



# Hill 4-11 News



Fall 2013 Newsletter

October 24, 2013

## 2013 Reunion Activities

By Michael McQueen

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association got underway Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Harrah's Terrace Hotel in Tunica, MS. Much time was spent greeting old friends and making new ones, either in the Hospitality Room or throughout the spacious lobby and grounds.

Thursday and Friday were "free days", used for visiting nearby Memphis, TN, including touring Elvis Presley's Graceland and sampling the music and food of Beale Street. Also popular was dining at Paula Deen's Southern-style Buffet and enjoying the "down-home" cooking of Tunica's Blue and White Restaurant. And, of course, many of us tried our luck at Harrah's Casino, with varying degrees of success.



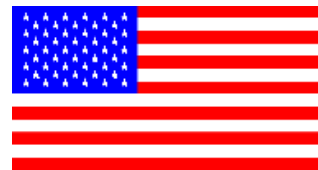
Saturday morning, after boarding our buses at the hotel, we were escorted to the City of Tunica by officers of the Tunica Police Department and deputies with the Tunica County Sheriff's Department, who continued to escort us throughout the day. As the buses drove into Tunica, we were greeted by flag-lined streets, welcoming signs and flags flying from homes and businesses, a most gracious welcome.

Arriving at the beautiful Veteran's Park, we found folding chairs to sit on and a podium with a sound system for our Memorial Service, thanks to the efforts of Mayor Chuck Cariker and Chamber Projects Coordinator Kay Walker.

After a greeting by Mayor Cariker in front of a life-size statue of Vietnam soldiers, we heard remarks from George Ellis and a moving tribute to the service of the men from our Battalion by Ed Dyer. Then President Greg Smith and Col. Ellis placed a



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## Hill 4-11

### Association:

President—[Mike McQueen](#)

Vice President—[Bob Frank](#)

Treasurer—[Dick Hill](#)

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2015 Reunion Host—[Bill Conklin](#)

Newsletter Editors—[Dick Hill](#) and [Charlie Wood](#)

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memorial wreath in front of the statue while Doug Babcock, using a Native American Flute, played "Amazing Grace," followed by "Taps," which concluded the ceremony.

We then re-boarded the buses for the short trip to the Tunica Museum, where we were treated to a video presentation about the history of the region and a tour of the museum.



Once again, we took a short, escorted trip, this time to the Tunica Queen riverboat. We enjoyed a box lunch while cruising on the "Mighty Mississippi."

Then back to the hotel to rest, to visit in the Hospitality Room, or to try our luck one more time in the Casino, before the cocktail hour and banquet. After a heart-felt "Thank you!" to our hosts,

Frank and Mable Terry for all of their planning and hard work, we concluded the evening with a delicious buffet of Mississippi cuisine, followed by an evening of dancing, talking with old friends, or just listening to the music of our DJ.



On Sunday morning, we said our good-byes to each other and planned for our next time together.

## Next Reunion—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—July 16-18, 2015

### 50/50 Raffle

By Dick Hill

Our Tunica reunion brought to a close another successful 50/50 raffle. The proceeds from the raffle is used to pay miscellaneous expenses that go along with hosting the event. Such expenses include snacks and beverages in the hospitality room, gratuities for bus drivers and others, honorarium for the chaplain, etc. Raffle proceeds allow us to stage the event without charging a fee just to attend. This year's winner was Bob Hartman (B 3/1) Adel, Iowa. 2150 tickets were sold, over 500 tickets were sold at the reunion. Bob generously donated half of his prize back to the association. Thank you Bob, and thank you to all who supported the reunion by purchasing tickets. 50/50 raffle tickets for the 2015 reunion will be mailed in January 2015.



Bob and Sue Hartman  
(Photo by Dick Hill)

## Reunion Attendees

By Charlie Wood

A total of 137 people came to the 2013 Hill 4-II Association's reunion in Tunica, MS. There were 74 veterans and 63 guests. The veterans total was as follows: 3 from HHC 3/1, 11 from A 3/1, 22 from B 3/1, 11 from C 3/1, 21 from D 3/1, 1 from E 3/1, 3 from D 6/11, 1 from 10th Transportation, and 1 from 26th Engineers.

