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Fifty Eighth D-day Anniversary Commemoration at Fort Hood



Attendees at the 58th D-Day Anniversary held at Fort Hood, TX.

*Irving Smolens
D-day Veteran
B Battery 29th Field Artillery Battalion*

Recently I was invited by the Commanding General of the US Fourth Infantry Division now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas to attend some commemorative 58th Anniversary of D-day events to take place on June 6. Eleven other D-day veterans who had invaded Utah Beach in Normandy were also invited but one of the invitees canceled his attendance. Our travel expenses and lodging will be reimbursed. In addition to the ceremonies the command staff of the division felt that we could supplement the training of the officers and enlisted men currently on active duty by telling them of the experiences gained in eleven months of combat in WW II.

I was met at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport on June 4 by a friend at whose home I spent that night. The next morning we drove to Killeen, Texas, adjacent to Fort Hood, where I had a room

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reserved for me by the general's aide, Lt. Colonel Donald Jackson. My friend who was not an invited guest decided to stay at the hotel and had reserved a room there as well. We then drove to the Fort where we entered Division Headquarters and found a most hospitable Col. Jackson. We spent the better part of the afternoon with him exchanging stories and opinions. In the course of the conversation I mentioned that in July my wife and I would be going to Germany, Luxembourg, and Belgium to tour old battle sites. We would be staying with the parents of a young cadet who had just finished her

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Commemorative bricks dedicated

Texas Chapter Holds Ceremony

The Texas Chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Association held a dedication ceremony on Fort Hood, May 4 at the 4th Infantry Division Wall of Honor located next to the division museum.

During the ceremony, commemorative bricks inscribed with the name of a service member, their unit and dates of service were dedicated. The commemorative bricks are part of an ongoing project sponsored by the association.

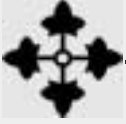


Maj. Eugene Schneider, chaplain, 4ID, begins the May 4 Memorial Brick dedication ceremony with a prayer.



Examining the product of her efforts, Elaine Wells' shadow is reflected on the brick memorial she worked so hard to make happen.

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From the Editor...
Gregory A. Rollinger

Looking for an opportunity?

You will read in our 4IDA President's column that we are looking for a new Editor for *The Ivy Leaves*. This job has evolved into one requiring typing, editing and computer skill. Probably at least half of the articles I receive come to me via email.

When I first took on this job, a lot of time was spent formatting, cutting and pasting articles and pictures to come up with a "camera ready" document sent directly to the printer. Now I email all the individual articles to our publisher who does the formatting and printing. I haven't tried to keep track of the amount of time I spend on getting an issue out but, if I had to guess, it would be approximately 50 hours per issue. It is rewarding seeing the finished product.

If you are interested and want more information on the requirements, feel free to get in touch with me to discuss it.

December 2002 Deadline

The deadline for articles for the next issue is November 1, 2002.

A Few Copies of "History of 12th Infantry Regiment in WWII" Still Available

by Bob Babcock

Response has been good on the reprint of Gerden Johnson's book first published in 1947. At press time, 12 copies of this book, including everything from the original issue, are still available at the price of \$35, including postage.

When these are gone, there are no plans to print more at this time – so do not delay if you still want a copy of this excellent history of our 12th Infantry Regiment's actions in WWII.

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This will be my last report as President of the Association. I would like to thank the officers and all the members of the Association for their support and guidance in this past year. Linda and I enjoyed the mini-reunions that we attended and all the new friends made. Those friendships will last a lifetime.

Greg Rollinger has agreed to take the challenge as our new Executive Director. We could not have found a better replacement for Roger Barton. I would like to thank Roger for all of the work that he has done for the Association in the past 10 plus years. We would not be the Great Association that we are without the dedication of members like Roger and Greg and the many others that volunteer their time and knowledge to keep the association running. With this in mind we will now need a new Editor for the IVY Leaves. Greg has said that he will continue on until a new editor is found. Greg would

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continue on as the assistant editor. If you are interested please contact Greg or me.

I look forward to seeing you all in Spokane. There are many reasons to attend this well planned, exciting reunion. Bob Reilly and his committee have worked very hard to put on a great show for us. Another reason for attending is the Association business. It is important that you attend the business meetings so that you can hear about future reunion dates, scholarship information and many other items that effect you and the association. Remember if you want to make a difference you need to stand up and be counted.

Former 4ID Deputy Commanding General Nominated for 3rd Star

by Chuck McKee

Major General Richard A. Cody, currently commanding the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, KY., has been nominated by President Bush to the rank of Lieutenant General and to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Chief of Staff at the Pentagon.

Many of us recall then BG Cody as the active Divisions representative to our National convention in Akron, OH. As the newly appointed Deputy Division Commander for maneuver, "Dick" as he preferred to be called, became a true part of the IVY family. Leaving the Division to assume the "Army War Room" at the Pentagon, and earning his second star, he was the primary lead in the development of strategic plans for various national security commitments. General Cody has most recently commanded the 101st ABN Divisions operations in Afghanistan until their return in July 2002.

MG Cody, a native of Montpelier, VT, is the Army's highest-ranking Apache helicopter pilot. In 1991, as a LTC he and the

pilots under his command fired the first shots of the Persian Gulf War. Their rounds took out the Iraqi early warning radar sites, allowing US Air Force and collision jets into Baghdad undetected for a highly successful bombing run.

We wish you continued success - IVY 6a! (Note: Information taken from the 8/12/02 issue of the Army Times)

Vietnam Veterans Entitled To Award

By Chuck McKee, 4IDA NSO

The Department of Army, and other US government agency, has announced that all service members who served in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1, 1961 through March 28, 1973 are entitled to the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Every American and every nation allied with the United States who served in the waters, in the air, or on the land of the Republic of Vietnam was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Because the Cross of Gallantry does not appear on every US Vietnam veteran's DD-214 (Discharge), Vietnam veterans may receive government acknowledgment of this medal by requesting a DD-215 (updated Discharge) from the National Records Center in St. Louis, MO by submitting an SF-180. When submitting your request, it is suggested that a photo copy of your original DD-214 be enclosed with the SF-180.

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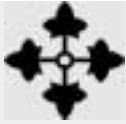
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French Government Honors WWII Veterans

This past July I had the honor and pleasure in watching over 200 World War 2 veterans receive Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts in liberating France. Some came in wheelchairs or on crutches and canes, but each stood with pride in front of the French Consul and accepted his, or her, long overdue award.

After the French in 1994 failed to provide enough medals for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, they authorized the issue of a Certificate of Appreciation to all Allied servicemen and women who had served during the period of June 6, 1944 through May 8, 1945 in liberating France.

If you are a WW2 veteran, and served on French during this period of time, you are entitled to receive this recognition. Send me a copy of your Discharge/Service Record showing the period of service, and I will arrange for the Certificate to be awarded to you.

Annual Service Officers Report

During the past year, the National Service Officer assisted 25 veterans, or their family members with matters involv-

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ing claims with the Veterans Administration, the National Records Center, or other veteran related issues.

I assisted in the filing of 5 claims for compensation that resulted in the award of more then \$50,000.00 to the veterans or their families. I also assisted in the processing of funeral reimbursements for deceased veterans totaling more then \$5,900.00. I also assisted in the reissue or initial award of decorations overlooked by the Army in at least 12 cases. These ranged from Certificates of Appreciation to the Distinguished Flying Cross. There are 3 applications pending.

It has been a very positive year; however, clouded by the passing of a number of friends. I look forward to continuing to serve our Ivy soldiers and family.

Respectfully submitted;

Chuck McKee, NSO 4IDA

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first year at West Point. She is, of course, American as are both her parents.

When I mentioned to Col. Jackson that my young friend was disappointed that they would not permit her to choose the armored forces as her preferred branch of the army, he responded saying that the women under his command can do anything the men can do. I then asked how they could handle 95-pound artillery shells and drive the behemoth armored tracked vehicles. His response was that officers do not do those things, They get noncoms and other enlisted men to do them.

