



Hill 4-11 Association



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Pittsburgh Reunion Activities

By Mike McQueen

The 23rd Reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association, held at the Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh – Green Tree, got off to an early start when the doors of our over-sized Hospitality Room opened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16th. The room was soon humming with activity as veterans and their families arrived and began to visit with each other, sharing photos and memories. Throughout the day, old friends were reunited and new friendships were made. By late afternoon, the hotel was awash in a sea of beige hats, proclaiming to everyone that the 3rd/1st and 6th/11th were in the house.



While much reminiscing continued throughout the afternoon and evening, many members also took advantage of all that Pittsburgh had to offer, including Station Square and the Rivers Casino. A few even left the casino with more money than they brought in.

Friday morning, after a bus ride through the rolling countryside of western Pennsylvania, we arrived at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA, where we held our Memorial Service. Colonel George Ellis spoke about the courage and character of the fine young men who gave their lives. He encouraged us to mourn them, not by inconsolable grief, but by living our lives in a way that would honor their memory. The service concluded with Col. Ellis and host Bill Conklin presenting a memorial wreath as Doug Babcock played “Amazing Grace” and “Taps” on a Native American flute.



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Following the ceremony, either individually or in groups, we visited this solemn place. Some found that walking slowly alongside the wall and reading the names of those who died that day evoked many of the same emotions that come from walking alongside another Wall.

On our return trip, we stopped at the Oakhurst Tea Room for a smorgasbord luncheon. It is safe to say that no one left hungry.



On Friday evening many members took a river cruise that presented a night-time view of the city. The owner graciously invited each veteran and one other person in that party on board free of charge. So we were not only introduced to the beautiful sights of the city, but to its wonderful people as well.

There were no pre-planned activities on Saturday. Some hung around the hotel, lounging by the pool, watching a ball game in the sports bar or catching up in the Hospitality Room. Many went downtown to tour, to shop or to try their luck. A few even went to an antique car show and road race. That evening saw just over 200 veterans and family members gather for our traditional final-night Banquet, where they enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and an evening of music, dancing and picture taking. Our hosts, Bill and Kathleen Conklin, were presented with a token of our thanks amid hearty applause for a job very well done.

More Reunion Pictures



Glenetta Shuey with her brother's brothers.

Reunion Attendees

There were 101 Vietnam Veterans who attended the 23rd Reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association in Pittsburg, PA:

- HHC — 4 Veterans
- A Co. — 12 Veterans
- B Co. — 30 Veterans
- C Co. — 13 Veterans
- D Co. — 32 Veterans
- E Co. — 2 Veterans
- 6th/11th — 7 Veterans
- 26th Engineers— 1 Veteran



Including their significant others and guests, 200 people attended the reunion. It was one of the largest reunions held since the 1st reunion in Chattanooga, TN in 1984.

Felipe & Elena Aguillon—C 3/1
San Antonio, TX

Mike Aumenta & Barbara St. Amand—B 3/1
Little Falls, NJ

Larry Baker—D 3/1
Cody, WY

Melvin & Betty Brandt— D 6/11
Shirleysburg, PA

Carl Caputo—A 3/1
Bronx, NY

Jim Colloier—D 3/1
Danville, PA

Nolan & Esther Cross—B 3/1
Ravenna, OH

Dick & Peggy Daube—D 6/11
Venetia, PA

Steven & Annie Delp—VVMF
Fredericksburg, VA

Don & Amy Duell-B & C 3/1
Lakeland, FL

Bryan & Karen Ergang—B 3/1
Wyoming, MI

Ray and Donna Gantz—D 6/11
Jacobus, PA

Mike & Kit Gray—C 3/1
Chapman, WV

Bob & Nan Hartman—B 3/1
Adel, IA

Hank & Bette Hoekstra—D 3/1
Bradenton, FL

Dennis & Barbara Jarvis—C 3/1
Oviedo, FL

George & Charlotte Ambrose—HHC 3/1
Hamburg, NJ

Jesse & Maria Avalos—D 3/1
San Antonio, Tx

Gary & Pat Barnes—A 3/1
Asheville, NC

Carl & Pamela Brown—B 3/1
Maryville, TN

Roberto Cereceres—D 3/1
& Afonso Fierro—U.S. Marines
Clint, TX

Bill & Kathleen Conklin—B 3/1
Sarver, PA

Steve & Debbie Cunningham—D 6/11
Forest Lake, MN

Virgil & Cindy Deckard—D 6/11
& Chad, Jessica, Valerie, Dalton & Tyler
Greenville, IN