Harworth & Gloria Askew—D 3/1 Carson, CA	Mike Aumenta & Barbara Stamand—B 3/1 Little Falls, NJ	Doug & Ruby Babcock—D 3/1 Jackson, MI
Larry Baker—D 3/1 Cody, WY	Gene & Debbie Brown—B 3/1 Bluffton, SC	Leon & Lisa Broussard Covington, LA Brother of Leo Broussard KIA 9/12/69—C 3/1
Mike Burr—C 3/1 & Marie & Joel French Breux Bridge, LA	Robert Cereceres—D 3/1 Clint, TX	Bill & Kathy Conklin—B 3/1 Sarver, PA
Nolan & Esther Cross—B 3/1 Ravenna, OH	Steve & Debbie Cunningham—D 6/11 Forest Lake, MN	Mike & Sue Dankert—A 3/1 Lansing, MI
Dick Daube—D 6/11 Venetia, PA	Virgil & Cindy Deckard—D 6/11 Greenville, IN	Bob & Sandra Dickson—E 3/1 Simpsonville, SC
Jerry & Lois Dinkel—B 3/1 & Josh & Morgan Great Bend, KS	Jerry & Judy Dover—D 3/1 Shelby, NC	Leonard Durham—D 3/1 Adamsville, TN
Ed Dyer—B 3/1 Katy, TX	Dave & Kathy Eckberg—HHC 3/1 Denton, TX	George & Ida Mae Ellis—HHC 3/1 El Paso, TX
Bryan & Karen Ergang—B 3/1 Wyoming, MI	Huey & Shirley Fautheree—HHC 3/1 Georgetown, TX	Bob & Mary Frank—B 3/1 St. Michaels, MD
Larry & Priscilla Finch—D 3/1 Gonzales, TX	Thomas Galabiz—C 3/1 Oakland, MS	Ed Grabowski—B 3/1 Rutland, VT
Mike & Kit Gray—C 3/1 Stollings, WV	Al Hahm—C 3/1 Sacramento, CA	George & Sue Hardman—B 3/1 West Point, UT
Bob & Sue Hartman—B 3/1 Adel, IA	Glyn & Sherrie Haynie—A 3/1 Cedar Park, TX	Dick & Debbie Hill—B 3/1 Kent, OH
John & Sandra Hillier—C 3/1 Harrison, AR	Hank & Bette Hoekstra—D 3/1 Palmetto, FL	Greg & Lydia Jackson—D 3/1 Houston, TX
John & Michele Kuelbs—B 3/1 Solvang, CA	Ed Lemberger—A 3/1 Wever, IA	Royce & Claudette Lloyd—D 3/1 Bristol, CT
Mike McQueen—D 3/1 Brandon, FL	Mike Micetic—D 3/1 Chicago, IL	Ed & Pam Morgan—D 3/1 Tallahassee, FL
Mickey Morgan—A 3/1 (D 6/11) & Yong Mun Clarksville, TN	Richard & Brenda Morris—C 3/1 Graceville, FL	Robert & Marian Mushtare—B 3/1 Edmond, OK
Don & Diane Nelson—D 3/1 Valparaiso, IN	Ed & Nancy Newton—D 3/1 Zanesville, OH	Don & Nancy Prochaska—D 3/1 David City, NE
Tom Petty—B 3/1 Yukon, OK	Dwayne & Gwen Porterfield—B 3/1 Morristown, TN	Mickey Prebble—B 3/1 Mason, MI
Larry & Jane Reynolds—B 3/1 Little Rock, IL	Dusty & Joanna Rhoades—A 3/1 Estero, FL	Sam & Carol Rice—A 3/1 Toulon, IL

