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The Ivy Leaves Goes to Iraq

by Bob Babcock

The veterans of the 4th Infantry Division welcome the newest 4ID veterans – those of you in Iraq who are reading this article. The 4th Infantry Division Association has served us since our first vets established the association while on occupation duty in Germany at the end of World War I. And now we are here to serve you.

Our first step in supporting our newest veterans is to make the March 2006 issue of "Ivy Leaves", the quarterly news magazine of the 4th Infantry Division Association available to our Soldiers in Iraq. We encourage you to read the magazine to learn about your association. You will find stories about the 4ID vets who served in WWII, the Cold War, and Vietnam, and expanded coverage about your accomplishments in Iraq. Please don't sit on this magazine when you finish

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reading it – pass it on to others. Cost factors do not allow us to send one copy per Soldier so we are counting on you passing each issue around to get the widest possible distribution.

You are part of a proud association of veterans with a long history of accomplishments in service to our nation. We are the only division to fight in the British, French, and American sectors in World War I. Our record was second to none in World War II – first seaborne troops to

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Purple Heart Recipients Honored

By SGT Brandy L. Jones, 4ID PAO

(LDRSHIP) is an Army acronym defining Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage...values today's Soldiers live by. Leadership was the main reason three 4TH Infantry Division Soldiers earned the Purple Heart during the 4ID's monthly Purple Heart and Volunteer of the Month Ceremony. The ceremony started with welcoming remarks from the Rear Commander, COL Dick Francey. "It's our privilege to pause in Honor of these great Americans," said Francey. "The Selfless Service of these Men and Women reflect the strength and compassion of this Division and our nation," Honoring the Purple Heart recipients, BG William Troy spoke about his gratitude and thanks to the

steadfast and loyal Soldiers who demonstrated personal courage; CW2 Jason Didonato, SSG Sisaket Bilavarn, and PFC Javier Garcia.

Mrs. Dee Thurman, First Lady of the IornHorse Division, was escorted by COL Francey to present the Volunteer of the Month Award to outstanding Volunteers who provide critical support to Family members and Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At the end of the ceremony, a special video message was played featuring the

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French Honor D-Day Vet Ricker

By Dick Taylor

4IDA Member Arthur Ricker recently received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy which led to giving the French people their freedom from the Nazi regime.

Ricker, who had enlisted prior to the U.S. entry into the war in Europe, soon found himself assigned to the 4th Engr. Combat Bn. and later running the beach code named "Utah" on June 6th, 1944 (D-Day).

He recently reported to a local newspaper near his home that, "I have never forgotten the feelings... sighs... and sounds of that day! I have tried to dismiss it from my mind, but it won't go away. There are times at night I wake up and a lot of the war is still on my mind."

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Training in Kuwait, then into Iraq

By Pfc. David Hodge
4th Infantry Division, PAO

More than 21,000 Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division shipped to Kuwait to stage for the move across the border into Iraq in the last months of the year 2005.

The Soldiers spent two weeks training in Kuwait before reaching their final destination in Baghdad.

The 4th Inf. Div. headquarters will base its operations out of Baghdad as opposed to basing operations in Tikrit like in the 2003 campaign. The 3rd Infantry Division will transfer authority to the 4ID. Jan. 6, 2006.

As of January 2006, about a brigade worth of Soldiers are still waiting to move across the border, said Maj. Thomas Luft, Special Troops Battalion, 4ID. The rest are actively conducting operations in Iraq.



FROM THE EDITOR...

Dick Taylor

Memo to all Chapter Presidents and their Treasurers:

Extra copies of *The Ivy Leaves* are sent to each chapter treasurer to be distributed to anyone who has just recently joined 4IDA... and for those whose copy has been lost in the mail,... or for prospective members.

In your chapter newsletters please make sure your members know you have extra copies... and encourage them to pick up a copy for anyone they know who might be interested in joining this remarkable association!

Fourthfully,
Dick Taylor
Volens et Potens

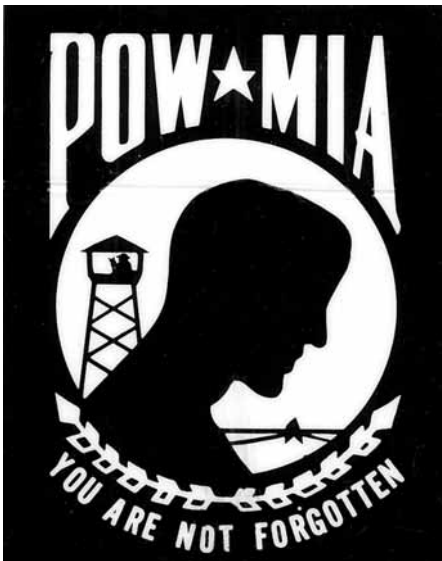
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land in Normandy on D-Day, unsung liberators of Paris, first into Germany, a month long fight slugging it out with the Germans in the bloody Hurtgen Forest, holding the southern shoulder in the Battle of the Bulge, and 199 days of non-stop combat without relief.

When Soldiers were needed back in Germany to stand against the Russian threat at the start of the Cold War, it was the 4ID that was called on first to return to Germany. During our four and a half years in Vietnam, the 4ID had the largest area of operations, the toughest jungle terrain, and fought the North Vietnamese near the Cambodian border of the central highlands.

On your first tour in Iraq, you fought in the toughest parts of the Sunni Triangle, were on non-stop offensive operations, and added the capture of Saddam Hussein to our long list of 4ID accomplishments.

And today you have the critical role of training the Iraqi Army while defending the capitol city of Baghdad. We are proud of your ongoing great work.

We want to hear from you. What type of news do you want to read in the Ivy Leaves? How can we best serve you? You are the future of this 88 year old association of 4ID Soldiers.

We also encourage you to join us – extra membership forms are included in this issue (and feel free to make copies of the form) – annual membership is only \$15. Many of you reading this issue of Ivy Leaves will be future leaders in our association – and we want to welcome you now rather than waiting for you to maybe find us at some time in the future. There is no time like the present to start your lifelong membership in the 4th Infantry Division Association. Like you, we remain – Steadfast and Loyal.

PURPLE HEART from page 1



Pictured above with a member of his family is Javier Garcia (2/8/2BCT) during ceremonies awarding him a Purple Heart.

4th Infantry Division Commander, Major General James D. Thurman who is currently deployed to Iraq. MG Thurman expressed his thanks to the volunteers for their support to the Division, to the family members and to the Soldiers.

Thurman also expressed his gratitude to the Purple Heart recipients, “to the volunteers and Purple Heart recipients, thank you for your selfless service, your sacrifice, sense of duty, and lack of fear on the battlefield. You’re true patriots,” said Thurman.

DRILL SERGEANT

By Curtis Varvel

After my first tour in Vietnam with Co A 4th Eng. Bn., 4th Inf. Div (66-67), I returned to Conus and was assigned to Fort Bliss, TX. On October 20, 1967 I graduated from Drill Sergeant School and received my Campaign Hat.

The goal of our program was to insure superior basic combat training. Each Drill demanding curriculum which included instruction in Leadership, Training Management, Basic Military Subjects, Effective Military Instruction, Physical Training, Bayonet and hand-to-hand Combat. And in addition we qualified in the same proficiency tests administered to the basic trainee.

The Drill Sergeant was capable of meeting the challenge of converting civilians into soldiers. It was an honor to wear the Campaign Hat, which may be worn only by those who have proven themselves worthy of bearing one of the most distinguished titles in The United States Army – The Drill Sergeant.

ALL VETS EVENTS

The Vietnam and All Veterans Of Brevard, Inc proudly presents:

- **Florida’s 19th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion: April 27 - 28 - 29 - 30, 2006**
- **Veterans Memorial Replicas: April 23 - 30, 2006 at Beautiful, “Wickham Park” Melbourne, Florida**

Check the following website for lodging and schedules <http://members.aol.com/FLVietVets/reunion.html>

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Ricker, now 84, was a combat engineer in “B” Co. 4th Engineer Combat Bn. His job, as a combat engineer, was to find and defuse enemy land mines... to build or rebuild bombed out bridges. And sometimes to plant mines to stop the enemy and to stymie the enemy maneuvers! Combat Engineers are usually out in front... in harm’s way!

All Vets Reunion Held

Submitted by Carole & Jim Phillips

The following is a short report of the very successful "All Vets Reunion" held this past summer in Florida:

We had a 4th Infantry Canopy with a 4th Infantry Division banner and 4th Infantry Division flags flying. Sixty five people who served with the 4th Infantry Division signed the guest book.

Jay Martin took it upon himself to set up the 4th canopy and put up the flags as he does every year. (Thanks Jay). He met up with Bruce Henry. He hadn't seen him since May 1968. It was a very emotional experience for both.

Norm & Mary Goodin flew in from the state of Washington just for this reunion. They first met up with Jim & Carole Phillips at a 1/12th reunion at Ft. Hood, TX. Phil & Brenda Menendez met both parties at Fort Carson, Colorado in 2003 also attended. Joseph Butler, Fred Rohrbough, Gary

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Buckner & Jim Kervin of the Vietnam Veteran's of America inn Osceola County, FL, also attended.

The 2/35th (Cacti) was represented by Ben Youmans, who is the secretary/treasurer. Also from the 2/35th were Thomas Eason, Gary Lee, Mark Labbe, Shockey Mayla, Larry Luske, & Charles (Chick) Aitchison.

Jack Butler of 2/8th met up with Bob Hart whom he hadn't seen for 35 years until Sunday morning at the 4th ID tent. It was a very emotional experience for both.

Many other units of the 4th Infantry were also represented in Melbourne, FL. Casey & Paige Kelly, 3/12th, came from Puerto Rico.

Update

The 4ID Museum

Ceilia Stratton,
4ID Museum Director/Curator
Fort Hood, TX

Some of you have had questions about the status of the museum and the monuments and memorials that we have around the museum area since the news of the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) move came out in 2005. A museum for an active-duty division is assumed to "follow the flag," and that has been the basis for all of our planning efforts here at the museum.

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During the summer of 2005, we worked extensively with the Fort Hood BRAC team to make sure that the historical collection would have a safe move to Fort Carson. The BRAC team understood the sensitive nature of historical property and went to great efforts to help us get quotes from packing and moving companies that had experience with artifacts.

We have also included in the moving costs the relocation of parts of our memorials—the things that are easily movable—plaques, statue, stained glass, etc. The structural elements will have to be constructed up at Carson so those items can be once again on display.

As far as a movement time is concerned, we have no concrete time given for the museum move—we are still in the planning processes.

For now, the museum is getting ready to completely renovate our World War I and World War II exhibits. We have contracted with a design firm to produce new exhibits for this area (Building 419). Exhibit completion is expected by this summer. This is an exciting project for us and we invite all of you to visit to see the results.

The museum staff is working diligently to ensure a safe move for our historical property and to ensure that we have a first-class museum operation in our new location. This proud division, our Soldiers, and our veterans deserve nothing less.



National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association



Membership Application

Having served with, or been attached to the 4th Infantry Division, I hereby apply for membership and enclose \$15.00 for annual dues. (Renewal New)

Era: WWII Cold War-Germany Vietnam Peacetime Iraq

Type of Membership: Veteran Active Duty Memorial Associate

I request placement in:

Closest Geographic Chapter

Specific Unit Chapter (Name: _____)

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I served/am serving with (unit): _____ (years) _____

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Scott Moffat

I hope all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday season. Here we are in 2006 already, boy the time just keeps on clicking by and I'm about half way through my tour of duty as the President of our Association.

I look forward to our July national reunion in Orlando, FL. The information is out and with the help of some special folks; the 1/10th Cavalry and Florida Chapters are ready to welcome you to this 88th Annual Reunion. I thank Linda Dufek for her enormous help in finalizing the events and dinners with the hotel. 1/10 Cavalry Treasurer Jim McIntyre has stayed on top of this with Linda's help.

As we move forward this year, I continue asking that as members we continually reach out to those 4th Division veterans and bring them into our fold. Being a part of this association has been a blessing for me and brought into contact with fellow soldiers that I served with some 40 years ago. Even more important, I have found new friends within our association that I look forward to seeing every year.

Since our 87th Reunion in Las Vegas last July I have had the pleasure of attending several Chapter reunions. I want to thank the

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Capital, Illinois/Wisconsin, Carolinas and California Chapters for their hospitality and making me welcome during their reunions. I also had the privilege to represent our association at the "Casing of the Colors Ceremony" at Fort Hood on October 28, 2005. I would like to thank Maj. General Thurman and CSM Riling for their warm welcome at the ceremony. As we all know by now, our 4th Infantry Division alma mater is back in Iraq on their second tour. I ask that you pray for our youngsters' safe return and I thank them immensely for fighting to keep this wonderful nation free of terror.

I thank Bob Babcock for once again writing and sending out updates on the Division during their deployment. This is a large undertaking and a lot of work for Bob. This

is a great service for our active duty families and our soldiers that are now in harms way. Thank you again Bob for a magnificent job.

We have accomplished a few business items during this last 6 months. The Executive Board has voted to include children of KIA children into the Scholarship Pool. Our 800 numbers has been discontinued because of the lack of usage. Roger Barton will continue to answer 4IDA questions using his other phone. Roger has added a photo section to the Web Page, I encourage all to take a look and submit pictures that you feel would be of interest to our membership.

Membership and fiscal responsibility still top the list of priorities for this years executive board. We continue to look at ways to get the association into the public eye and we are still researching ways to become more financially stable. We'll keep you all advised as we move toward Orlando in July. Remember that it is never too early to register both with the reunion committee and the hotel.

Fourthfully;

Scott Moffat

4IDA President, 2005-2006



FROM THE LIAISON OFFICER

Bob Babcock

The 4ID is back into the fight in Iraq – and our Soldiers are doing great work training the Iraqi Army while defending the greater Baghdad area. After taking charge from the 3ID in a transfer of authority ceremony on January 7, 2006, the 4ID has gotten into its battle rhythm and is daily improving the security, training, and living conditions for all the Iraqi military and civilian population.

This is a much different deployment than the one in 2003-2004. Rather than taking the lead in offensive operations as we did in the Sunni Triangle during the first deployment, our primary role is to train the Iraqi Army and Iraqi police to take over responsibility for their own

country. With that said, our Soldiers are taking the fight to the enemy, along with their Iraqi Army counterparts, and at the same time continue to focus on civil military actions. As was true during the last deployment, these good things that are being accomplished seldom make the news reported by the main stream media.

Roadside bombs, called Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), have been the biggest casualty producer thus far. Through 24 February, there have been 35 4ID and attached Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice since this deployment began – this is from both combat and non-combat related causes.

If you would like to support the deployed 4ID Soldiers with care packages, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the 4ID rear detachment commander who will help you connect with a unit.

Regular Email Updates From Iraq

Just as I did during the last deployment, I am distributing a "4ID Update from Iraq" news service via email. Anyone who would like to get these updates, which come out three or four times per week, should send their first and last names and their email address to Bob Babcock at babcock224@aol.com to be added to the update list.



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!

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

By George Thurston, President

2005 California Chapter Reunion, Sacramento

Our California Chapter mini reunion is now behind us and it turned out to be a very special one. There were 26 members, 11 wives, and 2 guests in attendance. New Officers were nominated, then elected for the coming year. They were George Thurston, President, Julio Leon, Vice-president, Dr. Manuel Roman Jr., Vice-president and Alex Quintanar, Treasurer. David Roderick, George Allen, and Bill Harrison, were all elected Chaplain.



California Chapter Reunion 2005, Sacramento, October 8, California Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

Saturday afternoon we had a wreath laying ceremony at the California Vietnam Veteran Memorial, located in the Sacramento Capitol Mall. Chaplain David Roderick presided over the services and ended it by asking everyone to call out a name of a person close to them who was either missing or killed during a war. It was quite a moving ceremony. This was followed by Richard Hussey leading us on a very informative tour of the Memorial. Engraved on the monuments 22 panels are the names of 5822 Californians who are either missing or made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

That evening our banquet was a huge success. Our first guest speaker was 4th IDA National President, Scott Moffat who filled us in on the current news from our 4th Infantry Division. He was followed by guest speaker, Susan Reid, who is a Licensed Contract Service Worker who specializes in PTSD. Her talk stirred up emotions in the audience and soon many members were participating in the lively discussions.

Plans are now being made with Dr. Manuel Roman Jr. spearheading the efforts, to have our 2006 reunion in Fresno, California on October 13th-14th and 15th at the Piccadilly Inn-Shaw. More information will follow.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Rick Adams

The Carolinas Chapter will be hosting two events this spring. The first is the Grand Reopening of the historic Dowd House on Saturday, April 22, 2006. The Dowd House was home for the Headquarters of Camp Greene, the birthplace of the 4th Infantry Division in 1917. The house and grounds has been renovated thanks to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Commission.

