

E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

Supporting Veterans, Soldiers and Friends of the 4th Infantry Division Since 1919

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July 4, 2025

Happy Fourth!



107th National Reunion – 2025

Deadline to Register for the National Reunion – Friday July 11, 2025

Deadline to Reserve Hotel Rooms at the Antlers – Thursday, July 17, 2025



2025 National Reunion will be held at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs / Fort Carson August 11-16, 2025. The Antlers Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs features spacious meeting and banquet facilities, multiple in-house restaurants, and a 24-hour pool and fitness center. Sleeping rooms are offered at \$149/Night with complimentary Self-Parking and Wi-Fi included.

Click on the **2025 National Reunion Information** link below to access the Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) Reunion registration forms and to make your sleeping rooms Reservations direct with the Antlers Hotel. You can also see who has already registered on the AFR reunion page.

[2025 National Reunion Information](#)

Chapter Events

The **Mid-West Chapter** will be holding a chapter meeting on **Tuesday, August 12th from 4 to 5 PM** in the Stratton room at the Antlers Hotel during the 2025 National Reunion in Colorado Springs.

The **Redlegs Chapter** will be holding a chapter meeting on **Tuesday, August 12th from 7 to 8:30 PM** in the Stratton room at the Antlers Hotel during the 2025 National Reunion in Colorado Springs.

The **Ivy Dragoons Chapter** will be holding a chapter meeting on **Tuesday, August 12th from 4 to 5 PM** in the **Boardroom** and a chapter dinner meeting on **Wednesday, August 13th from 5 to 9 PM** in the Carson room at the Antlers Hotel during the 2025 National Reunion in Colorado Springs. You must preregister for the dinner using the 2025 National Reunion registration form.

The **A-1-8 Chapter** will be meeting **September 22 – 26** at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno Nevada. Rooms are \$159, all inclusive, and a very full entertainment itinerary is planned including a day in Historic Virginia City and a visit with Mark Twain in his 1861 newspaper office as well as Chapter elections

4th Infantry Division's new Leaders



Major General Patrick J. Ellis, incoming commander of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, speaks to the audience during the division's change of command ceremony at Founder's Field on Fort Carson, Colorado, June 18, 2025. MG Ellis expressed a commitment to leading with integrity and promised to uphold the Ivy legacy. MG Ellis previously served in key leadership roles across the U.S. Army, including as commander of the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, with multiple deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. *(U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Jonathan Reyes)*



Command Sgt. Maj. Waylon D. Petty, incoming command sergeant major of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, shakes hands with attendees after the division's assumption of responsibility ceremony, June 12, 2025, at Fort Carson, Colorado. Soldiers and staff from across the installation congratulated Petty on his new role. Command Sgt. Maj. Petty previously served in leadership positions with the 4th Infantry Division, including as a platoon sergeant who deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Command Sgt. Maj. Petty expressed deep gratitude, a commitment to leading with integrity, and a promise to uphold the legacy of the 4th Infantry Division while prioritizing the welfare and readiness of its Soldiers and Families. (*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Isaiah Mount*)

4ID History – July Key Events

4 July 1918 – Troops of the 4th Division's 39th and 58th Regiments marched through the thronged streets of Paris to receive the salute of the deeply grateful French people.

12 July 1944 – 4ID Assistant Division Commander and D-Day Medal of Honor recipient, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. died of a heart attack, just a day after being named to command the 90th Infantry Division.

14 July 2003 – Two bronze statues of Saddam Hussein on horseback, at the entrance to his palace complex in Tikrit, were taken down with explosive charges by the 555 EN GRP, part of TF Ironhorse. Portions of those statues were used to create the 4ID Iraq Monument that currently stands at Fort (Hood), TX.

21 July 1966 – The 2nd Brigade of the 4ID, made up of 1-12 IN, 1-22 IN, 2-8 IN, 4-42 FA, and attached units, left Fort Lewis, WA, aboard two troop ships, the USNS Walker and the USNS Pope, to begin the division's four-and-a-half-year deployment to Vietnam.

22 July 2009 – The 4ID uncased their colors at Fort Carson, CO, beginning their second tour calling Fort Carson their home – the first time was from December 1970 to December 1995.

25 July 1944 – As part of Operation Cobra, and following a massive aerial bombardment, the 4ID spearheaded the breakout from the Normandy hedgerow country as they led the St. Lo breakout.

Consult your Ivy Calendar for more daily history of the Division.

4ID OIF Memorial Fort Cavazos, TX

The cover page story in the 2025 Spring/Summer Ivy Leaves detailed the major repairs underway on the Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Memorial at Fort Cavazos, Texas. We are pleased to share these new pictures of the progress of the restoration of the Memorial.





AUSA

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

This month we will celebrate the two-year anniversary of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Associations' **"Association Partnership"** agreement with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

The AUSA's Association Partnerships is an opportunity for like-minded military service organizations to join AUSA to show their support for the total Army, our Soldiers, DoD Civilians, and their families and to provide AUSA membership benefits to all of their constituents.

The Association of the United States Army is a nonprofit educational and professional development association serving America's Army and supporters of a strong national defense. AUSA provides a voice for the Army, supports the Soldier, and honors those who have served in order to advance the security of the nation.

Founded in 1950 as a nonpartisan, educational nonprofit, our growing association strengthens the bond between Soldiers and the American people, promotes the military profession, and enhances ties with industry.

Ivy Matters

Attention Chapter Officers: Please ensure the Executive Director, Don Kelby, has a copy of your chapter's Bylaws in his records. If your Chapters Bylaws need updating, or you cannot locate a copy, we have templates you can use to update or create new Bylaws. We will be discussing this at the National Reunion in August, please confirm with Don before the Reunion.

National Officer Positions – Contact National President Rick Adams or Nominations Committee Chairman, Jerry Bumpus if you have an interest in serving in an Elected or Appointed position with the Association. We have two National Officers to elect for a one-year term, and we are looking for a National Secretary who would be appointed by the National President, and serve on the Executive Board.

Chapter Treasurers: If you need updated chapter rosters, contact the Executive Director.

Remember to check your member status and membership expiration date on your *Ivy Leaves* mailing label. If you need help confirming your information, contact the Executive Director.

E-Ivy Leaf Newsletters: If you know of a topic, an issue or an event that would be appropriate to be included in a future *E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter* or *E-Ivy Extra*, send the information to admin@4thinfantry.org for consideration. Thank you.

From The President



The 107th National Reunion deadlines are fast approaching. The Deadline to Register for the National Reunion is **Friday July 11, 2025**, and the Deadline to Reserve Hotel Rooms at The Antlers is **Thursday, July 17, 2025**.

Use the convenient links on the website and submit your Reunion registrations to Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) and make your sleeping rooms Reservations with the Antlers Hotel and complete your plans to attend the August Reunion.

We have a great reunion in store for you and it will be good to be back home with the Ivy Division again. The Division has new leadership

and we need to show our support for the great legacy of the 4th Infantry Division.

Enjoy your July 4th celebrations with whatever you decide to do on this day.

As always, Steadfast & Loyal,
Rick Adams, National President

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2025 Spring / Summer Ivy Leaves

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AUSA Member Partnership

In case you missed or want to see a previous issue of the ***E-Ivy Leaf***, you can find past issues on the 4IDA website 'Members Only' section under the *E-Ivy Leaf* tab.

Download and print this **Membership Application** to recruit a new member or update your member information. Membership applications are always published inside the back pages of every *Ivy Leaves* magazine.

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