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Prestigious Award Honors Ralph E. Lingert



Mike May presents Roger Barton with the 2003 Lingert Award Plaque. Photo by Andy Jurcak.

It is rare that a “coffee table” prestige hardcover book has a dedication honoring the noble traits of one man. But so it is that the beautiful commemorative 75th Anniversary Edition of the “Fourth Infantry Division: volume II was dedicated to the memory of one man. One of our men!

The person so honored in the historical tome is Ralph E. Lingert. And on the page reserved for the author to acknowledge con-

tributors are the following paragraphs: (page 5 *ibid.*)

“Acknowledgements”

It is with great pleasure that we introduce this second volume on the Fourth Infantry Division, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II and the 75th Anniversary of the Division and the Association.

A special heartfelt thanks goes to Ralph E. Lingert, who died this last year, for his foresight in seeing the need for the division history to be documented. With the division and the association celebrating their 75th Anniversary, Mr. Lingert felt that this would be the perfect time to record and document further the history of the Fourth Infantry Division. We would like to dedicate this edition in his memory.

We wish to thank Roger S. Barton and

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4ID Continues Mission in Iraq

By Bob Babcock

Combat actions continue as the 4ID and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers work to rid Iraq of the bad guys remaining from the Saddam Hussein regime and from the terrorists being imported from other countries.

As of early November 2003, the 4ID was starting their seventh month of deployment in Iraq. Never in our division’s history have we gotten such regular press coverage as we have gotten since our arrival in Iraq in late April. If you follow the news at all, you know the 4th Infantry Division is in the heart of the Sunni Triangle and in the thick of the hot spots in Iraq. Headquartered in Saddam Hussein’s palace compound in Tikrit, the 4ID operations range over three provinces north of Baghdad.

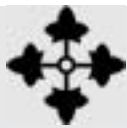
Combat actions continue as the 4ID and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers work to rid Iraq of the bad guys remaining from the Saddam Hussein regime and from the terrorists being imported from other countries. Seldom does a day go by without a member of the media reporting on one of these operations, so I will not attempt to cover them in this brief update.

What is not covered nearly as well are all the outstanding jobs the 4ID is doing in rebuilding Iraq and helping the people. Recent headlines from the 4ID weekly newspaper, “Ironhorse Desert News” include: “Youth Center is sign of changing times,” “Tikrit police traffic office leading the way,” “New money hits the streets of Iraq,” “After months of toil, Baiji water plant running at full capacity,” “1-44th

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REUNION 2004: BRANSON, MO

Entertainment capital of the Mississippi basin welcomes the 4th Infantry Division Vets Assn. July 9th 13th next summer. Watch for reservation forms in the next edition of *The Ivy Leaves*. Reports indicate plans are fast being cast in stone to insure everyone has a great time next year.



From the Editor...

Dick Taylor

Here's an idea to bring in new members:

Get each member of your chapter to give you the name and address of someone they know that has worn the 4th Ivy Leaves patch on their shoulder.

Then type up a short memo like: "Come on! Join us!" Also mention: "You don't have to attend regular meetings... you don't have to do anything! You may want to attend reunions for the fun of it! (I bet you will want to... but you don't have to!) So why join us? Because even if you don't attend any reunions (where you might very well find a buddy from your Army days) you will still get a full year of our news magazine *The Ivy Leaves*. A great magazine that is full of good information and helps you find anyone you served with!

After you type up the memo, then use the names and addresses your chapter members have supplied you and mail a copy of the memo to each and every one! Enclose a pre-stamped self-addressed envelope to make it easy for the recipient to reply. And enclose an application for membership which you have already entered his or her name and address. (This is very important)

All the recipient has to do is finish the application and make out a check for \$15; then drop it in the mail.

I did the above process to five guys I knew in the 4th Engr. C. Bn (COLD WAR Service in Germany) and three of them sent me back the completed membership form with their check enclosed (which I promptly forwarded to Greg Rollinger).

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'Ivy Leaves' Deadline

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



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**ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS OF DATA SHOULD BE SENT TO
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Seasons Greetings to all Ironhorse Soldiers, Ivy Association Members and your families. I wish you a blessed holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year.

What a tremendous honor it is for me to serve as your National President for the 2003 ñ 2004 term. Be assured I will do my best to preserve the legacy of the Division, and lend support to our brave 4ID soldiers and their families. With our soldiers once again in harm's way on foreign land, this duty has special meaning and importance. We have recently learned of one special group of 4ID ladies who have formed a Layette Program to support family members of deployed soldiers. If you were looking for a way to help, a donation to this group would be greatly appreciated. Contact Greg Rollinger for details.

Another issue the Association will be addressing soon is the 4IDA Scholarship Program. This program was started in Vietnam to benefit the children of fallen 4ID soldiers. Now we are again faced with the duty of helping the children of soldiers lost in Iraq. This effort will require plan-

Your 2004 dues are currently due. Please help out your Treasurer and send them in early.

ning, and I would be glad to hear from you if you have any thoughts on the subject.

As you may know, the Paid For Life dues option has been modified and re-instituted by a vote of the membership at the National Reunion. The old plan's pay out had fallen short the last few years. A new fee schedule has raised the rates based on age and I will be sending a letter to current Paid For Life members asking for a donation to help out the fund.

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Lastly, Patty and I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support during the last few weeks, as we deal with the loss of our son, PFC Michael S. Adams who was serving with the First Armored Division in Iraq. God Bless You.

4thfully,

Richard J. Adams
1/10 Cav 1968-1969

GIVING 'THANKS' WHERE 'THANKS' ARE DUE

Now that I have learned how much time and effort is demanded of the Editor of *The Ivy Leaves* it seems proper to recognize and say "Thanks" to those men who have held this position in earlier years.

On the "ROLL OF HONOR" below is listed a few names that I have been able to retrieve from Leo Jereb and Greg Rollinger. But, as you see, not a very complete list. Your help is needed! Who should be on this list? Can you help reconstruct our history of men who have devoted their time and effort to bring to the rest of us?

Please send me names and dates (or approximate dates) of previous editors so we all can give a little recognition to those who have served. Thanx. Dick Taylor

ROLL OF HONOR

Editors of *The Ivy Leaves* were:

- 1919 Henry W. Stiness
- 1922? Lee M. Hainer (58th Inf) took over as Editor
- 1930? Gerden Johnson (Colonel)
- 1959 George E. McIntyre (4th Engr. Bn.)
- Jun 1972 - Sep 1978 Leo Jereb (8th Inf., WWII) did the job without typewriter or computer!
- Dec 1978 - Jun 1998 Frank Bradley (8th Inf.) took the assignment.
- Sep 1998 - Mar. 2003 Greg Rollinger (A-1-8 Inf., Vietnam) became Editor and changed the format from a booklet to a magazine. Most considered it a big improvement.

LINGERT from page 1

Francis X. Bradley, who guided us through the completion of the project after the death of Mr. Lingert. We especially want to thank the many individuals who were responsible for making this book possible, particularly the men who took the time to submit photographs and historical material.

We owe our deepest gratitude to all the personnel of the Fourth Infantry Division for fighting the wars that could have changed our way of life permanently.

Turner Publishing Company leads the way in military association history book publishing, and we hope that the Fourth Infantry (IVY) Division Association enjoys our newest title that chronicles the history of a most courageous division.

Dave Turner, President
Mark A. Thompson, Associate Publisher

Roger S. Barton and Francis X. Bradley helped the authors (Dave Turner & Mark Thompson) complete the project after the death of Mr. Lingert. And, it so happens the photograph of 4th ID Troops boarding the troop-ship C.H. Muir on page two and three was donated by your current *Ivy Leaves* editor.

The selection of Roger S. Barton and Joe Motil for the Ralph E. Lingert Service Award and announced at the Ft. Hood reunion, exemplify the tradition of Lingert and many others in the ranks and rosters of the 4th ID.

Recipients of the prestigious award of last year's reunion in Spokane were Leo S. Jereb and Elmer J. Klaus of the Ohio Chapter.

EDITOR from page 2

Not one of the three who sent in their checks wrote a letter to me... a lot of people don't like writing letters these days! But they did decide to send their check.

Have the self-addressed letter addressed to the person who gave you the name and address... much more personal... much more effective.

Try it and then send me a short report on how many you sent out and how many came back with completed applications and a check. If you will do this, I will make up a good story for the March edition of *The Ivy Leaves*.

Dick Taylor

MISSION from page 1

ADA continues role in Operation Pencil Box (giving supplies to and rebuilding Iraqi schools),” “Iraqi radio stations discover voice of freedom,” “Iraqi’s prepare to celebrate first free Ramadan,” “New complaint office welcomes free speech,” “New Kurdish border guards protecting their own,” “Meeting of the minds brings issues to the front (discussing Governor’s conference of four provinces),” “Iraqi children, soldiers open school with smiles” – and the list goes on and on. (To read the articles below these headlines, go to the 4th Infantry Division web page at <http://pao.hood.army.mil/4id/>).

For the first time since Vietnam, you will start to see the 4ID combat patch on the right shoulder of our returning soldiers. Army soldiers authorized to wear the right shoulder sleeve insignia must serve in a theater of operations declared a hostile environment for at least 30 days. The shoulder patch links all the soldiers of Task Force Ironhorse with their brothers-in-arms of the 4th ID, as well as the soldiers that served beside them during Operation Iraqi Freedom. MG Ray Odierno, speaking to soldiers of the 555th Combat Engineer Group said, “That patch on your right shoulder will never change. It will be there forever while you serve in the Army. This will forever link you to the previous generations of 4th ID soldiers, you are now part

of that legacy. We truly are a total Army. We have representatives from the National Guard, reserves, and active duty components and they will all wear this patch proudly on their right shoulder.”

Some soldiers of the 4ID are coming home for a two week Mid Tour Leave. That program began at the end of September and will continue through January when the division begins to prepare to redeploy back to the US in the March/April 2004 time-frame.

We as veterans of the 4th Infantry Division can be very proud of the new chapter of our history that our 4ID and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers are writing. Like those who have gone before in WWI, WWII, the Cold War, and Vietnam, our current soldiers are making our country proud of them. These are the soldiers who will carry our Association into the future. Please welcome them with open arms when you see them.

If any of you would like to get the same daily update service that is being offered to the family members of the deployed 4ID and Task Force Ironhorse soldiers, please send an email to Bob Babcock at babcock224@aol.com and I will add you to my distribution list. You can also find the daily updates on the 4IDA web page at www.4thinfantry.org.

National Advertising

For many years your Assn annually request many nationwide newspapers to include announcements of the dates of our National Reunions. Many newspapers and veterans magazine devote space for Reunion Columns and some even run announcements numerous times. A great way to reach not only former Assn members but also those who served with the 4th Inf Div but are not aware the Assn exist. Access to newspapers with said columns permit us to announce our National Reunion Dates with a name and address of a designated contact person, it is one of several ways the Assn uses to publicize it’s existence and secure new members. I plan updating and expanding the current list of newspapers we contact, to do this I need help from our membership. I am asking members who are

aware of any newspapers that publish Reunion Notices to send me names/ addresses of said newspaper(s) so I can include them in my mailings for the 2004 National Reunion. Do not be concerned you may duplicate what another member may send me, I will do necessary screening to assure only one request will be sent each newspaper. This request also applies to various military and fraternal organization that also have Reunion Columns in their publications. Please send such names and addresses to me, Edward J. McEniry, National Advertising Chairman, 3936 Sail Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652-5750.

4thfully, yours,

Edward J. McEniry
Fla Chapter Secretary & National
Advertising Chairman

60th Anniversary D-Day Tours

Submitted by Larry Skoglund

On June 6, 1944, Allied soldiers changed the course of WWII and world history when 135,000 men and 20,000 vehicles were brought onto the shores of Normandy via five landing beaches. 2004 is the 60th anniversary year of this event.

Plans for this milestone anniversary began over a year ago, when a special committee was established to coordinate and promote the events commemorating the Normandy Landings, the Battle of Normandy and the action of the Resistance.

You can find specific information on the Battle of Normandy and scheduled events at www.normandiememoire.com. Here interactive maps make it easier to understand the events of June 6, 1944. You can follow the advance of Allied divisions as they worked their way inland. Sections devoted to the Atlantic Wall, Allied preparations, studies of the beaches, major battle phases, and a detailed chronology have all been designed to help visitors learn more about the Battle of Normandy. You can also access a calendar of 2004 ceremonies and commemorations via a search engine that is updated regularly.

If you are considering visiting this historic area, make sure your plans include a visit to the Caen Memorial and guided tours of the D-Day Landing Beaches. A one-day pass allows you to experience both the Memorial and the Landing Beaches with the added benefit of a knowledgeable guide to bring the story of D-Day to life at each point along the way. Reduced fare passes are available for WWII veterans.

Important Note: Make your plans for your Normandy trip early to ensure the availability of hotel rooms, tour packages, or cruise berths.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

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

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

"New Parameters for Paid-for-life Members"

The following letter is being mailed to all Paid-For-Life Members and widows to solicit a donation to help the Paid-For-Life Fund

Monday, October 27, 2003

Dear Paid For Life Member:

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your past support. Thanks to loyal members like you, we have been able to perpetuate the proud history of our division for over 85 years. I am writing to you today to ask you to continue that commitment.

You maybe aware the Paid for Life fund has been unable to keep pace with the expenses the fund is supposed to cover. As a result, the pay out due to National each year, that essentially covers the cost of printing the Ivy Leaves, has not been paid the last two years, and that situation will continue. The shortfall has been paid out of the General Fund. Chapters however, are receiving and will continue to receive their portion of the fund pay out.

As a corrective measure, the fee charged to purchase a new Paid for Life Membership has been increased by a vote of the membership at the 2003 National Reunion. The increased fee will not by itself replace the shortfall experienced prior to this action being adopted.

Therefore, we are coming to you, asking you to consider renewing your past commitment by making a voluntary contribution to help meet this shortfall. Whatever you are able to send will be appreciated. You will have the pride and grateful acknowledgement that you are helping support a vital association program.

Please take a moment to complete the enclosed contribution card and return it in the pre-addressed envelope.

We are counting on you and appreciate your support.

4thfully,

Richard J. Adams
National President

NOTICE: Insure delivery of your email

There is so much unwanted email coming into my mail box that I routinely spend a few minutes just going down the list deleting all items that look suspiciously like "junk mail".

Be sure to put in your "subject" box something to Identify you as 4th ID. Anything!

Chapter name... or "report from 4th ID"... anything that will get my attention fast and will make sure I read it.

Phrases like: "Hello, there" or "this message for you" or anything that doesn't say 4th ID might get deleted. So please include 4th ID or your chapter name on all email to me.

Thanx!

Dick Taylor

History of *The Ivy Leaves*

By Leo Jereb

On June 29, 1919, officers and soldiers representing all segments of the 4th Infantry Division met at a meeting held in Neunenahr, Germany, to discuss the advisability of the establishment of a "4th Infantry Division Association."