Activities will begin at 10:00 am.

The Dowd House is located at 2216 Monument Street just off Wilkerson Blvd, approximately 1 mile west of I-77 in Southwest Charlotte.

Camp Greene, named for Revolutionary War General, Nathaniel Greene was established in July 1917 on 2600 acres selected by General Leonard Wood on the southwest side of Charlotte, North Carolina. The Camp would become the birthplace of the 3rd, 4th, and 41st Divisions prior to the United States entry into WWI.

Those who attended the 2000 National Reunion in Charlotte will remember touring the Dowd House and the ceremony at the Monument, dedicated to the Camp at the corner of Monument Street and Wilkerson Blvd.

Past National President, 4IDA Historian, Author and Publisher, and Liaison Officer to the active 4TH Infantry Division, Mr. Robert O. Babcock will be the keynote speaker for the 4TH Infantry Division. Local dignitaries, military units and bands will be represented. Carolinas Chapter member Mr. Al Pichette has been meeting with the event planning committee. 4IDA members will not want to miss the event.

The Carolinas Chapter will hold our regular Spring Reunion, April 28-29, 2006 at the Holiday Inn – Airport, Columbia, South Carolina. Make your Hotel reservations direct with the hotel at 803-794-9440.

The Hotel is located at exit 111-B on I-26, which has been named the 4th Infantry Division Interchange. Mention the 4ID to get our rate of \$67/night. Please Pre-Register using the form published in the Chapter Events Section of this Ivy Leaves or download it online at 4thinfantry.org or call me 864-621-3727, so we have an accurate meal count. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for the Raffle after the Banquet.

We will have a seafood buffet on Friday night and the Flames of Remembrance Banquet on Saturday.

CO. G, 12TH REG., 4IDA

By Johnnie Newton

Held our 7th Reunion in the past 14 years. Thanks to all G Co. folks who attended.

Co. G Division was held at Beach Colony Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC. We had a very nice turn out. Reunion was held Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2005. Dinner and entertainment was held at Alabama Theater & Preston's Seafood Buffet. Great show and food.

Those attending were: Thomas & Betty Jean - Pangett, Caleo, VA; Ray & Eneel Hurlocker – Mt. Pleasant, NC; John & Madlyn Cole – Cordiva, TN; Rowland & Joan Gagne – Blackstone, MA; Rita Trottsler – Woodsocket, RI; Al & Mary Turner – Springfield, VA; Robert & Cebelle Thompson - Greenville, SC; Billie Turner - Washington D.C.; Robbie & Darla Turner – Panama City Beach, FL; Johnnie & Helen Newton – Concord, NC; Diane Segal & Kate – Miami, FL; Earl & Allie Hutchinson – Knoxville, TN. (Note: Apologies for any misspelled names as the list was handwritten.)

Hopefully, we can have our next reunion Sept. 2000. I'll contact everyone in March 2007 to see how many want to have our reunion in Sept. 2007. So let's keep in touch, so we can decide what to do.

I love you all. Good luck. God bless you all. Hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Alex Cooker

Members of the Easter Pa. Chapter met on December 11, 2005 at Rode's Fire Side, in Swedesboro, NJ for their annual Christmas dinner meeting. President Alex Cooker opened the dinner meeting with the flames of remembrance ceremony. Members and guests dined on prime rib, stuffed flounder and chicken cordon bleu while conversing with each other about world events, politics, the 4th Infantry Division Association and their daily lives.

Those in attendance included: Alex and Marian Cooker, Mrs. Joan Lukens, Edward MacEwen, Charles Harrison, Robert Zimmerman and guest Sue Broderick, Vera Berlew and guest Jim Sipple, Jacob Ruser, Joe and Ann Grinkewicz, and Jeannette and Fred Ulrich.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Bruce Gass

With the New Year, we, the Illinois Chapter, wish you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year. As in the past, we thank you for your membership in the chapter and the National Association for 2006.

We have the spring 2006 reunion upcoming in Springfield, IL in April. This will be an important reunion with a lot of things to consider, such as new constitution changes, one reunion a year, and where to hold the 2008 National reunion. All this needs one thing — your input. More details on the reunion in the Illinois Chapter newsletter.



From the left, Bob Gassett, Mayor Lionel Rivera, and Carlos Machin.

COLORADO CHAPTER

Greetings from the Colorado Springs area. Back in November of last year, we were fortunate to have one of our newest members and a very distinguished individual assist us with our 11 November Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park, here in Colorado Springs. None other than the Mayor of Colorado Springs, the honorable Mr. Lionel Rivera. Mr. Rivera was first elected to an at-large City Council set in April 1997 and re-elected again in April 1999. In April 2001, he was elected by his City Council colleagues to serve as Vice Mayor and Mayor for a two-year term. In April 2003, he was elected Mayor.

He is the first Hispanic vice Mayor and Mayor in the history of Colorado Springs. Originally from El Paso, Texas, Lionel came to Ft. Carson, Colorado as an Army Captain in 1984. He served in the 4th Infantry Division support command (DISCOM) as both a property book officer and a company commander.

He has served on many community boards including being a founder and past president of the Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Colorado Springs Greater Chamber of Commerce Board and United Way Board of Trustees and Executive Committee and co-chair of The Springs Community Action Plan. He is also a mentor in the Big Brothers – Big Sisters school based mentoring program and previously was a Big Brother for a one-to-one match.

Carlos Machin, Bob Gassett and I assisted Mayor Rivera with the ceremony. Other members also present for the ceremony were: Vic Lopez, former president and current secretary/treasurer; John Lamerson, former president of the Colorado Springs Veterans Council; and new member, Monty Wilson.

In closing, we hope to see as many 4th Infantry Division members as possible for our 2007 National reunion. Detailed information will be published on this event down the road.

With winter about over, spring brings many new beginnings. We ask that you help build this association into one of the strongest in the nation. By that, you are asked to do what ever is needed. Be it that you show up at a reunion, a veterans meeting or what ever, just be there. And proudly show the 4th colors.

At the end of April, some of the men that I served with (1st /22nd), will meet again for the first time in 38 years. This is a dream come true, something that I always hoped for. As I always end my article, keep looking, because they are looking for you, too. Well it is true, they have been looking too.

And please, keep our active duty personnel and the soldiers and sailors deployed in your thoughts and prayers.

MID-SOUTH CHAPTER

By Herb Martin

The first thing I would like to do, is to apologize for missing the last issue of the "Ivy Leaves". I had a personnel family medical problem and it put me about a month behind in everything. I missed the deadline by a week. Again my apology, hopefully, it won't happen again.

First on my report is membership. All of our membership dues have gone out and so far and we have about 90% have paid their dues. We have a few new members. We had our first Veterans Day parade here in Columbus (The first in 25 years, has to be a record) and I found out that there were a lot of 4th ID men living here in Columbus. Some of them served in the same units. We are starting to get new members from the 223rd Engineer Battalion, Miss. National Guard (Were attached to the 4th in Iraq). The new members are: Clyde Boyd, Willie Byrd, Maj. Eric Croke, Rodney Ivy, and John Johnson.

William Ross, Elbert Sellers, Wallace Weakley and William Wise. I am doing some recruiting with the 223rd. I still have to get to the line companies, there spread out in four different cities.

Second on my report is the reunion. All of the information and registration forms have been sent out to all of the members. Everything has been set up and ready, now all I need is for you members to start sending them in. I have a quest speaker already taken care of. That person will be Maj. Eric Croke the current Executive Officer of the 223rd Eng. Bat. He can fill us in on what happened in Iraq when they were attached to the 4th. Remember all pre registration have to be in by April 1, 2006. I am sure there will be some late old and new members. We will take care of that when the time comes. If you have any questions about the reunion you can contact me at: 745 W. Jess Lyons Rd., Columbus, MS 39705, 662-434-9993, martin4thin@exceedtech.net

Thirdly, I have been getting a lot of membership renewal and reunion notice back. If you change address or you have had a death, please let me know. I have not been receiving any taps notices like Lee did, I feel like I am not needed. Please notify me about anything you all think is important. About the reunion, I am looking for volunteers to work at the sign in table at the reunion If would like to volunteer please let me

are Bill Redmond know. Also I am looking for items to give away for door prizes. If you know anyone that is willing to donate an item are two, please bring them with you to the reunion are send them by someone you know that will be attending. I guess that's it for this report, hope see a lot of you at the reunion. MAR 2006

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Frank Bradley

Spring Meeting

The New England Chapter of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association will hold its Spring meeting 27-30 April 2006 at the Best Western Mainstay Inn. Completely remodeled with a second floor, new elevators, dining area and dance floor, the Inn is located at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, RI 02840-1310. Please make your hotel reservations directly by calling 1-401-849-9880 and mentioning the 4th Division Association. Room rates are \$76.84 for Thursday through Saturday including tax. Make your reservations as soon as possible but no later than 27 March 2006 to receive this special rate. The hotel, located just off the Newport Bridge, is close to downtown and the Newport Naval Base.

On Thursday afternoon, 27 April, the hospitality room will open for early arrivals.

On Friday, 28 April at 11 A.M., a scenic bus tour will pick up the group going on a tour of Newport which will include a ten-mile ocean drive and Bellevue Avenue. At 1 P.M. the group will go to the Atlantic Beach Club for lunch and will be back at the hotel by 3 P.M. The cost of the tour and hot lunch will be \$40 per person.

On Saturday morning, 29 April, the men will assemble for a business meeting at 10 A.M. The ladies will tour The Breakers, a famous Newport mansion at 10:30 A.M. The charge for transportation and admission will be \$10 per person.

All the ladies attending the reunion are asked to please bring a green hat.

On Saturday evening following the social hour with a cash bar starting at 5 P.M., we shall have our Flames of Remembrance ceremony with dinner to follow at 6 P.M.

The customary letter will be sent to Chapter members and friends. Other 4th Division people wishing to attend this mini-reunion should contact: Siegfried Budrick, 49 Black Flats Road, Dennis, MA 02638-1713, (508-385-2291) as soon as possible, but no later than 5 April 2006.

SPOTSWOOD DE WITT CHAPTER

By Lyn Lennon, Scribe

The Spotswood de Witt Chapter takes its membership from those who served with the 6/29 Arty (the CAN DO battalion) in Viet Nam in any capacity, whether assigned or attached. We have identified 2484 who qualify for membership.

Of these the personal data for 1484 have been verified, and 364 of those are deceased. Of the remainder we have 227 dues paid members and are pressing for more.

We mourn the loss of a member who has done yeoman work, not just for the Chapter, but also for the 29th Arty Regiment. MSG Danny Fisher established the 29th Arty web page and operated it until 31 Dec 2005.

Please go to http://members.tripod.com/msg_fishe to check the web page and look in the Obits for Danny as he remains in observation.

Our collective New Years resolutions are:

1. Eat less.
2. Drink more water.
3. Keep closer contact with our friends.
4. Attend the reunion.

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Doyle Volkmer

Texas-Oklahoma Chapter treasurer, Jack Salyers, took a hit from Hurricane Rita. He had three families living with him for a while. He had a generator which made him popular. He says everything is back on track now. We drove through the area in January this year and there still is a lot of devastation visible.

If you have any tidbits you would like to pass on to the other members get 'em to me at 979-240-3290 (Cell).

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Roger R Dufek

The Wisconsin chapter is gearing up for their annual Spring Reunion and bingo at King Veterans Home.

The reunion will be held in Shawano and it will be a Member Appreciation as well as a family and friends weekend. We will be staying at the Country Inn and Suites which has always been a big hit. The chapter will be sponsoring the cocktails and banquet to show our appreciation to all the members.

Bingo at King will be part of the weekend thanks to Ken and Cam Schmidt. Thru their efforts we join forces with the Amvets out of Campbellsport. We will host an afternoon of bingo with the residents at the veterans home which has always be greatly appreciated and fulfilling. We look forward to seeing everyone in Florida.

Please look at the Chapter Events section of this issue of *The Ivy Leaves* for your application. Your prompt submittal will help us.

4ID Organization for 2005-2006 Deployment to Iraq

By Bob Babcock

Major organizational changes have been made to the 4th Infantry Division since their last deployment. Current organization is:

- 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) consists of 1-22 IN, 1-66 AR, 7-10 CAV, 4-42 FA, 4 Support Battalion (SB), and 1st Special Troops Battalion (STB).
- 2nd BCT consists of 2-8 IN, 1-67 AR, 1-10 CAV, 3-16 FA, 204 SB, and 2nd STB.
- 3rd BCT consists of 1-8 IN, 1-68 AR, 2-9 CAV, 3-29 FA, 64 SB, and 3rd STB.
- 4th BCT consists of 1-12 IN, 3-67 AR, 8-10 CAV, 2-77 FA, 704 SB, and 4th STB.
- Fires Brigade (formerly Division Artillery) consists of 2-20 FA, 1-21 FA, 589 SB.
- Aviation Brigade consists of 1-4 AVN, 2-4 AVN, 3-4 AVN, 4-4 AVN, 404 SB.

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★ DORSEY WHITE ★

Service:
U.S. Army, 22nd
Regiment, 4th
Infantry Division

Wounded:
On April 1, 1945,
in the Hillesheim,
Germany, White
was riding on a
tank when a bullet
shattered his
elbow. Months of
carrying a Brown-
ing Automatic
Rifle and am-
munition around
Europe later left
him with painful
vericose veins.

Dorsey White, 89, Mount Pleasant, is one such soldier.

His right arm would cramp up continually whenever he tried to fix machines at the hosiery factory he returned to after World War II. He still can't feel the pinky and ring finger on his right hand.

"I volunteered, so I guess I don't really have a right to complain," White said. White said the wound to his elbow would act up every time he used the wrenches and r l i e r s to adjust the machines.

"I'd just have to walk away," White said. "Nobody said anything."

"I don't regret it," he said of his war-time service. "Not one bit. I got an education out of it, matter-of-fact. You learn a lot being in the service. Being with other people. You get to love other people you never thought you would. We all thought a lot of each other."

White was married with two children and a brother was fighting in the Philippines. He figured he wasn't going to get called up, so he enlisted on the Fourth of July, 1944, about a month after D-Day.

"I walked into the local draft board and asked for immediate induction," White said. "I had a nice job in an air-conditioned factory. I wasn't in Camp Wheeler, Ga., two days when I was wishing I was back



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Remembering Vietnam

Army veteran recalls 'the guys who got killed'

BY KEITH ROGERS

REVIEW JOURNAL

Michael Irving will never forget the bullet that ripped through his leg 36 years ago in Vietnam. Nor has he been able to erase from his mind the scent of the Southeast Asia jungles where he served two combat tours.

As it turned out, the shot from an enemy's AK-47 rifle and the scary helicopter evacuation that followed were only blinks in Irving's 26-year Army career.

But it ranks among the top memories for the veteran sergeant. His other tours of duty took him to Korea, Germany, the Dominican Republic and Fort Myer, Va., where he served in the prestigious 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," guardians of the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Because of the precision that is required of members of "The Third herd," "the first thing they ask you is 'Can you dance?' You have to be able to cut the rug," Irving said, adding that he hadn't been much of a dancer since his high school days in New York in 1953.

He cut short his schooling to sign up for the Army. "At first I didn't like it. There was too much drill and ceremony and I worked every Sunday," Irving said this week at his home in southeast Las Vegas.

"Then it grew on me. It's an honor to be there," he said.

At first 6-foot-4, Irving was too tall to be a tomb guard, so he was assigned to work security detail in the nation's capital during the Cold War years of 1958-60.

For the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, he provided security during



Michael Irving displays decorations from his 26 years in the Army, including two tours in Vietnam. GARY THOMPSON/REVIEW JOURNAL



first sergeant from the 4th Infantry Division.

McNerney was one of four from the division's 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry who received the Medal of Honor in 1967, and the only

A drawing made for Michael Irving by an artist in one of his units.

In June 1968, he went to Germany, where he had "the greatest job" as first sergeant of 900-man company. But after about six months, he was ordered to Vietnam for a second tour of duty.

many of whom were killed or wounded.

In 1969, he was outside of Da Nang during monsoon season, guarding bridges and riding trains on security missions.

with an M-16.

"I told the old man (the commander), 'I'm shot. I turned around and, bam.'"

Irving was evacuated on a jump penetrator, a harness attached to a rope that can be winched into a helicopter.

"I was up about 1,500 feet. I think that was the scariest I'd ever been. I was hoping the rope wouldn't break," he said.

He was taken to a surgical hospital and later transferred to recover at a hospital ward in Japan where only one guy out of 40 could walk.

Looking back on the Vietnam War, Irving said, "We really should have gone to Hanoi and got it over with. I really don't feel like we lost the war. Every time we got in a firefight we won," he said.

"I hate to use the word 'body count,' but we always came up on top."

