



2022 BRANSON VETERANS WEEK



We had another great time in Branson this year. Our hospitality room facilities worked well for our group of over 20 veterans and their families (the sign-in page recorded over thirty 4th ID veterans). The actual rooms occupied at the Grand Victoria were just under 20. Many activities kept our Redlegs busy from Wednesday through

Saturday, and many of us walked in the parade on Friday, 11 November, at 1100 hours. The pizza party Friday after the parade was a great addition and will be done again on Saturday, 11 November 2023. Branson is a great place to gather with our 4th ID Veteran brothers from all conflicts and service periods. The city of Branson provides many activities, and many for free, for you and your family. It's the welcome home many of you never saw when you came home from Southeast Asia. But you won't miss it in Branson, as the streets are lined with children and families to celebrate your homecoming.

BRANSON VETERANS WEEK 2023 PLANNING



The Redlegs Chapter will again support the 4th ID National Association Hospitality Room at the Hotel Grand Victoria Hotel from November 9-12, 2023 (hospitality room open from the afternoon of the 9th until the late evening of the 11th. Rooms will be \$111/night (plus tax) and include breakfast for two each morning.

Room rate available for the nights of November 5th through November 12th. If we can get 20 rooms for the period, our hospitality cost will only be \$100/day. Make your reservations early, mention you are with the 4th ID Association and request your room on the 3rd floor. The hospitality room and large parlor area are on the 3rd floor, and it would be great if we could reserve early enough to have us all on that floor. **Reservations need to be made by July 14, 2023.** Call 417-336-1932 to make your reservation.



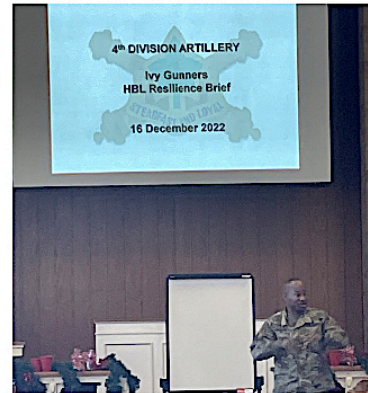
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At the Redlegs Chapter Meeting in August of last year, we approved a fund to support our veterans and the active duty field artillery soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division. We call our new fund, the Redlegs Fund. At the Branson Chapter Officer's meeting, we agreed to initially provide \$1,000 to the fund while we encouraged donations to support the fund on an ongoing basis. By year-end 2022, besides the initial \$1,000 from the Chapter and additional contributions made at Branson, the fund increased to over \$1300, which could be used to support our veterans and active duty soldiers. We are limited in what we can do legally to help the active duty field artillery families. In December, we were able to help the 4th DIVARTY with the snacks served at a family deployment meeting that was held on December 16. That meeting was recorded and can be seen on

our Redlegs website. 4th DIVARTY will be deployed to Europe in the next couple of months.

As deployments are announced during the next few months, we will let the Chapter know where we might be able to help 4th ID Field Artillery families during their separation and future homecomings.



CHALLENGE COINS

The coins have arrived. They were first made available at Branson Veterans Week in November, but now we want to make them available to all Redlegs. There are three ways to obtain a challenge coin. Number 1: Become an e-life member of the 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association. Number 2: Donate \$125 or more to the Redlegs' Fund of the Redlegs Chapter (a coin for each \$125 donation). Number 3: you can purchase a coin of your choosing for \$20 each (plus a \$2 shipping cost). Collect the entire set if you wish. There is a coin for the 4th DIVARTY, 12th FA Regiment, 16th FA Regiment, 20th FA Regiment, 29th FA Regiment, 42nd FA Regiment, and 77th FA Regiment. They are limited in supply since we only ordered 50 each for our initial order. When we place another order, we will include the 9th FA Regiment in our next order. We apologize for leaving out the 9th FA on our first time around but let us know if you are interested Redlegs of the 9th FA Regiment.

