



Hill 4-11 Association



Fall 2016 Newsletter

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24th Reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association

By Craig Smith



The 24th reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association will be held June 8-11, 2017 in Cody, WY. Our host facility will be the Buffalo Bill Village Resort, located at 1701 Sheridan Ave. The complex includes a Holiday Inn, a Comfort Inn and the Buffalo Bill (cabin) Village, which are all within easy walking distance of each other.

The Saturday evening banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, which will also be the site of our hospitality room.

The Resort has set aside 60 cabins (75% of the Village) for us to have our own semi-private reunion compound. A limited number of rooms are available in each of the hotels, if you prefer. Our special reunion rates are:

- One bedroom cabin - \$139.00/night
- Two bedroom cabin - \$159.00/night
- Hotel room (either hotel) - \$166.00/night

These rates are also in effect for 3 days before and 3 days after the dates of our reunion, subject to room availability.

Reservations should be made directly with the Resort at 307-587-5544. Tell them that you are with the "3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry" (code: ZUJ) and let them know which accommodations you prefer. Because of the extreme popularity of the area during the summer, it is recommended that you make your reservations early, especially if you would like to stay extra days before or after the reunion. The Resort will begin taking reservations on October 1st.

There is plenty of complimentary on-site parking. You may park an RV in designated areas; however, you may not stay in the RV.

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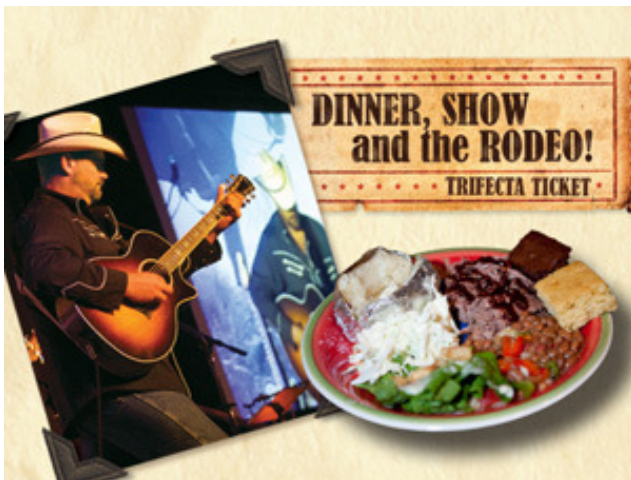
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Cody is served by Delta and United airlines; however, it is a small airport with limited flights. It may be more convenient for some to fly into either Riverton, WY or Billings, MT, rent a car and drive the 2 hours to Cody. Riverton is home to the Wind River Casino; for history buffs, the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is about an hour from Billings. Everyone planning to arrive by air should make their travel arrangements early.



Planned Activities for 24th Reunion

By Craig Smith

Our scheduled activities are still being finalized; however, they include a Memorial Service at the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Park (in Cody), a Friday evening all-you-can-eat Chuckwagon BBQ dinner and family-oriented show, possibly followed by a rodeo, and our traditional Saturday evening banquet, complete with a live band. Children's prices will be available for both meals.

There are a wide variety of things to do and places to visit during our free time, starting with the beauty and natural wonders of nearby Yellowstone National Park. Other outdoor activities include horseback riding and white-water rafting for the more adventurous attendees.

The one-hour guided Trolley Tour is a good way to learn about all that Cody has to offer. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West contains five Smithsonian-affiliated museums (the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Cody Firearms Museum, the Plains Indians Museum, the Draper Natural History Museum and the Whitney Museum of Western Art). And no visit to Cody would be complete without seeing the historic downtown, highlighted by Bill Cody's own Irma Hotel.

"The Rock"

By Ed Silber

I was deployed to Co. C, 3d Bn, 1st INF, 11th LIB, 23d INF Div (Americal) located at Base Camp Bronco in February of 1968. I was pulled from the field and reassigned to HHC in May. I became an aide and driver for the Bn. XO, Major James Henrionnet. While I was in the mess hall one day, someone noticed that I was sketching a picture of my fiancé and mentioned it to Maj. Henrionnet. He asked me if I thought I had the ability to paint, and I said yes.

In order to get supplies for this project, and while a rock was found and relocated by the Engineers, Captain Fernando Garcia and I went to Quang Ngai City

It took me two weeks to sketch and paint the 1st Inf. crest on the rock, and unfortunately, once it was painted, it became an aiming point for the VC and NVA in the area. I was shot at about 4 times while I was working on the rock, and it could be seen all the way to the border.

I found out later that once the Division was deactivated and the base camp was turned over to the ARVN, the rock was repainted with the colors of the South Vietnamese flag. I was also told that eventually, the rock was destroyed by the NVA.