As for the current war in Iraq, Irving said, "I don't think they're going to let it be another Vietnam. After this election, they're going to start

Show Your Patriotism

By Dick Taylor

Most everyone loves a patriot. Newspapers like to tell the stories of patriots!

Your local newspaper actually wants to publish "your personal" army experience.

Newspapers that print a daily edition have a great need for more and more stories day after day. So don't be bashful. Talk to them about your history.

How do you do it? Easy! Follow these simple directions and you will find (probably) they will interview you right over the phone!

#1: Look on page two (2) or page three (3) and find their "flag". That's the space where they put all the information about their newspaper. Their address, the name of the publishing company, the Managing Editor, etc. You'll find lots of names with their titles (job name). Look for the "City Editor" or "Local News Editor".

#2: Call the Local News Editor. If you or your family have lived in that town/city many years (or generations) be sure to tell them that! They do like stories that many of their readers will find familiar.

#3: Before you call the Local News Editor put all your per-

sonal information in front of you. They may ask for some facts (Did your Mom & Dad live and work there... did you have family scattered around town, etc.

#4: Tell them you are a veteran of the Famous Fourth (Infantry Division) and note that it is the 4th Infantry Division that is now deployed in Iraq... that it was the 4th Inf. Div. that caught Saddam Hussein!

#5: Tell them when you were with the 4th Inf. Div.... give them the name of your unit; and what your unit's responsibility was (FA? Eng.? Rifle Co.?) and your individual job.

#6: Pick out one or two interesting events during your tour of duty... Happy ones; sad ones, scary ones... just one or two!

#7: Then shut up and answer the questions they ask of you. Don't talk too much...

But tell enough to get them interested in hearing more. Newspapers like scary war stories but don't overplay it.

IT'S THAT EASY! Try it. You'll like it!

At Press Time...

We have been informed that Dorsey White (pictured top left) passed away suddenly on February 10th. We wish to express our sincere condolences to his family.

WATCH US GROW!

This page is for every 4IDA member to use to help us grow.

(Tear out this page...fill in all the appropriate spaces with info on all the 4ID vets you know who should be a member...make out a check for \$30.00 and mail it to 4IDA Executive Director Rollinger).

Be a Part of the Team! Watch Us Grow!

(Our by-laws allow for family, friends, memorials for deceased 4ID vets, heirs, supporters, and associates to be members. That would include your local library, VFW Post, military reenactors, local ROTC posts, National Guard units, *all patriotic Americans. Non-vets can support us but cannot vote on 4IDA official business.*)

Watch Us Grow by Being a Leader!

Do it Today and mail in this full page (filled out and with your check). Help us fill a full page honoring you (as the sponsor and the new member) on a full page in the next issue of your *IVY LEAVES* news magazine!

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LOOKING FOR...



Looking for:

BRONZE STAR

I'm looking for a site that lists Bronze Star honorees from the 4th infantry - Iraqi conflict. Thank you for any help you can give me. Laverne Horton 8284cr 208 Navasota, Texas.

laverneh11@earthlink.net



Looking for:

ELMER Q. SIDDALL or anyone WWII vet 2nd Bn. 12th infantry

Sir, I have been doing research on my Uncle Elmer Q. Siddall, KIA June 6, 1944 355:987 (NE of St. Mere Eglise) and his fellow Paratrooper Moses DeSouza KIA with the 4th Infantry Division, 1/12th A Company on June 11, 1944. Both were part of the 82nd B/307 Engineers. My uncle's Isolated Grave was located directly in the path that the 2/12th took on their advance on the morning of June 7th. I am seeking contact with any surviving members of either 1st or 2nd Battalions who were Normandy veterans.

I have narrowed the search down after three years to these two units. Any members of A Company who remember Pvt. Edward Dixon KIA June 12, 1944 or Pfc. Sermour Henenberg who died of his wounds on June 12, 1944 who I could contact would be of immense value. I am in constant contact with Moses DeSouzes brother who is searching for information about his brother to this day.

I myself am searching for any members of the 2nd battalion of the 12th Infantry Regiment.

If you are not the person to contact about this, maybe you could point me in the correct direction.

Thanks and have a Happy New Year,

Brian Siddalle
brian@airborneinnormandy.com



Looking for:

SOLDIER WOUNDED NEAR DAK-TO

My name is Ted Riendeau. I was a Dust-Off pilot with the 283rd Med Det in Vietnam from Mar of 67 to Mar of 68.

At some point during the battle of Dak-To, (Nov 67) I evacuated a 4th ID soldier from the field south of Dak-To who had a machete wound, I believe, to his leg. The wound wasn't real serious, however the "small world" circumstances were.

As he was being treated for his wounds at the Dak-To aid station he thought he recognized me from an earlier encounter. He asked me if I had been involved in a helicopter evacuation in support of the 9th ID some six months earlier in the 3 Corps area north of Vung Tau. It had resulted in a crash landing, virtually on top of his platoon, while attempting a night hoist mission for one of his platoon members who had sustained a gun shot wound to the head.

He had received, again a minor injury, caused by "flying parts"

of our helicopter as we crashed. After the crash, he had the where-with-all to locate a fire extinguisher next to the Aircraft Commanders seat and extinguish the fire that was starting around the engine. There were some serious injuries, one fatal, with two crewmembers trapped inside. I feel sure that without his actions, and good judgement, that two more crewmembers would have likely have perished in the fire/explosion that he prevented.

I replied that I had, however, how had he been in the field with the 9th ID in a different Corps Area, six months prior? It seems that, as I recall him telling me, the 4th ID infused some "experienced" combat troops from other units, so he had the privilege, or misfortune, to spend virtually all his year in the field.

He informed me that he had only a few days left to his deros. It seemed to me that he had done more than his "fare share," not to mention probably saving a couple of our crewmembers' lives. I told the doctor the story and asked if he would categorize him as in need of evacuation to Pleiku on the following day. Staying around Dak-To during those days was hazardous to your health, as you may know. We flew him to Pleiku the next day.

I told this story to a fellow pilot at last years VHPA convention and he thought that being he had served in both units, and had been evacuated twice, that he may be easier to find.

It would be great to get in touch with him and thank him properly. I also am in touch with one of the other pilots to this day. One that probably owes his life to this unrecognized hero!

I believe that there were about 300,000 troops in VN at the time. Our paths crossed twice, under very unusual circumstances!!

Do you have any suggestions? Thanks.

Ted Riendeau 414-350-7103
tedriendeau@hotmail.com



Looking for:

2nd SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY BLACKHAWKS

I have been a member of the 4ID for several years (Michigan Chapter) and am convinced that you can reach some of the Blackhawks that we haven't "found" yet. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

• August 31 - September 3, 2006

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association (Vietnam) will hold their reunion in Gettysburg, PA.

If you served with us, please contact:

Dennis Scott: (989) 224-2601
denscott@gmail.com



Looking for:

JOHN J. GRIESSER

Dear Mr. Taylor: I am doing genealogical research concerning my father and his army service during World War II. He, John J. Grieser, served from Feb. 27, 19441 ((Ft. Benning) to Mar. 26, 11943. During the first half off his service, he was in Co. L, 88th

Inf. Regt., 4ID. He later transferred to first, the 31st Ordinance (Heavy Maintenance) Co. And then, the 99th Ordinance (Heavy Maintenance) Co.

I should be truly grateful for any notes, photos or stories anyone may be able to share with me.

With thanks & Respectfully yours,

John R. Grieser
9205 Ridge Blvd., 1G
Brooklyn, NY 11209-6217



Looking for:

ISIDORE GRUBER'S COMRADES-IN-ARMS

Dear Sir: My father, ISIDORE GRUBER, served with the 4th during WW2. He landed at Normandy, June 21, 1944 and continued to serve until he was wounded in combat on March 1, 1945 in Germany. My recollections of his service stem from his descriptions when I was a child and his DD 214 which I have.

He served with the 4th at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland where he received his wounds. His service number was 32 064 839. He served as a squad leader and obviously carried an M-1. Can you tell me anything about his service or where I can find out?

Fred Gruber
1117 Interlaken Ave. Ocean, NJ 07712
grub_5@msn.com



Looking for:

BILLY BATTLES (SGT E-5)

Billy Battles was last heard of when he was separated at Ft. Lewis, WA, 1992. He had been a Helicopter repairer in Vietnam 1972-76. Any help would be appreciated.

Nick Reville
Balado, Kinross,
Tayside, KY13-OPF
England



Looking for:

D-DAY VETS

I live five minutes from *Utah Beach* and am in the process of gathering information in order to write a new book on the 4th ID and it's brave men 5 June 1944 "loading up" and 6 June 1944 as they charge across the sand to find "cover" beyond the beach at Normandy. Thanks in advance. My book will be sold at gift shops and museums in and around UTAH BEACH.

If you were there, please write me: info@ivyhousefrance.com or write to me

Stephen Lee, Ivy House,
50480 St. Marie dul Mont,
La Madelein, FRANCE.



Looking for:

GIENGEN, GERMANY LIBERATORS

Anyone who was in Giengen, Germany, April 1945, when the Germans retreated and the Americans "took the town".

Frau Ursula Gerschewski,
ursula.gerschewski@gmx.de



Looking for:

PLEIKU, RVN 1967-68 VETS

My name is Dale Snyder and I am a Vietnam vet. I have been trying to locate men I served with while in Vietnam but have had no luck to date. As Executive Director of the 4IDA I thought you might be able to help me.

I was a cook with the 4th Replacement Detachment 4ID at Pleiku from Sep 1967 to Sep '68. I have tried all kinds of locaters to find some of the men I served with but not knowing last names of those I seek the locaters could not help. I would recognize last names or "nick names" if someone were to call me.

Thanks. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Dale Snyder: (716) 296-5364 (Res.#)
or (716) 640-8161 (Cell#)



Looking for:

COMRADES DURING COLD WAR IN GERMANY

Dear Dick: In the last issue of THE IVY LEAVES there was a photo of 4ID soldiers at the Frankfurt Bahnhof. Please publish my request for date of that photo and names of the guys in the photo.

Also please ask for anyone to correspond with me who were in the 22nd Regiment stationed at the Ayers, Kaserne between the dates of January 1954 to 55.

James Waterman
1542 E. Alluvial #217
Fresno, CA 93720.
(559) 298-2002

Editor's Note: Attention Maurice Forrester – Please contact James B. Waterman. I'm sure he'd like to hear from you.



Looking for:

ANYONE FROM WWII, 2nd Bn., 12th Inf.

I would like to hear from anyone from WWII 2nd/12th who knew Elmer Siddall...airborne into Normandy.

Thanks.

Brian Siddall
brian@airborneinnormandy.com

Getting to Know You

Meet our new Advertising Director, Royce L. Reed



Royce Reed, newly appointed Advertising Director

I was born 2-14-45 in Salisbury, Maryland, where my Dad was serving at an U.S. Coast Guard station on Chincoteague Island, Virginia.

I went to school in Newton, IL, a small rural community in the southeastern part of the state. After high school I attended Southern Illinois University, where I received my BA Degree in Education in 1968. At the conclusion of my second year of teaching in Pawnee, IL, I received my draft notice.

I was inducted into the U.S. Army on 6-2-69 in St. Louis, Mo. And left for Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for basic training. My next station was Fort Ord, California. Upon completion of AIT, those over 18 were assigned to the Republic of South Vietnam.

After leave, I reported to Oakland-Alameda Naval Air Station and transported to Travis Air Force Base and a flight to RVN. Upon landing at Ton Su Nhut Air Base (10-30-69), we were trucked to a replacement depot where I was assigned to the 4th Division and flown outside Pleiku to Camp Enari. There I was assigned to A-1-8 and trucked to An Khe. At An Khe I was outfitted with weapon & equipment and choppered to a firebase where I began my 12 months of humping the boonies. After 5 months, the 1-8 went home and I was reas-

signed 1-22. At the conclusion of my year, I was sent to An Khe,

Pleiku, and Cam Rahn Bay for out-processing and a departure flight to Fort Lewis, Washington. Back in the U.S. I was given a steak dinner, new dress greens, and a 30-day leave. The remainder of my military time was spent at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Upon discharge, 6-1-71, I returned to my former teaching assignments in Pawnee, IL and continued teaching Jr. High/High School art for 23 years. I also was an assistant high football coach, girl's basketball coach, and sponsored a variety of extra curricular duties. In June '74 I married Linda Gorman, who was teaching at the same school.

I completed a MS Degree in Educational Administration in '76 and spent the last 9 years of my career as a building principal in Morrisonville, Illinois (60 miles northeast of St. Louis, Mo.). In '02 I became eligible for, and took advantage of, the early retirement. My wife, Linda, retired the following year.

We currently spend our time substitute teaching and I'm back coaching football. Our retirement trips seem to revolve around reunions of A-1-8. I'm presently a member of both the A-1-8 & Illinois Chapters of the National 4th Infantry Division Association. I also have memberships in The American Legion-Post #0032, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Post #4763, and The Military Order of the Purple Heart.

My address is 3720 West Bluffs Rd., Springfield, Illinois, 62711. My email address is: RoyceReedA184@insightbb.com.

The Battlefield... Revisited



Pictured above is a timeless tribute to "our guys" of WWII. It is permanently affixed to a monument in Echternach, Luxembourg. Photo by Bill Buell.



The chateau pictured above was the CP of the 12 Reg. 4ID during the battle to take Montebourg during WWII. It was vacant and apparently abandoned when 4IDA member Bill Buell went back to visit places of his youth. When built (1800's?) it had been the lap of luxury, but became a virtual nightmare of expense to maintain and modernize it with indoor plumbing, heating, and electrification... hence its present situation: deserted. Photo by Bill Buell.

Do you know this

Unsung Hero

Dear Sir:

As you well know, there are often times, unsung heroes that come out of every conflict. The war in Vietnam was no exception.

Being from Mexico, never having been involved with the political ramifications of that conflict, and living with my husband for nearly 28 years, I have come to appreciate Vietnam vets, and the sacrifices they made under the most grueling of conditions.

My husband, Frederick L. Golladay; served with Co. B, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf., 4th Infantry Division, from June 9, 1969 to June 10, 1970, as a rifleman and M-60 machine gunner.

It has only been in the past few years that he has begun to speak of his experiences in Vietnam. He has endured Malaria, dysentery, hepatitis, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer and PTSD: all due to his time served in Vietnam.

He has told at least four stories that I am convinced are more than mere anecdotes, since his psyche has been so deeply affected by them. I would like to see them substantiated, if possible, by anyone who may recall the events. That is why I am writing you.

Story:

Some time in 1969/70, he says that several of the helicopters in his group, landed in a wrong LZ. They ended up with another group of men of the 4th Infantry, not with their own unit (1/22). As they were supplied with C-rations, their custom was to burn and destroy the left over boxes and unused food. When they were packing up and readying to move out, some helicopters above saw the smoke through the jungle canopy and opened up on the men on the ground with the machine guns. My husband has said that several men were killed next/or nearby him. He and the medic jumped up during the intense firing and worked together to help the dying and wounded. He said there was a lieutenant there, who was wounded through the buttocks with a tracer round that had hit his tailbone and exited the other side (leaving a deep black streak across the officer's buttocks). Fred also said that there were men crying for "Mom," and some with sucking chest wounds. He was un-injured in the "friendly fire" strafing. The firing stopped only after they "popped" multiple colored smoke grenades. He also said that as they were loading the dead and wounded onto helicopters, one man shot himself in the foot in order to get out. He too was loaded aboard a helicopter.

My husband has tried to find records of this incident, but none are to be found for the 1/22. It is my hope that someone from that other unit, or his own, will remember this, and perhaps saw my husband assisting the medic.

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Editor's note: the submitter also presented 3 additional stories we hope to publish in future editions of The Ivy Leaves magazine

Keeping the 4th Inf. Div. Image Alive

By Dick Taylor

The world over, there are groups of young men who spend their weekends keeping alive the history of famous army units and famous armed conflicts.

During Bob Babcock's 60th Anniversary of D-day tour June of 2004 our group had the pleasure of meeting one of these groups. They are known as "The World War II Living History Group" and they take their history very seriously. We met up with them because they have picked the 4th ID as their unit to honor.

The following two paragraphs are taken from a first class pamphlet they use to tell their story:

The WWII Living History Association was formed in 1978 when several small groups of military vehicle and uniform collectors decided to work together in putting their collections to practical use. Our staging of the first large scale WWII battle display in the UK brought forward a large number of similarly minded enthusiasts and thus WWII re-enactment became firmly established alongside other periods in our history, such as the English Civil War.

Having recruited "troops" the next step was to decide which units (our group) should (represent). (We choose the 4th Infantry Division) and then we went about putting together the correct uniforms and equipment.

All WWII LHA units are uniformed and equipped exactly as they would have been at the time, resulting in some of the most historically correct and authentic groups from that period in the world today.

