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The 86th Annual Reunion



Pictured above is incoming National Association President Ray Dunkel presenting the Ralph Lingert Service Award to Past-President-Historian Bob Babcock during the formal dinner in Branson.

■ After Action Report by Roger Dufek

Two years of planning pays off for the Mid-West and Wisconsin Chapters. After many telephone calls and traveling to Branson the 2004 National Reunion was a great success.

The committee and several 4th ID members from around the country started arriving on Saturday July 11th. Events got under way on Wednesday with people enjoying the free motor coach, which took them shopping, to the W.W.II museum, shows, or just a ride around town. Thursday was a ride in a W.W.II Duck that toured the area including a graveyard for vintage military equip-

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ment. Many enjoyed a trip down memory lane with the Remember When Show. Patricia DeLaura from New Jersey was named Queen for a Day and Loretta Burritt from Wisconsin was discovered as "Becky" our hosts first date at the outdoor theater. A great time was had by all that attended. The Ladies Luncheon had 55 people in attendance; all enjoyed a wonderful lunch and a visit from Miz Polly who shared some of the customs and local history of the Ozarks. Friday evening the R&R Reception began with a visit from Mike Radford, Ambassador

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4ID Highway Interchange Named

By Rick Adams

Thanks to the efforts of Larry Simonson, the naming of Exit 111 on I-26 in Columbia the 4th Infantry Division Interchange is a reality. On May 26th, Larry and I were present at the South Carolina State House, and joint resolution S.1160 was read and acted upon to name the highway exit. We are now working with the Highway Department to get the signs installed. Thanks to Larry for this outstanding job.

4ID Cookbook to Fund Layette

By Bob Babcock

The 4th Infantry Division "Cookin' with Pride" 2nd edition, cookbook is underway. This project will fund the Layette program, a non-profit organization, providing a gift to all newborn children of our junior enlisted Soldiers. Everyday of the year, volunteers ensure these newest members of the 4ID family receive a blanket with our crest, a t-shirt, and important information on childcare and childcare programs.

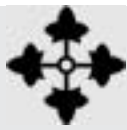
If interested in purchasing one of our books the price is \$13.00 thru 22 November and \$15.00 after plus \$5.00 S&H, per copy. Please contact Kim McKean at ksmckean@earthlink.net for further details.

Membership in 4ID Changed to Allow New Applicants

Important changes to the Association's Constitution were recommended by the Membership Committee at the 86th Annual Reunion. See the minutes of the General Meeting on page 25. A key changes to broaden the membership base is described below.

The recommendation was presented to allow organizations like the "4th Infantry Division Living History Group" that exists in England to become non-voting members. Members of that group are mainly from towns in England that were hosts to many units of the 4th Infantry Division while being organized for the invasion of Europe. Most of their members are in their 30's and grew up hearing about the "happy-go-lucky" Americans. Their parents told them stories that created a "hero image" in the hearts of the young British boys.

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FROM THE EDITOR... Dick Taylor

If each one of us set ourselves a goal of getting just one new member and really work at it with determination and commitment, we could have an organization twice our present size and twice the clout and help guarantee this great organization will continue to live on into the next century.

Chapter Presidents: Present this challenge to your membership. Your leadership will help it become a reality.

Clarification: Those who read the two "Old News" trivia items on pages 26 and 27 of the June edition of *The Ivy Leaves*. must be aware that those are actual verbatim quotes from the book "The Army of the United States" published in 1896. The text quoted did not say "4th Infantry Division" ... it just said: "4th Infantry". Most likely it was the 4th Infantry Regiment as no where else in the book did it make any reference to a "division" as we know them today. So this unit was not necessarily our great, great, great grandfather! It probably isn't even related to us.

In closing: Thanks to all of those who have found someone in their organization who can send chapter reports and news items to us via e-mail. It cuts our work load way down and helps insure your submission gets published in *The Ivy Leaves*.

Volens et Potens
Dick Taylor

P.S. Keep the mail coming! We love hearing from you.

During our recent attendance at the 60th Anniversary of D-Day ceremonies I met some great young men who have formed a Living History Group supporting the 4th Infantry Division. Check out their web site: 4thdivisionlhg.org.uk/

'Ivy Leaves' Deadline

Deadline for submission of copy for December edition will be November 1st, 2004. Please don't wait until deadline to submit your reports, stories, and items of general interest.



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I want to take this opportunity to thank-you for electing me as your President. I will do my utmost to serve you and the Association to the best of my ability. I would also like to congratulate the other officers you have elected for their commitment to our Association. I am confident, as a team we will move our Association forward with a deep sense of pride and enthusiasm.

It is my desire and hope that you will join me in pursuing the objectives of our great Association by honoring and perpetuating the memory of the men who distinguished themselves by their service and sacrifices and to promote the memory of the achievements of our Famous 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division. Specifically we will focus on the following areas; initiate and complete the Incorporation of the Association; recognize those division units who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom by mounting their unit crest medallion on the 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Monument at Arlington National Cemetery; coordinate with the active 4th Infantry Division (Mech) in reconfiguring the Scholarship Fund to provide the children of those dauntless division soldiers who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom the opportunity to apply for educational assistance; enhance the Association's electronic presence to reflect current views and values; reduce the number of members lost each year due to non-payment of dues.

The Association's 86th Annual Reunion recently held in Branson, Missouri was very successful thanks to the untiring efforts of the

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Any member of this British 4th Infantry Division Living History Group (LHG) can now belong as an authorized member of our veterans association entitled to all privileges such as attending our annual national reunion and receiving *The Ivy Leaves*. They will not, however, be able to vote on items brought up for a vote at the General Meeting held each year.

Colin Wright is the present unofficial head of the British 4th Infantry Division LHG and hopes to attend the 2005 reunion in Las Vegas (which, by the way, will be part of his honeymoon as that date has been set aside

To each member I, extend a challenge to do their best to contact a buddy and bring him/her in as a member of our remarkable Association.

Wisconsin and Mid-West Chapters. These Chapters can take great pride in knowing their work resulted in another great reunion. I congratulate them on a job well done. It is also my pleasure to recognize and thank George Thurston of the Southern California Chapter for the beautiful stained glass 4th Infantry Division Patch he made and donated for the raffle, the proceeds (\$421.00) going to the Paid for Life Fund. My appreciation also is extended to the volunteers who took the time to serve on various committees so the work of the Association could be completed in an efficient and timely manner. Lastly my thanks go to everyone who attended the reunion. Your attendance is what makes each of our reunions so grand.

To each member I, extend a challenge to do their best to contact a buddy and bring him/her in as a member of our remarkable Association. Membership is the lifeblood of our Association and is the responsibility of each of us. It's not the price you pay for membership; it's the price you paid to be eligible for membership.

Finally, on behalf of the Association I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Rick Adams for his exceptional leadership during the past year.

for his wedding).

The group attended the D-Day + 60 years commemoration in Normandy last June. All of their members wore authentic WWII American Army uniforms and some even drove WWII preserved Army jeeps. During the Bob Babcock tour they mingled with some of the real McCoys... WWII veterans who stormed the beaches of Normandy sixty years ago.

See centerfold for picture of a few of the LHG attending the plaque ceremony at St. Mare du Mont.

4ID Scholarships Awarded

By Alex Cooker

The following names were picked by lottery at the National 4th Infantry Division Association reunion banquet on Saturday July 17, 2004, each to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the school of their choice.

- ♦ Whitney Laura Lowers of Essex MD will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. She is attending Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA.
- ♦ Ryan Klayman of Blue Ash, OH will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. he is attending Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.
- ♦ Lauren Klayman of Blue Ash, OH will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. She is attending The College of Charleston in Charleston, SC.

The 4th Infantry Division Association wishes them the best.

POW Benefits Expanded

If veterans who were POW's do not have a 100% Disability Compensation Rating (DCR), then now is the time to try to upgrade.

There are 20 different presumptive conditions that relate to your POW experience: They include: heart disease, irritable bowel syndrome, peptic ulcer disease, stress disorder, frostbite, traumatic arthritis, etc., etc.

Recently a new classification has been approved: cirrhosis of the liver.

The VA is seriously trying to get all POWs their benefits. As the volunteer American Ex-Prisoners of War National Service Officer, I would be glad to help you present a well-ordered claim to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Please let us hear from you.

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The WWII Memorial Dedication

After Action Report

From Thursday afternoon, May 27, 2004 through Saturday evening, May 29, 2004, my wife and I had the honor of hosting the Hospitality Room for the National Fourth Infantry (IVY) Division Association at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Crown Jewel of Pennsylvania Avenue, The Willard is a landmark hotel rich in tradition, elegance, and style. Located in the heart of downtown, one block from the White House and within walking distance of the Smithsonian Museums, the National Theater and other major D.C. attractions. The Willard Inter-Continental is ranked as the #1 hotel in Washington, D.C. according to the Conde Nast Traveler 2002 Gold List - - The World's Best Places to Stay.

First a little background information is in order. Since I was on a \$4,000.00 budget from National, I had originally booked a Junior Suite which is a 600 square foot room at an average cost of \$705.00 per night. About two weeks prior to checking in I kept checking availability of the remaining unbooked rooms and noticed that some of the hotels "Top Dollar Suites" were still available and initiated an email campaign with the hotel to provide our worthy Association with a complimentary upgrade. This was followed-up with several phone calls to Hotel management. I was assured that all my requests were being "looked into" and that I was going to be very surprised and pleased upon check-in.

While I was in the process of checking in at the front desk, I was met by two senior hotel managers who escorted me to my suite. When the elevator reached the 9th floor and the doors opened the hotel managers proceeded on opening the door to the "Theodore Roosevelt Suite." When the door opened I immediately realized I was in one of the eight "Oval Suites" in the Willard Hotel from having previously studied the hotel's pictures on their extensive web site. There are eight room categories at the Willard Hotel and I was walking into a 1,500 square foot three-room suite that normally rents out for more than \$2,000.00 per night! Not only

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did the Willard "comp." the Association with a three-room suite, they *lowered* the cost of the room to a nightly average of \$495.00! The broom closet at The Willard rents for more than \$400.00 per night! The bottom line is that the Association received more than \$7,000.00 in services for only \$2,256.46. Other associated reunion costs of food, beverages, parking, tips raised the total to \$2,893.86. On June 9, 2004 I provided an itemized invoice and a refund check to Wayne Brown in the amount of \$1,106.14 for the Association's treasury.

Over the three-day period Lucy and I hosted approximately 55 visitors with many of them returning on all three days. The event was well publicized in the Association's newsletter "The Ivy Leaves," on the Association's website, and the Hospitality Room information was posted in the "Reunions Tent" on the National Mall as well.

The Capital Chapter donated approximately \$100.00 worth of food and beverage that were not consumed during their mini-reunion at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia the week prior to the World War II Memorial dedication for which we are grateful.

I was also blessed with many volunteers beginning with my wife of 35 years Lucy, our Association's Senior Vice President Ray Dunkel and his lovely wife Lorraine, Capital Chapter members' Mike May, Lang & Phyllis Soo-Hoo, and Connie Lilley also attended and extended a helping hand as well. By the way . . . if you're ever in need of a bartender, Ray Dunkel is your man! Ray & Lorraine was with us all three days and even held down the fort so Lucy and I could get down to the National Mall on Friday afternoon for a few hours and check out the World War II Memorial ourselves . . . thanks!

*Respectfully submitted by
Andy & Lucy Jurcak*

Famous Fourth Gets Recognition from *Detroit News*

The following is a portion of an article carried in the "Detroit News" of June 6th this year. It has been submitted to *The Ivy Leaves* by William Pelfrey, President of the Michigan Chapter:

Sixty years after the Fourth Infantry Division (4ID) landed on the coast of Normandy, that word "service" has special meaning. Most of the troops' parents and relatives back home didn't even know what the Fourth was: when they were asked where their young soldier was, they would answer, "He's in the service, like the rest of the boys." They didn't single it out by unit; it was just the service.

Until just last year, when the 4ID again made headlines by capturing Saddam Hussein, it was often called the "Forgotten Fourth."

In the case of the Fourth, nobody ever joined it to be a hero. Unlike such more famous units as the 101st and 82nd Airborne, it was not a volunteer outfit. Nor was it considered to be an elite force. In the 4ID, you were doing your duty, your service, as a citizen-soldier.

Until just last year, when the 4ID again made headlines by capturing Saddam Hussein, it was often called the "Forgotten Fourth." Yet no unit can rival the Fourth's valor or its service: especially in those eleven months from D-Day to the surrender of Germany.

The Pentagon's own web site summarizes it as follows:

The Fourth, specifically its 8th Infantry Regiment, was the first Allied unit to assault German forces on the Normandy beaches. It went ashore on Utah Beach and for 26 days pushed forward until reaching its objective and was then relieved by the 101st Airborne Division. More than 5,000 Fourth Infantry Division soldiers lost their lives during just this one month-long operation.

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Getting to Know You

Introduction of New Association Officers

MEET YOUR NEWEST E-BOARD OFFICERS

RAYMOND H. DUNKEL

Raymond H. Dunkel, Command Sergeant Major, US Army Retired, was born in Lackawanna, New York March 16, 1930. He attended Silver Creek High School, Silver Creek, New York and on March 25, 1947 enlisted in the United States Army. On September 6, 1958 he married Lorraine A. Kaznowski and they are the parents of MaryAnn J. Dunkel and Jean M. Sadowy and the grandparents of Andrew, Patrick and Matthew Sadowy.

His military career covered 23 years of continuous active duty where he served in a variety of units and positions. Entering the army as a private he advanced to the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Embracing positions of Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Recruiting Sergeant, Chief Instructor, Operations and Intelligence NCO, First Sergeant, Chief Engineer NCO and Command Sergeant Major. Major installations he has served at are Fort Dix, New Jersey, Fort Ord, California, Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort McPherson, Georgia. His foreign service includes duty in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He has served in a variety of positions with the US Constabulary, 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 6th Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 24th Infantry Division, I Corp, 18th Engineer Brigade and Headquarters Third US Army. He joined the Fourth Engineer Battalion (Divisional), Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington where he assumed duties as Battalion Sergeant Major and deployed with the battalion from Fort Lewis to Vietnam, July 6, 1966. Upon completion of his service in Vietnam he assumed the duties of Chief Engineer NCO, Engineer Division, Headquarters, Third US Army. In July 1969 he returned to Vietnam assuming duties as Command Sergeant Major of the 35th Engineer Group (Construction), 18th Engineer Brigade. Upon his return to Fort Lewis, Washington during July 1970 he opted to retire and was placed on the retired list August 1, 1970.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Good Conduct Medal with 5 Knots.

Upon leaving the Army and returning to civilian life the Dunkel family returned to Lackawanna, New York where he started his second career with the M&T Bank serving as a Banking Officer and Physical Security Manager. He remained with the M&T Bank until 1988 when he retired. During 1995 he and Lorraine relocated to Farnham, New York where they currently reside. He currently is Chairman of the Village Board of Appeals and with Lorraine volunteers at the area food pantry. His involvement with the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association began in August 1974. As member of the Ohio Chapter, he has served as its President and is presently the Chapter Treasurer. Additional he has served on the

Association's Audit, Welfare, Finance and Membership Committees.

The National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association, Association of the US Army, Army Engineer Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, US Constabulary Association, 547th Engineer Battalion Association, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Loyal Order of Moose, Tyrian Lodge No. 925 F&AM, Ancient Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite and Ismailia Shrine are organizations to which he currently is a member.

DONALD BRUCE GASS

My given name is Donald Bruce Gass, but I have always been called Bruce.