Edward G. Silber Sr. SFC (Retired)

Leslie J. Stottle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

By Mike McQueen

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Scholarship Committee, comprised of Chair Ed Grabowski, John Hillier, Don Prochaska and Louis Rowland, has awarded four \$750 scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. This year's recipients of a Leslie J. Stottle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship are Robert Barber III, grandson of Kenneth Bouldin (B 3/1); Braig Duck, grandson of Craig Smith (D 3/1); Joshua Purdy, grandson of Jerry Dinkel (B 3/1) and Shannon Stalnaker, granddaughter of Ed Morgan (D 3/1).

High school seniors and college students who are grandchildren of active Hill 4-11 Association members and would like to apply for a scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year may request an application form by contacting Chairman Ed Grabowski at 95 Meadow St, Rutland, VT 05701-4321. Forms may also be accessed on our website, hill4-11.org. Applications will be considered for all types of post-secondary education, including trade school, college and graduate school.

Thank You

By Josh Purdy

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship! I am so honored to have been awarded this scholarship. I really enjoyed attending the Hill 4-11 Reunion and all of its members. They gave me a new insight on all of my grandpa's friends he has told me about. I would love to attend a future reunion and hear plenty of stories.

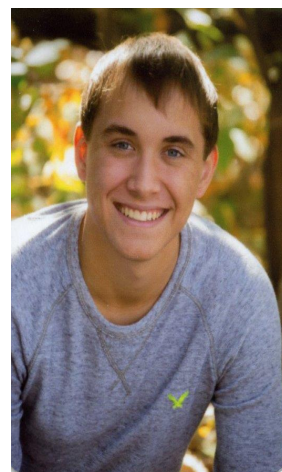
As requested, here is my biographical information:

High school: Goddard High School in Goddard, KS

College plans: Begin at Wichita State University for Mechanical Engineering, and hopefully transfer to Kansas State University for Civil Engineering

Interests: Soccer, tennis, basketball, baseball and movies

Intended area of study: Mechanical Engineering or Civil Engineering



Josh Purdy

Thank You

By Shannon Stalnaker



Shannon Stalnaker

Hello, my name is Shannon Stalnaker and I am a seventeen-year-old girl who graduated a year early, with distinction, from Leon High School in Tallahassee, FL.

This fall I will be enrolled at Tallahassee Community College and will begin working towards becoming a nurse. First, I will be earning my RN and entering the workforce, but I will go beyond that. I will continue in school for another four years and earn my Bachelor's Degree in the science of nursing. I know that it won't be easy, but I have a great, caring, God-worshipping family who will always be behind me and will help me to reach my dream.

Although, if it wasn't for my grandfather, I likely wouldn't be attending college at all. As I was beginning my freshman year of high school, I was struggling in school and developed an anti-school attitude, telling myself that I wouldn't attend college. My grandfather must have noticed my attitude, because he began telling me stories of his past and of all of the people he knew that didn't go to college but now wished that they could turn back the clock so that their lives would have been better, including himself. I feel that's what gave me the drive to graduate early, to attend college and to strive to do well in life.

I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for all of the support and encouragement that I've received throughout my life. With the receipt of this scholarship, I feel even more support and even more confidence as I begin college. Because, even though I have

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never met any of the people who chose me to receive this scholarship, I know that they believe in me.

Thank you all so much for awarding me this scholarship and helping to support my further education, but most importantly, thank you for everything you all have done, and continue to do for our country.

With Sincerest Thanks,

Shannon Stalnaker

John Walker Memorial Fund

By Mike McQueen

The Fund will pay the reunion registration fee (which covers the cost of the Saturday evening banquet, all scheduled activities and group transportation) for up to two family members of a 3rd/1st or Delta Battery, 6th/11th veteran who died in Vietnam or has passed away since returning home. Those eligible are wives, children/grandchildren, siblings and nieces/nephews. Family members who have attended previous reunions are also eligible for this one-time benefit.



Johnny Caldwell

It is with great sadness that we belatedly report the passing of Delta Company veteran and long-time Hill 4-11 Association member Johnny Caldwell on July 15, 2014. Although there had been earlier, unconfirmed reports, it was only this spring that I was able to verify his passing.

Johnny had been a fixture at our reunions until the death of his close friend and former platoon leader, Jeff Baden, shortly before the Moline reunion. Many "Deltas" owe our membership in the Association to his dogged determination to locate former members of his beloved Delta Company. He will be greatly missed.

James Cronkwrite

James Cronwrite, better known as "Sparky," passed away on May 27, 2016 from kidney failure and other complications. Sparky served with E Troop during 1969-70. On the night of July 14, 1969 during a sapper attack on Hill 4-11, Sparky



helped "Doc" Bruce Nugent rescue and recover SGT Larry Techmeir who was mortally wounded by sappers while he was checking the perimeter wire.

Steven Knuboff



Steven Knuboff, better known as "Doc Knuboff," passed away on June 26, 2016. Doc Knuboff was a medic with the Weapons Platoon of A Company during 1969-70. He lost several friends during a battle with the NVA on May 13, 1970.

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