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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."

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 inaugural *Mid-Year Digital Ivy Leaves Magazine*

which will be electronically circulated in PDF format only by email to our members supplementing the printed and mailed magazines with additional timely information and updates.

The *Digital Ivy Leaves* is a condensed version that contains details for the 2026 National Reunion at The Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa in the Quad Cities, 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. 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.

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Rick Adams



Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to our first *Mid-Year Digital Ivy Leaves Magazine* which will be electronically circulated by email and available in the E-Ivy Leaf Newsletters 'Resources' section and in the 'Members Only' portion of the Association's website. This is an important step as we create new methods to communicate with members through digital and social media platforms in addition to the printed and mailed versions.

We have received letters and phone calls from members who want the printed and mailed Ivy Leaves Magazine to continue in the future. We hear that and are making changes gradually as we respond to the needs of both older and new members. Fortunately, our situation is not driven by

financial issues but rather getting people to do the work and generate newsworthy content. We will address this more in the future as the folks not doing email will not see this but I thought it necessary to let everyone know about these concerns being expressed.

We have had several losses of key members of the Association. We 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 has had a lasting impact on the Association and we are all better as a result. May they Rest in Peace.

We will be electing a full slate of National Officers at the 2026 National Reunion. We also have three appointed National

Officer Openings to complete the full executive staff; the National Vice President-War on Terror, the National Secretary, and the Judge Advocate / Parliamentarian. Contact me or Nominations Committee Chairman, Jerry Bumpus if you have an interest in serving in an Elected or Appointed position with the Association.

I'm very thankful for all the support received during my third term as your President and looking forward to seeing you in the Quad Cities in 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,

As you can see, this is the first time we have done anything like this with a Digital Only magazine transmitted electronically in PDF form. This part of the 21st Century has unceremoniously snuck up on us. The wave of the present and future is the computer. We as an Association are trying to go with the flow and digitize what we can, so please bear with us.

In case you have not noticed, we are aging more rapidly than we want to. All your Officers are Volunteers

and need your help to make a seamless transition to the future. All of our elected offices will be up for election at the National Reunion in August. Hopefully, we can get some of the younger motivated members to step up and take our Association forward.

Since the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1, 2025, I have had to put thirty-eight members into an inactive status for non-payment of dues. I hate to do it, but I have no choice after many attempts to follow up for their renewals.

We lost three of our former Lingert award recipients in 2026. Bruce Gass, Ray Harton, and Mike May. They had been instrumental in the survival of our Association and are greatly missed.

Life is precious so take care of yourself and check on your friends. And pray for our troops.

As Always "STEADFAST AND LOYAL"

Don Kelby, Executive Director
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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!

WESTERN STATES REGIONAL CHAPTER EVENT

Submitted by Scott Moffat, Chapter President

Annual Fall Chapter Reunion

The Western States Regional Chapter will be holding its annual fall chapter reunion at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas from Tuesday, September 15 to Friday, September 18, 2026.

Please contact the hotel directly for your room reservation at 866-791-7626; the group room rate is \$76 per night by using the **Group code is WES0913**. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the 4th IDA Western States Chapter.

Our Banquet and Flames of Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, September 17th. Please contact Scott Moffat 562-221-3524 with any questions.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Business and News Reports

CAROLINAS REGIONAL CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Rick Adams, Chapter Treasurer



The Carolinas Chapter held its 2026 Spring Mini-Reunion at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Spartanburg, South Carolina Friday and Saturday, April 24–25, 2026, which concluded with the Flames of Remembrance Banquet on Saturday evening and this great group photo. We had a good turnout with several First-Timers and some we had not seen in a while.

First Timers were, Richard ‘Skip’ Funk, HHC 1 / 22 Infantry, Vietnam 1969-1970 and his wife Roxanne, who are recent transfers to our chapter from the Ohio Chapter as they are now living in Raleigh, NC; Aubrey Kay, 704th Mtn Battalion, Vietnam 1965-1967, he was a ‘Boat Person’ to Vietnam and a new member of the Association recruited by Sheila Bolin; Richard Moon, D / 1-14 Infantry, Vietnam 1967-1968 and his wife Jan from Maryville, TN. They are new to the Association recruited by Rick and Patty Adams on a music cruise; and Linda Rodriguez, a Memorial Member of the Ohio Chapter now living in Moncks Corner, SC, we have adopted her as an honorary secondary chapter member.

