VA can honor our nation's commitment to its veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "I'm also appreciative of the support that Congress has shown when it comes to taking care of veterans."

The budget for fiscal year 2004, which began Oct. 1, 2003, comes as VA is putting the finishing touches on the administration's proposed budget for fiscal year 2005, which will be formally unveiled Feb. 2.

Veterans Receive Cost-Of-Living Increase in Benefits

WASHINGTON (Dec. 22, 2003) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is including a 2.1 percent increase in the disability benefit payments that millions of veterans and dependents will receive at the end of December.

President Bush authorized an increase matching the increase in Social Security rates by signing into law the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003.

VA's Largest "Fisher House" Scheduled for Houston

WASHINGTON (Jan. 5, 2004) - Expensive hotels and cramped couches will soon be a faded memory for families of veterans being treated for long-term illnesses at the Houston Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center when the largest "Fisher House" opens next fall.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi accepted an offer from the Fisher House Foundation to build a 21-suite facility on the Houston VA campus in November. Fisher Houses provide temporary lodging to families of hospitalized VA patients.



The Hole



The Ace



The Ace in the Hole



The Loot

Looking for...



I am the great nephew of **Private James P. Mc Lamb** Ser.# 34466662. I have researched enough to find that he was listed in the 4th Div. 12th infantry. He died on 06/22/44 and is buried in Normandy American Cemetery. At this point this all of the information that I have and I would like to continue further with this research project. I would greatly appreciate if you could advise me of the company he served in or some references to same and an accounts leading up to the day of his death. Also if you have knowledge of someone that may have served with him, please feel free to have them contact me or I'll contact them. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank you,

*Kenny M. Wood
onedbaxfan@mindspring.com*



Overmeyer, Mike – I served in the 1st ID, as the first scheduled replacement for the platoon leaders who shipped with the 1/4 cavalry from Ft Riley. I have a friend who reportedly shipped with the 4th ID from Ft Lewis in 1966. I want to get a unit hat for him, but don't know how to find out which unit he was assigned to. Can you help? His name is Mike Overmeyer; when he left RVN, he was a SgtE5. Any help, or contacts will be much appreciated.

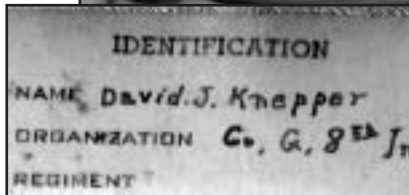
*Frank Maughan
Ogden, Utah. ap lace@earthlink.net*



This letter concerns **Company "B", 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division** in 1969. My uncle; Sgt. James Edward Conkright (Service # 51950483) was killed October 20, 1969 near Plei Mrong, Pleiku Province, VietNam. I am searching for surviving members of his platoon and I hope the information I provided to you will be of some help. If not, I would appreciate any guidance you can provide. Thank You.

*James E. Conkright
MonteCarloMan71@aol.com*

Lose a hat?



Pictured is WW II era Army cap and the name of its owner inside. This cap was

found at a Militaria Fair in England recently and purchased by an American collector of WW II memorabilia.

We are looking for anyone who knows the person who owned it



Greg Rollinger, I saw your name in an old VFW magazine. I was the toughest guy in **4th Infantry during the years 1954 to 56** when I was stationed at Hanau/Main, Germany.

Any information on personnel of that era would be appreciated. Best Wishes. Stuart.

*Stuart Itulhovitz
4088 Greystone Dr.,
Harrisburg, PA 17112*



Battlefield promotions. National Order of Battlefield Commissions is trying to locate all men, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, who on the field of battle against an armed enemy received a commission from enlisted or Warrant status to commission status. It may be you or someone you know.

Contact J. Angier, 67 Ocean Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32080, 904-471-7695. email jnobic@msn.com or more info, visit www.battlefieldcommissions.org

2003 Reunion a Huge Success!

By Ken McCormack

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to be able to report that the Lake Tahoe gathering was a huge success with a final count of 63 vets and family attending! One vet, who requests anonymity, drove three thousand miles to be there! Now that is a long drive, but indicative of the desire and commitment to be there!

This year, for the first time, we had men, and memories, stories, and pictures, representative of nearly the entire tenure of the company in Vietnam

This year was very unique, and gratifying, because we had so many "new"- first time attendees who helped us extend our time line and understanding of what happened, and in

what sequence, to A-1-8 between late 1967 through January 1970. This year, for the first time, we had men, and memories, stories, and pictures, representative of nearly the entire tenure of the company in Vietnam.. Gentleman, I sincerely hope you will be back next year!!!!

Mother Nature co-operated fully with great weather every day and night. The paddle wheel ride was a great time and we were pleasantly surprised to encounter another group of Vietnam Vets, a signal Battalion, who were meeting for their first time ever! It seems thirty plus years is the magic number, everybody's doing it!

We started each day with a group breakfast and, except for the boat ride, went on to pursue individual interests in the area each day with many folks grouping up to share their adventures. And of course everyone took time each day to visit the hospitality suite where we had video presentations (4th ID in Vietnam, The Camp Enari Story, our own in house slide show, Basic

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Steadfast and Loyal Patriotism

By Michael P. May

On January 17, 2004, I visited three of our seriously wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. This article resulted from that visit.

Throughout the two world wars, in Viet Nam and in peacetime, the Fourth Infantry Division amassed a record of unrivaled distinction. When the division arrived in Iraq, it lost no time in adding yet another chapter to its glorious history. A January 17, 2004 visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where several of the most seriously wounded members of the division still receive treatment for injuries received in Iraq, demonstrated, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that the Fourth Division soldiers of Taskforce Ironhorse consist of the finest people in both the military and indeed the marvelous country they were so valiantly protecting when they were hurt.

The first visit, to a career NCO of the 1/22 Infantry, disclosed that he lost his left arm from about an inch below the elbow. He also sustained serious burns and muscle damage to his right arm, necessitating multiple skin grafts. He had a tight elastic bandage on his right forearm to protect them. He was in considerable pain from those wounds and others he received.

He and his wife were together in his hospital room. They both expressed optimism that he would win his battle to overcome his injuries. They talked about having children. They never once made any remarks even remotely approaching pessimism, self-pity or bitterness.

The sergeant and his wife look forward to his convalescent leave. When that is over, they anticipate his return to Walter Reed for further treatment. They do not foresee any additional major operations beyond the three he has already had.

Currently he receives both physical and occupational therapy. He is learning how to use a prosthetic replacement for his left forearm and hand. At this stage he does not have a permanent prosthesis because the swelling has not fully abated.

Just as freedom is not free, the improvement in Iraqi lives and in the security of the United States did not come without substantial sacrifice by the members of the Fourth Infantry Division and their families.

The next soldier to receive a visit was a PFC from the First Brigade. He received serious shrapnel wounds when he was in a Humvee. He had significant injuries to his face. He expressed surprise that he also sustained damage to his legs. He recognized, of course, that even the most thoroughgoing and painstaking precautions do not guarantee complete safety. He anticipated further surgery.

The PFC looked forward to his upcoming convalescent leave. Meanwhile, he demonstrated a tenacious commitment to cooperating with the medical personnel caring for him and to recovering fully. He was approaching his physical therapy aggressively.

This heroic soldier had an extraordinary answer when he was thanked for his service to our country. He said that it was merely his turn to serve. He then said that Viet Nam veterans, like his visitor, deserved thanks. He demonstrated that steadfast loyalty that constitutes the linchpin and the motto of the Fourth Infantry Division.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center also provided superb care to a National Guard specialist of the 1056th Transportation Corps attached to the Fourth Division. The conversation with him clearly demonstrated how completely he absorbed the values that make the division the best in the military.

He was on convoy duty when he was hurt. He suffered a broken thigh bone, seven broken ribs and punctures to both lungs. He lost his spleen too. He had a titanium pin inserted into his leg to stabilize it. Nonetheless, he displayed a spirited and dogged tenacity toward his recovery. Injured right around Christmas, he was already walking with minimal assistance.

The specialist probably cannot return

to his former occupation because it involves prolonged standing. He does not complain about that. Instead, he looks forward to a new career. In short, he demonstrates the optimism and courage characteristic of America.

All three men could not have been more appreciative of a simple visit. They positively glowed when they heard that Linda Odierno, the Commanding General's wife, sent them a hug. They truly appreciated the concern General Odierno, as well as all the officers, NCOs and troops of the Fourth Infantry Division continue to have for them. They graciously accepted the prayers and best wishes of everyone in the Association.

The visits, while not emotionally easy, were inspirational. Our wounded troops represent the very best the greatest country in the world has to offer. All volunteers, they sacrificed for the good of others. They placed the sacred trilogy of duty, honor and country above any concern for personal comfort or safety. They embody the standards and ideals of the division, the army, the military and our nation.