While this was going on he was taking phone calls from his men whom had been designated to pick up the other arriving veterans at airports in Killeen or Austin and escorting them to our hotel. He handled all the problems such as delayed flights causing late arrivals expeditiously and was finally satisfied that all that were scheduled to arrive were met and deposited safely in the hotel.

Prior to going to Division Headquarters we made a brief stop at the Wall of Honor where I placed two messages beneath the memorial plaque for Captain Joseph Grant a Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient. His sister is a close friend and so one of the messages was from her and the other was mine. I also left a small flowerpot along with the messages.

After dinner that evening all of us sat around the hotel lobby catching up on events with those whom we knew and introducing ourselves to others whom we had not previously known.

The next morning we visited the museum as a group where Celia Stratton, the director, met us. We then went to the Wall of Honor for a wreath Laying Ceremony. That was followed by a Change of Command Ceremony for the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment. Participating in the ceremony were the Fourth Infantry Division Band and the officers and enlisted men of the three component gun batteries who passed in review in front of the Division Artillery Commanding Officer, Col. Charles B. Allen. The parade was then

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Pearl Maples shows her grandson, Hunter, the brick bearing the name Virgil Maples, Pearl's retired 4ID husband.



Elaine Wells, project coordinator, is awarded with her own brick as a result of her hard work. Relating the family's military history.

followed by short addresses by the Outgoing Commander, LTC Michael W. Bowers and the Incoming Commander, LTC Allen B. West.

I then had the distinct pleasure of having lunch with Col. Allen. Following lunch two other field artillery veterans and I were escorted to Division Artillery Headquarters where Col. Allen had assembled all his officers and I believe some of his higher-ranking noncoms. Jim Flannigan (DSC), who was the most highly decorated member of the Fourth Division Artillery and Henry Cobb were the other two artillerymen present. After Col. Allen formally welcomed us and praised and thanked us for what we had done he turned the meeting over to us. When he did so he appeared to be looking at me but I deferred to Jim Flannigan as most deserving to begin. Jim did and told of some of his combat experiences. Henry Cobb who had remained in service, eventually reaching the rank of general followed him. I then related the story of how my B Battery of the 29th Field Artillery had hit an aquatic mine and sunk killing 37 of the 60 B Battery men on board a number of whom were my close buddies. I was spared that fate by being designated a reserve and landing much later that day from a different landing craft.

One of the officers had asked if we had any problems with desertions and I responded that prior to boarding our landing craft we had been redeployed to heavily guarded and quarantined camps from which there was no possibility of trying to leave and that once on board the ships it would have been foolhardy to jump overboard and risk drowning or perishing from hypothermia. I followed that by saying that I had often been asked if I was scared knowing that I was about to be going into combat and my response was that I and the rest of the men with me were too busy to be scared. Once out in the English Channel we were mostly all so seasick that all we wanted to do was get on to solid land. We were willing to take our chances with the artillery shells and machine guns and mortars that would be sure to greet us. Jim Flannigan then interjected that the thing that is never shown in pictures of the troops on the landing craft is the upchucked vomit that

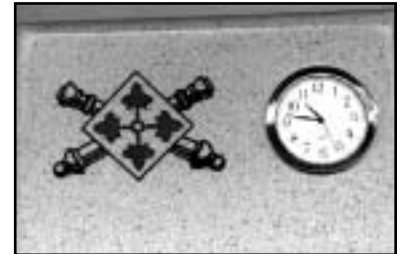
covered the decks of the landing craft. Jim followed that by referring to the replica of the Higgins boat in the D-day Museum on New Orleans; it was just too clean. Jim and I had both been present at the dedication of the museum so I knew exactly what he meant.

The Infantry veterans and the one engineer veteran were taken to view the facilities of their respective commands. Elaine Wells who is a frequent visitor to Fort Hood as the person who was in charge of the Memorial Brick Project and a friend told me later that she had been escorted to a Map Room by Col. Ted Kostich where digital computations are made that reveal the locations on land and sea of any troop activity and the dispositions of any enemy troops. Passes are needed for entry and the room is constantly under surveillance by video cameras.

Following that session we went to the Phantom Warrior Club where Major General Raymond Odierno greeted us. After a short introductory speech praising us for what we had accomplished on D-day 58 years ago, three videos were shown on a large screen. The first was a newly produced tape of the History of the Fourth Infantry Division. Next came a video of the current 4th Division operations which was followed by another showing pictures of veterans. Before the party began, I sought out General



Above: Each attendee posed with General Odierno and a soldier dressed in a replica of the field uniforms we had worn in WWII.



Right: A miniature marble pedestal clock was presented to each attendee which represented the additional hours of freedom they given others by their actions on D-Day.

Odierno and filled with emotion I thanked him for inviting and honoring us.

A bar and buffet had been set up and then it was party time with music and Karaoke singing. The music was too loud for my taste so I went outside and socialized with some of the veterans and soldiers before picture taking time. Each of us posed with General Odierno and a soldier dressed in a replica of the field uniforms we had worn in WW II. We then were driven back to our hotel for dinner and socializing in the lobby.

The next morning we all assembled in the hotel lobby. Col. Jackson presented us with framed prints of the pictures we had taken with General Odierno. There were also several pictures of the entire group, which Col. Jackson promised to send each of us when more copies were made. Then came what for me was the most moving moment of our trip. Each of us was presented with a miniature marble pedestal clock with the Ivy Leaf insignia on the pedestal. As he made the presentation he said, that the division chose a clock as our parting gift to represent all the additional hours of freedom that we had given to Americans and other people in the world by our actions on D-day.

It was then going home time.

D-DAY COMMEMORATION ATTENDEES		
Index	Unit	Position/Role
1.	Frank Glass	HQ Det, 28 AF
2.	Lee Smith	Co L, 28 AF
3.	George H. King	Chaplain, 28 AF
4.	Stan Melling	Co C, 28 AF
5.	Jim Walker	Co C, 1st AF
6.	Jim Flannigan	3rd B, 29th Field Artillery
7.	Henry Cobb	3rd B, 29th Field Artillery
8.	Bob Sever	Co L, 1st AF
9.	Bob Anderson	Co F, 1st AF
10.	Henry Cobb	3rd B, 29th Field Artillery
11.	Ray West	Co C, 1st AF
12.	Richard Cook	Co B, 28 AF

Chapter Reports



A/1/8 Chapter Report

by Ken McCormack

Annual Reunion

Though hot and muggy at 99 degrees and 99 percent humid, the members of A Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry - All Eras Chapter did not care as we were not back in Vietnam but in Key West, Florida for our fourth annual reunion.

Thirty-three vets, wives, and significant others gathered at the Casa Marina Resort June 21 - 23 to reminisce, honor our fallen



Members pose at Annual A/1/8 Reunion.

comrades, and celebrate life with food, fun, conversation, and a great beach party.

Friday night found the hospitality suite deserted early as we broke out into groups for dinner on the town and a sampling of the Key West nightlife including Duval Street with its many historic pubs and legendary nightlife. Consequently it was noted that several lethargic people were late to Saturday mornings "official" kick off breakfast. After some brief opening remarks and welcome by President Greg Rollinger followed by a brief business meeting to nominate officers and next years meeting site for overnight consideration, we disbanded for a day of sight-seeing and fun with most everyone back and in the pool by mid day!

Incoming chapter president Jerry and first lady Cynthia Horton hosted everyone to a fabulous Beach Party and Pig Roast at his home on Big Pine Key Saturday night. After dinner found us dancing to and enjoying music provided by a very good local band and, in the spirit of being neighborly (Can't complain about a party you are attending!) several "locals" who were both colorful and entertaining, joined us.

Sunday morning we held our formal election of officers for 2002 - 2003 with Jerry Horton taking over as President and Don White agreeing to serve as Vice President. Ken McCormack was re-elected Secretary / Treasurer as was Bugs Moran to the post of Morale and Entertainment chairman. Andy Lepeilbet agreed to chair coordinating next year's reunion to be held either in Lake

Tahoe or Reno depending on what kind of deal he can conjure up. Next years meeting will be either the third or fourth week-end of September, again depending on venue, which hopefully we will have figured out in the next few weeks.