I was born on Feb. 3rd, 1948 and raised near Windsor IL. I'm number 4 of 5 boys, all veterans. Jerome (1st Inf. RVN 65), Steve (Korea 64-65), David (MAC-V RVN 65-66), and Sam (Berlin Brigade 72-73). I attended and graduated from Windsor High School in 1966.

Drafted in June, 1967 and sent to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. for basic, then to Ft. Polk for infantry AIT. Went to Viet Nam in Nov. 67 and was assigned to D/1st/22nd. I was wounded in February at Kontum and again in April at Chu Moor. I attended the 4th Infantry NCO Academy at Camp Enari in June 68. Came home in July 68, after being notified that my father had died, which proved to be in error. But that's another story.

I was re-assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, first to BCT Committee Group, then later to the 2nd Training Brigade (APT Program). I was discharged as a Sgt. in June 1969, at the ripe old age of 21. During service was awarded the CIB, ACM with V, 2 Purple Hearts, Good Conduct Medal, and the "Glad you were here medals."

I joined the National 4th Infantry Association in 1999, after finding out about it when we got our first computer. I was elected the Illinois chapter president in 2003. I am a life member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, CIB, PH, and VFW (#11456). I have been a member of the American Legion (#725) for 28 years.

Farmed with my father after service and was employed at Firestone Rubber Co. in Decatur, IL. In 1970 went to work at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Decatur IL. Was married first in 1973, had 2 children (Alana, Columbus, OH and Brad, Mattoon, IL.) Was divorced in 1982, later married Sue on December 19th, 1987. Retired from Caterpillar on Feb. 1st, 2000, but I've been thinking about getting another job, so I can have some time off.

We live on a farm south of Arthur, IL, which is located 50 miles southwest of Champaign IL.

When asked about accepting this position, I was at first taken aback, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized what a great honor it was. For the other members to have that much confidence in me is a great honor also.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Business and News Reports



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

A-1-8 CHAPTER

By Mike Robinson

A-1-8 enjoyed a dramatic and welcomed membership increase in April with the addition of active duty personnel and two Vietnam Vets. We now have 101 members on the Chapter Roster!

This increase is the result of Chapter President Don White, A-1-8 vet Greg Rollinger, Ron Westbrook and Chapter Clerk Ken McCormack attending A Company's combined "Return From Iraq" celebration, awards and promotion ceremony at Ft. Carson recently.

As our members already know we are asking each member to send in some interesting "war story" for a planned book of A-1-8 war experiences. We have plenty of photos. Now we need you guys to write down a few short paragraphs of some event you saw or were involved in. When do we need your story? Now!

CAPITAL CHAPTER

By Roger Barton

The Capital Chapter had a wonderful mini-reunion in scenic Harper's Ferry West Virginia from May 21-22, 2004. The hospitality room saw a lot of visitors and we were especially glad to see Virginia Davis in attendance. First timers at the reunion were Warren and Ellen Roach (B/2/1 Cav Vietnam), Mack and Liz Crassweller (4th MP Co Vietnam) and Sam and Janice Crone (F/8th Infantry Regiment WWII). Andy Jurcak once again did a splendid job of conducting the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony.

The absolute highlight of the reunion had to be our visit to the Charlestown West Virginia horse track on May 22nd. Thanks to our good friend Bill Gay, the 6th race that day was named the *4th Infantry Division Race*. It was grand to see the race name up in lights on the tote board and to hear it announced on the public address system. Of course the sentimental bets were all on the number 4 horse, Sea Devil. True to form, the number 4 horse came in fourth! The number 3 horse Pottersville won the race. Following the race the Capital Chapter members in attendance all gathered at the Winner's Circle to have our photo taken with the winning horse. As we gathered, the PA announcer once again reiterated that this was the 4th Infantry Division Race and that we were the Veterans of that famous division. He mentioned that the 4th had hit the beaches of Normandy, defended Europe during the Cold War, had fought valiantly in Vietnam and had most recently fought in Iraq and had been the division that had captured Saddam Hussein.

The race fans at that time gave the Division and the gathered



Capital Chapter members in the Winner's Circle at Charles Town Races following the "4th Infantry Division Race" - May 22, 2004. Submitted by Roger Barton.

veterans a standing ovation! Following the races many members elected to go into the casino and play the slot machines for awhile. The Capital Chapter would once again like to thank Bill Gay for all of his efforts in making our "Race Day" so successful.

Thanks also go out to Andy and Lucy Jurcak for "volunteering" to run the Association's Hospitality Room during the World War II Monument dedication weekend. Norman and Connie Lilley were also involved, as was Mike May. Thanks to all of you. I'm sure a more detailed report is forthcoming from Andy.

Maryland resident members are reminded that Maryland 4th Infantry Division vehicle license plates are still available. Contact Roger Barton for more information and an application.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Rick Adams

The Carolinas Chapter will hold the Fall Reunion at the Holiday Inn – Airport, Columbia, South Carolina the weekend of October 1 – 3, 2004. Make your reservations direct with the Hotel and pre-register using the registration form printed in the *Ivy Leaves* – Chapter Events section.

Thanks to the efforts of Larry Simonson, the naming of Exit 111 on I-26 in Columbia the 4th Infantry Division Interchange is a reality. On May 26th, Larry and I were present at the South Carolina State House, and joint resolution S.1160 was read and acted upon to name the highway exit. We are now working with the Highway Department to get the signs installed. Thanks to Larry for this outstanding job.

2005 Dues notices will soon be in the mail. Please be prompt in getting your dues paid well before the end of the year. It will be greatly appreciated.

Please make welcome the following new members to the Chapter: John Courte, McCormick, SC – 5/16th FA (65-67), Curtis Payne, Oxford, GA – Anti-Tank (WWII), and Cary Stokes, Knoxville, GA – A/3/22 INF (1967).

Jack and Mary Jo Crites are working on a site for the 2005 Spring meeting. Jack will have all the details at the fall meeting.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Gene Carter

The Colorado Chapter began a busy two weeks in May-June by attending a Vietnam Veterans Memorial highway ceremony (renaming of highway 115) on 27 May at 10: am. Colorado State representative Mark Cloer did the honors along with Medal of Honor winner Peter Lemon, and our own Bob Gasset, also a senior vice of our national chapter. Bob was presented with a certificate containing an original state seal. Also present at the ceremony was John Lamerson and myself.

Our next event was Memorial Day ceremonies, which began at the VFW Post #3917 at 8:00 a.m. with the traditional raising of the flag, followed by a complementary breakfast. From there we traveled to Memorial Park, and were met by CSM Topasna and Major Gwenner, the sergeant major and executive officer of the 1-8 Infantry Battalion, 4th I.D., who did the honors of placing the wreath on our Fort Carson monument. Over 20 other organizations participated in this yearly traditional ceremony. Other members who participated were John Lamerson, Vic Lopez, who always performs additional duty there as a member of the rifle honor guard. (These guys are sharp, believe me), Bob Gasset, Carlos Machin and wife, and myself.

On 4 June at 10: a.m. we were invited to an awards ceremony conducted at McMahan theater, Fort Carson by the 1-8 Infantry Battalion. They honored all returning soldiers from Iraq who received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star w/V, star and the army commendation medal w/V. Myself, Bob Gasset, Carlos Machin and Jose Barrerro were honored to be on stage shaking hands with all Purple Heart recipients while the honorary Bn Cdr, LTG Mallory presented the awards. The entire ceremony was very professionally done, very emotional and quite thrilling for us all! This ceremony was followed by a picnic in the Fountain, Colorado area.

Last but not least! A welcome home parade was conducted in the downtown Colorado Springs area on 5 June at 11: a.m. Approximately 1200 soldiers marched in this parade, which was aired on all three news networks locally. Over 90 entries were present during this honoring of our returning soldiers, and - get this - over 70,000 viewers watched this parade from the streets. Another one to bring moisture to the old orbs. This ends my report for this period, call it a rap.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Bruce Gass

Well, it's the first of August, so the 86th National Reunion is history. I want to thank the Wisconsin and Midwest Chapters for putting it on. It is a lot of work and takes a lot of time. The Illinois Chapter was well represented with 13 members and 7 guests. It is very encouraging to see that many. I want to thank you for your attendance.

In the past couple of months, I have had the honor of representing the Illinois Chapter at the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Annual 24 hour POW/MIA Vigil at Springfield, IL and the Bellrichard Bridge Dedication Ceremony at Janesville WI. Both were very impressive. .

There are a lot of upcoming events in the next couple months, (1) the Illinois State Fair has its Veterans Day on August 15th. It includes free admission to veterans and family. (2) Howard County Vietnam Veterans (IN.) will have their annual reunion at Kokomo IN. on September 17th, 18th, 19th. It is always a good time. (3) And our upcoming chapter reunion, October 29th, 30th, and 31st. This time it will be a little different. We will join the Wisconsin Chapter at Lake Geneva, WI and have a joint reunion. This time the Wisconsin chapter will be the host. Next year in the fall, the Illinois Chapter will be the host. This is the meeting where we will be nominating officers for the coming 2 years. There will be more information on that in our chapter newsletter. Also we need to be looking for a spot for the spring reunion. It will be here before you know it.

The 2005 reunion will be in Las Vegas on the 17th-thru the 24th of July, so mark your 2005 calendar. That should be a great time.

Remember to keep looking for that person you served with, the one you have been thinking about all these years. He is probably looking for you, too.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

by William Pelfrey, President

Summer greetings to fellow Ivymen across the globe!

The Michigan chapter's annual reunion was held in the Bavarian-inspired town of Frankenmuth the weekend of June 5, in conjunction with ceremonies honoring our fallen D-Day brothers.

In attendance were Jim Roan and his wife Irene; Norm Lavoisier and wife Jean; Sebastian Lafatta and companion Glenda; Don Cole and wife Shirley; Steve Bradshaw and wife Joan; John Russell; chapter secretary Merle Davies; and, chapter president Bill Pelfrey and wife Lilia.

Following a re-enactment of a Normandy coast town skirmish by amateur re-enactors in German and Allied uniforms, four of our members were interviewed by local television about their D-Day memories. The Detroit News also published excerpts of the banquet remarks as a guest column on Sunday June 6, with the headline "Fourth Infantry Made its Mark at D-Day Landings."

(Editor's Note: Look for the "Detroit News" story in this current edition of The Ivy Leaves.)

MID-SOUTH CHAPTER

By Lee Rung

First off, a bit more info on our May Chapter Reunion. Thanks to Conrad "Frenchie" Adams, we enjoyed the company of Karen Swensen, at our Reunion Dinner. Karen is a TV anchor for the local Channel 4 TV station here in New Orleans. She brought along a cameraman who took pictures during our dinner ceremonies. Following the dinner we gathered in our hospitality room and watched the evening news on Channel 4 TV showing "Frenchie" and Ken Glass conducting our Flames of Remembrance Candle Lighting Ceremony. It was a nice plug for veterans of the Mid-South Chapter. Pictures of Reunion events complete the wrap up of the 2004 Chapter Reunion. Coast



Mid-South Chapter attendees at May reunion in New Orleans

Guardsman Marvin Perrett, is in uniform in one of the photos. He was the coxswain on the Higgins Boat that brought General Barton ashore on D-Day. Many thanks to all members whose help enabled us to again enjoy another fine reunion.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Edward "Charlie" Coon shortly after our reunion. "Charlie" had signed up and planned to be at the reunion with his wife of 54 years, Ida Mae. At the last minute he had to cancel due to health problems.

We offer a warm welcome to a new Chapter member, CW4 (Ret) Frank E. Bauman. Frank was with Hq Co, 1st Brigade in Vietnam.

As mentioned in the June issue of the "Ivy Leaves", dues notices will be going out in fall. We shall be doing it a bit differently this time. A questionnaire will be mailed with the dues request asking you to kindly share your thoughts on when, where, what, etc., etc. you, as a Chapter member desire to see the direction your Chapter takes. Your timely response to the questionnaire and payment of dues will be much appreciated.

We offer a warm welcome to two new members, CW4 (Ret) Frank... in Vietnam and SFC Christopher Mark Dye, who is on active duty with the 223rd Eng Bn.

MIDWEST CHAPTER

By Don Kelby, President

Thanks to all members, families and friends for attending the 86th National Reunion in Branson, Missouri. The turnout was terrific and the overall reunion response was outstanding.

Biggest thanks goes to the Wisconsin chapter. Without their



Midwest Chapter members at the 86th National reunion

determination, enthusiasm and drive, the reunion would not have been the success it was. The Midwest chapter was represented by a total of 20 members, spouses and guests.

Special thanks to Midwest Chapter Committee members Don and Chris Kelby, Jerry and Donna Bumpus, Joe and Reba Carter and Morey Doerner for their help and support in the registration and preordered shirts area.

Reunion and Division shirts, coffee mugs, and cozies are still available, contact me for further information

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By Bob Gargiulo, Recording Secretary

The NY/NJ Chapter held its annual Gramp Picnic on June 4 at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island. The weather was overcast but the spirits were not.

We held our own presidential election and Louis Marcello was elected succeeding Paul Modaffieri, who is moving out of the area. We want to thank Paul for his successful two years as President.

Lou Marcello a resident of Staten Island was a member of B Co. 3/12 and served in Fort Lewis and Vietnam.

Mike Horan conducted a brief ceremony, lighting the Flames of Remembrance followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Attending the picnic were: Mildred Gramp and Richard, Jake Rakauskas. Mike O'Brien and Barbara, Bob Derr, Max Gartinberg, John Malanaphy, Charles Sadowski, Peter Gill Patrick Mcnamara, Vincent Martino, Vincent Binaso and Theresa, Thomas Rend and Rose Dimico, Victor Volpi, John Gabbert, Kevin and Ellen Dugan, Edgar Widund and Dolores, Larry Barazzotto and Patricia, William Mummers and Olive, Mike Fedorchak and Barbara, Norman Henderson, Ronald Sebring, Jim Moser, Bob and Lorrie Ianazzi, Hal Christianson, Tony and Ann Marie Gullo, Joseph Malile, Louis Marcello, John and Gina Wendell, and Gina's parents, Mike and Denise Horan, Bob Gargiulo.

Although the picnic was catered a special thanks to Mildred Gramp for her special apple pies, Norman Henderson for his potato and macaroni salads, Jake Rakauskas sausage and peppers and Lou Marcello for the sheet cake with the 4th Div. slogan and logo.

We appreciate guests Richie Osborne and Heather Maguire of the DAV and Neil Kenny answering questions about VA benefits.

This past year the Chapter donated two wall tapestries to the Chapel at the Brooklyn VA Hospital in memory of our departed members. They are hung in the serenity of the reflecting area.

Dues renewals for 2005 will be mailed to annual members in late August.

OHIO CHAPTER

By Ray Dunkel

It is a pleasure to welcome William E. Williams, Medical Section, 3/12 Inf., WWII (Akron, OH), and James D. Leatherberry, B/2/35 Inf., Vietnam, (Niles, OH) and Mary Hamas (Pittsburgh, PA) widow of Alex Hamas L/3/8 Inf., WWII

as members of the Ohio Chapter.

On the sick list are: Bob Hafely, Harley Little, Jim Missenda, Cecilia Cook, Lester Steele and Leo Jereb. They are in our thoughts and prayers. Some good news Polly Eberly has been given a clean bill of health by her doctor.

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family and friends of Clarence E. Karp, C/1/22 INF, WWII

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

Traveling to France to attend the 60th Anniversary of D-Day was Leo Jereb, L/3/8Inf. Leo was honored to participate in several ceremonies with members of the 4th Infantry Division contingent led by Major General Ray Odierno the Commanding General. Following D-Day ceremonies Leo spent several weeks visiting with friends and residents residing in the Normandy area.

