

HILL 411 ASSOCIATION



MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

2006 REUNION BRANSON, MISSOURI JULY 20-23, 2006

WHO CAME TO BRANSON

Bill & Debbie Abernathie
Parson, KS

Dan & Pamela Barrett
Evansville, IN

Bill & Nancy Brumley
Richardson, TX

Nolan & Esther Cross
Ravenna, OH

Don & Amy Duell
Amherst, OH

Leonard & Bonnie Durham
Adamsville, TN

Bryan & Karen Ergang
Wyoming, MI

Larry & Pricilla Finch
Gonzales, TX

Brenda Frisand
Gramercy, LA

Earl & Elaine Ainsworth
Kiln, MS

Clarence & Lois Brown
Sioux Falls, SD

Johnny Caldwell
Lewisville, TX

Mike & Sue Dankert
Lansing, MI

George Durgin
Oceanside, CA

Ed & Becky Dyer
San Antonio, TX

Skip Fahel
Sarasota, FL

Mike Fitz-Gerald
Montgomery, AL

David Giles & Dee Elizondo
St. Paul, MN

Dale & Doris Arnos
Woodburn, IN

Gene & Debbie Brown
N. Augusta, GA

Louis Courchaine
Clarkston, GA

Larry & Mona Dollarhide
Ozark, MO

Leother & Shirley Dupas
Baton Rouge, LA

George & Ida Mae Ellis
Betty & Mossie Greig
El Paso, TX
Huey & Shirley Fautheree
Georgetown, TX

Bob & Mary Frank
St. Michaels, MD

Ed Grabowski
Rutland, VT

WHO CAME TO BRANSON (CONT.)

Mayford Grayson Sevierville, TN	Tim & April Hagberg Myrtle Creek, OR	John & Stephane Henyan Cordova, IL
Dick & Debbie Hill Kent, OH	John & Sandra Hillier Harrison, AR	Dean & Jo Horton Depew, OK
Donna Hull New Baden, IL	Ronnie Janes & Lynn Fletcher Columbia, KY	Gary Koppen Gladstone, OR
Ed Lemberger Wever, IA	Gerald & Betty Lewis Blackshear, GA	Dale & Linda McKinney Sioux City, IA
Mike McQueen Branson, FL	Robert Miller Carol Peterson Joe Belcastro Farmington, NY	Silas & Pam Morgan Tallahassee, FL
Michael Morgan & Miss Kim Clarksville, TN	Fred & Eleanor Morris Bridgewater, MA	Robert Mushtare & Marian Warren Edmond, OK
Tom & Tima Petty Yukon, OK	James Plumley & Joanne Petroske Wasilia, AK	Dwight & Becky Peirson Urbana, OH
William & Teresa Rawlings Sallisaw, OK	Sam & Carol Rice Toulon, IL	Doug Rompf Plano, IL
Louis Rowland Fayetteville, AR	Andy & Debbie Sager Greenville, NC	David Shea Richmond, VA
Craig & Linda Smith Worland, WY	Greg & Denise Smith Batavia, IL	Glen & Nina Suttles Chesterfield, IL
Louis Tarantino Dallas, TX	Gary & Rebecca Terhaar Cold Spring, MN	Frank & Mabel Terry Jackson, MS

WHO CAME TO BRANSON (CONT.)

John Gary & Frances Thomas
Southport, NC

James Vitale &
Joanne Bassolimo-Vitale
Williamstown, NJ

Brenda Walker
Haymarket, VA

Mike & Linda Wayne
Decatur, IL

Buck & Judy Werner
Bay City, MI

Gary Wheeler
Republicon, NE

Gary & Mary Ann Young
Ozark, MO

Cindy Harding
Bryan , Amy, & Joe Harding
Fayetteville, AK

Glyn & Sherrie Haynie Judy Haynie
Cedar Park, TX

BUSINESS MEETING

The association business meeting was held on Saturday morning following the memorial service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Greg Smith was reelected to the office of President.

Dick Hill was reelected to the Office of Treasurer.

Vice President Ed Dyer's term of office has two more years, ending in 2008.

The presidents term of office was shortened to two years for this election only. So the president and vice-president will be elected at the same reunion. This will facilitate the vice-president moving up to the presidents position if he chooses to run for that office.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jerry Dinkel asked to step down as the chair of the Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jerry has served the association in this position for a number of years. Thank you, Jerry for your service to the association.

President Smith appointed Ed Grabowski to chair the committee. Ed has previously served as a member of the scholarship committee.

FUTURE REUNIONS.

It was decided to return to the every year format rather than the every second year as has been the custom since 1998. The 2008 reunion will be hosted by John "Doc" Henyan, in Moline, Illinois as previously scheduled. The 2009 reunion will be hosted by David Shea in Richmond, Virginia.

DUES

Our LIFE MEMBERSHIP option has been a resounding success. We have 68 life members. In order to keep the life member fund as a future endowment, (when there are not as many of us to pay dues) we need to continue to receive dues from annual members. Our primary expense from the general fund is newsletters. It cost the association over \$550 to print and mail each edition of the newsletter, (in black & white). The next time you sit down to write checks, don't forget the Hill 411 Association. Oh yea, throw in a little something extra for the scholarship fund and Walker fund.

