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Army Expands Next-Generation Command and Control (NGC2)



MG Pat Ellis, Commanding General 4th Infantry Division, addresses the AUSA annual Meeting. Story by Karli Nelson

The Army is pushing prototypes of Next-Generation Command and Control, the service's top modernization priority, to the division level, the commander of the 4th Infantry Division said.

"If you're not sure if the Army is serious ... we'll prototype an entire division," Maj. Gen. Pat Ellis, said. "We're not just going to have a soldier touch point for a couple of days and then walk away from this. We own the solution."

Next-Generation Command and control enable commanders to make better and faster decisions to outpace adversaries. As the division continues to integrate evolving technology, soldiers can adjust the technology and troubleshoot through their hands-on experience, Ellis said, citing the division's use of the artillery execution suite, which utilizes artificial intelligence-enabled targeting software.

"The big lesson learned is we'll take" emerging technology, Ellis said.

"We don't need it to be perfect."

Ellis, who most recently was director of the Next-Generation Command and Control Cross-Functional Team, said soldiers want to utilize emerging software and improve upon it. "The team is hungry for that" because soldiers "feel like that's the best approach for us," he said.

The division is embracing apps and software that is "intuitive," so soldiers can adopt new technology quickly. "The technology we're building, the applications that we're building, are massively, massively intuitive," Ellis said. During testing, "the software showed up, and seven hours later," soldiers were "ready to use it live with minimal training. That's what we're asking for. In fact, our soldiers are demanding this."

The future fight will require leaders to distill large amounts of data and targets quickly, Ellis said.

"With the volume of stuff that's going to roll in, you've got to empower commanders to make better and faster decisions. You've got to help them process and figure out what is important," he said. "How do you go from target detection" to engaging targets "as fast as possible? We're on the verge of breaking through that in some really interesting ways."

2026 National Reunion

The 108th National Reunion will be held August 2-8, 2026 at The Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, a multi-faceted destination scenically situated on the Mighty Mississippi River, at 1800 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa, easily accessible via major Interstate highways and the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI). See the complete reunion information in this Ivy Leaves and on our website.

Hotel Reservations Cut-off Date is Friday, July 24, 2026.

Reunion Reservations Cut-off Date is Monday, July 6, 2026.

Tours and Events – we will be offering several excellent tours to include: the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and tour of the Lock and Dam system on Tuesday; a 4-Hour themed Lunch Cruise aboard the Celebration Belle on Wednesday, and a combination tour of the Cinnamon Ridge Dairy Farm Tour and the World's Largest Truck Stop on Thursday.

The Ivy Dragoons Chapter will be having a private chapter dinner on Wednesday evening. The R & R Dinner and Dance will be on Thursday evening. Friday we will have our Business Meetings, and the Ladies will have Brunch and Bunco party, Friday evening we will have our Flames of Remembrance Banquet and keynote address, the 2026 Ralph E Lingert Service Award presentation, the Educational Scholarship winners will be announced, and we will hold the Quilt Raffle. Come and enjoy your reunion!



FROM THE EDITOR...

John Harris



Greetings Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 Spring/Summer Edition of the Ivy Leaves. This issue contains all the details for the 2026 National Reunion at The Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa in the Quad Cities.

Save this issue for future reference as it contains the latest listing of National and Chapter officers, Scholarship Applications, and dues renewal and donations forms. As always, your comments are welcome and any suggestions to improve the magazine are appreciated.

This is also the first Magazine using a new publishing team of Dittmer Design and Intellicor Communications. They have been publishing our annual calendar for several years so they are very familiar with our Association.

This year we will be adding a new Mid-Year Digital Mini-Ivy Leaves to be circulated by email in PDF format. Watch for it!

Feel free to contact me at johncarolharris@gmail.com or 636-390-3863.

Steadfast & Loyal
John Harris
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'Ivy Leaves' Deadline

Deadline for submission of information for the next issues.

May 1, 2026 is the deadline for the Mid-Year Digital Edition.

October 1, 2026 is the deadline for the Fall / Winter Edition.



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Written suggestions are welcome and should be sent to John Harris, Ivy Leaves Editor, at 3 Rustic Hills Estate, Washington, MO 63090, or ivyleaveseditor@gmail.com. Send all monetary contributions to the Executive Director.

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Dear Members and Friends,

As I enter the final stretch of the second year of my two-year term as your President, leading up to new elections that will take place at the 2026 National Reunion in August, I'm very thankful for all the support I have received during this third term as your President.

This issue of the Ivy Leaves represents a new era as we transition to a new team to publish the printed Ivy Leaves magazine. We look forward to working with the team of Dittmer Design and Intellicor Communications who have been publishing the Annual Calendar for us and are very familiar with the Association. Another change this year will be the addition of a Mid-Year Digital Ivy Leaves, setting the stage for more digital communications in the future.

The Reunion Committee has been busy preparing for the 2026 National Reunion which will be held August 2-8, 2026 at The Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, Iowa. With the hotel is scenically situated on the Mighty Mississippi River in the Quad Cities, we have planned events taking advantage of this great location. This year's hospitality room will be run by the Reunion Committee and volunteers. We will be supplying complementary snacks and drinks to include beer and wine, water, and assorted soft drinks, no hard liquor will be served in the hospitality room.

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.

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We have two important appointed National Officer Positions to fill to complete 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.

We would like to thank the many donors for their generosity in support of the 2026 Ivy Calendar fund raising project. This year's calendar donations have outpaced previous years and will benefit the Educational Scholarship Fund, and remember the other needs of the Association with your donations. If you would like to sponsor a Memorial Wreath to be placed on one of our Monuments in France on Veterans Day or D-Day, a \$150 Donation will cover the cost of one wreath, or you may sponsor a Memorial Wreath for the 4ID Arlington National Cemetery Monument for a \$250 donation. Thank you for all your generosity.

April 15, 2026 is the deadline to submit Nominations for the 2026 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award to the Executive Director. See the requirements and procedures in this Ivy Leaves.

May 1, 2026 is the deadline for submission of information to be included in the Mid-Year Digital Ivy Leaves, the first Digital only issue of the Ivy Leaves.

June 15, 2026 is the deadline to submit applications and patriotic essays for the 2026 Legacy Educational Scholarships. Applications are published in this Ivy Leaves and on the website. The 2026

Patriotic theme essay topic is: "What does being a citizen of the United States mean to me?"

As we have been reporting and planning, we will be transitioning to all-digital communications over the next year. The printed Ivy Leaves magazine will become available by digital PDF on the website, in the E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter's 'Resources Section', or by email request. So, collecting accurate email addresses from the remaining members who do not have good emails in their profile will be a priority in 2026.

We understand there may be many reasons you may not want to share your email address with the Association. Most people, including myself, have multiple email addresses: for work, for personal use, for internet purchases, and making on-line reservations. Why not have one for use with the Association, if that's an issue for you. "Stay in the Loop".

If you are not receiving the E-Ivy Leaf Newsletters, or the AUSA's Soldier Today and ARMY magazine by email, we probably don't have a good email address for you and you're not making full use of your benefits of membership. You can help us out tremendously by making sure the Executive Director Don Kelby has your current email address.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in the Quad Cities next August for another memorable National Reunion.

As always, I remain
Steadfast & Loyal,
Rick Adams, National President
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don Kelby



Fellow Ivy Members,

Our website is up and running and doing well. So, if you are coming to the new website for the first time, you must set your password with your email address and follow the instructions. The new site has the added convenience of Auto-Renewal. No more trying to remember your expiration date. Visit the FAQ page for more information. *If your email address has changed, you will need to contact the Executive Director or Webmaster to have your membership records updated. In the not-too-distant future, The Ivy Leaves will be digital only. Please keep your email addresses current and updated.*

If you change your physical address, you must send an update to me so I can update your record. Every time mail is forwarded by the printer, we are subject to an extra charge by the U.S.P.S. In our current mailing of the calendar, there were 92 changed addresses and 7 bad addresses. Please keep your snail mail and email addresses updated.