At the recent National Reunion Scholarship Drawing the names of Ryan and Lauren Klayman, the son and daughter of Charles and Gail Klayman, D/1/12 Inf., Vietnam, residing in Blue Ash, Ohio were drawn and each will receive a \$1000.00 Scholarship. Congratulations to them both. How lucky can you get!

The final arrangements for the Chapter Fall Reunion to be held at the Holiday Inn, 3422 Port Clinton Road, Fremont, Ohio 43420, through 7 - 10 October, 2004 are nearly complete. To reserve a room call direct: 1-419-334-2686 and mention the 4th Infantry Division prior to September 24, 2004. Complete reunion details will be mailed to you in early September. Plan on attending and mark your calendar accordingly.

You can expect to receive your 2005 dues notice in early October. You are required to submit your dues payment no later than December 31, 2004. Lets strive to attain a membership of 100%. Finally any changes in your membership information should be reported by you or your family to the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

By Scott Moffat, President

I was able to make the National Reunion in Branson, MO in July and for those that were unable to attend I can tell you that the Wisconsin and Mid - West Chapters did an outstanding job hosting the occasion. Many thanks to those that put all that hard work into a wonderful occasion.

One of the great things that happened during that week was the interest by several Californians to have a Mini - Reunion for our chapter. It was easy to make that decision, we haven't had one for years. Ken McCormack picked up the ball and volunteered to find a place in San Diego to hold our mini and Alex Quintana also jumped in and did some the leg work too.

Ken McCormack (619-447-1196), Alex Quintana (858-874-3483) and Scott Moffat (213-610-3871) will be the point men for this mission, if you would like to join the patrol and give us a hand putting this together, just give us a call.

We'll be having our election of officers during this mini-reunion so give some thought of stepping up to the bar to help our chapter continue to be active. So let's make our next article

submitted to the Ivy Leaves telling about the successful and enjoyable mini-reunion that we attended in San Diego!

We'll see you in San Diego in October.

TEXAS/OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Doyle Volkmer and David Heallen

If you are considered 50% disabled by the Veterans Administration. Guy Slater tells me the Texas State Legislature has lowered the disability requirements for a license plate from 60% to 50%. The 50% disability should qualify you for a \$3.00 Texas license plate.

Michael Paul & his bride Mujriel have sold their home and moved into a Retirement Complex and now have their own "Villa". On June 6, 2004, Mr. Chris Vaughan with the Fort Worth Star Telegram wrote an excellent article on Michael's "D Day landing with the 8th Regiment.

Elaine Wells phoned and said she was back to normal after her blackout accident. She's waiting for September to reapply for her license.

David Heallen submits the following:

On June 24-26, a mini reunion of the Texas/Oklahoma Chapter was held in San Antonio, Texas. There were 34 members & guests in attendance.

Bob had cooled down sufficient beer & pop for the arriving members. The chips and dip items were re-supplied by the arrival of the Sternicki's from North Texas. Jean brought all manner of finger food and her famous chocolate chip cookies.

A business meeting was held on Saturday morning which was attended by all members present. The top of the list was the election for another term as President, Mr. Doyle Volkmer. Bob Williams was elected Vice President, & David Heallen was re-nominated and elected Treasurer.

A Banquet & Flames of Remembrance was held on Saturday evening at the Inn. Before dinner, a presentation of Military medals and awards was made by Mr. Frank Knapp of San Antonio.

A surprise guest & his family were also present at the Banquet. SGT Michael L. Davis, a former 4th ID soldier, from Ft. Hood & now a member of the 1st Cav. in Badgered, Iraq was present. SGT Davis was back home just three days after sustaining injuries in a street bombing in Iraq. SGT Davis is a patient at Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio. He was able to tell the assembled group how he and his squad were attacked & the resulting injuries. Along with SGT Davis were his Mother and Dad, Jenny & Mike Gragg, of Kansas City, MO. Also, with SGT Davis was his fiancée, Miss Chrystal Mecham, in from Colorado.

New members in attendance were, Herbert & Geraldine Pivonka, Caldwell TX, Ricardo & Ninfa Cortez of Lytle, TX, Daniel Salazar & his brother Anastacio of San Antonio, & Guy & Mary Slater of San Antonio.

Ms's Kathy Heallen, Jean Sternicki & Toni Salyers did a great job in providing the table decor. Kathy also made & gave away decorative wine catchers for each guest.

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(click on people pages enter last name & state)



Looking for: FRANK WACHTER (sp?)

Dear Sirs: My next door neighbor's father, Mr. Carl Harris (WWII Service Number 34201057), was in the 4th ID/12th Mechanized Regiment and landed on Utah Beach on 6 Jun 44. Carl would very much like to contact a buddy that he fought with during the invasion and all the way to the end of the War. His friend's name is Frank Wachter (not completely sure of spelling) from a Wisconsin farm. They were both half-track operators. Frank was awarded two Purple Hearts and therefore attained more points to rotate home earlier than Carl. Last the two saw each other was the end of the war enjoying schnapps together. I'm from Wisconsin and driving back up to see family this weekend. I may inquire the Wisconsin VA register to see if I may locate him.

*Ron & Nita Schwartz,
rschwar8@tampabay.rr.com*



Looking for: 8TH INFANTRY PUBLISHED BOOK

Dear Sir: Last year three books published, 8th, 12th &, 22nd Regiments, WWII and as a member of the 8th Infantry Regiment Society I am inquiring if there would be an edition of the 8th Infantry book available. I am anxious to get a copy having been a medic, 8th Infantry, 3rd battalion, Camp Gordon Georgia 1942 until the Falise Gap, Belgium where I was injured. Any information or help you can give me would be so greatly appreciated. Thank You.

*John T Ketcham
jtetcham@juno.com*



Looking for: ROBERT HOLLIS

Served with:

8th of the 4th ID

Served in: European Theater.

Engagements: Normandy; Northern France; Ardennes; Rhineland; Central Europe.

Medals earned: Bronze Star w/cluster; Combat Infantry Badge; Presidential Citation; European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon w/5 Bronze Stars and Arrowhead.

Sergeant Hollis was a scout of an Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon which had assaulted a hill defended by the enemy. Thirty-three Germans were captured, but there still remained seven more armed with automatic weapons fighting tenaciously from an emplacement on higher ground. Sergeant Hollis and one other man, firing sub-machine guns, rushed fifty yards up the hill through intense enemy fire. Together they killed one, wounded three and captured three enemy soldiers, destroyed the last remaining hostile resistance and secured the area.

Sergeant Hollis, scout and observer with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, traveled far in advance of infantry columns to discover the position, deployment and strength of hostile rear guard forces. He went deep into German territory on many scouting missions which kept him in constant touch with the enemy. His safety endangered by mined roads, enemy fire and ambush, he risked his life many times in the performance of his assigned duties. His combat skill and courage was of great value in obtaining information of the enemy and led to effective action by his regiment against known points of hostile resistance.

Liberated Dachau Concentration Camp, WWII, Jan. 19, 1942 - Oct. 1, 1945

*Francille Hollis Hatchett
Francille@satx.rr.com*

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Looking for: FRIENDS OF ROBERT (BOB) WILBUR UNDERWOOD

I am looking for anyone who might have known this 4th Infantry Division soldier during WWII. His name is Robert (Bob) Wilbur Underwood. DOB: 4/17/20; Army serial number: 36053371. He was a medic in the Medical Detachment, Surgical Tech, 12th Inf., 4ID, Division 44, and was in the first invasion force on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

He also served in Northern France Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He received numerous combat decorations such as the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His captain was Captain Leland E. Rice F.D.

His remaining family is looking for anyone who might have known him while in the Army.

If anyone knows anything about this soldier, please contact:

Tom Foster, 465 Windol Court, Marietta, Georgia 30066. (770) 422-0673: home & office. Email: concure@mind-spring.com



Looking for: OBITUARIES FOR MG HAROLD W. BLAKELEY & BG JAMES S. RODWELL

Sir:

This may be a long shot. My father was a member of the Ivy Leaves WW II, Co. G, 8th Rg't., 4th INF Div., Battle of the Bulge. Name: Arnold Erbstoesser. Now deceased as of 11-3-1999.

I have his Memoirs. I am looking for a Obit for the burial site of these 2 Generals that were in his unit.

MG Harold W Blakeley
12-29-1893-May 1966

BG James S Rodwell
3-17-1896—December 1962

Assume they would appear in the issues of the Ivy leaves. Any help is appreciated. Thanks,

*David Erbstoesser,
VFW 4th District Commander
932 N. 15th St., Bismarck, ND 58501
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Looking for: IVY LEAVES NEWSPAPERS FROM WWII

My father passed away on Jan. 1.1997. He was a true veteran of WWII. He was in the 14th anti-tank division. He had advanced to Sargent but was busted when sea sick on the way over to England and refused to get out of bed at an officers order. I think he should have been taken to sick bay and treat him for dehydration. He was probably delirious. He was wounded and refused to get his Purple Heart because he saw 500 guys waiting to get it when he heard bus to Baltimore from Camp Mede, MD. That's where he went home. Little did he know that there were 500 desks inside the building to process the paper work. He said the only time he slept in a bed is when he was wounded with a piece of shrapnel. That is all he talked about.

He said, "You want to talk about scared. I'll tell you all about being scared in the Black Forest and hearing the German patrols' (my dad spoke German) boots crunching through the snow. About 200 troops all sitting with their backs to a tree. All it would take is one person to cough or sneeze and their cover would have been blown."

My dad was a ranger I have the document. I also have a picture of the 14th division anti-tank corp. He was in charge of a 4-man crew for an anti-tank artillery piece. He and Schwartz, a spotter for artillery, my dad would go with him and call in coordinates for artillery. One gun would find the correct position then fire for effect and every gun would cut loose. The surrounding Germans thought we had automatic artillery.

I have 2 ivy newspapers from the war. Pictures from Camp Gordon. Part of a letter from Gen. McAllife describing things that they did. Unfortunately all I have is

the cover sheet. I would like the rest of the letter. It describes the unit being military police at the end of the war to control the Germans.

*Donald Folderaue
donef@bellsouth.net*



Looking for: THE IVY LEAVES JUNE 1994 EDITION

My grandfather, Frank E Fields went in to France on D-Day with the 8th Reg., 2nd BN, G Co., 4th ID. I am looking for a copy of "The Ivy Leaves" from June, 1994. Do you know anyone that could assist me with this request? Thank you.

*Kenneth Fields
Kenneth.Fields@juno.com*



Looking for: "9 DAYS IN MAY" INFO FOR VFW MAGAZINE

Hello: I am researching an article on assignment for VFW magazine, on the "9 Days in May." This is for the magazine's Vietnam Battles series. I am trying to learn what happened during the 9 Days, and was hoping you could help me find some veterans who took part. I would appreciate any help you could give. Please feel free to forward my email and address to anyone you think might want to contribute some information. Thank you, and thank you for your service to our country.

*Susan Keating,
skeating@gte.net*



Looking for: PASQUALE "PAT" DECARLO (Info in "The Ivy Leaves" 1973, July or later)

My father was in the battle of the Bulge with Co G 8th Reg't 4th INF Div in Germany. He got 2 Bronze stars and a Purple Heart. He passed away on 11-3-1999 and is buried in the ND State Cemetery Co of Mandan, ND.

One of his buddies named, Pasquale "Pat" DeCarlo, from the Bronx, died 5-2-1973.

This, my father wrote on the WW II 4th INF Book and has a photo of him. I am trying to find his burial place or any lead like kin or church that handled his burial or whatever. I am sure *The Ivy Leaves* about July or later of 1973 had this in. Is there anyone who may have these back issues or an archive to help? I appreciate any help.

*David Erbstoesser
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Looking for: CHRISTIAN VISSERS

Dear Dick: Nice to get your news and to received your letter included your card. I was a pleasure for meeting you and for welcoming you in Normandy. We did our best to make your trip pleasant and emotional.

A few years ago, I received from my friend Christian Vissers, Franktown, Colorado, IVY LEAVES! He was HQ Co / 8th Inf. Regt. / 4th Inf. Div. and 2nd wave on Utah Beach on D- DAY. But he was sick (he was hardly wounded in Hütgen Forrest) and no news no more. His daughter Christa Vissers-Bush wrote me her father was to the hospital. Could you send me any news from my friend, even if he passed away. Thanks a lot Dick, and Take care.

*Daniel Blanchard (France),
aigleblanchard@yahoo.fr*



Looking for: INFO FOR A SOLDIER NAMED F. A. OREFICE

Good afternoon: I'm a French collector. I'm living in Paris. I found in the farm of my father-in-law, the wool shirt, helmet from a US soldier. His name is F.A. Oreface and his number is 42069082.

I would like to know if you can help me in my search. I would like to get more information about him, if he 's dead and if I has some parents in live. The shirt and helmet are from WWII era. Thanks again and God bless you.

*William Morandi,
airmobil@club-internet.fr*

ERRATA (June 2004 Edition):

Looking for: **2ND RECON., 8th CAV., 4ID, 1958-1964 & UNIT CREST**

Correct name & Email: Ian Corter, goinplcs@quixnet.net



Looking for: People who served with **GAIL MASON KERNS POW** in the Co. A, 3rd BTN., 12th INF., 4ID

Correct name & Email: Barbara Deese, mrbanjo@webcorner.com



Looking for: **FREDERICK L. GOLLADAY**
Friends and Buddies From B/1/22

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, I" BN. 22n' INF., 4t' 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.

Maria I. Golladay
 5856 Keeling Rd, Hereford, AZ 85615

(Editor's Note): The above letter was followed with four lengthy stories too long to print here. We hope someday soon to have available a place to access and read interesting items like this.



Looking for: **GERALD PATTERSON**

He served in Viet Nam, B/1/22, during 1969-1970.

Frederick Golladay
 5856 Keeling Rd., Hereford, AZ 85615.



Looking for: **FRANK P. WADNEK**

If anyone who served in 4th Inf. Div. on D-Day knew him, please contact us. I believe he was attached to the Med. Det. He was from Woodhaven (Queens) New York and was with the 4th all the way from the beach to northern France and into Germany.

June Sinsar
 413-2 Sheoah Blvd, Winter Springs, FL 32708. (407) 327-5176

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to Patriotism. Mike received the Bob Hope Veterans Entertainer of the Year Award and reserved time for our association from his travels around the country entertaining and speaking to military groups with his wife Shari. Dancing followed with DJ Travel Tunes who had all the right music to get the crowd revved up. 260 people enjoyed the Flames of Remembrance Banquet on Saturday evening. The 4th Division color guard was on hand with the main speaker being Major General James D. Thurman. He gave a run-down on where and how the active 4th will be in the future. Rest assured that our Division is in good hands.

Hospitality was open from 6 a.m. to midnight throughout the week. A big THANK YOU to Ray Harton with the 6/29th FA and Jim McIntyre with the 1/10 Cav. for the many hours they spent finding their comrades and bringing them in touch with lost friends at our reunion.

On behalf of the entire reunion committee we hope everyone enjoyed the week and we all look forward to serving you again in the future. A special note on our member Gary Powley from Wisconsin who along with his wife Barb worked many hours on the planning committee. Gary suffered a



Two 12th Infantry vets relive WWII experience sixty years later. Rev. Groge Knapp (l) and Wayne Brown (r) first met when Wayne was wounded in combat. Rev. Knapp, who was Bn. Chaplain at the time, comforted the wounded soldier and gave him his card. Brown saved the card all these years! (Submitted by John Barclay)

heart attack the week before the reunion and was unable to attend. He is on the mend and we look forward to seeing him soon.