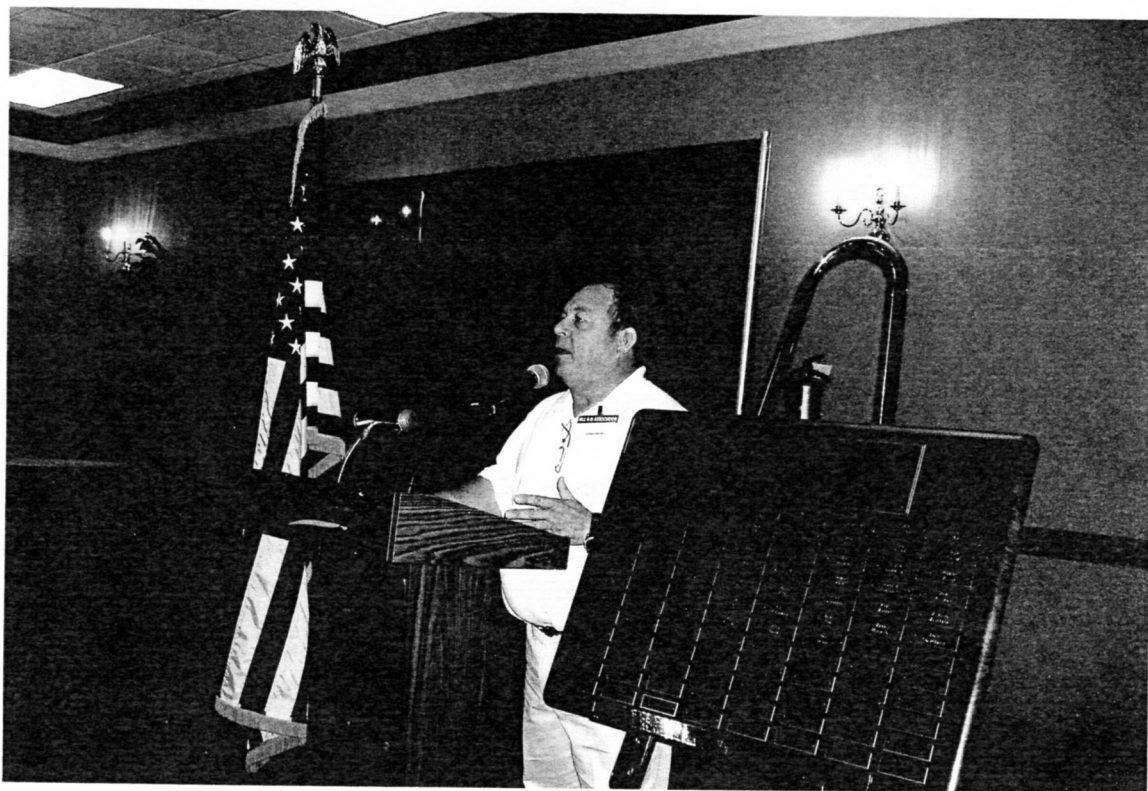
JOHN WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

Life Member Brenda Walker, has volunteered to be a liason to the widows and family members of deceased Hill 411 veterans. In this capacity Brenda will attempt to maintain contact with family members of our deceased members. A fund was established to provide funds to assist Brenda in this endeavor. The fund may be used to reimburse her, for out of pocket expenses, i.e. Postage, phone calls, gasoline, etc. If it is determined that a association member's widow is in need, Brenda will bring it to our attention. This may range from a phone call of encouragement, a contact person in the association who resides nearby, or financial assistance. The newly created fund was named the John Walker Memorial Fund in memory of Brenda's late husband. A former Delta Company commander, John was association vice-president at the time of his death.

If you are in contact with any family members of Hill 411 veterans, whether they were members of our association or died in Vietnam, please forward the contact information to Treasurer Dick Hill. There may be family members who would attend a Hill 411 reunion with a little encouragement.

50/50 RAFFLE

The 2008 50/50 raffle was our most successful since we started it in 1998. 1,120 tickets were sold. The drawing for the winning ticket was held at the reunion banquet. The ticket selected was purchased by D'wight Peirson. D'wight is a Delta veteran from Urbana, Ohio. D'wight was present at the reunion to claim his winnings of \$560. He immediately used \$150 to become a life member. Congratulations to D'wight. Once again we thank the Kent Fire Fighters Association for contributing the cost of the ticket printing.. The \$560 profit the association realized from the raffle proceeds made it possible to host the reunion with out charging members a registration fee. Raffle tickets to help fund the 2008 reunion will be mailed in early 2008.