Please remember that even though all Vietnam Veterans have been granted a free life membership, donations to one of our programs are always greatly appreciated, as well as donations for our calendar.

If you are a yearly dues-paying member, please renew your membership when it comes due. I hate to drop anyone for non-payment of dues.

As I have said many times before, this is YOUR Association; it is up to us to ensure we remain Steadfast and Loyal not only to ourselves, but to your families, our Veterans, and our country in general.

As we get older, many of our members decline in physical health as well as mental health. Please keep an eye on each other. Periodical checks may be a life saver for us.

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The 108th reunion will be in the Quad Cities area. The host hotel will be the Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, Iowa August 2-8, 2026. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone. Please try to attend. You never know who you might run into.

I had set up a meeting of the Army Divisions Association in that area a few years ago and I can tell you that it was an amazing place to visit. The tours will be great, and I am sure that everyone will enjoy it.

If you receive word that a member has passed away, please notify me so I can recognize them and set my records straight. I have just finished another push to make sure my records are up to date with our WWII members, and I am anxiously awaiting their responses to the letters I sent.

As I have said before, we are at an age where you never know when your time will come. As we are reaching that inevitable time, I encourage everyone to reserve their spot in our national Cemetery if that is where you wish to be buried. The cemeteries are filling up, and they predict that in the future, some will be unable to accept more residents. I was granted my reservation on May 8, 2017. It is free so do it while you can and save your loved ones the hassle of making those final plans themselves. It is one thing less they will have to worry about. Go to www.cem.va.gov. Look at the Obituary section of this issue to see how many of our fellow members have passed away.

However, no matter what happens in the future, as Ivymen and Ivy women, we will always remain STEADFAST AND LOYAL. Be

steadfast in knowing we have been through tough times before and we will support and defend our fellow soldiers, past, present, and future.

As I have said many times before, your Executive Board is made up strictly of Volunteers. If you have suggestions or problems, please feel free to contact us. Please do not let a problem or concerns fester; bring it to our attention. We may not be able to solve every problem; however, we will do our best. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please feel free to do so. We are always willing to let our up-and-coming Ivymen and Ivy Women charge forward with the Association. Whether you are a Male or Female member, you will be welcomed with open arms.

I am in my 19th year as Executive Director and once again, I want to thank everyone for their continued support not only of me, but also of your Chapter Officers as well as the National Officers. It is through our love of the 4th Infantry Division that we do these jobs. If I can be of any help, please feel free to email me at 4thidaed@swbell.net. If you call and I don't answer, leave a message, or I will not call you back.

I know it sounds cliché, but we are all in this together. We have been through tough times before and we can get through this together also. WE WILL NOT BE DEFEATED.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Please do not send jokes or other non-association-related links.

Humbly submitted,

Don Kelby

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The *E-Ivy Leaf Newsletters* and *E-Ivy Extra Bulletins* distributed by email since 2020 provide timely updates and information to members on a more regular basis and supplement the published Ivy Leaves magazines. To-date we have issued more than 125 *E-Ivy's* that each go out to over one-thousand members. In addition to providing timely updates, the *E-Ivy's* are a precursor to our plans of transitioning to more digital communications over the next one to two years, as we have been reporting. 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



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Your Membership Matters!

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If you responded to Don's letter with your email address and would like to take full advantage of the features of the new website, we can send you instructions on how to set up your online account without having to re-purchase a membership. Contact the Executive Director for the details.

If you are having trouble with your Login or need any other assistance, use the 'Contact Us' link on the Home page – choose the 'Webmaster' or 'Executive Director' category and send your request or problem, include your name, address and chapter to expedite your request, we will respond shortly.

Call for Nominations 2026 Ralph E. Lingert Service Award



The Ralph E. Lingert Service Award represents the highest award that can be given by the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association. It is a lifetime achievement award named in honor of Past National President and Financial Secretary Ralph E. Lingert. It shall be presented annually to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association members who is deemed to have shown the type of devotion to duty and Steadfast and Loyal dedication to the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association that was found to be synonymous with the name Ralph E. Lingert. The recipients will be announced, and the award presented at the National Reunion banquet each year.

Qualifications

- Candidate must be a member in good standing for a minimum of three years immediately preceding his/her nomination.
- Past recipients may be nominated.

Nominations

- Any member of the Association in good standing may nominate a candidate.
- Any Chapter (with the concurrence of the Chapter President) may nominate a candidate.
- Nominations must be in writing outlining the candidate's outstanding accomplishments as to the development, perpetuation and service to his/her Chapter and/or the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association.
- Each member and/or Chapter may only make one nomination per year.
- Nominations must be mailed or E-mailed to the Executive Director, for review and selection by the Executive Board. All nominations must be received by April 15th each year.

Selections

- The Executive Director will submit all valid nominations to the Executive Board for review. The Executive Board will select the recipient from the valid nominations received. Any member of the Executive Board whose name is placed in nomination shall exclude himself/herself from the entire selection process. Selection of the recipient must be made by June 1st each year, or a minimum of 30 days prior to the National Reunion (whichever is sooner).

Ralph E. Lingert Service Award Past Recipients

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| 1997 Earl H. Kohlberger | 2006 Tallie J. Crocker | 2016 Glen A. Armstrong |
| 1998 James D. Roan | 2007 Gerry W. Howard | 2017 Richard W. Bolin |
| 1999 Francis X. Bradley | 2008 Gregory A. Rollinger | 2018 Philip M. Menendez |
| 2000 Rev. George W. Knapp | 2009 Raymond H. Dunkel | 2019 Bert C. Nicholson |
| 2000 Richard A. Sover | 2010 David H. McNerney | 2019 Albert Ekstrom |
| 2001 Paul E. Brunelle | 2011 Richard J. Adams | 2020 Jerry N. Bumpus |
| 2001 Gerhard O. Gramp | 2012 Roger R. Dufek | 2020 Richard J. Adams |
| 2002 Elmer J. Klaus | 2013 Raymond A. Harton | 2021 Stephen N. Edmunds |
| 2002 Leo S. Jereb | 2013 D. Bruce Gass | 2022 Donald E. Kelby |
| 2003 Roger S. Barton | 2014 Donald E. Kelby | 2023 Charles A. Cole |
| 2003 Joseph E. Motil | 2015 Alexander J. Cooker | 2024 Albert E. Downs |
| 2004 Robert O. Babcock | 2015 Michael P. May | 2024 James A. McCarthy |
| 2005 Wayne A. Brown | 2016 Herbert Shore | 2025 Richard A. Blackaby |

Call for 2026 Elected Officers Nominations

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

108th National Reunion

The Isle Casino Hotel - Bettendorf, Iowa

August 7, 2026



The following four (4) officers shall be elected and installed at the 2026 National Business Meeting, Friday August 7, 2026: National President, National Senior Vice President, National Vice President–Communications, and National Vice President–Finance.

The National President and National Senior Vice President shall serve a term of two (2) years. All other elected and appointed officers shall serve a term of one (1) year, or until duly relieved. The election cycles will run from the National Reunion dates to the next National Reunion dates.

Nominees for election will be recognized at the first business meeting, voting, and swearing in of new officers will be done at the 2nd business meeting. Each regular member of this Association in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meeting.

1. To be qualified to hold a national elected office, a member of this Association must have served with or been attached to the Fourth Infantry Division and have been authorized to have worn the Fourth Infantry Division shoulder patch. To be qualified to hold the office of National President or National Senior Vice-President, a member of this Association must have been a member thereof for at least three (3) years and have successfully served in a national elected or appointed position or have served as an elected officer of a chapter of this Association.
2. The qualifications to hold the office of National Senior Vice-President outlined in Paragraph 1, shall be waived for War on Terror veterans (Active-Duty Service since 9-11-2001) who have thoroughly demonstrated their leadership skills through their recent service to the Fourth Infantry Division. Candidates who potentially meet such requirements shall be nominated, or may apply, for those positions in sufficient time for the Nominating Committee to confirm that the nominee or applicant has a sufficient and satisfactory qualifying record of service with the Fourth Infantry Division.