It was once again a great gathering of brothers who share that incredible bond forged only through service and tempered by combat.

At Large Chapter Report

by Pvt. Howard Aran

Trip of Remembrance to Normandy France

Saturday June 1st saw members of the 4th Div reenactment group journey to Normandy France in period WW2 Jeeps. The aim of the trip was to combine a visit to the Normandy beaches and request from the 4th Division Veterans Association to participate in ceremonies/activities due to take place in St Marie Du Mont, near to Utah Beach Normandy. In total 6 members of the group and two jeeps were able to attend the events.

We stationed ourselves at St Mere Eglise- and had plenty of time to visit the many historical battlegrounds and beaches before the D-Day celebration itself on 6th June.

Contact was made with Mr. Phillipe Cornil who is a resident of St Marie Du Mont, and an honorary member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Veterans Society. We had been in contact with Phillipe in the weeks coming up to D-day and had offered our services to assist him with his plans for June 6th.

Phillipe as the local contact for the 22nd Regiment (One of the member infantry regiments forming the 4th Division) requested that we assist with a Book dedication that was due to take place on the 5th June. Accordingly we obliged his request



4th Div members on Utah Beach, June 2002



Members of the 4th Div re-enactment group form honour guard at 4TH DIV monument on Utah beach June 6th 2002 06:30 AM. With US Army and veterans in attendance.



Front cover of newly released 4TH Div veteran's book, relaunched in French by authors and group members June 5th 2002.

and the evening of Wednesday 5th June saw our group at the local Village Square of St Marie Du Mont. In attendance was Mr Bob Babcock the president of the 22ND INFANTRY Society, and ex president of the 4th Division veterans association. There were contingents of the current US army present. The event was held to launch the release of the French translation of the book written by 4th Div WW2 and Vietnam Veterans entitled 'War Stories from Utah Beach to Pleiku' compiled by Bob Babcock himself a 4th Division veteran. Pictures were to be taken and immediately sent via email to

the 4TH Div veterans re-union that was taking place at the same time in Fort Hood Texas which is the current home of the 4th Inf. Div. A display of historic photographs and models accompanied the book launch in the village hall venue.

Whilst in Normandy we encountered many other re-enactors from all around Europe as is the norm, however it was surprising to see just how few portrayed troops that landed on Utah. The majority of impressions were concentrated on the more popular Omaha divisions (1st, 29th and Rangers) as well as the many airborne re-enactors. We did make contact with a small group of French based 4th Div re-enactors, and plans were suggested for a joint anniversary encampment for the 60th Anniversary.

The book signing went very well with many re-enactors and public attending throughout the evening. Copies of the book were distributed in French and English variants, copies obviously finding their way into the hands of the LHA 4th Div re-enactors.

June 6TH saw us all rise at 5:30 AM and drive the Jeeps to St Marie du mont to collect the official Veterans Society contingents and US army regulars. We drove from St Marie du Mont along the same route followed by the 8th Inf. as they liberated villages on the morning of June 6th 1944 and arrived at Utah beach, the site of the 4th Div memorial, 50 yards away from the Km 0 marker on Utah Beach.

At the Utah beach Museum, we participated in a small dedication service and formed an honour guard as Bob Babcock kindly agreed to lay the floral tribute that we have brought along to place at the official 4TH Division marker. Once the formalities had been undertaken we spent some time on the Utah Beach itself at the historically important hour of 06:30, Bob taking the opportunity to 'Taste the history' by venturing into the sea by all accounts it was quite cold! Members of the unit decided that this was an unwise decision based on that fact that we were all wearing class A service dress; perhaps we should have worn combat field equipment!

As many of you will know – the 4th div encompasses a JASCO lineman impression vehicle. As part of our visit to Utah we had the privilege to visit the restored JASCO NOIC

Communications bunker that is located behind the Le Roosevelt café on Utah beach. This bunker is not generally accessible to the General public- so we were honoured to have a guided tour.

The bunker itself was a German bombproof structure used by the battery of Lieutenant A.Jahnke at the famous W5 blockhouse that centers the actual Utah beach-landing site. The bunker was requisitioned by the US navy communications groups for establishing a field comms center for radio and Telephone networks on Utah Beach so it was very interesting to see this historical site which has now been fully restored complete with full US communications equipment inside. The veterans signatures signed in 1944 are still visible on the walls of the bunker there are many pictures of the veterans who have returned to this site since Dday.

All in all, the trip was very successful with all members saying that we should repeat the exercise on a larger scale. It would be nice to join forces with other 4th Div re-enactors and establish a combined Utah WW2 encampment for the 60th Anniversary in 2004, plans are now afoot to make do this and with the help and support of the 4th Div Veterans Association this may become a reality.



Picture showing inside of restored JASCO comms bunker on Utah beach located behind Le Roosevelt restaurant. Howard Aran tries to contact the fleet with no luck!

The aim of Phillippe Cornil and Bob Babcock is to raise awareness of the contributions made by members of the 4th Division during the Normandy Campaign in 1944, I believe that we played our own small part in supporting this



Dawn breaks over Utah Beach June 6th 2002



Bob Babcock 4th Div Veteran –enters the Sea on 6th June 2002 Utah Beach



4th Div Lineman JASCO jeep on Utah beach

Airborne US divisions, readily available in all of the shops and museums, but when it comes to Utah – it is true to say that a Lot more could be done to raise the awareness of the achievements of these brave men who carried out a near perfect text book beach landing invasion with less than 200 casualties on D-Day out of 23,000 troops landed.

Our grateful thanks go to Phillipe Cornil for inviting us to participate in the 4th Division activities, and of course to Bob Babcock of the Veterans Assoc. for his continued support.

Thanks to all the members of the unit that made the long trip to France at personal expense, and especially to those who drove period WW2 vehicles.

“Steadfast and Loyal”

*Report compiled by Pvt. Howard Aran
8th Inf. Reg., 4th Inf. Div Living History Group*

Carolinas Chapter Report

by Bob Kay and Rick Adams

10 Year History

On a beautiful spring day, May 23, 1992 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Columbia, South Carolina, the Carolinas Chapter was officially chartered by a delegation of National Officer Representatives of the Association. At this crucial inaugural meeting only 28 WWII and 1 Vietnam veteran was in attendance. Nonetheless, a slate of officers was presented, nominated, elected and installed with Edward C. Smith, Sr. becoming our first Chapter President.

Without hesitation this somewhat small uncertain membership voted to hold mini-reunions twice a year, with each successive meeting to be held in different cities. Over the ten-year history and with the remarkable leadership of succeeding Presidents, John Hall, Bob Kay, Richard Bolin, Rick Adams, Carl Dry, and Roy Surratt; 3-Day weekend chapter reunions have been held in Augusta, Asheville, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, Greenville, Mt Airy, and Spartanburg. Attendance at meetings has generally averaged between 45-70 persons, which includes members, spouses, and guests. At six of our meetings, we were honored to have National Association Presidents: Ken Stokes, Bill May, Fred Gould, Chuck McKee, Bob Babcock, Roger Dufek and their wives.

Organizationally, chapter officers include a President, Sr. Vice-President, Jr. Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and

aim, and hope that we continue to do so.

Anyone that has visited Normandy will not have failed to have seen the many monuments and abundance of material that is available for researchers of the Omaha and

Chaplain. Additionally, there is an Executive Committee for planning and appointed committee Chairmen for Donations, Hospitality, Ivy Leaves Reporter, Membership, Nominations, and Raffles. As a guide to each changing administration, a set of Chapter Bylaws was also published supplementing our National Association's Constitution & Bylaws. Chapter business meetings have been carried out each Saturday morning, timely and with a purpose.

While each Chapter gathering brought warm and friendly association, good times and renewed memories; the Carolinas Chapter has long adopted a generous Outreach support to other worthy and military related programs and organizations. Indeed, this sharing effort using extra accrued funds for others, has truly been a “4-Star” activity of this Chapter of which we can all be proud. But, like an old popular tune, “Wishing, Won't Make it so;” it took effort, support and dedication from many.