When the question was put to a vote it was carried without no one dissenting. The meeting moved rapidly and items necessary for the operation of an association were discussed and adopted.

On July 4, 1919, at Niederbreisig, Germany, the first *Ivy Leaves* was published containing news of the organization and reports of the combat accomplishments of the 4th Division in the War that was to end all wars.

When the Division returned to Camp Dodge, Iowa, in 1920, *The Ivy Leaves* was immediately continued and the first editor at that time was Henry W. Stiness.

It was not long afterwards that chapters started to be organized in various towns and the 4th Engineers were so enthusiastic that they even published for a short while their own publication which they named: "The Third Hole."

Lee M. Hainer, 58th Infantry WW I was the next editor and Colonel Gerden Johnson followed. After a long stint, he asked to be relieved and simply stated: "I ran out of ink" when asked why he was giving up the position. Soon after George E. McIntyre (Co. "B" 4th Engineers) took over editing the October 1959 issue.

George McIntyre transferred much of his love of the 4th Division to *The Ivy Leaves*. His home was Trenton, NJ, and he regularly attended the NY-NJ Chapter meetings.

Editor's Notes:

Leo Jereb became Editor in June 1972. Leo was a devoted Editor even though he did not type and ended up writing all the stories longhand. He had to charm a co-worker to do the final typing for him. That wasn't the end of his hard work. After the magazine was printed, Leo took the boxes of magazines home where he

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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!

1/10th Cavalry



1/10 Cav. Picnic.



1/10 Cav. with Regimental flag at Officer's Club, Ft. Hood. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003.



1/10 Cav. Nam Vets sending video to 1/10 Cav. in Iraq. Photos by Charlene Weibel, proud wife of Terry Weibel, 1/10 Cav. Wisconsin Chapter.

A-1-8 Chapter

By Ken McCormack

October found sixty-one A-1-8 vets and family in beautiful Lake Tahoe for our 4th organized reunion where Mother Nature co-operated wonderfully with mild sunny weather all three days.

We enjoyed a classic paddlewheel cruise on the lake visiting Emerald Bay and Vikingsholm all the while reveling in the camaraderie. Our final evening took us out of our hotel and hospitality suite (we took it with us!) and into the forest for a catered moonlit barbecue dinner and a sing-a-long around a bonfire. The evening ended with a Punchbowl Ceremony recognizing and commemorating fallen comrades, our service and our brothers now serving in Iraq.

This year's event was particularly gratifying as we had several new members attending for the first time. Our "in country" (Vietnam) time line which had in years past been pretty much centered on guys who served in the 1968 –1969 era, expanded and included men who served with A-1-8 from 1967 through 1970! Pretty much the entire time A Company saw service in Vietnam! And because our chapter includes anyone who ever served with A Company in any capacity, ever, we also had men from E Company (Recon). The Central Highlands often found many of us working together so why shouldn't we reminisce and party together thirty-five years later !?

As predicted everyone had a wonderful time and once again no one requested or collected on the money back satisfaction guarantee! One member drove 3000 miles to be there!

Elections were held and Don White assumed the chapter presidency, Bugs Moran moved up to Vice President and September 2004 will find us in Atlantic City.

Carolinas Chapter

By Rick Adams

The Carolinas Chapter held its Fall Reunion at the Best Western Hotel in Johnson City, Tennessee, October 10 ñ 12, 2003. Thanks to our reunion hosts Robert and Ester Gobble, John Frost, and Warren and Mary King. They did an outstanding job organizing the weekend, and throwing in a few surprises.

Attending were: Rick Adams, Richard and Sheila Bolin, Lacy and Sandra Bright, Carl and Joan Dry, Clyde and Cheryl Comer, Jack and Mary Jo Crites, Carl Dietz, Jim and Lucy Drennen, Russell Fisher, John Frost, Robert and Ester Gobble, Guy and Shirley Haas, Warren and Mary King, Jack and Karen Leonard, Bonnie Locklair, Phil and Brenda Menendez, David and Cathy Mills, Carl Morris, Ray Rogers, George and Susan Rocco, Roy Surratt, Doziene Waldrop, Norman and Faye Webb,

Dorsey White, Carlton and Maedeene Wilson, John and Thelma Worthington, and John Young.

During our business meeting a new slate of officers for the next year were elected. They are: President - Larry Simonson, Sr. Vice President - Robert Gobble, Jr. Vice President - John Frost, Secretary-Treasurer - Rick Adams, and Chaplain - Carl Dry. The membership voted to make the following donations: \$200 to the Michael S. Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$300 to the D-Day Foundation, Bedford, VA, and \$1,000 to the 4ID Layette Program which supports families of deployed soldiers.

Our next chapter reunion will be April 22-24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Columbia, SC. Watch the Ivy Leaves for registration information.

Capital Chapter

Even Hurricane Isabel couldn't stop the Steadfast & Loyal Capital Chapter members from attending their annual Fall Crab Feast & Election of Officers Meeting! Hosts Norman and Connie Lilley had no electricity in their home because of the hurricane, but that proved to be only a "minor" inconvenience. Ice was the scarcest commodity, so those who lived further out in areas where it was available brought bags of it. All of the pre-bought meats and salads had to be thrown out due to lack of refrigeration, and fresh items were purchased and kept chilled in coolers with ice. Our crab source somehow came through and wonderful Maryland Blue Crabs were served along with the standard picnic items. Much of the pre-meeting talk was about standing in line for dry ice to save the stocked freezer, pumping water out of basements and cleaning up fallen tree limbs and such. Going on with the meeting proved to be a good diversion from such tasks and also showed once again that nothing, not even mother nature, can stop the foot soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division from completing their mission.



Photo by Andy Jurcak

Bill and Midge Gay enjoy crabs at Capital Chapter crab feast.

Prior to the business meeting, Mike May announced that he had a presentation to make. Mike then told those present that Capital Chapter Treasurer Roger Barton had been announced as the recipient of the 2003 Ralph E. Lingert service award at the National Reunion in Killeen, Texas. Mike presented Roger with the plaque, which Roger humbly accepted. Mike also gave

Roger a 4ID hat that Jim Burke had sent to him from the National Reunion. Jim and Roger (along with Norman Lilley) served together in Vietnam in 1966.

During the business meeting, the mood turned somber as it was announced that Rachel Thompson, wife of E. W. "Bill" Thompson, had passed away on August 25th due to a heart attack. Neither Bill nor Rachel seldom missed a Capital Chapter meeting or National Reunion and had just been with us at our Spring meeting in May. Rachel was a great lady and a joy to be around. She will be sorely missed. A special moment of silence was observed in honor of Rachel.

As a part of our Flames of Remembrance ceremony Andy Jurcak read the names of the 4th Infantry Division soldiers who had been killed in Iraq. Andy also read the name of PFC Michael Adams, son of our National President Rick Adams and a moment of silence was observed for them all.

Chapter officers elected for the year 2004 were: Norman Lilley, President; Steve Shlagel, Vice President; Roger Barton, Secretary/Treasurer; Butch Maisel, Chaplain.

Our next meeting will be our Spring Meeting and will be held in the Charles Town, West Virginia area. Exact information will be forthcoming. Look for it on the 4IDA website, in the March *Ivy Leaves* and of course chapter members will receive a mailing well in advance of the event.

We send our holiday wishes to all IVY people everywhere, and we send special good luck wishes to our troops who are in harm's way. God bless them and God bless the USA.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Florida Chapter held their 2003 Fall Reunion at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs Hotel in Altamonte Springs, Florida 23 - 26 October. Some members came early Thursday and took in some of the many attractions in Orlando and/or some shopping-sight seeing. Friday things got lively with arrival of more attendees and the afternoon opening of the Hospitality Room. After individual dining in the Hotel or adjacent area just about everyone returned to the Hospitality Room for remainder of the evening for some more libation and friendly banter with comrades and guests.

Saturday Morning the Hospitality Room opened from 8 to 10 AM for coffee. 9 AM President Bryant Middleton presided at the Chapter Business Meeting. At 12 Noon the Chapter ladies hosted a buffet luncheon in the Hospitality Room. Saturday Evening the Reunion Banquet was held in a hotel banquet room and included the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony and customary raffle. Jack Fox won the featured raffle item, a lovely Afghan containing a large 4ID Patch embroidered in it. The Afghan was made and donated by Patty Hynes. Following the Banquet many returned to the Hospitality Room to close out the evening. Sunday morning the Hospitality Room was the setting for a breakaway continental breakfast and the last chance for fond farewells.

In attendance were Pegi Bolyard, Helen Bogdanski, Paul & Betty Brunelle (New England Chapter), William & Helen Buell, Robert & Soledad Etienne (First Timer), Jack & Peggy Fox & Guests, Wesley & Catherine Gregory, Raymond & Rena Harton,

Edmund & Patty Hynes, Robert Krause & America Ortiz, Robert Johnson & Barbara Abhold, John Malanaphy (NY NJ Chapter), Barbara & Anna Martens, Edward & Marie McEniry, Bryant & Regina Middleton, Mitchell & Wanda Radon, Jerry & Daylene Sadler, Mildred Stokes, Loren Tuchek & Heidi Knauft, Robert & Ethel Williamson.

Midwest Chapter



The Midwest chapter was represented in the 2003 Veterans Day parade held in downtown St. Louis MO. In the picture from left is: Landis Bargatzte, Jerry Bumpus and President Don Kelby.



Midwest chapter President Don Kelby and Midwest chapter member Jerry Bumpus man a membership drive booth at the Retirees day held at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Mon 13 September 2003.

Mid-South Chapter

By Lee Rung

I apologize to our Chapter members. As you and I found in reading the September issue of "The Ivy Leaves" we were conspicuous by our absence. Somewhere between the cup and the lip our input was lost. Rather than going back, "we shall start from here," as General Roosevelt said on Utah Beach many

years ago.

Our planning for the Chapter's 2004 reunion has been in full swing. With the help of Bill Gaudin, Opal Blaylock, Howard Chaisson, Douglas Patrick and Leo Champagne we were able to review some 30 proposals and whittle them down to a manageable nine to visit and review. All of this was made possible with the help of Nicole Maxwell from the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau. The site selected for our 6, 7 and 8 May 2004 Reunion is the Brent House Hotel, located at 1512 Jefferson HWY, New Orleans 70121. Their telephone number is: 800-535-3986. The cost of their very nice and comfortable rooms will be \$77.11/per night, and that includes tax and free parking. There is so much to do and see in the New Orleans area that I could go on and on. However, the National D-Day, the Confederate, and The Art Museums, along with Antebellum Homes, 3 streetcar lines, a number of casinos and ample great restaurants and areas to shop make New Orleans a place for everyone's tastes. We will be sending further details out after the first of the year. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a fine time.

Several of our chapter members attended the National Meeting in Texas this past September. They included our Chapter President, Ken Glass, Conrad "Frenchie" Adams and Don Johnson - sorry if I missed anyone. At the meeting the new Paid for Life Membership fees were set at: up to age 39 \$384; 40-44 \$358; 45-49 \$336; 50-54 \$311; 55-59 \$284; 60-64 \$259; 65-69 \$221; and 70 & up \$200.

Dues notices were mailed out earlier in October and the response has been very good. Please do not forget to mail in your dues so as to maintain your "Ivy" membership.

Ken Glass and all the other Chapter officers send their best wishes to all members for a joyous Christmas and the very best of health, happiness and wealth in 2004.

We look forward to sharing a fine time together in early May 2004 at our Chapter Reunion in New Orleans.

New England Chapter

By Frank Bradley

The New England Chapter gathered in the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 over the weekend of 16 - 19 October 2003.

The 500 room Hotel was filled to capacity and members who were late making arrangement were disappointed. The hotel is an enormous complex and unlike most motels, there is a very large parking lot to the right of the entrance and rooms on two floors extend far to the left. There are some entrances scattered around the building but there are no parking places outside of the individual rooms. It was a long walk from the lobby to the last room on a corridor. On Thursday, the Hospitality room was located in the Windsor meeting room and early birds were treated to the usual libations and snacks while waiting for their rooms which were not available until 4 P.M. Initial room assignments were scattered all over the hotel and resulted in many unhappy guests until they were able to get reassigned to rooms within a reasonable walking distance from the Presidential Suite which was to become our Hospitality room and the living quarters of our

President Don Ellis and his wife, Doty.

Some of the groups left on Thursday or Friday but there were 220 beautiful Malamutes from all over the country being shown in a large auditorium. We felt like we were watching the dog show in New York City as we watched the different categories of show dogs. They had a large tent set up to groom the dogs and another large tent where non-show dogs were being put through their paces as weight pullers. The winning weight puller moved 1900 pounds harnessed to a small wagon. The dogs and their owners were staying until Wednesday after we left.

Since Sturbridge is a tourist attraction, there were plenty of restaurants outside of the hotel to which one could drive. The Ox-Head Tavern was located nearby and many members and friends walked there for dinner Thursday and Friday.

On Saturday morning around 10 A.M. while the men were having their business meeting in the Windsor meeting room the ladies gathered for another riotous meeting in the Presidential Suite where laughter and friendship ruled supreme. Each lady read a humorous comparison between events in the World War II era and present day situations. They continued by having each lady read a "goof" from a church bulletin. One example, at the Easter Service a lady member was invited to come forward and "lay an egg on the altar."

Each lady had been asked to bring a \$5.00 gift to the reunion and to place it on a table. Now the ladies selected a gift and sat down. They then participated in a "right or left" swap. They had such an exhilarating time engaging in the fun and games programs, they forgot about eating the refreshments that had been provided for their enjoyment.

At 6 P.M. on Saturday evening the cash bar was opened until 6:30 P.M. when our solemn Flames of Remembrance ceremony took place. President Don Ellis explained the procedure to our guests and had Alex Bernardo and Richard Fitzsimmons light the memorial candles as he called the unit roll. Unit members stood in place when their unit was called. After all the candles were lighted, those people still seated stood. President Ellis played Taps and called upon Paul Brunelle as our acting Chaplain to offer a memorial prayer and to say Grace before our dinner.

During dinner, we had Susan Costa as our DJ who played lovely music for our dining enjoyment. After dinner, President Ellis presented Heikki Fager with a suitably inscribed plaque commending him for his years of service to the Chapter as our Treasurer. Don then called on the group to give a round of applause for Armand and Fran Galdi who were celebrating their 58th anniversary. For our next reunion, we had a drawing for one night's free room which Jack Lester won. Mardie Fager won the drawing for a free dinner. Jack Lester was top man in the "silent auction" for a beautifully hand decorated 2004 calendar made by Diane Wood and donated by John and Doty Wood.

Now DJ Susan turned up the volume, turned on the charm and proceeded to play delightful dance music and to engage the members in participating in group activities on the dance floor. It was a wonderful program which concluded at 10 P.M. with the singing of "God Bless America." The party adjourned to the Presidential Suite to complete the evening.

Sunday morning's breakaway breakfast was the final event of

a splendid weekend.

