



Hill 4-11 News



Spring 2014 Newsletter March 20, 2014

2015 Reunion Update

By Dick Hill

2015 reunion hosts Bill and Kathy Conklin are making plans for our gathering in Pittsburgh, PA. The dates are July 16, 17, and 18, 2015. The headquarters hotel will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Greentree, PA. Greentree is three miles west of downtown Pittsburgh.



An effort was made for us to be in the Golden Triangle area near a subway station. However, the hotels in that area are more expensive: including additional cost for parking, the total was \$200 plus per day.

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel is \$109 plus tax, and it has plenty of free parking and a free airport shuttle.

A change for the 2015 reunion is that the memorial service and scheduled activities will



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be on Friday, July 16th. The memorial service will be at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. This memorial is a moving tribute to the 40 heroes who lost their lives on Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. The first phase of the memorial was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the event. The second phase is scheduled to be completed later this year.

The closing banquet will be on Saturday evening, July 18th.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in Pittsburgh in July 2015.

Condo Raffle

By Dick Hill

The Flight 93 National Memorial is about one hour from our reunion hotel. We will travel there by motor coach and stop for lunch on the return trip. We will need 3 or more busses (we hope).

In order to keep the cost for our members and families as reasonable as possible, Bill & Kathy Conklin have made a very generous donation toward the reunion. They have donated a week in an ocean front condo in Myrtle Beach, SC.

It was necessary to commit now for a week later this year. Also, it was necessary to have the raffle in 2014, so we would have a picture of where we stand financially before continuing with final planning for busses and lunch. The winning ticket will be drawn on or about July 1, 2014.

The ocean front condo is reserved for the week of November 2 - 9, 2014. It is a one bedroom, one bath unit in the SeaGlass Tower Resort and is in the heart of downtown Myrtle Beach. Multiple dining locations, attractions, and entertainment are within walking distances.

Cost of the raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Please make additional copies of the tickets on the next page as needed. Cut-out and fill-out the tickets and return them along with payment to:

Hill 4-11 Association
630 Woodside Drive
Kent, OH 44240-2664



You can also sell these tickets to family members, friends, and neighbors.



Condo Raffle Tickets

Name _____
 Addr _____
 City _____
 State _____ ZIP _____
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Condo Raffle

**One Bed, One Bath
 Sea Glass Tower Resort
 Myrtle Beach, SC
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News Article from Tunica Times

Town To Honor Veterans Group

By Brooks Taylor
Tunica Times
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June 21, 2013

The town of Tunica will give a group of Vietnam veterans a homecoming they may never have had.

This weekend, signs will decorate storefronts and flags will line River Road and downtown parks in honor of the Hill 4-11 Association. The veterans group is holding a memorial service in the Veterans Park at 9:30 a.m. Saturday as part of a reunion June 20-23.

"Last summer they stopped by the Chamber office and asked if they could have their reunion in our Veterans Park." Tunica mayor Chuck Cariker explained.

"Kay and Lyn (at the Chamber) have worked to make them feel welcome," he added. "Hopefully, they will enjoy their stay in town.

This year's reunion is the 22nd for the Hill 4-11 Association, which is made up of men who served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army 3rd/1st Infantry and Delta Battery, 6th/11th Artillery, and their families. Some 130 are expected to attend, organizers say. Saturday's memorial service is in remembrance of the 286 men lost in Vietnam, plus others who have died in the intervening years.

Throughout the reunion, a very special artifact is on display; a bronze plaque honoring Pfc. David Winder, a medical aidman in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Brigade, Americal Division, who was killed May 13, 1970 as he tried to administer medical care to several wounded. Pfc. Winder was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Veterans Park, with its central statue of Vietnam era soldiers, is a fitting site for Saturday's program. Since its dedication in November 2002, the park has drawn thousands of visitors.

Tunicans, especially members of the military who served in Vietnam, are invited and encouraged to attend the June 22 program.

"I would love to see the town cover itself with pride and fly as many American flags as possible," said Chamber projects coordinator Kay Walker, who plans to attend Saturday's memorial service to show her respect and gratitude.

"This is a great chance for us to show off our downtown and what our town does for veterans from all over," Cariker added.



Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship

By Dick Hill

The following members and friends contributed to the Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship fund during 2013:

Ed Grabowski	Michael Lee	James Vitale	Greg Smith
Scott Jackson	George Ambrose	Doug Frederick	Alan Vitters
Daniel Wojsznski	Huey Fautheree	David Eckberg	Mike Gray
George Ellis	Sandy Tomasini	Mike McQueen	Mickey Stottle
Dale McKinney	Gary Young	Willie Williams	John Zimmer
Bryan Ergang	Leon Broussard	Howard Zorn	Nolan Cross
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Glyn Haynie	Steve Cunningham	Robert Mushtare	Frank Terry
Louis Courchaine	Larry Finch	Jose Santiago	Bob Dickson
Charles Wood	Walter Robinson	John Kuelbs	Tom Petty
Dave Hulch Family*	Eric Hill Family*	Bernie Lappe Family*	Jerry Comer
Dennis Jarvis	Mike Burr	Roland Mantovani	Dick Hill

(* In memory of Mark Skuttle, a veteran who designated veterans organizations as recipients of memorial gifts upon his death.)