Thanks to special gifts from members and proceeds realized through our Fun-Raffles ably conducted by Kydie Kay and super-sellers Doziene Waldrop, Faye Webb and their 4TH Division Ladies has made possible a fully stocked, complimentary hospitality suite at each meeting. Moreover, generous donations have been shared with patient-recreation programs at the VA Hospital, in Columbia, the JrROTC program at Dorman High School, Spartanburg. Also, repeat support has been given to FOCH (Friends of the Central Highlands) program in Vietnam, The Montagnard Foundation, and the long awaited 4TH Infantry Division Monument, at Arlington National Cemetery and the approved WWII Memorial, Washington, DC. More recently, gifts were also made to the Bedford VA, National D-Day Memorial, and the purchase of copies of the 4IDA book “War Stories, Utah Beach to Pleiku”. These will be presented as gifts to school libraries and other deserving groups. The extension of good will and assistance to others in this manner has given the Carolinas Chapter a mark of perpetuity, distinction and purpose.

A few memorable highlights and accomplishments worth mentioning during our Ten Year history can best be summed up, “We done good”. And they were: Conducting a Veterans Day Tribute with a colorful Memorial Service and Wreath Laying ceremony, November 4, 1995 at the Spartanburg County Veteran's Park. Hosting the 82ND National Reunion in Charlotte, July 2000. Recipients of a beautiful 4TH Division flag, a gift from Norman & Faye Webb which was later adorned by 21 campaign battle streamers purchased by our members commemorating those 4TH Division comrades who gave their lives in combat throughout the World for freedoms sake.

Many will recall the happy faces of the “Big Winners” of the soughtafter raffle grand prizes. Such as the unique sea shell decorated wreath; a beautiful hand painted and crafted table lamp; and three one-of-a-kind handmade patchwork quilts provided by Georgia Ellison; or the stunned Secy/Treas, Tallie Crocker recipient of a framed Certificate and engraved Plaque of Appreciation by a visiting National President. And who can forget Carl Morris winning the dramatic painting of infantry troops (8TH Infantry of course) landing on the beaches of Normandy, France on D-Day; and the \$275 Seiko 4ID watch. Last but not least, the lucky Bolin's who captured the all-expense paid weekend to the 10TH anniversary reunion in Columbia, compliments of our very spir-

ited and generous social member, Bernard Marie.

In spite of normal attrition over the years, our membership continues to grow. Currently we have a total of 263 Members: 126 WWII, 82 Vietnam, 21 Cold War, 5 Social, 10 Memorial, and 19 Widows. Although most losses are in WWII members and non-paying vets, we continue to gain Vietnam members mainly through the Internet. This transitional change in membership toward Nam vets is also reflected in the spirited and dedicated Chapter leadership, an extremely important element to sustaining vitality of the Chapter. Our own Rick Adams B/1/10 Cavalry – Vietnam, a National Jr. Vice President is now waiting in the wings to become Sr. Vice President and National President.

Though many of our active members have sadly stood their Final Retreat, their friendly personalities, dedication and support over the years will be remembered by those who now continue to carry on the proud traditions and patriotic spirit of the 4TH Infantry Division Association.

Bob Kay

Please welcome two new memorial members to the chapter: Mrs. Burma Austin, Douglasville, GA wife of James Austin F/2/22 INF WWI who died January 11, 2002, and Mrs. Kathryn Hovanec, Charlotte, NC wife of LTC James Hovanec 4TH Engr's WWII, who died February 17, 2002.

It's Dues time again. You should receive your 2003 yearly dues envelope in September. You can help tremendously by returning your dues as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the year. You will be removed from the "Ivy Leaves" mailing list on January 1 if they are not paid, and the Chapter has added expense to make additional mailings, not to mention the time involved. You may want to consider the advantages of a life membership, see the "Ivy Leaves" for details or let me know.

South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges, and the Palmetto Project has launched a program to get Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation" in every U.S. History classroom in South Carolina. The Carolinas Chapter is participating in the effort by offering WWII veterans to speak at school functions in support of this effort. If you are a WWII veteran and are willing to assist, contact Rick Adams for further details.

We have received grateful acknowledgements from Friends of the Central Highlands, The Montagnard Foundation, and the "D" Day Memorial Fund for our generous \$500 donations. Also we have purchased more "Utah Beach to Pleiku" books to be donated to local schools and libraries.

Al Pichette, chapter Jr. Vice-President is moving from the area and has resigned. The nominating committee has placed Jack Leonard's name in nomination. A vote will be held at the Mt Airy meeting to fill the vacancy.

Our next reunion will be held October 18-20, 2002 at the Comfort Inn, Mt Airy NC (336-789-2000). Call hotel direct for reservations. Norman and Faye Webb will be hosting the reunion and a picnic at their mountain top farmland. Registration forms will be mailed in advance. Also, mark your calendars for the 2003 spring reunion to be held April 25-27, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Columbia, SC. We have invited the new 1/10th Cav Chapter and units to join us at this gathering.

Rick Adams

Colorado Chapter Report

by Eugene F. Carter



John Lamerson presenting an overview of the battle of Ben Het to Monument Hill SERTOMA members.

man of the board.

John has published a book titled *The Phantom of Ben Het*. It is a "missing chapter" which encompasses his personal combat experience during a 58-day siege that took place in Vietnam from May-June 1969. It took John more than 15 years to complete his research, analysis and validation in order to provide an accurate account of just what did happen. John is a retired artillery master sergeant, and during his tour at Ben Het he was filling an artillery captain (03) position. (Does this sound familiar)?

What makes the story so important to 4th Infantry Division soldiers is that it took place in an old 4th ID area

of operation, and the division was still operating in the general vicinity. Some of the NVA regiments involved are well known to us, e.g. the 66th NVA Infantry Regiment, the 24th NVA Infantry Regiment, the 40th NVA Artillery Regiment and the 28th NVA Infantry Regiment, allegedly made up from two leftover Battalions of the 325 C NVA Division that fought at Khe Sanh.

This well documented account from an enlisted man's perspective on the ground is a valuable and long overdue report on "the rest of the story." The book is available on a hard copy or paperback edition. You can order by E-mail (one55mm@aol.com) or his web site (www.lamersonpub.com).

We started Memorial Day on 20 May of this year at 8 a.m. with a short ceremony and flag raising followed by breakfast at the VFW Post 3917. We then went to the Shrine of Remembrance at 10 a.m. for the raising of one of the largest flags I've ever seen (50' X 40'). Twenty-four people helped as "flag detail".

At 11 a.m. we attended a ceremony at Memorial Park here in Colorado Springs. The memorial you see in the picture is our

Greetings from the foothills of the Rockies. During this report period I would like to recognize one of our Colorado Chapter members, John Lamerson. He has held a variety of positions in several fraternal organizations here in the Springs area including charter member and life member of VFW Chapter 3917 and past president and life member of TREA, Chapter 1. He was recently presented their Award of Excellence for 2001 for his staunch support of our annual Veterans Day Parade of which he is currently president and chair-



New book by Colorado Chapter member John Lamerson.

Fort Carson memorial (right) depicts all divisions that were there. In attendance at ceremony (below) were, from left to right, Bob Gassett, Jose Barerra, Gene Carter, John Lamerson, and Martha Lopez with her husband Vic.



Fort Carson memorial and depicts all of the divisions that were here at one time or another. Our association performed some maintenance on it prior to the ceremony to make it more presentable (it was in dire need).

More than twenty chapters and organizations were present for the ceremony. The wreath was placed on the Fort Carson memorial by the chapter president and Bob Gassett.

Florida Chapter Report

by Edward J. McEniry

The Florida Chapter held a semi-annual reunion at the Best Western Bayshore Hotel, Tampa Florida on 2-5 May 2002. The lively group festivities started in the Hospitality Room on Friday afternoon and evening where members and their guests enjoyed the company of longtime and newly made friends. Saturday morning was devoted to the Chapter Business Meeting. In the afternoon, a delicious buffet luncheon was served in the Hospitality Room, thanks to the ladies of the Chapter. Saturday evening the hotel's main dining room was exclusively ours for the customary Cocktail Hour, Flames of Remembrance Ceremony and Evening Banquet. Filet Mignon in Cabernet Sauce and Prosciutto Wrapped Grouper were the dinner choices and both were delicious as attested to by our members and their guests. After dinner, just about everyone returned to the Hospitality Room for more comradeship.