Members and friends in attendance included: Bill and Judy Babcock, Alex and Lillian Bernardo, Frank Bradley, Ralph and Muriel Briggs, Carlton and Lucille Brown and their daughter, Debbie Sopol; Ron and Gail Brown with Sheri, Adam and Quinn Griffith; Bud and Gloria Budrick with son, Richard and daughter, Susan, Ralph and Nicole Costa; Howard Chaet, Normand and Marcelle Chartier, Fred Corey, Betty Costello and sister, Lenore Campaniolo, Don and Dot Ellis, Heikki and Mardie Fager, Richard and Elaine Fitzsimmons, Armand and Fran Galdi, Kevin and Tricia Hartigan and Kathy (Hartigan) and Ed Kelley, Peter and Kathy Hill, Roger and Rolande Kelting, Olga LeGendre, John and Peggy Lester and daughter, Sharon Langling; Dottie Merola, Christine and Lauren St. Hilaire and Lorraine McCaughey; Jim Moher, Kevin O'Connor and Nancy Anderson, Paul and Nancy Pepin and son, Michael; Bill and Marge Riiska, Irving and Edith Smolens, Mike and Mary Surro, and John and Dorothy Wood.

Ohio Chapter

By Ray Dunkel

Greetings Ohio Chapter Members, here it is December with Christmas and the New Year fast approaching. On behalf of the Chapter Officers I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a *Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

A warm Chapter welcome is extended to our newest members: Paul R. Brandt, D/1/14th Infantry Regiment from Kent, Ohio, Michael S. Damme 4th Military Police Company from Silver Lake, Ohio and Bernard J. Williams D/704th Maintenance Battalion who resides in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. We also welcome Virginia Stocks (widow of Graham Stocks A/20 FA) and Cecelia Cook (widow of Bill Cook B/29 FA) joining us as Memorial members.

Reported sick are: the Mayor (Dick Powell), Polly Eberly, Bob Hafely, Chuck McKee and Logan Lowers. They have our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of: Hubert Neumister, B Battery, 42nd Field Artillery Battalion, WWII

"As they go from life to life...May they rest in peace"

Reunion Report

The Chapter Fall Reunion was held October 2 – 5 October at the Hudson Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Hudson, Ohio. It gives me great pleasure to let you know the reunion was a "Huge" success. The Mystery Tour on Friday arranged by Harry Cracraft was very informative and enjoyable. Visited was, the World War II Vehicle Museum and Learning Center in Hubbard, Ohio.

The tour continued on to Sharon, Pennsylvania where the World Famous Reyers Shoe Store, Daffin's Candies Chocolate Kingdom, The Avenue of Flags and Krainak's Christmas Land were visited. During Saturday mornings activities the ladies played Towel Bingo while the men attended the Chapter's annu-

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**85th National Reunion
Killeen, Tx**

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Sr.VP Ray Dunkel.

Attendees: Ray Dunkel, Sr. VP; Bob Gasset, Jr. VP; Scott Moffatt, Jr. VP; Robert Krause, Jr. VP; Greg Rollinger, Exec. Dir.; Wayne Brown, Treasurer; Alex Cooker, Registrar & Past Pres.; Roy Surratt, Secretary. Observers: Bob Babcock, Past Pres.; Roger Dufek, Past. Pres.; Frank Bradley; Mike May, Capital Chapter; Victor Lopez, Colorado Chapter; Ed McEniry; Leo Jereb; John Barkley, Judge Advocate.

Last Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2002 in Spokane was read by Roy Surratt. Corrections made to all references for "501 (c) (3)" changed to "501 (c) (4)". Also, in paragraph 8 of the Skypeck print status, Mike May was the one who wrote Skypeck on March 13, 2002, not McKee. Also, in "War Stories" project, Ray Dunkel asked "Why don't we receive \$1 for all books sold." And not "pay" \$1 for all books sold. Ray Dunkel approved the minutes as read with noted corrections.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Wayne Brown and filed with the Secretaries' minutes.

Unfinished Business:

- Mike May presented and update on efforts to Incorporate the Association and shared a proposed draft of new association bylaws. A motion was made by Alex Cooker to have Incorporation proposal added to the Resolutions Committee agenda after the deletion of paragraph (m) and the change of references for "501 (c) (3)" changed to "501 (c) (4)". Seconded and approved.

- Wayne Brown presented information on Directors & Officers Insurance with some forecasted costs. Roger Dufek moved to have Mike May obtain liability insurance quotes, to follow-up with emails to the board and for the board members to respond with a vote of for or against; replies should be to all on distribution. Krause seconded and approved.

- Ray Dunkel presented background on PFL memberships. Account Bal.= \$15,819 with approx. \$3000 rebates paid out each year to chapters. New PFL memberships have been suspended by earlier action. New proposed PFL Fee Schedule to go to the

Finance Committee for review and referred to the Resolutions Committee for action.

New Business:

- Proposal to allow multiple-year Dues payments with a small discount was considered and determined to be too difficult to manage.

- Proposal to include children of active-duty soldiers for consideration in the scholarship fund was presented and lacked favorable support; only association members eligible .

- Proposal to reduce active-duty personnel dues to \$10 while deployed was presented. Any active-duty personnel who is an association member and in default on dues will be placed on-hold until they return home and renew their membership with the association.

- "War Stories – 2nd Edition" project – concern was voiced over the E-Boards failure to allow the general membership an opportunity to vote on the plan. The E-Board had approved the proposal by Bob Babcock at the Spokane reunion.

- Proposal to consider doing something special for the 60th Anniversary of D-Day in 2004 was presented and found no support.

- Proposal to participate in the dedication of the WW2 Memorial activities at Arlington National Cemetery in 2004 was presented. Ray Dunkel moved that we allocate no more than \$3000 for a Hospitality Room in conjunction with planned celebrations in the event a committee can be formed of active-association members. Dufek seconded. Alex Cooker amended the motion to increase the amount allocated to a maximum of \$4000. Bob Krause seconded and motion to allocate \$4000 carried.

- Proposal to consider sending copies of *The Ivy Leaves* to deployed troops was presented and the E-Board authorized sending (50) copies to the Fort Hood PIO for distribution.

- Updates were proposed to the Association web-site and to our Stationary to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, but the web-site issue will need to be addressed elsewhere. The stationary has been modified already by Greg Rollinger.

- Ray Dunkel will represent the 4IDA at the ADA meeting and will present a trip report to the board as follow-up to the trip.

- Proposal to consider adding unit crests to the Arlington Monument was presented and the issue was directed to the Memorial Committee.

- Proposal to consider additions to the Walk of Honor at Ft. Hood, in honor of the Iraqi-freedom KIAs, was presented and postponed indefinitely.

- Proposal to design and make new bumper stickers, using a contest to select a design each year, was presented and postponed indefinitely.

- Ray Dunkel explained that the Tax-Exempt Status of a 501 (c) (4) organization, like the 4IDA, is only for the National Association and not the local chapters. Similarly, the War-Time Veterans 170 (c) (2) tax status was presented.

- Future Reunions – the Arizona Chapter is expected to make a bid for the 2005 reunion to be held in Las Vegas, NV.

- Executive Director, Greg Rollinger, spoke on requests received by members of the 510th Tank Battalion Association to join the 4IDA. E-Board does not wish to support this effort at this time since their association was not officially a part of the 4th Inf Div.; postponed indefinitely

- Roger Dufek proposed and moved that we donate \$500 to the Layette Program, versus the FOCH organization, this year since this program was doing so much for families of the active-duty soldier. Seconded by Moffatt and motion carried.

- Alex Cooker moved that we adjourn at 9:30pm, Moffatt seconded and all in favor.

Semper Paratus

"There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war." — George Washington

Submitted by Bob Reilly, MRGRG, Wenatchee WA

**85th National Reunion
Killeen, Tx**

September 11, 2003

● Ray Dunkel, National Sr. Vice President called the meeting to order at 1pm (63 members in attendance).

● Chaplain George Knapp gave the invocation. Richard Bolin 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.

● SrVP Ray Dunkel introduced our Medal of Honor Recipient, 1st Sgt David McNearny, the Chapter Presidents and Past National Presidents.

● All first-timers were welcomed to the reunion by Ray Dunkel. 1st timers in attendance were:

James Stallings, C Btry 6/29th Arty, RVN, 1967-68

Herb Shore, Medical Co., 8th Inf, 1950-52

Bruce Gass, D Co., 1/22 Inf., RVN, 1967-68

Bob Krueger, 2nd Bde S-3, 1969-70

Jack Salyers, Heavy Mortar Co., 22nd Inf Reg., Ft Lewis, WA 1956-57

Charles Teel, I Co., 12th Reg., WW2, 1944

Ken Glass, A Co., 4th Aviation, RVN, 1967

Bill Daniels, HHT 1/10th Cav, RVN, 1966-67

Ashley Chandler, 1st Bat. 12th Inf., B Co., RVN, 1967-68

Bob Olson, 20th FA, WW2, 1943-45

Dick Taylor, 4th Engr., C Bn., Germany, 1950-52

Irv Morales, 4th Aviation, RVN, 1967-68

Ray Livermont, 4th Aviation, RVN, 1967-68

James Burke, HHT 1/10th Cav & B-4th S&T, RVN, 1966-67

Morris "Morey" Doerner, Finance Corp, Germany, 1952-53

● National Secretary Roy Surratt read the minutes from the 2nd Business Meeting at the 84th National Reunion held in Spokane, WA last year. On a move by Ray Dunkel the minutes were accepted as read and approved

● Doyle Volkner gave an update on the reunion activities for the remainder of the week.

● Roy Surratt read the minutes of the

Executive Board Meeting for Sept. 10, 2003.

● Bob Krause gave the Audit Committee's report stating that they certified that the accounts are correct. Current net worth is \$35,416.64. Mike May moved to accept the report and seconded by Frank Bradley and it carried.

● Ray Dunkel reported on the Monuments Committee and the Membership Committee; we now have 3492 members.

● Ed McEniry reported on the Advertising Committee.

● Roger Dufek gave the Nominating Committee report indicating that Rick Adams will succeed as President, Ray Dunkel will be the Sr.VP and Bob Gasset, Roger Barton, Scott Moffett and Robert Krause are JrVPs. Alex Cooker is Registrar, Wayne Brown is Treasurer and Greg Rollinger is Executive Director. Ken McCormick and John Barclay have been nominated for the vacant JrVP positions.

● Frank Bradley explained the seating plan for the Saturday night F.O.R. Banquet.

● Roger Dufek gave an update on the 2004 Reunion to be held July 13-18 in Branson, MO at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center. Room rates expected to be \$83/night plus tax. See the Ivy Leaves for more details.

● Ray Dunkel asked for Reunion Bids from the floor. Bob Olson proposed the 2005 Reunion to be in Las Vegas, NV and Scott Moffett pitched the 2005 Reunion to be in Orlando, FL. Ray Dunkel will forward bids to the Reunion Advisory Committee.

● Phil Menendez spoke on the Michael Adams Scholarship Fund that Rick and Patti set up in his honor. See Phil or members of the Carolinas Chapter for the address of the Scholarship Fund should you wish to make a personal donation.

Chaplain Knapp gave the closing benediction.

● Ray Dunkel adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Surratt

National Secretary, 4IDA

September 13, 2003

● Ray Dunkel, National Sr. Vice President called the meeting to order at 9am (63 members in attendance).

● Chaplain George Knapp gave the invocation.

● The POW/MIA flag had already been draped on chair in front of the room prior to the meeting.

● Richard Bolin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

● SrVP Ray Dunkel introduced our Medal of Honor Recipient, 1st Sgt David McNearny and Former POWs Frenchie Adams and Dick Halsted.

● All first-timers were welcomed to the reunion by Ray Dunkel. 1st timers in attendance were:

Preston Leiberman, B Co., 2/8th Inf, RVN, 1965-67

● National Secretary Roy Surratt read the minutes from the 1st Business Meeting of Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003 here in TX. On a move by Ray Dunkel the minutes were approved as corrected.

● Doyle Volkner gave an update on the reunion activities for the remainder of the week.

● Wayne Brown gave the Treasurer's Report. Opening Net Worth at 1 July 2002 was \$29,144.02, Total Receipts thru 30 June 2003 was \$50,609.84 and Total Disbursements was \$44,337.22 for a Current Net Worth of \$35,416.64. Ray Dunkel reported that the treasurer's report will be filed with the secretaries' report.

● Bob Babcock gave the Finance Committee report indicating that the association finances are sound. Bob requested a voluntary one-time donation by all P.F.L. members and Life Members to cover the deficit in the PFL Restricted Funds. Committee report will be filed with the secretary's report.

● Alex Cooker reported on the Scholarship Committee – see attachment. Monies available indicated that three(3) \$1000 scholarships be offered for 2003. Committee report will be filed with the secretary's report.

● Bob Gasset reported on the Resolutions Committee – see attachment. Motion to amend Article 5 of the Constitution pertaining to the Board of Directors. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote and it was approved. Motion to amend the fee schedule for P.F.L. membership. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote and it was approved. Motion to amend the Scholarship Rules. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote and it was approved.

● Scott Moffat gave the Reunion Advisory Committee Report. Motion to hold

2005 Reunion in Las Vegas, NV hosted by the Arizona Chapter in July starting on Monday and ending on a Sunday. Mike Irving amended the motion to start on Sunday and end on Thursday. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote and it was defeated. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote on the main motion to hold the reunion in Las Vegas in July starting on Monday and ending on a Sunday and it was approved. Motion to hold 2006 Reunion in Orlando, FL hosted by the 1/10th Cav Chapter at the end of July. Ray Dunkel asked for a vote and it was approved.

- Ray Dunkel read two communications from the Arizona Chapter, Dick Taylor, in regard to publicity of our association and Raising Funds for the Scholarship Fund – see attachment. Ray Dunkel presented the letters to the Executive Board for consideration.

- Roger Dufek gave an update for the 2004 Reunion in Branson, MO for July 13-18, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel and

Convention Center.

- Frank Bradley explained the seating plan for the Saturday night F.O.R. Banquet.

- Arnold Waggoner reported on the FOCH Inc. with a Financial Statement – see attachment.

- Roger Dufek gave the second reading of the Nominating Committee report indicating that Rick Adams will succeed as President, Ray Dunkel will be the Sr.VP and Bob Gasset, Scott Moffat and Robert Krause are JrVPs. Alex Cooker is Registrar, Wayne Brown is Treasurer and Greg Rollinger is Executive Director. Ken McCormack and John Barclay have been nominated for the vacant JrVP positions. Ray Dunkel asked for nominations from the floor for each of the officer positions, no nominations received – nominations were closed and Chair declared each officer elected by acclamation.