Just as freedom is not free, the improvement in Iraqi lives and in the security of the United States did not come without substantial sacrifice by the members of the Fourth Infantry Division and their families. They all shouldered that burden willingly. Some made the ultimate sacrifice. No doubt God has a special place in Heaven for them. May He bless all of them, and may He bless all of the troops and families of the Fourth Infantry Division.

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A gesture of gratitude

For all who served...

❖ **This is a story about a Viet Nam vet and Ann-Margret as told by the vet's wife.**

Richard, (my husband), never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann-Margret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann-Margret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo, so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing.

When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted.

Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home. Ann-Margret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn.

He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it."

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for 'my gentlemen.'"

With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he was the only one there.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears.

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Update

Friends of the Central Highlands

We will never forget...

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

by Arnold Waggoner

We realize that it has been some time since we at FOCH have been able to provide an update on the projects in Vietnam and in North Carolina. Many good things have happened—through our prayers and the prayers of our Friends we can bring to each of you who support the projects some very encouraging news. FOCH has been on hold for several months. We have been discouraged by the inability to visit the projects and to fund projects due to the pressure that has been brought upon the Montagnards from the Vietnamese government.

In North Carolina, FOCH has been able to provide funding (approximately \$200 per person) for resettling recent Montagnard refugees from Vietnam.

Some of the project managers in Vietnam asked that we not fund scholarships or projects because of their fear that questions will be asked from the government regarding the funding of such projects. During July and August of 2003 we have been able to obtain information through pictures and applications that tell us the hostile climate in the central highlands may be lessening. Our U.S. project manager was able to visit Vietnam during July and August 2003 and he returned with updated photos plus a video of schoolhouses built by funds from FOCH, scholarships that were funded by FOCH and agriculture projects that were funded by FOCH.

In North Carolina, FOCH has been able to provide funding (approximately \$200 per person) for resettling recent Montagnard refugees from Vietnam. The money is used to provide training and assistance to obtain their driver's

license so that they may work toward obtaining transportation and securing employment.

We at FOCH thank each of you who individually donated funds at the 85th reunion. The money received from those attending the reunion was over \$500 and the Florida chapter gave \$300, for a grand total of \$800. We are eternally grateful for your loyalty and support of the projects in Vietnam. And so my friends, after many months of lying dormant, FOCH is in need of your support to continue to let those who gave of their lives and those who continue to suffer oppression that "We Will Never Forget" them and what they have done for our country.

Please look into your hearts and choose the project(s) that you would like to become apart of:

■ **Project School House:** We have request to fund building four new schoolhouses @ approximately \$800 each.

■ **Agricultural Loans:** We have twenty new requests for funding at approximately \$300 each.

■ **Student Scholarships:** We have requests to fund twenty new scholarships at \$100 each.

■ **Carolinas Resettlement:** We have an ongoing need to fund driver's training for many refugees constantly arriving at \$200 each.

We plan to mail a video of the Projects Update to every chapter President. Please pass it around or feel free to make copies. If anyone would like to receive a copy of the current Annual Report of FOCH, just e-mail us at awaggoner1@cox.net or send us a request to FOCH P.O. Box 851461, Yukon, OK 73085 and we will get one off to you.

Thank you for not forgetting FOCH; thank you for not forgetting the Montagnard people of the Central Highlands of Vietnam and God bless each of you.



National 4th Infantry

Schedule of Events

Dates: July 13 –18, 2004

Place Radisson Hotel, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616 1-800-333-3333 or 1-417-335-5767

Rates \$79 per night plus tax – single/double. (Request 4th Div. Block) All reservations must be received by **June 14, 2004** to receive rate.

Airport Shuttle Service

From Springfield/Branson Regional Airport: \$30 per person roundtrip based on two people per trip. The airport is 43 miles from Branson. 1-800-542-6768 for reservations – must have credit card for reservation but can pay cash to the driver.

Events and Costs

Tuesday, July 13

Golf (To be Announced at Reunion)

Wednesday, July 14

0900 – 1900 - *Sightseeing/Shuttle Service*

Shuttle service provided by the Wisconsin/Midwest Chapters for your convenience Museum (individuals pay on your own) – Old Downtown – Outlet Mall – Sightseeing.

Thursday, July 15

1000 to 1200 – *Remember When Show*

A trip down memory lane

COST: \$20 per person

1500 to 1700 – *Ride the Ducks w/box dinner*

COST: \$22 per person

Friday, July 16

1130 to 1330 *Ladies Luncheon w/Miz Polly*

Choice of: Chef's Salad or Chicken Cordon Bleu

COST: \$25 per person

1800 to 2400 R & R Reception

Enjoy an evening filled with fun, food and entertainment. We will have Hot & Cold

Hors d'oeuvres (plenty to eat), cash bar and be entertained by; Mike Radford, "Ambassador of Patriotism" followed by Travel Tunes DJ playing all our favorite hits.

COST: \$30 per person

Saturday, July 17

1700 to 2200 *Flames of Remembrance Banquet*

The evening will include Social Hour with cash bar, dinner, guest speakers and our raffle.

Choice of: Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken

COST: \$35 per person

There will be business and committee meetings throughout the week with the main meetings scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings. Times to be announced. Contact Roger R. Dufek at 920-684-0147 or dufek@powercom.net for more information.

National 4th Infantry Division - 86th Reunion

Camping in Branson, Missouri

The City of Branson campground is located at 300 South Boxcar Willie Road (off Main St. Hwy 76) in old town, on Lake Taneycomo, 2 miles from the Convention Center. 30 & 50 amp service, full hookup, with cable TV, and a pavilion. Rates are \$20.28 per day or \$134.68 per week including tax.



For reservations call Kay at 417-334-2915 and mention that you are with the 4th Infantry Reunion. Their website is www.cityofbranson.org and 20 campsites are being held for the reunion.

Roger Dufek
dufek@powercom.net

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"Sunni triangle."

The combat patch, in and of itself, has an interesting history. According to Soldiers Online, it was first authorized for wear on the right sleeve shortly before the United States entered World War II. Up until that time, combat veterans of World War I would at times wear small medal replicas of their combat unit's patch pinned above one of their uniform's breast pockets.

However, since that time, combat veterans have proudly worn patches on their right shoulders, signifying the sacrifices American service members have made during some of the most trying times in modern U.S. history. That tradition will now live on with the soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division.

Division - 86th Reunion



Reunion Registration

Make all checks payable to: Treasurer, Wisconsin Chapter 4th Division

Mail to: Arlen Bliefert, PO Box 120, Poynette, WI 53955-0183

Please Print Name Clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Unit/Dates Served _____ Chapter _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Arrival/Departure Dates _____

| Event | # of People | Total \$ |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Registration Fee (\$20 per person) | _____ | \$ _____ |
| July 15 (2pm)Remember the Show (\$20 per person) | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| July 15 (5pm)Ride the Ducks w/Dinner (\$22 per person) .. | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| July 16 (11:30am).....Ladies Luncheon (\$25 per person) | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Please check preference <input type="checkbox"/> Chefs Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken | | |
| July 16R & R Reception (\$30 per person) | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| July 17 (5pm)Banquet (\$35 per person) | _____ = | \$ _____ |
| Please check preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef entrée <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken entrée..... | | |
| Donation to <input type="checkbox"/> 4IDA General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> FOCH. | | \$ _____ |
| Grand Total Enclosed | | \$ _____ |

REUNION SHIRTS

ALL SHIRTS MUST BE ORDERED BY **MAY 15th** AND WILL BE DELIVERED AT REGISTRATION
NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER MAY 15th. YOU CAN ORDER AT THE REUNION FOR LATER DELIVERY.

Colors: Green Black White **Sizes:** Sm. Med. Lg. XL. 2XL. 3XL. 4XL.

Cost: Polo's - Small to Xlarge - \$20 Polo's - 2-4x - \$25 T-shirts Small to Xlarge - \$10 T-Shirts 2-4x - \$15

Name: _____

Style _____ Color _____ Size _____ Number of Shirts _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Hotel Registration

DATE: March 26 -28, 2004
TIME: Hospitality 5 p.m. Friday, March 26th
PLACE: Baymont Inn & Suites, 110 Grand Seasons Drive, Waupaca, WI 54981 1-715-258-9212
(Must reserve rooms under 4th Division block)
Cutoff Date: March 1, 2004
Room rates: \$69 single \$79 double plus 10.5% tax
Cost: Registration fee: \$5 per adult Family Style Dinner: \$25
 Dinner includes: Baked chicken, tender beef tips, mashed potatoes, gravy, chef's choice vegetables, ceasar salad, pasta salad, rolls, butter chef's choice dessert, coffee and milk.