Editor's note: The current Commander of the 4th ID LHG is Colin Wright. You can reach him at www.4thdivisionlhg.org.uk or by writing: 187 Bedford Close, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 8LQ, England.

40 MEN OR 8 HORSES



Photo taken June – July 1945. Leaving Germany to Le Harie, France. Going home to redeployment furlough some 60 years ago. We traveled in (40 & 8) 40 men or 8 horses box cars. We were the lucky ones going home. (Taken with a box camera.) Thought your readers might be interested in this. Photo taken and submitted by Alfred Rutherford, Co. G, 22nd Regt., 4ID



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4th Infantry Division Takes Responsibility for Baghdad

By Bob Babcock

In a transfer of responsibility ceremony on 7 January 2006, MG J. D. Thurman and Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division took over responsibility for the Baghdad, Iraq area from the 3rd Infantry Division.

Along with the change of authority comes an expanded battle space for the Ironhorse Division. In addition to the Baghdad province, the division will also be responsible for the provinces of Karbala, An Najaf and Babil

The key role of 4ID, also known as Multi-National Division – Baghdad or MND-Baghdad is to train the Iraqi Army, and Iraqi Police so that they can assume more and more control and responsibility

of the region.

“We’ve got to be patient,” said Thurman. “We’ve got to be committed. We’ve got to respect the Iraqis, and we have to work with the people. We want them to win this war against the insurgency and win their fight for democracy.”

Although 40 percent of the division’s Soldiers previously served in the theater of operations, CSM Riling said many things have changed since the division last stepped foot in Iraq, citing the emergence of the Iraqi Security Forces, Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police. “We’re working together, hand-in-hand, to win this war,” he said. “I think that’s a great accomplishment.”

The goal for the division during the

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Deployed 4ID Soldiers

We 4ID Veterans Are Here For You

A new feature of *Ivy Leaves*, and one that we will continue as long as the 4ID is deployed in a combat zone, is this special section of stories and pictures of our 4ID Soldiers in action in Iraq. All of the stories following in this supplement were provided by the 4ID Public Affairs Office (PAO) and may have previously appeared in the internal 4ID “Ivy Leaf” newspaper or in other news reports.

For the June issue, we would like to hear from our deployed Soldiers with their own stories and pictures of life in Iraq to mix in with the PAO stories.

If you have a story or pictures that you think other active duty Soldiers and our 4ID veterans would enjoy, please send it, no later than 1 May 2006, to Dick Taylor at his email of ivyleaveseditor@aol.com.

2nd BCT Soldiers Use Innovative Tactics to Combat Terrorists

By Cpl. Michael Molinaro
2nd BCT PAO, 4ID

ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq – Some of them are tankers, some of them are infantryman. But now some of them are ... sailors?

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, are keeping the pressure on terrorists in the Babil province and have taken counter-insurgency operations to the least common of places for an armor unit: the water.

Insurgents will do whatever it takes to go undetected in this area, and using the river is one of the ways they transport and hide bomb-making materials, said Staff Sgt. Paul Jones, combat engineer with the battalion’s Company E.

The battalion has discovered numerous weapons caches since taking over its area of



ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq – Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, take to the Euphrates River to combat terrorism on the water. Staff Sgt. Jason Simmons, scout, and Spc. Daniel Meyer, scout, both of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 67th AR, scan the banks of the Euphrates looking for terrorist activity.

(U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Michael Molinaro, 2nd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.)

responsibility. During the past week alone, four caches were found over a 24-hour period. Last month, a substantial cache was discovered on one of many islands along the river.

Islands are a clever place for terrorists to hide improvised explosive devices and other weapons used against Coalition and Iraqi security forces, said Jones. Having a presence on the rivers to prevent terrorists from getting to those islands only makes sense. Soldiers probe the islands and search for weapons and other material terrorists use to do harm.

“It’s a nice change-of-pace to be on the river after patrolling the roads all of the time,” said Spc. Michael Komaromy, also a Co. E combat engineer. “There are bad guys on the water, so we need to get them too.”

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Soldiers from Co. E never trained for water operations before deploying late last year, Jones said. Since arriving in Iraq, and the introduction of the mission, it has been on-the-job training for these medics, scouts and other Soldiers tasked with keeping the water routes free from terrorists.

“We had two or three days of getting familiar with the boats: knowing where everything is and going over man-over-board drills,” said Komaromy, “but the reactions to contact are just about the same as in a vehicle.”

The river operations have been effective, Jones said. IED emplacement was more prevalent in the area prior to 1st Bn., 67th AR’s operations. Now, with checkpoints set up and a presence on the water, terrorists are finding fewer places to hide.

“Locals may feel more comfortable and secure knowing that we are providing security all around them,” said Jones. “They want to feel better about the area they are living in, and this is one of the ways to make sure that happens.”

Co. E lost one of its own during the early days of this deployment, and the reminder drives these Soldiers to make sure terrorists are taken off the streets – and the water.

“If cruising this river all day and all night is what it takes to take the bad stuff out of the (terrorists’) hands, then that’s what I’ll do,” concluded Jones.

Patrol finds bomb-making cell

TAJI, Iraq - Responding to a tip from and Iraqi citizen, soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division and Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers found a bomb making cell Saturday afternoon north of Baghdad.

The Iraqi unit, supported by the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conducted a search of a house and found three rifles, one pistol and bomb-making materials including circuit boards, spools of copper and aluminum wire, soldering irons and triggering devices.

Soldiers also detained seven suspected terrorists.

The incident is under investigation.

Gen. Cody Presents Awards to MND-B Soldiers During Visit

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Gen. Richard A. Cody, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, poses with members of the Personal Security Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, after awarding them the Combat Action Badge during a ceremony Monday at the Ironhorse Conference Center.



(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Ann Drier, 363rd MPAD)

Cody presented combat action badges to 25 Soldiers, who ranged in rank from private to major. Among the recipients were members of the assistant division commander’s (maneuver) personal security detachment, who are assigned to Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, for their actions taken when their convoy was struck by the roadside bomb.

The Soldiers shown in this photo pre-

sented the CAB were: Maj. Kevin Lewis, Capt. Matthew Fontana, Sgt. Maj. Terry Grezlik, Sgt. David Baker, Sgt. Thomas Brown, Sgt. Michael Duffey, Sgt. Taurean Mathis, Sgt. Jeremy Smith, Spc. Jennifer Lacer, Spc. Jessica Masser, Spc. Joshua Twiss, Spc. Brandon Westenberg, Pvt. 1st Class John Lange, Pvt. 1st Class Michael Pittenger, and Pvt. Joshua Nearhoof.

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Ivy Leaves Going to Iraq

Now is a great time for our 4ID veterans to support our troops. One step is a supply of *Ivy Leaves* is being sent to each Brigade Combat Team to distribute among the units. These Soldiers currently serving are the future of our Association, and there’s no better time than now to make them feel welcome as newly minted veterans of the 4th Infantry Division. I’m sure the issues sent to Iraq will be well read as they are passed around among Soldiers during their time between missions.

Another feature of this issue of *Ivy Leaves*, both for the deployed troops in Iraq and for our veterans at home, is expanded coverage of active duty stories. By doing this, a few stories will be bumped but it is believed that during this deployment it is

important that we cover what our 4ID Soldiers are doing while at war.

Regular Email Updates From Iraq

Just as I did during the last deployment, I am distributing a “4ID Update from Iraq” news service via email. Anyone who would like to get these updates, which come out three or four times per week, should send their first and last names and their email address to Bob Babcock at babcock224@aol.com and you will be added to the update list.

Combat Operations Are Underway

The 4ID and attached units have reached their battle rhythm and are on daily missions to provide security and train the Iraqi forces. In all likelihood, any news you hear from the Baghdad area involve 4ID units. As with all combat operations, the inevitable casualties have happened. All 4ID Soldiers who have been killed during this deployment as of February 2, 2006 are listed in this edition of *Ivy Leaves*.

506th RCT Soldiers distribute school supplies to Iraqi children

Pfc. Paul Ondik, 506th RCT PAO

BAGHDAD – The convoy moved along the criss-crossing routes that turn eastern Baghdad into a maze. The troops inside watched their sectors of fire, rifles loaded, ready for anything that might occur.

This isn't a raid or a combat patrol, but it's a mission just as important as any undertaken here in eastern Baghdad.

"We kinda' balance between the civil affairs portion, the shaking hands and talking to people, and providing essential services," said Capt. Shelia Matthews, civil affairs officer for the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team. The term we use is essential services, but what it covers is sewer, water, electric, academic and trash, Matthews said

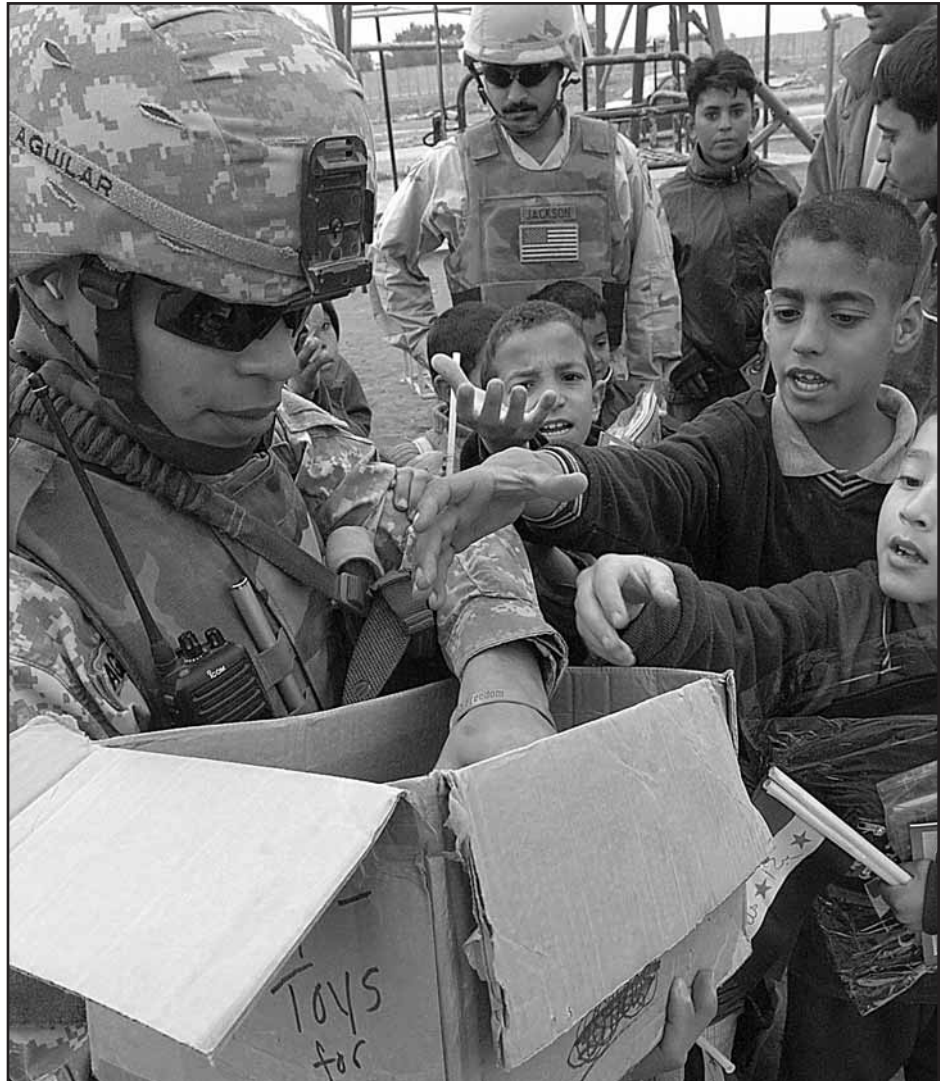
Soldiers from 4-320th FA, civil affairs, filled up the trunks of their humvees and headed out to provide free school supplies to Iraqi children.

"I like the Americans," said one 12 year-old, who was adamant about not having his picture taken. "My teachers tell me don't speak with Americans, but I do," he said, in almost flawless English. "Everybody here likes Americans. Look – see, everybody's happy."

"We're out about five times a week," said Pfc. Charlotte Becker, a light-wheel mechanic for 4-320th FA. "It's not as easy as everyone thinks it is. There are people out here that want us out," said Becker. "It's not bad though. I actually really enjoy coming out here," she said.

It doesn't take very long for word to spread that the troops are in town. Before long, these Soldiers are mobbed with children of all ages.

After a couple of stops, all of the school supplies had disappeared, along with Iraqi flags that the Soldiers had passed out. "We do a lot of humanitarian missions. We go to a lot of schools, a lot of mosques," said Becker.



Iraqi Children surge forward with outstretched hands, waving their nation's flag, as Spec. Cesar Aguilar passes out school supplies in eastern Baghdad Jan. 2. Aguilar is a team leader with 301st Psychological Operations (Airborne), based out of San Diego, Calif., and attached to the 506th Regimental Combat Team.

Iraqi Helps Locate Weapons Cache

BAGHDAD – With the help of a local national's tip, MND-B Soldiers located an ammunition cache Thursday north of An Najaf in the An Najaf Province.

While conducting a combat patrol, elements of the 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division were stopped by a man holding a sign that read "Stop" in English and had a likeness of a bomb drawn on the sign.

The man directed the patrol to the cache, which was wrapped in plastic and buried in

a field near a house.

The cache consisted of 71 100mm HE rounds, four weapons, eight 122mm rounds and five 115mm HEAT rounds.

"Cooperation like this is what will help the Iraqis defeat the (terrorists) insurgency," said Capt. Pablo Diaz, commander, Battery B, 3-16 FA.

An Explosive Ordnance Disposal team was dispatched to the site of the cache and cleared the cache.

This incident is under investigation.

'Marne' Division passes mantle of responsibility to 'Ironhorse' Division

By Master Sgt. Eric Lobsinger
Task Force Ironhorse PAO

BAGHDAD – As Iraqi Army and coalition partners looked on, the 3rd and 4th Infantry Divisions commemorated the completion of their "Transfer of Authority" during a ceremony at the Multi-National Division-Baghdad headquarters at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2006.

Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurman, the commanding general of 4th Inf. Div., along with Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Riling, uncased the "Ironhorse" Division's colors, signifying the division assuming the mantle of responsibility as Multi-National Division-Baghdad. The division cased its colors before deploying from Fort Hood, Texas, during a ceremony Oct. 28. (the lead story in December 2005 *Ivy Leaves*).

Baghdad is the most complex environment in the world as it steadily moves toward democracy...

Thurman said it was an honor to be in the great country of Iraq and the historic city of Baghdad and an honor to assume command of the 30,000 Soldiers of Multi-National Division-Baghdad from his close friend, Maj. Gen. Webster.

"To Maj. Gen. Webster and the Marne Division Soldiers: We have watched

your selfless service and professionalism from afar," he said. "On behalf of the 4th Infantry Division, I want to thank you for the magnificent job you have done over the past 12 months. I also want to thank you for the seamless transition between our two divisions.

"We will never forget the sacrifices made by Marne Division Soldiers and the people of Iraq. We admire the courage of the Soldiers and police patrolling the streets and villages, and we admire the courage of the Iraqi citizens who bravely went to the polls to vote."

Over the next year, he added, Task Force Ironhorse Soldiers will continue to build on the Marne Division's successes and will continue to foster the partnership with its Iraqi brothers as it continues to move forward.

"This year will be the decisive period for the campaign in Iraq. I look forward to working with the newly elected government, the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police. Together, we will be successful.

"On October 28, 2005, we cased our division's colors at Fort Hood, Texas, signifying the start of our deployment to Iraq. Today we uncase those colors and assume the responsibility for the Multinational Division – Baghdad Area of Operations.

Ironhorse! Steadfast and Loyal!"

Iraqi Army, Coalition Forces Discover Multiple Roadside Bombs

ISKANDARIYAH, JURF-EL SAKER, Iraq – Iraqi army and Coalition Forces Soldiers discovered three separate roadside bombs without incident in the last 24 hours.

Iraqi army soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, along with Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, found the first roadside bomb near Iskandariyah. The roadside bomb consisted of four 82mm rounds, one 155mm round and three rockets.

The second roadside bomb, discovered near the same area, consisted of four 82mm

rounds, one 155mm round, three rockets and 17 75mm rounds.

An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team dismantled both roadside bombs and transported the materials to a local Iraqi police station for detonation.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd BCT, along with Iraqi army soldiers from 1st Bn., 4th Bde., 8th IA Div., discovered a third roadside bomb in Jurf-El Saker. The roadside bomb was made up of two 155mm rounds, two fuel cans, one 100mm round, one 120mm round, one 130mm round, one nine-volt battery and blasting caps. A U.S. EOD team conducted a controlled detonation at the site.