- Officers were sworn in by Past President Frank Bradley:

President – Rick Adams (Richard Bolin of the Carolinas Chapter was proxy for Rick)

Sr.VP – Ray Dunkel

1st Jr.VPs – Nathaniel “Bob” Gasset

2nd Jr.VP - Scott Moffat

3rd Jr.VP - Robert Krause

4th Jr.VP - Ken McCormack

5th Jr.VP - John Barclay

Treasurer – Wayne Brown

Registrar – Alex Cooker

Executive Director – Greg Rollinger

- Ray Dunkel asked Frenchie Adams to retire the POW/MIA flag.

- Chaplain Knapp gave the closing benediction.

- Ray Dunkel adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Surratt

National Secretary, 4IDA

Images of war...



Recent photos from Iraq



“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceived veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation.” –George Washington



Looking for...



Looking for: I am the son of **T-Sgt Warren A. Andrews**. Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Inf. Reg. 4th ID (Deceased). I have been searching for information on any survivors from Company B that would have known my father. I regret not asking him more about his time over seas while he was still alive. I have spoken to survivors of Company G, and they suggested that I subscribe to your magazine to keep up with all the reunions and get-togethers of other survivors.

William Andrews
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(843) 216-7662
Email: tvbcol@comcast.net

Looking for: Information on my father, **Capt. Albanus D. Foss, Jr.** I believe that he was part of the Ivy Division during WW2. He was an officer and was awarded both the Bronze and Silver Stars as well as wounded 5 times. His serial number taken off his B and S Star awards is 01 305 908 with the 12th Infantry Regiment. His Silver Star award says "for Gallantry in Action" Longueville, France 11 July 1944. If you can tell me where to find a book or history of this battle, I would be very appreciative. Dad was one of 4 brothers in WW2, all returned safely though Dad was a DAV. He married my mother, a French citizen, in 1946. My father never spoke of his experiences and died at age 57. His military records were destroyed in the fire. His wife of one year before his death has shared nothing with my

father's 3 sons. I do have his awards of the Bronze and Silver Stars. Can you help me with research of my dad's history and that of his units during WW2? My mom was from Pont a Mousson. Thank you sincerely for your time and effort.

Allan E. Foss, fossiea@yahoo.com

Looking for: Anyone who served with the **124th Signal Battalion** 4th ID in Vietnam during January 1968 to January 1969. I am having a hard time proving the missions that we had to do to the Veterans Administration. I would appreciate to hear from anyone.

Armando Lopez (Manny)
(954) 437-6230 or 954-290-7173
lopez610@bellsouth.net

Looking for: Anyone who served with **Delta, Bravo, HHC S3, and Bravo (again) companies 1/8 IN 3rd BCT 4th ID Fort Carson, CO.** I am interested where my friends have gone, I can not find any web sites that give general placements, a list of injured, or a list of KIAs. I would like these lists so I might pay my respects to the families of friends. I am also interested in a list of the chain of command, because the people I remember being in command I can't find. I served in 1-8 IN from Jan. 2000 till Jan 2003. I now am stationed in Hawaii in 1-21 IN 2nd BCT 25th ID Schofield Barracks. Thank you for your time. SGT Edward A. Harmes, emharmes@earthlink.net

Looking for: History of the **1st BN, 61st Inf., 4ID, 1971-1974.**

There is a large hole in my knowledge. The 1/61 was assigned to the 4th Div after its return from Vietnam and stayed part of the division for three years before being deactivated. I can find no information about that period and 1/61. Do you have any members that were in 1/61 then? Would they be willing to help me? Any thing at all. Stories, pictures or old papers. Would you pass the word and ask someone to contact me? Thanks for any help you may give me.

Jack WMMJACK@aol.com
<http://one-six-one.fifthinfantrydivision.com/default.htm>

Looking for: **General Jack MacFarlane.** I have gone on Military.com and 4th Div. I have not been able to find anything on General Jack MacFarlane who I worked for as his stenographer in Vietnam 1969 to 1970 when he was ADC Bravo of the 4th Infantry Division.

The reason I wanted to contact him is the following. When I was on vacation this year in Hawaii with my wife and children, I wanted to tell him that I was wearing my Vietnam Veterans hat and was entering Pearl Harbor area at the guard post. I asked for directions for the Arizona. After the guard gave me directions he gave me a salute. We also were going on the shuttle from the Arizona to the Missouri and the guard that checks the shuttle bus also saw my Vietnam Veterans had and saluted. One more time we did go to the Football Stadium and passed by the Pearl Harbor guard and I was saluted again. Sometimes when I tell other people about it, it brings tears to my eyes.

One other nice thing happened as we were leaving Honolulu at the airport. One of the screeners came over and asked if I had been in Vietnam and He thanked me for going.

I don't know if anyone else had a similar experience but it was something for my kids to see. Son age 25 and daughter age 22.

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stanleyherzog@hotmail.com

MOVING?

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



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Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Phone _____ Effective Date: _____

After Action Report

Red Warrior Reunion 2003

by Roger A. Hill

Early in October 2002, I received my first letter from Harry Dilkes informing me that he had completed all the preliminary coordination with the 4th Division and the Battalion Commander for the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, and had been given the “green light” to hold our next Vietnam reunion at Fort Carson, Colorado, from the 5th through the 7th of June, 2003. Harry went on to outline the planned sequence of events, where we would all be staying, costs, and a few tips for those who not been to any previous reunions. He wrapped up his letter with the promise of more to come.

Over the next few months we all watched the news as the events in Iraq began to unfold, and wondered if the war was going to involve the 4th Division and have an impact on our reunion. Then on the 20th of January came the public announcement we all were dreading, the 4th Infantry Division had been notified that it was going to be deployed. Harry quickly contacted our host, the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, and confirmed that they would no longer be available to sponsor the reunion. Harry then cranked out a letter on the 24th of January and placed the reunion on hold until he had time to reevaluate all the plans. He promised us an answer by the beginning of March. He concluded with a note that the battalion commander and his staff had mixed feelings, as they had really been looking forward to hosting the reunion and meeting the former Red Warriors and their families.

By the 24th of February, Harry had made up his mind that the planning for the reunion was to continue. He reassigned the tasking that the battalion could no longer fulfill,

published a modified schedule, and arranged for limited support from the few members of the battalion that were being left behind as a rear detachment. From this point on, all that was left to do was “get the word out.” And that is exactly what happened. At our last reunion in 2000 at Fort Hood, we had thirty-four people show up. When I got a call from Harry telling me that the count was now up to 81 with a few still undecided, I knew this was going to be a very special event.

Day 1: June 5th

Harry had arranged that those who wanted to, would be able to stay at a campground outside Fort Carson known as “Mountaindale.” The owners, Brian and Ivy, had agreed to provide cabins, RV and tent sites, hot showers and clean restrooms, a lounge room, and outside bar-b-cue with shelter house. For those who wanted more of the creature comforts, Harry had also arranged a shuttle service to the local motels.

The opening ceremony was scheduled to begin at 3:45 p.m. at the campgrounds. As I was in charge of setting up a Vietnam

memorabilia exhibit, Mary and I arrived around 10 a.m., checked into our RV unit, and went to work. Norm and Mary Goodin, helped by Jim and Carol Phillips, were already there as they were the welcome committee and responsible for handing out the welcome packets and getting a nametag on everyone. Harry had shown up the night before in case any last minute changes had to be made, and sure enough, there were changes. The night before, a Canadian cold front had rolled in, bringing rain and a drop in temperatures, which put an end to the tent camping and most of the outside activities planned for that first day. Harry spent the morning rounding up his drivers, Red Warriors SPCs Joe Cerda and Ed Stone, the shuttle vehicles, our bus, and the cots for all the tent campers who were now going to be sleeping in the lounge room because of the cold, wet weather.

The remainder of the morning was spent putting the finishing touches on the exhibit, re-meeting old friends as they rolled in, and greeting and welcoming first-timers to the reunion. Lunch was an impromptu finger-snack food arrangement courtesy of Norm and Mary Goodin and Phil and Brenda



Red Warrior Reunion 2003: Row #1 (Left-to-Right): Gib Dekoster, Gene A. Murphy, Joe Fegan, Jack Leninger, Gene Sjoquist, Kevin Watson, Joe Bernard, Steve Hubbard, George Vance, Dick Cook, and Ernie Banasau.

Row #2 (Left-to-Right) Charles Bauer, Jim Hunt, Charles A Pleskonko, Jerry Hollister, Ashley Chandler, Dick Lay, Lyle Bowes, Dennis Witt, Walter Porowski, Jim Phillips, Louis A. Roumagoux, Pete Mills, Phil Menendez, and Roger A. Hill.

Row #3 (Left-to-right) Jerry Crowder, Rusty Armstrong, Max Wilk, Delbert Singleton, Jesse Revels, Ralph H. Winkler, David Dresia, Jim Bigelow, Jim Rawson, George Miller, Bill Ballard, Norman L. Goodin, Harry Dikes, and Gary Osterkamp.

Menendez that disappeared quickly as more and more attendees arrived and checked-in.

At 3-45 p.m. Ernie Banasau, the MC, assembled everyone into the lounge room, and began the program with a big welcome. Ernie was followed by Phil Menendez and an honor guard who presented and posted the National Colors. Phil was followed by Chaplain Max Wilk, who offered a prayer for the battalion and the reunion. The Chaplain was followed by 1 SG Jason Kenyon, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry rear detachment, who gave us an overview of what the battalion had gone through in preparation for its departure, and what they had been doing since their arrival in the theater of operation. The last speaker for the opening ceremonies was the battalion's former 1965-1966 commander, Colonel (ret) Richard Lay. Col. Lay provided a very poignant description of what the battalion had accomplished in its build-up and training prior to deployment. For those of us who were there with Col. Lay then, the memories came flooding back, and for those who were hearing the stories for the first time, it was if they were there too.

By 4-30 Harry was ready to go with the business meeting. With the announcement of contributions to the Red Warrior Fund, the Army Emergency Relief, and the 4th ID, Harry and Kevin Watson began recognizing everyone who had helped or were going to be helping with the reunion by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation. Kevin and Harry surprised the group when they announced the creation of honorary Battalion Commander and Battalion CSM titles for the reunion. Col. Lay was selected to be our commander, while I was selected to be the CSM.

For the next 30-to-45 minutes, different individuals took turns presenting slides and narratives of the battalion's tour of duty in Vietnam. Then it was time to turn out for the evening meal. The last "official" event of the evening was a group picture. (If you have never tried to squeeze 40-some guys into a 35mm film frame and tell them not to move while all the wives try to take their pictures, you don't know what you have missed, especially since the "refreshments" had already been served.)

Volunteers got the grills going and dinner was ready to be served by the time the last picture had been taken. Harry had

brought our DJ, Yoko Jones, up from Fort Hood. Yoko played "oldies-but-goodies" by request throughout the mealtime and well into the night. By the time it was dark, most were ready to call it quits for the day and headed off for a good night's rest.

Day 2: June 6th

By 8 a.m. the cots had been rolled up in the lounge room, breakfast was being served, and plans (op orders) were being made and coordinated for the day.

At 10-30 a.m. the bus for post was loaded and ready to depart. Our first stop was the post Central Issue Facility (CIF) where all the soldiers at Fort Carson went to be issued their field equipment. For those of us that had been through a facility similar to this years ago, we didn't expect to see much. For the wives there was a sense of curiosity, and for all of us it was a big surprise when we were finally assembled inside.

The first stop was a briefing by the NCOIC, who then took us on a tour. I can remember, as could many others, taking my duffel bag, walking down the aisles and having equipment either thrown at us or at least dumped on the counter top for us to grab. You can imagine our surprise to learn that soldiers are now given a sheet of paper that tells them what they should be picking up, a diagram of where everything is located, a large shopping cart, and are turned loose on their own to "go shopping" for their field equipment. When they are finished, they take their cart full of equipment to a checkout register where their equipment is scanned and a printout is given to them to sign.

From the CIF, our tour guide, SGT David Routon, took us around post and pointed out some of the new on-post housing that was being constructed for the service members and their families. What we saw was block after block of new condos going up. Gone were 1950s and 60s ranch-style housing; in their place was some of the most modern housing I have ever seen on a military base. And I really couldn't tell the difference on the outside between junior and senior enlisted, and officer housing.

As the battalion area was closed down and not available for visiting, our guide took us over to where the rear detachment was consolidated for the brigade. It just so happened that it was located in the head-

quarters building for the 4th Engineers, one of our support units.

From the Rear Detachment Headquarters, we were taken over to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Museum, where the battalion has some of its equipment on exhibit. We were met by the museum curator, Paul D. Martin, who gave us tour of his facility. One of the more interesting items they have in their collection is the Medal of Honor that was awarded posthumously to PFC Louis E. Willett of Charlie Company, 1/12th Infantry for valorous actions on the 15th of February 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam.

From the museum, we were bused over to the PX where many grabbed a quick bit to eat at the food court, while others either went into the PX to look around (the manager cleared it) or across the street to the military sales store to purchase unit crests. By 2 p.m. we were headed for the campgrounds and/or the hotels. The next event was our reunion banquet, which was scheduled to begin at around 6 p.m.; the rest of the afternoon was devoted to more reminiscing, and looking at photographs and the battalion historical research materials I had brought along.

The bus was scheduled to depart the campgrounds at 5 p.m., and Harry made sure we were not a minute late. Fighting the Friday night rush-hour traffic and road construction through downtown Colorado Springs took us the full hour Harry had allotted for us to get to the banquet hall. Upon arrival we set up the company guidons, while the battalion's rear detachment First Sergeant, 1 SG Jason M. Kenyon, brought in the National Colors, an MIA Flag, and several historical regimental documents he had borrowed from the 3rd ACR Museum for the occasion. The only thing we were missing were the battalion colors which, understandably, were in Iraq with the battalion.

Phil Menendez, assisted by our active duty support personnel, presented the National Colors. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for the battalion's KIAs and MIAs, and an invocation by Chaplain Wilk. Ernie Banasau led us through a round of toasts, then Col. Lay, Kevin Watson and I presented honorary awards to Charles Pleskonko,

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National 4th Infantry

Schedule of Events

Dates: July 13 –18, 2004

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

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

Airport Shuttle Service

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

Events and Costs

Tuesday, July 13

Golf (To be Announced)

Wednesday, July 14

0900 – 1900 - Sightseeing/Shuttle Service
Shuttle service provided by the Wisconsin/Midwest Chapters for your convenience Museum (individuals pay on your own) – Old Downtown – Outlet Mall – Sightseeing.

Thursday, July 15

1000 to 1200 – Remember When Show
A trip down memory lane
COST: \$20 per person

1500 to 1700 – Ride the Ducks w/box dinner
COST: \$22 per person

Friday, July 16

1130 to 1330 Ladies Luncheon w/Miz Polly
Choice of: Chef’s Salad or Chicken Cordon Bleu
COST: \$25 per person

1800 to 2400 R & R Reception
Enjoy an evening filled with fun, food and entertainment. We will have Hot & Cold Hors d’oeuvres (plenty to eat), cash bar and be entertained by; MIKE RADFORD, “Ambassador of Patriotism” followed by Travel Tunes DJ playing all our favorite hits.
COST: \$30 per person

Saturday, July 17

1700 to 2200 Flames of Remembrance Banquet
The evening will include Social Hour with cash bar, dinner, guest speakers and our raffle.
Choice of: Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken
COST: \$35 per person

There will be business and committee meetings throughout the week with the main meetings scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings. Times to be announced.

