

**2027 Edition**

**FLAMES OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

May I please have your attention as we conduct the **Flames of Remembrance Candle Lighting Ceremony**. (Please lower the room lights) We will be lighting twelve (12) candles; please remain seated for the first five (5) candles, then I will do a Roll Call by your service specialty and ask you to stand and be recognized for your service.

Our candle lighters for this ceremony are:  
(Include Names, Unit, when served)

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The 4th Infantry Division has a long and proud history of service to America since it was formed at Camp Greene in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1917. The Division has evolved into the Army's most lethal and deployable Division consisting of **Three Stryker Brigades**, Division Artillery, a Combat Aviation Brigade, and a Division Sustainment Brigade, all Headquartered at Fort Carson Colorado. The Division has earned Thirty-One (31) Campaign participation Streamers for the Colors, Numerous Unit Citations, and **Twenty-Two (22)** soldiers

of the Division have earned the Nation's highest recognition of bravery, The Medal of Honor.

Tonight (Today) we gather to honor all the men and women who served our country with the 4th Infantry Division with the lighting of:

**Candle 1 – World War I** – We honor the brave Ivy Doughboys who fought in the French, British and American sectors defeating sixteen enemy divisions and earning the first five campaign streamers for our Colors. We especially remember the 13,150 Ivy Soldiers killed and wounded.

(Pause)

**Candle 2 – World War II** – We honor the men of D-Day, Utah Beach, the Hurtgen Forest, and the Battle of the Bulge. They have been called Americas greatest generation, and we remember all the 4,854 Ivy Soldiers killed and 17,000 wounded during eleven months of combat and who added five more campaign streamers to our Colors.

(Pause)

**Candle 3 – The Vietnam War** – We remember the more than 58 thousand who gave their lives in service to our Nation, which include 2,531 Ivy Soldiers killed and 15,000 who were wounded. From 1966 to 1970 the Ivy

Division fought in the central highlands earning eleven campaign streamers for our Colors.

(Pause)

**Candle 4 – The Cold War** – The 4th Infantry Division stood strong during the Cold War periods against the increasing threat of the Soviet Union and our country's enemies. In 1995 the Ivy Division was called on to spearhead the modernization of the Army as Force XXI and emerged as the most technically advanced and lethal Division in the world.

(Pause)

**Candle 5 – The War on Terror** – We honor all who are serving around the world. Multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the Globe have created a new generation of “Greatest” Americans adding 10 more campaign streamers to our colors and continuing the long list of accomplishments of the Division. We remember with this candle, the more than 67 hundred who have made the ultimate sacrifice, including over 570 Ivy Soldiers, and the 57 thousand Americans wounded during the War on Terror.

(Pause)

So tonight (today) my friends, fellow veterans, and members of this elite group, I invite each of you to please stand and be recognized when your service specialty or

affiliation is called, we also invite Gold Star and Memorial Members to stand when your heroes' units are called; and then be seated as we complete the roll call, and then Taps will be played. (Pause)

**Candle 6 – The Infantry** – Please Stand if you served in one of the Division's Infantry Regiments; (Pause) Thank you for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 7 – The Artillery** - Please Stand if you served in one of the Division's Field Artillery Units; (Pause) Thank you for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 8 – The Armor and Aviation** - Please Stand if you served in one of the Division's Armor Regiments or Aviation Units; (Pause) Thank you for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 9 – The Cavalry, Scouts, Reconnaissance and Rangers** - Please Stand if you served in one of the Division's Cavalry or Ranger Units; (Pause) Thank you for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 10 – The Engineers, Signal, Sustainment and Special Troops Battalions** - Please Stand if you served in one of the Division's Engineer, Signal, Sustainment or Special Troops Battalions; (Pause) Thank you for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 11** – Please Stand if you served in **The Division Headquarters, Brigade Headquarters, The Medical Corps, Military Police, Ordnance, Transport, Quartermaster, or Any other units attached to the 4th Division**; We also invite any other veterans or first responders present, to please stand and be recognized. (Pause) Thank you all for your service, you may be seated.

**Candle 12** - The last candle honors all who died in service to our Nation, all **Missing-in-Action**, and **Prisoners of War** from all wars. (Pause) And with this candle we pause for a moment of silence to Honor and Remember all Association Members and 4th Infantry Division Soldiers who have died since our last National (Chapter) reunion. (Extended Pause) Thank You.

Would everyone please rise for the **Playing of Taps**.

Everyone may be seated.