

# ***E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter***

## **National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association**

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

WWI – WWII – Cold War – Vietnam – Iraq – Afghanistan – War on Terror

January 1, 2026

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## **Happy New Year!**



FORT CARSON, COLORADO

4th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

### **4ID implements next phase of NGC2 at Ivy Sting II and III**

An AH-64 Apache assigned to the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, provides aerial coverage during 4ID's Ivy Sting II command post exercise, on Fort Carson, Colorado. Ivy Sting II and III highlighted simulated wargaming and leveraged the Next Generation Command and Control (NGC2) ecosystem, which seamlessly integrates software applications, infrastructure, data, and transport into a unified operational architecture.



A Ghost Unmanned Aerial System surveys the operational environment during the 4th Infantry Division's Ivy Sting Command post exercise on Fort Carson, Colorado. Ivy Sting II and III facilitate testing the Next Generation Command and Control (NGC2) ecosystem. (U.S. Army photos by Sgt. William Rogers)

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# 4ID History – January Key Events

**7 Jan 2006** – MG James D. Thurman, CG of 4ID assumed command of Multi-National Division–Baghdad (MND–B) from 3ID, marking the official start of the 4ID's second deployment to Iraq.

**15 Jan 1968** – The Medal of Honor was earned by SP5 Dwight Johnson, tank driver with B/1-69 AR.

**17 Jan 2003** – MG Ray Odierno received orders to deploy the 4ID and TF Ironhorse to Iraq, to attack from the north, through Turkey.

**18 Jan 1945** – 4ID attacked across the Sure River, toward the Siegfried Line, to recapture the territory lost during the Battle of the Bulge.

**19 Jan 2007** – MG Jeffery Hammond took command of 4ID from MG (P) James D. Thurman to become the 55th CG in 4ID history.

**27 Jan 1967** – The Medal of Honor was earned (posthumously) by SP4 Donald Evans, medic with A/2-12 IN.

**31 Jan 2009** – The extremely successful Iraqi provincial elections were held, the first elections since 2005. Violence was virtually non-existent, a great end to the fifteen-month deployment of 4ID.

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

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## Our Mission Statement



The mission of the National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association is to organize the Veterans, Soldiers and Friends of the Fourth Infantry Division of the United States Army to:

- Support our soldiers currently serving around the world, honor and perpetuate the memories of the officers, men and women who distinguished themselves by their past service and sacrifices while serving with or attached to the Fourth Infantry Division.
  - Unite and promote fellowship for the good of the membership through our Reunions, Publications and Website to document the achievements of the Fourth Infantry Division.
  - Assist in the relief and special needs of our membership and the education of their children to the betterment of American patriotism and American citizenship, and to promote the national defense.
  - Encourage historical research of wars, to acquire and preserve the records of the service of the members, as well as documents and relics, and mark the scenes of the activities of the Fourth Infantry Division with appropriate memorials and/or monuments, and celebrate the anniversaries of prominent events of our country's wars and conflicts.
  - Foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and at all times to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
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# 2026 National Reunion

## 2026 National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

108th National Reunion – August 2–8, 2026



In 2026, we are going to the heart of the Mid-West to the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River which is made up of the riverfront cities of Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa, and Moline, East Moline and Rock Island in Illinois.

We'll be at The Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, Iowa a multi-faceted destination located at 1800 Isle 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)

*"Thank you for your service"* 20% discount at all Isle food outlets

The Isle Casino Hotel and all Waterfront facilities are linked via indoor, climate-controlled skywalks. Free wireless Internet throughout entire property and hotel towers. A 24-hour executive fitness center heated indoor pool and hot tub, 24-hour nonstop casino gaming action, multiple on-site food outlets, and bars, ample free, open and covered self-parking and free valet parking. Minutes away from popular family attractions, historic points of interest, professional golf courses, artisan breweries and wineries, restaurants, fast food, bars and live entertainment.

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## Ivy Matters

**National Officer Elections – All (4) National Elected Offices will be up for election at the 2026 National Reunion.** To include: The National President, the National Senior Vice President, the Vice President–Communications, and the Vice President–Finance. 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* or the Ivy Calendar 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](mailto:admin@4thinfantry.org) for consideration. Thank you.

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## Chapter Events

**The Carolinas Chapter** will hold its 2026 Spring Mini-Reunion at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Spartanburg, South Carolina Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, 2026. All 4IDA members are welcome to join us. The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel is located off Interstate I-26 Exit 19B and Business I-85 Exit 2C. Traditional King and (2) Queen Guestrooms are \$109.00/night (w/out Breakfast). Rates do not include taxes (currently 13%). Self-Parking is complimentary. Reservations may be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at [864-707-4700](tel:864-707-4700) or the direct booking link available on the 4IDA website. Last Day to Book : Wednesday, April 01, 2026.

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## Important 2026 Dates

**February 15, 2026** - Deadline to submit copy and information to be included in the 2026 Spring/Summer *Ivy Leaves* magazine.

**April 15, 2026** - Deadline to submit nominations for the 2026 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award.

**May 1, 2026** - Deadline to submit copy and information to be included in the 2026 Mid-Year *Digital E-Ivy Leaves*.

**June 15, 2026** - Deadline to submit Applications and Patriotic Essays for the 2026 Legacy Educational Scholarships.

**July 6, 2026** - Deadline to Register for the 2026 National Reunion with Armed Forces Reunions, Norfolk, VA.

**July 24, 2026** - Deadline to make Hotel Reservations for the 2026 National Reunion with the Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, Iowa.

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## From The President



A very Happy New Year!

It's a time for New Year's resolutions and setting personal goals. Consider doing something to support this Association, make a donation to a 4IDA cause you support, attend a Chapter or National meeting, send a card or visit a friend. Your membership and friendship matters!

Here are some dates to get on your 2026 calendar: **April 15, 2026** - Deadline to submit nominations for the 2026 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award. **May 1, 2026** - Deadline to submit copy and information to be included in the new 2026 Mid-Year *Digital E-Ivy Leaves*, and **June 15, 2026** - Deadline to submit Applications and

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I look forward to seeing you this Year!

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

## Resources

[2025 Fall / Winter Ivy Leaves](#)

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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.

[Membership Application](#)

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