National 4th Infantry Division - 86th Reunion

Camping in Branson, Missouri

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



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

Roger Dufek
dufek@powercom.net

FOR THE RECORD

Just in case the question ever arises, here is a recap of previous convention sites as well as the projected next three:

2006 – Fort Hood	1997 - Milwaukee
2005 – Las Vegas	1996 - Tacoma
2004 – Branson	1995 - Boston
2003 - Fort Hood	1994 - Cleveland
2002 - Spokane	1993 - Wash DC
2001 - Wash DC	1992 - New Orleans
2000 - Charlotte	1991 - Orlando
1999 - Fort Hood	1990 - Colorado Springs
1998 - Akron	

Data compliments of historian, Bob Babcock.

Division - 86th Reunion



Registration Form

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

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

Please Print Name Clearly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Unit/Dates Served _____ Chapter _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Arrival/Departure Dates _____

Event	# of People	Total \$
Registration Fee (\$20 per person)	_____	\$ _____
July 15 (3pm)Ride the Ducks w/Dinner (\$35 per person) ..	_____ =	\$ _____
July 16 (11:30am).....Ladies Luncheon (\$25 per person)	_____ =	\$ _____
July 16R & R Reception (\$30 per person)	_____ =	\$ _____
July 17 (5pm)Banquet (\$35 per person)	_____ =	\$ _____

Please check preference: Beef entrée Chicken entrée.....

Donation to 4IDA General Fund Scholarship FOCH. \$ _____

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

REUNION SHIRTS

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

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

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

Name: _____

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

Mail Bag



RE: Significant Reunion Story

Nov. 5, 2003

To Dick Taylor, Editor of *The Ivy Leaves*:

God forever bless you, and thank you for your magazine *The Ivy Leaves*!

I had written to you some months back about trying to locate someone who knew, or had known my father Raymond E. Johnson. You printed my letter in your latest edition of *The Ivy Leaves*. After the magazine came out, I received the most wonderful miracle of my life.

At 9:45 p.m. my phone rang. The voice on the other end said, "I knew your father Raymond E. Johnson." He told me all about my father. He said he was blonde – good-natured – cared about people – was a wonderful person – I was waiting for him to tell me about the space in his front teeth and he did. He also played me some songs on his harmonica - one particular, "Amazing Grace." He also told me the last time he and my father were together they ate fried chicken 3 times.

God bless you for your magazine *The Ivy Leaves*. And thank God for Lee Cason, World War II Veteran, who knew a man, named Raymond E. Johnson. Thank you Lee. My children and I shall never cease to thank God for you. You will never know what that telephone call meant to me.

Thank you, Dick Taylor, for your magazine, *The Ivy Leaves*. My children and I have been set free from a past of not knowing about my father and searching for a memory that would not let go.

Following, is a poem I have written – God forever bless you.

Sue Roberts

IVY LEAVES

IVY LEAVES

Growing up my garden all:

IVY LEAVES

From my memories I recall:

IVY LEAVES

From my past they seem to grow:

IVY LEAVES

Always wondering where did you go:

IVY LEAVES

When the autumn came I looked for you:

IVY LEAVES

But you had died for the Red, White, and Blue:

IVY LEAVES

You shall always be a part of me:

IVY LEAVES

But now I am set free:

IVY LEAVES

Growing up my garden wall:

IVY LEAVES

On a hillside in Normandy forever standing tall.

By Sue Roberts. Dedicated to Lee Cason and *The Ivy Leaves*.



RE: 4th ID Shoulder Patch

Me name is Tomasz Iljin. I am "Security Agent A-D" in Kwidzyn (Poland). I would like to ask you about sign which is located on the sleeve your uniform when you work every day. I have collected it for long time. I have had 523 expositos so far. Could you send me your sign from uniform? I would appreciated it very much.

Tomasz Iljin

Ul.Staszica 58/6

82-500 Kwidzyn

woj. pomorskie

Poland

Email: ilinek1@op.pl

Editor's Note: This person is asking for a 4ID shoulder patch; no need for all of us to send one. If you would like to contact him directly, please email ivyleaveseditor@aol.com and I will pick just one person to communicate with him.



RE: Veterans with 100% Disability

The Secretary requests your assistance in locating veterans who have a 100% disability, and are willing to testify that they have waited more than 30 days for medical appointments. If you know of any veterans who meet this requirement, please notify me as soon as possible.

Bruce G. Nitsche

Veterans Liaison to the Secretary

Department of Veterans Affairs

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

3033 Winkler Ext., Rm 747

Fort Myers, FL 33916

(239) 931-6135 (voice)

(239) 851-0057 (cell)

(239) 931-6136 (fax)



RE: Supplies for Troops in Iraq

Just to let you know that the American Legion Post 218 in Irving has started a campaign to send needed items to the troops in Iraq. We have adopted the 4th ID to receive these items and the American Legion along with the SAL and the AUX in the state has come aboard in collecting different items for the 4th ID. We are in contact with SGM Brown and so far delivered 104 portable shower bags to be sent over there.

We are in the process of collecting socks, which we have collected over 300 pairs and as soon as we get 1,000 or more we will deliver them SGM Brown to be sent there. In talking to the returning soldiers a list has been compiled and socks was at the top of the list. We are looking for someone that can send these items directly to an individual soldier. The A.L. is looking to adopt soldiers along with the division in sending needed items to them. This would be helpful to us. You can contact me via e-mail: thwacked@juno.com Thanks,

J.Wayne Duckworth

Commander, American Legion

Post 218, Irving, Texas

Address: P.O. Box 171112,

Irving, Texas 75017



RE: Paid For Life Membership Fees Are Too High

After reviewing the minutes of the recent National Reunion I was astounded to see the new fees approved for the Association's Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership.

The new fees are higher across the board when compared to the similar PUFL fees for the American Legion. Our new dues range from \$26 to \$49 higher than those asked by the American Legion.

It appears that the Association is attempting to either ask those seeking lifetime membership to carry the burden for all members, or they are trying to make these fees inordinately high so as to dis-

courage such memberships. The idea of PUFL memberships has in the past been geared to offering it as an incentive to the organizations members.

The Association needs to review the entire membership fees picture. Included in that review is what the Association offers to its members. The American Legion offers 12 monthly magazines and numerous other programs.

Lee Rung
Scty/Treas, Mid-South Chapter



RE: D-Day + 60 Years Tour

A special commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Normandy landings is in the planning stages. It will be another opportunity for those who still survive to take part in the ceremonies and a great time to bring family and friends along. Activities being planned are not complete yet and are being arranged by Hal Ryder, the former president of Galaxy Tours. One feature being investigated is the possibility of going over on the QE2 and then return by air. If you should be interested, call Hal Ryder toll free at 1-800-446-5442 or Leo Jereb at 1-216-382-5973.



RE: Request for Battle of the Bulge Info

Let me start this letter by introducing myself to you. My name is Rick Rimmelzwaan (38 years), I have a wife, Angelique (33 years) and one daughter, Kayleigh (11 years). I am living in a small town in Holland, Pijnacker. That is near Rotterdam, the place where I work for a social organisation which takes care (financially) of widows, widowers and retired people and also pays child benefits.

I am very interested in the Second World War, especially in the Battle of the Bulge '44 (the American story). I have a small collection on my atick. I've been collecting American army WWII stuff since I was about 16 years old. Recently I noticed that there was something

Important missing in my collection. That is the personal accounts (stories) of the American Soldiers who actually fought the battle. I really would like to name the names and give the names a face. For example a signed photograph from then and (perhaps) now. With a short

story from where you fought and what happened during the cold winter period in the Ardennes.

I noticed in my circle of friends and family who visit my atick that the story of the Bulge more lives in the personal accounts then in the bigger picture. Personal accounts make it more vivid. Even for people who aren't that interested. Maybe there is a possibility that you can do something for me. I gladly pay any costs that you might have.

The bigger picture seems so distant for most people (the history books). The story of you and other veterans are stories of human beings in an extraordinary situation.

I guess now is the time for asking because this generation is getting older and are sadly enough leaving this earth. I want the generation of my daughter also to know that they were real men and not just pictures and stories in a book.

If you cannot help me in my search than it is also okay. I can imagine that it is not very easy to go back to that ordeal. Also I realize that I am probably one of many who asks questions like this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you "thank you" for setting us free in '45. Also I would like to thank you for liberating and bringing back my uncle Willem.(my godfather, sadly deceased in 2000) and uncle Piet (still alive and well). They were held prisoner in Germany. My uncle Jan (still alive and well) was freed by the red army. When I visit the Ardennes I always make the same remark: "Those young guys far from home just came to Europe and freed us all from the German tyranny. A lot of them gave their live in the process".

I visit the Ardennes about four times a year. If you like I can take photographs of certain places, memorials or cemeteries and send them to you. You just have to ask.

As I am not a native English speaker I hope that my letter/request comes to you as I meant it am very serious and sincere.

Goodbye and I hope to hear something from you.

Rick Rimmelzwaan
Zuiderstraat 23
2641 GW Pijnacker
Holland



RE: 4th ID Logo Influence

Tuesday I took my daughter to her chemo session. When I walked in carrying my 4th ID tote bag, a man was hooked up to a chemo bag and noticed the 4th ID logo on it and asked if I had been in the 4th ID. We had a long talk. It turns out he was with the 42nd Artillery in Vietnam 1966-1967. I got his address and thought it would be nice to give him a gift membership to the association for a year. So I signed him up. If he likes it and survives, he can re-new next year.

I would appreciate it if you can send him a copy of the September issue. I know it's an inconvenience on your part, but the September issue should give him an idea of what we're all about. The particulars are as follows: Mr. Tony Gagliani, 1904 E Mulberry, Apt 311, Angleton, TX 77515

Fourthfully,

Doyle Volkmer



RE: Fourthfully Yours

I am Lillian Snitkin Nadler, a Life Member of the 4' Infantry Division Assoc., by the fact that my former husband, Ruben Snitkin, was the National Treasurer for over 25 years. Ruben passed away in July, 1985. In those years the National Treasurer was not only the treasurer, but Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, and whatever the association needed in way of financial guidance. Of course many of the members today would not know Ruben or of him. There are a few Chapter Treasurers who are still active when he was in office.

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

paper. Needless to say that I am very proud of them, and wish them a safe return home in the near future.

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

Fourthfully yours,

Lillian Snitkin Nadler
9970-B Ligustrum Tree Way
Boynton Beach, FL 33436
(5617157512)



RE: Purple Heart Qualification

My name is Matthew I'm from Kansas City Mo. I just want to say I like your web site.

The reason I am emailing you today is I need some information? My dads twin brother was in A Battery, 5th. Battalion, 16th. Artillery of the 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam from Sept. 1966 to Sept. 1967. While I was in college I had to do a term paper on a soldier from the Vietnam War, so I talked to my Uncle about it. He told me everything from start to finish, friends, what the country looked like, the smells, what he did, medals he got and the battles.

While I was over at his house in MI. for his sons wedding I looked at his wall of pictures, medals and paper work, and a name the was scribbled on a peace of paper later I found out it was his best friend that died in his arms, well all of this was in a big oak frame over the fireplace. As I was looking at it, I noticed he did not have his Bronze Star or Purple Heart in there, so I just thought he did not put them in there. Well about 1 and half years ago

he came down here on vacation and to see the family. One day I had him all to my self so I asked him about the 2 medals that were not in his case and he sat me down and told me he was wrote up and even seen the paper work that he was to get the Bronze Star for saving his friend in the river months before his death. He saved him while being snipered at. He just said I never got it. Now the Purple Heart he was wounded while taking cover from a sniper attack and a punji stick tore into his left leg right under the knee cap, he said he was patched up and given a shot but could not be flown out so he just hopped around for a week on 1 leg.

Now my question is this, does a wound like that entitle him to get a Purple Heart? You see my Dad and I are trying to get him these 2 medals for him, but we are hitting walls here. He gave us all the names of the soldiers that were around and even officers too, places but not days does not remember that due to it was a long time ago, but told use the months which it happened. Now who do we write to about this? or at least try to see what we can do. Do we ask for officer's logs? After-action reports? I even wrote to St. Louis about paper work on soldiers that were to get medals but they sent a letter saying paper work on soldiers getting medals are all trashed at that time period, they say only paper from 1968 and on..... are there.

If you know any one we can write to about this please let me know. I'm very proud of my Uncle and all who went to Vietnam well thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Matthew
Bdcarnicom@aol.com

Editor's Note: For more information please see: <http://www.amervets.com/phmedl.htm> and click on "Go to the Application."



RE: Saving Specialist Gray

I am a former soldier and have a popular web site about military topics. This is one story that you may already know about. If not, please share with your group. It is the story of how 113 soldiers saved one of their own in 1-8th Infantry in Iraq. http://www.blackfive.net/main/2003/10/saving_speciali.html

Matthew Burden

Editor's Note: Readers of this item might be very interested in the web site. We found it quite interesting.



RE: Ralph E. Lingert Award

By Rick Adams

Ralph Lingert was the Financial Secretary of the 4IDA when I became an active member back in 1990. That was before we called it Executive Secretary. He did a great job, or so I'm told, and they named this award after him a few years ago, probably started it in about 1996 or so. Ralph died of cancer and Roger Barton took over the job from him, and held it until last year.

This year's recipients were Roger Barton, long time Executive Secretary, and Joe Motil, key player in a chapter in Pennsylvania, think it's the Lehigh Valley chapter. Joe is the guy who first introduced me to the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, I always give him credit for that.



RE: An Interesting Story

Dear Friends and Family, I hope that you will spare me a few minutes of your time to tell you about something that I saw on Monday, October 27. I had been attending a conference in Annapolis and was coming home on Sunday. As you may recall, Los Angeles International Airport was closed on Sunday, October 26, because of the fires that affected air traffic control. Accordingly, my flight, and many others, were canceled and I wound up spending a night in Baltimore. My story begins the next day.

When I went to check in at the United counter Monday morning I saw a lot of soldiers home from Iraq. Most were very young and all had on their desert camouflage uniforms. This was a change from earlier, when they had to buy civilian clothes in Kuwait to fly home. It was a visible reminder that we are in a war. It probably was pretty close to what train terminals were like in World War II.

Many people were stopping the troops to talk to them, asking them questions in the Starbucks line or just saying "Welcome Home." In addition to all the flights that had been canceled on Sunday, the weather was terrible in Baltimore and the flights were backed up. So, there were

a lot of unhappy people in the terminal trying to get home, but nobody that I saw gave the soldiers a bad time.