Wayne Dillon—B 3/1
& Marcia Springston
Forest Hill WV

George & Marlana Durgin—D 3/1
Oceanside, CA

Huey & Shirley Fautheree—HHC 3/1
Georgetown, TX

David Giles—D 3/1
& Dee Elizondo
North Maplewood, MN

Angel Gutierrez—A 3/1
Tampa, FL

Roger & Lisa Henshen—C 3/1
Pana, IL

Raymond & Carrol Hood—D 3/1
Lipan, TX

Derl & Kitty Johnson—D 3/1
Jones, LA

Harworth & Gloria Askew—D 3/1
Carson, CA

Doug & Ruby Babcock—D 3/1
& Keli
Jackson, MI

Lou & Mary Carol Bohn—D 6/11
West Chester, OH

Gene & Debbie Brown—B 3/1
North Augusta, SC

Jim & Carol Coe—B 3/1
Gainesville, FL

Louis Courchaine—D 3/1
& Kerry Courchaine
Clarkston, GA

Michael Daly—B 3/1
Pittsburgh, PA

John DeLong—C 3/1
Belhaven NC

Jerry & Lois Dinkel—B 3/1
& Rachel Purdy
Great Bend, KS

George & Ida Mae Ellis—HHC 3/1
El Paso, TX

Bob & Mary Frank—B 3/1
St. Michaels, MD

Ed Grabowski— B 3/1
Rutland, VT

George & Sue Hardman—B 3/1
West Point, UT

Dick & Debbie Hill—B 3/1
& Eric & Gretchen , Maddie, Peter, Allan, Carla
Kent, OH

Mike Jarmus—D 3/1
Brick, NJ

George Kinsey—D 3/1
Fenton, MO

Reunion Attendees (Cont'd)

John & Michele Kuelbs—D 3/1 Solvang, CA	Ed Lemberger—A 3/1 Weaver, IA	Roy & Joyce Little—B 3/1 Statesville, NC
Royce & Claudette Lloyd—D 3/1 Bristol, CT	Ron Mageors—B 3/1 Freeport, TX	Roland & Joanne Mantovani—D 6/11 Staten Island, NY
Clyde & Marsy Mayronne—E 3/1 Frankfort, IL	Michael McQueen—D 3/1 Brandon, FL	Michael & Cathy Micetic—D 3/1 Chicago, IL
Ed & Pam Morgan—D 3/1 & Michele & Johnny Golden, Sarah & Lori Hudson Tallahassee, FL	Mickey Morgan—A 3/1 Clarksville, TN	Larry Mountford—A 3/1 Georgetown, SC
Robert & Marian Mushtare—B 3/1 Edmond, OK	Glenn & Ginny Neiswonger—D 3/1 New Bethlehem, PA	Ed & Nance Newton—D 3/1 Zanesville, OH
Bruce Nugent—HHC 3/1 Whitehouse, TN	Larry & Lynn Olson—D 3/1 Minneapolis, MN	Chris & Vickie Osgood—B 3/1 Trinity, AL
Tom Petty—B 3/1 Yukon, OK	Victor & Teresa Pina—D 3/1 Phoenix, AZ	Joe & Madeline Polchlopeck—C 3/1 West Seneca, NY
Mickey Prebble—B 3/1 Mason, MI	Don & Nancy Prochaska—D 3/1 David City, NE	Sam & Carol Rice—A 3/1 Toulon, IL
Doug Rompf—26th Engineers Plano, IL	Louis Rowland—C 3/1 Katy, TX	David Shea—D 3/1 Richmond, VA
John & Liz Sheffer—A 3/1 & Tyler Mio, MI	Glenetta Shuey & Brenda Frisard Jennings, LA Sister of Garland Benoit (KIA 3/18/70)—D 3/1	Rick Simon & Sharon Kohn—D 3/1 Kansas City, MO
Peter & Nancy Simpson—B 3/1 Lansing, MI	Craig Smith—D 3/1 & Charity, Molly & Danner Glanz & Jody Smith Worland, WY	Greg & Denise Smith—B 3/1 Columbia, IL
Rick & Kathy Snoderly—B 3/1 Idaho Falls, ID	Harold & Peggy Steadman—A 3/1 Conroe, TX	Doug & Vicki Taylor—B 3/1 Telford, TN
Ron Tears—D 3/1 & Nathan Rochester, NY	Frank & Mable Terry—D 3/1 Jackson, MS	Jim Thomas—E 3/1 Olathe, KS
Tommy & Connie Thompson—A 3/1 Tulsa, OK	Sandy & Anne Tomasini—B 3/1 Southport, NC	Gary Toth—C 3/1 South Plainfield, NJ
Larry Trigg—C 3/1 & Scott Trigg Buffalo, MN	Larry & Marie Turner—D 3/1 & Michelle Bates City, MO	Ray & Elva Turner—B 3/1 Stoystown, PA
Jim & Joanne Vitale—B 3/1 Gilbert, AZ	Mike Wayne—B 3/1 Decatur, IL	Ron & Donna Werner—C 3/1 Medford, WI
James & Pam Williams—C 3/1 Mineral Springs, PA	Rick & Phyllis Winchester—A 3/1 Cincinnati, OH	David & Dana Woelfel—A 3/1 Edwardsville, IL
Ben & Karen Young—B 3/1 Brea, CA	Gary & Mary Ann Young—D 3/1 Ozark, MO	Howard Zorn—C 3/1 Houston, TX

E-Mail Addresses

If you have an e-mail address and did not receive at least one e-mail message in June or July about the reunion in Pittsburgh, please send your e-mail address to Mike McQueen at mikemcq@verizon.net so that we can add you to our Association's address book.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Steve and Annie Delp, volunteers with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), were present throughout our reunion, manning their display by the door to the Hospitality Room and talking with many of us. Their mission with the VVMF is to obtain at least one photograph for each man and woman on The Wall. Many of these photos will be on display in the future Education Center at the Wall, and all will be posted on the website. To-date, they still need photographs to go with 16,000 names. They ask that you contact them if you have photos to contribute or if you would like to find out how you can help in this very important project. They can be reached at sdelp@vvmf.org, eaglehillfarm@att.net or at 540-399-1982.