- ♦ Hospitality will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday. Anyone interested in bringing snack items for Friday night or Saturday lunch may do so. Please be reminded we cannot have hot items in Hospitality Room
- ♦ Saturday, lunch will be served after the business meeting.
- ♦ There will be a social hour before dinner at which time the hospitality room will be closed.
- ♦ The Ladies raffle will be held after the banquet and anyone wishing to bring items to be raffled are invited to do so. Please remember that we are looking for new items.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

MAIL TO: Arlen Bliefert, PO Box 183, Poyette, WI 53955

What Hotel? Those planning to attend the Branson Reunion can get a quick view of the headquarter's hotel by visiting the website at: <http://photowebsusa.com/branson/>

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"That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I'll never forget Ann-Margret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

I now make it a point to say "Thank you" to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for those who have served their country.

If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.

With global circulation ... this may even reach Jane Fonda!

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Training, and so on) running constantly concurrently with the beverages, camaraderie, story telling, picture / album sharing and good times. We also had a computer and scanner on hand and scanned them all for inclusion into our ever growing A-1-8 photo archive! ! Many thanks to all of you who brought your albums and photos and allowing us to scan them. We will have the new and improved CD of photographs available after the first of the year.

Tuesday night found us at The Campground by The Lake where we enjoyed a catered barbecue dinner with a surprise second entrée of fresh lake trout provided and caught that afternoon by Jerry Horton and Don White.

After dinner "Spider" Melle brought out his guitar and we sat around the

campfire, watched the sun go down, and sang some of our old favorites, some new ones, and some I swear Spider made up on the spot! The punch-bowl ceremony got started around nine and, as usual, was a memorable experience as this year, thanks to all of the "new" faces, we had even more fallen friends and soldiers to remember. I noted I was not the only one experiencing moist eyes. Thirty plus years has, if anything, driven the loss of those so young, forever young, friends home all the harder.

Wednesday found us at breakfast agreeing a good time was had by all, saying our goodbyes and promising to "see you next year" and deciding where next year will be; Atlantic City in late September.

Book Shelf



Hemingway on War (S. Hemingway, Ed.) Scribner, 2003 (344 pp., illust.)

By Timothy B. Taylor*

Perhaps no subject fascinated Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) more than war. The man who did more than any other writer to change the landscape of American letters, and who won a Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize for Literature in successive years while doing so, once remarked "the wound combat makes in you, as a writer, is a slow healing one." Hemingway knew whereof he spoke. In the Spring of 1918, kept from the enlisting in the Army by poor vision, he joined the American Red Cross and soon found himself at the front lines in Italy driving an ambulance. Badly wounded in an artillery barrage, he was laid up, at age 19, for many months. The fictionalized account of these experiences became the foundation for his breakthrough novel, *A Farewell to Arms*.

As a journalist, Hemingway covered the Greco-Turkish conflict in the early 1920's and the Spanish Civil War, the latter becoming the foundation for *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. All of these periods and more are covered in the new collection, *Hemingway on War*, recently issued by Scribners. The book features a forward by his son Patrick and was edited by his grandson, Sean (who also added an introduction which sets the selections in context). Both short stories and journalism are included in the book. But the excerpts that will be of most interest to readers of *The Ivy Leaves* are the excerpts from Hemingway's own time with the 4th Infantry Division in the second half of 1944.

The early years of World War II found Hemingway living, fishing and writing in Cuba. Before Pearl Harbor, his third wife, correspondent Martha Gellhorn, cajoled him into a trip to Chiang Kai-Shek's China, where his party was buzzed by Japanese planes. A man of action, in 1942 he somehow talked US authorities into allowing him to arm his fishing boat, *Pilar*, as a sub chaser. No U-boats were ever spotted. By 1944, Hemingway was an accredited war correspondent in London, writing dispatches for *Collier's* magazine and wooing Mary Welsh, who would become his fourth wife.

Hemingway participated in the D-Day assault, riding a landing craft to Fox Green Beach near Colleville with the seventh wave on June 6. The resulting story, included in the new collection, brilliantly captures the confusion of that terrible day. Hemingway retreated to his base at the Dorchester Hotel in London, from which he covered RAF operations and V-1 rocket attacks. He returned to Normandy in July, hooking up with the 4th Infantry Division on the eve of the offensive which would lead to the breakout at St. Lo. Included in the book are several photographs from Hemingway's time with the 4th ID, including one inscribed by General R.O."Tubby" Barton: "To Hemingway of the Ivy Leaf, with more than warmest regards from Barton, also of the Ivy Leaf."

Assigned to the 22nd Regiment under the command of Colonel "Buck" Lanham, Hemingway remained with (and sometimes in front of) the 4th ID off and on for the rest

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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:

Greg Rollinger, Executive Director, 8891 Aviary Path, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

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IOM Creates Web Site for Veterans

WASHINGTON (Dec. 17, 2003) - The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has created a new Internet Web site with information about a variety of military-related health issues.

"IOM's new Website is one more tool available to veterans, health care practitioners and others interested in the well-being of our veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

The Web site, at <http://veterans.iom.edu>, has separate sections for health care issues affecting the last four major military conflicts - World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. At each section, visitors can read electronic versions of IOM-produced reports or purchase publications.

New Members Appointed to Committee on Women Veterans

WASHINGTON (Jan. 26, 2004) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi today announced the appointment of two new members to the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, an expert panel that advises him on issues and programs affecting women veterans.

"This advisory committee contributes in a major way to the success of VA programs affecting women veterans," Principi said. "It helps VA strengthen health care, benefits, rehabilitation, outreach and other programs for women veterans."

Established in 1983, the 14-member advisory committee makes recommendations for administrative and legislative changes. The committee members are appointed to two-year terms.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Thanks to all who have sent us interesting stories from your local newspapers.

We cannot reproduce newspaper stories without permission from the paper. If you can easily get written permission, please attach it to the story that you submit to us.

Mail Bag



SUBJECT: Thank You For the Subscription Help

Thank you for sending the form and filling it out for me. I put the check in the mail this morning. You should be receiving it in a few days. I appreciated the post-it note on the form. I am hoping to do many more nice things for Uncle Pete. He has to know that someone cares. He won't, however, be told that I had to pay dues. I don't want him to feel like he has to pay me back or be obligated to me. As far as he will know, it was just a phone call or e-mail that was needed to get things started.

When next year rolls around, will I get a reminder to renew his subscription or will I have to just keep track myself?

Thanks again for all of your help. I hope that you have a great weekend.

Susan Young



SUBJECT: Sweet Reunion - Alive After 34 Years!

Hi Greg:

I thought you might like to hear about a great reunion of Viet Nam vets. Thank you and THE IVY LEAVES news magazine for making this possible. Terry and I were both in "B" Co. 1/22 Inf. 1968-69. We hadn't seen each other for 34 years after Nam. Terry thought that I had been killed on the 24th of June 1969 along with five others who were KIA that day.

Thank you again, Tom ("Regulars by God")

Cecil D. Sanders,
21915 Elliott Dr. ,
Carlyle, IL 62231-4707.

Editors note: Enclosed was a clipping from a Carlyle, IL, newspaper and a long story with a photo of Terry Mueller (Cokato, MN) and Carlyle resident, Terry Sanders. Wonderful things do happen when you are a member of the 4th Infantry Division Association!



SUBJECT: 4ID Gear Leads to Subscription

Anthony Sandoval is an active duty troop on R&R from Iraq with the 4ID. I only got partial info from him and have

sent him a note asking for all the rest. I'll give you what I have, since I think he's gone back to Iraq by now, without having time to answer. Incidentally, he tapped me on the shoulder in the local Costco and asked if I was in the 4th, since I was wearing some of my 4ID gear. We had a nice but brief chat but I didn't take too much of his time, knowing how little he had. I gave him a pen and a brochure, which I had him fill in on the spot, then I paid his first year's dues.

Submitted by Bob Riley



SUBJECT: Feedback on WWII Museum in Branson

Sir: As a member of the National 4thID Association, I would like to inform you of the following:

Having just returned from a vacation in Branson, Mo., I would like to inform you of a WWII Museum in Branson. It is located on the main highway where all the shows are and should not be missed. It has many personal exhibits from contributing soldiers and their families from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. It also houses a full size statue showing 30 GI's hitting the beach. I have never seen anything like it. It also displays all KIA in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. It is on a par with the D-Day museum in New Orleans as far as information concerning soldiers participating in these actions. I am sure everyone would enjoy it.