Association members that attended the reunion are

Richard Taylor, Bob & Joan Reilly, William & Shirley Harrison, Roger & Sue Dearmyer, Curtis & Delores Varvel, Jim & Pat Olesak, David & Kathy Heallen, George & Fran Thurston, Paul & Loretta Burritt, Gordon & Ethel Wisiniewski, Danny & Delores Sweezer, Gary & Sue Hughes, Rogers & Jean Law, Donald & LaDonna Nelson, Otto & Dorothy Degner, Amos Johnson & Doris Zache, Robert & Brandi Patsfield, Rick & Patty Adams, Roger & Linda Dufek, Donald & Eileen Stoffel, Carl & Joan Dry, Donald & Sharleen Fields, Morris Doemer, Darla Adams, Terry & Charlene Weibel, Dennis Viergutz, Don & Chris Kelby, Wayne & Jerry Brown, Bruce & Sue Gass, Leonard & Jean Sternicki, Donald & Meta Delamore, Tom & Evelyn Truesdale, Norman & Connie Lilley, Preston & Bonnie Leaderbrand, David, Annie, David, Eivind & Hannah Spindler, Bert & Janetta Nicholson, Oakley & Laura Noe, Mike Stavinsky & Bonnie Lepley, Pat & Patricia DeLaura, Harley LaRoche & Maria Grant, Ray & Rena Harton, Bruce & Andrea Wesley, Robert Olson, Louis & Sheryl Simmona, Robert & Ester Gobble, Jerry & Donna Bumpus, John & Carole



Sherry Barclay and David McNerney share laughter at a fun evening in Branson. (Submitted by John Barclay)

Mersinger, William & Christine Comeau, John Bednarczyk, Douglas Plock, Rex Plock, Philip & Brenda Menendez, James Flannigan & Loveday Gordon, Glen & Ann Armstrong, Tom & Min Mohar, Jean & Gloria Stover, Randy & Donna O'toole, Alex & Marian Cooker, George Goober, Joe & Reba Carter, Paul & Betty Brunelle, Siegfried & Gloria Budrick, Reynaldo & Aida Ramirez, Arlen & Nancy Bliefert, Sheldon & Patricia Collins, Avid & Maryanna Keller, Guy & Shirley Haas, Patricia Dueno, Michael & Janis Settles, Thomas Heidenreich, Fred & Karen Leonard, Joseph Motil, Gary Gelb & Janet Lewellyn, Mike, Sandy & Matt Gorbeltch, Carl Morris & Delores Hawkins, Ralph & Ozell Drago, Joe Drago & Clara Evens, Ann Dickman, Jean Vikdal, Richard & Sheila Bolin, Brevard & Mabel Hunt, Alfred Jandl, Ray & Lorraine Dunkel, H. Dorsey White & Veda Hargar, Jeff, Donna, Lindsey, Rachel & Willard Robershaw, Fred & Donna Campogni, Arthur Schreckengost, James Bialka, Edward Sleicaert, Ronald & Gail Brown, Delbert Pruett, John S. Kapior, Ken Schmidt, Jack & Mary Jo Crites, Larry & Michala Wait, Charles Snyder & Marcy Freibuger, Hite Bright, Ken McCormack, Robert Krause & America Ortiz, Michael May, Roy Surratt, Shane Beam, Edward & Marie McEniry, Donald & Lucille Fuss, Celeste Thatcher, Ivan & Gail Pierce, James McIntyre Joyce Sanders, Olaf & Charlotte Olson, Clyde & Chyerl Comer, Quentin Hancock, Gerald Blankenship, David Mc Nerney, Dennis Lass, Rev. George & Virginia Knapp, John Abraham, Warren & Mary King, Nathaniel Gassett, William Davis, Ray, Ray Jr, Annie Mae & Donna Rogers, Scott Moffet, Albert & Claudette Downs, Larry & Debby Brainerd, Steve & Lois Thompson, Alicia, Lilly & Ari Orna, Wallace Allport, Tom & Peg Gardner, Edward & Mary Merlo, Albert Braswell, Martha Upchurch, Steve Anderson, Claude Hockert, Robert Babcock, Bryant Middleton, Gary Bower, Dave & Barbara Dollner, Lee & Juanita Patterson, Pat & Mary Ryan, Leo & Marge Jereb. Michael McGuire, Tom & Diane Hedge, Ron & Judy Williams, Richard Budrick John Bandy, Bernie Lewis, Ray Lanabaugh, Larry & Belinda Clayton, Bert Taylor James & Sandra Statlings, Gary Hoy, Ron Tolles, Mike Moynihan, Gary & Vicki Sanders, Paul Zima, Gary & Chris Becker, Don O'Connor, Joseph & Kathleen Pettry.

RIGHT: And now you know the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would say. Dick Taylor (left) is happy to put a face on the incredible story written about Otto Degner in the last *Ivy Leaves*. (Submitted by John Barclay)



LEFT: Dorsey White (left) and Dick Taylor chat about "The Good Old Daze" during the Branson reunion

Members that attended for the first time are

- Gary Hughes, HHC 2/8th Inf, RVN, 1966-67
- Charles Snyder, B Btry, 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1967-68
- Curtis Varvel, A Co., 4th Engr Bn., RVN, 1966-67
- Albert (Al) Downs, HS&C, 6/29th FA, RVN, 1968-69
- Donald Nelson, C Co., 704th Maint., RVN, 1966-67
- Joe Carter, C 3/12th, RVN, 1969-70

- Danny Sweezer, B 1/14/th, RVN, 1967-68
- Bill Davis, B 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1967-68
- Jerry Bumpus, HHC 1st Bde, RVN, 1969-70
- Olaf Olson, C 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1969-70
- Rusty Armstrong, A & D Co., 1/12th Inf, RVN, 1969-70

I apologize in advance on any omitted or misspelled names. Our registration volunteers did the best they could with the late arrivals and we hope the good time had by all will help the next committee with early registrations.

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Book Shelf



“David Andrews: The Road from Caledonia to Canisy”

By Bill Andrews

One Man’s journey from home through World War II and back. This is a story about my Father which he could not bring himself to tell. It follows his entry into the 22nd Infantry Regiment in early 1940 at the time it began to build up for a key role in the D-Day Invasion of Europe. The first and last chapters are devoted to his enlistment and discharge in the US Army.

The intervening 26 chapters contains the History and Training of the 22nd Infantry Regiment, the day-by-day and hour-by-hour details of the action generated by the Regiment, its Battalions and its Companies as they forced their way off

the Utah Landing Beaches on D-Day through the capture of Cherbourg on June 27 and onto their leading role in the Breakthrough at St. Lo on July 26.

The names of many Officers and Enlisted men from across the 4th Infantry Division and the VII Corps as well as from the Regiment are contained in these chapters as they led and fought their way across the Normandy Peninsula. Maps are used to pinpoint their daily locations as they moved against the German defenders.

The Regiment’s Daily Action Journal was a key resource used to formulate this story. Available from the author for \$20.00 – 9640 Spring Meade Ln. – Germantown, TN 38139. (caledonia2canisy@bellsouth.net)



VA Secretary Hails “Six Decades of Opportunity” for GI Bill

WASHINGTON (June 18, 2004) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi is marking the 60th anniversary of the “GI Bill of Rights” on June 22, calling it “one of the greatest pieces of legislation in American history.”

“The GI Bill made home ownership and college education available to millions of Americans,” Principi said. “By harnessing the talent and drive of America’s veterans, it created six decades of opportunity for the men and women who served in uniform.”

VA Secretary Set to Announce CARES Decisions

WASHINGTON (May 7, 2004) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi will announce today details of a comprehensive plan to modernize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system. The plan includes new hospitals in Orlando and Las Vegas, 156 new community clinics, four new spinal cord injury centers, two blind rehabilitation centers and expanded mental health outpatient services nationwide.

Improvements in Veterans’ Group Life Insurance Information

WASHINGTON (June 25, 2004) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that veterans will now be able to access their Veterans’ Group Life Insurance (VGLI) accounts at any time of the day or night from any computer or telephone.

“Today’s veterans are technologically savvy, and VA’s Life Insurance program is constantly looking for better ways to meet their needs,” said Under Secretary for Benefits Daniel L. Cooper. “We will be adding new features to both our online account and interactive voice response systems on a continuing basis so veterans can manage their policies from anywhere, at any time.”

VA Reaches Out to Newest Combat Veterans

WASHINGTON (May 10, 2004) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is expanding its efforts to reach veterans of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

4th Infantry Division Association’s 86th Annual National Reunion

By Bob Reilly

Joan and I just returned from a long trip culminating in attending the reunion. The whole trip, including an Atlantic crossing on the Queen Marry 2 and 4th of July celebration at Colonial Williamsburg, VA, was marvelous. But the purpose of this email is too relate an incredible coincidence.

Following one of the meetings there in Branson, I went into the hotel restaurant for lunch. By myself, I asked for the rear booth (on the right-hand wall as you enter the front door) because I enjoy watching people as I eat and thought someone from the reunion would walk through the door to join me—didn’t happen.

I was seated and handed a menu, from which I ordered soup and sandwich, which was delivered to me in due time.

Pretty droll story, isn’t it?

The amazing thing is that, as I ate, I glanced toward the wall on my right and noticed two military citations hanging there in beautiful frames. They were for a Bronze Star for valor (1st and 2nd awards for incidents some time apart) for action in Vietnam.

Curious, I shifted over to get a better look and read... Lieutenant Morgan Sincock —

my very good friend “Butch”! I couldn’t have been more joyfully surprised to see him honored in such a way.

For those of you unfamiliar with Branson, MO, you need to understand that it is the one place in the USA where veterans are honored everywhere they go—at every performance in every venue, at every hotel and restaurant. No place are they more honored than at the Radisson Hotel, where the restaurant is owned by Mike Radford (his wife is lovingly responsible for the beautiful frames). He has taken it upon himself to gather photos, citations, uniforms and other memorabilia from veterans of every service and every era and has tastefully covered every wall on the lower level of the hotel, where his restaurant is located, with them. What a marvelous tribute!

Just wanted to pass this on while it was fresh in my mind.

Continue to pray for our troops in harm’s way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other hot spots around the world. As you can see from watching the news, the bad guys are still out there making their last attempts to disrupt our commitment to put them out of action.

to ensure they are aware of benefits they have earned.

Beginning today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi is sending a personal letter to more than 150,000 veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom who have recently separated from the military to thank them for their service and to remind them of their eligibility for VA health care and other benefits.

From D-Day and Beyond

By Dick Taylor

In the June edition of *The Ivy Leaves* (pg. 124), we published a great story. It was so interesting that we published it without knowing who wrote it. We found it in our mass of incoming mail. It has been typed with care, but no name identifying the author or the name of the subject was to be found on the sheet of paper.

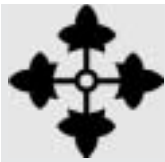
Otto [Degner] was 23 years old when his group landed on the beach and before nightfall he had all units "linked."

We were to learn at the Branson Reunion that the story that we found so interesting was the true history of our popular ex-master sergeant, Otto Degner (4th Signal Co.). The same Otto Degner who reached Utah Beach at about 10:00 a.m., D-Day 1944!

It was Otto's mission to set up a communication network with the 4th ID headquarters and the commands of the 8th, 12th, and 22nd Infantry Regiments. The pressure was on! He had to perform and perform fast!

There were about 40 soldiers under his control all doing their best to "get the job done"... get it done well and get it done fast. Success of the invasion – at least that part assigned to the 4th ID – depended on Otto and his 40 men.

Otto was 23 years old when his group landed on the beach and before nightfall he had all units "linked." The invasion went so well that by D-Day+3, General Bradley found Otto and gave him a compliment he has never forgotten: "Sergeant," he said, "This is the greatest communication network from sea to all units on land I have ever seen!"



FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

Chuck McKee

The year has been an active one for the Service Officer. During the period of July 2003 to June 2004 I was able to provide assistance to 24 4ID Association members and 9 others. The assistance ranged from the coordinating and filing of VA claims for disability compensation and grave markers, to assisting in obtaining High School diplomas for WW2 veterans. One of the more disappointing efforts for the year was the lack of assistance from the French Counsel regarding the award of Certificates or Appreciation to those WW2 Ivy soldiers who applied. I have been assured that these applications are still "in the process of being approved."

On the more satisfying side, I was able to assist a 4th ID veteran in obtaining his VA compensation. A Vietnam veteran and Platoon medic, we were able to refer him to a Veterans Service Organization that processed his claim. The claim was read-

judicated to the original date of application and a retro award was obtained.

That claim brought the veteran over \$250,000.00 in tax-free back pay. Other monetary awards were obtained for veterans and widows of veterans as well.

The stats for the year are as follows:

Total veterans/others assisted:33
Total Compensation obtained: ..\$278,000.00
Awards/Decorations assisted/obtained: 2
High School Diplomas assisted/obtained: ..5
Grave Markers assisted/obtained:2

With the number of new veterans returning from the war in Iraq, I have established a repoire with the out-processing center at both Ft Hood and Ft Carson to provide assistance in filing VA claims using the local VSO service centers.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck McKee, NSO

The 17th Vietnam and All Veterans' Reunion Held in Florida

By Jim Phillips

The 17th Vietnam & All Veterans Reunion was held in Wickham Park in Melbourne, Florida from April 18th 2004 through April 25, 2004.

On Sunday April 18th 2004 the "Run For the Wall" occurred. This is a yearly approximate twenty-mile escort/parade that brings/escorts "The Moving Wall" into the reunion area. (Mostly motorcycles). This is an awesome ride that culminates at the set up site of "The Moving Wall" where everyone was encouraged to help unpack and set up the wall for the week. Jay Martin of the 4th Infantry Division was involved in the "Run for the Wall."

We had a 4th Infantry canopy with 4th Infantry Division signs and 4th Infantry Division flags. Fifty five people who served with the Fourth Division signed the guest book.

Robert Galvan who flew in from

We had a 4th Infantry canopy with 4th Infantry Division signs and 4th Infantry Division flags.

California with his wife Helen met up with Robert & Joyce Wood. They served with the 4th S & T Bn, Pleiku in 1968. They reunited after not seeing each other in 36 years.

Phil Menendez & his wife Brenda met up with Mark Labbe for the first time in 35 years. They last saw each other while serving in Camp Enari in base camp mortars. Phil also found Jim Phillips whom he met in Fort Carson, Colorado for a 1/12th reunion. He was also introduced to Jim Kervin who was also a "Red Warrior" and President of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Osceola County in Florida.

"Together then & Together Again."



60th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy



Group photo of 41D Vets and others in front of 41D monument at Utah Beach ceremony.

By Bob Babcock

Forty 41D veterans, family members, and friends spent a memorable five days from June 3-8, 2004 touring the Normandy battlefields that the 41D and others had liberated sixty years ago. Led by honorary 41DA life member Philippe Cornil and 41DA

historian Bob Babcock, the group spent a day along Gold, Juno, Sword, and Omaha beaches before returning to Utah Beach and following the route of the 4th Infantry Division from Utah Beach to the St. Lo breakout. 41DA members on the tour were: Armand Torre (M/12 IN), Alex Miljevic (G/22 IN), Dave

Roderick (H/22 IN), Curtis Phillips (C/22 IN), Irving Smolens (B/29 FA), Jesse Stadler (B/29 FA), Dick Taylor (4 EN Cold War), Pat Roy (daughter of MAJ O'Malley, CO 2-12 IN KIA in July 1944), and Henry Barber IV (grandson of BG Henry Barber Jr., ADC of 41D on D-Day).

The route from Utah Beach to Cherbourg that took the 41D twenty-one days to cover in 1944, was toured on June 4 with a final stop back at St. Mere Eglise to wrap up the day. Active duty American paratroopers, preparing for the historic re-enactment jump on June 5, mixed and mingled with the large numbers of WWII re-enactors dressed in authentic uniforms of American soldiers from WWII.