Others attending the reunion were Rick Adams, Patty Adams, Sheila Bolin, John Ebner, Becky Rowe, Phil Menendez, Brenda Menendez, Katrina Gaffney, Brian Morrissey, Diane Morrissey, Don Eisenman, Marge Eisenman, Willard Robershaw, Donna Robershaw and Jim Moher.

On Friday night we had a group meal at the Flounder Fish Camp a local favorite and they do a great job handling groups like ours. Saturday morning, we conducted our business meetings, approved reports and discussed future plans.

The Chapter approved making donations of \$500 to the Educational Scholarship Fund, and \$500 to the Memorial Monument Fund in memory of Michael P. May a past Chapter President and longtime National Judge Advocate-Parliamentarian. He will be greatly missed.

Chapter Officers were re-elected by acclamation, President Phil Menendez; Sr. Vice-President Brian Morrissey; Jr. Vice-President John Ebner; Secretary Brenda Menendez, and Treasurer Rick Adams. The Oath of office was administered by past Chapter Treasurer Don Eisenman.

We discussed sites for our 2027 spring meeting and John Ebner and Brian Morrissey will be gathering ideas for the members to consider. Everyone is welcome to join us at future Carolinas Regional Chapter meetings.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Linda Dufek, Reunion Committee

We are sending an early newsletter, so all our members receive a registration form and info on the National 4th Infantry Division Reunion. We are hoping since the reunion is in the Quad Cities we have a good turnout. Hope to see you all there.

In other news our **Fall mini reunion will be September 18 -20, 2026**. The LaQuinta 444 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. All reservations had to be made by April 30th (hotel policy) we are hoping those that did receive the info in time will still get the same rates if planning to attend. The hotel number 608-253-9700 request 4th ID. We will be sending registration form at a later date with all the reunion details.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER REPORT (CONTINUED)

Submitted by Linda Dufek, Reunion Committee

Member News

Our hearts go out to Tom. Min Mohar, age 82, of Sheboygan Falls passed away Saturday Feb. 28, 2026. Min was born April 19, 1943, in Tokyo Japan. She was united in marriage to Thomas "Tom" Mohar on July 26, 1968, at St. Rose's Catholic Church in Seoul, South Korea. Min was employed by Tecumseh die cast in secondary operations until 1990 and then worked in the family businesses Clover Distributing and Evergreen Broom. Together with her husband Tom, they enjoyed going up north to their cabin, and casino hopping. Min always cherished the time spent with her Korean friends and cooking. Survivors include her loving husband of 57 years,

From Our President

Sorry I'm finally feeling a bit safer with the computer after a bunch of "warnings of viruses" Our son cleared up things. Spring is a welcome season, especially as we get more mature. I plan on going to the 4th ID reunion at quad cities. Then the Wisconsin chapter reunion a month later. I encourage all chapter members to attend these reunions as you are able. Wish all a Happy Easter, and remember those that died, sacrificed for us. Steadfast and Loyal. – John Mersinger, President, Wisconsin Chapter

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by John Kukitz, Chapter President

The officers of the Lehigh Valley chapter met for breakfast on March 24 to begin to plan for our reunion. Another meeting will be held in May to finalize the details. Our second annual **Doug Foster Memorial Reunion will take place on September 12 at DeSales University** (same venue as last year). Final details will be made available on social media. We have been seeking fellow Ivy men who have served in the WOT to join our chapter. Steadfast and Loyal. –John

MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Joe Carter, Chapter President

The Midwest Chapter had planned a meeting at Jefferson Barracks St. Louis with a tour of the museum, but due to the lack of interest, and responses it was cancelled. The next meeting will be held while we are at the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division meeting. **We have the Riviera Room scheduled for 4-5 PM on Tuesday August 4th.** We are looking forward to seeing you there. Thanks –Joe