Sunday Morning, a break-a-way Continental Breakfast was served in the Hospitality Room with last minute conversations and goodbye said before making their departures. Attending the reunion were: Bob Affourtit & guest, Dominic & Helen Argiro, Helen Bogdanski, Norb & Merle Croucher, Jack & Peggy Fox,

John Gibson, Wesley & Catherine Gregory, M/M Edmund Hynes, Robert Krause & Amy Ortiz, Roger Lampkin & guest, Bryan & Regina Middleton, Mitch & Wanda Radon, Jerry & Darlene Sadler, Bob & Ethel Williamson.

The Florida Chapter will host a MINI-REUNION AND CHAPTER MONUMENT DEDICATION during the period 31 October – 3 November 2002. The reunion will be at the Holiday Inn, I-75 (Exit 361), Ocala, FL and the official Monument Dedication at 10:00 AM, Saturday 2 November 2002 at the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513. The Cemetery is located east of I-75 at Exit 309. Room rates for the reunion are \$50, plus tax, single/double, reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn I-75, 3621 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala FL 34475, phone 1-352-629-0381. Chapter members will receive the usual reunion notification letter in ample time to plan attending. A warm invitation is extended to non-Florida 4IDA members to attend our reunion and dedication. For further information please contact Chapter President Robert W. Krause, 4407 County Breeze Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34653, phone 1-727-276-2660.

Illinois Chapter Report

by Rick Sover

Well, here we are, once again ending another 4th ID year. I was hoping to end this year as a 100% chapter, but to no avail. I issued 4 reminders to the members, who were delinquent so you can see I tried.

I received word that we have a very sick member in Hines Veteran hospital. Robert J. Kaufman, 4th signal corp. WW II. This is all the information I have at the present time.

I received a letter from the Commanding General of Fort Hood, Texas to attend a reception held at Fort Hood for members who made the D-day Landing at Utah Beach on the 6th of June 1944 in Normandy, France. In attendance were Frank Glaze, FL Chapter, Leo Jereb, Pa. Chapter, and Rev. George Knapp, IL Chapter, Stan McKaig, N.E. Chapter, Jim Nannini, IL Chapter, Jim Flannigan, MI Chapter, Irving Smolens, N.E. Chapter, Henry Cobb, Carolina Chapter, Chaplain Ray Saul, Mid South Chapter and Richard Cook, Texas Chapter. Although are stay was short (June 5-7th) it was a great experience. At present our Illinois Chapter is busy preparing for our fall reunion, which will be held October 11-13th, at the Holiday Inn, 150 S. Gary Ave, in Carol Stream. Call the hotel direct 630-665-3000 or 1-800-800-6509. Mention you are with the 4th ID reunion.

Our National reunion will be held in Spokane, WA. Sept 23-29th. Make your reservations early. DoubleTree hotel, Spokane City Center. Hope to see you in Spokane.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER REPORT

By Merle Davies

Michigan Chapter Annual Reunion was held at the Fairfield Inn, Midland, Michigan on May 17 and 18, 2002. Attendance and schedule was informal and devoted to fellowship and renewing friendships, old and new. Long time members Ernie and Bernie Teckman were unable to attend due to health reasons.

Gracing our gathering were four "in country" members...Philip Menendez, Steven Bradshaw, William Pelfrey, and Rodney Kelley.

Friday May 17 our early arrivals began showing about noon. The Hospitality Room was open, equipped with all the goodies and frills of a Reunion. From Interlochen, in the North were Charles and Maria Merveau...our long distance travelers. Maria was a young girl in Holland during the 1944 - 45 years, and witnessed the Airborne action along "Hell's Highway," ...the road to Arnham. Our nearest member's, Jesse and Phylis Stadler, from Mt. Morris made their appearance. Jesse informed us, he did not imitate General Patton and pee in the Rhine, when crossing over a pontoon bridge in his tracked artillery vehicle...he was too scared..... "I can't swim". Visiting recessed for a walk to the close, local eatery, Charlene's, where our actions attracted notice of other dinners. Evening following was within the Hospitality Room doing what old soldiers do best.

Saturday morning began with the wonderful continental breakfast provided by Fairfield Inn, and supplemented with individual servings of SOS (Shit on Shingle), provided by the Davies. That action initiated varied remarks from the members, and for those who forgot what it was. Hospitality Room was open from sunrise to eleven PM courtesy of Company "F" of 12th Infantry. Some ladies, supervised by Irene Roan, undertook a scouting trip to extensive, local shopping center just north of the Inn. Shoppers return prompted another visit to Charlene's eatery for a tummy fill-up. Afternoon was spent at whatever, and arrival of additional members for the evening Banquet.

Chapter Banquet was at American Legion Hall - Midland, who had hosted us a previous Reunion. Arrival time was 6:00 PM for Double Bubble Hour; followed by a delicious self serve meal at 7:00 PM. After desert, our President Philip Menendez announced a round of drinks on him...to insure his position in the Chapter! Persons remaining until Sunday returned to the Hospitality Room, others bid farewell for returned to their homes.

In attendance were: President Phillip & Brenda Menendez, Secretary / Treasure Merle & Arlene Davies, Steven & Joan Bradshaw, Murney & Linda Bell, Rodney Kelley & Carol Pelkey, Sebastian LaFatta, Norman & Jean LeVasseur, Charles & Maria Merveau, Sigmund & Helen Nelson, William & Lilia Pelfrey, James & Irene Roan, Jesse & Phylis Stadler.

Sunday was Hospitality Room clean up, and departure day. Most attendees continue to gather for Monthly Luncheon's held on east and west locations of Metro Detroit Area. These are held on Third Thursday of each month, alternately West location - Mitch Howsey's, Schoolcraft (west of Inkster exit of I - 96), Livonia, Michigan. East location Applebee's, corner of Gratiot Avenue, and 23 Mile Road. (I - 94 to 23 Mile exit, then West to Shopping Center on North - East Corner of intersection. *All are welcome.* Contact Merle Davies at (586) 598 9222 for details.

Mt Clemens Shady Side Park was the location of the "Moving Vietnam Wall" June 22 to 28, 2002. The Opening ceremonies were colorfully done by color guards from Vietnam Veterans Chapters, U. S. Marines, Selfredge Field, Air ROTC, VFW, American Legion, Am Vets, and guest speaker former command-

er at Selfredge ANG base. A large crowd was present of "in country" people and their supporters. This writer spoke with many former military from the Big War # 2. One evening a visiting friend retired Col. John Apple, AF fighter pilot, who flew P-40 in Pacific 1943, searched for his wingman lost in Cambodia in 1969.

On Sunday, a group of twelve hundred motorcycle riders assembled at the "Traveling Wall" to pay their respects. Midweek a *Candle Light Ceremony* was dedicated to the 132 persons from Macomb County, Michigan who died in the Vietnam War. Reunions were very emotional occasions for many...with a hug and the greeting of "Welcome Home". Chapter members Steven Bradshaw, Merle Davies, Rodney Kelley, Sabastian LaFata, Robert Noce, Christopher Scalise were present to support the event. Following are 4th Division personal who we met and visited with on site: Philip Randazzo, Ronald Bankeroff, Glen Williams, and Steven Diaz. On behalf of our "in country" members the Michigan Chapter made a donation toward expenses associated with this Mt. Clemens presentation.

MID-SOUTH CHAPTER REPORT

by Lee Rung

Here are a couple of pictures from our very successful chapter reunion at the Biloxi Beach Resort that was held at the very end of April, too late to get those pictures for the June issue. Our favorite picture is of the host and hostess, Conrad "Frenchie" Adams and Gladys. They did a great job!! The other picture shows the newly sworn in officers for 2002-2003. Left to right, Lee Rung, Bill Ivey, Ken Glass (new Chapter President), Herb Martin (outgoing Chapter President), "Frenchie" Adams and Roger Dufek, National 4IDA President. Roger and his wife Linda greatly enjoyed our southern hospitality. In addition to our regular elected officers, I failed to acknowledge our newly elected Auxiliary Chaplain, the Reverend John W. Johnston.