The following officers shall be appointed by the newly elected President and serve on the Executive Board: The Executive Director, National Treasurer, Vice President–Vietnam/Cold War, and Vice President–War on Terror, Judge Advocate, and National Secretary. The Immediate Past National President shall also serve as a member of the Executive Board, for a total of (11) eleven members.

Other Appointed offices and Committee Chairman will be appointed by the newly elected President. A complete list of requirements and responsibilities for all Elected and Appointed positions and Committee Chairmanships can be found in the Constitution and Bylaws on the website ‘About Us’ page.

If you have an interest in any of these positions, contact the Nominations Committee Chairman, Jerry Bumpus, (573-647-7601) ivyvet69@yahoo.com, or National President, Rick Adams.



Membership is Our Strength
It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to become eligible to join



2026 Educational Scholarships



Two types of Educational Scholarships are available from the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Scholarship Trust: the **E.R. Smith Memorial Scholarship** and the **Legacy Educational Scholarships**. By applying for Educational Scholarships, you agree to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Trust. The number of scholarships and the dollar amount awarded each year will be determined by the committee based on the Scholarship Trust Fund balance. Applications for both types of Educational Scholarship may also be downloaded from the 4IDA Website.

E. R. Smith Memorial Scholarship: shall be awarded to the child, children, stepchildren or legally adopted child or children of those soldiers of the Fourth Infantry Division who died while serving with the Fourth Infantry Division in Iraq, Afghanistan and/or the War against Terror since September 11, 2001. Membership in this Association is not a condition precedent for application for a Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility to receive a Memorial Scholarship ends at age twenty-five (25). **Requests for Memorial Scholarships may be submitted at any time annually using the E. R. Smith Memorial Scholarship Application request form and attach documents that confirm your eligibility.** The E.R. Smith Memorial Scholarship Application may be downloaded from the 4IDA Website's Scholarship page.

Legacy Educational Scholarships: shall be awarded based on Patriotic themed essays submitted by the applicants. The Scholarship Committee will use a blind judging process to select the top essays from all entries. Applications for Legacy Educational

Scholarships must be emailed prior to the June 15th deadline each year using the current years' application form and attaching your Patriotic themed essay in 250-to-500-words in Microsoft Word format to the Scholarship Committee Secretary, Philip Menendez at pmenendez6@comcast.net. The current year's Legacy Educational Scholarship Applications may be downloaded from the 4IDA website Scholarship page or may be found in The Ivy Leaves.

The Patriotic theme for the 2026 Essay is:
"What does being a citizen of the United States mean to me?"

Legacy Educational Scholarships Award Criteria:
a) A regular member of this Association in good standing may apply for a scholarship for his or her child, children or stepchildren, legally adopted child, or children and/or grandchild, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren.
b) To be eligible to receive a Legacy Educational Scholarship, applicants must be a high school graduate and enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student to an accredited college, university, or postsecondary vocational/technical schools within the United States.
c) Regular members submitting winning applications must provide written proof, from the applicable institution, of the student's acceptance or current enrollment to the Scholarship Committee secretary by December 15th of the year the scholarship was awarded. Failure to submit such written proof in timely fashion shall result in withdrawal of the scholarship. **All Applications for Legacy Educational Scholarships must follow the Scholarship Committee's guidelines. Incomplete Legacy Educational Scholarship Applications will not be considered.**

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Don Kelby
P.O. Box 1914
St. Peters, MO 63376-0035

Name: _____

Old Address: _____

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New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Effective Date: _____



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Division Association.

Registration information
on page 15.

2026 Legacy Educational Scholarship Application

Sponsoring Member: _____ 4IDA Chapter: _____

Sponsoring Member's Email _____ Phone _____

Student's Relation to Member: _____

Student's Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Name of the College, University, or Postsecondary school to which the scholarship would be paid:

_____ To the Attention of: _____

Address/City: _____

Your Major or course of Study: _____ Your graduating class year: _____

The 2025 Patriotic theme essay topic is: **"What does being a citizen of the United States mean to me?"**

Scholarship Awards of up to \$1,000 will be offered in 2026 to winning essays.

Submit your 250-to-500-word essay in Microsoft Word format in an email attachment to the Scholarship Committee Secretary along with your completed application.

In the email subject line put: **2026 Legacy Educational Scholarship Application**

In the body of your email: **Tell us about yourself, interests, sports, hobbies, and future goals**

In the event you are selected to receive a Legacy Educational Scholarship award, we require a recent photo be sent to the Scholarship Committee Secretary for publishing with your Bio in our newsletter.

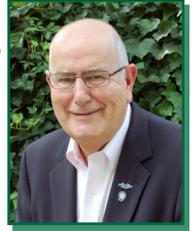
Attach this Application and your Essay in separate attachments to the email. You will receive a confirmation from the Secretary that your information has been received.

By submitting this Application, you certify that you are the sole author of the attached essay.

Signature of Applicant

Date

One entry per student - Must be received by June 15
Email completed Application form and Essay to: pmenendez6@comcast.net
Philip Menendez, Scholarship Committee Secretary



22 Years Ago – A Few Words from Bob – OIF1 Welcome Home

The past week has culminated one of the most memorable years of my life – only my year in Vietnam stands out more than the one we have just lived through from March 2003 to April 2004. And it has been a great week for me personally. If you will bear with me, I'll give you my personal reflections on the events of the past week.

Jan and I flew to Dallas and drove down to Fort Hood. Our first stop was at the 4ID museum. Our timing was perfect as **they were physically installing the Iraq monument statues as we drove up**. It was great to stand there and watch the volunteers do the work and marvel at how they have transformed an empty spot of ground into such a beautiful monument since my last trip to Fort Hood less than a month ago. I salute those great volunteers.

Wednesday started with a meeting with **MG Ray Odierno and his wife, Linda**, in his office. They were gracious hosts. That meeting ended as the practice for the Colors Uncasing ceremony started.

At noon, I started a marathon interviewing session that lasted until 5:30PM, to kick off my 4ID/TF Ironhorse History in Iraq project.

As I wrapped up my last interview, the PAO told me that the last flight from Iraq had just landed and the troops would be at Starker Gym shortly. I quickly picked up Jan at our quarters and drove her over to experience what I had been privileged to experience back in March. Neither of us were disappointed, the excitement and emotion were as strong for this last group of returning Soldiers as it was for the first ones who came in. SSG (Ret) Mack was as enthusiastic as ever and the Star Spangled Banner was as touching as the first time I heard it.

The big Welcome Home Ceremony day started with my attendance at a

Purple Heart ceremony with my old company, **B/1-22 Infantry** where **SGT Gary Dowd** was presented the Purple Heart for major wounds he received in Iraq. You can imagine how happy I was to be there with my old company that I had served with so many years ago, even though the ceremony is not one any of us like to attend.

Over 60,000 Soldiers and family and press were on and around Cameron Field for the Colors Uncasing Ceremony at 10:00AM. From our front row seat between the wives of the 4ID CG and CSM and the 1st Cav CG and CSM, Jan and I had a great view of the ceremony. Little did I know that the reason we were seated so close to the front was that after the Colors Uncasing was completed, MG Odierno presented me with the **Commanders Award for Public Service**. It caught me totally by surprise and I must say that at that point, my pent-up emotions from the last year started to come out – I cried like a baby while he was pinning the medal on me. It is an honor I will never forget and will always cherish, second only to my Combat Infantryman's Badge from Vietnam.

As promised, I spent most of the rest of the day hanging around the Gazebo outside the 4ID museum and met many of the Soldiers and family members who are regular readers of these updates. Jan and I cannot describe how much we enjoyed this and how much we loved meeting you and talking to you. I was surprised at how many Soldiers had been reading the updates that their family had forwarded to them in Iraq. We will also treasure the gifts that many of you gave us.

My day ended with a fun 30 minute live co-hosting spot on the local Killeen PBS TV station as they summarized the activities of the day at 7:00 PM. It

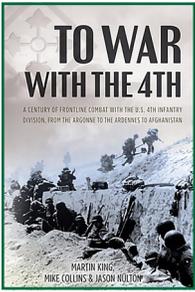
was fun to sit next to the professional announcer and play TV reporter.