B 2/8 CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by John Shaeffer, Chapter President

The B 2/8 chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Association has been actively holding annual reunions in a wide variety of venues around the U.S. for many years now, usually in late summer or early fall. **In 2026, we will be joining the National 4th Infantry Division Association reunion in Bettendorf, Iowa, where we have secured a private meeting room at the Isle Casino.** We invite any past members of B 2/8 to join us there to share their experiences with our unit. The 2025 reunion was held in Omaha, Nebraska. Previous to that we met in Gettysburg, Dayton, Indianapolis, Traverse City, and Nashville, just to name a few locations. Our chapter has also joined the National 4th Infantry Division Association for past reunions in Kansas City, Colorado Springs, and Washington D.C. Additionally we maintain a web site at <http://bravo2nd8th4th.org/> to continue to communicate with all of our members, whether active or inactive within the chapter. We look forward to joining this year's reunion and once more reuniting with our brothers in arms from B 2/8. We have about 40 to 50 active members with our chapter but are constantly searching for and contacting other past members of B 2/8. On a personal note, I served with B 2/8 from Sept 1967 to Sept 1968 as a platoon leader, company XO and CO during my tour. –John

IVY DRAGOONS CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by James 'JD' Smith, Chapter President

The Dragoons are continuing with their monthly Zoom meetings to discuss topics of interest. Last month we invited the Redlegs to talk about their role in supporting our operations. We're currently rebuilding our website, which has been down for several years. We hope to unveil it at our Battalion meeting on 5 August.

In 2022, we decided to combine our battalion reunion with the national. So, we have been meeting for the last 3 years on Wednesday of reunion week. Our attendance is increasing and we save considerable money and travel time this way. I hope to see everyone in August in the Quad Cities. –JD

RED LEGS CHAPTER REPORT

Submitted by Paul Bonsky, Chapter President

It has been a few months since I last published a newsletter. In March, Tricia and I traveled to Colorado Springs and along with John and Carol Harris, attended the Divarty Saint Barbara's Ball at the Antlers Hotel. Another great evening of fun with the active-duty artillerymen and women of the 4th Infantry Division. On Friday, we attended a Soui Tre memorial event at 2-77 FA. Both activities were filled with soldiers asking about our combat experiences in Vietnam. It never fails to amaze me how interested these young soldiers are in our war and what it was like for us at the time.

We have Chapter news to share and a number of activities coming up over the next several months.

We have lost one of our founders of the Redlegs Chapter this past week. Ray Harton, of Crestview, Florida, passed away on April 8, 2026. Ray, along with John Kaye, were instrumental in forming our first Redlegs Chapter many years ago. I will also post information on the website soon a little more about Ray. But Ray went to Vietnam with the 6-29 FA in 1966 and served as the S-2 and LNO (1-8 IN). He retired from active duty as a LTC. Let me know if you have anything I can add to his service bio for the website. I do know Ray was a bulldog when it came to making contact with 6-29 veterans using his source of rosters and management of our Battalion roster that I still refer to on a regular basis. As a Chapter, without objection, we will be sending flowers to Ray's family for the service and visitation on April 16, 2016. Let me know if you want us to do something else in lieu of flowers.

National Reunion and Chapter Meeting will be the week of August 3–7, 2026 at the Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf, Iowa. Information on how to reserve your hotel room at the special 4th ID Association rate is on the website. We will add a few Redlegs activities to the week as we get closer to the event but as it stands right now, we will conduct a formal **Chapter meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 5pm** and then let's try to have dinner together.

IVY Week at Fort Carson. On the heels of our National Reunion in Iowa, the 4th Infantry Division is organizing another IVY Week celebration the week of 31 August 2026 at Fort Carson. The Redlegs Chapter, as well as other 4th ID Veterans are invited to join in the celebration and watch the soldiers participate in activities. We have reserved a few rooms (at the Candlewood Suite Hotel on Fort Carson) for anyone that is interested in attending the event with John Harris and me.