By the afternoon, one plane to Denver had been delayed several hours. United personnel kept asking for volunteers to give up their seats and take another flight. They weren't getting many takers. Finally, a United spokeswoman got on the PA and said this, "Folks. As you can see, there are a lot of soldiers in the waiting area. They only have 14 days of leave and we're trying to get them where they need to go without spending any more time in an airport than they have to. We sold them all tickets, knowing we would oversell the flight. If we can, we want to get them all on this flight. We want all the soldiers to know that we respect what you're doing, we are here for you and we love you."

At that, the entire terminal of cranky, tired, travel-weary people, a cross-section of America, broke into sustained and heartfelt applause. The soldiers looked surprised and very modest. Most of them just looked at their boots. Many of us were wiping away tears.

And, yes, people lined up to take the later flight and all the soldiers went to Denver on that flight. That little moment made me proud to be an American, and also told me why we will win this war. If you want to send my little story on to your friends and family, feel free. This is not some urban legend. I was there, I was part of it, I saw it happen.

Will Ross
Administrative Judge
US Department of Defense

"We can't change the winds but we can adjust our sails."

RED WARRIOR from page 15

Jerry Hollister and Norm Goodin for actions in Vietnam that had not been recognized. My comments to each then and again now is that I wish they could have been the real thing. The presentations were followed by talks by Jack Leninger, myself, and Col. Lay.

Following dinner, 1 SG Kenyon again spoke about the battalion and what it was doing in Iraq. This was followed with a presentation by Harry Dilkes on what the battalion had accomplished during its tour in Vietnam. When he finished, we all rose as one and applauded until the lights came on. Harry made us all feel proud, yet humble... proud of who we were and what we had accomplished, and humble for being Americans.

Following a short break, Ernie got us all back in the dining room and had Phil and his honor guard retrieve the colors. This brought the banquet to an end. With the cash bar dried up, we recovered the unit guidons, and headed back to the campgrounds.

Day 3: June 7th

The next morning many had to catch early flights, so the good-byes began right after breakfast. Max Wilk provided us with closing comments, and Col. Lay summed up everyone's feelings when he said that this had been a tremendous experience for him. I can't count the number of times I heard promises of return, or how great an experience the reunion had been and how they were not going to miss the next one. A couple of guys even went so far as to state that this had been the best thing to happen to them in the past 30 years. The bottom line is that if you read this and weren't

there, you really missed a very special event.

In the end though, all credit must be given to Harry Dilkes. This was his second reunion and if it wasn't for his dedication and devotion to the battalion, this wouldn't have happened. Single-handedly, Harry is responsible for one of the most rewarding and fulfilling weekends that I and many others who attended this reunion can ever remember. Throughout the reunion, Harry was constantly being recognized by all for his unselfish contributions and his unwavering dedication to making this reunion a memorable experience for all who attended. It is hoped that the numerous plaques and certificates he was presented will always serve as reminders to Harry as to how much we truly appreciate what he has done for us. I know I speak for all of us Harry when I say one more time, Thank you.

Annual 40th Tank Battalion Reunion

Seventy-eight veterans and guests attended the Annual Reunion of the 40th Tank Battalion at the Executive Inn, Riverfront in Paducah, Kentucky, July 24, 25, and 26, 2003.

These veterans of the 40th Tank served in Sullivan Barracks, Mannheim and later in Friedburg, Germany 1951/1953 when the 4th Infantry Division was a part of the US Seventh Army serving as Army of Occupation troops and NATO forces. The battalion dinner was held at the inn Saturday night.

It was noted during the reunion that the cease-fire in Korea was 50 years ago July 1953 and though the 4th division did not serve in Korea, it was a part of the US Cold War forces by serving in Germany during this time.

The 2004 reunion will again be held at the Executive Inn Riverfront in Paducah July 29, 30, and 31, 2004.

For information, contact Clarence L. Schmidt, 421 Meadow View, CT., Vandalia, Ohio 45377 (937) 898-5990.

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Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1947. Being 16 years old, my father thought the war would be over before he would be old enough to serve. He was wrong! The age for the war was lowered from 21 years to 18 years. My father was a sheltered, country boy, so this was very hard on him and his family when he got his “invitation” from Uncle Sam.

My father served in Company D of the 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Division, which was attached to the 1st Army. The First Army was the first unit to land and cross the Normandy beaches on D-Day. Not knowing it would be to their advantage, they landed in the wrong place due to the weather. Two hundred men were lost on Utah Beach. The Omaha Beach next to them was being slaughtered, and the other unit was totally unaware. The Omaha Beach Invasion lost about 4500 men! My father was not in the June 6th invasion; due to the heavy losses in this battle, he was one of the replacements sent in on D-Day plus 6. Another replacement, Hank Roussou, and my father became foxhole buddies. Reciting multiplication tables and the alphabet over and over at night helped my father relax some. Hank was a former carnival worker who continuously recited this silly rhyme: “O Red Reedy, O Red Hot, onion in the middle, and a pickle on the top. Looks like chicken; tastes like turkey, but it’s HAMBURGER!”

The first position my father had was as No. 3 ammunition bearer. He progressed to No. 2 mortar gunner and was able to get 15 rounds before the first shot hit the ground. According to my father, every new replacement wanted to be Sergeant. My father noticed that Sergeants didn’t last long. He said he never wanted to be a Sergeant, because he wanted to live. Continuing to tell this horrible story, my father further explained, “During some

A Special Tribute to my Father, James C. Lindsey

By Carolyn Parker

This tribute is only words, but it is a letter of “Thanks” to my father and all veterans who have been given the huge responsibility of providing freedom and safety for not only the United States, but many parts of this big World!

of the heavy shelling, the enemy would zero in and shoot every tree in half all the way around. It looked like a tornado had hit, and you couldn’t do anything! I’d move over a little, and then a shell would hit in the very place I had been! Must have been the Lord moving me.”

According to my father, the 4th Division spearheaded the battle of St. Lo in Normandy on July 25, 1944. This was a fierce battle, with the “whole earth shaking.” What made it worse was the fact the soldiers had been made to unload their weapons so that if someone panicked, they wouldn’t give away the location. With no ammunition in

their weapons, the American soldiers were pinned down when snipers started shooting at them! Shells were exploding all around, so my father furiously dug a foxhole while laying face down on the ground. (My father declines any offers of a return trip to Europe for fear he would have to fill up all the foxholes he had dug during the war!)

On one occasion, a foxhole was not the safest place to be. During some of the roughest shelling he had seen during a battle at St. Lo, my father dove into a nearby foxhole—right in on a German soldier! The German didn’t have a weapon, so he immediately surrendered to my father. This soldier was lucky. Being turned over as a prisoner got the German soldier out of the fierce fighting!

I think my father blocked out a lot of these memories because he was hard at work rearing a large family of 6 children. With a little more time in these latter years, he now talks about the war and remembers and is thankful for the support of his family, especially his sister (now deceased) Opal Purvis. Although just a box of crumbs when he got it, she would send cookies and fruitcake. He remembers how good those crumbs were! She watched over her baby brother the best she could and would write letters and quote Scripture in every letter. She sent him a Bible that had a metal plate over it to protect his heart. Somehow this bible got lost in later years, and my father said he hated that worse than anything he had ever lost. This proves the importance of support from home during time of war and conflict; this support often provides many years of later memories.

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James Lindsey, D-Day veteran, then and now. In both photos, note his proud display of patriotism; in 1945, his Army uniform; in 2003, his American flag tie and service lapel pin.

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al business meeting. The highlights of the business meeting were, the 2004 Chapter Reunion, will be held between the 7th and 10th of October, (note this is a change from the first weekend in October to the second weekend) at the Fremont Holiday Inn, Fremont, Ohio. The current Chapter Officers were re-elected with Roger Dearmyer being added as a Vice-President. The President reappointed Reverend Thompson as Chaplain and Dick Ceiker as Sgt at Arms.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report; a copy is available upon request. Sue Dearmyer and Lorraine Dunkel took charge of the Noon Pizza Party and ensured everyone had their fill of Pizza. President Skip Cole opened the evening's banquet with a warm welcome and Chaplain Reverend Richard E. Thompson gave the invocation. Following the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chaplain Thompson conducted the Flames of Remembrance Ceremony assisted by Harry Cracraft, Elmer Glenn, Mark Labbe, Harley Little, and Elmer Klaus.

During dinner Maestro Tony Morino played at the keyboard for our enjoyment and listening pleasure. Following dinner Skip introduced first timer Mark Labbe, A/2/35 Infantry, Past National Presidents Elmer Klaus, Leo Jereb and Joe Motil and their wives, as well as Al Jandl President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Before Chaplain Thompson gave the benediction, Skip thanked everyone for attending the reunion and donating such great prizes for the raffle. With the formal ceremonies completed, Becky Cracraft, Sue Dearmyer and Lorraine Dunkel did an outstanding job managing the raffle.

After an early Sunday morning breakfast it was time to say goodbye until next fall when the Chapter will re-assemble in Fremont, Ohio.

Attending the reunion were: Don and Mildred Barie, Lou and Mary Berus, Vic and Zoro Bonomi, Cliff and Ginny Burk, Dick and Doris Ceiker, Warren Coate, Skip and Marty Cole, Cecelia Cook, Joe and Mary Corcoran, Harry and Becky Cracraft, Tony Cymbola, Roger and Sue Dearmyer, Ray and Lori Dunkel, Elmer Glenn and daughter, Natalie Gubanic and Jim Missenda, Curtis and Juanita Hall, Al Jandl, Earl and Eleanor Jenkins, Leo and Marge Jereb, Kim and Sue Kadlowec, Al Kadlowec, Elmer and Stella Klaus, Sydney and Ruth Krause, Mark Labbe, Harley Little, Keith and Margaret McDougall, Joe Motil, George and Eleanor Peterman, John and Mary Savanick, George Soltysik, Rev. Richard and Betty Thompson and John Welsh.

Please keep the soldiers of our great division engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom in your thoughts and prayers. *Steadfast and Loyal!*

Please note: We rely on your support to perpetuate the memories and sacrifices made by those who have served in our great division. Your dues help meet this commitment. We count on you and continue to appreciate your support.

Life's Tip

What you sow is what you will reap. Sow love in others and love will come back to you. Be generous and others will be

generous toward you. Be rude and rudeness will be returned to you. Remember what you sow always comes back to you ten-, fifty- or a hundred fold.

Wisconsin Chapter

By Roger R Dufek

The Wisconsin Chapter reunion in Reedsburg Wisconsin was the weekend of 10/3/03 was a great success with a lot of work being done for the Branson reunion in July 2004. Don Kelby of the Mid-West Chapter joined us to make the final arrangements, now all that is left is for the Wisconsin and Mid-West chapters to show you a great time in Branson, the most Veteran friendly city in the USA. Please make plans early to attend and meet old friends and new.

Those attending the Fall reunion and helping plan the Branson Reunion were Terry & Char Weibel, Arlen & Nancy Bliefernicht, Amos Johnson & Doris Zache, John & Jean Endsley, Allan & Alice Fagley, Tom & Min Mohar, Bob & Pat Loonsfoot, Rich & Sandy Fear, Paul & Loretta Burritt, Roger & Linda Dufek, Don Kelby, Gary & Barb Powley, Tom & Evelyn Truesdell, Mike, Matt, & Sandy Grobelch, Joe Nett, Dave Gehr, Don & Meta Delamore, Claude Hockert, Ken & Cam Schmidt, Steve & Lois Thompson, Justen, Mike, Mckenzy, & Melissa Powley, and last but not least Steve Anderson USMC.

On Saturday we had our Flames of Remembrance Banquet where 2 names were drawn for the Wisconsin Chapter Amos & Betty Johnson Scholarships. Then it was time for our Ladies Raffle with many great prizes donated by the people in attendance, with all proceeds used towards donations made by the Chapter for scholarships and other veteran projects.

Thanks to all that attended and the Chapter Ladies for all the work on the Branson Reunion.

What Is Task Force Ironhorse?

By Bob Babcock

Task Force Ironhorse is made up of the approximately 16,000 soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Carson, Colorado – plus, an additional 10,000 soldiers from active army, National Guard, and reserve units from around the United States.

In addition to 4ID units, TF Ironhorse includes the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 555th Engineer Group, a large Artillery contingent out of Fort Sill, and all types of units from the National Guard and reserves from all over the United States.

Task Force Ironhorse, with its approximately 26,000 soldiers, has the resources needed to perform its mission in the three Iraqi provinces of its Area of Operations north of Baghdad. TF Ironhorse is commanded by MG Ray Odierno, the 4th Infantry Division Commanding General.

Book Shelf



This photograph of General John J. Pershing, Commanding Officer of the American Expeditionary Forces (usually referred to as the AEF) as the frontispiece of the 1920 book entitled, "The Fourth Division: Its Services and Achievements in the World War."

Below is the handwritten note found in the book under his picture:

"To the 4th Division and its Commander with sincere appreciation of their efficient and loyal service coupled with my very best wishes. June 19, 1919. John J. Pershing."



The 22nd Inf. Regt. Society

Army Reunion in San Antonio, TX

Thursday, October 23 – Sunday, October 26, 2003

By David Rothbart

The long flight from Pittsburgh to San Antonio was well worth the trip for Dorothy and me. The reunion of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society was delightful in so many ways. About 280 attended, including spouses. I was surprised at how many had read my book, "A Soldier's Journal," and sought me out to tell me how much they liked it. In past reunions we attended we did not know many people. This time we conversed and became warm friends with many more. Through the marvelous communication medium of email we will keep in touch and nurture the friendships. We will look forward to seeing them at future reunions.

Bill Andrews of Memphis TN drove down to San Antonio just to meet me. His father, David Andrews, had been in my Army unit. We shared the same barracks of Company E in World War II. We weren't buddies, but I looked at his photo and after 60 years I think I recognized him. Bill had researched his father's Army career and wrote a very interesting book about it. We enjoyed spending many hours with Bill.

Only about 15 of us were World War II veterans. Most were Vietnam War veterans. One of them, Peter M. Holt, co-hosted the reunion. Peter owns the San Antonio Spurs professional basketball team, winner of the 2003 NBA championship. We were all invited by him as his guests to watch the last pre-season basketball game, the San Antonio Spurs against the Houston Rockets. An elevator lifted us to the top of the stadium, which is lined with elegantly furnished rooms. There we helped ourselves to an abundance of hot gourmet dinner choices. Then we sat in deluxe box seats in the huge, splendid stadium. I had never seen anything like it. All by itself the stadium put on a major show, with music, flashing lights, chorus girls, athletic clowns. I asked Peter the cost of this showplace. "195 million dollars," he replied.

We did some sightseeing in San Antonio, including the famous River Walk. Everybody dressed up for the Saturday night banquet, emceed by our supremely articulate president, Bob Babcock. What I liked best about this reunion was the reaction to my book. The quality of the readership is as important to me as the number of books sold.