3 caches found, 29 suspected terrorists de

IA, MND-B Soldiers Discover Nineteen Roadside Bombs

BAGHDAD – Iraqi army and Multi-National Division — Baghdad Soldiers found and destroyed 11 roadside bombs and three weapons caches in the last 24 hours as well as conducted two major offensive operations resulting in the detention of 29 suspected terrorists.

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division and 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, worked together in order to disrupt anti-Iraqi force activity northwest of Baghdad in a combined cordon and search operation that began Wednesday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. and ended Friday morning.

The 6th IA and 2-22 Inf. Regt. cordon and search operation netted 11 suspected terrorists and three weapons caches.

The first cache consisted of 19 x RPGs, 18 x RPG 7M rounds, one Russian-made light anti-tank weapon, one 120mm mortar tube, three 82mm mortar tubes, two RPK light machine guns, one FNL assault rifle, one SA-7 surface-to-air missile (no launcher), 22 x 120mm, 25 x 129mm, five 107mm, two 125mm artillery rounds and eight 82mm, eight 57mm, seven 80mm, two 130mm mortar rounds, 5,000 rounds of 7.62mm, 1,500 rounds of 12.5mm, powder charges and Motorola radios.

At the site of the cache, the Iraqi and MND-B Soldiers found a terrain model, two fighting positions, and two underground tunnels.

The second weapons cache consisted of one SKS carbine rifle, 400 armor piercing rounds, five RPG rounds, two 30mm, one 60mm, one 120mm, and five 20mm rounds, and explosive of unknown composition, and 17 155mm fuses.

The third cache consisted of two 130mm mortars, six 60mm mortars, two anti-aircraft guns, two .50 cal machine-guns, 17 rockets, one 130mm mortar

Baghdad Soldier displays one of three weapons caches found during Coalition Forces and Iraqi army soldiers working together in offensive operations. During the three days operations, The IA and MND-B destroyed the caches, along with 29 roadside bombs, and detained 29 suspected terrorists. (U.S. Army contributed photo)

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round, 18 82mm mortar rounds, 15 60mm mortar rounds, six 30mm rounds, four PG7 anti-tank rounds, 14 RPG rounds, 30 hand grenades, 87 heavy machinegun rounds, 106 anti-aircraft rounds, one crate of .50 cal ammunition, 12 RPG fuses, six RPG boosters, and one bag of gunpowder.

“We have the enemy on the run,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Brown, commander, 2-22 Inf. Regt. “The success we had in the inner city areas of Abu Ghraib the first 6 months in country caused the enemy to find sanctuary out here in the less populated urban areas.”

“Now, with the Muthana Brigade of the Iraqi Army keeping the pressure on (the terrorists) in Abu Ghraib, and the establishment of Firebase Courage, we’ve been able to stretch our operations further, and continue to reduce AIF sanctuary and freedom of movement. Combined with the success achieved by Iraqi Special Forces in locating associated targets either in concert with or as a result of our operations – it’s a complete team effort. We are winning.”

Coalition Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams destroyed the four caches.

Additionally, Iraqi Special Troops Company and Macedonian Rangers executed Operation Level Sand this morning at 1 a.m. north of Baghdad in order to neutralize terrorist activity and destroy weapons caches in the area.

The operation netted 18 suspected terrorists and resulted in the confiscation of ten AK-47s and three pistols.



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AAFES Steps In To Help Soldiers Who Lost Personal Property In Fire



Pfc. John Cowan (left) and Pfc. Chet Jette, both from Company A, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, load a pallet of underwear, t-shirts, socks, towels and travel packs for distribution to fellow Soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). AAFES personnel assembled and palletized the donated items for the 1st Bn. Soldiers who lost their personal items during a fire Feb 5. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Ted Endicott, senior Army-Air Force Exchange Services LNO, Multi-National Division)

By Sgt. 1st Class Mary Mott,
363rd MPAD

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – An electrical fire early the morning of Feb 5 at Forward Operating Base Yusifiyah, a remote base camp south of Baghdad, destroyed Soldiers’ personal belongings as well as doing extensive structural damage to the Military Transition Team Tactical Operations Center.

There were 70-80 Soldiers in the camp’s main building, a former potato factory constructed of rippled metal sheathing, when the fire broke out. The building was separated into areas where unit business was transacted and Soldiers also lived.

The fire caused the center portion of the roof to cave-in and debris covered most of the living area and office space.

An Iraqi fire department team from the town of Mahmudiyah, east of Yusifiyah, responded to the fire, which spread very quickly and destroyed most of the building.

Master Sgt. Ted Endicott, who serves as the senior Army-Air Force Exchange Services LNO in the Multi-National Division-Baghdad area of operations,

said he was contacted for assistance by Lt. Col. Greg Sudman, MND-B G-4 (Supply/Logistics). The situation had been called to the attention of MND-B’s G-4 by Morale-Welfare-Recreation workers, who were concerned about the Soldiers who had lost their possessions, Endicott said.

“I contacted AAFES immediately about this, and it went all the way to the top and they said ‘yes, let’s us support these Soldiers,’” recalled Endicott. AAFES provided 178 sets each of 3-packs of t-shirts, underwear and socks as well as 178 travel sundry packs, which include shaving gear, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. – one for each Soldier who lost their personal items.

Soldiers from Company A, 526th Brigade Support Battalion, loaded the pallet at Camp Liberty Feb. 9 for distribution to their fellow Soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

“We have an excellent relationship with AAFES,” said Endicott.

“It was really great how quickly AAFES was able to put this together,”

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Ironhorse Senior Leaders Share Views of Mission

4ID Assumes Mantle of Responsibility as MND-B

By Master Sgt. Eric Lobsinger,
Task Force Ironhorse PAO

BAGHDAD – As the 3rd Infantry Division begins its transition back to its home base of Fort Stewart, Ga., and the 4th Infantry Division assumes the reigns as Multi-National Division-Baghdad (MND-B), Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurman, the commanding general of 4th Inf. Div., along with Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Riling, took an opportunity to thank the Marne Division team for their service and address the Soldiers of Task Force Baghdad.

Both of the Ironhorse Division's senior leaders stated they felt the Soldiers and leaders of the Marne Division performed brilliantly during their tour of duty and called on the Ironhorse Team to carry on the mission of helping secure and aid the nation of Iraq as it continues its strides toward

“To the Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, I'd like to say thanks for what you've done. The Marne Division has done a superb job while they were over here. They've done really well – and we're proud of them. They're real heroes. We're very sorry for all your losses, and we will keep you in our prayers.”

Along with the change of authority comes an expanded battle space for the Ironhorse Division. In addition to the Baghdad province, the division will also be responsible for the provinces of Karbala, An Najaf and Babil...

“We're here at the period of time where the elected government by the people, for the people, goes into office and they start exercising their democracy,” he said. Nothing is easy in forming a new government and a democratic process, he added.

“We've got to be patient,” said Thurman. “We've got to be committed. We've got to respect the Iraqis, and we have to work with the people. We want them to win this war against the insurgency and win their fight for democracy.”

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Joining the Ironhorse team are the 2nd and 4th Brigade Combat Teams from the 101st Airborne Division, from Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, from Fort Drum, N.Y. Their presence, said Riling, brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the Ironhorse Team, and they are going to help make Task Force Ironhorse very successful throughout this year...

Both agreed the key to the division's success will be its dedicated Soldiers and leaders. Numerous challenges lie in the road ahead, and everyone must be prepared to meet the challenges head-on.

“I'm very proud of our Soldiers, and I thank them for serving their country,” said Thurman. “There's no doubt about it that we will get after this mission – and we will get the job done. It will be hard. I just want everyone to remind themselves every day that what we're all about is professionalism – being disciplined and trained Soldiers who represent the United States of America. I just thank them for their sacrifices, and I thank their families because it's hard on families having their loved ones deployed.

“We've got a great formation, and we'll get it done because of the people.”

(Note from Bob Babcock: You will note in the above story that two brigades of the 101st Airborne Division and one brigade of the 10th Mountain Division are now part of

the 4ID/TF Ironhorse organization. Just as we did during the last deployment with other key units, we welcome all the Soldiers and families of those units and include them as part of the 4ID/Ironhorse family - while still maintaining the shoulder patches and historic connections to those two proud divisions.

The 4ID worked with the 101st both in WWII, in Vietnam, and during the first deployment to Iraq and one of the battalions of the 10th Mountain Division brigade served in the 4ID during WWII and part of Vietnam (2-22 IN).

And, on a historic note, both the 3ID and the 4ID were formed in 1917 at Camp Greene, North Carolina, the remnants of which are now inside the city limits of Charlotte, NC. It is fitting that the 4ID should take over from the 3ID, just as we did at Camp Greene before moving to France in WWI).

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noting that the items were delivered to the Soldiers “within 48 hours of the fire,” said Maj. Bradley Rees, logistics officer for the 2nd Brigade, 101st Abn. Div., which is located at FOB Striker.

“Knowing our Soldiers (at that location) are far from an AAFES, it really mean a lot to them (to get these items) to help them get back on their feet,” said Rees.

The fire was determined to have been of accidental origin. Buildings in Iraq do not follow an electrical code comparable to that of American wiring standards. A similar fire destroyed a building nearby, occupied by the Iraqi army, several weeks ago. That building was of identical construction to the TOC and was believed to have been wired the same.

Rebuilding By Civil Engineers Make Baghdad A Better Place To Live

Staff Sgt. Brent Williams, 4th BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD – Responsible for the rebuilding of Baghdad’s essential services, such as the restoration and improvement of electricity, water, sewer and transportation systems, the members of the 4th Brigade Combat Team Infrastructure Coordination Element have their work cut out for them.

A daunting task that requires support from the Iraqi government, several U.S. governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations, reconstruction efforts are one of the many missions facing the 4th BCT, 4th Infantry Division.

“We bridge the gap by developing relationships, not only with the Iraqis, to gain their priorities – that is really where we are trying to focus – but also with the (Iraqi) state department (ministers) that are currently standing up,” said Maj. Ray Proske, executive officer, 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th BCT.

The coordination cell works with local leaders within the communities and neighborhoods to identify and service their particular needs – working to coordinate the repair of Iraqi essential services within the brigade’s prescribed area of operations.

“Each of the different areas has its unique challenges,” Proske said. “One thing to keep in mind: most of the infrastructure in this country was built more than 20 years ago and has been very poorly maintained – and especially since 1990.”

The problem is also complicated by numerous unauthorized taps on the city’s water and electrical systems, further draining an already depleted infrastructure, said Proske.

This will only be resolved once the city begins to regulate the services it provides to the people living in Baghdad, he added.

The biggest task before the four-man team, which is responsible for overseeing special reconstruction projects in central and south Baghdad, is working

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with the local Iraqi governance to ensure that the planning, upkeep and improvement of city systems happens as efficiently as possible.

The engineers are trying to overcome this challenge by hiring local Iraqi engineers to maintain and supervise the many ongoing projects and to assist in quality assurance, thus ensuring the contractors are providing an adequate product, said Proske.

“Though we have a small staff, the local Iraqi engineers are absolutely vital to operations for the ICE,” he said.

Currently, the program has one local consultant engineer, an Iraqi man named Thamer, who wears many hats.

Thamer, a 46-year old electrical engineer, is responsible for identifying all the scopes of work within the communities and coordinating the execution of each project through the different government agencies.

“After that, we bid for those projects. We call contractors, and we give them those bids to submit it at those prices,” Thamer said. “We analyze the price and compare it with the quantity to see if it is reasonable or not.”

Thamer, who earned his masters degree in engineering from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, also manages several Iraqi site engineers, who supervise the local contractors to ensure the quality of work, and that the projects are completed in a timely manner.

After the project is finished, the ICE also maintains contacts with the two district advisory councils within the brigade’s battle space and the Iraqi government to ensure that the completed work meets the Iraqi people’s needs.

“Our goal is to give a very good project to serve the people,” Thamer said. “We are in constant contact with the departments and the employees with the district council in order to coordinate with the contractors.”

Capt. Robert Graetz, sewers project manager, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th STB, said he hopes that the projects being completed now will eventually lay the groundwork for larger construction projects that will increase the capabilities of the current systems.

As the civil engineers work to improve living conditions for the communities, they are also working to help the Iraqi people become self-sufficient.

“A good solution is, instead of throwing a lot of money into project after project, invest funding into the city government to prop up their operating budget so that they can do it themselves,” said Graetz, a native of Union Grove, Wis.

A West Point graduate with a masters degree from the University of Missouri – Rolla, Graetz said that one way the U.S. Army is accomplishing this goal is by providing equipment, training and technical expertise to the maintenance departments and the local communities within the districts.

Most of the projects beginning during 4th BCT’s deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom will take a while to complete, said Graetz. In fact, many of the end effects of the projects will not be seen until after 4th BCT has completed its mission and redeployed.

Despite this fact, “generally, making Baghdad a better place to live,” will remain the ICE Cell’s primary mission and full-time job, said Graetz.

502nd PSB – What Have They Done For You Lately?

by Sgt. Ann Drier, 363rd MPAD

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – When Soldiers think of personnel services they think of identification cards, records, life insurance forms and plain old ‘paperwork’.

Granted, handling paperwork may not be the most exciting job in the Army but without it, Soldiers would have an impossible time keeping anything straight. Every Soldier wants to get promoted and get that new ID card that shows they have climbed another rung on the ladder of professional success.

“People come in to get ready for the boards,” said Pfc. Jordan Sewell, records noncommissioned-officer-in-charge at the Camp Liberty Personnel Services Battalion office. “They need to get their records straight. I enjoy doing this because I get to interact with people and help them out. I can look at a record and see what’s wrong – do extra things for people before they go to the board.”

Records are only one aspect of the work performed by Soldiers in the 502nd PSB.

If you have received a package, postcard, or letter in the last two months, a Soldier from the 502nd PSB’s post office handled it, sorted it, and sent it to the right location.

Spc. James Conner re-routes mislabeled packages at the Camp Liberty post office. Spc. Brian Wolfe, Spc. Wileen Footsman, and Spc. Michael Carver, sort and direct packages, ensuring they are placed in the right bin for pick-up.

If you have changed your name, home or deployed address, been married or divorced, had a family addition or set up an allotment, a Soldier from the 502nd PSB handled the paperwork to make it official.

Chief Warrant Officer Sherrie Campbell is the database operations chief for Deployed Theater Accountability Software at Camp Liberty. Campbell is proud of the job she does, remarking “I’m in a position to ensure that every Soldier is accounted for properly, which results in ‘no Soldier being left behind’.”

If you’ve put in for a pass or leave, a Soldier from the 502nd PSB not only did the paperwork, they also arranged for flights to get you to your destination.

At Camp Striker, Pfc. Jason Weaver



(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Ann Drier, 363rd MPAD)

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – (from top center) Chief Warrant Officer Billy Fritiz, Spc. Rosa Arreguin, Spc. Erick Torres, and Sgt. Maritza DeHaro, all members of the 502nd Personnel Services Battalion Casualty Liaison office. Their mission with the 502nd PSB requires them to gather and disseminate casualty information within the 4th Infantry Division area of operation.

If a Soldier is hurt on the battlefield, there will be a Soldier from the 502nd PSB at his or her side to collect important information that must be sent up to headquarters and to the Department of the Army to track their progress and status.

serves as logistics officer, in charge of maintaining accountability of Soldiers departing on four-day passes or fourteen-day environmental morale leave.

“I give them a briefing about what will happen while they’re here, which is usually about eight hours. I tell them about formations, where the (Dining Facility) and food court are, how to find the MWR tent and information about bus schedules. I also assign living quarters for those Soldiers coming in from outlying FOBs while they’re waiting for their flight,” said Weaver.

When they leave Camp Striker Soldiers will check in with Pfc. Blanca ‘Chiqi’ Chiquisinichi at the airport flight desk. “I check them on the manifest and let them know when their flight leaves,” said Chiquisinichi, who always adds “Enjoy yourself!”

If a Soldier is hurt on the battlefield, there will be a Soldier from the 502nd PSB at his or her side to collect important information that must be sent up to headquarters and to the Department of the Army to track their progress and status. The casualty liaison office has personnel at each brigade to assist Soldiers and medical staff in reporting accurate information about the injuries, condition of the patient, and whether transportation is required to a higher facility.

“When the casualty comes in they talk to the Soldier,” said Chief Warrant Officer Billy Fritiz, 502nd’s casualty operation technician. “They get all the information and medical statistics as quickly as possible.

They notify the D-Main of who the Soldier is, contact the unit for specifics and document the doctors’ perspective on the injury. They gather together all the information, combine it and create a report that is sent up to corps and to DA. All this happens in about two hours.”

“It’s an important job,” said Sgt. Maritza DeHaro, casualty liaison at D-Main. “We have to be sure that all the information is accurate. The Soldier has to know that their family gets the right information.”

