

E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter

National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Association

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

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

July 4, 2026



Today, our nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone is the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

4ID History – July Key Events

4 July 1918 – Troops of the 4th Division's 39th and 58th Regiments marched through the thronged streets of Paris to receive the salute of the deeply grateful French people.

12 July 1944 – 4ID Assistant Division Commander and D-Day Medal of Honor recipient, Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. died of a heart attack, just a day after being named to command the 90th Infantry Division.

14 July 2003 – Two bronze statues of Saddam Hussein on horseback, at the entrance to his palace complex in Tikrit, were taken down with explosive charges by the 555 EN GRP, part of TF Ironhorse. Portions of those statues were used to create the 4ID Iraq Monument that currently stands at Fort Hood, TX.

16 July 2009 – After serving at Fort Hood, TX since December 15, 1995, the 4ID cased their colors for the last time, changed command, and officially ended their tour at Fort Hood – next stop, Fort Carson, CO.

21 July 1966 – The 2nd Brigade of the 4ID, made up of 1-12 IN, 1-22 IN, 2-8 IN, 4-42 FA, and attached units, left Fort Lewis, WA, aboard two troop ships, the USNS Walker and the USNS Pope, to begin the division's four and a half deployment to Vietnam.

25 July 1944 – As part of Operation Cobra, and following a massive aerial bombardment, the 4ID spearheaded the breakout from the Normandy hedgerow country as they led the St. Lo breakout.

31 July 1919 – The last detachment of the 4th Division sailed from France for the United States, ending their participation in fighting and occupation duty in WWI.

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



Medal of Honor presented to 4th Infantry Division Soldier for action on October 2, 2012 in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan

On June 18, 2026, in a ceremony at the White House, President Trump presented Major Nicholas Dockery (Ret.) with the Medal of Honor, for acts Dockery performed while serving as a Platoon Leader, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan.

Nicholas Dockery was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. Raised by his grandmother, Dockery graduated from St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas. After his application to West Point was rejected in 2004, he enlisted as an infantryman in the Indiana Army National Guard and was assigned to the 151st Long Range Surveillance Detachment (Airborne), 38th Infantry Division. He completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training for Infantry and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Dockery applied to the U.S. Military Academy for a second time and was accepted. He graduated in 2011, earning a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned into the Infantry.

Then-2nd Lt. Dockery's first assignment in 2011 was to 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. Upon completion of his infantry officer training and specialty schooling at Fort Benning, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the summer of 2012.

He served as a platoon leader in Kunar and Kapisa Provinces, among the most dangerous areas of the Afghanistan conflict. During this time, Dockery worked alongside Special Forces teams training and advising host nation forces, which left an indelible impact on him and solidified his desire to one day become a Green Beret. It was during this deployment where Dockery's selfless actions as a platoon leader earned him a Silver Star that would be upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

Chapter Events

B 2/8 Chapter

The B 2/8 chapter 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. Contact me for more details, John Shaeffer, Chapter President.

Ivy Dragoons Chapter

The Ivy Dragoons will hold a combined battalion's reunion during the National Reunion as we have for the last three years. **On Wednesday evening August 5th the Ivy Dragoons Chapter will be hosting a 'Chapter's Dinner' with a reception and cash bar (from 5:00 PM) for which you must pre-register using the 2026 National Reunion Registration Form.** Our attendance is increasing, and other Members, Chapter's and Unit groups have joined the gathering as well and we save considerable money and travel time this way. I hope to see everyone in August in Quad Cities. Contact me for more details, 'JD' Smith, Chapter President.

Lehigh Valley Chapter

The Lehigh Valley chapter will hold the **second annual Doug Foster Memorial Reunion on September 12 at DeSales University** (same venue as last year) from Noon – 1700 hrs. The Lehigh Valley Chapter will provide all food and beverages. Food will be served 1300 – 1500 hrs.

We cannot finalize our plans until we know how many people will be attending. I am asking for a count of all who plan to attend. Please respond to jokukitz@aol.com no later than Friday, 28 August 2026.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Renaissance Hotel, 12 North 7th St., Allentown, PA. To book a room, call [484-273-4000](tel:484-273-4000) and ask for Angela Solloum. Identify that you are with the "4th ID LV" to receive the guest room rate \$115/night, plus applicable taxes. Reservations must be received before 12 August 2026. Contact me with questions or more details, John Kukitz, Chapter President.

Midwest Regional Chapter

The Midwest Regional Chapter's next meeting will be held at the National 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Reunion. **We have the Riviera Room scheduled for 4 – 5 PM on Tuesday August 4th.** We are looking forward to seeing you there. Thanks Joe Carter, Chapter President.

Redlegs Chapter

The Redlegs Chapter has several activities planned during the year and will have more details as they get closer. We will conduct a **formal Chapter meeting during the National Reunion on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 from 4 to 6pm** and then have dinner together.

IVY Week at Fort Carson the week of 31 August 2026. The Redlegs Chapter along with 4ID 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.

Veterans Week 2026 at Branson, MO. We have made arrangements at the Hotel Grand Victoria to again host the Hospitality Room for the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association from **November 9-11, 2026**. I encourage you to make your reservations now as the hotel fills up quickly. Call the hotel [417-336-2935](tel:417-336-2935). Make sure to mention you are with the 4th Infantry Division Association for the special rate with Breakfast included. Special hotel rates are available from November 8-12. Contact me for more details, Paul Bonsky, Chapter President.

Western States Regional Chapter

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](tel: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, Chapter President with any questions.

Wisconsin Chapter

The Chapter's Fall mini reunion will be September 18-20, 2026 at 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](tel:608-253-9700) request 4th ID. We will be sending registration form at a later date with all the reunion details. Contact me for more details, Linda Dufek, Reunion Committee.

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.

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

July 24, 2026 is the Deadline to make Hotel Reservations with the Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa.

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 the button below for the complete schedule
and direct Links to the Hotel and Registration Information.**

2026 National Reunion Information

National Reunion Meetings

Note: Some Committee / Chapter Meeting times have been revised.

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 4 – 6 PM

Thursday – 8/6/2026

Auditing Committee – Riviera Room 4 – 5 PM

Media Advisory Committee – Monte Carlo Room 4 – 5 PM

Friday – 8/7/2026

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

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

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.



Scam Alert

Just another quick reminder to watch out for **scam texts and emails**. Members have reported that they received texts and emails claiming to be from National Officers and others asking for help and money. If you get a message like this or one asking for gift cards, money, personal info, or passwords, especially if it feels

urgent or unexpected, first, check the senders email address, that's an easy way to tell if its real, or confirm directly through normal methods, certainly **don't click any links or reply. Block this sender and delete the message.**

From The President



Welcome to the July 2026 *E-Ivy Leaf Newsletter* on the historic Semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

We are just two days from the July 6, 2026 deadline to Register for the 2026 National Reunion with Armed Forces Reunions, Norfolk, VA. Be sure to make your hotel reservations with the Isle Casino Hotel before the July 24, 2026 deadline.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in the Quad Cities.

As always, Steadfast & Loyal,
Rick Adams, National President
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Download and print this **Membership Application** to recruit a new member or update your member information. Membership applications are always published inside the back pages of every *Ivy Leaves* magazine.

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