Colonel Ken Meynard
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
Harvey, LA. 504-364-5300
Email: kmeynard@yahoo.com



SUBJECT: War Memory

Hi, "Old Soldiers,"

December 20, 1944...."Ah, yes, I remember it well!"from musical "GiGi".

This was the day 12 Infantry "B" & "F" Companies, plus 10 Armored Division CCA...saved the (lives) of the surrounded members of "F" Company, in the Parc Hotel, Berdorf, Luxemburg. We had been there since December 16, FIRST day of

the big" Battle of the Bulge".....Germans blew a hole in the hotel wine cellar, but we were too frightened to drink! Thus, I have been *sober* ever since, and why I am *still here!*

Some other people were playing (prevent) "Capture the Flag" game with the Germans over our Regimental Colors. Guess Who..."Peepsight"?

If I was "in the line," Wayne Brown WAS NOT, we complimented each other!

Merle....."one fewer of the few"

email: mp_davies@yahoo.com



SUBJECT: Info Request on US 4th Inf. Div., 84th Inf. Div. and 2nd Tank Div.

Dear friends,

Due to my intensive relations with liberation committees and war museums in England, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, people often ask me information about soldiers, divisions, etc., from the U.S.A., which were active in WWII. Now the Council of the City La Roche (Ardennes - Belgium) asks me to act as intermediary for the organization in 2004 of the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of their City in 1944 and 1945 and they need information about US divisions.

As in many cities in the Ardennes, there were very hard and cruel fightings in La Roche, one of the most beautiful cities of the Ardennes. During the Battle of the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) especially the civilians had to suffer very great hardships. The city was air-bombed two times: one time by the Germans during the beginning of the war, and one time, by mistake, by the Allies during the Ardennes offensive 1944/45. And during that offensive very lengthy and intensive-ly by very heavy artillery of the Germans.

To give you an idea about the battle. La Roche was liberated two times: in September 1944 by the US 4th Infantry Division and again in January 1945 by the US 84th Infantry Division and the US 2nd Tank Division.

What is the problem?? The council of La Roche very likes to come in contact with soldiers of these three divisions: the US 4th Infantry Division, the US 84th

Infantry Division and the US 2nd Tank Division.

My question to you is: Do you know if there are Associations of these Divisions or addresses of soldiers, etc., etc., so that I can write if they have list of soldiers from WWII — still living — from the mentioned divisions; in other words: please give me entries and/or addresses so that I can make contact with an Association or soldiers from those three divisions of WWII.

The most I like are email-addresses. Thanks a lot. Really hope you can help the City of La Roche and me.

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The Netherlands
Phone: 31.40.2420877
fax: 31.40.2624508,
email: jgmcoolen@hetnet.nl



SUBJECT: Did you know a Leroy Walstrom?

Yes, LeRoy Walstrom as far as I know has always been a member of our Michigan Chapter. We had two Michigan Mini Conventions at his facility, he, his wife and sons owned and ran an excellent restaurant in Harvey near Marquette, Mi. He was a retired guard at the State prison in the area. He also owned a motel next door where we would stay. He was a good host. He also owned a modular home park in Arizona but I think that they sold it some time ago. I have a number of photographs from our stay with him. He was a good man.

Jim Roan



SUBJECT: UK 4ID Memorial

Hi Dick,

We are trying to save and restore the D-Day Hards that were used by the 4th ID for embarkation as a memorial for those that left there, in particular, those that died - over 10,000 in the first month. We have a thread in the newsgroup "Please vote for UK 4th Div. Overlord Memorial" but are not getting much response.

Would it be possible to post some info on the site (or a link that we could produce) to encourage people to vote for a memorial of their own division?

Any help to remember these guys would be much appreciated.

David Tyrrell-Collins
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SUBJECT: Email on 8th Infantry Soldiers Service Cap found at Arms Fair

Bob, Frank.

I hope this mail finds you and your families well. Attached are three images of a Service Cap found at a militaria fair this weekend here in England. You will note that the owner is identified as David J. Knapper of Company G 8th Infantry. The service number hand marked inside the sweat band supports the name, beginning as it does with the letter K, followed by the digits 2606.

I have been through the 8th Infantry Regiment history kindly sent over by Frank and cannot find this man listed. I realize that the book is a snap shot in time and that Mr. Knapper's service may have been pre or post WW2. Is there any way perhaps Mr. Knapper, or his family could be located so that we can share this find with him/ them?

Our plans for the 60th Anniversary of D-Day are proceeding. We have 12 members of the 4th Living History Group heading to France, with three Jeeps, a WC51 and a Dodge CarryAll. We will be at Omaha from the 1st to the afternoon of the 5th, then in the Utah area from the 5th to the 11th. Howard Aran in my group has been in contact with Philippe Cornil in St. Marie du Mont so we hope to join the commemorations in the town and on the beach on the 6th.

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SUBJECT: Need Distance between Plymouth, England & Utah Beach, France

I'm trying to determine the distance in miles across the English Channel between Plymouth, England and Utah Beach in Normandy, France. As you know, the

Fourth Infantry Division took this route in Landing Crafts, Tank on June 6, 1944.

This information is needed for research purposes (historical). Any assistance you can provide will be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

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SUBJECT: Follow Up on "Looking For" General Jack MacFarlane

I had written and it was posted in the December Ivy Leaves that I was looking for General Jack MacFarlane. I found out he had been the Commanding General of the 173rd Airborne. I also found some references to his time with the 11th Cav which is when he was a Colonel. In their list of members I did find his name and a reference to where he lived. So I kept my computer busy searching and searching. Well last night 1/26/04 I did find what I thought would have been where he lived. I made a call to the phone number and Mrs. MacFarlane answered the phone from work this morning. I asked if he was there and she told me he had passed away about 5 years ago from agent orange related prostate cancer. Someone at her local church has seen my note in the Ivy Leaves and she was going to contact me to let me know what happened but had misplaced the note.

She said he would have liked to have known that I was saluted as a Vietnam Vet on my visit to Hawaii. When I came home and told my wife I cried. General MacFarlane was a good man.

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SUBJECT: Unit Patches From 2/1 Cav.

Hi. My name is Robert. Hope you can help me. I was given your name (Mr. Barton) and address back in 2001, when we had the mini Viet Nam Wall in our city. I served in Nam in '68 with the 4th Inf. Div. I was sent to the 1st Armored Cav. "Black Hawks" 2nd Squadron at Black Hawk firebase. I belong to B Troop, 3rd Platoon.

I am trying to get info on Unit patches from 2/1 Cav. If you could help me on this mission, I will be thankful for this and any information you can send me. Thank you very much. Sgt. C.

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SUBJECT: Thanks to the 4th ID Soldiers

Dec. 18, 2003

Members of the 4th ID and their families. I'm very proud of the 4th Infantry's mission in Iraq. Special thanks to the soldiers from the 4th which made the capture of Saddam Hussein. A job well done.

Louis A. Camillo
4th ID, Vietnam



SUBJECT: Reminiscing - THE IVY LEAVES "Mail Bag" Sept. 2003

Dear Dick,

I too was in the 47th Infantry when you were. Thanks for the info. A couple of points of interest are, President Kennedy came to Berlin when we were there and gave his famous "I am a Berliner" speech. Also, our black panther mascot, "Black Jack Argo" was given to the Tacoma Zoo when we went to Germany.

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SUBJECT: 4th ID History and Coined Phrase, "Fourthfully Yours."

Hello Dick,

I am Lillian Snitkin Nadler, a Life Member of the 4th Infantry Division Association by the fact that my former husband, Ruben Snitkin, was the National Treasurer for over 25 years. Ruben passed away in July 1985. In those years the National Treasurer was not only the treasurer, but Assistant Treasurer, Secretary,

and whatever the association needed in way of financial guidance. Of course many of the members today would not know Ruben or of him. There are a few Chapter Treasurers who are still active when he was in office.

As for myself, I took a great interest in the association as well, and remember the first *Ivy Leaves* Editor, George McIntyre, very well and those that followed him until recently. Although I do not attend reunions these days due to health reasons, I have maintained a real interest in the association as well as the present 4th Division men now stationed in Iraq. Enclosed are two newspaper clippings from *The Palm Beach Post* of Florida that caught my attention just this week. The first was the one with Spc. Michael Agee playing the saxophone, which I really thought was a great one for the *Ivy Leaves*. The other clipping was in today's paper. Needless to say that I am very proud of them, and wish them a safe return home in the near future.

Over the many years, Ruben and I attended local and national reunions. We had the pleasure of meeting many of the officers and enlisted men in the active divisions from wherever they were stationed. Many of the officers and enlisted men came to the reunions as guests of the association or as speakers. While I am writing this letter to you, it brings to mind the wonderful history that the association has, and I am happy to say that Ruben and I played a big part in its past history. Through many of the letters Ruben wrote, he coined the closing of his letters with "Fourthfully yours." I read with interest the *Ivy Leaves* of today and find it to be an excellent new forum and with much news for the Ivymen to read. May it continue its great tradition for many more years to come in Peace.