Friday started with a breakfast meeting with the scout platoon leader of 1-22 Infantry and his parents (I'm still friends with LTC (Ret) Chris Morris and his parents). I had met him prior to his departure for Iraq and had become good friends with his parents over email the past year – we had an enjoyable chat over breakfast. We had hardly left breakfast when it was time to join the lady writing "The Ladies of the Ironhorse" book, along with her husband and others, for lunch. That was another great time that ended in the middle of the afternoon. The day ended with us attending a platoon party for **3rd platoon of B/1-67 Armor** (thanks Trish and John Aaron – still friends with them also). Jan and I both loved hearing all the war stories from Soldiers and wives and family members – another great day.

This is being written as we fly home. We are tired but very happy Americans. We met with the commanding general, colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, specialists, and privates – with spouses, parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends. We loved every experience.

The 4ID (and all military) is a Family of American Patriots. Those who served on the front lines, those who supported them in uniform, and the Family and friends who continue to support all American Veterans are a unique breed of Americans. While many don't have a clue, we all understand that "Freedom Isn't Free."

Bob Babcock – Past President and Historian, 4IDA – Steadfast & Loyal

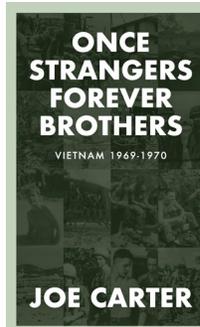


To War with the 4th: A Century of Frontline Combat with the U.S. 4th Infantry Division, from the Argonne to the Ardennes to Afghanistan. By: Martin King (Author), Jason Nulton (Author), and Mike Collins (Author).

www.amazon.com/War-4th-Martin-King

The 4th Infantry Division has always been there in America's modern wars. On 14 September 1918, the men of the "Ivy" Division stood up in their trenches and prepared to attack. It would be one of the first times that American troops would operate autonomously, aside from Anglo-Franco command. In World War II on D-Day they scrambled ashore across the sands of Utah beach and remained fighting in Europe until Hitler was dead and Germany had surrendered. From the Normandy campaign to the hell of the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge, no other American division suffered more casualties in the European theater than the 4th, and no other division accomplished as much. In Vietnam they would execute precarious "search and destroy" missions in dense jungles against a determined and resourceful enemy. They experienced a series of major engagements that would entail 33 consecutive days of vicious, close-quarters combat in the battle of Dak To in 1967. For their actions in Indochina they would receive no less than 11 Medals of Honor. They fought in Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein, and in May 2009, at the height of Operation Enduring Freedom, the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan for a 12-month combat mission. They operated in the birthplace of the Taliban along the Arghandab River Valley, west of Kandahar City, a place often ominously referred to as "The Heart of Darkness." The 2nd Battalion 12th Infantry Regiment saw heavy combat throughout. Through firsthand interviews with veterans, across the decades, and the expert analysis of the authors, the role of one of America's mainstay divisions in its modern conflicts is in these pages illuminated.

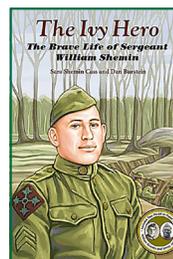
Once Strangers, Forever Brothers is a gripping, first-hand account of one young soldier's journey from a Missouri farm boy to a combat veteran in the jungles of Vietnam.



At just eighteen, Joe Carter enlisted in the U.S. Army, knowing the war would likely send him halfway around the world. Over fourteen months in 1969-1970, Carter served with the 4th Infantry Division, enduring relentless patrols, sudden firefights, monsoons, deadly wildlife, disease, and the constant threat of ambush. Along the way, strangers became brothers-men bound by shared hardship, fierce loyalty, and the will to survive.

Told with unflinching honesty, Carter's memoir captures both the adrenaline and the agony of life in the field: from harrowing helicopter insertions under fire, to long nights on listening posts, to the small joys of a letter from home. His story honors the courage, sacrifice, and enduring bond of those who fought beside him-many of whom never made it home.

For readers of *Matterhorn, We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*, and *13 Months in the Jungle*, this is a powerful, personal portrait of the Vietnam War you won't forget. Available on Amazon.



The Ivy Hero is the true story of Sergeant William (Bill) Shemin, child of immigrants, an American soldier who fought in World War I. Dedicated, fearless, and brave, he was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in 2015.

After serving in World War I in the Ivy Division, Bill Shemin used the ivy plant as the logo for his tree and plant business. And "steadfast and loyal" was how he lived his life. He passed along his values of patriotism, education, close family ties, and hard work to three children and 14 grandchildren.

Available on Amazon / Ivy-Hero-Sergeant-William-Shemin

N4IDA takes PRIDE!

Something our Association can be very proud of. We probably have more memorials all over the World than any other unit or Division. The list is long beginning with Arlington National Cemetery. Millions and millions from all over the World have seen it. Others include National Infantry Museum at Ft Benning, Ft Hood, Ft Lewis, and in France. The list is long and continues to grow.

I have several CDs available of the mini dedication and the formal dedication of the Arlington National Monument.

Contact me to receive a copy:

Gerry Howard at
howie46a@gmail.com



TO ORDER A FLAG OR FLAGS:

The Ivy Division Chapter has a supply of the very popular 3x5 4ID Flags available!

To request a Flag – Contact Rich Blackaby, Ph. 951-218-1980
Email: rgdlife4me@aol.com

The flag is available for a \$25.00 donation each plus add S&H \$8.00 each: Total for one flag \$33.00.

Make your donation payable to: IVY Division Chapter.

Mail to: Rich Blackaby,
2566 Chimayo Drive,
Colorado Springs, CO 80911

NATIONAL 4TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

108TH NATIONAL REUNION | AUGUST 2-8, 2026

THE ISLE CASINO HOTEL BETTENDORF

1800 ISLE PARKWAY, BETTENDORF, IA, 52722



The 2026 National Reunion will be held at **The Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf**, a multi-faceted destination scenically situated on the Mighty Mississippi River, at 1800 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa, easily accessible via I-80, I-74, I-88 and major state highways and the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI).

The Quad Cities are located on the Mississippi River and is made up of the riverfront cities of Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa, and Moline, East Moline and Rock Island in Illinois. The area is just a 2-1/2 hour drive from Des Moines Iowa, Chicago Illinois, Madison Wisconsin, 4 hours from St. Louis, Missouri and 5-1/2 hours from the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Use the 1800 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa address in your GPS, to get to the North Tower of the complex where our room block and meeting space is located. When you approach the property go past the parking garage to get to the North Tower.



Hotel guest rooms' group rate is \$99/night (\$126.55 inclusive of fee & tax) without breakfast included. "Thank you for your service" 20 percent discount at all Isle food outlets. The Hotel will offer the group rate up to three days before and after the event, and after the reservations cut-off date, rooms will be accepted based on availability.



All Isle Hotel and 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. NOTE: The hotel does not offer airport shuttle service.

Hotel Reservations Cut-off Date: The cut-off date for reserving rooms in the Room Block is **Friday, July 24, 2026**. Individual reservations may be made by calling 800-843-4753, using the code **N4ID26** to receive the group rate. A unique direct reservations link will be available on the 4IDA website.

Armed Forces Reunions (AFR) will be collecting registrations, running the group tours, the registration desk, and event meals. AFR will coordinate most everything except the ladies' run raffles as in past years and Friday's banquet will use assigned seating as in the past, using the Banquet sign-up Seating Chart available at the Registration desk. The Registration desk will be your Help Desk for any questions

AFR Reunion Reservations Cut-off Date: All reunion registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before, **Monday, July 6, 2026**. Send the amount payable to: **Armed Forces Reunions** in the form of check or money order. After the cut-off date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. See the AFR Registration form for full details.

All Reunion Registrations Forms should be sent directly to **Armed Forces Reunions, 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510, Attn: 4th Infantry Division Association** or completed Online via AFR's reservations link. There is a 4.0% convenience fee added to registrations paid by credit card.