June 5th, our group split with one large contingent going to see the world-famous Bayeaux Tapestry (historically portraying

Irving Smolens with MajGen Odierno.

William the Conqueror's invasion of England in 1066) and a tour of the nearby cathedral. The other group of "gung-ho" members watched wave after wave of C-17 and C-130 aircraft drop the American paratroopers near St. Mere Eglise in a daylight re-enactment of the historic D-Day jump by the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. The day ended with a moving reception by the citizens of the town of Santiney where the 41D lost 9,000 casualties in early July 1944. Medals were given to the WWII vets. That evening was spent meeting and drinking with many of the fifty active duty 41D Soldiers, freshly returned from Iraq, who were to provide the honor guard for the Utah Beach ceremony on June 6.

June 6 was a highlight not to be forgotten. The WWII vets had a front row seat at the international ceremony in the American cemetery above Omaha Beach, Armand Torre, M/12th Infantry vet, even had the opportunity to hug President Bush while Irv Smolens, B/29th Field Artillery was honorary firing commander for the artillery battery salute. Mid afternoon saw us back in St. Marie du Mont for the unveiling of a plaque honoring the 4th Infantry Division veterans. The plaque idea was developed, paid for, and implemented by the United Kingdom 41D Living History



Clete Sellnick - 101st Airborne; Alex Miljevic - 22nd Inf. Regt; Armand Torre - 12th Inf Regt; Hal Barber IV - grandson of BG Hall Barber Jr - ADC of 41D on D-Day; Dave Roderick - 22nd Inf Regt; Bob Babcock - past national president; Jesse Stadler - 29th Field Artillery; Pat Roy - daughter of MAJ Richard O'Malley, 2-12 CO KIA at Santiney; Curtis Phillips - 22nd Inf Regt



Normandy, France ★ June 3 – 6, 2004 ★



Plaque dedicated by a United Kingdom Living History 4ID and MG Ray Odierno, CG of 4ID, and others at St. Marie du Mont on June 6, 2004 on house of Philippe Cornil

– those people genuinely appreciate what the American soldiers did for them in WWII.

(Editor's Note): Fully 1/3 of all the private homes and more than half of the shops in Normandy were displaying the French flag, the U.S. flag, and the British flag. Also seen were many banners, which read: "We welcome our liberators." It was heart-warming to say the least. - RBT)

After the great trip to Normandy for D-Day anniversary events, Philippe Cornil and Bob Babcock are considering hosting another tour of 4ID veterans and interested family and friends at the end of November or early December 2004 to visit the American cemeteries in Belgium and Luxembourg, the

Group who regularly pays tribute to our 4ID soldiers. MG Ray Odierno, CG of the 4ID, COL Jim Hickey, CO of 1st Brigade, 4ID (unit that captured Saddam), the Living History Group, and our WWII vets all participated in the unveiling.

French motorcycle police escorted our bus to Utah Beach to arrive just in time for the formal ceremony where Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi was the main speaker. Armand Torre extended his memorable experiences as he helped lay the wreath during the ceremony and Irving Smolens again served as honorary firing commander. Several other 4ID vets were in attendance at this event, including past national president Leo Jereb and next year's reunion chairman, Bob Olson. The evening ended with the active duty 4ID Soldiers joining us for dinner and a fireworks display in St. Marie du Mont.

June 7 found us following the route of the 4ID through the early days of the St. Lo breakout which started on July 25, 1944. Beginning in the village of La-Chapelle-en Juger, where the massive carpet bombing wiped out the town, we were honored by the mayors and townspeople of Notre Dame de Cenilly, Hambye (where we had lunch with school children), Villedieu-les-Poeles, and Saint Pois. Anyone who thinks all French people do not like Americans should visit Normandy



Irving Smolens directing the firing of the 21 gun salute that opened the ceremonies on Utah Beach on the 60th Anniversary of D-day.

Hurtgen Forest, the Battle of the Bulge and towns of Bastogne, La Roche, Houffalize, Diekirch and surrounding battlefields. Although plans are still tentative, if you are interested in participating, please contact Bob at babcock224@aol.com

or Philippe at _etousa@free.fr (mailto: _etousa@free.fr) before September 30, 2004 to get more details.

You can write Bob at PO Box 682212, Marietta, GA 30068 or call him at 770-587-2383 for more details.

Now, you can view on www.americandday.org the pictures taken during the 60th anniversary of the D-Day.

Thanks to Bob Reilly



Leaders of 4ID units proudly displaying their colors in front of 4ID Monument on Utah Beach - 6 June 2004.



THANK YOU FROM THE NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM

Dear Mr. Taylor: Thanks for the gift of The Ivy Leaves, the 4th Infantry Division Association publication. We are honored to have these for our archival collection. There is no finer group of American patriots than the veterans of the 4th Division. Thanks for all that you members have done to protect our country. May our fellow citizens never forget the hardships you have endured!

Sincerely,

Z. Frank Hanner, Director
National Infantry Museum



ARCHIVE'S INDEX?

Dear Sir:

I appreciate having access to the 4 ID Archive site. Has any consideration been given for an indexed search so that the info can be used as a database? It might have already been done or a search site might have the info! Thank You.

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APOLOGY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Bob:

Please accept my heartfelt disappointment for failing to be in Janesville. I love and respect my comrades and will miss the valuable opportunity to rub shoulders with the best. I have had unexpected health matters develop within my family that brought some concern and then travel complications arose as well.

I had to cancel reservations at the hotel and feel very bad about not being where I expected on this important day. Please extend my pride and gratitude to those that were able to make it. Particularly Landis Bargatze and John Edgerton. Landis and I were both on the perimeter with Leslie at the time of his death.

John has been a great leader and wonderful source of knowledge about the history of the regiment and warfare in general. I wanted to tell them how much that means to me. To the family of Leslie Bellrichard; I want them to know that I have enjoyed a wonder-

ful life and always thank those that were around me that paid the ultimate price. I also wanted to say to younger people that were there that the segment of our culture that never sees the big picture fails us.

The terrible Cold War that Bellrichard died fighting in is over and the legitimate threat of communist totalitarianism is no longer with us. Leslie Bellrichard was a part of this, while serving in a regiment that helped defeat another type of an evil threat. Maybe he didn't know that his 8th Infantry Regiment was the first on the beach at Normandy on D-day and the first to break out off the beach. The greatest invasion that history ever saw never had a hero more worthy than PFC Leslie Bellrichard. His mettle was that of great heroes that fell before him. Now he stands as an example of the ultimate selfless infantry soldier. Janesville may never have another as rare as he.

I hope that the city fathers understand that the 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army is who he last served while securing our freedom. It is only respectful to PFC Bellrichard and his unit that this is acknowledged on an appropriate symbol near this place of honor. The pride of the Infantry is not understood by many. They're the soldiers that fight and die staring the enemy in the face from feet and inches. It's impossible to train and fight with these kinds of warriors without having an undying bond.

Knowing that no greater sacrifice than giving your life to save the life of fellow warriors exists is very humbling to me. One that secured the benefit of his dedication; I will be on this bridge before I die someday and wonder why the town hasn't changed its name. I remain a former grateful member of Bravo Company, 1st Bn, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division from May 20th, 1967.

John Barclay, Jr. Vice President, 4th ID,
Steadfast and Loyal, Patriae Fidelitas



ANTI-TANK CO. 8TH INFANTRY

Sir: I would like to get all the information you might have on my company: Anti-Tank Co. 8th Inf. We landed on Utah Beach D-Day. Would like to know the battles and towns my company fought through and if

you have any information on the men who came home.

I was wounded on D-Day and never returned to my company. I enlisted in the Army when I was 16 years old at the time the 4th Inf. was being reorganized at Ft. Benning, GA in 1940.

Curtis Payne,
99 Whithead Rd.,
Oxford GA 30054
(678) 625-4512

P.S. Enclosed is \$15. Please tell me where I can get one of my 8th Infantry Regimental insignias.



UNKNOWN 4TH ID KIA: ID'D AS ISAAC P. HUFFMAN

Hi Guys:

The Coffelt KIA Team has confirmed the following soldier was with D, 1/12th: Isaac Paul Huffman, 10-11-67, Leukemia, Walter Reed.

This is the last 4th Unknown that we have a record for—all others have at least battalion unit known and most down to Company-level. You may remove him from the list of Unknowns on web site; also Clifford Kuebler is still listed there and he also was D, 1/12th.

The listing of the 4th Unknowns on the web site was very helpful—the original list had around 12 guys and your readers ID many of them. Thanks for posting them!

Please pass the word I am willing to work with individuals who want KIAs for their 4th units.

Best Regards,

Richard "Dick" J. Arnold,
A, 1/35th, RVN, 1967-68.
Arnold_Richard_J@Lilly.com.



D-DAY TOUR REFLECTIONS

Dear Editor:

I wanted to share my experience with the 2004 D-Day events. My husband and I were members of a tour group organized by Philippe Cornil and Bob Babcock. We had an experience of a lifetime as a result of their efforts.

I went simply to see a milestone in US

history and came back with so much more. I feel prouder than ever to be an American, I feel honored to meet a soldier - current or veteran - who served our country and have a deeper understanding of not only this watershed event but the ones that led up to it as well as followed it. From Tripoli to the battles in Italy to the taking of the Siegfried line, they all have a special place in our history.

While this event was focused on the D-Day veteran, it was felt by many, including myself, as an honor to the World War II GI. Several times the faces of our veterans who were laying a wreath blurred into faces of the young men they once were, honoring all those who served regardless of their final place of rest.

I heard President Bush speak at the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach. One comment he made to the veterans which could apply to the men at any other town across the front was: „Now has come a time of reflection, with thoughts of another horizon, and the hope of reunion with the boys you knew. I want each of you to understand, you will be honored ever and always by the country you served and by the nations you freed.

Everywhere we went; people - young or old - kept thanking the veterans. The Brits, Belgians, Italians, French and US citizens gave them hugs, listened to their stories and got either or both their autographs and photos. On the train back to Paris, a woman of about 35 asked the man behind me in broken English if he was an American soldier. After he replied yes, she simply shook his hand and said thank you and moved on. One veteran in our group said he must have signed 1000 autographs.

Current members of the 4th ID - Major General Ray Odierno and many of his troops - joined us for a couple of hours over several days. They were bright, full of life, and were professional in every way. My husband and I tried to thank as many of them as possible for their efforts in Iraq but fell short in telling them all.

The tradition and pageantry displayed at both the American Cemetery and Utah Beach was emotional - 21 howitzer salutes; laying of wreaths; precision marching at the display of colors and singing the 4th song as they exited the staging area. The only person in my family who ever served was my dad during WWII in Alaska so I was sur-

prised at how wonderfully patriotic it all felt. In fact, my 60-year-old husband was so moved he told MG Odierno he wanted to enlist. (MG Odierno was polite enough to not comment.)

Despite the veterans, location then and now, he is and will be remembered for the role played in the country,s success. I know so ^ I saw it, felt and was witness to it.

Teresa Hirsch, Carrollton, TX
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LEO JERAB SEEN ON TV: D-DAY ANNIVERSARY EVENT

I saw the History Channel interviews Re: D-Day events and caught a few minutes of Leo Jereb's interview. I have been a member of the Association of the United States Army since 1979. They publish two periodicals: One; "ARMY" magazine is a slick magazine very much like our *Ivy Leaves*, and the other; "AUSA NEWS" a newsprint tabloid that focuses more on membership activities. The June edition of AUSA NEWS had a supplement on the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. Two pages were allotted to the 4th Infantry and featured interviews with Irv Smolens, Leo Jereb, Jack Lester, and Pete Russo. I've ordered a couple extra copies and will mail them to you guys.

Jim Moher, email:
nhborn46@yahoo.com



BELGIAN FAMILY THANKS & 4ID LOGO CLOTHING REQUEST

Dear you all: Very sincerely, thanks to you for the vacations in Normandy. It was full of emotions and sentiments. We already have some habit of this ceremonies whit Curtis but we have been shaken by your welcome, your kindness and by your devotedness. Curtis, just for a wonderfull moment realy too short, was again at home in the middle of this comradship. To know that a brotherly contact is existing through Philippe,his wife and you, made Curtis and his family very happy. You are great men and to meet you and your family was very important for us. Do you have caps, jacket with the badge of 4th division I can buy for Curtis? Congratulations. Friendly and keep in touch.

Phillips Family (Francis Piret).
fa936993@skynet.be



RETURN TO PLEIKU

Hello, Dick Taylor — you all might be interested that I had a chance earlier this month to return to Vietnam and spent two days in the Central Highlands trying to spot some of the 4ID locations. Some of my photos are at: <http://www.vietnamveteranministers.org/chaplain/today.htm> and the 8 following pages.

We found traces of the air strip at Dak To, and I could stand there and recall the 1 Bde Base Camp as I found it in July 1968, and look at the mountain and imagine Firebases 5 and 6. The next day we drove to the site of Camp Enari. Everything is gone — except a concrete base in the road that ran through the Camp (it is probably the American-built pavement that remains after 35 years). The concrete probably supported a guard post at the entrance to Camp Enari. My picture, and that of Lynn Kohl, who had been a nurse at 71st Evac, is the first photo on <http://www.vietnamveteranministers.org/chaplain/return4.htm>.

Jack Day (Chaplain, 1 Bde, 4 Inf
Div, July 1968-June 1969)
Jackson H. Day, M. Div, MPH
Columbia, MD
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CAST REPLICAS REQUEST

If someone would make [cast] a small replica of the Kneeling Soldier Memorial, I would be greatly interested in buying one. I am broken hearted over the loss of so many good boys [men] in this conflict

Robert Katzenoff, B Co., 12th
Medics, 1942-1945,
POW, Oct. 1944 - April 1945.
BobKatz21@hotmail.com



BELLRICHARD BRIDGE

As a lifelong resident of Janesville, Wisconsin, a proud Vietnam Veteran and a 15 year member of the 4th Infantry Division Association, I would like to comment on the article that appeared on the front page of the June 2004 issue of "The Ivy Leaves" about the Bellrichard Memorial Bridge dedication. When I received my "Ivy Leaves" I was happy to see an article about the Bellrichard Bridge dedication but was very disappointed

in the "Ivy Leaves" for printing such a disparaging article against the City of Janesville and the Janesville Patriotic Society.

First of all, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient PFC Leslie Bellrichard though born and buried in Janesville is not listed as a KIA from the State of Wisconsin. I personally have no problem with a bridge dedicated in his name but I do take exception to the article that blasts Janesville and the Janesville Patriotic Society. The City of Janesville is a very patriotic town and is known for the 101st Tank Company, "Janesville 99" which served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and many perished in the Bataan Death March.

The goal of the Janesville Patriotic Society is to foster a spirit of harmony among the veterans groups and effect a united patriotic feeling in the community. The Janesville Patriotic Society does more than coordinate the activities of November 11 as the article states. They are responsible for placing flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day and removing them after the 4th of July. They are responsible for the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies at the local cemeteries. There is a program at Veteran's Plaza following the parade which is put on by the JPS. The JPS is responsible for putting 200 flags on streetlights at the entrances to the City of Janesville. The JPS conducts a POW-MIA ceremony in September. They also maintain a fund for the maintenance of various veterans' monuments in the city.

The JPS is in favor of honoring all six Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from Janesville to be honored all at once.

These recipients go back as far as the Civil War, with two from WWII to the present. The JPS was able to get the road around Veteran's Plaza re-named Medal of Honor Circle. They are now in the process of having markers of all six recipients on a walkway leading to Veteran's Plaza.