Fourthfully yours,

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SUBJECT: Touching Incident - Raymond E. Johnson and Sue Roberts.

Dick:

It must be unusual to receive a Christmas card from a stranger, but let me

introduce myself. My name is Lee B. Cason of Alexander, VA, who contacted Sue Roberts in Woodsboro, TX, in response to her letter in *The Ivy Leaves* magazine. I have never in my life been so touched and sympathetic to her effort to find someone, anyone, wife knew her dad, Raymond E. Johnson, from WWII. He and I were good friends and I related both by phone and letters everything I knew about him. I have never known a person so elated and appreciative of what I did. I want to thank you for publishing her letter.

Lee Cason.



SUBJECT: Video of "Everyday Heroes of Battle of the Bulge WWII"

Dear Mr. Barton:

It has been six (6) months since the successful completion of the documentary video "Everyday Heroes of Battle of the Bulge WWII". Created by-way of the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of VBOB, it tells the story of those who served both at home and abroad during this time. It is meant to be an educational video a school child from the 5th grade and up, should see. It also assists members of the "Speaking Teams" when making presentations to our school kids. The video is divided into two 30-minute segments as recommended by educators.

I appeal to you to consider ordering a single copy for your unit and additional copies by the membership for personal reasons... this is an opportunity to both educate and motivate students and adults to the sacrifices made and patriotic heritage left by those who served.

Our goals is have all units who fought the Battle of the Bulge to have a copy. An educational price of \$ 14.95 plus \$ 3.00 for shipping would cover all costs. Personal and Organizational checks accepted.

Send Orders to:

John L. Mills, Millworks Post
51 Garnet
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701



SUBJECT: Veterans Stories Needed in France

Sir,

Before the D-DAY sixtieth birthday, I ask your association to help me – could

you give all veteran's testimony or documents concerning the 4th Infantry Division passage in Carrouges (a little town in Normandy) and in particular in St Martin Des Landes (Orne province) to the Oisonniere locality.

This unit was parked there in 1944 from August 15th till August 2~3d. At this time, we counted 500 individuals shelters for GI's...

Thank you in advance for all your information.

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FRANCE



SUBJECT: Normandy Website

I would be proud if you could find them time to check out my website and to let me know if you like it. Please.... Let me try and explain what I am trying to do....

Ever since I have been to Normandy and stood on the beaches and seen the towns, I wanted to do something about keeping the memory alive. And that urge only increased with time. Why I want to do this I cannot really say. It is an urge, a need if you will. My wish is for personal memories which will be featured on a website. Memories about the land, the fog, the weather, the rain, how the sun felt, the circumstances of living with the emotions involved. A site about the veterans telling the future generations what NEVER to do again.

I want the words of the men who gave Europe its freedom to be on the site... Not an edited story. I have been trying to find veterans, but that is a hard conquest to achieve, for very understandable reasons. But I will keep trying. I am hoping that some of you will send me a few of their memories. Which I will then put onto the website. Of course I do not have the illusion that someone like me can make noticeable difference. But let his be my little tiny piece of the Thank you which we in Europe owe to you and your fellow veterans who all fought for the same cause. Liberating a continent at the other side of the world.

It would be a gift to receive emails, poems, photographs or letters from veterans with memories in their own words. Which I will then put exactly on my web-

site. I want my website to become a valuable source, a legacy if you will, for the people who are willing to read about it.

Would you happen to know of fellow veterans who would be so generous as to take the time to write down a few of their memories, to share with the rest of the world? All help is greatly appreciated. Because I do not want it to be fictional I want to be truthful.

The wings of the white doves of peace will always be patched with the Veterans Insignia.

I hope, if you find a little time, that you will be able to help me with my 3story collecting. This is my personal endeavor. I hope you can help me build up a valuable legacy for future generations. And again I thank you deeply for your time and god bless you and your family. You can take a look if you like at what I already have, it is at: <http://normandy1944.info>

I was wondering if there were still veterans of WWII who would be interested in adding their story to my website.

Stay in good health and take care my friend....

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SUBJECT: Letter by SGT Richard Turner, D-Day Platoon Leader, Co. G

Note: The following letter was submitted by Johnny B. Newton, Jr., WWII, Co. G, 2nd Battalion, 12th Reg., 4th ID

I never thought growing up east of the Capitol; I would ever meet so many people of character. If I ever started to list them, you could never, or would not believe me. Among the finest of all were my WWII Buddies "G" Company 12th Infantry. It would not be fair to list them all, but it would be "unfair" not to mention Major Richard O'Malley, Captain Fred Sullivan, Nick Scala, Ralph Jones, Chickapelli Calabrese, Jerry Sullivan, SGT Maurice "Dick" Casey, Bill O'Donald, Tom Padgett, Johnny B. Newton, Paul Clark, John Cole, Little Roy, and so many other brave, courageous men, who I was honored to be with. All were fine Christian men. They were respectable, and treated all the other sol-

diers in our command, with dignity. They never expected anything from their men, that they wouldn't lead them in doing. Their bravery and courage was well known, throughout the entire 12th Regiment, and indeed the 4th Division.

You are aware, "we lead the way, so others could stay," quoted from a statement from Colonel Kenneth Lay, all across France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany. We were the first to land 'D Day' June 6, 1944. We were the first to enter Paris, and lead the American Army down the Champs Elysees. We were the first to reach and cross the Siegfried Line and enter Germany, and the first all across Europe, and into Belgium also. Nothing can ever take the place of those we lost, but you have to feel pride, and be proud of having been with such great American National Heroes!

My cousin, Buck Lanham with the 22nd Infantry, told me how proud they were of the 12th and 8th Infantry. Buck led his 22nd across the Siegfried line and into Germany. He also was a friend of Ernest Hemmingway, and was a pallbearer for him. He retired a LT General, 3 stars. I saw a lot of stars from time to time, but they came from bangs and bruises,

Old G Company stood out and was the greatest of all. They had brilliant and courageous leadership. I have heard so often, particularly since the 9/11 tragedy, referring to the Police and Firemen as "our finest." They are indeed worthy for their bravery and splendid actions, but G Company, 12th Infantry was among the finest of WWII, and the finest of our nation.

I was asked by my Son, Bill, to attend a Veterans Day Ceremony on Capitol Hill. The Keynote speaker was Major General Ronald F. Sams (US Air force). He was down to earth, and brought his family along. Needless to say, I told him about our 2nd Battalion and so many K.I.A. or severely wounded.

Most of the original officers had been wounded, and enlisted men were leading the Companies. E, F and G Companies were almost depleted, but pushed forward each day. Major O'Malley was everywhere; giving instructions and directions, ever moving forward. His action, courage, and disregard for himself, was an every day occurrence for him.

It's so difficult to explain about the above, if you were not a participant. He was leading the greatest invasion in the history of the world. LT Colonel Jackson, of the 1st Battalion, was a courageous officer, commanding on our flanks.

Now, we must thank Johnny B. Newton, for his labor and caring in assembling us, plus all the organizing and putting the other details to rest. It was a grand reunion, and Johnny B. did himself proud. He is a genuine, sincere friend, and if he can make us happy, that's all he wants. You can hardly find people like that in today's world. We truly need more "Johnny B's" to make this world a better place.

We, as a group, are getting to be more like a family group, dedicated to a mysterious, noble feeling, that lives in our heart. We are paying homage to that mystery when we gather as one. We feel closer and closer to the ones who we left on the Battlefields of Europe. I believe our feelings and strength can penetrate and reach the unknowns of Deity. Yes, Lord, we care so sincerely, we want our Buddies to know we have not forgotten, and we will never, ever forget them. Thank you for the 'Gift of Life,' and your kindness to us. Blessings be with all.

Respectfully,

Bea and the Old Sergeant,
Dick Turner (1942 WWII)



SUBJECT: What Our Families Are Hearing From Our Soldiers in Iraq:

Submitted by Bob Barton

My son called this (Sunday) morning. He is with the 4th ID Band. Sounded good and stated he just got back from a ceremony for the new Iraq soldiers and how they wanted to take pictures with our band guys. He sounded so excited how they really were happy they were there. He even said he joked around with some. "Mom for the most part these people want us here and I only hope we finish the job here that we started so that those who have lost their lives for Iraq, ours and the Iraqi's, will not have been in vain. I am proud to be an American doing what we are doing here. Let people know, Mom, that there is more good than bad going on here." I worry for my son and all our troops daily. But when I hear my son talk

like he does it makes me feel so proud of them all, I only wished as a nation we all could unite more. We must continue to be up lifting our troops morale and let them know we over in the States have not nor will not forget what they are doing and why. God Bless them all.