Veterans Week 2026 at Branson, MO. What a great time we had last November in Branson. Its continuing to be a great laid back and fun time to visit and meet other veterans. We have made arrangements at the Hotel Grand Victoria again this November. The Redlegs Chapter will again host the Hospitality Room for the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association from November 9-11, 2026. We have 20 rooms set aside at a special rate and the hotel staff attempts to keep us all together on the same floor as the hospitality suite on a first-come basis. I encourage you to make your reservations now as the hotel fills up quickly. Call the hotel at 417-336-2935. Make sure to mention you are with the 4th Infantry Division Association for the special rate with Breakfast included. Special hotel rate is available from November 8-12.

Redlegs Coins. We need to reorder our Redlegs Chapter Challenge Coins. They are a great way to advertise our chapter and national association. There is a coin for each Field Artillery Regiment in the Division since Vietnam. To that end, without any objections, we need to reorder coins to cover the active-duty regiments (12th FA, 29th FA, 77th FA and Divarty). Let me know if you object but while it would have been nice to wait until our August Chapter Meeting, with IVY Week at the end of August, waiting will not work. We will only order the minimum amount required from our vendor. Take care and stay safe, I expect to see you all soon in Iowa. But until then, Steadfast and Loyal, Paul

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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

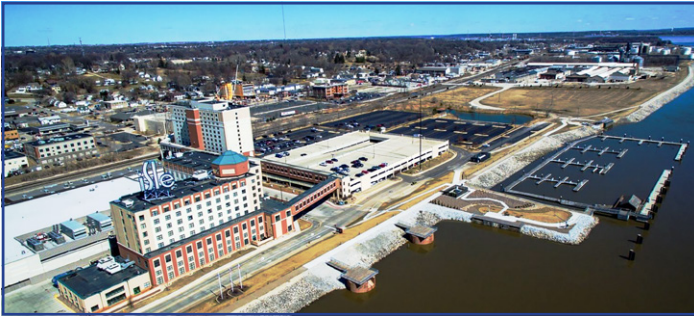


NATIONAL 4TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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 **N4IDR26** 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 Registration – Isle pre-function area
 Noon – Late PM Hospitality – St Croix
 Noon – Late PM Committee / Chapter Meetings - Riviera

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration – Isle pre-function area
 (Hours may vary)
 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM The Rock Island Arsenal Museum,
 Lunch and the Lock and Dam tour
 9:00 AM – Late PM Hospitality – St Croix
 9:00 AM – Late PM Committee / Chapter Meetings –
 Riviera / Monte Carlo
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM E-Board Meeting – Riviera

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration – Isle pre-function area
 (Hours may vary)
 9:00 AM – Late PM Hospitality – St Croix
 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM Themed lunch Cruise aboard the
 Celebration Belle
 9:00 AM – Late PM Committee / Chapter Meetings –
 Riviera / Monte Carlo
 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Ivy Dragoons Chapter Dinner –
 Isle Center Salons B/C

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration – Isle pre-function area
 (Hours may vary)
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Cinnamon Ridge Farm Tour / The Iowa
 80 Truck stop
 9:00 AM – Late PM Hospitality – St Croix
 9:00 AM – Late PM Committee / Chapter Meetings –
 Riviera / Monte Carlo
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM R & R Reception with a Cash Bar –
 Isle Center pre-function area
 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM The R & R Dinner & Dance – Isle
 Center Salons B/C