It is my belief that the City of Janesville and the Janesville Patriotic Society do a lot more than the article states. We take pride in our city and our veterans. We honor and treat our veterans with respect. I feel this article was way off the mark and that the writer owes the City of Janesville and the Janesville Patriotic Society an apology.

Robert E. Maves, B Co. 2/35 4th Division (1969-1970)



"D-DAY AND BEYOND"

I want to let you know how wonderful your article "D-Day and Beyond" was too real. I was in the 4th Signal Company from England to the end of the war. The article brought back sad memories. Please let Mr. Birch know how much his article told the whole story of the D-Day to the end. Sincerely, Jerome Birnbaum.



PVT. ROBERT LEE FRAZIER

Dear Mr. Rollinger: Re: Ad in the DAV May-June 2004 issue. Please send details on our schoolmate. Pvt. Robert Lee Frazier 1920-1944. KIA August '44 in France. Please, if possible, provide lists of WWII KIA. Thanks.

Judy Harvey
1498 County Rd. 3251
Clarksville AR 72830-8207



RECAP OF FOUND WWII CAP

Dear Dick,

It appeared from the picture on page 13 of the March 2004 issue of *The Ivy Leaves* that David Kneppar was in G Co., 8th Inf. Reg. I looked in the G Company Morning Reports I have and did not find his name. I looked in the 8th Regiment book and his name was not there, but neither is my husband's name and he was Company Commander from November 16, 1944 to sometime in April 1945. I looked at the Assault Sections of the 3rd Platoon who were sent to Torquay, England to train and his name was not on the list. I do not have the Assault Sections for the 1st and 2nd Platoons. I looked on the two D-Day Rosters of G Company I have and he wasn't on either list. I looked on the G Company Roster for December 1942 and he was listed as Private David J. Kneppar.

Shirley J. Devine
13 Woodcrest Lane NE
Iowa City, IA 52240

Editor's Note: For those with good memories, this letter is in reference to the Army cap found in Great Britain recently. Thanks to Shirley Devine for her excellent research!

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

RECOGNITION from page 4


Along the way to Germany, the Fourth also suffered the highest casualty rates of any Allied unit in Europe. That is a unique record of service, one that every veteran of every one of the 4ID's succeeding campaigns, from Vietnam to Iraq, is also proud of.

With that, we lift our glasses to all those 4 ID veterans of the campaigns of sixty years ago. Their lives are testimony to the words of the Division motto, Steadfast and Loyal, and we are all proud to call them neighbors and countrymen.

The Michigan chapter sends the same sentiments to our 4ID brethren across the land and we look forward to convening with all in Las Vegas at next summer's national reunion.

MOVING?

Don't make us guess your new address!
Complete this form and mail it to the
Greg Rollinger, Executive Director
8891 Aviary Path
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077



Name: _____

Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Effective Date: _____

Submitted by Jimmie Johnson (autor unknown)

- The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country.
- He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.
- He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.
- He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and 155mm Howitzers.
- He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk.
- He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark.
- He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.
- He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.
- He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march.
- He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity.
- He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other.
- He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.
- He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle.
- He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts.
- If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food.
- He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle

when you run low.

- He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job.
- He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all.
- He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them.
- He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.
- He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking.
- In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.
- Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom.
- Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.
- He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding.
- Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.
- And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so.

Prayer: "Hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

Please say a prayer for our ground troops in Afghanistan, sailors on ships, and airmen in the air, and for those in Iraq. Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Coastguardsman, Marine or Airman, prayer is one of the very best.

As you go to bed tonight, remember these pictures in your mind and pray for our military.

A Peek into the Past

VIET NAM

By Bob Babcock

September 1966 was when 4ID headquarters elements arrived in the central highlands of Vietnam to begin a tour which would last until December 1970. During the same month, the 1st Brigade, made up of 1-8 IN, 3-8 IN, 3-12 IN, 6-29 FA, and supporting units arrived in Tuy Hoa to begin their tour. They joined the 2nd Brigade, made up of 1-12 IN, 1-22 IN, 2-8 IN, and 4-42 FA who had arrived in the central highlands in early August 1966. 3rd Brigade, made up of 2-12 IN, 2-22 IN, 3-22 IN, and 2-77 FA would arrive in October 1966 and be deployed to the south, working with the 25th Infantry Division. 4th Engineers and the 4ID advance party led the way in July 1966 and began construction of the 4ID base camp, later to be named Camp Enari, to the south of Pleiku.

A Peek into the Past

WORLD WAR II

By Bob Babcock

After landing on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944, capturing Cherbourg on June 25, breaking out of the hedgerows at St. Lo on July 25, and liberating Paris on August 25, early September 1944 found the 4ID chasing the Germans across northern France and back to the Siegfried Line. The 4ID crossed from France into Belgium and were the first Allied unit to cross into Germany. On September 11, 1944 a patrol from the 4th Infantry Division went into Germany and brought back a helmet full of German soil to send to President Roosevelt. A few days later, and for the remainder of September, the 4th Division fought through the pillboxes and strongpoints of the Siegfried Line.

CHAPTER EVENTS



Reunions, Meetings & Gatherings

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

A-1-8 2004 Reunion

**Come one, come all! To The 2004 A/1/8 Reunion
Atlantic City, New Jersey**

The A-1-8 2004 Reunion will be Monday, September 13th through Friday, September 17th and, with sixty already signed up, will be huge!

We will be staying in the heart of Atlantic City at the Madison House Hotel which is owned and operated by the Sands Casino Hotel, among the many Hotels and Casinos and of course the Boardwalk and Beach. *Bring your bathing suits* as the weather and ocean are typically excellent for swimming and beach bumming! Check out the Hotel Website: <http://www.atlanticcity.com/madison.htm>

There will be a Hospitality Suite daily and other featured or available activities include a day Trip to Cape May, Shopping/Sightseeing, Casino, Beach, Boardwalk, Deep Sea Fishing, Historical Philadelphia, Factory Outlet Stores and many more. There will also be a trip to Washington D.C. (The Vietnam Wall) on Wednesday, September 15th and Thursday evening in the Historic Towne of Smithville for dinner and Punch Bowl ceremony.

We are going to have a great time, so join us. Contact Ken McCormack @ (619) 997-0176 or e-mail at "kenmac1@cox.net" for information or to order the requisite forms. Reserve your room by calling: AC Tours and Entertainment @ 1'800-252-5866. Speak with Michael and mention the A/1/8 Reunion.

See y'all there!

Ken McCormack / Chapter Clerk

Capital Chapter Event

The next Capital Chapter function will be our annual Fall Meeting and Crab Feast. This year's meeting will be held on September 18th in Burtonsville, MD at the home of Chapter President Norman Lilley.

All Chapter members will receive a mailing for this event. Any other persons interested in attending may contact Capital Chapter Treasurer Roger Barton at 301-845-4168 or rbarton4id@verizon.net.

Roger Barton

Carolinas Chapter Fall 2004 Mini-Reunion

The Carolinas Chapter will hold its 2004 Fall Reunion October 1 - 3, at the Holiday Inn - Airport, Exit 111-B on I-26, Columbia, South Carolina. Make your reservations direct with the hotel at 803-794-9440, mention the 4ID Reunion to get our rate of \$65 / per night, which includes breakfast. Please pre-register using the Registration Form below or call me so we have an accurate meal count. Remember to bring your gifts or crafts for our raffle after the Banquet.

Reunion Schedule

Friday, October 1	1:00 PM	Hospitality Opens
	6:30 PM	Buffet Dinner
Saturday, October 2	9:00 AM	Officers Meeting
	10:00 AM	Business Meeting
	6:00 PM	Flames of Remembrance Banquet
Sunday, October 3	8:00 AM	Breakfast: On Your Own

REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Chapter - 2004 Fall Mini-Reunion

Name: _____

Address: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

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

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

Saturday Banquet (\$25 per person).....\$ _____

Donation(s) (_____)\$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Return this form by *Sept 24, 2004* and make check payable to: **Carolinas Chapter. Mail To:** Rick Adams, 101 Cinderridge Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301 864-576-7359.

Florida Chapter Events

The Florida Chapter will host their Fall 2004 Reunion during the period 29-31 October 2004 at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel, 350 S. North Lake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32715. Phone: 1-407-830-1985. For further information contact Treasurer Robert Krause, 4407 County Breeze Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34653; Ph 1-727-376-2660, rovinkid@earthlink.net.

Edward J. McEniry

Mid-South Chapter Event

Plans are being made for our 2005 Chapter Reunion. This will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, in spring. We shall have more on this in the near future.

Lee Rung

New England Chapter 2004 Fall Meeting

Over the weekend of 11 - 14 November 2004, the N. E. Chapter and friends will meet at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel, 9 Whitehall Ave. Mystic, CT 06355. Going south on 95 at Exit 90 take left. Hotel is on the right. Going north on 95 at Exit 90 take right. Hotel is on the left.

Please make your hotel reservation directly by calling 1-860-536-4281 and mentioning 4-D-I-V, their code for us. Room rates are \$77.28 for Thursday through Saturday including tax for single or double and \$5.00 for each extra person in the room. Make your reservations as soon as possible but no later than 11 October 2004 to assure these rates.

N.E. Chapter members and friends will receive our special mailing. Other Association members and friends wishing to attend may contact: Siegfried Budrick, 49 Black Flats Rd., Dennis, MA 02638-1713 or call 1-508-385-2291 for reservations and information.

Frank Bradley

California Chapter Mini Reunion

Friday and Saturday October 29 - 30

The California Chapter of the 4th ID will be reuniting at the California Suites Hotel in San Diego October 29th and 30th. There will be a hospitality suite Friday night and Saturday afternoon, after the business meeting and elections. Saturday night will feature dinner at the VIP Restaurant and Lounge followed by the Flames of Remembrance and adjournment.

All Chapter members and guests as well as any and all 4th ID members are invited. Contact: Alex Quintanar at (858) 874-3483 or Scott Moffat at (323) 587- 0650 for more information.

Alex Quintanar

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Member Death Notification (Executive Director's copy)

Chapter _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Era and Unit _____

Date of Death _____

Spouses Name _____

Ivy Leaves Editor notified? Yes No

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

Mail to: Gregory A. Rollinger
8891 Aviary Path
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

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

4th INFANTRY BRITISH LIVING HISTORY GROUP:
www.4thdivisionlhg.uk

BUDDY FINDER:
www.military.com/Military/Locator/New/Splash/

ENGLAND'S SUPPORT OF 4ID:
www.4thdivisionlhg.org.uk/

FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES:
www.armywives.com

INTERESTING SITE FOR ALL VETERANS:
www.army.com

MILITARY UNIT FINDER:
www.military.com/HomePage/UnitPageSearch/

PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
www.americandday.org

VIETNAM VETS MIGHT FIND THIS SIGHT INTERESTING:
www.vietnamveteranministers.org/chaplain/today.htm

Attending the 87th Annual Reunion Next Year?

Wondering what there is to do besides gamble in Las Vegas?

Las Vegas City Tours? Visit: www.vegasvancetours.com

Hoover (Boulder) Dam Tours? Visit: www.sightseeingtoursunlimited.com

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort? Visit: www.state.nv.us/stparks

Nellis Air Force Base (Fighters)? Visit: www.nellis.af.mil

Death Valley Resort? Visit: www.furnacecreekresort.com

Mt. Charleston Lodge? Visit: www.mtcharleston.com

Mt. Charleston Hotel/Inn? Visit: www.mtcharlestonhotel.com

Grand Canyon Tours? Visit: www.sightseeingtoursunlimited.com

Zion National Park? Visit: www.zionnationalpark.com

Grand Canyon Lodge "El Tovar"? Visit: www.grandcanyonlodges.com

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Member Death Notification (Editor's copy)

Chapter _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Era and Unit _____

Date of Death _____

Spouses Name _____

Executive Director notified? Yes No

Special events during his military service: _____

Mail to: Dick Taylor, Editor
PO Box 26565
Las Vegas, NV 89126-0565

Preferred notification – Email to: ivyleaveseditor@aol.com

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President, Rick Adams.

Attendees: Rick Adams, Pres.; Ray Dunkel, Sr. VP; Bob Gasset, Jr. VP; Robert Krause, Jr. VP; John Barclay, Jr. VP; Mike McCormick, Jr. VP; Wayne Brown, Treasurer; Roy Surratt, Secretary; Alex Cooker, Registrar. **Observers:** Roger Dufek, Past Pres.; Dick Taylor, *Ivy Leaves* Editor; Bob Babcock, Past Pres. **Absent:** Scott Moffat, Jr. VP

Rick Adams gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Last E-Board meeting minutes of September 10, 2003 in Killeen by Ray Dunkel and seconded by Robert Krause. Motion was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Wayne Brown and filed with the Secretaries' minutes. Ray Dunkel made a motion to move the funds gained from the sale of Ties and Coins from the Scholarship Fund to the General Fund, seconded by John Barclay and approved. Ray Dunkel made a motion to add a "Travel fund – President" (\$2000) and a "Contingency Fund – Misc." (\$1942) items to the Projected Budget report. Motion made by Ray Dunkel to accept the Treasurer's Report as revised, seconded and approved by all.

Ray Dunkel presented the Executive Director's Report on chapter and membership update. Ray Dunkel recommended that we postpone revocation of chapter charters for the Iron Horse Brigade and Ft. Hood Chapters, pending further study of their membership status, seconded by John Barclay and approved.

Association Updates:

Bob Babcock presented an update on Active-Duty activities; including homecoming, change of command and re-organization.

Bob Babcock presented a report on the 60th anniversary D-Day celebration.

Ray Dunkel presented a report on the WWII memorial dedication and the DC hospitality room.

Ray Dunkel presented a report on the Army Division Association (ADA) Meeting and moved that we continue our membership with the ADA and to support the travel expenses of the Sr. VP to attend the annual meeting, seconded by Alex Cooker and approved by all.

Roger Dufek presented a report on the MOH / PFC Leslie Bellrichard Bridge Dedication.

Unfinished Business:

In Mike Mays' absence, Rick Adams presented an update on efforts to incorporate the Association. Rick moved that we postpone any action on incorporation, seconded by Robert Krause and approved by all.

In Mike Mays' absence, Rick Adams presented an update on Directors & Officers Insurance and moved that we postpone any action on D&O Insurance, seconded by Robert Krause and approved by all.

For the above two items, the board agreed that possible resolution of the items could be presented via electronic means and decided through similar responses.

Committee Business / Assignments:

a) **Resolutions** – Bob Gasset will chair the committee to study the following items:

1) Membership Article III & Indemnification Article XII, (See Draft dated March 30, 2004)

2) Revise Webpage Advisory Committee to the Media Advisory Committee, add additional responsibility for overseeing and establishing guidelines for all publicity, electronic and printed. (See Draft proposal for Bylaws, Article 1, Section 1, Para (j))

3) Add new Appointed position - Liaison to the active duty - 4ID (Article IV, National Officers, Section 1, Para (c))

4) Select Sub-Committee Review of Elected and Appointed Duties, Article IV

b) **Memorial** – Ray Dunkel will chair the committee to include a study to add Unit Crests to the 4IDA Monument.

c) **Scholarship** – Rick Adams will chair the committee with a recommendation to study what changes/additions are required to our scholarship program so that dependant children of Iraq War/Future War KIAs' can be considered as recipients of the scholarships.

d) **Membership** – Ray Dunkel will chair the committee to develop an action plan to recruit Task Force Ironhorse personnel.

e) **WebPage / Media** – John Barclay and Ken McCormick will co-chair the committee to study the following:

- 1) *Ivy Leaves* discussion, future direction, review proposal's from Dick Taylor.
- 2) Review of website objectives / *Ivy Leaves* online?
- 3) Advertising and Publicity Recommendations.

f) **Finance** – Bob Babcock will chair the committee to review the proposed 2004-05 income & expenses, and PFL fund.

g) **Reunion** – Scott Moffat will chair the committee to review future reunion updates.