SUBJECT: D-Day remembering 4th Infantry Division

Good afternoon Dick, if I may call you so.

Of course you have my permission to write a note. You know, to be nominated honorary member of your association thanks to Bob Babcock and Roger Barton, to speak only about them, was a very big honor ; it was really for me like to become nearly American.

With other great guys of the 4th, great from all and every points of view.

Bob and me we try to make good work to honor the 4th at the level it deserves it. I say this because I have heard that Bob was suspected of too much allegiance to the 22nd.

Let me say as member at large and independent for being at large, that if Bob is proud to be a Veteran of the 22nd, he is undeniably completely dedicated to the 4th and its history. It isn't his fault if the 8th Infantry for instance has no representation at the level WWII. It's a fact that I have verified myself in various different occasions, not Bob's wish.

It's also a fact that by Bob's daily efforts; works and his attitude, he is a powerful engine to maintain the connection between the veterans and the knowledge of the history.

Be clear, Bob will read us in copy, not to send him flowers but to assure him that he has our support, a thing that everybody needs always, even Bob who changed my life forever. He will also check that I'm not writing stupidities.

So, Dick, your project is a very good idea; as I wrote you before, to announce that all the 4th Vets who are walking or riding by themselves in Normandy in June 2004, are welcome to join us.

Moreover, a very good news, following the last news we have received via Greg Rollinger to Bob Babcock, the US program will give priority to the 4th at Utah

Beach before the general official ceremonies at Arromanches (the French Committee is located there). The 4th having captured Saddam Hussein, one time more, it deserves a special attention, and this time would be the good one.

Bob and me, we will do our best for the 4th, as we did two years ago by sending pictures to the Museum of the 4th for instance. Let me say also, as member of a Belgian officers' association, that you are doing a work that seems sometimes negligible but that is very important to keep the people together and that is read with great attention by...

Philippe Cornil
Normandy, FRANCE



Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am the Director of Marketing at Hart Sharp Video, an independent home video distribution company in New York City that is releasing a documentary in May called, On Common Ground. This documentary deals with the reunion of some of the surviving American and German soldiers that fought in battle of Huertgen.

The purpose of my email is to see if you could help me acquire some information. We would like to include the names of all of the men who fought in this battle as bonus material on the DVD. Do you know where I can get a complete list which also indicates which men died in the battle?

I would also like to know if there could be any opportunities for us to work with your organization in helping promote/bring awareness about this title either on your website, through membership emails blasts or at one of your upcoming events.

I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully working together on this project.

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| Harry K. Brown JR. | HQ/704MAINT | Vietnam 12/31/04 | | | |
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| Jim Codella | C/3/12 INF | 1966 12/31/04 | | | |
| William L. Cook | C/6/29 FA | 1967 - 1968 12/31/04 | | | |
| Charles P. Davis | B/6/29 FA | Vietnam 12/31/04 | | | |
| Theodore R. Diamond | L/2/8 INF | Cold War 12/31/04 | | | |
| Loys E. Harned | B/1/8TH INF | 1950 - 1952 12/31/04 | | | |
| Charles E. Hengsteler SR. | HSB/6/29 FA | Vietnam 12/31/04 | | | |
| Charles "Chuck" Johnson | C/6/29 FA | 1969 - 1970 12/31/04 | | | |
| Daniel L. Koonter | 546 MP CO | 1960 - 1961 12/31/04 | | | |
| Kris E. Lamontagne | 1/22ND INF | 1968 - 1969 12/31/04 | | | |
| John M. Lukasik | B/2/9TH FA | 1968 - 1970 12/31/04 | | | |
| Edwin T. McQuillen | F/3/12TH INF | 1951 - 1954 12/31/04 | | | |
| Russel E. Michaelis | C/1/14TH INF | 1968 - 1969 12/31/04 | | | |
| Lawrence Mohler | 374TH RRC | 1968 - 1969 12/31/04 | | | |
| Thomas J. Morse | HHC 4ID | 1969 - 1970 12/31/04 | | | |
| Chris Pascoe | D/1/8 INF | 1987 - 1990 12/31/04 | | | |
| Terry Peukert | HHC/3/8 INF | 1966 - 1967 12/31/04 | | | |

*Eternal Rest grant them, O Lord, and let
Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

“...Our US Senate/House took 2 days off as they couldn’t work... On the ABC evening news, it was reported tonight that, because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabelle approaching Washington DC, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They refused. ‘No way, Sir!’


























Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.


The tomb has been patrolled continuously, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, since 1930.”

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www.4thinfantry.org**

Net News...

Included within the boundaries of this box we will list some web sites that might be of interest to our readers. If you like the idea, please e-mail me a note expressing your thoughts. If you find a web site listed here that is no longer active, also please advise me via E-mail (ivyleaveseditor@aol.com) Please also correct any errors you find. And submit any sites you have found that are interesting.

-  "AFTER ACTION" / "LESSONS LEARNED" BATTLE REPORTS:
<http://www.ntis.gov>
-  COLD WAR VETERANS' MEMORIES VIA VIDEOS
www.coldwarveterans.com
-  DD-214 DISCHARGE (SPN/SPD) Codes:
<http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib25.htm>
<http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib45.htm>
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Chapter Events



Reunions, Meetings & Gatherings

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please find someone in your Chapter that can e-mail your report to: <ivyleaveseditor@aol.com> This section is for reports on your reunions, meetings, and gatherings or almost anything you want to report. It's OK to submit names of attendees if the report is sent via e-mail. All submissions welcome and will be printed (500 word limit) without any editing if you e-mail it. All of the above will really help in this production of your news magazine. -Thanks!!

Carolinas Chapter Spring 2004 Mini-Reunion

The Carolinas Chapter will hold its 2004 Spring Reunion April 23 - 25, at the Holiday Inn Airport, Exit 111-B on I-26, Columbia, South Carolina. Make your reservation directly with the hotel at 803-794-9440, mention the 4ID Reunion to get our rate of \$65/ per night, which includes a full buffet breakfast.

Please pre-register using the Registration Form below or call me so we have an accurate meal count. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for our raffle after the Banquet.

Reunion Schedule

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| Friday April 23rd | 1:00 PM | Hospitality Room Opens |
| | 6:30 PM | Friday Buffet |
| Saturday April 24th Meeting | 9:00 AM | Chapter Officers |
| Meeting | 10:00 AM | Chapter Business |
| | 2:30 PM | Lunch Deli-Bar |
| | 6:00 PM | Flames of Remembrance Banquet |
| Sunday April 25th | 8:00 AM | Break-a-way Breakfast on your own. |

REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Chapter – 2004 Spring Reunion

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Florida Chapter Spring Reunion

The Florida Chapter will host their Spring 2004 Reunion during the period 23 – 25, April 2004 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel, 350 S. North Lake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, Florida 32715. Phone: 1-407-830-1985.

For further information, contact: Treasurer, Robert Krause, 4407 County Breeze Dr., New Port, Richey, FL 34653. Phone: 1-727-376-2660, rovinkid@earthlink.net.

Arizona Chapter Spring Reunion

Arizona Chapter will hold their spring reunion in Laughlin, NV on April 13-14-15 at Ramada Express. Room rates are \$16 per night on our contract #9063 (mention this number) Call 800-243-6846 for reservations. Members from all chapters are welcome!

Dinner will be at Nikki's. Choice of chicken or steak: \$25, including tax and tip. Mail checks for dinner (specify choice of entree) to: Mike Irving, 5145 Midnight Oil Drive, Henderson, NV 89122.

Bob Olson, Chapter President

Bob, it was an honor to cross your path

By: John Barclay, Phoenix

As an 18-year-old grunt with the 4th Infantry Division, more used to the trails of the Central Highlands and Ia Drang Valley near Pleiku, Vietnam, I was ecstatic to see Bob Hope.

My chance came unexpectedly, and soon came the punchlines, as if he had been with us all along. "Yeah, when I saw all the choppers you guys have up here, the colonel corrected me and told me they were mosquitoes." Then the deadpan look.

Laughter abounded. Soon we weren't thinking about how many days were left in our yearlong tour.

So used to seeing black-and-white footage of Bob doing this in earlier wars, I was stunned to be in the middle of my own version of a patriot's Woodstock. Les Brown and the orchestra, Barbara McNair, Raquel Welch, Miss World. But it was Bob that held us in his hand.

Every similar show henceforth for our troops should be called "We Bring You Hope," with his mug somewhere on stage looking for a laugh.