AFR Tour Requirements: There is a thirty-five (35) person minimum requirement in order to proceed with most tours. The Group must meet a seventy (70) person minimum in order to secure a second motorcoach. In the event of a number's shortfall, AFR will refund those registrants beyond the capacity of one motorcoach and place these people on a wait list based on their date of registration.

St Croix Hospitality Room: This year's hospitality room will be run by the Reunion Committee and volunteers. If you are willing to help with these duties contact Linda Dufek. We will be supplying complementary snacks and drinks to include beer and wine, water, and assorted soft drinks, no hard liquor can be served in the hospitality room.

Quad Cities on Your Own activities: You'll want to take advantage of some of the local attractions on your own. The **Channel Cat Water Taxi** is your ticket to a fun and scenic ride on the Mississippi River. With Stops at the Riverbend Commons, the **Isle Casino Hotel**, the Village of East Davenport - Lindsay Park and John Deere Commons. Whether you're commuting, exploring or just out for an adventure, we make getting around easy. Visit www.channelcatqc.com for a complete schedule.

The **John Deere Pavilion**, located just across the river in Moline, Illinois has free admission to one of the Quad Cities top tourist attractions, where you can experience the machines, history and innovations of John Deere with hands-on fun for everyone! Come discover how John Deere forges the cutting edge every day.



GROUP TOURS AND EVENTS: BETTENDORF, IOWA



Tuesday, August 4:

We will be offering a combination tour of the **Rock Island Arsenal Museum, Lunch and tour of the Lock and Dam. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum** is the Army's second oldest museum which opened to the public on July 4, 1905. The Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. The exhibits tell the story of how diverse people, innovative manufacturing processes, and the production of cutting-edge military equipment have shaped the Island's past, present, and future. Enjoy lunch at the Island Oasis Cafe & Grill featuring the Taco Tuesday buffet. Then view the navigation system on the Mississippi River at historical Rock Island Lock & Dam.

\$65/Person includes transportation, tours, escort and buffet lunch. (All adults must have a Government issued Photo ID on this tour)

Wednesday, August 5:

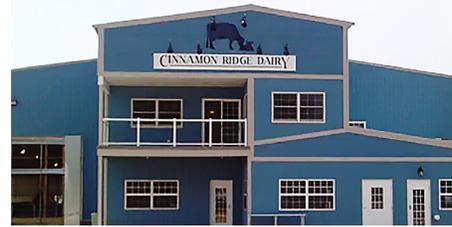


We will be offering a 4-Hour Themed Cruise aboard the Celebration Belle. The Celebration River Cruises is a family owned and operated business. The Schadler family is involved in every aspect of the boat's day to day operations from cooking the food fresh daily, helping serve their guests, keeping the engines running smooth, and even piloting the vessel. While you're cruising down the Mississippi, sit back and enjoy the on-ship entertainment. Whether it is "Cruising to the Oldies" or "Cruising through the Decades", everyone is sure to have a good time! Enjoy their "famous sticky buns" with fruit and a full hot buffet featuring two entrees. Finally, be sure to visit our gift shop located on the 3rd deck. **\$114/Per Person includes transportation, lunch and entertainment.**

Wednesday Evening, August 5: The Ivy Dragoons Chapter will be having a private chapter dinner and meeting with a

reception and cash bar (from 5:00 PM) for which you must pre-register using the 2026 National Reunion Registration Form and select your entrée choices: Roasted Pork Chop, Classic Lemon Dill Salmon, or the Vegan Power meal.

Thursday, August 6:



We will be offering a combination tour of the **Cinnamon Ridge Dairy Farm Tour** located in Donahue, Iowa, and a stop at the **World's Largest Truck Stop** located on I-80, in Walcott, Iowa.

Discover the inspiring journey of **Cinnamon Ridge Farm**, where innovation meets tradition in sustainable farming, and learn how this family-owned operation has grown to produce exceptional dairy products and more. Learn Discover the inspiring journey of Cinnamon Ridge Farm, where innovation meets tradition in sustainable farming, and learn how this family-owned operation has grown to produce exceptional dairy products and more. Learn about the fascinating world of sustainable agriculture as we unveil the innovative practices that place farmers at the forefront of environmental stewardship. The Farm Tour begins with a slide show presentation, followed by an equipment demonstration (weather permitting), and tour of the robotic dairy barn and cheese plant. The tour concludes with sampling of cheeses.



The Iowa 80 Truck stop, the World's Largest features nine restaurant choices, a convenience store, gift store, Super Truck Showroom, barber shop, chiropractor, dentist, Movie Theater, workout room, laundry facilities, gas islands, diesel fuel center, truck service center, trucking museum and more!

Enjoy lunch on your own at **The Iowa 80 Kitchen** a family-owned restaurant offering Homestyle cooking at a fair price.

Lunch Buffets daily 10:30am to 3:00pm. Or visit the food court for a delicious burger or chicken sandwich meal. **\$71/Person includes bus transportation and escort, Lunch and time on your own at the I-80 Truck stop.**

Thursday Evening, August 6: We will have our **R & R Dinner and Dance**, complete with a three entrée buffet dinner and a DJ with music and dancing. The buffet will feature Chicken Marsala, Roasted Pork Lion and Herb baked white fish with sides, salad and dessert, served with regular & decaffeinated coffee, and water. There will be a reception 5:00–6:00 PM with Cash Bar and open seating for the 6:00–10:00 PM event.

Friday, August 7:

We will hold our Business Meetings, and the Ladies Brunch with Bunco. **The Ladies Brunch and Bunco** will feature a light breakfast to include fresh cut seasonal fruit, individual yogurts with granola and a hot breakfast sandwich, served with regular and decaffeinated coffee and water. Then the fun begins! Since we are in Corn Country (Iowa and Illinois the two biggest corn producers in the country) there will be prizes for anyone wearing something with corn depicted on it. Hone up your corn/corny knowledge to win more prizes and of course don't forget to bring \$5 to be given out in Bunco prizes at the end of the games with 100 percent payout to the Bunco winners. Don't be afraid to join in the fun... the game is easy to play, and we guarantee a good time!

Friday Evening, August 7: We will have our **Flames of Remembrance Banquet** and keynote address. Meal choices include, Grilled center cut Sirloin Steak, Baked Chicken Breast with herb lemon and garlic, and a Vegan Meal of Sautéed vegetables, mushrooms, butter beans, wild rice blend and tomato quinoa. There will be a reception 5:00–6:00 PM with Cash Bar and assigned Banquet seating. It will also feature the 2026 Ralph E Lingert Service Award presentation, the Educational Scholarship winners will be announced, and we will hold the Quilt Raffle.



2026 Quilt Raffle will feature this beautiful Red, White and Blue Patriotic (62 X 72) quilt that was donated by Rusty and Ann Armstrong of the Wisconsin Chapter. We will hold the annual Quilt Raffle drawing at the Banquet on Friday night with the donations going to the Educational Scholarship Fund.

Quilt Raffle Tickets are available by mail and in the Reunion Hospitality Room for a (\$5) donation per ticket. You do not have to be present to win. **To request Tickets by mail**, send your donation check to: Don Kelby - National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association - PO Box 1914 - St. Peters, MO 63376-0035. Make your donation payable to: **4ID Association**, write 2026 Quilt donation in the memo line. Make sure to include your name, address, phone, email, and the number of raffle tickets (\$5 each) you wish to purchase.