The 502nd PSB has their fingers in a lot of ‘pies’ around the 4th Infantry Division. They have post offices at almost every location in the division’s area of operation. Most of the PSB operations currently in Iraq was set up by the 502nd back in 2003, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Divina Bobb. “It was taken over by 151st Postal when we left. It’s ironic to come back and continue our same mission from OIF-1,” said Bobb.

“The beauty of our personnel operations is that we have pretty enthusiastic soldiers, eager to learn new jobs,” said Bobb.

With organic troops as well as those from other units across the country, the 502nd PSB is spread across the whole 4th Inf. Div. area of operations handling newspapers, mail, promotions, leave and records.

“We think of them as a force multiplier,” said Lt. Col. Todd Garlick, commander, 502nd, “I believe that if you take care of Soldiers morally, ethically, and legally, and treat every action like it is your own, you can’t go wrong.”

The 4th Inf. Division From WWI to WWII

Clyde R. (Dick) Stodghill

To clarify the record regarding the 4th Infantry Division in World War I (see the letter from Jerry Morris in the Dec. 2005 Ivy Leaves) the three regiments that later constituted the 4th were not part of the division when it was first formed in 1917. At that time the Army used square division of two brigades, each with four regiments. The infantry regiments in the 4th Division during World War I were the 39th, 57th, 58th and 59th. The 4th Engineers were also part of the division.

During World War II the 39th and 47th were assigned to the 9th Infantry Division and elements of the 58th were part of the 8th Armored Division. The 59th was inactivated after World War I and was not reformed. The 39th, 47th and 58th also served in Vietnam.

Both the 39th and 47th have ivy leaves in the regimental crests because of having been in the 4th Division in World War I.

The three infantry regiments that made up the 4th Division during World War II, the 8th, 12th and 22nd, were not part of the 4ID during World War I.

Much of the above information comes from the book, "The 4th Division in the World War" by Christian A. Bach and Henry Noble Hall issued by the division in 1920. Bach was a colonel on the division staff and Hall was a London Times war correspondent.

This book, which I discovered in a used bookstore in Wabash, Indiana, gives a detailed account of the division from the time it was formed at Camp Greene near Charlotte, NC in Dec. 1917 through its service in the Army of Occupation. Most of the training at Camp Greene was headed by officers from the British and French armies. The book includes a complete roster on men in the division and tells how the commander, General George H. Cameron, designed the Ivy Division patch, which he took from the Roman numeral IV. The name was appropriate as in the language of flowers the ivy means "steadfast and loyal."

For more detail, read the book *The 4th Division in the World War*.

THE NATIONAL 4 TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Fund will now be open to all members in good standing (which means that your dues must be current), their children, stepchildren, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The principal amount in the fund will be maintained and the annual earnings will be used to pay as many stipends as possible. If the interest is \$600, only one stipend will be awarded.

Application must be made using the form (or photocopy) below. One application per student must be mailed to the Secretary of the Scholarship Committee **before June 15 for the next school year. No applications will be accepted at the annual reunion.** The Secretary will forward all applications to the Financial Secretary to confirm eligibility status. All the approved applications will be placed in "hat" and drawn at the annual National Reunion Banquet.

The applicant **need not** be present to win. After the drawing, that year's applications will then be discarded, and a new year will begin.

4th Infantry Division Association ♦ ♦ 2006 Scholarship Application

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

Member's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Relation to Member: _____

Name and Type of School: _____

Address: _____

One Application per student. Must be received by June 15, 2006.

ORDER FORM – 4ID/TF IRONHORSE BOOKS

Mail your order and check, payable to TF Ironhorse Books, to PO Box 682222, Marietta, GA 30068.

Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send me the following books:

History of the 12th Infantry in WWII. By Gerden Johnson

1 Book for \$35 limited supply - first come, first served.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: A Year in the Sunni Triangle: April 2003 to April 2004

1 Book for \$28 2 Books for \$56 3 Books for \$79 Add'l books at \$22 ea.

Case of 12 books for \$270 Case of 24 books for \$540

War Stories – Utah Beach to Pleiku (available October 2005)

1 Book for \$28 2 Books for \$56 3 Books for \$79 Add'l books at \$22 ea.

Case of 12 books for \$270 Case of 24 books for \$540

All prices include shipping charges

Amount included: \$ _____



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!!

Arizona Chapter Spring Reunion

The Arizona Chapter will hold its spring reunion in Laughlin, NV April 18-20, 2006 at Ramada Express Hotel. Room rates are \$17/night. For reservations call 800-243-6846 any day from 7 AM to 10 PM before April 1, 2006 to get the \$17 rate. Use group code 10585.

Dinner on Thursday night will be same place, different chef. Dinner cost is \$20. Send check to: Mike Irving, 5145 Midnight Oil Drive, Henderson, NV 89122

Specify preference Beef or Chicken

This reunion is open to all members of other chapters. We will be glad to see you.

22nd Inf. Reg. Reunion

On April 27th and 28th veterans of the 1st of 22nd and other units will gather in Reno, NV at Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino. This is the first time in 38 years that many have seen each other and we want you to join us, if you or somebody that you know was involved in what, at the time, was called "The Battle of Chu Moor." This battle began on April 22nd, 1968, and ended on May 5th 1968. We lost a lot of good men, and we want to honor their memory, so if you were involved, please join us. Guarantee a better time than the last time we were all together.

For more information contact: John McKee at (610) 495-7466 or jfcmckee@comcast.net; Bruce Gass at (217) 543-3641 or gasshouse@one-eleven.net

B CO., 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. Reunion

B Co 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. of the 4th Division from Viet Nam is going to hold a reunion in Branson, Missouri over the weekend of June 9th thru the 11th. Contacts: George Hosso, 708-387-0344, ghosso@erieco.com; Steve Wittenburg, 914-693-3943, wittendog@aol.com; Peter Weeks, 203-393-3244, pweeks@snet.net

We are hoping for a good turnout. We have had reunions in the past with up to 31 attendees

Vietnam Delta Company 1/14th Reunion

The Vietnam Delta Company 1/14th Reunion will be held June 11, 2006 thru June 14th, 2006 at the Lake Murray Resort, 3323 Lodge Rd., Ardmore, OK 73401; (800) 257-0322

If you need more information contact Jim Brown (aka Charlie Brown) home # (405) 732-2026 e-mail jimbrown841@hotmail.com

Carolinas Chapter Spring 2006 Mini-Reunion

The Carolinas Chapter will hold the Spring Reunion, April 28-29, 2006 at the Holiday Inn – Airport, Columbia, South Carolina. Make your Hotel reservations direct with the hotel at 803-794-9440. The Hotel is located at exit 111-B on I-26, which has been named the 4th Infantry Division Interchange. Mention the 4ID to get our rate of \$67/night. Please Pre-Register using this form or call me 864-621-3727, so we have an accurate meal count. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for the Raffle after the Banquet.

Reunion Schedule

Friday April 28	1:00 PM	Hospitality Room Opens
	6:30 PM	Seafood Buffet
Saturday April 29	9:00 AM	Officers Meeting
	10:00 AM	Business Meeting
	6:00 PM	Flames of Remembrance Banquet
Sunday April 30	8:00 AM	Break-A-Way Breakfast On Your Own

REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Chapter – 2004 Spring Mini-Reunion

Name: _____

Address: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

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

Friday Buffet (\$35 per person\$ _____

Saturday Banquet (\$35 per person).....\$ _____

Donation(s) (_____)\$ _____

Specify

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Return this form by *April 14, 2006* and make check payable to: **Carolinas Chapter. Mail To:** Rick Adams, 109 Tournament Pt., Duncan, SC 29334 864-621-3727.

California Chapter Fall Reunion

The California Fall Reunion will be held on October 13th - 14th -15th , 2006 at the Piccadilly Inn-Shaw, 2305 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California 93711, (559) 226-3850

Wisconsin Chapter Spring Reunion

...and Bingo @ King Veterans Home

Date: April 21 – 23, 2006

Place: Country Inn & Suites, 104 Airport Road, Shawano, WI 54177; 1-715-526-2044

Rates: \$75 plus tax per night – must state 4th IDd and must make reservation by 4/7/06

Schedule of Events:

- April 21: 1700 – 1130 – Hospitality
- April 22: 0900 – 1100 – Business meeting – light lunch to follow; Bingo at King with the Campbellsport AMVETS
- 1730 – 1130 – Cocktails and flames banquet – dinner to include chicken and ham with all the fixins.

This reunion will be member appreciation weekend as well as family and friend time. There will be no charge for food and drink. We will still be taking snack donations for the hospitality room.

Registration form

Name _____

Spouse/family _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Must have completed form not later than 4/15/06. Send to: Arlen Blifernicht, PO Box 183, Poynette, WI 53955

Illinois Chapter-2006 Spring Reunion

The Illinois Chapter will be holding its Spring Reunion on April 21st -23, 2006, at the Hilton Springfield, 700 East Adams, Springfield IL on April 21st thru April 23rd. Room rates are \$89.00, which includes two (2) breakfast coupons. Saturday evening will be the Flames of Remembrance Banquet.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667 or 217-789-1530. To ensure the special group rate, identify yourself as part of the 4T H I D S R. Cut off date for reservations is Friday March 31, 2006.

Look for more details in the Illinois Chapter newsletter. For further information contact Bruce Gass at 217-543-3641 or gasshouse@one-eleven.net

Mid-South Chapter Reunion

All of the information and registration forms have been sent out to all of the members. Everything has been set up and ready, now all I need is for you members to start sending them in.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Eric Croke, Executive Officer of the 223rd Eng. Bat. He can fill us in on what happened in Iraq when they were attached to the 4th. All pre-registrations have to be in by April 1, 2006..

Northwest Chapter Spring Reunion

We will be gathering in Lewiston, ID on April 8, 2006 for the Chapters spring get together. Randy Martz, the Chapter president, has made arrangements with the Guesthouse Inn & Suites for a block of room at a good rate. The rate is \$49.95 a night that includes a continual breakfast.

There will be a Chapter meeting from 3pm to 4pm of officer and 4pm to 6pm of all members and Dinner at 6pm at the Macullen's Steak, Seafood & Spirit House. All of the information will be at the bottom of the page. Walt Sauer, the Chapter chaplain, is doing a lot better. He said to tell everybody "Hi."

Now do not forget that we are selling embroidered baseball cap now for \$16.00 each that includes shipping. Please, if you are going to attend the Spring Reunion, give me a call and let me know what you would like to order from the menu. The chapter will be taking care of the beverages and gratuities.

Lodging:

• Guesthouse Inn & Suites, 1325 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501; 1-800-806-7666

Twelve 12 rooms are blocked for our group. RSVP by March 24, 2006. State you are with NW4IDA

• Inn America, 702 21st St, Lewiston, ID 83501; 1-208-469-4667

Meeting:

Macullen's Steak, Seafood & Spirit House, 1516 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501, 1-208-746-3438

- Chicken Macullen's \$15.95
- Center-Cut Top Sirloin, \$17.25
- Northwest Indian Salmon, \$17.25

Important that you RSVP as soon as possible, it is Mother's weekend at WSU Richard E. Kellar for dinner RSVP at 1-509-982-2890 will not be home the 5th of march to the 14th will be in the hospital. So please call before or after.

Richard E. Kellar, Scy. / Treasure, Northwest Chapter

Ohio Chapter 2006 Fall Reunion

The Ohio Chapter's 2006 Fall Reunion is scheduled to be held October 5 - 8 at the Holiday Inn Zanesville, 4645 East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

The daily room rate is \$71.30 including 15% tax. Reservations may be made directly with the Holiday Inn Zanesville by telephoning 740-453-0771 no later than Tuesday September 5, 2006.

Mention you are with the Ohio Chapter, National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association to receive the reunion rate. All Ivymen interested in attending are welcome. Reunion details may be obtained by contacting Ray Dunkel at 716-549-4860 or raydunkel@evansnationalbank.net.

Texas-Oklahoma Chapter Reunion

The Texas-Oklahoma Chapter will hold a mini-reunion on June 9th, 10th, and 11th in Galveston. Plans are to send you an information package by mail.

National 4th Infantry Division Association 88th

Join the 10th Calvary and the Florida Chapter at the beautiful Sheraton World Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The Sheraton is located on 28 beautiful acres with 16 fountains, 3 pools, 2 kiddie pools, a playground with miniature golf greens, hot tub, fitness center, spa, 75,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, 788 resort rooms and 305 tower rooms. A SeaWorld Orlando preferred hotel, the Sheraton World Resort is located on International Drive just 10 miles from Orlando International Airport.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 24 -29, 2006
0800 – 2200Hospitality

July 26, 2006
0800 – 1600 Kennedy Space Center

Cost: \$49 per person – Only 45 minutes from Orlando, but worlds apart is the gateway to mankind's greatest adventure. Tour working launches facilities, visit the Apollo /Saturn V Center and watch five story IMAX space movies. Daily Astronaut briefings. Lunch on your own at the space center. Space is limited so reserve early. Trip includes motor coach transportation and space center tour.

July 27, 2006
1300 – 1800 City Tour

Cost: \$20 per person – See Orlando and all that makes it a great vacation destination right from the comfort of a

beautiful air-conditioned motor coach with bathroom facilities. Check out Disney World, Sea World, Universal Studios, Church Street, and downtown Orlando. Enjoy lunch, snacks or shopping at Downtown Disney where we will have a 3 hour stop.

Space is limited so reserve early.

July 28, 2006
Ladies Brunch

July 28, 2006
R & R Reception 1800 - 2200

Cost: \$35 per person - Cash Bar – Entertainment – 9 p.m.
HORS D'OEUVRES (one hour service ONLY)
PLEASE NOTE THE HORS D'OEUVRES ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE A MEAL - WE SUGGEST EVERYONE ENJOY DINNER BEFORE ATTENDING

July 29, 2006
Flames of Remembrance Banquet
Cost: \$40 per person - Cash Bar – Dinner – Program featuring 4th Infantry Division representative
Dinner Selections: Traditional Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Prime Rib with Au Jus
Dinner includes: House salad, Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Accompaniments, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee or Iced Tea.

The Poet's Place

A LETTER FROM HOME

By: Roger Barton

Today from home I got a letter
It made me feel so much better
It was from mom and dad and for awhile I wasn't sad
Just to know how much they care
Makes my load less to bear
I know they worry and yet are proud
Though their feelings they try to shroud
They keep me posted on homefront news
While I'm here paying my dues
They rarely speak of fighting or of war

Or fear of getting "that" knock on the door
That will tell them that their son is dead
I know every day they live with that dread
They never ask if I've killed a man
They just try to lend a parental hand
Instead they try to send me cheer
Which means so much to a soldier here
I just hope that God in heaven above
Lets me get home to return that love

Editor's note: As all Vets know, mail is an important part of surviving military duty. You can help soldiers in Iraq by being a 'pen pal.' For more information, visit www.mysoldier.com and Visit the 4th IDA web site for details on obtaining the book of poems written by our own Roger Barton during his tour in Vietnam.

Reunion ★ Orlando, FL ★ July 24–30, 2006

HOTEL RESERVATION

Make your reservations by calling the hotel direct @ 1-800-327-0363. You must state you are with the 4th Infantry Division to secure rate. Rooms must be secured by June 24, 2006. Rates: \$79 per night for single/double - \$89 per night for triple - \$99 per night quad - plus taxes.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Shuttles run from the hotel to Orlando International airport every hour, starting at 6:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. O.I.A. shuttle cost is \$16 one-way, per person. Reservations and voucher required, please purchase voucher at least one hour before pick up time. Limit one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person.

EVENT REGISTRATION

ATTENDEE NAMES:

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ EMail: _____

Unit/dates served _____

Activity	Cost	No. Persons	Amount Enclosed
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER:	\$49 per person	_____	\$ _____
CITY TOUR	\$20 per person	_____	\$ _____
LADIES BRUNCH/LUNCHEON: TO BE ANNOUNCED @ REUNION			
R & R RECEPTION:	\$35 per person	_____	\$ _____
FLAMES BANQUET:	\$40 per person	_____	\$ _____
# Chicken _____ #Beef _____			
REGISTRATION FEE:	\$10 per adult	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:			\$ _____

Make all checks payable to: Jim McIntyre, Treasurer 1/10

Mail to: Roger R. Dufek (or) Jim McIntyre
2505 South 8th Street 8107 Cedar Brook Drive
Manitowoc, WI 54220 Louisville, KY 40219

Further Information Roger R. Dufek 1-920-684-0147 or C14buffalos@insight.com
Dufek@powercom.net

**Registrations must be received by
June 15, 2006**

ALL TOURS AND EVENTS ARE BASED ON A MINIMUM NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. REFUNDS FOR EVENTS CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE GIVEN AT REUNION

Reunion Shirt Order Form

Polo shirts with 4th ID logo and reunion year. Available in black or kelly green. Sizes small to 4x.