VA Funds Homeless Programs Nationwide

WASHINGTON (Oct. 8, 2003) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi today announced that for the first time in its history the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is providing grants to organizations that care for homeless veterans in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

"Just three years ago, VA supported 43 homeless programs that provided about 1,250 transitional housing beds in just 24 states," said Principi. "Today, we are providing grants to every state and the District of Columbia, supporting 8,200 beds operated by more than 250 programs. This historic achievement is a direct result of President Bush's determination to end chronic homelessness in America."

VA Increases Pay to MOH Recipients

WASHINGTON (Oct. 8, 2003) - Monthly federal payments to 136 living recipients of the Medal of Honor are rising 67 percent this month.

Since at least World War I, the federal government's agency for veterans - now the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) - has paid a monthly stipend to holders of the highest decoration for combat valor. Under the new rates, the payments will rise from \$600 monthly to \$1,000 monthly.

"This increase reflects in small part the thanks of President Bush and a grateful nation for the uncommon valor and bravery of these veterans," said VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi. "They are living examples of sacrifice, love of country and dedication to duty."

The increase was authorized by the Veterans Benefits Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-330), which also set up a formula for future increases in the Medal of Honor stipend based on the annual rate of inflation.

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

Name	Unit	Era
August 2003		
John T. Kelly	A/1/8 INF	1967 - 1968
Kenny Richardson	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Robert Ryan	C/1/22 INF	1969 - 1970
SSG Thomas S. Galvin	HHC/1/8 INF	Iraq
Tommy Baird	C/1/10TH CAV	1969 - 1970
Armando Lopez	124TH SIG BN	1968 - 1969
Edward F. Gray	A/3/8 INF	1967 - 1968
Ric Johnston	E/3/8 INF	1969 - 1970
SGT Michael Colasurdo	C/2/1 CAV	1968 - 1969
Paul E. Young	C/3/12TH INF	1970
Ralph Lloyd Wright	HHC/2/12 INF	1982 - 1992
BERNARD J. WILLIAMS	D/704/MAIN	1969-1970
Michael S. Mongeon	374TH RRC	1967 - 1968-
Danny Choate	HQ/6/29TH FA	1969 - 1970
September 2003		
Clarence Scott	E/1/8 INF	1968 - 1970
Harry N. Taddeo	DIV ARTY	1950 - 1952
COL Richard P. Muston	HHC/4TH ID	1999 - 2000Y
George J. Maguire	1/10TH CAV	1966 - 1967
Harry Carr	E/2/35 INF	1968 - 1969
Ralph Puckett	2ND BDE	1970 - 1971
SP4 Michael Fernbach	1963 - 1965	12/31/04
Herman Guzman	6/29TH FA	Vietnam
Michael S. Damme	4TH MP	1968 - 1969
Joe P. Bozarth	6/29TH FA	1969 - 1970
Larry D. Brainerd	6/29 FA	1969 - 1970
Ralph Hernandez	A/6/29 FA	Vietnam
James W. Kent	6/29 FA	1968 - 1969
Herrel B. Lewis	C/6/29 FA	1969 - 1970
Willard E. Robershaw	6/29TH FA	Vietnam
Robert F. Rowe III	C/6/29 FA	1967 - 1969
Darrell G. Waller	HQ/6/29 FA	Vietnam
Lynn R. Williams	C/2/20 FA	12/31/04
Jason S. Abbott	A/2/8 INF	1995 - 1998
Patrick J. Paczesny	HHC/3RD BRIG	1997 - 2000
October 2003		
J Emmett Finn	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Frank Wood	A/1/8 INF	Vietnam
Leonard Pete Jimenez	B/1/12TH INF	Active Duty
Lawrence Clayton	B/1/10 CAV	1967 - 1968
Randy H. Robison	1/10TH CAV	1999 - 2000
Gilbert M. Urdiales	A/1/10 CAV	Vietnam
COL Dan Shanahan	HQ 4TH DIV	Active Duty
Michael F. Browning	4TH ADMIN	1971
Doug Deltman	3/8 INF	1967 - 1968
Salvatore Finocchiaro	HHC/3/8 INF	1969 - 1970
Daniel L. Kindig	HHC/4/ENG	1979 - 1980
Warren A. Andrews	B/12TH INF	WWII
Jesse Hunter	4TH ENGR	Peacetime
George Kanelos	1/22ND INF	1966
Paul C. Mattson	C/1/22ND INF	1970
John P. Dunn	HHC/4TH DIV	1961 - 1962
Paul R. Brandt	D/1/14TH INF	1970
Robert Jacot	HHB DIV ARTY	1968 - 1969
Clarence E. Stewart	374/RRC	Vietnam
Steve Lemister	6/29TH FA	Vietnam
Frederick A. Leonard	6/29TH FA	Vietnam
John B. Maloch Jr.	C/6/29TH FA	Vietnam
Frank May	6/29TH FA	1966 - 1967
Charles F. Messmer	A/6/29TH FA	Vietnam
PHILIP C. STOTZ	6/29TH FA	Vietnam
LeRoy S. Grego	HQ/8TH INF	1954 - 1956
Randy Leatherwood	1/44 ADA	Active Duty

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

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**National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division webpage
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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.

- ☞ Old uniforms, insignia, etc. of World War II:
www.WWIIimpressions.com
- ☞ Story of how 113 soldiers saved one of their own in 1-8th Infantry in Iraq. http://www.blackfive.net/main/2003/10/saving_speciali.html. Submitted by Matthew Burden
- ☞ Those lost in Iraq "Hall of Fame": www.veteransalert.com (For Army, scroll down to bottom of the page.)
- ☞ Bob Babcock offers daily news bulletins from Iraq. Interested? Sign up! Babcock224@aol.com
- ☞ WWII Videos. Also, big selection of Viet Nam videos. (See: 4th ID, WWII-1950s, video-30 min.):
www.militaryvideo.com
- ☞ Long list especially for veterans: www.militarytours.com
- ☞ Cold War Certificates available. Application procedures and required documentation: www.coldwar.army.mil
- ☞ Positions available - Ballistic Missile Defense:
www.arnj.army.mil/missiledefense or call 1-877-GMD-1010
- ☞ Looking for a "comrade-in-arms"? Try: (1). www.switchboard.com or (2). www.superpages.com (click on "people pages") enter last name & State or 3. www.whitepages.com
- ☞ News of the war on terrorism & "Meet the troops":
www.defendamerica.mil
- ☞ World War I Soldier Info Available: www.great-war-casualties.com
- ☞ Check out World War II Posters:
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- ☞ Militaria Magazine: www.revive-it.com
- ☞ Normandy Vets: www.normandy1944.info
- ☞ Cold War Veterans: www.coldwarveterans.com
- ☞ 4th ID Re-enactors web site - United Kingdom: www.4thdivisionlhg.org.uk
- ☞ U.S. Army Human Resources Command, The Institute of Heraldry: <https://www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/tioh/tioh.htm>
- ☞ Info for Korea Vets: www.uskorea2000.org
- ☞ Extraordinary correspondence from American wars:
www.warletters.com
- ☞ National Military Appreciation Month: www.nmam.org
- ☞ WorldWide Militaria Exchange: United States Military Collectibles. Free catalog. www.wmmeinc.com
- ☞ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund: www.vvmf.org
- ☞ American Battle Monuments Commission: www.abmc.gov
- ☞ Vietnam Veterans Memorial: www.nps.gov/vive.index.htm
- ☞ WWII Major Richard Bong, America's Ace of Aces, P-38 Pilot:
www.bongheritagecenter.org
- ☞ Veterans' History Project. Find out how to record your oral histories and submit them to the project: www.loc.gov/folklife/vets
- ☞ Alpha Association A/2/12 Vietnam, 1966-1967 (Dau Tieng Base Camp): www.alphaassociation.org
- ☞ Veterans of the 2/12 Infantry Regiment in Vietnam, "Warriors":

www.212veterans.org

- ☞ 374th Radio Research Co. ASA (Army Security Agency):
http://www.geocities.com/374th_rrc/
- ☞ Classic Military Rings. Over 140 selections:
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www.soest.hawaii.edu/HURL/midget.html
- ☞ "Dispatches from the Front." Current reports on War on Terrorism, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom:
www.ausa.org
- ☞ 173d Airborne Brigade: www.173abnbde.setaf.army.mil/
- ☞ North Central Kansas Viet Nam Vets: www.facesonthewall.com
- ☞ Lest They Be Forgotten... a memorial to those lives lost defending the USA in our war against terrorism. Includes running list of names with matching photos: www.lesttheybeforgotten.org

Have you read....?

This small box will be a new feature to our regular "Book Shelf" reviews of new books authored by or written about the men and history of the "Famous Fourth" Division.

You can use it as a reference for books that have been reviewed in the past issues of *The Ivy Leaves*.

Please feel free to contribute ideas or titles you have read and enjoyed. Each title will stay on the list at least two editions of *The Ivy Leaves*.

📖 Title: "THE FOURTH DIVISION: ITS SERVICES AND ACHIEVMENTS IN THE WORLD WAR" By Christian A. Bach and Henry Noble Hall. Published 1920. Available only through rare book dealers. (Not reviewed by *The Ivy Leaves*)

📖 Title: "NO BELL FOR DAK TO" By Michael Umhofs. Reviewed: Mar 2000 ISBN1-877633-49-6

📖 Title: "CARL MELCHER GOES TO VIETNAM" By Paul Clayton. Reviewed: March 2001

📖 Title: "HELL IN HURTGEN FOREST" By: CSM (et) Robert S. Rush Reviewed Dec 2001

📖 Title: "WAR STORIES" By: Robert Babcock Reviewed: March 2002 edition.

📖 Title: "THE HISTORY OF THE 22nd INF. REG." By: Chaplain Bill Boice. Reviewed March 2002 edition.

📖 Title: "HISTORY OF THE 12TH INF. REG." By: Col. Gerden F. Johnson. Reviewed in March 2002

📖 Title: "TIME HEALS NO WOUNDS" By: Jack Leninger. Reviewed in June 2002 edition.

📖 Title: "THE PHANTOM OF BEN HET" By: John Lamerson. Reviewed Sep 2002

📖 Title: "A SOLDIERS JOURNAL" By: David Rothbart (22nd Inf. Reg.). Reviewed Mar 2003

📖 Title: "LIGHT RUCK" By: Tom Lacombe Reviewed March 2003

📖 Title: "MEMOIR OF A COLD WAR SOLDIER" By: Richard E. Mack, Col. Ret. Reviewed Jun 2003

📖 Title: "THE NAKED BLADE" By Tamara A. Taylor-Leigh. Reviewed Sep 2003. Visit www.Taylor-books.com to order.

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!!

CO. G, 2nd Battalion, 12th Regiment Reunion

By Johnnie B. Newton, Jr.

Company G held its 6th Reunion in 12 years; one every two years since 1993-1995-1997-1999-2001-2003. This reunion was our best one yet. We had 17 couples.

Like our last reunion it was held at Beach Colony, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. On Friday night we had dinner at Preston's Seafood Buffet. After dinner, we went to Alabama Theatre and saw a neat show. It lasted 3 hours. Everyone enjoyed it very much!

On Saturday night we had 36 people at our banquet at Beach Colony Resort, steak and all the trimmings. A great time was had by all. We are planning our next reunion at Beach Colony, Myrtle Beach, SC for September 2005. Every one will be notified of all events.

Following members were present (This was taken from a hand-written list, so please excuse any misspellings.):

Richard & Bea Turner - Washinton D.C.; Robert & Cybell Thompson - Greenville, SC; Alex & Barbara Tait - Suncity, AZ; Daniel & Pat Roy - Douglasville, GA; Alex & Lillian Bernardo - N. Hallen, CN; Albert & Mary Turner - Springfield, VA; John & Madlyn Cole - Cordovia, TN; Aubrey & Nell Church - Hampton, VA; Paul & Kathryn Clauk - Memphis, TN; Drek & Jeannie Casey - Waterloo, IA; Rowland & Joan Gagne - Blackstone, MA; Rita Trottier - Woonsocket, RI; Tom & Betty Jean Padgette - Caldo, VA; Johnnie & Helen Newton - Concord, NC; Billie & (?) Turner - Washington, DC; Robbie & Darla Turner - Panama Beach, FL; and 6 guests.

I want to wish all our G Co. members a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Your G Co. Buddy,
Johnnie B & Helen
Keep in touch, good luck & God bless you all.

TRIVIA FYI

The U. S. Department of Defense Office of the Actuary as of September 30, 2002 provides the following retirement data:

- Non Disabled Military Retirees: 1,619,695 Expenditures: \$31,755,023,000
- Temporary Disabled Retirees: 5,170 Expenditures: \$47,880,000
- Permanent Disabled Retirees: 88,478 Expenditures: \$1,214,457,000
- Reserve Retirees: 249,111 Expenditures: \$2,724,989,000
- Total Department Of Defense Retirees With Veterans Offset:
- Regular Retirees (20 -30 years of Service) 540,841
- Reserve Retirees (Active duty and Reserve duty service which earned retirement) with VA Offset: 12,449.