2002-2003 Chapter Officers at the Mid-South Chapter Reunion

On the sadder side, we learned that we lost two members in May. On the 3rd of May, Lieutenant General Glenn D. Walker passed away following a lengthy illness. The General had served for years as our Honorary President. On the 23rd, Joe Blaylock Sr., B Battery of the 20th Field Artillery Battalion passed away.



Mid South Chapter reunion Hosts, "Frenchie" and Gladys.

Planning continues on our next scheduled reunion in 2003. It will be held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and is being planned by Robert Kennington and Marlin Goar. We will have dates and added details in the next Ivy Leaves.

Our Chapter is made up of 4th Division members from 5 states – Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Western Tennessee and Alabama. Because of this we attempt to have our reunions at different locations within our 5-state area. We would like to have all of our members come and join in the camaraderie that goes with joining together with other "Ivy" folks. If you have been with us you already know what a good time we have. If you have not been able, or hesitated coming before, then do make an effort to join with us at Pigeon Forge.

Over the past 10 years, our chapter has enjoyed the excellent help given by our present Executive Director, Roger Barton. Roger will be turning over his duties at the National Reunion in September. We thank him for his help and service to our chapter and to the entire association and wish him the best in the days to come.

Dues notices will be going out in September and ask that you send in your dues at the earliest. Also, for those that are not paid-up-for-life members, I shall include information on that option for your consideration.

We extend a warm welcome to 3 new chapter members, Douglas Patrick, Jr. of New Orleans, who served with the 4th in Germany during the 50s; Jack Smith, of Natchez, MS, who was with E/704th Maintenance Bn in Nam during 69-70; and SFC (Ret) Tommy Thompson, of Simpson, LA, with service in the 1/8th Inf. in Nam and later with the 4th in mid-70's.

Keep our flag waving and our country strong and safe!

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

by Frank Bradley

The best is yet to come for members and friends of the NE Chapter as they gather at the Bangor Ramada Inn to enjoy "Down East" hospitality in the Great State of Maine. The hotel, located at 357 Odlin Road, Bangor, ME 04401, has offered rates of \$59.00 per night reservations directly with the Ramada Inn by calling 1-207-947-6961 and mentioning the 4th Division Association as soon as possible but no later than 03 September 2002 to receive this special rate.

Plans call for the Hospitality Room to open Thursday afternoon for early arrivals. Thursday night's dinner arrangements will be on your own. On Friday, 04 October, at 2:30 p.m. we shall travel by car pool to the "Cole Land Transportation Museum" where a \$3.00 admission charge will offer a multitude of early

modes of transportation as well as other fascinating exhibits. Our Friday evening meal will be at the famous "Miller's Restaurant" via a short car pool ride where diners may order from the menu or enjoy the spectacular buffet offerings.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m. while the men are at their business meeting, the ladies will meet for fun and fellowship to do a surprise project for which each lady is asked to bring a pair of scissors. On Saturday evening following a social hour, we shall have our Flames of Remembrance ceremony at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow in the hotel dining room.

The menu will offer a choice of Grilled N. Y. Sirloin served with sautéed mushrooms with baked potato at \$19.00 each; Baked Stuffed Haddock with seafood stuffing served with rice pilaf at \$18.00 each or Chicken Marsala sautéed with mushrooms and marsala served over linguine for \$17.00 each tax and gratuity included. All entrees include soup of the day, tossed salad, fresh vegetable, and chef's selection of dessert.

On Sunday morning from 8 to 10 a.m. we shall have a break-away breakfast buffet which will include scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, home fries, bacon, sausage, assorted muffins, coffee, decaf, juice and tea, for \$10.00 tax and gratuity included. Members and friends should have already received the usual notice. Other people interested in joining the N.E. Chapter for this meeting should contact:

Siegfried Budrick 49 Black Flats Road, Dennis, MA 02638-1713, phone 508-385-2291 for complete information.

Directions to the Ramada Inn of Bangor

Take Exit 45B off Interstate 95 North or South. The sign for the exit will say I-395. You will come out onto 1-395. Turn left to go to the set of traffic lights. Take a right and then take your immediate left into our driveway. If you have any trouble finding the Ramada, please call (207) 947-6961. We will guide you from where you are when you call.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORT

by Bob Reilly

Spokane or Bust!: LAST CALL! By the time you read this, some of us will already be there...come join us.

Make your hotel reservations directly with the DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane Center, in Riverfront Park immediately; it may not be too late to get the reunion rate: (509) 455-9600. To get the special rate (\$88/night, single or double and \$98 for 3 or 4), be sure to mention that you are attending the 4th Infantry Division Association National Reunion. Dates are: 23-29 September 2002.

Hotel check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; it is unlikely that rooms will be available before that but you can check in with our association registration table to the left of the main entrance and next to the hospitality room. Consider arriving early, staying late to enjoy added time in our incredibly beautiful Pacific Northwest and the western Canadian provinces.

Get your reunion reservation in to me immediately. I won't be home to receive it after 19 September. We still want you to come and share our joy in meeting...just know that, at that late date we may not be able to accommodate all of your requests.

Tour Change: The Crown Jewel of Spokane, the illustrious

Davenport Hotel, will have its Grand Opening in September. The Age of Elegance tour has been modified to include a stop at the Davenport for lunch, rather than at Patsy Clark's, which closed unexpectedly. The Davenport was originally opened in 1914, not long after the City of Spokane was destroyed by fire and resurrected in brick and stone. It closed in 1985 and demolition was discussed. A local historical preservation group was formed, whose efforts resulted in its total restoration. It has temporarily housed the rich and famous over its history, including Presidents Harding, Hoover, Johnson, Kennedy, Nixon, Taft and Teddy Roosevelt; innumerable Cabinet Members and Congressmen; pugilists Primo Carnera, "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney; Flo Zeigfeld, Gene Autry and Clark Gable, Liberace, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy; Queen Marie of Romania, Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway. My uncle, Gil White, was the Chief Bellman there for many years and I worked one of my high school jobs there, as a stock boy in the Blue Bird Gift Shop.

The hotel restaurants have been famous for their fine food and elegant service even before the erection of the hotel. It's founder, Louis Davenport, who was a local hotelier and restaurateur in Spokane beginning in the late, 1800's reopened an establishment—in a tent—near the same location immediately following the Great Fire.

Reunion Committee: After you've enjoyed this great reunion, please take a moment to thank our volunteers. I can't list them all but the principal contributors are: Chaplain Walt Sauer/509-448-6951; Randy Martz/509-758-8389 martz@cableone.net; Joan Reilly/509-667-2416 joans.bob@verizon.net; Rich Kellar/509-982-2890 richardek@cougs.net; John Tuft/509-328-9856; Victor Julian's daughter, Barbara Stout/509-482-7328, barbarajulian@hotmail.com. Many others helped but a word to these will filter down to those others who assisted.

Fourth Division Memorabilia: A small selection of the shirts, jackets, etc. that the chapter sells will be available for purchase, but mostly for display, during the reunion. In addition, the shirts made specifically for this reunion will be delivered there, if ordered in advance, or may be ordered in Spokane for later delivery by mail. There will be postage and handling charge. I have also had a small quantity of a special, embroidered cap made as a souvenir of this reunion, which you can purchase in Spokane or order for later delivery. Only 48 of these caps with distinctive 84th Annual National Reunion, Spokane embroidery will be available for purchase and immediate wear. After that, they will not be offered for sale, making them a true collector's item. These are red, white and blue, made in the USA and have a special feature making them even more unusual.

Thanks to Donors: Thanks to these donors for their generosity to the chapter and national association—as of submission of this report (end of July): Thomas Moyer [FL Chap], Jesse R. Davis, Jr. Donations for FOCH have stopped coming in. I hope that you are making those much-needed donations directly to FOCH, as is appropriate: Friends of the Central Highlands, PO Box 851461, Yukon, OK 73085-1461.