New Business:

Due to a potential conflict of interest as Judge Advocate and, additionally, an officer of the association, John Barclay has resigned as Judge Advocate of the association. Resignation was accepted. He recommended that Mike May be considered to fill the position of Judge Advocate for which Mike has agreed to serve and has since been appointed by Rick Adams, Pres.

Donations from National – the Finance Committee will review and recommend options.

PFL Donations Recognition – Rick Adams reported on a proposal of a Lapel/Hat Pin for those that donated to the PFL Fund. A motion to postpone this proposal was made by Rick Adams, seconded by Wayne Brown and approved by all. A motion was made to print the names of those contributors in the *Ivy Leaves*, as recognition for their donations, seconded by Dick Taylor and approved by all.

Future Reunions – the Arizona Chapter will be hosting the 2005 reunion in Las Vegas, NV and the Florida & 1/10th Cav. Chapters will be hosting the 2006 reunion in Orlando, FL.

Ray Dunkel moved that we adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Surratt
National Secretary, 4IDA

Minutes of the 1st General Business Meeting — July 16, 2004 — Branson, MO

- Rick Adams, National President, called the meeting to order at 9am (77 members in attendance).
- Chaplain George Knapp gave the invocation. Rick Adams led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The POW/MIA flag had already been draped on chair in front of the room prior to the meeting.
- Pres. Rick Adams introduced our Medal of Honor Recipient, 1st Sgt David McNearny, and the Past National Presidents.
- All first-timers were welcomed to the reunion by Rick Adams. 1st timers in attendance were:
Gary Hughes, HHC 2/8th Inf., RVN, 1966-67
Charles Snyder, B Btry, 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1967-68
Curtis Varvel, A Co., 4th Engr Bn., RVN, 1966-67
Albert (Al) Downs, HS&C, 6/29th FA, RVN, 1968-69
Donald Nelson, C Co., 704th Maint., RVN, 1966-67
Joe Carter, C 3/12th, RVN, 1969-70
Danny Sweezer, B 1/14th, RVN, 1967-68
Bill Davis, B 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1967-68
Jerry Bumpus, HHC 1st Bde, RVN, 1969-70
Olaf Olson, C 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1969-70
- Roger Dufek gave an update on the reunion activities for the remainder of the week.
- National Secretary Roy Surratt read the minutes from the 2nd Business Meeting at the 85th National Reunion held in Killeen, TX last year. On a move by John Kapor, seconded by Mike May, the minutes were accepted as read and approved.
- Roy Surratt read the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting for July 14, 2004. Corrected by Ray Dunkel to add absent officer, Scott Moffat, to the report. Rick Adams moved that we accept the report as read, Bob Reilly seconded and approved by all.
- Bob Krause gave the Audit Committee report stating that they certified that the accounts are correct. Current net worth is \$33,062.19. Ray Dunkel moved to accept the report and seconded by Roger Dufek and approved. The committee report will be filed with the secretaries' report.
- Ray Dunkel reported on the Memorial Committee. The committee recommended the adoption of a resolution to add unit crest medallions to the 4th Infantry Division Monument located at Arlington Cemetery for those organic units that served with the

division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. This recommendation and action plan was approved by all. These committee reports will be filed with the secretaries' report.

Ken McCormick reported on the Welfare Committee and read the Service Officers' report submitted by Chuck McKee. Motion made by Terry Wiebel to accept the report, seconded by Alex Cooker and approved. Report filed with the secretaries' report.

- Bob Babcock gave the Finance Committee report. Mike May moved that we accept the report, seconded by Leo Jareb and approved.

- Scott Moffat reported on the Reunion Advisory Committee. Mike May moved that we accept the report, seconded by Wayne Brown and approved.

- Ray Dunkel reported on the Membership Committee; we now have 3626 members. Bob Reilly moved that we accept the report, seconded by Alex Cooker and approved.

- Roger Dufek gave the Nominating Committee report indicating the new slate of officers Ray Dunkel President, Bob Gassett will be the Sr.VP and Scott Moffat, Robert Krause, Ken McCormick and John Barclay are JrVPs. Alex Cooker is Registrar, Wayne Brown is Treasurer and Greg Rollinger is Executive Director. Bruce Gass has been nominated for the vacant JrVP position. Motion made by Scott Moffat to accept the report as presented, seconded by John Barclay and approved by all.

- Bob Babcock gave an update on the Active-duty division.

- Roger Dufek gave an update on the MOH/PFC Leslie Bellrichard bridge dedication in Janesville, Wisconsin.

- Ray Dunkel gave an update on the dedication of the WWII memorial in Washington, DC. Andy Jursek and wife managed the hospitality room. Ray, also, reported on the Army Division Association (ADA) meeting in Buffalo, NY.

- Chaplain Knapp gave the closing benediction.

- Warren King, former POW and member of the Carolinas Chapter, retired the POW/MIA flag.

- Rick Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Surratt
National Secretary, 4IDA

Minutes of the 2nd General Business Meeting — July 17, 2004 — Branson, MO

- Rick Adams, National President, called the meeting to order at 9am (72 members in attendance).
- Chaplain George Knapp gave the invocation. Rick Adams led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Warren King placed the POW/MIA flag in the place of honor in front of the room.
- President Rick Adams introduced Medal of Honor Recipient, 1st Sgt David McNearny and acknowledged his flag which was placed at the end of the head table.
- All first-timers were welcomed to the reunion by Rick Adams. 1st timers in attendance were:
Rusty Armstrong, A & D Co., 1/12th Inf, RVN, 1969-70
- National Secretary Roy Surratt read the minutes from the 1st Business Meeting of Friday, July 15, 2004 here in Branson. Ray Dunkel requested a change to the minutes to add the Memorial Committee resolution to the minutes. On a move by Jerry

Januszewski, seconded by Warren King the minutes were approved as revised.

- Wayne Brown gave the Treasurer's Report. Opening Net Worth at 1 July 2003 was \$35,416.64, Total Receipts thru 30 June 2004 was \$49,662.75 and Total Disbursements was \$52,017.20 for a Current Net Worth of \$33,062.19. Bob Reilly moved that the Treasures' report be accepted as read, seconded by Leo Jareb and approved by all. The treasurer's report will be filed with the secretaries' report.

- Bob Gassett presented the Resolutions Committee report as follows:

1. Committee recommended the addition of two new positions Webmaster and Liaison to Active Duty 4ID.

- a. The Webmaster will maintain the website: www.4thinfantry.org, He will maintain the high standards set for the website and will work in conjunction with the media committee to coordi-

nate related issues.

b. The Liaison to Active Duty 4ID will maintain frequent contact with the active Division, will keep the active Division updated on the Associations' activities, will help in recruiting active-duty members to join the 4IDA and will coordinate areas of joint interest, such as reunions, ceremonies and family assistance.

Motion made by John Barclay to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bob Babcock and approved by all.

2. Committee recommended changing the duties of the a. Registrar due to changes in the software used to maintain the membership records per Article IV, Section 3.

a. The Registrar will be furnished periodic updated information from the Executive Director in order to maintain a record of membership.

Motion made by Mike May to accept the recommendation, seconded by Robert Krause and approved by all.

3. Committee recommended the replacement of Article III, Section 4 of our Constitution pertaining to Membership to clarify who may qualify for Regular and Associate Membership, and adding new Article XII Indemnification per the draft dated March 30, 2004.

a. A new 15 Section Article III Membership was read and adopted with the clarification that Regular Membership to include all authorized to wear the 4th Infantry Division Combat Patch.

Motion made by Bob Reilly to accept both recommendations, seconded by Terry Wiebel and approved by all.

4. The committee recommended revising the Web-Page Advisory Committee to the Media Advisory Committee, add additional responsibility for overseeing and establishing guidelines for all publicity electronic and printed. Per Bylaws. Article 1, Section 1, Para (j).

a. MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE: This Committee shall consist of those whom the National President shall appoint and it will be responsible for establishing guidelines and recommending policy decisions regarding the Associations electronic and printed Media. This responsibility shall include the Web Site at www.4thinfantry.org, the Ivy Leaves magazine, National stationary letterhead, membership application flier, bumper stickers, and the toll free number 888-845-4040. The Association Executive Director shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee, standing members will include the webmaster, the Ivy Leaves Editor, the Advertising Chairman, and the Publicity Chairman. The Committee Chairman may call meetings, preferably by e-mail, whenever it is deemed necessary for the operation of the Web Site, or issues with the Ivy Leaves.

Motion made by Bob Babcock to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bruce Wesley and approved by all.

5. The committee recommended changing the fiscal year from October 1 to July 1 of each year.

Motion made by Mike May to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bob Reilly and approved by all.

Committee report will be filed with the secretaries' report and newly revised Constitution & Bylaws will be issued.

• Alex Cooker reported on the Scholarship Committee where the committee recommended that three (3) \$1000 scholarships be offered for 2004 by lottery drawing at the banquet. Further, the committee recommended that a study be made to include Iraq and future war dependants of KIA 4ID soldiers qualify for scholarships. Motion made by Joe Motil to accept the committee recommenda-

tion, seconded by Wayne Brown and approved by all. Committee report will be filed with the secretaries' report.

• John Barclay and Ken McCormick reported on the Media / Web-page / Advertising Committee. Motion made by Mike May to accept the committee recommendation, seconded by Jerry Januszewski and approved by all. Committee report to be filed with the secretaries' report. The Advertising report submitted by Ed McInery was filed with the secretary and will be distributed with the minutes. Motion made to allow advertising in the Ivy Leaves by Phil Menendez, seconded by Robert Krause and approved by all. Motion made to have Ivy Leaves pre-punched for 3-ring binding by Bob Reilly, seconded by Bob Babcock and approved, with a single disapproval vote by Ray Dunkel.

• Roger Dufek gave the second reading of the Nominating Committee's slate of officers: Ray Dunkel President, Bob Gasset Sr.VP and Scott Moffat, Robert Krause, Ken McCormick and John Barclay are JrVPs. Alex Cooker is Registrar, Wayne Brown is Treasurer and Greg Rollinger is Executive Director. Bruce Gass has been nominated for the vacant JrVP position. Rick Adams asked for further nominations from the floor, no nominations received – nominations were closed. Motion by Bob Babcock to accept the slate of officers as presented, seconded by Dick Taylor and approved by all. Officers were sworn in by President Rick Adams:

President – Ray Dunkel
Sr.VP – Nathaniel "Bob" Gasset
1st Jr.VP - Scott Moffat
2nd Jr.VP - Robert Krause
3rd Jr.VP - Ken McCormack (absent)
4th Jr.VP - John Barclay
5th Jr.VP – Bruce Gass
Treasurer – Wayne Brown
Registrar – Alex Cooker
Executive Director – Greg Rollinger

• Joe Motil of the Levi Valley Chapter thanked the association for the Lingert Award for this past year.

• Mike Stowesky asked for a moment of silence for the late Chuck Wicksburg who served with him.

• Bob Olson gave an update for the 2005 Reunion in Las Vegas, NV for July 17-24, 2005 at the Stardust Hotel. Room rates \$55/nite (M-Th) and \$95/nite (F-Sa).

• Roger Dufek gave an update on the reunion activities for the remainder of the week. Pictures will be taken from 4-6pm for the reunion yearbook. Bob Gasset explained the seating plan for the F.O.R. Banquet.

Bob Babcock made a motion to bestow an honorary President upon Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno due to his support of the 4th Infantry Division Association. Bob Reilly seconded the motion and approved by all.

Incoming president, Ray Dunkel, spoke thanking Rick Adams for the work he has done for our association and to his new fellow officers. Ray identified his appointments for the upcoming term. In addition, Ray identified the chairmen for the various committees; see the attached documents.

Chaplain Knapp gave the closing benediction.

Rick Adams asked Warren King to retire the POW/MIA flag.

Rick Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Surratt
National Secretary, 4IDA

4th Infantry Division Bids Odierno Farewell, Welcomes Thurman to Command of 4th Infantry Division

By Mollie Miller and Tam Cummings
Fort Hood Sentinel Living and News
Editors

FORT HOOD, Texas, June 18, 2004 — Under a cloudy, blue sky and to standing ovations, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. James Thurman accepted command of the 4th Infantry Division today from Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno in a ceremony conducted on Cameron Field. The field was flanked on two sides by troops representing every element of the division.

The 4th Infantry Division gained worldwide recognition under Odierno's command when his soldiers captured ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. The division is known as "Steadfast and Loyal."

Army Forces Commander and reviewing officer Gen. Daniel McNeill presided over the ceremony, standing in for Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, III Corps Commander currently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

"Soldiers do not despair you have been well led, you have accomplished great feats and great tasks and you will continue to do so, you will continue to be well led. Over the past two and a half years, Ray Odierno led you in a truly outstanding fashion," McNeill said. "He led this division for a year of intense and often brutal conflict.

"He showed inspired leadership, innovative leadership, compassionate leadership and enlightened leadership and he has the respect and admiration of all for what he has done.

While the nation watched, division forces secured the Sunni Triangle and captured Saddam Hussein," McNeill said.

Odierno thanked the community saying "this is simply the best military community in the United States, bar none. The support that we get is evident every single day. You support our soldiers, you support our families, we appreciate your patriotism, we can't do it without you.

Calling his soldiers true patriots, Odierno said, "The past 32 months have been more diverse, challenging and satisfying than I ever imagined. I have been

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humbled and honored to be associated with these great soldiers. They are disciplined, battle-tested, mentally and physically tough, intelligent, flexible, adaptive and compassionate. Your nation owes you a great debt of gratitude it has been an honor to serve with you. All I have to do is look on my shoulder and see my ivy patch."

To his wife, Linda, the major general explained that he could not have been as successful without her support. "You are my best friend, my soul mate, my partner. How can I ever thank you? You have given your heart and soul to the 4th ID. You are my hero."

Taking command of the Ivy Division, Thurman sent his prayers out to the families of soldiers who have made the ulti-

mate sacrifice and his prayers to wounded soldiers. To the assembled troops he said, "You are the best and are improving your mark with the recent outstanding combat performance displayed in Iraq. We are committed and ready to meet the next challenge. We will reset, reorganized, retrained and ready for the nation's call. Winning this war on terrorism is essential. We will not waste any time in doing that."

Thurman said coming back to Fort Hood with his wife Delia is like coming home. His first assignment in the Army, 29 years ago, was with the 4th ID in a tank battalion. "I never dreamed I would someday become the commanding general." There is truly no greater honor than commanding American soldiers. I promise I will give you 200 percent every day."

Unique American Flag

My father told me he had been in touch with someone at the Ivy Leaves about his flag being featured in the new Smithsonian exhibit, "United We Stand." The flag that Dad fashioned out of a German uniform, a German flag and some scrap material is one of four historic American flags that played important parts in WWII. Apparently he sent a picture but it was not in a format that could be used in the newsletter.

If you would like to go to the Smithsonian site, you can see the picture, capture it in electronic form and use it in your newsletter. The whole story is included. I think Dad wanted to make sure that the other soldiers in the phot would have a chance to get in touch with him if they wanted.

Here's the website: <http://american-history.si.edu/1942/flag/flag9.html> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or email me. 412-622-1538 or cfennimo@wqed.org



U.S. flag made from a German uniform, a German Flag and scrap material

I work at the local public television station in Pittsburgh and my Dad lives in Coral Springs Florida.

Thank you for any assistance you might be able to provide.

Chris Fennimore
Director of Programming
Producer, QED COOKS



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.

