

E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

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The Updated Medal of Honor Memorial Wall at Fort Carson, Colorado



The Medal of Honor Memorial Wall that was formerly at Fort Hood, Texas is being updated and constructed in a similar design at Gate No 1 “The Freedom Gate” at Fort Carson, Colorado. *(The panoramic photo of the wall under construction courtesy of Todd Battaglia Directorate of Public Works)*

The project is on track to be completed by June 2026. The stained glass Center piece is being restored by a local artist and five additional plaques will be added to the memorial to include: the three recipients from the War in Afghanistan; **SSG Clinton Romesha**, **SPC Ty Carter**, and **CPT Florent Groberg**; and WWI recipient **SGT William Shemin**, who had his heroism upgraded to the Medal of Honor and was awarded posthumously in 2015; and WWII Soldier **PVT Pedro Cano** who also had his heroism upgraded to the Medal of Honor and was awarded posthumously in 2014. This will be a wonderful addition to the memorials at “The Freedom Gate”.

Taken from AUSA's Weekly Tipsheet for Members Monday April 27, 2026

As the Army prototypes its Next-Generation Command and Control (NGC2), the goal is to help troops see, understand and act faster than any adversary, a panel of leaders said during AUSA's recent Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville, Alabama. Soldiers in the 4th Infantry Division and the 25th Infantry Division have been working alongside industry and developers to hone applications, software and other emerging tools to advance what's also known as Next-Gen C2.

What to Watch: “We’re going to figure this out for the Army,” said Maj. Gen. Patrick Ellis, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division. A big test will come during the division’s Ivy Mass exercise in May. “We have to put all of this stuff out on the field and see how it’s all going to work,” he said.

4ID History – May Key Events

5 May 1970 – Elements of the 4ID began Operation Binh Tay I, the attack against NVA forces in Cambodia. The operation ended successfully on 25 May 1970.

8 May 1945 – D+337 VE Day (Victory in Europe)

16 May 1968 – The Medal of Honor was earned (posthumously) by SGT Anund C. Roark, squad leader with C/1-12 INF.

18 May 1967 – The battle known as “Nine Days in May” began near the Cambodian border in Vietnam. Troops of 1st Brigade, 4ID (1-8 IN, 3-8 IN, 3-12 IN) faced off against 1,500 troops of the 32d and 66th NVA regiments. By the end of the “Nine Days” on May 26, seventy-one 4ID Soldiers had died in five major battles. More than 300 NVA dead were tallied. Three 4ID Soldiers earned the Medal of Honor during this period, all posthumously.

18 May 1967 – The Medal of Honor was earned (posthumously) by PSG Bruce Alan Grandstaff, platoon sergeant with B/1-8 IN.

20 May 1967 – The Medal of Honor was earned by PFC Leslie Allen Bellrichard, rifleman with C/1-8 IN and by SSG Frankie Z. Molnar, squad leader with B/1-8 IN, both were posthumous awards.

20 May 1951 – Lead elements of the 4ID departed the Port of New York, en route to Cold War duty in Germany, where they would serve until 1956.

21 May 2009 – The 4ID OIF Memorial Monument at Fort Hood, TX was expanded and rededicated (for the second time), to add the names of the 113 4ID/MND-B troops who had fallen during OIF 07-09 alongside the names of those already honored there.

23 May 1918 – The first casualties in the division, as a result of an enemy act, occurred at sea when the Moldavia, a refitted British liner with Companies “A” and “B” of the 58th Infantry on board, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine with the loss of 56 men, all but one being Company “B” men. This occurred at 2:40 in the morning, at a point about midway between Land’s End and the Isle of Wight.

23 May 2007 – The 4ID OIF Memorial Monument at Fort Hood, TX was expanded and re-dedicated, adding 235 names of fallen 4ID/MND-B troops who were killed during OIF 05-06 to the names of the 83 who had fallen during OIF I.

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



Update | Confirm your AUSA member information

Thank you to everyone who gave us email updates, age ranges and relationship to the Army from our last

email to you. You may receive a similar email asking you to confirm your USPS address.

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From the Archives

Enjoy a look back at some Ivy Leaf's from Vietnam

Ivy Leaf – April 7, 1967

Ivy Leaf – September 22, 1968

Ivy Leaf – March 2, 1969

2026 National Reunion

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association 108th National Reunion – August 2-8, 2026



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).

Hotel guest rooms' group rate is \$99/night (\$126.55 inclusive of fees & 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.

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.

Click this link for the complete schedule, Hotel and Registration Information.

2026 National Reunion Information

National Reunion Meetings

Monday – 8/3/2026

Reunion Advisory Committee – Riviera Room 4 – 5 PM

Tuesday – 8/4/2026

Ivy Dragoons Chapter – Monte Carlo Room 4 – 5 PM

Midwest Regional Chapter – Riviera Room 4 – 5 PM

Executive Board Meeting – Riviera Room 5 – 7 PM

Committees that meet with the E-Board: Finance, Scholarship, Nominating, Resolutions, Health/Wellness, and Membership.

Wednesday – 8/5/2026

Memorial Committee – Riviera Room 4 – 5 PM

Redlegs Chapter – Monte Carlo Room 5 – 6 PM

Auditing Committee – Riviera Room 5 – 6 PM

Media Advisory Committee – Riviera Room 6 – 7 PM

Friday – 8/7/2026

First Business Meeting – Riviera Room 9 – 10:30 AM

Second Business Meeting – Riviera Room 10:30 AM – Noon

2026 Important Dates

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.

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 have three openings for National Appointed Officers – the **National Vice President–War on Terror**, the **National Secretary**, and the **Judge Advocate / Parliamentarian** who would be appointed by the National President, and serve on the Executive Board.

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

Remember to check your member status and membership expiration date on your *Ivy Leaves* 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 for consideration. Thank you.

From The President



Welcome to the 2nd Quarter 2026 *E-Ivy Leaf* Newsletter.

We've had a tough stretch of significant losses of key members of the Association. We have recently lost three former recipients of the Ralph E. Lingert Service Award: Bruce Gass on March 6, 2026, Ray Harton on April 8, 2026, and Mike May on April 18, 2026. Each of them have had a lasting impact on the Association over the years and we are all better as a result. Rest in Peace Brothers.

This month we will release our first *Mid-Year Digital Ivy Leaves* magazine, circulated by email only, and available in the 'Members Only'

section of the website and in the *E-Ivy Leaf's* Resources section. This is a significant step as we transition, and create new methods to communicate with members through digital and social media platforms in addition to the printed and mailed magazines.

It's time to start planning to attend the 2026 National Reunion, by making your hotel reservations early so we know you are coming, and check out the important 2026 dates to get on your calendars.

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

2026 Spring / Summer Ivy Leaves

2025 Fall / Winter Ivy Leaves

Flickr Photo Albums

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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.

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