Your Canceled Stamps Are Needed: Our good and faithful memorial member Bernace Burgmeier recycles canceled stamps for profit, all of which is donated to the University of Washington

Hospital Cancer Research Center. Please collect your used stamps and those of your neighbors and send them to her:

Bernace C. Burgmeier, PO Box 73566, Puyallup, WA 98373-0566.

Another Loyal Member Lost: Oscar Harris and I represented the chapter at the funeral of 1SG Harold C. Gates, Jr. on 6 June. Particulars will be found further back in this issue. Hal was a valuable member and a good friend to many of us. Our condolences to Masako, his kids and grandkids, some of whom made very moving eulogies at his funeral. The large church was filled and the procession to the cemetery for full military honors was impressively long. I hope that I will be so well respected and remembered by my family and friends. It says a great deal about the character of the man.

We Need YOU in Spokane, 23-29 September

Ohio Chapter Report

by Ray Dunkel

Greetings Buckeye Ivymen, it has been a relatively quiet summer with little activity to report. Having received no correspondence from the membership I shall assume that no news is good news. (Seems, I was told by an old timer never to assume anything)

The Western PA/Ohio Chapters' Spring Mini Reunion held in Meadville, PA was a great success. The Western PA Chapter did a superb job of hosting the reunion and the Ohio Chapter extends our thanks to them.

The Chapter has a new member; he is Brent A. Schultz of Batavia, Ohio. While serving with the division Brent's unit of assignment was the 1st Battalion 44th Air Defense Artillery.

The sudden passing of Graham L. Stocks of Marietta, Ohio a "Steadfast and Loyal" member of the Chapter was a great shock to all of us that knew him. During World War II, Graham served faithfully and proudly with "A" Battery, 20th Field Artillery Battalion. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to his wife Virginia and the Stocks family.

Some good news to report, Harley S. Little of Jackson, Ohio who served in Germany with the Army of Occupation and during the Cold War with Service Company 8th Infantry Regiment appears to be rapidly recovering from his recent serious health problem. He plans on being in Ashtabula/Austinburg in October to assist with the raffle.

Leo S. Jereb and his wife Marge who reside in Cleveland, Ohio were recent guests of Major General Raymond T. Odierno and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Major General Odierno invited Leo and eleven other Association D-day Veterans to Fort Hood to join with the present day division members as they observed and commemorated "The Longest Day" June 6, 1944. While somewhat apprehensive about attending, Leo stated he will always cherish the welcome and outpouring of comradeship he received from the officers and soldiers he encountered while visiting with them. In the past Leo served the Association as National President 1979 - 1980 and Editor of "The Ivy Leaves" 1973 - 1978. During World War II he was a loyal member of "L" Company, 8th Infantry Regiment.

During the weekend of 3 - 6 October the Chapter will host the

Ohio/Western PA Chapters' Fall Mini Reunion. The Ashtabula Comfort Inn located on Interstate 90 at Exit 223 (State Route 45) is the location. A business meeting will convene Saturday morning to conduct Chapter business and elect officers for the coming year. Elmer and Stella Klaus have put a tremendous amount of time and effort, into preparing for this reunion. You can award their hard work by attending. Looking forward to seeing you in October.

The Associations' fiscal year commences on October 1, 2002 therefore yearly dues become due. A member that fails to keep his/her dues current is removed from the mailing list and will no longer receive "The Ivy Leaves". Paying dues when they come due also makes Elmer's job much easier.

Some words to contemplate, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal" (Author unknown). Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882) "Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing".

Any comments/suggestions you may have are welcomed, my address is listed under Chapters.

Wisconsin Chapter Report

by Roger Dufek

The Wisconsin Chapter is looking forward to awarding 4 \$250 Amos and Betty Johnson scholarships at our fall reunion in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Applications will be included with the chapter newsletter.

New officers will be elected at the next reunion. It is important for as many as possible to attend. Many new faces have attended our reunions in the past year. Wouldn't it be great if some of these fine Ivy men not only continue coming but also consider running for an office.

The next reunion being held in Reedsburg (outside of the Dells) will be another family oriented weekend. The cost for the hotel as well as the meals will be quite reasonable so bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Bring your friends and neighbors! It is always very enlightening for young people to share in the Flames of Remembrance ceremony and very touching to see the way they listen so intently to the stories told by our soldiers. There will be a new feature at our reunion. We will be having our first family BINGO tournament! This will take place on Saturday afternoon. All attendees are encouraged to bring small wrapped prizes that can be given out to children and adults alike. Please indicate girl, boy or adult on prize. We will also be having the women's raffle and ladies sponsored luncheon. The registration form will be in the chapter newsletter.

New York/Jersey Chapter Report

By Bob Gargiulo

On August 10, the NY/NJ Chapter continued the tradition of a summer picnic hosted for many years by Gerry and Mildred Gramp. Many feared the picnic would end with Gerry's passing, but through the efforts of a few, the picnic was held and will continue. It will be renamed the Gerry Gramp Annual Picnic. It was held at the Marine Corp League hall and picnic grounds. If there wasn't enough food to feed an Army, there was at least enough to

feed a Battalion. Unfortunately, only about a Platoon showed up!

In addition to the food and drink, Mike Horan had hats made up for the different units of the 4th and the units assigned to the 4th Division. There was also IVY tee shirts in white and gray for everyone.

They were free at the picnic, but those who did not attend can purchase them for \$12.00 (postage included). Make check payable to NY/NJ Chapter 4th Inf. Div. [e-mail Mike Horan at Ivymike@si.rr.com for details.] Next year we look forward to a better turnout.

After a brief, simple but moving ceremony officiated by Mike Horan, Chapter Officers were elected. Paul Modaffieri was elected President to a three-year term. Paul, a retired NYC Highway Officer was in the 3/12 and sailed to VN on the *USS Gen. Gordon* in September 1966.

Tommy O'Conner, the outgoing President was given a plaque in appreciation for his three-year successful term.

Mike Horan will continue as Treasurer. John Wendell was elected Registrar. John, from Brooklyn, served in VN in 68-69 with the 35th Inf. Rgt.

Lou Marcello was elected 1st VP; Lou was part of the advance party that flew to VN in Sept. 1966 from B Co. 3/12.

Robert Gargiulo was elected Recording Secretary. Bob, from Carteret, NJ, was also in the 3/12 and sailed on the *Gordon*.

Marty Rhiengold was named Executive Committeeman of the newly formed Hospitality Committee. They are tasked with exploring and managing future sites for gatherings. John Wendell and Gina Vaccaro-Wendell were named to the Hospitality Committee.

In addition to Mildred Gramp and her son Richard, also attending were the following... Joe Dedicos, Mike Boxer, Mike and Denise Horan, Tom O'Conner, Gary Lee, Larry and Patricia Barrazuto, Don McCue, Norman Henderson, John Wendell and his wife Dr. Gina Vaccaro-Wendell, Marty Rheingold and his wife, David and Rosly Lietman, Vinny and Theresa Binaso and daughter, Bob Gargiulo, Lou Marcello, Bill and Kathleen Kane, Jake Rakauskus, Max and Pat Gartenberg and Mike and Barbara Fidoracheck. Hope we got everyone whom attended.

Special thanks to everyone who brought something. Lou Marcello came with two large cakes decorated with the ivy patch and Norman Henderson came with great home made potato salad and sausage and peppers to name a few.

Misprints

1. At the Ladies Aid Society meeting many interesting articles were raffled off. Every member brought something they no longer needed. Many brought their husbands.
2. First printing: Mr Janelli was a defective in the police force. Correction: Mr Janelli was a selective in the police farce.
3. The wildwife league will meet tonight.
4. Father of 10 shot — mistaken for a rabbit.
5. Dr. Jeremiah is the author of a brand-new book that is expected to outsmell the two million copies of his first book.