Steve served as a combat engineer with the Fourth Infantry Division in Vietnam during 1968.

50/50 Raffle Tickets

By Dick Hill



The 2015 raffle was our most successful ever. 2435 tickets were returned by mail. Record attendance at the Pittsburgh reunion translated to record ticket sales. Additional sales and donations brought the total to \$3000. The ticket drawn at the Saturday banquet was sent in by Dennis Stout of Ankeny, Iowa. Dennis is a 3/1 veteran from 1969 and was surprised and elated when treasurer Dick Hill called and told him of his good fortune. Dennis used a portion of his winnings to become a life member of the Hill 4-11 Association.

Thank you to all who supported the association reunion by purchasing tickets. Tickets for our next raffle will be mailed with the Winter 2017 newsletter to raise funds for our Cody, Wyoming reunion.

Hill 4-11 Hats

By Nolan Cross

We have sold over 150 hats so far, including almost 100 at the reunion. However, only four have been for Combat Medics. If you were a medic, make sure that everyone knows. We still have hats for each of the line Companies, for Delta Battery and for Combat Medics (indicate which Company). You can order yours by sending a check for \$20, which includes packaging and postage, to Nolan Cross, 337 Clinton St, Ravenna, OH 44266-2349.

I would like to say a big "Thank you!" to my wife for keeping me on the straight and narrow, and for doing much of the work.



Future Reunions

The 2017 reunion, hosted by Craig Smith (Delta 3/1), will be held in Cody, WY June 8th-11th. Our headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn. More details will be in the Spring 2016 Newsletter.

The Association members present at the Pittsburgh reunion accepted invitations for our next two reunions:

- The 2019 reunion will be hosted by Jim and Carol Coe (Bravo 3/1) in Columbus, GA near Fort Benning, which is the home of the United States Army Infantry Museum and of the David Winder Memorial Family Clinic.
- The 2021 reunion will be hosted by Steve and Debbie Cunningham (Delta 6/11) in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN.

John Walker Memorial Fund

In the Fall 2014 Newsletter, we announced the implementation of a program under which the Fund would pay the reunion registration fee for up to two family members of a veteran who died in Vietnam or who has passed away since returning home.

Our first attendee under this program was Glenetta Shuey, sister of Garland Benoit, who was KIA on 18 March 1970. Glenetta arrived in Pittsburgh Friday afternoon and spent much of Friday evening and Saturday visiting with men from Delta Company who had served with her brother. She also joined them for the Saturday evening banquet.

Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship

Two students were selected by the Committee to receive \$750 scholarships for the 2014/2015 academic year. They were Lunden Elizabeth Farris, granddaughter of Mike Lee (E 3/1) and James Todd Stalnaker, grandson of Ed Morgan (D 3/1). Lunden's letter of appreciation appeared in the Fall 2014 Newsletter.

The announcement of the recipient of the 2015/2016 scholarship will be made in the Spring 2016 Newsletter.

The following is James' letter, which was omitted from the Spring 2015 Newsletter:

James Todd Stalnaker's Letter of Appreciation

My name is J. T. Stalnaker and I attended Leon High School in Tallahassee, FL. My favorite hobby is baseball, and during my high school career I played all four years. During my Junior and Senior years I was the starting varsity catcher and was selected for the All-Big Bend 1st Team both years.

As a recipient of the Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship, the offer to attend Ecclesia College and play baseball became a reality for me and my family. For this I am eternally grateful and want you to know that it meant a lot to me, my parents and grandparents, who have been, and continue to be an inspiration and encouragement for me.

Growing up, my grandfather always shared stories of his experiences while we were together. He has been a big influence in my life and practically every talk has included that I always do what is right, believe and trust in the Lord and to get a college education so that I can get a good job and support my family. My entire life I've been surrounded by this type of support, love and encouragement.

With the receipt of this scholarship, I've learned that our support is even deeper than what we see on the surface or the people we meet. It also comes from the support of others unknown directly to us.

Again, I thank you for your contribution and support for my continued education, but more importantly, for your dedication, sacrifice and all that you've done and continue to do for our country.

With Sincerest Thanks,

J. T. Stalnaker



Request for Information on Richard J. Schoonveld

By Mike McQueen

The Association has recently received a request from Rob Schoonveld, nephew of Richard J. Schoonveld (C 3/1), who was KIA on 14 July 1969, two weeks before Rob's birth. He would very much like to hear from men who knew his uncle. If you served with Richard Schoonveld and would like to get in touch with his nephew, let me know at mikemcqn@verizon.net or at 813-685-2022 ,and I will give you his contact information.

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Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Contribution

John Walker Memorial Fund Contribution

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