Bob, you helped many of us get home . . . so "thanks for the memories." It was an honor to have our lives cross paths.



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.

- ★ **ANGELONI**, Vincent A., 87, HQ Co., 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., 4th ID. World War II, passed away on November 27, 2003, at his home in Arroyo Grande, CA. He was inducted into the service in July 1941, trained in various camps, then was sent to England in 1943 for training for the invasion of Normandy. He landed on Utah Beach in the second wave on D-Day, June 6, 1944, was in combat throughout Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge and the Hurtgen Forest. He was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery during this conflict. He was discharged in 1945, then was called back to serve for two years during the Korean War. Vince was a longtime member of the Association, serving as President of the Western PA Chapter for two years, 1979-80, and National President in 1984. Vince and his wife Doris attended many mini-reunions in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida, and also many National Reunions. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Doris Polliard Angeloni, two sons, a daughter and four granddaughters. A beautiful memorial service was held for him on December 6, 2003, in Arroyo Grande, with military honors." Thanks to Doris Angeloni.
- ★ **ARMSTRONG**, SGM Wayne F. Born in Columbiana County Ohio on August 20, 1936, Sergeant Major Armstrong was drafted into the military service on December 11, 1954. Upon completion of basic training he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas, There he was a " marksman shooter." He was also stationed for three tours in Germany, where he met his wife Margot, whom he married in 1961. SGM Armstrong had two tours in Viet Nam. He was stationed in Alaska, Ft. Dix New Jersey and Ft. Ord, California. His last assignment was at Youngstown State University in Youngstown Ohio. SGM Armstrong was a combat arms sergeant for 7 years and 3 month, then into information specialist for 5 years and 10 month. The following is a list of his decoration's and medals. Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal; Silver Clasp W / 4 Loops; Army of Occupation; National Defense Service Medal; Viet Nam Service Medal; Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal; Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm; Combat Infantryman Badge; Drill Sergeant Identification Badge; Army Service; Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NCO Professional Development Ribbon. SGM Armstrong retired in 1983 due to physical disability; he passed away suddenly on July 1st, 2003 in Greenville PA Hospital. He is survived by his wife Margot and son Joseph W. Armstrong. Margot E. Armstrong, P.O. Box 193, Kinsman, Ohio 44428
- ★ **BLEDSE**, James R. "Shorty." He passed away at his home in Sweetwater, Tennessee, on Dec. 6, 2003. He served with the G Company, 8th Inf. Reg. during WWII. Thanks to his "buddy," George Kennedy.
- ★ **CARROLL**, Ed. B Co. 8th Inf. Reg. 4th ID. Passed away 2 Dec 2003. Recipient of Purple Heart WW II. Survived by Mary, his wife for 57 years.
- ★ **Wm. R. "Cookie."** Batt. "B" 29th FA, 4ID. Passed away 1 July 2003. Life member: West View Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2754, National 4th ID Assn. And Pup Tent #22 of the Military Order of the Cootie. Married to Cecelia Michewicz Cook 55 years.
- ★ **COCHRANE**, Phillip W. He passed away in September 2003. He served in the C/1/22 Inf., WWII. He was a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. His wife is Ethel Cochrane. 1329 N 19th St., Escanaba, MI 49829-1721.
- ★ **COULTER**, Alexander S. CWO, HQ/HQ Co., 124 Signal Bn. Age 35, from TN. Riding in a convoy that ran over I.E.D. Died on Nov. 17, 2003, Baqubah, Iraq.
- ★ **CROUCHER**, LTC Norbert. He passed away on Jan. 12, 2004. He interned at Arlington, VA, and served in F/2/12th Inf. in WWII. He was a member of the 4th ID Florida Chapter. His wife is Merle Croucher, 216 Greenbrier Dr., Palm Springs, FL 33461-1921.
- ★ **DESCHAMPS**, Emory A. Co. "F" 8th Inf. 4ID Passed away 31 Mar 03. Survived by his wife, Marie, his 28 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Served in the African Middle Eastern Theatre Campaigns and in the Rhineland Central Europe Campaigns. Awarded C.I.B. 11 May 45 and two Bronze Stars while holding 1st SGT position in an infantry rifle company. Thanks to Dick Sullivan, MidWest Chapter.
- ★ **DEHNENKAMP**, Henry. Passed away on Jan. 6, 2004. He served in the HQ Battery, 4th Div. Artillery. He was a member of the 4th ID Florida Chapter. His wife is Lisa Dehnenkamp.
- ★ **FOUHY**, Robert C. Passed away 4 Aug 2003. 4ID WW II survived by two sons and wife Carolyn of 55 years. (Photos).
- ★ **FLETCHER**, PFC Jacob S. Co. C, 2nd Bn. (Airborne) from Bay Shore, NY. Age 28. Riding in a bus that ran over land mine. Died on Nov. 13, 2003, Samara, Iraq.
- ★ **HOLCOMB**, Gary H. Passed away on 20 Sep 2003. Long time 4th ID assn. Member and Chaplain for several years. Thanks to his son Brent.
- ★ **GOMEZ**, Madeline, wife of the late Nicholas Gomez who served with the 22nd Infantry in World War II, died in July 2003 according to word from her niece, Mrs. Mary Mira, 251 Burnham Rd, Lowell MA 01852. Thanks to Frank Bradley.
- ★ **HARGER**, Lloyd. He passed away on Nov. 27, 2003. He served with G/22, WWII. He was a platoon sergeant in G Co. "He was a good soldier and a good friend," Herb Fowle. His wife is Veda Harger. 2242 SE 6th Terrace, Ocala FL 34471.
- ★ **KLAPPER**, Martin. Staff Sergeant in World War II. Fought with the 22nd Infantry Regiment in the American Campaign, European African Middle Eastern Campaign, and Northern France Campaign for which he received the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations, September 1, 1944. Passed away on January 6, 2003 of congenital heart failure. His wife, Jeanette, passed away six weeks later. Survived by daughters Cindy Greenberg and Michele Exter. Thanks to Cindy Greenberg.
- ★ **KOCHER**, Mary. Wife of Stanley B. Kocher who served in the 4th ID from June 1941 - Sept. 1945. Passed away 19 May 2002. Life member of 4th ID Assn. "Receiving THE IVY LEAVES has always been important to Stanley" - Jack Penrod.
- ★ **LAU**, Charles "Al." Passed away on July 22, 2003. He served in WWII - Utah Beach. He received The Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Award. He was in the first wave of the Normandy Invasion. His wife is Emma S. Lau. 30 Wanzell Rd., Copake, NY 12516. Thanks to Rolf & Janet Kluever.
- ★ **MELIS-PHILLIPS**, Mae Josephine, wife of Edmund F. Phillips, 49 Kensington Drive, Easton, MD 21601, died on 29 December 2003 in Mesa, Arizona, after a long illness. Ed, a member of the Capital Chapter, served with Co. C, 12th Inf., and WWII. Her first husband, Joseph Melis, who was the National President in 1958 and served with the 22nd Infantry in WW II. Thanks to Frank Bradley
- ★ **MONTGOMERY**, William C. He passed away in November 2003 at the age of 79 in Naples, CA. He was a Medical Litter Bearer, 22nd Inf. Reg. He landed at Utah Beach in June 6, 1944. He was awarded The Bronze Star, The Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Emblem E.T.O.-5, Campaign Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Army Occupation Medal, German Clasp, and Combat Medical Badge. Thanks to Jim Rogers and Jack Port, 2nd Battalion, 12th Reg.
- ★ **MORCOMB**, Glenn E. "New Guy". Served with D Co. 1/14th Infantry Reg June 1969 - Apr 1970. Wounded by a command detonated claymore in an ambush north of An Khe. He spent the next nine years in and out of Fitzsimmons Army Hospital before being transferred to the Minneapolis VA. His wife, Jean, passed away 8 Aug 2003. They leave behind four children: Glenn Jr. Rachel, and twin boys Joe and Andy.
- ★ **NEUMEISTER**, Hubert C. Staff Sgt. Battery B, 42nd Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Army, and

member of the 4th ID Ohio Chapter, passed away July 25, 2003 in West Chester, Ohio, in his 87th year. He was a proud veteran who served in the Normandy Invasion. For his bravery, he received The Bronze Star plus many other citations. He is survived by a sister, a nephew, and two nieces. Thanks to Mary Honerlaw.

★ **RANDALL**, Max Willard. Co. "F" 12 Reg. 4th Inf., Co. E during the Geronimo Campaign in the 1880s. He passed away 9 Nov 2002 WW II Received Bronze Star for actions in Hurtgen Forest. His memories are a part of B.Y.U. WW II historical archives. Thanks to Elizabeth Randall.