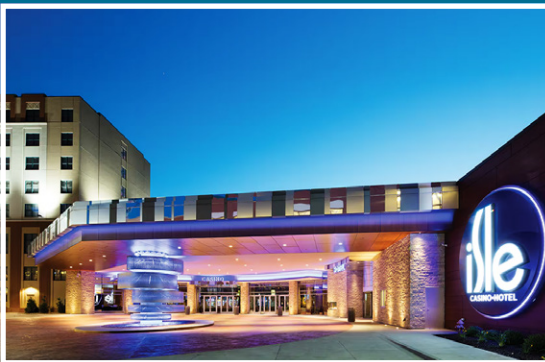
Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration – Isle pre-function area
 (Hours may vary)
 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM First Business Meeting – Riviera
 (there will be a short break between
 meetings)
 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Second Business Meeting – Riviera
 10:00AM – 1:00 PM The Ladies Brunch / Bunco –
 Isle Center Salon C
 Noon – 4:00 PM Hospitality – St Croix
 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Raffle drawing winners can pick up
 items from the Hospitality room
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Banquet Reception with Cash Bar –
 Isle Center pre-function area
 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM The Flames of Remembrance Banquet –
 Isle Center Salons B/C

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Departure Day

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	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

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

	Price Each	# of People	Total
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			
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.

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.**

Moving?

Don't make us guess your new address!

Complete this form and mail it to the Executive Director:

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

Name: _____

Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Effective Date: _____



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Division Association.

Registration information
on page 9.

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

National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association

USE THIS FORM FOR MEMBERSHIPS BY MAIL OR TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Personal Information	Membership Selection
<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Mailing Address: _____ _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Zip + 4 _____ - _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Home: _____ Cell: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Spouses Name: _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> WWII</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Cold War</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Memorial <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam War</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> War on Terror</p> <p>Unit Details: _____</p> <p>Dates Served / Years: _____</p> <p>Memorial Membership In Memory of: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request placement in _____ Chapter</p>
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Veteran, Memorial, or Associate Member Annual Dues..... (\$20.00) \$ _____

Contribution to National 'Put the Green into the Ivy Fund' \$ _____

Contribution to your Chapter \$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Contribution to Paid for Life Fund..... \$ _____

Contribution to Memorial Monument Fund..... \$ _____

Contribution to Annual Calendar..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name _____ Chapter _____

Unit Details _____ Years Served _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Spouse _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Please return this completed form to the Executive Director, PO Box 1914, St Peters, MO 63376-0035
 All members are encouraged to contribute to their Chapters and the various Association Funds.
Life and Honorary Members owe no dues. Additional Membership Options are available online.
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NY/NJ CHAPTER

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Important 2026 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

WORLD WAR I

- ◆ AISNE MARNE
- ◆ ST. MIHIEL
- ◆ MEUSE ARGONNE
- ◆ DEFENSIVE SECTOR
- ◆ ARMY OF OCCUPATION

WORLD WAR II

- ◆ NORMANDY
- ◆ NORTHERN FRANCE
- ◆ RHINELAND
- ◆ ARDENNES
- ◆ CENTRAL EUROPE

COLD WAR

- ◆ GERMANY – NATO OCCUPATION

VIETNAM

- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE II (1966-'67)
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE III (1967-'68)
- ◆ TET COUNTEROFFENSIVE (1968)
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE IV & V (1968)
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE VI (1968-'69)
- ◆ TET COUNTEROFFENSIVE (1969)
- ◆ SUMMER-FALL (1969)
- ◆ WINTER-SPRING (1970)
- ◆ SANCTUARY COUNTEROFFENSIVE (1970)
- ◆ COUNTEROFFENSIVE, PHASE VII (1970-'71)

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

- ◆ LIBERATION OF IRAQ: 03/20/2003 - 05/01/2003
- ◆ TRANSITION OF IRAQ: 05/02/2003 - 06/28/2004
- ◆ IRAQI GOVERNANCE: 06/29/2004 - 12/15/2005
- ◆ NATIONAL RESOLUTION: 12/16/2005 - 01/09/2007
- ◆ IRAQI SURGE: 1/01/2007 - 12/31/2008 (OIF 07-09)
- ◆ IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY: 01/01/2009 - 08/31/2010
- ◆ OPERATION NEW DAWN: 9/1/2010 - 12/15/2011

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

- ◆ CONSOLIDATION II: 10/1/2006 - 06/30/2011
- ◆ TRANSITION I: 07/01/2011 - 12/15/2014
- ◆ TRANSITION II: 1/2015 - TBD