Cost: small to xl = \$20; 2x to 4x = \$25

Size _____ Color _____ Amount enclosed _____

Size _____ Color _____ Amount enclosed _____



ANSWER ABOUT 4ID BEING "PENTOMIC"

I was in the 47th inf., 4th ID at Ft. Lewis 1961 to 1962, we were pentomic at that time. We were sent to Berlin in 1962 for 6th mo. during the Berlin crisis. President Kennedy came to Berlin and made his famous,

"I am a Berliner" speech when I was there.

John P. Dunn, Eagle River,
Alaska. JPDUNN2@cs.com



DID CO. G, 8TH INF., 4ID RECEIVE M.U.C. AWARD?

My father Arnold E Erbstoesser served in Germany WW II Battle of the Bulge and the Hurtgen forest Co. G 8th Infantry 4th Infantry Division. I am wondering if that unit was awarded the M.U.C. (meritorious unit award) Which at that time would have been a O.D. 2"x2" square cloth with a gold wreath in it. They were awarded a PUC Presidential Unit Citation I have been told that this may have come down at a later date.

His Son,

David Erbstoesser.
derbstoesser@state.nd.us
932 N. 15th St.
Bismarck, ND 58501



HOW TO OBTAIN WWII RECORDS

While moving to Houston Texas five months ago I came across some of my father's war memorabilia dating back to June 6, 1944, I found his war diary and various medals including the Bronze and Silver Star a Purple Heart and various others that I am not familiar with. My father's name was Bruce Struthers and I believe he held the rank of Sergeant at the end of World War II. His diary states that he was in the 12th Infantry Regiment in the I&R platoon known as Cargo Platoon.

My father died twenty years ago in December of last year. Now that I have a son of my own I was hoping to tell him about the grandfather he could not meet. It is here I thought that you might help me in finding out where I might locate informa-

tion regarding my father's war record.

Robert Struthers

Reply from Bob Babcock---

1) To get your father's records from WWII, go to: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/> and follow the instructions for ordering his records. This typically takes several months to get them but this is the way to get his records from WWII.

2) I have a book that was published in 1946, "History of the 12th Infantry Regiment in WWII" by Colonel Gerden Johnson. It was recently reprinted (for the second time) and I have about 40 copies of the book left. If you would like one, send a check for \$35 to National 4th Inf. Div Assn., PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068 and I'll send you the book. It's a 350-400 page book that covers all the 12th Infantry's actions in WWII in good detail. You may or may not know that the 12th Infantry Regiment was the first American troops into Paris during the liberation on August 25, 1944 - they didn't get the credit that they earned for that accomplishment.

3) I also have a yearbook that was published after the war, when the unit was back at Camp Butner, NC. It lists the accomplishments of the 12th and 4ID, has lots of pictures of actions to go with the narrative and then has individual pictures of those Soldiers who were in the unit at that time. I took a quick look for your dad but didn't see him - he most likely was out of the Army before the pictures were taken in November/December 1945. He would have been a high point man and probably got out right after they returned to the US in July 1945.

We have several 12th Infantry vets from WWII who are very active in our 4th Inf. Div Assn. If you and/or your son would ever like to come to a reunion and meet some of these men who fought alongside your father, feel free to do so. Our next reunion is in July of this year in Orlando, FL.

If I can help in any way, do not hesitate to contact me. I'll do my best to help you out.

I'd love to have a copy of your father's war diary if it is something that would lend itself to copying. I work closely with the 4th Infantry Division Museum at Fort Hood, TX

and also have the archives of the 4th Inf. Div. Assn.



VISITORS TO NEW WEBSITE WANTED

I would like to ask all the readers of THE IVY LEAVES to leave a comment in the "Guestbook" of our new website (www.in-honored-glory.inf). Your comments will not only be interesting to other visitors, but it will also collect all the feedback in one place and that is the best way to improve the website. Our primary object is to honor WWII soldiers who fought, died, and were buried in foreign lands.

Peter Heckmans
inhonor@in-honored-glory.info



ORDER OF BATTLE DETAILS

Greg, I was looking at the Order of Battle online, and noted mention of the 3rd Brigade transfer with the 25th ID in Aug 1967, the units marked with a * or +.

I was with C., 4th Eng. in 1968, and I recall some of my fellows were there in mid 1967 and also spoke of being transferred from the 25th. Consequently, I think C., 4th Engrs. was part of that transfer as well. -- Just for the record.

BTW: I just bought a book written by the science fiction writer Joe Haldeman, who was also a 4th Div. Engineer during 1968. It's titled, "War Stories" and includes two accounts drawn from his experiences in VietNam, 'War Year' and '1968.'

I didn't know until recently we have a famous writer as a 4th Division comrade!

You can find out more about him at <http://home.earthlink.net/~haldeman/> -- his newest book isn't listed there, it just came out a few days ago. It's ISBN # 1-59780-022-8. I just started reading it, and I'm going to have to take it slow, cause it brings back lots of memories.

Sssssshare the Spirit of Aloha...

No matter where you live!

Ed L'Esperance
Kahaluu, Hawaii



PURPLE HEART AWARDS EXTENDED TO POW DEATHS

From: Rick & Brenda Tavares

H.R.2369

Title: To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the Purple Heart to be awarded to prisoners of war who die in captivity under circumstances not otherwise establishing eligibility for the Purple Heart.

Sponsor: Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51] (introduced 5/16/2005)

Related Bills: S.2157

Latest Major Action: 5/16/2005 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Cosponsors (17)

- Rep Blackburn, Marsha [TN-7] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Boehlert, Sherwood [NY-24] - 9/7/2005
- Rep Brown, Sherrod [OH-13] - 12/13/2005
- Rep Burton, Dan [IN-5] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7] - 6/7/2005
- Rep Davis, Lincoln [TN-4] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Edwards, Chet [TX-17] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Etheridge, Bob [NC-2] - 9/7/2005
- Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Jenkins, William L. [TN-1] - 9/20/2005
- Rep McCotter, Thaddeus G. [MI-11] - 9/7/2005
- Rep McKinney, Cynthia A. [GA-4] - 10/25/2005
- Rep McNulty, Michael R. [NY-21] - 5/16/2005
- Rep Michaud, Michael H. [ME-2] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] - 12/16/2005
- Rep Tancredo, Thomas G. [CO-6] - 2/1/2006
- Rep Van Hollen, Chris [MD-8] - 7/28/2005

S.2157

Title: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the Purple Heart to be awarded to prisoners of war who die in captivity under circumstances not otherwise establishing eligibility for the Purple Heart.

Sponsor: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 12/21/2005)

Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: H.R.2369

Latest Major Action: 12/21/2005. Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.



WWII VETERANS SURVEY

Dear Sir: I am currently writing my master's thesis at Empire State College, a part of the State University of New York. My paper concerns the memory of World War II and how that memory has undergone changes as the years have past. I intend to develop my thesis through interviews, the study of depictions of the war, and through a survey that will allow the veterans to relate how they believe their efforts have been remembered. I hope to assemble the results of thousands of surveys to make this as complete a record as possible.

Ralph DiCarpio.
ralphd@mhcable.com



EIB RECIPIENTS INFO NEEDED

Dear Mr. Taylor

I request your help. I served with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), from November 1975-July 1978. It was in either 1976 or 1977 that I received the EIB. In the same awards issuing ceremony, with me were one particular fellow company soldier named Douglas (I believe Richard Douglas, from Michigan) and our company commander, Captain Townsend. The unit we were in was Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized).

I had misplaced my copy of my orders for the EIB, and the copies that were to go into my 201 file, were swapped with a sub course in law certificate for a James Stout, assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized).

I have tried several times over the past "years", after I were aware of this mistake, to get a copy of my orders for my EIB. But all I have done is found avenues that the roads become very faint, and disappointing. There was a plaque with all our names hanging up in the 1/8 Infantry classroom; and a picture was taken. Would you be able to help?

Joseph Stout
PO Box 6042

Springdale, Arkansas 72766
479-313-2649



WWII 4ID APPROACHING PARIS, FRANCE

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your quick answer. Mr. Babcock contacted me and I will see with him for further details about the 4th ID. Concerning the fact that the 4th ID was first in the outskirts of Paris I would like to know more because Leclerc sent a Recce group on the 21st made of 51+ vehicles (AMM8, M8, HalfTracks and jeeps), under the command of Lieutenant-colonel de Guillebon, that went up to Monthléry about 18 miles south of Paris but no Americans were encountered near this city. They encountered Americans near Etampes and Rambouillet only. I will see with Mr. Babcock. He will probably be able to tell me exactly where the 4th ID was located on the 21st. What is certain is that on the morning of the 24th of August, the M3A3 mentioned in my first Email arrived in Lonjumeau with the CC under command of Commander Cantarel, it was 9h30. I have a photo of this same M3A3 nicknamed 'RUSTY' taken later that day and this time in Antony, a city about 6 miles north of Longjumeau. All other photos, except the 4 in Paris, where taken in Longjumeau maybe around noon that day.

Thanking you again for the help you give me.

Have a good day & Best regards,

Larry



THE 4TH ID IN GERMANY

Mr. Dick Taylor:

Whether or not you can use these snapshots, one or both, please return in the stamped envelope, no letter necessary. Names on back snapshots as soon as the war



ended on 5/8/45, the 4th started back across Germany, stopping in Neuendettelsau, Germany, couple or so weeks enroute to the U.S., where the 4th

sign was erected.

Was in the 4th 1944-1946, Ardennes, Central Europe, Rhineland, which included Hurtgen, The Bulge, Preem and all the way across Germany. At age 19 & 20, now 81. Have 70% disability, service connected. Life member of Capital Chapter, although unable to attend most meetings. Enjoy *The Ivy Leaves*.

Thank you, Sir.

Robert L. Westermann, ASN
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804-353-7240.

Ammo & Pioneer Plt, Hq. Co.
3rd Bn., 22nd, 4th Div.



CRESTS

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Here is a little history of the 4th Div. when I arrived at Ft. Lewis, Washington in Dec. 1958. I was assigned to Combat Supply Co., 2nd Battle Group, 47th Inf. Regt., of the 4th Inf. Division. We were S.T.R.A.C. This word we heard 50 to 100 times a day. S.T.R.A.C. meant something in those days. S.T.R.A.C. was 4th Div. made up of 5 Infantry Battle Groups. They were the 8th, 12th, 22nd, 39th, and 47th. I sent you a copy of my Battle Group crest (to) put on your special crest pages. I still wear my 47th crest on my chest to show support for my troops, but we never had a 4th Inf. Div. crest. How about making up a crest for all who served with the 4th? Hope to see a reply in next issue or hear from you. Thank you!

Norman Allen
109 Leoda Rd.
Athens, OH 45701-3413



MICHAEL RICHARDS GETS FAN MAIL

Dear Mr. Babcock

I'm writing about your feature article "Peek Into The Past" on page 29 of the December issue of *The Ivy Leaves*.

I just received my Ivy leaves for December 2005, the edition was exceptional good, however I am interested in contacting the author of one of the articles, Michael Richards, during his time in Vietnam. I was his first sergeant and would like to exchange thoughts and

memories with him, I have been in contact with numerous previous members of this unit and would like to find each and every one I served with

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM GENERAL THURMAN

Received this card from General Thurman yesterday (Nov. 28th) thanking the Chapter for the donation to the 4th Layette Program. With out you, the members who attended the fall reunion, the donation would not be possible. Once again, THANK YOU

Bruce and Sue Gass



WHO IS THIS GI?



Do you recognize this 4ID GI?

Bonjour messieurs:

I am a French person living near Paris. When I was a young boy my father took a photo of me in a jeep with a GI some days after Paris was liberated in August 1944 by the 4th division. The patch that he wears on his sleeve is one of this Division.

Maybe somebody of your association is interested in this photo for memory so I send you a copy join to this message. I am to day 66 years old and I have never for-

gotten this soldier. Sorry for my very bad English. (See photo.)

Je vous salue,

Jean-Bernard Voirin



HELP WANTED

I'm hoping you can assist me? I have a vest that on the front upper right bears the names of Fort's Custer, Phillips, Forrest, McCain and Shanks. On the front upper left is written Scotland-Glasgow, England-Chipoenham & South Hampton, and France - Plouay / Chateaubry? / Berne(Reime?) and Vickring. On the reverse of the vest is a near naked woman carrying a bass drum and holding very high 2 drum sticks, followed by the inscription "9/4 Inf.". The vest also has the names of many men printed on the front. The names follow the cut-out pattern of the material used in its construction. The very first and most prominent name is A. B. Turner.

The vest almost resembles something that was made from a pattern. It appears to have been cut out of leather (or some other type of hide) and hand stitched together. All the words are hand written in ink and the woman on the back is drawn in free style.

I initially thought it was 4th Infantry, but now am not sure what unit it originated from. The forts I've discovered were all staging areas for deployment to Europe and later used to house German and Italian POW's. Any assistance you can offer me will be greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance!

Glenn K. Paterson
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12th REG. IN WWII BOOK NEEDED

Dear Dick: Some time after the war, I heard about a book that has been written about the 12th Regiment, but could not find a copy. I would like to buy or borrow a copy of the "History of the 12th Inf. Reg. In WWII," if one is available.

Please write or call Al Potters: (623) 584-0502 or 14515 Granite Valley #665, Sun City West, AZ 85375



8th Inf Regt



3rd Brigade, 4th ID



12th Inf Regt



4th STB 3rd BN CT



22d Inf Regt



40th Tk Bn



4th Engr Bn WWII



704th Ord Bn



4th Med Bn



4th Sig Co



4th Eng Bn.,
Iraq 2003-4



Hq Sp Trps and
Hq Div Arty



377th AAA (AW) Bn CAC



46th FA Bn



20th FA Bn



29th FA Bn



42d FA Bn



44th FA Bn

We Wear Them Proudly

Units of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division



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.