High School seniors and college students who would like to apply for a scholarship for the 2014/2015 academic year may request an application by contacting scholarship committee chairman Ed Grabowski at 95 Meadow Street Rutland, VT 05701-4321.

Applications are also available by accessing the Hill 4-11 website at hill4-11.org.

John Walker Memorial Fund

By Dick Hill

The following members and friends contributed to the John Walker Memorial Fund during 2013:

Ed Grabowski	Michael Lee	Doug Frederick	Alan Vitters
Daniel Wojsznski	Huey Fautheree	David Ekberg	George Ellis
Sandy Tomasini	Mickey Stottle	Willie Williams	John Zimmer
Bryan Ergang	Nolan Cross	Ken Killingsworth	Glyn Haynie
Steve Cunningham	Larry Finch	Harworth Askew	Greg Jackson
Bob Dickson	Walter Robinson	Jerry Comer	John Zimmer
Dennis Jarvis	Roland Mantovani		

Life Members

By Dick Hill

The following Hill 4-11 veterans became Life Members during 2013:

Mike Helmer B 3/1	Michael Keller	Dennis Hill B 3/1
Hank Hoekstra D 3/1	Glenn Suttles	John Radcliffe D 6/11
Ken Killingsworth HHC 3/1	Michael Micetic D 3/1	Harold Steadman A 3/1
Eastman Chance	Larry Mountford A 3/1	John Delong C 3/1
Juan Butler B 3/1	Dennis Jarvis HHC 3/1	Michael Jacks

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

Association Mail

By Dick Hill

We want to keep in touch with all of our members. You should have received two pieces of mail from the association in late 2013. The Fall Newsletter was mailed in November via U.S. Mail and email. The association's Christmas card was sent to all members via U.S. Mail. If you receive newsletters via email and did not get the fall edition, there may be a problem with your email address. Contact webmaster Charlie Wood via the Hill 4-11.org website to correct your email address. If you want to receive correspondence by U.S. Mail, contact me at the return address on this newsletter. If you did not receive the Fall Newsletter, let me know, I will mail one out to you. We are happy to send your newsletter both ways or to multiple addresses, if you winter in a warmer climate.

From Our Members

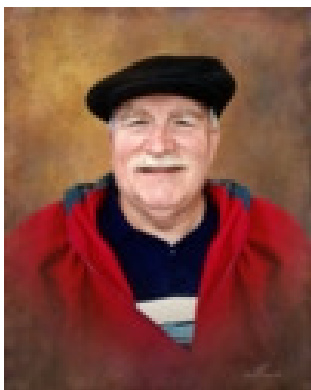
Please extend my thanks to the Hill 4-11 family for the opportunity to attend the reunion in Tunica. I met a great group of people that all share a common ground. It is an opportunity that more service members should take. It meant a lot and has given me direction as I talk with other service members and spouses.

Thank you, Sandy Wood (widow of James Wood).

Taps

It is with deep regret that the Hill 4-11 Association has recently learned of the death of Victor G. Berner, Phd. Vic served with B 3/1 in 1969-70 and spent most of his time as an assistant gunner with an M-60 crew of the 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, B Company. Later in his tour, Vic served as the company mail clerk.

The following obituary about Vic is posted at www.stevensfuneral.com:



Dr. Victor G. Berner

October 27, 1945—October 17, 2013

Dr. Victor G. Berner, 67, of Hobbs, NM joined his Heavenly Father on October 17, 2013 in Lubbock, TX. Dr. Berner was born on October 27, 1945 to Peter and Lorraine Bailey Berner in Phoenix, AZ. Memorial services will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, 2013 at New Life Fellowship Church with Pastor Millie Miller and Dr. Steve McCleery officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home of Lovington, NM.

Dr. Vic Berner received his Associate's Degree from Phoenix College and his Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona. During his college days, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served a tour in the Vietnam conflict. Later he completed his Doctoral degree from

New Mexico State University.

Dr. Vic married Cheri Sigler on April 10, 1976 in Las Cruces, NM and in August of 1976 they made Hobbs, New Mexico their home. He began teaching at New Mexico Junior College in 1976, retiring in 2012 after 36 years of teaching. During his tenure at NMJC, he taught Chemistry, Astronomy, student learning skills and the DWI course. Not only was he an educator in Lea County, he was also a charter member and Elder of the New Life Fellowship Church. Dr. Vic also wrote numerous columns for several papers, the latest being "Look Up In The Sky" for the Hobbs News Sun. During his spare time he enjoyed playing racquetball, gardening, the outdoors, and reading and studying his Bible.

Online condolences can be made to www.stevensfuneral.com.

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Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship Contribution

John Walker Memorial Fund Contribution

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Total \$

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