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Doug Rompf—26th Engineers Plano, IL	Louis Rowland—C 3/1 Katy, TX	Jose & Maria Santiago—A 3/1 Kissimmee, FL
David Shea—D 3/1 Richmond, VA	Craig & Linda Smith—D 3/1 & Charity & Danner & Molly Worland, WY	Greg & Denise Smith—B 3/1 Columbia, IL
Harold & Peggy Steadman—A 3/1 Conroe, TX	Dale Swafford—A 3/1 Dripping Springs, TX	Julian Tellez—10th Transportation Clint, TX
Frank & Mable Terry—D 3/1 Jackson, MS	Sandy & Anne Tomasini—B 3/1 Southport, NC	Gary Toth—C 3/1 South Plainfield, NJ
Larry & Scott Trigg—C 3/1 Buffalo, MN	Clay & Elaine Vaughn—D 3/1 & Cynthia Keel Heflin, AL	Jim & Joanne Vitale—B 3/1 Gilbert, AZ
Mike & Linda Wayne—B 3/1 Decatur, IL	Ron & Donna Werner—C 3/1 Medford, WI	Garry Wheeler—D 3/1 Republican City, NE
David Woelfel & Dana Latempt—A 3/1 Edwardsville, IL	Charlie & Rose Wood—A 3/1 Goldsboro, NC	Sandy Wood (James Wood—C 3/1) Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Howard Zorn—C 3/1 Hobe Sound, FL		

## Election of Officers

Association officers are elected to four year terms. After serving as president since 2002 Greg Smith elected to step down. The members present in Tunica chose Mike McQueen (D 3/1, 2011 reunion host) to serve as president. Mike is only the fourth president in the history of the association. Bob Frank, Vice President, and Dick Hill, Treasurer, will continue in office.



Panoramic view of the Veterans Memorial in downtown Tunica, Mississippi.

## Future Reunions

Planning is already underway for our 2015 gathering. Bill and Kathy Conklin will be hosting us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The dates to meet in Pittsburgh are July 16-18, 2015. Information on the hotel selected will be included in the next newsletter.

The members at the Tunica reunion accepted the invitation of Craig and Linda Smith to join them in Cody, Wyoming for the 2017 reunion. Cowboys, rodeos, Yellowstone, Old Faithful, bears, buffalo, elk—Rocky Mountains here we come!

## Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship

By Dick Hill

The Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Committee selected two students to receive scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. Michael Farris, grandson of Michael Lee (E 3/1), is attending University of North Carolina. Maddie Hill, granddaughter of Dick Hill (B 3/1), is attending Otterbein University. Mike and Maddie were awarded \$750 each, and they were also recipients of \$500 scholarships from the Americal Division Veterans Association.

Congratulations to Mike and Maddie, and best wishes as you strive to reach your goals.

While Attending East Gaston High School I have served as Senior Class Vice President, National Honor Society President, and Treasurer of the Interact Club. I have been a member of the fellowship of Christian Athletes, Government Club, Peer Advisory Leaders, Prom Committee, Swim Team and Tennis Team at East Gaston High School. I was recipient of the Gaston County Civitan award in 2012 and served as Co-Chief Marshall of East Gaston in 2012. Outside of school I am active in the Alexis Baptist Church Youth Group and have worked as a life guard. This fall I am attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Biology major and plan to later attend medical school and pursue a career as a Cardiac Surgeon.

Michael Hutchinson Farris



My name is Maddie Hill, one of the recipients of the Leslie J. Stottle Scholarships. I would like to start off by saying thank you all very much for your gift that will help me with my college expenses. I attended Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio where I live with my parents and three year old brother and our dog Moose. Along with staying busy with my family and school activities I also ride horses, am involved in the United States Pony Club, and compete throughout the year. I am attending Otterbein University, in Westerville, Ohio. At Otterbein I am planning to major in Marketing with a minor in Equine Business Management. While I am at Otterbein I have been selected to participate in a community service program called the Cardinal Corp. Again I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for our country and myself.