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Registration desk hours may vary – see posted schedule

Monday, August 3, 2026

Arrivals – On Your Own Activities

Noon – 5:00 PM

Noon – Late PM

Noon – Late PM

Registration – Isle pre-function area

Hospitality – St Croix

Committee / Chapter Meetings - Riviera

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:45 AM – 2:30 PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration – Isle pre-function area
(Hours may vary)

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum,
Lunch and the Lock and Dam tour

Hospitality – St Croix

Committee / Chapter Meetings –
Riviera / Monte Carlo

E-Board Meeting – Riviera

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Registration – Isle pre-function area
(Hours may vary)

Hospitality – St Croix

Themed lunch Cruise aboard the
Celebration Belle

Committee / Chapter Meetings –
Riviera / Monte Carlo

Ivy Dragoons Chapter Dinner –
Isle Center Salons B/C

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

9:00 AM – Late PM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

10:00AM – 1:00 PM

Noon – 4:00 PM

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Departure Day

Registration – Isle pre-function area
(Hours may vary)

Cinnamon Ridge Farm Tour / The Iowa
80 Truck stop

Hospitality – St Croix

Committee / Chapter Meetings –
Riviera / Monte Carlo

R & R Reception with a Cash Bar –
Isle Center pre-function area

The R & R Dinner & Dance – Isle
Center Salons B/C

Registration – Isle pre-function area
(Hours may vary)

First Business Meeting – Riviera
(there will be a short break between
meetings)

Second Business Meeting – Riviera

The Ladies Brunch / Bunco –

Isle Center Salon C

Hospitality – St Croix

Raffle drawing winners can pick up
items from the Hospitality room

Banquet Reception with Cash Bar –
Isle Center pre-function area

The Flames of Remembrance Banquet –

Isle Center Salons B/C

THE ISLE CASINO HOTEL BETTENDORF 1800 ISLE PARKWAY, BETTENDORF, IA, 52722



National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and the total amount. Send that amount payable to **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.** in the form of a check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/4ID2026> (4% convenience fee will be added to credit card charges). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **July 6, 2026**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form. Please do not staple your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 4th Infantry Division Association

| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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| Check # _____ | Date Received _____ |
| Inputted _____ | Nametag Completed _____ |

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

| | Price Each | # of People | Total |
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| MANDATORY PERSON REGISTRATION FEES | | | |
| REGISTRATION FEE – 4IDA REGULAR ADULT MEMBERS & GUESTS | \$45.00 | # | \$ |
| REGISTRATION FEE – CHILDREN (Under 16) OF 4IDA REGISTRANTS | \$20.00 | # | \$ |
| REGISTRATION FEE – 4ID ACTIVE DUTY & GUESTS | \$20.00 | # | \$ |
| GROUP TOURS | | | |
| TUESDAY: 8/4/26 – ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL/LOCK AND DAM TOUR | \$65.00 | # | \$ |
| WEDNESDAY: 8/5/26 – LUNCH CRUISE ON THE BELLE WITH HOT BUFFET | \$114.00 | # | \$ |
| THURSDAY: 8/6/26 – CINNAMON RIDGE FARM/I-80 TRUCK STOP | \$71.00 | # | \$ |
| GROUP MEALS | | | |
| WEDNESDAY: 8/5/26 – IVY DRAGOONS CHAPTER DINNER – <i>(Select your entrée)</i> | | | |
| Pork Chop – Mustard Rubbed Bone-in Pork Chop | \$60.00 | # | \$ |
| Salmon – Classic Lemon Dill Salmon | \$60.00 | # | \$ |
| Vegan – Sauteed Vegetables, Mushrooms, Butter Beans, Wild Rice & Tomato Quinoa | \$55.00 | # | \$ |
| THURSDAY: 8/6/26 – R & R BUFFET DINNER / DANCE | \$65.00 | # | \$ |
| FRIDAY: 8/7/26 – LADIES BRUNCH / BUNKO – <i>(Buffet)</i> | \$26.00 | # | \$ |
| FRIDAY: 8/7/26 – FLAMES OF REMEMBRANCE BANQUET <i>(Select your entrée)</i> | | | |
| Sirloin – Center Cut with Port Wine Demi | \$65.00 | # | \$ |
| Chicken – Baked Chicken Breast with Herb Lemon Garlic Cream Sauce | \$55.00 | # | \$ |
| Vegan – Sauteed Vegetables, Mushrooms, Butter Beans, Wild Rice & Tomato Quinoa | \$55.00 | # | \$ |
| Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. | | | \$ |

Please Print – As Your Name Appears on your Government Issued ID

First Name or Nickname (for badge) _____ Last _____

Spouse Name (If attending) _____ Guest Names _____

Street Address _____ Email _____

City, ST, ZIP _____ Mobile Number (_____) _____

Membership Type: Veteran Active-Duty Memorial Associate Non-Member Chapter: _____

Service Era: WWII Cold War Vietnam War on Terror Unit: _____

Dates Served (Years): _____ Is this your first reunion: Yes No

Disability/ Dietary Restrictions: _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee direct with hotel)

Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while sitting in your wheelchair to participate in bus trips? Yes No
(Please note we cannot guarantee availability).

Emergency Contact: _____ Mobile Number: (_____) _____

For refunds and cancellations, please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays)**. Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

CHAPTER REUNIONS & EVENTS

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@gmail.com –Thanks!

CAROLINAS CHAPTER EVENT

Submitted by Phil Menendez

Carolinas Chapter Spring 2026 Mini-Reunion

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. The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Spartanburg is located off Interstate I-26 Exit 19B and Business I-85 Exit 2C.

GUESTROOMS & RATES – Traditional King and (2) Queen Guestrooms are \$109.00/night (w/out Breakfast). Rates do not include taxes (currently 13%). Wi-Fi and Self-Parking is complimentary. Reservations may be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at 864-707-4700 or the direct booking link (on the 4IDA website). All reservations must be accompanied by a first-night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Mention: Carolinas Chapter 4th Infantry Division 2026 Reunion to receive our room rate. **Cut off date to Book Hotel, Wednesday, March 25, 2026.**

CAROLINA'S CHAPTER - MINI REUNION REG. FORM

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Spouse/Guests: _____ Email: _____
 Registration Fee: (\$10/Adult) (x) _____ \$ _____
 Saturday Banquet (\$50/Person) (x) _____ \$ _____
 Donation (Specify) _____ \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Return this form no later than two weeks prior to the event. **Make checks payable to Carolinas Chapter & Mail to:**
 Rick Adams – 109 Tournament Pt, Duncan, SC 29334-9265
 Phone 864-621-3727 Email: RJAdams90@charter.net

Carolinas Chapter Mini-Reunion Schedule

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Thursday, April 23, 2026 | Early arrivals / On Your Own |
| Friday, April 24, 2026 | On Your Own |
| 12:00 PM | Hospitality-Gathering – Dogwood Room |
| 5:00 PM | Group meal – TBD |
| Saturday, April 25, 2026 | |
| 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Breakfast - On Your Own |
| 10:30 AM | Officers Meeting – Dogwood Room |
| 11:00 AM | Business Meeting – Dogwood Room |
| 12:00 PM | Hospitality-Gathering – Dogwood Room |
| Afternoon | Group event TBD |
| 6:00 PM | Flames of Remembrance Banquet – Dogwood Room |
| | <i>Bring your gifts or crafts for the Raffle after the Banquet</i> |
| Saturday, April 26, 2026 | |
| 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Breakaway Breakfast - On Your Own |



MIDWEST CHAPTER EVENT

Submitted by Joe Carter

2026 Spring Meeting/Get Together

The Midwest Chapter will hold its 2026 Spring Meeting/Get Together **Saturday May 2, 2026** at the historic Jefferson Barracks, 222 Worth Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125. We will have our meeting at 1:00 pm at the building next to the Jefferson Barracks Missouri Civil War museum. We will have someone outside to greet you and direct you to the meeting building. After the meeting we will go to the Missouri Civil War museum <https://mcwm.org>. The staff will point out some of the key things to look for as we tour the museum. Once the tour is over, we can do a dinner together and spend some time visiting. The cost for the museum is \$7.00 for veterans. Contact me with questions: Teresa Carter Midwest Chapter Secretary/Treasurer 816-812-8476, or teresacarter0630@yahoo.com

RED LEGS CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by John Harris

One of our newest chapter members is moving on up! As reported in the AUSA's Soldier Today "On behalf of the Vice Chief of Staff and the Sergeant Major of the Army, Command Sergeant Major Juan Lozano, 4th Infantry Division Artillery, Fort Carson, CO, is selected as the Sergeant Major, Department of the Army Management Office - Operations Directorate, Pentagon, VA."

Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Lozano Jr. is a native of San Antonio. He enlisted in the Army July 23, 1999, and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, earning the military occupation specialty of 13B, Field Artillery Cannon Crewman. Lozano has served in every leadership position from section chief to first sergeant.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, Naval Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (sixth Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, Iraq Campaign Medal with five campaign stars, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 6, NATO medal and the Combat Action Badge. He is also a member of the prestigious Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the patron saint of the Field Artillery. He is a Life Member of the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association. For over six years he has served as a CSM of 2-12 FA and Divarty. We will miss his support of the Redlegs Chapter and the Association at Fort Carson.



A Battery, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery held a reunion in Nashville, Tennessee this past October. Twelve Veterans and family members attended. The reunion was a tremendous success. All of the attendees had served in Alpha Battery at some time during the Division's deployment from the Division's arrival by ship in September 1966 to its departure in December 1970. On Monday after breakfast, we spend the day sharing memories. That evening we attended the Nashville Dinner Theater and enjoyed an outstanding performance of country music. On our final day, we gathered for dinner in our conference room before heading out to attend the Grand Ole Opry's 100 Anniversary Show. We are planning to have another Alpha Battery reunion this fall, hopefully in Washington, D.C.

Branson Week 2025, we had over twenty Veterans and their wives as guests of the Redleg Chapter hosting the 4th Division hospitality room at the Hotel Grand Victoria in Branson, MO. At the Veterans parade, we had Veterans from the 5-16 FA, 2-8 Inf, 6-29 FA, 1-14 FA, 4-42 FA, 1-10 CAV and LRRP. Jane Ratcliff organized a fantastic week with all potluck dinners. Nearly everyone booked their rooms for Veterans Week 2026.

We encourage past and present members of Division Artillery, 4th Infantry Division to take advantage of everything our website has to offer. It serves as a vital way to share information with 4th I.D. Veterans and today's Warfighters. We have had families of deceased Veterans reach out to us in search of information and to share information about their loved ones. We are always looking for new videos, photographs and stories from your time in service.

Two of our newest Redleg Chapter members are embarking on new phases in their lives. CPT Catie Rendon left active duty in 2024 and is about to become a new Federal Air Traffic Controller. Catie served with 4th DivArty as the Adjutant and with 2-12 FA as a FDO. CPT Garrick Harbison has left active duty and is now the General Manager of Total Comfort Gas in Ormond Beach, FL. He is also the Assistant Operations Officer for 1-265 Air Defense Battalion, Florida National Guard located in Palm Coast, FL.

The Redleg Chapter also participated with 4th ID Division Artillery in this year's annual Toy Ruck drive for children's toys. The chapter donated a number of toys to the campaign for 4th ID families at Fort Carson.

IVY DRAGONS CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Jim 'Mac' McCarthy

The Ivy Dragons Chapter continues with a robust effort to identify and connect with our Vietnam Colleagues. The chapter has grown to over fifty (50) members, seeking to return to the 200+ member before the chapter was temporarily inactive. The Dragons have initiated monthly ZOOM meetings (accessibly by computer / video or telephone connection) for live connection. Currently 20-25 Dragons connect, with participation increasing each month. For Dragons not familiar with ZOOM, individual practice sessions help us "former grunts" with their technical prowess. Each ZOOM session provides for personal updates, health reports, outreach efforts and a dedicated topic. Recent monthly topics have included:

- Operation Wayne Gray and Hill 947, March 1968
- Cambodia invasion May 1970 (special insights by LT Bill Babcock and Bart Valkenburg)
- History of the 4th Infantry Division (Bob Babcock – Past 4th IDA President and Historian)

The Ivy Dragons are currently planning for expanded attendance at the August 4th IDA National Meeting and continuation of the Chapter Banquet with a dynamic agenda.



4ID NEWS

Vietnam Veteran Continues Service Through Volunteerism



Paige Lanier, who was an artilleryman in the battle of Suoi Tre in Vietnam, visits with Capt. Sophia Suri and the artillerymen with the 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment during an exercise down range at Fort Carson (Story By Mary Shinn The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colorado, photo by Christian Murdock).

in our history and he keeps us bonded together,” McGinnis said. “We love him.”

Former Army Capt. Lanier, 85, helped symbolically close the door on old communications technology that day. But he is a constant presence around the 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery on Fort Carson, visiting a few times a month. At a recent change of command ceremony, he sat in the front row, his red hat a stark contrast in a sea of camouflage.

“The 2-77 is just his home,” said Capt. Sophia Suri, who helps Lanier as a board member of the regiment’s association.

When troops were returning home from war in the Middle East, Lanier and a group of about 10 volunteers helped ensure they were greeted with pizza parties, challenge coins and free rides home. He made sure those welcomes replaced divorce attorneys representing unhappy spouses and taxi drivers wanting to charge exorbitant fees. The volunteers essentially ran the lawyers off base, he recalled.

Some Vietnam veterans were spat upon or had red substances thrown on them by protesters. While it never happened to Lanier personally, he said some of his friends faced the angry reception, and the group wanted to make

With a deafening crack, Vietnam veteran E. Paige Lanier pulled the lanyard on an M777 howitzer, sending a shell soaring over the prairie at Fort Carson’s vast training grounds south of Colorado Springs.

On that sunny fall day, Command Sgt. Maj. Rob McGinnis introduced Lanier to the crowd gathered for a demonstration of new technology as invaluable to the artillery regiment.

“He keeps us rooted

sure returning soldiers never experienced anything similar.

In 2007, when the 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment moved back to Fort Carson from Fort Hood, Lanier got involved with the regiment’s association and organized a reunion after making friends with the battalion’s commander.

During the reunion, the Vietnam veterans helped train the soldiers on air-lifting artillery with helicopters, he said.

For some, Lanier is a living reminder of the regiment’s legacy. He also provides a personal connection to the soldiers of the past and an understanding of who they are and what they went through, said Capt. Suri, who has met other older artillerymen through the association.

Through those former soldiers she said she has learned about dedication to community. “Your service is not restricted to your time in active duty,” she said.

While Lanier is moving a little slower than he used to after a fall, he has no plans to stop volunteering with the artillerymen or telling their story. And he expects artillery will be relevant long into the future because it always has been. “Artillery has been a backbone of the military forever,” he said.

Important 2026 Dates

- 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

Around The Army Feature

George: Army Is Speeding Transform



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George greets cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, during an AUSA Coffee Series event on Tuesday. (AUSA Photo)

Leveraging new technology more quickly has become the bedrock of the Army’s effort to modernize its equipment, manage its formations and change cumbersome acquisition processes, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George said.

By harnessing the momentum of continuous transformation and partnering more closely with industry, the Army is accelerating several key programs vital to its success on a modern battlefield. George cited as an example the M1E3 Abrams tank. The first prototype of the next-generation tank was unveiled in mid-January at the Detroit Auto Show.

The M1E3 tank “can knock out a target in a tenth of a second at a quarter mile,” George said, adding that “what’s most exciting about this for the Army is this is a tank we have produced six years ahead of schedule.”

Equally exciting is that the tank is modular, has an active protection system and is 25% lighter than the Army’s legacy Abrams tanks, George said

Jan. 20 at a Coffee Series event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army. Additionally, several companies are working on the tank’s software systems, he said.

“That’s the way of the future here—nothing should take us five to seven years to produce,” George said.

During his remarks, George also highlighted several other technological leaps that are taking place across the service. Chief among them is Next-Generation Command and Control. Known as Next-Gen C2, the program seeks to provide the integrated information framework that commanders need to make rapid decisions across warfighting functions, according to an Army news release. It also will give Army tactical units lighter, more mobile and survivable network and command and control equipment, according to the service.

Leading the charge on testing Next-Gen C2 are the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, and the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, each working with up to six different companies. The concept, George explained, is that leaders can take a tablet or their laptops to their vehicles “and go directly to the battlefield, and you can do everything,” he said.