Carolinas Chapter Spring 2004 Mini-Reunion

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

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

Reunion Schedule

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

REGISTRATION FORM

Carolinas Chapter – 2004 Spring Reunion

Name: _____

Address: _____

Spouse / Guest Name(s): _____

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All of us in the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association extend our sincere sympathy to the friends and families of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

- ★ **ACOSTA**, Pfc. Steven. 19, of Calexico, Calif., died on Oct. 26 in Baqubah, Iraq. Acosta died from a non-hostile gunshot wound. Acosta was assigned to C Company, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.
- ★ **BRASSFIELD**, Spc. Artimus D. 22, of Flint, Mich. Brassfield was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, based in Ft. Hood, Texas. Died of wounds received from an enemy mortar attack in Samaria, Iraq, on Oct. 24.
- ★ **FAUNCE**, Capt. Brian R. 28, of Philadelphia, Pa., died on Sept. 18 in Al Asad, Iraq. Faunce was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson, CO. CPT Faunce had taken over the Bravo Company of the 1/12 Infantry back in June. Even though he was in 1/12 Inf., he was operating with the Task Force 1/68 Armor. He was very well liked by his soldiers and often respected for attention to detail. Faunce was moving in a Bradley fighting vehicle when his vehicle crossed under some low laying power lines. The soldier reached up and grabbed the lines and was fatally injured. A memorial service was given for him in Iraq and following are some quotes from the service: "He was the quintessential quite professional," LTC Aubrey Garner (1/68 Armor Btn. Commander). "Brian has passed on as an honored warrior," LTC William Shafer (1/12 Inf. Btn. Commander). "Brian once said no matter what happens today, we will go to bed better leaders tomorrow," 1LT Nathan Cook (Bravo Co. Exec. Officer, 1/12 Inf.). (Ed Note: CPT Faunce was Company Commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment. He had been in HHC, 3BCT. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and fellow soldiers).
- ★ **GRAHAM**, Fred. Passed away 15 Oct. 2003. Survived by his wife, Bernice. Served in WWII in Korea.
- ★ **GRAUWILER**, John F. 4th ID, Germany (1950-1952), Cold War era. Survived by his wife, Norma.
- ★ **GRAY**, Col. Farnum Moore. Died on July 10, 2003, in Charlotte, NC, where he had lived since 1952
His ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, October 24, 2003, at 3 p.m. At his death he was 90 years of age. He had served in the US Army for 32 years: 5 years on active duty during WW II and 27 years in the army reserves. During the Normandy Invasion, he was regimental supply officer of the 8th Infantry, 4th Division and landed at Utah Beach on D-Day. He participated in the remaining campaigns of the 4th Infantry Division during WWII. He was award The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, The Oak Leaf Cluster, The combat Infantry Badge, La Croix de Guerre and a unit citation. He was also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
- In his private life he had a 37-year career with Sealtest Foods where he served in many capacities and retired as the Operations Manager for the southern division of Sealtest foods in 1971. At that time he began his own business as a consultant and broker to the dairy industry. He was a past president of both the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers and the NC Tarheel Supplymen's Association. He was active in his church and taught Sunday school for a number of years. He was active in the Charlotte Civitan Club, the Charlotte Garden Club, and a member of the US Power Squadron where he taught celestial navigation. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mattie Mae Alderman Gray, of Charlotte, N.C.; as well as 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.
- ★ **GUITERREZ**, PFC Analaura Esparza. 21, of Houston, Texas, was killed on Oct. 1 in Tikrit, Iraq. Esparza Gutierrez was in a convoy that was hit by an improvised explosive device and rocket propelled grenades. Esparza Gutierrez died of her injuries. Esparza Gutierrez was assigned to A Company, 4th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.
- ★ **HALLING**, PVT Jesse M. 19, of Indiana. 401st MP, Ft. Hood. Killed in action on June 9, 2003.
- ★ **HUGHES**, Mr. James M. 400 Stablewood Lane, Lake Forest, IL 60045 of the HQ/8th Inf WWII. Submitted by: Bert Nicholson.
- ★ **KAPLAN**, Louis. Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 12th Infantry. Received the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations, November 1-November 30, 1944 by command of Major General Blakely. Deceased September 28, 2003. Thanks to Sara Weinberg.
- ★ **LAKY**, Robert J. Died on July 19, 2003. 310 E 19th St. Northampton, PA, 18067-1324. He served in WWII with C Co., 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry.
- ★ **MILLER**, Staff Sgt. Frederick L. Jr., 27, of Hagerstown, Ind., was killed on Sept. 20 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Miller was conducting a security patrol when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Miller died of his injuries. Miller was assigned to Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO.
- ★ **MORA**, Spc. Jose L. 26, of Bell Gardens, Calif. Mora was assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, based in Ft. Carson, Colo. Died of wounds received from an enemy mortar attack in Samaria, Iraq, on Oct. 24.
- ★ **NEUMEISTER**, Hubert C. 9957 Ciniti-Cols Rd., OH, 45241. World War II, B/42 FA. Died on July 25, 2003. Survived by son, Edward, and sister, Mary Honerlaw.
- ★ **NORQUIST**, Spc. Joseph C. 26, of San Antonio, Texas, who was killed on Oct. 9 in Baqubah, Iraq, while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Norquist was in a convoy that came under attack from rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Norquist was fatally injured in the incident. Norquist was assigned to the 588th Engineer Battalion, (2nd BCT, 4ID) Fort Hood, Texas.
- ★ **PELEGRINO**, Anthony A., Co F/ 12th Inf WWII, formerly of 4 Buttermilk Dr., New Windsor, NY 12553, died 12 August 2003 at home. He was 85. He is survived by a son, three daughters, three sisters, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Reverend Russell Gundlach officiated at Anthony's funeral service on Saturday 16 August 2003 following a wake in the Colom Funeral Home, New Windsor, NY, on Friday. His daughter, Patricia Esposito, may be reached at: 343 Quaker St. Walkhill, NY 12589. Anthony was active in numerous veterans' organizations in addition to being a generous member of the 4th Division Association. He was a much loved and respected leader of his company's Raider squad for the many successful patrols he led. His cheerful presence will be sorely missed, especially at the New England reunions. Submitted by Frank Bradley
- ★ **PIRTLE**, Spc. James H. 27, of La Mesa, N.M., was killed on Oct. 4 in Assadah, Iraq. Pirtle was in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle when an RPG struck his vehicle. Pirtle died of his injuries. Pirtle was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.
- ★ **POWELL**, Spc. James E. 26, of Radcliff, Ky., who was killed on October 12 in Baji, Iraq. Powell was killed when his M2/A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an enemy anti-tank mine. He died as a result of his injuries. Powell was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas.
- ★ **RADER**, Charles F., 79, Kansas City, KS, passed away September 15, 2003, at the V.A. Medical Center, Kansas City, MO. Mr. Rader was born July 21, 1924, in Kansas City, KS.

Mr. Rader was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a scout for the 4th Division, A company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry. While on leave in 1945, he married Juanita May Petzold. The couple lived in the Argentine district of Kansas City, KS, where they raised their two daughters. He retired in 1981 from Prince Howard Furniture Company, where he repaired and serviced furniture. Mr. Rader was a member of the Armourdale American Legion Post #188, the Strawberry Hill VFW Post #7026, the Teamsters, and the 4th Infantry Division Association. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Juanita Petzold Rader, daughters Alice Jenkins and Kathy Ensley, two sisters, two brothers, and four grandchildren. Submitted by Don Kelby.

★ **SJUMSKY**, Edward J. 4th Signal Company, WWII passed away October 1, 2003, Chicago, Illinois. Married 47 years to Gina Szumsky. Saw combat across Northern and Central Europe including landing at Normandy on D-Day, assisting the French in the liberation of Paris, meeting major German offensives in the Hurtgen Forest and at Luxembourg during the Battle of the Bulge, and crossing the Rhine into Bavaria during the final months of the war. Reached rank of sergeant and, among other medals and ribbons, received W/4 Bronze Battle Stars, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze Star. Also survived by two sons, Brian and Garry. Will be missed very much. Brian E. Szumsky (Edward's son).

★ **SMITH**, Baker S. Passed away 4 Oct. 2003. Survived by wife, Anna Rose, and four sons and two daughters. "M" Co. Executive Officer when he landed on Utah Beach, June 6th. John Abraham writes: "Smitty made it through the war as Company Commander and later as 3rd Bn. Executive Officer with rank of Major. Major Smith was an officer and gentleman, was well liked and respected by all of his men! Thanks to John Abraham (who was with Smitty on Utah Beach on June 6th) and to Dick Sullivan (Midwest Chapter Treasurer) for submitting this information.

★ **TEAL**, Capt. John R. 31, of Mechanicsville, Va., was killed on Oct. 23 in Baqubah, Iraq. Teal was in a convoy when an improvised explosive device exploded. He died of injuries sustained in the explosion. Teal was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

★ **THOMPSON**, Rachel K. K. wife of W.W. "Bill" Thompson, 12191 Clipper Dr., Lake Ridge, VA 22192, passed away on Aug. 25, 2003 from a heart attack. Bill served with E/2/12th Infantry Regiment during WWII. Both he and Rachel have been long-time Steadfast & Loyal Capital Chapter members who attended almost all National and Chapter Reunions for many years. Rachel will be missed by all who knew her. Submitted by Roger S. Barton.

TURNER, Raymond L. 12th Infantry (Anti-Tank

Co.) WWII. Passed away 26 Oct. 2003. Survived by his brother, John, and two stepdaughters, Denise and Joy. Thanks to MG Charles Barrett.

★ **WHEELER**, Spc. Donald L. 22, of Concord, Mich., was killed on Oct. 13 in Tikrit, Iraq. Wheeler was searching for a possible improvised explosive device when his unit came under attack from a rocket-propelled grenade. He died as a result of his injuries. Wheeler was assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. (Editor's Note: DoD reported this as A/1-22 but that was incorrect).

★ **WICKESBERG**, Charles "Chuck" H. (Spotswood DeWitt Chapter). Age 57, of 7552 Forest Court, Lake Tomahawk, WI, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at his home after a brief battle with a rare cancer.

He was born Jan. 29, 1946. Chuck was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1965 and underwent training at Fort Lewis with the 6th Bn, 29th FA followed by deployment to Vietnam with the battalion where he served in combat with H/S Battery as an RTT Operator. He married his high school sweetheart, Helen Heinze in 1968. Helen was his loving wife for 35 years. After Vietnam, Chuck became a carpenter, and was self-employed for many years. Chuck was a life member of the VFW and the American Legion, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Spotswood DeWitt Chapter of the National 4th Infantry Division Association and the Disabled American Veterans Organization. Chuck we will miss you. Please be our Advance Party and prepare a place for us who will follow. Submitted by John and Nancy Kaye.

★ **WIRES**, Ralph M. Passed away at 90 on July 21, 2003. He served in Co. G, 8th Infantry, WWII. He was a member of the Northwest Ohio Chapter. P.O. Box 153, 1872 S. Washington, Tontogany, OH. He had a WWII army jeep lead the funeral procession. He was predeceased by his wife, Edna. Submitted by daughter, Patti Wires.



Ralph M. Wires' funeral procession was led by this WWII jeep on July 21st of this year. Ralph was part of "G" Company, 8th Infantry during the war. He was 90 years of age at the time of his passing.

★ **WYATT**, Pfc. Stephen E. 19, of Kilgore, Texas, was killed on Oct. 13 in Balad, Iraq. Wyatt was in a convoy that was hit by an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He died as a result of his injuries. Wyatt was assigned to C Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, OK. The 19-year-old grew up in Kilgore and enlisted in the Army on his 18th birthday, his stepmother, Lilmah Wyatt, told The Associated Press. He met his wife, Kelly, while they were stationed together at Fort Sill, and they married nine months ago, the Associated Press reported. "I want everybody know he was a hero, that he died doing what he wanted to do," Lilmah Wyatt said.

★ **OELLER**, Roland L., Sr. Passed away on Aug. 13, 2003. He served in K Co., 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, WWII. 309 Worton Rd., Baltimore, MD 21221-3026. Wife: Doris

Three soldiers were killed in an ambush by small arms fire and rocket propelled grenade, on Sept. 18 in Tikrit, Iraq. Killed were:

★ **THOMPSON**, Sgt. Anthony O., 26, of Orangeburg, S.C.

★ **GANADO**, Spc. Richard, 20, of Ganado, Texas

★ **WRIGHT**, Spc. James C., 27, of Morgan, Texas

The soldiers were assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed on July 20th when vehicle was hit by an RPG.

★ **JORDAN**, SGT Jason.

★ **GARVEY**, SGT Justin W..

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and his family applied the labels and sorted all of them by zip codes so the shipment would qualify for a lower postal rate.

Leo has often recalled the friendships he made with vets of the first "world war" while he reported on their activities.

Leo recently said: "Gerden Johnson and Frank Bradley gave me valuable advice during my tenure as Editor for which I'll always be grateful and I still have in my files letters of appreciation and encouragement which kept me going!" But on September of 1978 Leo was released from his job as Editor much to his surprise. The Editor's job then went to Frank Bradley. His sadness of not being Editor any more was soon to be erased when he was nominated and soon elected as President of the Association at the 1979 reunion in Washington, D.C.



It has been a busy couple of months for me having attended the National Reunion at Ft Hood Texas and our A-1-8 Chapter reunion in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. At the 4IDA National Reunion, the Executive Board, Finance Committee and the membership in attendance, approved a new fee schedule for the Paid for Life Membership program. The new fees are significantly higher than the old program. There are several reasons for this. Members are living longer, which is a good thing, and these dollars are kept separate from the general fund. In order to keep the fund self sufficient to support the yearly chapter and national rebates, the higher entry fees are required for new members of the Paid for Life program. Both the new and old fees, listed in accordance to the age bracket are as follows:

Age	New Fee	Old Fee
00-39	\$384.00	(\$260)
40-44	\$358.00	(\$245)
45-49	\$336.00	(\$230)
50-54	\$311.00	(\$210)
55-59	\$284.00	(\$190)
60-64	\$259.00	(\$155)
65-69	\$221.00	(\$115)
70 & over	\$200.00	(\$65)

I know there are questions about why the new fees are so much higher than the old. And in comparison to other Veteran's organizations, they seem high. I have some of the same questions. What I don't have is many of the answers. I can't say how other organizations determine their fees or how they manage their funds. All I can say is this fee schedule is what was determined to be necessary to support the Paid for Life Program of the 4IDA. If you want to take advantage of the Paid for Life membership program, an application can be obtained directly from me. Payments may be divided into four consecutive monthly payments. Purchasing a Paid for Life membership not only relieves you from having to pay yearly dues, it also saves your Chapter time and money. It is a commitment to the 4IDA which will be much appreciated.

As of January 1, 2004 those members who have not paid their dues will be dropped from the mailing list and will not receive any further Ivy Leaves Please examine the mailing label on this issue and check the upper right hand corner.

We had a great A-1-8 Chapter reunion in Lake Tahoe with upwards of 50 people in attendance. It was extra special for me with my assistant M60 machine gunner from 1969, Harold Proctor, in attendance. Harold and I were a machine gun team for most of 1969 and had not seen each other for over 33 years. Since this was the first reunion he has come to, he had a lot of trepidation about coming, not knowing what to expect. But he gave it a chance and drove all the way out to Lake Tahoe from his home in Maine. I think it was good therapy for both of us to sit down and talk about our experiences, look at pictures and rebuild our relationship. I know it was a positive experience for me. Hopefully, it was for Harold also!

Our dues are starting to come in from a few of the chapters and I urge all of our Chapter Treasurers to push to get their dues collected prior to the end of the year. As of January 1, 2004 those members who have not paid their dues will be dropped from the mailing list and will not receive any further *Ivy Leaves* Please examine the mailing label on this issue and check the upper right hand corner. If the date there reads 12/31/03 it means that your membership expires on that date. If you see that date and have not yet sent in your dues, then please do so

immediately.

I want to add a thank you to the Chapter Treasurers who take the time to alphabetize their dues submissions to me. I know it is a pain but it reduces errors and saves me a lot of time when I am updating the 4IDA database.

I was fortunate in having a relative of one of our A-1-8 active duty soldiers in Iraq, contact me and present me with an opportunity to send greetings in the Christmas boxes being prepared for shipment to Iraq. Hopefully, it will work out so that each of the 180 packages contains a 4IDA Brochure with a membership application, a letter from our A-1-8 Chapter President, Don White, and a T-shirt from our Chapter Secretary, Ken McCormack. We are hoping to generate interest in the 4IDA within these newest 4th Infantry Divisions Veterans. As an association, we need to figure out how to contact and interest all active duty 4th Division soldiers in becoming members of the 4IDA.

As we enter the holiday season let us all pray that our Armed Forces finish the mission, stay safe and are brought back home to their families.

4thfully, Greg Rollinger

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