★ **RICE**, Robert T., Sr., 1502 Ronald Rd., Springfield, OH 45503-2434. He passed away on January 13, 2003. His wife predeceased him. Robert is survived by sons Stephen and Richard and a daughter Martha. He was a Memorial Member who established a Memorial Scholarship Fund at Xavier University in the name of his son Lt. Robert T. Rice Jr. who was Killed in Action August 8, 1970 while serving in Vietnam with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment.

★ **RINGLE**, C. William. Passed away on Dec. 14, 2003. He served during 1950 - 1952, Division Headquarters. His wife is Lois M. Ringle. 212 Irving Terrace, Buffalo, NY 14223. Thanks to Leonard & Jean Sternicki.

★ **SANTANGELO**, Vito F. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star & Purple Heart. Passed away 19 Jan 2002 from "major stroke". Wife Rose, cared for him 4 1/2 years. "He was my hero in war and in sickness." - Rose

★ **TAYNTON**, Lewis. Died 27 Dec 2002. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Survived by wife: Laura C. Taynton

★ **TECKMAN**, Ernest. Forty-year member of the Michigan Chapter, passed away on January 9, at the age of 85. A D-Day combat veteran of Cannon Company, Twelfth Infantry, Ernie was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star in addition to his CIB. One of the most active, supportive, and faithful of the Michigan Chapter's members, Ernie and his late wife Bernice were also well known to National Association members for their celebration of life. They were famous for dancing way past midnight and then cajoling the band to keep playing at the 4ID national conventions. Ernie was one of those cherished friends who never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always there to help any friend in need. He will be sorely missed but always remembered.

★ **WECHSLER**, Joseph. 5710 N Coplay Rd. Whitehall, PA. 18052 Wife (Carolyn) 4th ID Co. G 8th INF. Died Dec. 31 2003 WW11 Vet. Submitted by Jim Olesak, Treasurer Lehigh Valley Chapter.

★ **WEST**, Lois A. She passed away on June 30, 2002 in Ohio. She is the wife of Don M. West.

★ **WEST**, S.Sgt. Don M. He passed away on Oct. 15, 2002 in Ohio. He served in Co. G, 12th Reg., 4th Div. 1944 - 1945. His was predeceased by his wife, Lois A. West.

Freedom Isn't Free

By Kelly Strong
(Written as a high school senior.)

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin,
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.
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★ **WHITE**, Herman L. "Red". I write to let you know that my father, Herman L. "Red" White, 90, died yesterday morning, just over 2 months after his wife, Dorothy (Reigh), died. Daddy served as a Tech. Sergeant in the 8th Regiment, 3rd Battalion, Company I during WWII. He taught school for 40 years in Central PA and was proud that, during the war, one of his (very) superior officers asked him to teach men to read and write. Men often took their letters to him to show off their new reading skills and to get help in responding. It was gratifying for him to know that he was helping these men to stay connected with loved ones.

He enjoyed reading his *IVY Leaves* and often shared them with me (his daughter). He was

proud to have served with the 4th Division and to be a part of the National Association. We did a video last spring for the Veterans History Project. His 4th Division cap, Purple Heart, and other military medals were included in memorabilia displayed at his memorial service on January 17. Sincerely, Jane White Croyle, Petersburg, PA 16669.

★ **WIRES**, Ralph M., Box 153, 18725 Washington St., Tonogony, OH 43565. World War II - G/2/8th Inf. He passed away on July 31, 2003. Ralph was a Life member of the Ohio Chapter and attended both National and Chapter before his health prevented him from doing so.

★ **WOOD**, Frank. A-1-8 veteran passed. He served with 3rd platoon of A-1-8 from July of 67 through July of 68 in Vietnam. Lorne Johnston says Frank arrived a draftee E-4 rifleman and left a Staff Sergeant having served as point man, squad leader, platoon sergeant, and, after the nasty fight in May of 68, platoon leader until a Lieutenant replacement arrived. Frank was, according to Lorne, a very good point man and believes this was due to his growing up in the forests of Northern California where he worked before and after the Army, his whole life, as a lumberman. He was sixty years old.

Frank had been wrestling with cancer for quite some time and at the reunion this year, his first, urged everyone he spoke with to have a PSA test as soon as they returned home as his situation began with his Prostate and metastasized into other areas. Frank and Priscilla attended their first reunion this year and, since he was in remission, and now that he had "finally found us", promised that he would be in Atlantic City this year. Lorne says the cancer was detected in Frank's spine this past December and assumes this is what took him. Cards and messages may be sent to Priscilla at: PO Box 19, McCloud, California, 96057. I will be sending flowers on behalf of all of us and will forward final services information as soon as I have it, for those who may want to do something individually. Thanks to Ken McCormack.

★ **YEOMAN**, Preston E. Died on Dec. 7, 2003, at age 83. He attended the Armored Force Officer Candidate School during WWII and was a captain in the 70th Tank battalion under the leadership of General Patton. He received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Armored Tank Ribbon with Silver Battle Star, Bronze Battle Star, WWII Victory Medal, and numerous unit and battalion awards. He and his wife "enjoyed all the copies of THE IVY LEAVES." He is survived by his wife, Peggy; a daughter, Ann (James) Penick; and a son, Robert Yeoman.

★ **ZOLLER**, Paul S., 5113 Evergreen Ridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45215-5734. World War II, - Hqs., 44th Field Artillery Battalion. Passed away on December 21, 2003. Thanks to Terry Zoller.



From the Executive Director

Greg Rollinger

As of the end of January, we still have over 1000 members who have not yet paid their 2004 dues. I'm not sure if the Chapter Treasurers are behind in getting the renewals in to me or if we have that many members who have lost interest in the association. In any case, this number is about 30% higher than what it has been in previous years at this time of the year. Approximately 75 of the non-paid are from the Fort Hood Chapter which is understandable since they are on active duty. As to the rest of the chapters, none are at 100% renewal status for 2004. Congratulations to the Colorado, Lehigh Valley and Midwest Chapters for needing less than 10 renewals to attain 100%. I hope that all of our Chapters will keep working on getting the 1000 members back on the rolls for 2004.

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copy. So once again, I need to pass on these reminders. (1) If you are moving, please fill out the Change of Address form found in every issue of *The Ivy Leaves* and send it in to me. I'll notify your Chapter Treasurer of your new address. (2) If you are a Chapter Treasurer and discover that one of your members has moved please let me know ASAP so that the National database can be updated.

Welcome home to our newest 4th Infantry Division Veterans. Thank you for your service in "Operation Iraqi Freedom". I wish to extend a personal invitation to join this great association. We will welcome you with open arms.

4thfully, Greg Rollinger

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of 1944. He traveled with the "Double Deuce" as it rammed its way through France, Belgium, and into Germany, all the while enduring and recording the privations of men at war notwithstanding his worldwide fame. In a controversial breach of the Geneva Conventions governing war correspondents, he led Free French resistance fighters in action, personally participating in patrols, reconnaissance and intelligence gathering. This phase of his exploits is recounted in one of the most riveting stories in the book, "How We came to Paris."

After episodes spent in "liberating" his Parisian haunts from the 1920's (usually with ample champagne and brandy), Hemingway rejoined the 22nd Regiment, constantly impressing the professional soldiers with his quick grasp of military tactics, terrain, and troop movements. He witnessed the September assault on the Siegfried Line, the story of which is the last of the excerpts included in Hemingway on War. But this was not Hemingway's last battle. He stayed on through the bitter struggles of the Hurtgen Forest, where he again shouldered a rifle during a German counterattack. Fighting illness, he even returned to witness the last phases of the Battle of the Bulge. His dispatches, delivered in his crisp, minimalist style, later earned him the Bronze Star for meritorious service as a war correspondent. The citation noted his habit of "circulating freely under fire...in order to obtain an accurate picture of conditions."

Hemingway, already larger than life, returned to Cuba in early 1945, the most famous war correspondent in the West. His reputation only grew from there. Both his poorest book and his most acclaimed work lay years before him. He remained close to Buck Lanham and others from the Ivy Leaf throughout the remainder of his tumultuous and ultimately tragic life. Students of literature, history and warfare will benefit from all the journalism and fiction contained in Hemingway on War. Yet the most moving pieces are those from his six months with the 4th ID. Perhaps he left a little of himself there, to mingle with the souls of so many who never left.

**Timothy B. Taylor is a lawyer in private practice in San Diego.*

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ested.

The program foreseen by the cities of Sainte Mère Eglise and Sainte Marie du Mont is not yet definitive. As soon as I can, I'll send you the information.

Generally the program is more accurate around April-May. If you come on June 8, we'll be there also to meet you and this

with great pleasure. Most part of the big mass will be over but many things and exhibits will continue.

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