

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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107th National Reunion a Huge Success!



4ID Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Ellis and the Division Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Waylon D. Petty are pictured (front and center) with Veterans and guests of the 107th National Reunion of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association, in front of McNerney Hall the Divisions Headquarters, August 14, 2025. (4th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office Photo)

We owe a great deal of thanks to so many people who made the 2025 National Reunion in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson, Colorado so special. The Antlers Hotel proved to be a perfect venue for our events. The tours on Tuesday and Wednesday included stops at the Garden of Gods Park and the Dragonman's museum. Both tours were exceptional.

Thursday our on-post day could not have been better. Thanks to Cerise Casey and her staff in the Fort Carson Protocol Office for arranging to sponsor the buses for easy post access. Then, having a copy of the above group photo taken at McNerney Hall for each Veteran at the end of the tour just capped off a perfect day.

Learning about the Soldiers' new and improved equipment, the command brief, seeing all the places where our troops are serving, the EST training simulators were especially fun and both static displays by DIVARTY Division Artillery and the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team were outstanding and the troops who joined us for lunch could not have been more welcoming and engaging.

The senior leaders of the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division and Fort Carson, Colorado, Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Ellis and the Division Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Waylon D. Petty and their wives were so gracious with their time and making the Banquet on Friday so memorable and our visit to Fort Carson so special. Special thanks to MG Ellis and CSM Petty who helped present the newly designed Ralph E. Lingert Service Award Medallions to past recipients in attendance.

Congratulations to Richard A. Blackaby, a Cold War Veteran and the 2025 recipient of the Ralph E. Lingert Service Award. Rich has been an avid supporter of the Association, a longtime leader of the Ivy Division chapter and a community volunteer.

The 4ID Band who performed at the Banquet were amazing as always, and thanks go to Sgt. Morgan who coordinated their participation. The Color Guard were so professional and precise in their handling of the colors at the Banquet. Thanks go to SSG Worrell who led the sharp looking group. They made the Friday evening event one to remember.

4ID History – September Key Events

1 September 1967 – Operation MacArthur began in Vietnam. This was the 4ID's longest operation of the war, running from 1 Sep 67 to 31 Jan 69.

3 September 1966 – PFC Albert Collins, C/1-22 IN, was the first 4ID KIA in Vietnam when hit by small arms fire while operating in the hills south of Tuy Hoa.

5 September 1944 – After three months fighting across France, the 4ID crossed into Belgium, in hot pursuit of the retreating Germans.

10 September 2003 – Operation Ivy Focus, targeting specific former regime loyalists, began.

11 September 1944 – A patrol from the 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division crossed the German border, the first American Infantry unit to cross into the German Reich. For the remainder of the month of September 1944, the 4ID fought German fortifications in the Siegfried Line.

12 September 1918 – The 4th Division, along with other divisions of the First American Army, launched the St. Mihiel offensive.

25 September 1966 – 4ID Headquarters arrived in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, where they would stay until 7 December 1970.

26 September 1918 – The 4th Division attacked in the first phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

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

Chapter Events

The **Western States Chapter** will be holding its annual chapter reunion at Harvey's, Lake Tahoe, Stateline, Nevada from **Tuesday, September 16 to Friday, September 19, 2025**. The banquet and Flames of Remembrance ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, September 18, 2025. Please contact the hotel directly for room reservation at [800-455-4770](tel:800-455-4770) and use the group code which is S09WSC5. The room rate is \$160.00. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the 4th

Parkway, Bettendorf, IA, 52722, easily accessible via I-80, I-74, I-88 and several major state highways and Quad Cities International Airport (MLI).

Sleeping room rate \$99/night (\$126.55 inclusive of fees & tax)
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Ivy Matters

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 currently have two openings for National Appointed Officers - the **National Vice President-War on Terror** and the **National Secretary** who both 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



I'm still on a 'High' from the 2025 Reunion, what an amazing time to be back with the Ivy Division again. We worked hard to get back there after the disappointments with Covid and cancelling previously scheduled reunions. This one made up for that.

As I enter the final year of my two-year term as your President, which will complete my third term as President, there's important work still to be done, but I'm pleased with where we are as we get this Association ready for the next generation of Ivy Veterans; because, we have two key players now in place who will ensure a smooth transition; they are Senior Vice

President, Ray Rocho and the new Vice President of Communications, Gary Ladd. These two guys with over sixty-years of military experience added to our already great staff of elected and appointed officers will get us where we need to be in the future.

We have two other important positions to fill to round out the full executive staff, the National Vice President-War on Terror and the National Secretary. We are looking for individuals who want to take ownership of these positions and see this organization prosper and expand. If that's you, contact me.

I hope you can enjoy your Labor Day Holiday with family.

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