“In our view, there’s no such thing as a business system, these are all readiness systems, and they should be systems that are intuitive, easy to use, that travel with our soldiers,” George said.

| Office of The Treasurer Ronald L. Rogers National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association Financial Statement July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 | |
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| 7-1-2025 opening cash balance | \$ 172,443.78 |
| Income | \$ 29,944.86 |
| Expenses | \$ 24,770.02 |
| 12-31-2025 closing cash balance | \$ 177,618.62 |
| Net Change For Period | \$ 5,174.84 |
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| Income | |
| Dues - Regular Memberships | \$ 3,287.80 |
| Dues - PFL Memberships | \$ 1,389.10 |
| Donations - 'Put Green Into the Ivy' | \$ 2,346.52 |
| Donations - Annual Calendar Project | \$ 17,195.83 |
| Donations - Monument Memorial Fund | \$ 558.88 |
| Donations - Educational Scholarship Fund | \$ 2,446.66 |
| Donations - PFL Fund | \$ 80.00 |
| Donations - Chapters | \$ 145.00 |
| Other Income / Interest / Refunds | \$ 2,495.07 |
| Total Income | \$ 29,944.86 |
| Expenses | |
| Cost Ivy Leaves Publication | \$ 4,972.45 |
| Cost Annual Calendar Publication | \$ 7,309.93 |
| Website / E-Ivy Newsletters | \$ 375.48 |
| Dues Rebates to Chapters | \$ 3,885.00 |
| Donations to Chapters | \$ 290.00 |
| Donations - All Others | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Dues ADA - AUSA | \$ 175.00 |
| Insurance / Bonding | \$ 296.00 |
| Bank - Stripe Fees | \$ 85.20 |
| Accounting - Tax Returns | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Meeting & Convention - Expense | \$ 2,037.95 |
| Office Expense - All Offices | \$ 362.30 |
| Printing - All Offices | \$ 145.23 |
| Postage - All Offices | \$ 322.55 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$ 169.94 |
| Supplies | \$ 1,026.98 |
| E-Board Travel & Meeting Expenses | \$ 226.30 |
| President's Travel | \$ 739.71 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 24,770.02 |
| 12/31/2025 Fund Balances | |
| Green In the Ivy Fund* | \$ 99,012.00 |
| Monument Memorial Committee Reserve* | \$ 13,272.01 |
| PNC - Monument Memorial Fund | \$ 38,146.48 |
| PNC - Scholarship Fund | \$ 86,214.66 |
| WCMA Fund 02027 - Paid For Life Fund | \$ 179,558.79 |

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| Ronald Fisher | OH | | | | \$50 | |
| Dennis Carney | OH | \$50 | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 | |
| Richard Jacob | RL | \$100 | \$20 | \$20 | \$10 | |
| Judy Barrett | RL | | | \$30 | | In memory of LTC Robert W. Barrett |
| Ohio Chapter | OH | \$200 | \$200 | | | |
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| Liz Crassweller | NAT | | | \$100 | | |
| Rea Sparks | NAT | | | \$20 | | |

WELCOME HOME!

New / Reinstated Members

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| NAME | UNIT | ERA | CHAPTER | COMMENTS |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Travis Haney | 4th Combat Aviation BDE | War on Terror | IVY | Joined via website |
| W. Gregg Johnson | 3/12 Infantry | Vietnam | NC | Chapter Recruited |
| Larry Boyd | D Co 12th Infantry Reg, | Vietnam | NAT | Joined via website |
| Klaus Doll | 4th Admin | Vietnam | MW | Joined via website |
| Pedro Gonzalez | HHC 4-40 Armor | Cold War | IVY | Joined via website |
| Thomas Cooper | C/1/10CAV | Vietnam | OH | Recruited on a cruise |
| Richard Moon | D/1/14 INF | Vietnam | NC | Recruited on a cruise |
| Thomas Ivory | HHC 2 BCT | War on Terror | NAT | Joined via website |
| Robert Baumstark | A/1/35 Infantry | Vietnam | OH | Joined via website |
| George Leblanc | 374 RRC HQ 2nd BDE | Vietnam | NAT | Joined via Trifold |
| Daniel Mckeon | ASSOCIATE | Associate | NC | Joined via website |
| Brian Harmsen | 4ID Rear Ops | War on Terror | NAT | Reinstated |
| Beth Utterback | Associate | Associate | OH | Chapter Recruited |
| David Fannin | 3/8 INF | Vietnam | ID | Joined via website |
| Ray Gleason | 35th Inf | Vietnam | LP | Joined via website |
| Joseph Meadows | 29th F.A | Cold War | RL | Reinstated |
| Aubrey Kay | 704 Sup BN | Vietnam | NC | Chapter Recruited |



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Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Fading light, dims the sight, And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright. From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night. Thanks and praise, for our days, 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky; As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

- ★ **BARRETT, LTC Robert, 83**, of Springfield, Virginia, passed away May 22, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Judy. No obituary was found. He served with B Company, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery in Vietnam. He was a Life member of the Redlegs chapter.
- ★ **CLOUGH, Michael, 76**, of Grant, Michigan, passed away on December 17, 2025. He is survived by his wife Kathleen, one Daughter, one Son, two stepsons, and one stepdaughter. He was the cherished Grandfather of eleven Grandchildren. He served with A Company of the 4th Aviation Company in Vietnam in 1967-1968. He was a life Member of the National chapter.
- ★ **COLLINS, RON**, of St. Augustine, Florida, has passed away. Date of Death is unknown. He was a Life member of the National Chapter.
- ★ **DELAURA, Patricia, 78**, of South Hackensack, New Jersey, passed away on January 8, 2026. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Patsy (Pat), two daughters, and one grandson. Pat and Pat were frequent attendees of our National reunions, and she will be missed by everyone who knew her.
- ★ **FERNANDEZ, Genaro, 95**, of Nakomis, Florida, passed away May 22, 2019. He was attached to A Company, 1st of the 22nd Infantry and landed on Utah beach on D-Day. He was wounded twice. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, ETO ribbon with 5 Battle stars, Bronze star, Purple Heart with Oakleaf clusters, and the Presidential unit citation. He was survived by his 3 daughters and 3 Grandchildren. He was a Life member of the Ohio chapter.
- ★ **FERRAND, SGT Major Robert, 92**, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, passed away June 7, 2024. He served in Korea with the 2nd Infantry and in Vietnam with A Co. 1/22 Infantry and achieved the rank of Sergeant Major. He is survived by one Sister, One Son, one daughter, one stepson, two step-daughters, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. During his career, he was awarded the CIB (2nd award), a Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service medal (with 2 Oakleaf clusters).
- ★ **GERISCHER, Barry P., 77**, of Kansas City, MO passed away peacefully on January 17, 2026. Barry served with D-Troop 1/10 Cav, Shamrock guns 1968-1969 and did two tours in Vietnam, retiring as a Major. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, 2 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and 2 Army Commendation Medals.
- ★ **HAM, Clark, 75**, of Braingsville, Pennsylvania, passed away on October 7, 2020 at home. Clark served with B Co, 2/12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. He was a past Commander of VFW Post 8282 in Braingsville Pennsylvania. He was a Life member of the Lehigh Valley chapter of our Association.
- ★ **HOPKINS, COL. Bruce L., 77**, of Spotsylvania, Pennsylvania, passed away August 6, 2025. He served as a Platoon leader with the 1/12th Infantry in Vietnam in 1969. He served in the Army for 37 years and was inducted into the Army Infantry Hall of Fame in 1996. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two sons, and 4 grandchildren. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, three Bronze Stars, and multiple decorations for valor and meritorious service. He was a member of the National chapter.
- ★ **RUSER, Jacob J. Jr. (Jake), 101**, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away January 13, 2026. He served as a Combat Medic with E/2/12 INF, in WWII 1943-1945.
- ★ **VANORDEN, John W. 90**, of Proctor, WV passed away December 26, 2025. He was a Cold War Veteran serving with the 4th Signal Company and a Life member of the Ohio Chapter.



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