- ★ **ADKINS, JENNINGS.** Capital Chapter, Co. L. He passed away on Feb. 13, 2004 of lung cancer. Address: R.R. 2 Box 102, Delbarton, WV 25670-9756. His wife, Helen.
- ★ **BELKNAP, MAURICE J.** (Known as Moe) B Company, 1/12th Inf. 1133 James Ave., Deltona, FL 32738. Moe passed away 1 August 2003. He is survived by his wife, Charlene. He will be missed by all his friends in the Florida Chapter. Thanks to Jim Phillips.
- ★ **CALDWELL, GEORGE H.** Served with the 4ID in WWII. He was a member of the Texas Chapter. He passed away on January 23, 2004. He received a Bronze Star, Purple Heart (3 clusters), EAME Medal with 2 stars, and Bronze Arrowhead. 710 N. 6th, Hugo, OK 74743-3436. He is survived by his wife, Winifred I. Caldwell.
- ★ **COON, EDWARD "CHARLIE",** C/1/22 Inf., WW-II, Died on 18 Jun 2004. "CHARLIE" is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ida Mae of 2248 Toledo St., Baker, LA 70714. He is also survived by a daughter, Karen and two sons, William and Douglas. Coon was 83 at the time of his death and had retired as a city/parish electrician. Thanks to his wife and Lee Rung.
- ★ **CROWLEY, ROBERT C.** Served in World War II, Co. B, Btn. 4. Address: 36 Bushwood Rd. Irondale AL 35210-4013. Wife: Peggie A. Crowley. Passed away on Nov. 16, 2003.
- ★ **ELLISON, THEODORE R.** "G" Co. 12th Inf. Passed away 18 Apr 2004. Age 85. Landed at Utah Beach, Normandy D-Day June 6, 1944. During the landing he lost his left arm due to enemy action. Survived to receive Purple Heart, Bronze Star, ETO medal and Good Conduct ribbon. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Georgia "Cox" Ellison. Eleven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Received full military rites by East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. Submitted by Johnnie Newton, also of the "G" Co. 12th Inf.
- ★ **FINEBERG, LOUIS.** Co. G 12th Inf. WWII. Age 78. Pharmacist for 50 years and a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia. Preceded in death by his wife, Ruth. Thanks to Johnnie Newton.
- ★ **GARRETT, BRENDA J.** Wife of Dale Garrett, C Trp. 3rd Plt. 1/10th Cav. 4th Inf. Div., Track C-33, 9/68 - 4/69. She was born on 1/13/48. She was taken by a rare and very fast moving type of Leukemia and passed away on 4/30/04. Married 8/2/65 and during that time the only time we were separated was during my tour in R.V.N. I can't say enough about our Life together. Submitted by Dale Garrett, Email: ibme1@cox.net.
- ★ **GATZKE, HARRY W.,** Sr. 4th Signal Company WWII. 409 Park Dr. Waynesboro, GA 30830-1637. He passed away on April 28, 2004, at age 90. Survivors: his wife, Mary Pearl, of 61 years. One Son, Harry Jr. and wife, Paula, of Huntsville, AL. Two grandsons, Edward Gatzke of Columbia, SC. and Paul Gatzke of Cleveland, OH. He was a member of the Florida Chapter. He attended all reunions until his health deteriorated. He landed on D-day and remained with the 4th Division throughout the conflict. Submitted by Mary P. Gatzke.
- ★ **KARP, CLARENCE E.** C/1/22 Inf., WWII. He passed away on June 9, 2004. Address: 2561 Kimberly Lane, Westlake, OH 44145-4985. Wife: (Late) Mary C. Survived by Rosanne, Edmund, Mary Clare Greicius (Dan), Margaret Mabe (Steve), and Three Grand Children. Special events during his military service: D-Day Veteran, awarded Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. (Submitted by Ray Dunkel)
- ★ **HUMPHREY, MARGARET "MIDGE" KOZMA.** She was the wife of William R. Humphrey who served in WW II as a Staff Sgt., 4th Div., 8th Inf., G Co. She passed away on June 10, 2004. 524 SE 33rd Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33904.
- ★ **STELLING, EMLIN HENRY.** Member of the Atkins Legion Post 217 and the National 4th Infantry Division. He passed away on April 13, 2004. He landed in the first wave on Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and served his country as a medic until the end of WWII, 1945. He received the Bronze Arrowhead for D-Day landing, Silver Star and five Battle Stars. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the Liberation of Paris. Thanks to: Dr. Warren Schnitzer.
- ★ **SWARTZ, FLOYD A.** "G" Co. 12th Inf. Reg. WWII 1944-45. Most recently a resident of Deerfield Beach, FL. Thanks to Johnnie Newton.
- ★ **TURNER, RAYMOND L.** He served with the Anti-tank Company, 12th Inf., WWII. He passed away on October 26, 2003, at the age of 83. Survivors: brother, John Turner; two stepdaughters, Denise Brooks and Joy Spirawk. 140 Forest Dr., Painted Post, NY. Submitted by Frank Bradley.
- ★ **VALENTINE, IRENE.** Wife of the late, Charles Valentine, who served in the 4ID from June 1941 to Sept. 1945, died in Sun City, Arizona on April 9, 2004. (Charles Valentine died in 1986 in Sun City, Arizona.) Thanks to: Stella and Joe Kraynak (friends).
- ★ **WECHSLER, IRVING.** Member HQ. Co. 1st Bn 393rd Inf. Age 86. Passed away 10 May 2004 (His birthday!) A member of the 4th ID from Feb 1941 to @ep. 1945. Thanks to the brother of Irving who writes that he is a veteran of WWII also. Morton Wechsler.

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The Dash

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I read of a reverend who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard,
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?

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

Name	Unit	Era	Name	Unit	Era
April 2004			SSG Paul W. Watson	A/1/8 INF	Iraq
Bryan P. Bettey	A/4TH ENG	2002 - 2003	SSG Lyle R. Westlake	A/1/8 INF	Active Duty
Britton J. Buchanan	I/12TH INF	1956 - 1957	SGT Burke L. Williamson	A/1/8 INF	Iraq
CPT Matthew Cunningham	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	David J. Winston		1968 - 1969
David M. Davidson	HSB/6/29 FA	1966 - 1967	June 2004		
Joseph Di Giovanni	3/8TH INF	Vietnam	Roger L. Ashby	A/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Thomas J. Ficek	A/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Lloyd Bedik	HHC/3/8	1967 - 1968
George B. Gruber	HQ/4TH ID	Vietnam	LTC Cris Boyd		Active Duty
Joseph E. Guarnera	A/2/8TH INF	1968 - 1969	Harvey Buzek	1/8 INF	1966 - 1967
Veda Harger	G/22ND INF	WWII	Floyd J. Campbell	6/29 FA	1966 - 1967
William D. Hart	B/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970	Richard Cayton	Active Duty	
Alfred Holsher	D/4/ENG	1952-1953	Edgar Comer	A/6/29 FA	1966 - 1967
Gary Hoy	HSB/6/29 FA	1968	Bruce Cutler	A/1/14 INF	1967 - 1968
Jared A. Jackson	C/704 MAINT	Vietnam	Lawrence (Larry) Dabeck		Active Duty
COL. Stephen H. Kelley	HSB/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Philip H. Dralle	HSB/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969
LTC Robert C. Kerecz	1/10 CAV	1984 - 1987	Robert H. "Bob" Hammer	L/3/12TH INF	1943 - 1945
Steven K. Koonse	374TH RRC	1968 - 1969	Marty Hoffman	MEMORIAL	1968 - 1969
Carmelo Maldonado	8TH INF	1968	Gary Holliman	C/3/8 INF	1967 - 1968
Richard L. Moffett	6/29 FA	1967 - 1968	PAUL L. HUNDRIESER	A/3/8 INF	1966 - 1967
Bruce G. Nitsche	6/29 FA	1970	JAMES D. LEATHERBERRY	B/2/35 INF	Vietnam
Richard A. Palentchar	3/8TH INF	1970	Curtis Payne	ANTI TANK	WWII
Robert J. Rathburn	C/704 MAINT	1970	COL James O. Pittman	HHC/3/8 INF	1969 - 1970
Jose M. Rodriguez	HQ/704 MAINT	1969 - 1970	Wilfred L. Pla'	D/1/12 INF	1968 - 1970
Hans W. Schafer	HSB/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Rick L. Plett	D/1/12 INF	1970
Frank Snell	G/22ND INF	1951 - 1953	Laurence D. Shrefler	HSB/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970
Herbert Sorenson	HSB/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970	Robert E. Smalley	C/3/12 INF	1966 - 1968
Isiah Spraggins	A/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970	Robb Smith		Active Duty
Joseph C. St Pierre	46TH AAA	1952 - 1953	Cary Stokes	A/3/22 INF	1967
Eugene W. Stuchly	6/29 FA	1967 - 1968	Edward Strickling		Active Duty
Larry G. Williams	HSB/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970	LTC (RET) George L. Tupa	B/1/8	Vietnam
Alton Wilson	1/12TH INF	1967 - 1968	William E. Williams	3/12TH INF	
Thomas W. Winfield	K/8TH INF	WWII	July 2004		
May 2004			Henry (Hank) M. Alonzo	4TH ENG BN	1970
SSG Todd M. Barger	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Conley Linton Ballinger	4TH ENGINEER	1954 - 1957
CPT Valent P. Bernat III	C/2/8 INF	2001 - 2004	Daniel E. Beard	A/1/8 INF	Active Duty
David A. Bodenner	C/6/29 FA	1970 - 1971	Albert Frank Braswell	U/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969
Norbert Croucher		MEMORIAL	Jasper L. Bumgart	223RD ENG	2003 - 2004
Jack Ray Cullom JR.	6/29 FA	1969	James Cooper	C/2/8 INF	1967-1968
LTC Albert E. Downs	HQ/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969	John P. Courte	5/16TH FA	1965 - 1967
Patrick B. Doyle	HSB/2/77 FA	1965 - 1967	Michael L. Davis	B/299TH ENG	1998 - 2001
1LT Adam Dykstra	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Terry Glen Davis	A/1/8 INF	1969 - 1970
SGT Stuart C. Fowler	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	SFC Christopher Mark Dye	223RD ENG	Active Duty
SFC Michael P. Garcia	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Eric W. Frantz	374/RRC	1967
Randall L. Grant	HQ/2 BRIGADE	2003 - 2004	Thomas Greene	8TH INF REG	1955 - 1956
James Griffin	A/1/8 INF	1969 - 1970	Billy Huey		1969 - 1970
Larry Griffin	2/1 CAV	Vietnam	Clifford L. Jordan	U/6/29 FA	Vietnam
SSG Juan Gutierrez	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Donald D. Klinge	502ND PSB	Iraq
Jody Helmle	A/244TH ENG	Iraq	William L.R. Koester Jr.	HHC 4ID	Active Duty
SSG Carl B. IronEyes	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Andrew S. Longo	64TH INF	Vietnam
John R. Kell	C/3/8 INF	1970	Antone A. Lucianno	C/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969
SGT Chris W. Lenington	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Charles Novak	237TH ENG	WWII
COL Donald M. Moore	1/20TH FA	1979 - 1982	Neil L. Prochnow	A/6/29 FA	1970
SPC Nathaniel A. Mullinex	A/1/8 INF	Active Duty	Patrick L. Ryan		1969 - 1970
SSG Ovidio Muniz Jr.	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Jose A. Rodriguez Santiago	3/8TH INF	Vietnam
Ronald W. Neeley	HQB/1/29 FA	1973 - 1975	Adam Schafenberg	4TH ENG BN	1995 - 1998
James Oleson	4TH RECON	1955 - 1956	James P. Shea	1/8TH INF	1961 - 1962
James R. Olsen	HQ/6/29 FA	Vietnam	Bob Smylie	D/1/10 CAV	1970 - 1971
1SG David Pasquale	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Terrance J. Thudium	D/2/35 INF	1967 - 1968
Daryl W. Ping	HQB DIVARTY	Cold War	Jim Tisland	1/22ND INF	1970
Michael B. Settles	A/1/10 CAV	Vietnam	Ronald W. Tolles	HSB/6/29 FA	1968 - 1969
SFC John F. Staples	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Sheryl Walker	3/12TH INF	Vietnam
SPC Jamie Suarez	A/1/8 INF	Iraq	Alfred Wall	1/8TH INF	1969 - 1970



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greg Rollinger

2004 LINGERT AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to *Bob Babcock*, the 2004 winner of the Ralph E. Lingert Service Award, as voted on by the E-Board. During his tenure as National President he was instrumental in the construction of the 4th Infantry Division National Monument at Arlington National Cemetery. He also spearheaded the 4th Infantry Division book "Utah Beach to Pleiku". He is our current Vietnam Historian/National Archivist. During the war in Iraq he compiled news articles which he e-mailed to any 4ID family member or Association member who wanted to be included. He did this on a daily basis. His selfless devotion to this Association and to 4th Infantry Division active duty soldiers and their families has been in keeping with our motto of "Steadfast & Loyal".

2004 MEMBERSHIP

According to my records, there are 3626 active members of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association as of June 30, 2004. This includes membership of all status. In comparison, there were 3603 members at this time in 2003. So we are holding our own.

I dropped 414 members from the active roles due to nonpayment of 2004 dues. Seventy four of these were members of the Fort Hood Chapter and were on active duty. They probably never received a letter to renew their membership. The Lehigh Valley Chapter is the only chapter which had no members dropped.

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There are 28 chapters of record. The Fort Carson "Iron Brigade" Chapter has no members and no officers on record. The Fort Hood Chapter recently sent me the National's portion of the yearly dues payment for 7 members.

The Western PA Chapter was disbanded during 2003. I sent all the members a letter offering a transfer to one of the remaining 28 chapters. Many of the WP members transferred to the Ohio Chapter. Others transferred to the NY/NJ, 8th infantry Regiment, Eastern PA, and At-Large Chapters.

2005 DUES

The Chapter Treasurers will soon receive the chapter's "care package" from me containing the 2005 membership cards and current member rosters. It will then be time for our Chapter Treasurers to start collecting 2005 dues. Our members are reminded that the prompt payment of your dues is greatly appreciated. Please don't make your Chapter Treasurer send you multiple reminders.

The "Paid for Life Membership" program is again available to annual members. Please contact me for an application if interested.

Greg Rollinger
Executive Director - 4IDA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

Renewal New

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

Complete Unit and where served _____

Name _____

Phone #: _____ EMail _____

Address _____

Mail to:

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

Lets Learn the 4th Infantry Division Song

By Bob Babcock

The 4th Infantry Division Song has become a popular part of all 4ID events at Fort Hood. Virtually all events held on the parade field have the 4ID Song as one of the items on the program and most informal meetings - promotion parties, hail and farewell parties, and wives events include the singing of the 4ID Song. As we start looking forward to the next reunion in Las Vegas, let us 4ID vets learn the words to the song so we, too, can sing it as part of our events.

4TH INFANTRY SONG:

Steadfast and Loyal
We're fit to fight!
The nations finest soldiers,
Keep liberty's light.
Our soldier's roar for freedom,
We're fit for any test.
The mighty 4th Division,
America's best!

Song music can be heard at: <http://a-1-8.org/index.php>

Tennessee Honors Senator Womack

I thought you might like to know that the State of Tennessee is naming the "Senator Andy Womack Education Building" at the Tennessee Fire Service And Codes Enforcement Academy.

I am a member of 4th Association and served as a sergeant in B Co./2/8th from Apr 67 to Apr 68.

While serving in the Tennessee State Senate I worked to secure this \$25 million campus to train our firefighters across the state.

I did not run for re-election and retired from the Senate in 2000.

I served as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee for 6 years and Co-Chairman and Chairman of Joint Committee on Veteran Affairs for 8 years.

Andy Womack,
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