- ★ ABEL, Major Kenneth B. Hq/4/Div. PAO. Passed away 09 Mar 05. Member of Capitol Chapter. 634 Village Green Pkwy, Newport News, VA 23603
- ★ BOURBEAU, Louis L. WWII VET. Passed away 22 Dec 05. Survived by his wife, Marguerite. 8439 Monaco Dr. Port Richey, FL 34668-1127
- ★ BENKER, Stephen S. WWII Member of the Medical Detachment, 8th Inf. Reg. Passed away 26 May 05. Member of the Illinois Chapter. He was 97 yrs. old. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie. Thanks to Bruce Gass.
- ★ COCHRAN, Major Sam Leonard, WWII Vet D/1/8th Inf. Reg, 85 yrs. old. Died 12 Dec 05. Member Carolinas Chapter. Thanks to Rick Adams.
- ★ CROOKS, Donald E. WWII Vet participated in Normandy landings D-Day 29 FA 4ID Passed away Dec 2003. Survived by his wife Bernadette, Loyal member of the 4IDA and attended 40th & 50th reunion of D-Day vets in Normandy, France. Thanks to George A. Peterman.
- ★ deBOER, CARL B. WWII VET. Co F/12th Inf. Passed away 22 April 05 (90 years of age member of the Illinois Chapter. During the war he performed duties as interpreter for his CO utilizing his ability to speak the German language. Thanks to Wayne Brown, a friend and comrade-in-Arms.
- ★ FAHY, Donald J. WWII Vet. L/3/22nd Inf. Passed away 15 Dec 05. Member NY/NJ Chapter. Survived by his wife, Dolores. 40 Ocean Pkwy #2A Brooklyn, NY 11218-1549
- ★ FISHER, Danny Lee. 22yr Vet. Retired as Master Sergeant in May 1990 (1st Cav.) Completed two tours in RVN and earned the "Meritorious Service Medal". He is survived by his wife, Aleta Michelle, and a daughter, Theresa Ann, and son: Danny; and two brothers and a sister. He served the 29th FA Regiment Assn. many years as their web site webmaster. Thanks to LTC Harton 2924 Stillwell Blvd, Crestview FL 32539-8556
- ★ FISHER, Russell L. G/2/22 Inf. WWII Vet. He was an active member of the Carolinas Chapter and best pals with Norman Wolcot (both had been "fox hole buddies") during combat with the enemy WWII) Passed away 06 Apr 05. Thanks to Russ Wolcott and Ray Dunkel.
- ★ GREEN, LTC Edward C. WWII Vet. Member of the CA Chapter. Served 1942-1962. Passed away 22 Apr 2000. His wife, Mary Lou, passed away 14 Dec Dec. 2005. Thanks to Phil Green
- ★ GLICK, Isadore. WWII Vet 12th Inf. Reg. During the war he was with an Anti-Tank Co. Active member of the 4IDA passed away December 1984. His son wants to make contact with anyone who knew his Dad. Richard Glick, Lauderhill, FL (954) 748.1350 a/o <ramida@aol.com>
- ★ HEFFNER, Paul. WWII Vet F/12th Inf. Passed away 17 Oct 05. Survived by 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 10 G-grandkids. Served in the same unit as Wayne Brown. Thanks, Wayne, for letting us know!
- ★ JONES, Ian Dixon, Vietnam Vet, Passed away 31 Dec 05 at 60 years of age. He served as a Chaplain's assistant in Viet Nam and an active member of the Carolinas Chapter. Thanks to Rick Adams
- ★ KEATING, Thomas. Passed away 21 Sep 05. Served in the 4ID during the Cold War 1952-1953. 2224 Oneida Apt#209, Tuley, IL 60435-6530. Survived by his brother, Arthur Keating. Thanks to Leonard Sternick
- ★ MAHONEY, George R. WWII Vet. 4/QMG. Member of NY/NJ Chapter. Passed away 27 Dec 05. 59B Bayview Ave, Port Washington, NY 11050.3515.
- ★ McDougall, Keith E. L/3rd Bn/12 Inf. Reg. 4ID. WWII Vet. 1944-1946. Died 29 Oct 05 due to injuries suffered in an auto accident. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. He served the Western PA Chapter as President and Treasurer. At the time of his death he was an active member of the OH Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret, and son Edward; daughter, Margaret, 4 grandchildren, 2 sisters and 3 brothers. He was very proud of the fact that he was the fourth generation McDougall's to run the family farm. He was active in his community serving as Pine Township Supervisor, President of Mercer Co. Assn. of Township Officials; President of the Grove City AARP Chapter and a member of the Grove City VFW. Thanks to Ray Dunkel.
- ★ McKAY, HENRY R. WWII Vet. "G" Co. 22nd Inf. Reg. Combat Medic passed away on 03 Mar 05. Called "Mac" and "Pappy" he joined the 4th ID at Fort Benning shortly after induction at Camp Upton, Long Island. He was among the first to land at UTAH BEACH on D-Day and served continuously as a combat medic through St. Mere Eglise, Cherbourg, and the hedgerows of Normandy. He was the medic mentioned in Chaplain Bill Boice's book: "History of the 22nd U.S. Inf. Reg." Described in that book as the Medic who had seen too much combat but would not leave. After a short hospitalization he was transferred to the Army Air Force at Vittel, France and later at Schwetzingen, Germany. He was awarded the Combat Medic's Badge, the Bronze Star, w/three bronze campaign stars including the Bronze Arrowhead for the Assault Landing on Normandy. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat, and three sons: Robert, Dennis & Roy. Submitted by: Pat McKay 411 Millrace Drive, Cold Spring, KY 41076
- ★ PEARSON, Paul WWII Vet. F/6/12 inf. He transferred to the 4ID from the Air Corps late in the war. He was a coal miner near Taylorville, IL. He is survived by his wife, Edna and several children. 614 S. Cherokee St., Taylorsville, IL 62568
- ★ ORNER, Robert C. WWII K/3/8th Inf. Longtime member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Died 26 Dec 05. Survived by his wife, Evelyn. PO Box 42, Richland, PA 17087
- ★ POWELL, Col. Gerald "Jake" WWII Vet. Co.L/8th Inf. He was a participant in the assault of UTAH BEACH Normandy 6 June 1944. He passed away 25 Nov 2005. Active member of the AZ Chapter. Thanks to "Jake's" wife, Marie Anne and Wayne Brown. He was buried in the Arizona Nat'l Cemetery at Cave Creek AZ.
- ★ PIRTLE, James 2/8th Inf. Passed away 04 Oct 03 at age of 27. He is survived by his wife, Ursula. Condolences from members of the 4IDA to his wife and Mom, Kelley Gibson
- ★ RUFF, Fletcher M. Served with A/4th Engr's - WWII. Died Friday at the age of 82 years on Jan. 27th, 2006. U.S. Army Retired of Lincolnton, Ga., at D.D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Ft. Gordon. He was an active member of the Carolinas Chapter.
- ★ RYDER, Hal ("Galaxy") He was an "Associate Member". Passed away 25 Jan 06. 253 Berwind Rd., Radner, PA 19087.3701
- ★ SANFACON, Peter C. (Jr.). Cold War Vet. B/44/FA Member New England Chapter died 20 Dec 04. Survived by wife, Sandra (They were married 28 May 04) Attended Xavier College in Nova Scotia; elected to Norwich City Council 2000-2002. Leaves two daughters and two sons and six grandchildren. Thanks to Bud Bukdrick and his wife, Sandra.
- ★ SABATINI, Pasquale "Pat" WWII Vet. Normandy to Ardennes & Rhineland. Passed away 17 April 05 at age of 88. He received the Purple Heart and four Bronze Stars for his actions during the war. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, one son and one daughter and three grandchildren. Thanks to his wife Elizabeth for advising us!
- ★ SCHLEGEL, J. Lester WWII Vet 3/Hq/12th Inf. Passed away 06 Jan 06 at age of 95. Survived by his wife, Carol; two sons; and daughter, Mary. 13 Grandchildren and 5 g-grand children! And: One g-g-grand child! He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet. 419 N. 16th St, Allentown PA 18109.2003
- ★ TRIPP, William G. C/3/8th Inf. Served in RVN 1967-68. Passed away 16 Apr 05. He was an active member of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter. Survived by his wife, Mary, and a daughter. He was a well liked and active member of the 4IDA. Thanks to his comrades-in-Arms for notifying us: Bob Brown, Gary Holliman, Pat McClelland and "Doc" Lund

TAPS – KIA IRAQ

4th Infantry Division Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq, 2005-2006.

Casualties as of February 2, 2006.

Date	Name and Rank	Unit	Hometown	Date	Name and Rank	Unit	Hometown
26 Dec 05	CWO Richard M. Salter	1-4 AVN	Cypress, TX	16 Jan 06	CW2 Ruel M. Garcia	1-4 AVN	Wahiawa, HI
26 Dec 05	CWO Isaias E. Santon	1-4 AVN	Ancon, Panama	23 Jan 06	SSG Lance M. Chase	1-12 IN	Oklahoma City, OK
27 Dec 05	SPC Lance S. Sage	2-8 IN	Hempstead, NY	23 Jan 06	PFC Peter D. Wagler	1-12 IN	Partridge, KS
27 Dec 05	PFC Joshua M. Morberg	2-8 IN	Sparks, NV	2 Feb 06	SPC Walter B. Howard, II	1-8 IN	Rochester, MI
28 Dec 05	SPC Aaron M. Forbes	1-67 AR	Hilton Head, NC	The following Soldiers of 101st Airborne Division were attached to 4ID when killed:			
5 Jan 06	MAJ William F. Hecker, III	3-16 FA	St. Louis, MO	17 Jan 06	PFC Adam R. Shepherd	2-502 IN	Somerville, OH
5 Jan 06	CPT Christopher P. Petty	3-16 FA	Vienna, VA	23 Jan 06	SGT Matthew D. Hunter	1-502 IN	Valley Grove, WV
5 Jan 06	SFC Stephen J. White	3-16 FA	Talladega, AL	25 Jan 06	SSG Jerry M. Durbin, Jr.	2-502 IN	Spring, TX
5 Jan 06	SGT Johnny J. Peralez	3-16 FA	Kingsville, TX	28 Jan 06	PFC Brian J. Schoff	2-506 IN	Manchester, TN
5 Jan 06	PFC Robbie M. Mariano	3-16 FA	Stockton, CA	1 Feb 06	1LT Garrison C. Avery	1-502 IN	Lincoln, NB
15 Jan 06	SPC Dustin L. Kendall	1-68 AR	Conway, AR	1 Feb 06	SPC Marion A. Bustamante	1-502 IN	Corona, NY
16 Jan 06	CW3 Rex C. Kenyon	1-4 AVN	El Segundo, CA	1 Feb 06	PFC Caesar S. Viglienze	1-502 IN	Santa Rosa, CA

News From Veterans Affairs

Payments for Traumatic Injuries Begin Under New VA Insurance Program

WASHINGTON (December 20, 2005) - American troops and their families now have more financial security, thanks to the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) new Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI) program. Prudential Financial Inc., the insurer under the program, began making payments under this new program.

The TSGLI payments, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, are made to service members who have suffered certain traumatic injuries while on active duty.

The new insurance program became effective December 1, 2005, and is designed to provide financial help to military families through extended periods of medical care and healing. Benefits are also payable retroactively to October 7, 2001 for service members and veterans who suffered certain traumatic injuries while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

VA Adds Nearly 2 Million Records to Online Gravesite Locator

WASHINGTON (December 22, 2005) - The burial locations of more than 5 million veterans for whom the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has provided grave markers are now available on the Internet, as well as the information inscribed on the markers.

Online since April 2004, the nationwide gravesite locator: <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov> helps veterans' families, former comrades-in-arms and others find the graves of veterans.

VA recently added 1.9 million records for veterans buried primarily in private cemeteries to its database. The gravesite locator previously carried records on 3 million veterans buried in VA national cemeteries since the Civil War, and in state veterans' cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery since 1999.

Higher Limits Extended in VA Home Loan Program

WASHINGTON (Dec. 29, 2005) - America's veterans and their families now have a greater chance to make their dreams of home ownership a reality, thanks to an increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home loan guaranty limit.

Effective January 1, 2006, changes in the loan guaranty limits will mean veterans are able to get no-down payment loans up to \$417,000. The previous ceiling was \$359,650.

Veterans' Health Care Outscores Private Sector – Again

WASHINGTON (January 18, 2006) - Veterans continue to be more satisfied with their health care than the average American, according to an annual report on customer satisfaction that compares the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system with private-sector health care.

The ratings came in the annual American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), which ranks "customer satisfaction" with various federal programs and private-sector industries.

VA Unveils Landmark Budget

■ **Veterans Get Nearly \$81 Billion in Historic FY 07 Plan**
Landmark Budget Includes Largest Increase in Health Care Spending in History

WASHINGTON (Feb. 6, 2006) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson announced today that President Bush will seek a record \$80.6 billion in the fiscal year 2007 budget for the Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA), with the overwhelming majority of these resources targeted for health care and disability compensation. The FY '07 proposal represents an increase of \$8.8 billion, or 12.2 percent, above the budget for 2006.

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

Name	Unit	Era	Chapter
November 2005			
Joseph T. Arena	8TH INF	Cold War	8th INF REG Society
Robert L. Daumiller	HHC/3/12	1967	Carolinas
Jack Drobot	G/8 INF	1941 - 1945	8th INF REG Society
John N. Hazelton	HHC/2/8 INF	1966 - 1967	Ohio
Raymond G. Hughes	I/12TH INF	Memorial	Indiana/Kentucky
Craig F. Johnson	B/6/29 FA	1970	Spotswood deWitt
Dennis A. Jorgensen	D/1/10 CAV	1966 - 1967	1/10th Cavalry
Pat Koler	A/3/12 INF	1970	Northwest
Dennis W. LaCerde	A/6/29 FA	1967 - 1968	Spotswood deWitt
James D. MacKay	C/1/35	Vietnam	Wisconsin
Branko B. Marinovich	B/3/8 INF	1966 - 1967	Ivy Dragoons
Jack W. McFarland	C/2/8 INF	1967 - 1968	Northwest
William D. Minich	704 ORD BN	1958 - 1961	Eastern PA
Keith A. Morey	C/6/29 FA	1966 - 1968	Spotswood deWitt
Dave Orbell	A/3/8TH INF	1967 - 1968	Ivy Dragoons
Kevin S. Petit	173 AIRBORNE	2003 - 2004	Capital
Donald A. Pochopin	B/3/12 INF	1968 - 1969	Ohio
William F. Ross	223RD MSARNG	Iraq	Mid-South
Glenn M. Rudd	U/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Spotswood deWitt
Joe Samson Jr.	Peacetime	California	
John E. Schafer	HHB/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969	Spotswood deWitt
Maurice M Weidman	B/6/29 FA	1967 - 1968	Spotswood deWitt
Felix E. Williams	A/3/8 INF	1968 - 1969	Ivy Dragoons
Benjamin Brian Zelno	3/16TH FA	2000 - 2004	Florida

December 2005

Del C. Bibles	D/1/12 INF	Vietnam	Carolinas
Edgar L. Borgers	B/2/8 INF	1967 - 1969	Mid-West
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A Year in Review

Once again it is time to reflect on the activities and events of the year 2005. During this year, like most non-profit organizations, FOCH received \$5,000 less in donations than the year 2004. Natural disasters, the state of the economy and lots of people with lots of needs have drawn from the needs of the projects in Vietnam. That is to be expected. I know that it is difficult to prioritize the giving of our earnings. I thought it would be helpful for you, our "friends", to know how the money that was received this year has been spent.

The Projects:

Scholarships: FOCH funded *Forty-two (42)* individual scholarships for Montagnard children the majority of whom were in High School. The total amount spent on the Scholarship program was \$2,100.00

Agricultural Loans: FOCH loaned *nine (9)* new individual agricultural loans for pig raising and cattle raising projects. The total amount for the Agricultural loans was \$1,025.00.

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Philip Glogowski	2/9 FA	Vietnam	Ohio
Jeff K. Hiller	MEMORIAL	Memorial	Texas
SFC John D. Johnson II	1/4 ATK AVN	Active Duty	Mid-South
David King		1952 - 1953	Indiana/Kentucky
Roland Lilley	ASSOCIATE		Capital
Nathaniel R. Masters	2/1 CAV	1969 - 1970	Northwest
John F. McKee	D/1/22 INF	1967 - 1968	Eastern PA
Frank Moses	U/3/22 INF	Vietnam	NY/NJ
Douglas Phillipps			Wisconsin
Alton W. Stern	8TH INF	1944 - 1945	Ohio
Sidney Strickland	B/3/8 INF	1966 - 1967	Ivy Dragoons
James Szymaszek	A/6/29TH FA	1969	Florida
JOSEPH TRANKLER	C/3/8 INF	1969 - 1970	Ivy Dragoons
Keith Walker	MEMORIAL		Capital
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Allan W. White	B/3/12 INF	1969 - 1970	NY/NJ

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Jerry R. Walling	U/1/35 INF	1967 - 1968	Indiana/Kentucky
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Ronald Zuccaro	U/2/8 INF	Vietnam	Michigan

Orphanage Project: FOCH was able to provide shipments of rice to the Kontum Orphanage for \$1,945.00. FOCH sponsored a trip to the beach for over 100 children and sponsors from the orphanage for a total of \$3,600.00. Totals for the Kontum Orphanage project were \$5,545.00.

Project Schoolhouse: FOCH received sponsorship from a local Rotarian Club to provide the funds to rebuild a schoolhouse. We were able to provide the funds to rebuild two schoolhouses this year for a total of \$1,500.00

As always, there are more projects to fund than there are funds. I choose to look at the projects that have been funded as a small step for change. Changing a way of life through hope and education. There are many "friends" to thank for their generosity and giving.

If you would like more information about FOCH please contact us at: <http://www.foch.us>

Fourthfully,

Arnold Waggoner
President

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I just returned from a 2 week vacation in Maui and found a full USPS box of mail waiting for me. After processing the new applications, Chapter dues submissions and all other membership updates, our current position is we still have many yearly members who have not yet paid their 2006 dues.

Not counting the active duty members who have been deployed, there are 655, yearly, 2005 members who have not renewed for 2006. If I include the active duty members, the number is over 1000. Since I was gone for 2 weeks and had requested that Chapter Treasurers not send in dues during that time, I have not yet dropped the 655 from the mailing list. They will receive this issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. I urge all Chapter Treasurers to redouble their efforts to get these members to renew.

Please check the address label on this issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. If the date on it is 12/31/2005 and you have not yet sent in your 2006 dues, please do so ASAP. We need your continued participation and support.

On a positive note, I would like to acknowledge the yearly At Large status members. I administrate this "Chapter" and I

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currently have received 2006 dues payments from all At Large members except for 1. Thank you for your response to the first dues-r-due notice. I appreciate not having to send out multiple notices.

Since my last report, we have 11 members who have made a commitment to the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association by signing up for a Paid for Life membership. The new PFL members are listed below:

Please keep our soldiers stationed in Iraq in your thoughts and prayers.

Steadfast & Loyal!

Greg Rollinger

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LeRoy S. Grego	HQ/8TH INF	1954 - 1956	Texas	Kenny R. Vegoren	U/1/4 AVN	Peacetime	Colorado
Gary Hughes	U/U/U	1966-1967	Mid-West	Felix E. (Buddy) Williams	A/3/8 INF	1968 - 1969	Ivy Dragoons
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Spouses Name _____

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- ◆ TET COUNTEROFFENSIVE
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE IV, V, VI
- ◆ TET 69/COUNTEROFFENSIVE
- ◆ SUMMER-FALL 1969
- ◆ WINTER-SPRING 1970
- ◆ SANCTUARY COUNTEROFFENSIVE
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE VII

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