We'll get something set up on the website to make ordering your coins easy. Watch the website/



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Make your reservation at the Doubletree Jackson Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. The dates will be July 31 to August 5, and the reunion special rate of \$125/night is available until July 9, 2023, unless sold out earlier. Rate, based on availability, three days before and three days after. See the National Association website for details and other information (www.4thinfantry.org). Your Redlegs Chapter will again host a hospitality room from Wednesday through Friday evening, August 2 to 4, in the Kingsley/Heckscher room on the second floor (across the hall from the National Hospitality room) and open each day from 1 pm until 10 pm. Our annual formal chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 August, from 4 pm until 5:30 pm. More details to follow, but we will again try to set up a Zoom call for members unable to attend the meeting in person. If you have suggestions for improving the communication method, contact us through the contact page on the website.



ELECTIONS 2023

The time has come to begin preparation for our chapter elections. We have asked John Harris to head the nominating committee this time around. We hope you can find a way to serve the Chapter if you are called. We hope our current officers want to continue, but we also have some critical vacancies that need your help for the Chapter to continue functioning effectively. Vacancies exist for the adjutant/ chapter secretary and the senior vice president, but all elected positions are open for nomination. If you are interested in serving the Chapter, please let us know by contacting John Harris or filling out the contact page on the website, and your interest will be relayed to John, and you will be contacted.

We Remember

We lost Dallas Eubanks in early November. Dallas was the National Association's Senior Vice President but also a member of our Redlegs Chapter. He served with the 3rd Battalion 16th Field Artillery Regiment in Iraq in 2003. I can't tell you how much he helped bring in new WOT members and his behind-the-scenes support of our Chapter when it came to assisting me in reaching out to the active duty soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division Field Artillery. His role with Arizona State University's Army ROTC program kept him in the know with the active duty Army. He leaves behind his wife, Lisa, and two daughters. He will be missed.





FROM THE REDLEGS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

What to do with your old IVY LEAVES

Larry Brainerd called me today and came up with a great idea. His suggestion calls for us to take our old IVY LEAVES Magazine's old issues and place them around our local VA Clinics. Who knows, but a 4th ID veteran might pick one up and consider joining the association. My wife, Tricia, was listening to us talk and got excited that Larry's idea would help us eliminate a stack of IVY LEAVES Magazines that have been accumulating in the closet. For those who elected the electronic version of the magazine, print a copy and take it to your local VA Clinic the next time you are headed that way. Thank you for the fantastic idea, Larry!

I do have some good news to announce. Craig Johnson agreed to serve the Redlegs Chapter as the 29th Regimental Vice President. Craig served with Bravo Battery, 6th Battalion 29th Field Artillery Regiment in Vietnam in 1970. When you get the chance, welcome Craig to the Chapter.

Don't forget to look for those old photos of your active duty tours in Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan. Steve von Hagen is updating the website in February and would like new material to add to the website. Last month he added some photos sent to him from Poland by Redlegs Chapter member 1st LT Rebekah Fox, who should be home from her tour in Europe with the 3-29 FA.

We all learned years ago never to volunteer, especially in the Army. But I am asking you to think about helping out the Redlegs Chapter. There is not a committee or officer position that should take much more than an hour or so each month to accomplish unless no one fills the positions. Can you imagine firing a howitzer by yourself? You might get a round or two out, but not for long. But if people don't step forward, it won't be long before our chapter officers and committee members burn out. We are all getting older but must hang in there

until our reinforcements arrive. Many of you have already served and accomplished miracles putting this Chapter together. We ask that you reach out to a few of our members and encourage them to follow. Our newer members from the WOT era can help by talking to your brothers and encouraging them to serve and join. Together we can be an incredible force for future 4th ID Field Artillery veterans.

Before I sign off, I invite you to join Tricia and me on a Viking Ocean Cruise in December 2023. We leave from the Port of Los Angeles on December 12 and return to the Port of Los Angeles on December 28, 2023. It is a 17-day cruise with five days at sea before we arrive in Hawaii for about five days before heading home for another five days at sea with a stop in Ensenada, Mexico, for a day. Take a look at the cruise on the viking.com website and let me know if you are interested, and I can help guide you in dealing with Viking. We would love to have our Redlegs family join us.

They, Viking, have some specials like significantly reduced airfares to LAX right now too. Email or call me if you are interested in joining us.

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