Mister 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division

From Leon Rung



Lieutenant General Glenn D. Walker enjoyed an unusual and long relationship with the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division during his over 48 years of military service, 32 years of which was on active duty. General Walker attended the Citizen's Military Training Camp at Fort McClellan in the summer of 1931 and underwent training by personnel of the 22nd Infantry. In 1942 he entered active service and was assigned to the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Two years later he was in England as a company commander in the 22nd. Walker took his company in to Utah Beach on D-Day. He received a battlefield promotion and commanded a battalion of the 22nd Infantry during the "St. Lo Breakout". Walker was seriously wounded in the Hurtgen Forest and was medically evacuated to the US. After lengthy hospitalization, his service following WWII took him to varied assignments and schools. In February 1965



LTG Glen. Walker (above) and, on left, BG Glen Walker, Asst. Div. CG, 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division, Vietnam.

he served as the assistant division commander of the 25th Infantry Division. In Vietnam in 1965, he commanded the 3rd Brigade Task Force of the 25th Division, which later was redesignated as the

3rd Brigade of our 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division. In October 1966 he was assigned as the assistant division commander of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division stationed in Pleiku.

The General returned to the States in August 1971. In November 1969 he returned to Vietnam as the commanding general of the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division. Following this Vietnam service he commanded I Corps Group in Korea where he was promoted to Lieutenant General on 1 August 1971. He later commanded the First US Army, headquartered at Fort Meade in 1973 until he retired from active service in August 1974. From 1975 to 1979 the General served as the adjutant general of the Mississippi National Guard.

As mentioned above, General Walker served with the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division through nearly every command level from company to division. At the time of his death he was the Honorary President of the Association's Mid-South Chapter. He and his wife, Margaret, were active chapter members for many years until the General's health deteriorated. Glenn D. Walker was truly "Mister Ivy." We wish him God's care and his family the very best from his friends and comrades of the 4th.

Normandy Battlefield Tours Hosted by Friends of 4th

by Bob Babcock

On June 4-6, 2002, I was able to fulfill a lifelong dream by visiting Utah Beach and some of the battlefields of the 4th Infantry Division. If you've ever been there you know how sacred a visit that is. If you haven't gone yet and you or any of your family or friends has a desire to do so, let me highly recommend that you consider using Philippe Cornil in Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, France as your host. I have written about Philippe in previous Ivy Leaves but never had the good fortune of touring our historical sites with him before.

Sal Henley Kibler and her husband Brad used Philippe as their host about a month after our visit, here is what she had to say: "My Dad, Swede Henley, landed on Utah Beach on D-Day with the 22nd Infantry

Regiment, and now I have had the honor and the pleasure of tracing his steps with the help of a very special person, Philippe Cornil. Philippe offered us a unique glimpse into the D-Day experience, which was totally customized to our interests. Philippe allowed us to follow my father's diary documenting his landing on Utah Beach on D-Day and all the action on the Cotentin Peninsula. We would read, and he would drive us to each place and explain the importance and the action. He made it interesting and fun and provided lots of extra information including additional maps and pictures. His knowledge of the area and the battle action combined with his good humor, flexibility, and knowledge of the English language makes him an excellent host while in Normandy. He also had very nice accommodations in his home

just across from the famous church in St. Marie du Mont. The rooms are very spacious, private and comfortable. He and his wife, Isabelle are gracious hosts. We can't wait to go back and visit him again in St. Marie du Mont."

Philippe is a great friend of the 4th Infantry Division, our veterans, and their families. If your future plans include Normandy, you might want to contact Philippe and see how he can help make your trip more memorable. His email is philippe.cornil1@libertysurf.fr, his mailing address is place de l'Eglise n 38, 50480 Sainte-Marie-du-Mont, France and his phone number is 011-33-233-71-91-06. To see pictures of his sleeping rooms and to read more about what Philippe has done to capture 4ID history from WWII, go to his web site at www.revive-it.com.

Mail Bag



Dear Mr. Rollinger:

Roger Dufek, President of 4th Infantry Association, suggested I contact you.

Madison Press Books is in the early stages of putting together a book on the Normandy invasion. Entitled *D-Day: The Greatest Invasion — A People's History*, this book will be published in Great Britain and the United States by Bloomsbury in October 2003. The author is Dan van der Vat, the well-known British military historian.

In 2001, we did a book for the sixtieth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, also by Dan van der Vat. A best seller, this book, *Pearl Harbor: The Day of Infamy — An Illustrated History*, was also critically very well received. In large part, this was because we featured extensive first-person reminiscences from veterans of that day, and photographs and memorabilia from museums and private collections that normally didn't see the light of day. I want our D-Day book to be as original as that book. And that is why I am writing to you. I know that you are the editor of *Ivy Leaves*. I would be interested in hearing from any of your readers who were part of Overlord. If they have stories from that day, we would interview them for possible use in the book, and if they have photographs or other objects connected to D-Day, we would be interested in borrowing these for possible inclusion the book. We would pay for photos or photos of objects we did use, and make sure that everything was returned afterwards to its rightful owner. I am trying to get people from all sorts of different units — American, British and Canadian, Army, Navy and Air Force.

Would any of your readers be interested in this? Could you possibly mention this in your newsletter? We will not really wade into production on this book until autumn — but in the meantime, I want to start establishing contacts, to see what may turn up.

I will contact you again in a week or

so. In the meantime, thank you for any help you can give me with this.

Yours truly,

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Dear Greg:

I just received my June 2002 edition of *The Ivy Leaves* and was pleased to see the full version of the Infantry OCS Class 14-67 Reunion "press release" reprinted as submitted. Believe me, this was an emotional experience for all participants to be able to lay the monument next to the very sidewalk of our OCS barracks during 1966-1967. Not realizing that the article would be printed as submitted I was remiss in not pointing out that, of the 12 names of those officers who were killed in action in Vietnam and are honored on the monument, 5 of them died serving with 4th Infantry Division units. They are:

■ William Robert Bray. Tour began Sep 9, 1967; KIA on Oct 9, 1967 in Quang Tin Province. Was with Co. A, 1/35th, 4th Inf. Div. Vietnam Wall: Panel 27E; Line 79.

■ Howard Franklin Coles. Tour began Sep 10, 1967; KIA on Jan 26, 1968 near Dak To in Kontum Province. (Howie Coles was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.) Was with Co. D, 3/12th, 4th Inf. Div. Vietnam Wall: Panel 35E; Line 39.

■ Robert James Lazaro. Tour began Sep 8, 1967; KIA on Oct 9, 1967 in Quang Tin Province. (Bobby Lazaro was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.) Was with Co. A, 1/35th, 4th Inf. Div. Vietnam Wall: Panel 27E; Line 82.

■ William Dwight Ordway. Tour began Sep 10, 1967; KIA on Jan 18, 1968 in Quang Ngai Province. Was with 4th Inf. Div. (unit unknown). Vietnam Wall: Panel 34E; Line 70. (*editors note:*

according to Dick Arnold's KIA list, Lt. Ordway served with D/1/14)

■ William E. Zimmerman, Jr. Tour began Sep 16, 1967; KIA on Apr 28, 1968 in Kontum Province. (Bill Zimmerman was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device.) Was with Co. C, 1/22nd, 4th Inf. Div. Vietnam Wall: Panel 52E; Line 45.

To paraphrase the words of our Commander in Chief, President George W. Bush - *We should never forget that each of these men was the most important person in the world to someone.*

Thank you for printing the article. In it we said that we had accounted for 123 of the 169 graduates from our OCS class. I'm proud to say that we are now up to 131 of the 169 and we're still actively searching for the remaining 38. If any of *The Ivy Leaves* readers has any information on anybody that they think may have graduated from Infantry OCS (Class 14-67) at Ft. Benning on March 7, 1967 (or any further information surrounding the deaths of the five names noted above), they can contact me at <brianjsmith@worldnet.att.net>.

Thanks again, Brian Smith



"War Stories" Presented to Public Library



The Very Reverend Richard E. Thompson, Ohio Chapter, presenting "War Stories Utah Beach to Pleiku" to Mickey Burndworth, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, Warren OH. *From Ray Dunkel*