Host Gary Young addresses the members at the banquet. Also pictured is the Life Member Plaque

DUES PAYMENT FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

Vietnam Unit _____ Dates of Vietnam Service _____

Hill 411 Annual Dues.....\$ 25.00

Life Member Dues..... 150.00

Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Fund Contribution..... _____

John Walker Memorial Fund Contribution..... _____

_____ Copies of Hill 411 History @\$22.50..... _____

Total _____ \$

Make checks payable to Hill 411 Association and mail to Dick Hill 630 Woodside Drive
Kent, OH 44240-2664

The story of the founding of Hill 4-11 is well known to most of our members. It has nothing to do with the elevation. It is the combination of the 4th ARVN Regiment and the 11th Infantry Brigade. Then LTC George V. Ellis was the commander of the 3/1 when he was given the mission of opening a FSB west of Quang Ngai City. He selected the little hill that came to be known as FSB 4-11.

The opening of Hill 4-11 was successful and in September of 1969 George Ellis prepared to turn over command of 3/1 to LTC Leslie J. Stottle. The change-of-command ceremony was held on FSB 4-11. During the ceremony the Commanding General of the Americal Division, MG Lloyd B. Ramsey, pinned a number of awards on LTC Ellis:

CIB 2nd award

Silver Star 2nd Award

Two Distinguished Flying Crosses

Fourteen Air Medals with four for valor

Bronze Star with V device

Legion of Merit

VN Gallantry Cross with Gold Star

VN Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star

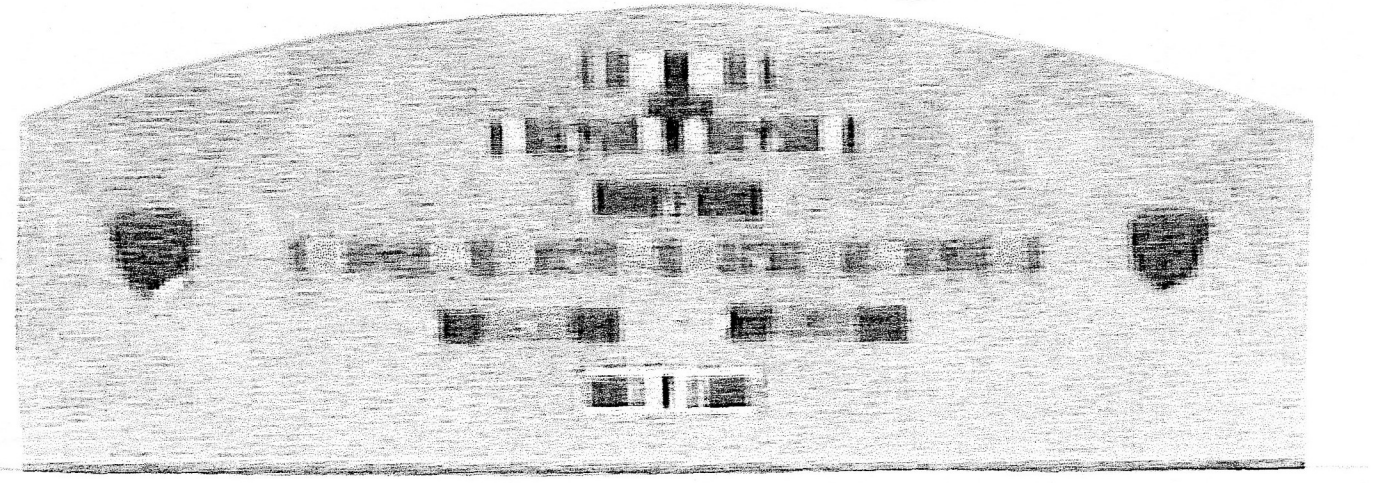
Purple Heart 2nd award

A valorous Unit Award was added later based upon the battalion's distinguished combat service.

After the presentations, LTC Ellis turned to make a few remarks. He pointed to the bunkers of 4-11 and stated that the medals really belonged to the grunts manning the bunker line and those patrolling the AO. They were the ones who day in and day out put their lives on the line. He believed then and he believes now that the awards presented to him in 1969 were given to recognize the accomplishments of the Third Battalion, First Infantry.

COL (Ret.) George V. Ellis decided he wanted to personally recognize those grunts and to officially share his awards. He presented a beautiful plaque to the membership containing the awards and his proclamation that they were all entitled to a share of the awards. The plaque is now a part of the official records of the Hill 4-11 Association and will be displayed at future reunions.

See facing page for a copy of the plaque/proclamation.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS GREETINGS.
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT COLONEL (R) GEORGE V. ELLIS,
INFANTRY, UNITED STATES ARMY
HAS AWARDED PART OF
ONE SILVER STAR;
TWO DISGUISED FLYING CROSSES,
EACH WITH V DEVICE;
ONE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH V DEVICE;
FOUR AIR MEDALS,
EACH WITH V DEVICE;
ONE VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH GOLD STAR;
ONE VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH BRONZE STAR;
AND ONE VALOROUS UNIT AWARD
TO ALL MALE MEMBERS
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE,
OF HILL-411 ASSOCIATION
FOR HEROISM WHILE PARTICIPATING IN COMBAT IN
THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
DURING THEIR TOUR OF DUTY.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN
THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
THIS TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JULY 2006

George V. Ellis

GEORGE V. ELLIS
COLONEL (RETIRED)
RECIPIENT OF NAMED DECORATIONS
LISTED IN THIS CITATION

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