With thanks,

Maddie Hill



High school seniors and college students who wish to apply for a Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year should contact Ed Grabowski, scholarship committee chairman, at 95 Meadows St., Rutland, VT 05701-4321, or email him at [egabby95@comcast.net](mailto:egabby95@comcast.net). Also, scholarship applications may be obtained via the <http://hill4-11.org> website.

## Welcome to New Members

By Dick Hill

We would like to welcome the new members who have recently joined the Hill 4-11 Association. We hope you and your family will make plans to join us at a future reunion.

The Hill 4-11 Association was founded in 1984 by a few veterans from A 3/1, including Harold Steadman and Terry Weeks. Initially the reunions were held every year. However, we now assemble for a reunion every other year on the odd years. Information on future reunions will be published in this newsletter.

For several years, our new President Mike McQueen has been searching the Internet for veterans of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment (3/1). Using old company rosters and copies of orders (CIB, Air Medal, etc.), Mike has located over 130 veterans who were not on our mailing list. Send email to Mike at [mikemcq@verizon.net](mailto:mikemcq@verizon.net) if you have any information that might be helpful in locating veterans from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment.

We also have available a **History of Hill 4-11**, originally researched and documented by COL Leslie J. Stottle (deceased). It is in diary form and is compiled from battalion daily journals and other reports. It covers the time period that Fire Support Base (FSB) 4-11 was occupied by the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, which was from July 1969 to October 1971. The document includes the most of the names of our friends who were killed in action while assigned to the battalion, and it also includes the most of the names of those who were wounded in action. A sample page from the history will be included in a future newsletter.

The association's web site at [www.hill4-11.org](http://www.hill4-11.org) includes company rosters, stories from veterans, and photos from Vietnam and reunions. Visit the web site to search for old friends or leave a message. If you would like to receive newsletters via email you can contact the webmaster thru the web site at [www.hill4-11.org](http://www.hill4-11.org).

We have the Leslie J. Stottle Scholarship fund that awards scholarships each year. Children and grandchildren of our members are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Serving on FSB 4-11 is not a requirement for membership to the Hill 4-11 Association. You only need to have served with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment or one of its supporting units during the Vietnam War. We have a number of members who served with the battalion and went home prior to the founding of the firebase. Our membership also includes infantrymen, engineers, artillerymen, medical aid-men, and all manner of other support personnel. If you have friends from Vietnam that you are in touch with, tell them about our association.

Again, welcome to the Hill 4-11 Association!

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## Pictures from the Past—Charles Walter's Pictures





## Reunion Pictures



Vietnam Soldiers Statue at the Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Tunica, Mississippi.  
(Photo by Charlie Wood)



Mike Wayne, COL George V. Ellis, John Kuelbs, and Dick Hill.  
(Photo by Debbie Hill)



Cruising on the Tunica Queen.  
(Photo by Dick Hill)



The buffet line at the banquet.  
(Photo by Dick Hill)



Group photo of the veterans who attended the 2013 reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association in Tunica, MS.  
This is a panoramic stitching of 3 photos taken by Debbie Hill.





Ed Dyer speaking at the memorial service.  
(Photo by Dick Hill)



The pilot's control room on the Tunica Queen.  
(Photo by Charlie Wood)



Veterans and their families at the memorial service.  
(Photo by Dick Hill)



Dining on the Tunica Queen.  
(Photo by Dick Hill)



The Vietnam Soldiers Statue at the Tunica Veterans Memorial.  
(Photo by Charlie Wood)



Social hour prior to the banquet.  
(Photo by Charlie Wood)

If you want your pictures from the Vietnam era or the 2013 reunion posted on the [hill4-11.org](http://hill4-11.org) web site or in a future newsletter, please email a digital copy to [webmaster@hill4-11.org](mailto:webmaster@hill4-11.org) or send a DVD/CD copy of them to Charlie Wood, 221 Pinewood Circle, Goldsboro, NC 27534

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