



HILL 4-11 ASSOCIATION



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2011 REUNION

HOTEL

Headquarters hotel is the [Doubletree Hotel Tampa Westshore Airport](#). A Special rate of \$88 + tax has been negotiated for our group. This rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. The rate is for either single or double occupancy, King bed or two Queens. The rate for 3 or 4 sharing a room is \$98. The room rate includes continental breakfast. This special rate is available until May 26, 2011, or until the block of room is sold out.

The hotel offers 489 guest rooms, high speed wireless internet access in guest rooms & public areas. Outdoor heated pool and spa, state of the art business center, and fitness center with Precor cardio equipment with personal TV screens, free weights and room to stretch 24 hours a day. The Tampa International Airport is less than two miles away. Hotel/airport shuttle service is available at no charge. For those arriving by car the hotel is just off I-275 and offers complimentary parking. (Valet parking is available for a fee.)

When making reservations our group name is Hill 4-11 Reunion and our three letter convention code is HIL. To make reservations call Toll free 1-800-222-TREE (8733), or call the hotel directly at 1-813-879-4800. Reservations may also be made on line. The hotel web site may be accessed via the Hill 4-11 web site at hill4-11.org.

REUNION SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES THURSDAY JUNE 23RD.

The hospitality room will open on Thursday, June 23rd. After you have checked into the hotel come to the hospitality room to pick up your registration packet. The hospitality room will offer soft drinks, bottled water, and snacks throughout the weekend, (no alcoholic beverages provided by the association). The hospitality room is where we gather to meet new friends and get reacquainted with old comrades. Bring your photos and anything else you'd like to share.

FRIDAY JUNE 24TH.

No group activities have been scheduled for Friday. The day is yours to enjoy as you please. There are many sites and attractions to visit nearby. Or, you may choose to relax and soak up the sun by the pool. The hospitality room will be open throughout the day. Information on area attractions will be available in the hospitality room.

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH.

A full schedule of activities is planned for today. We will hold our business meeting following breakfast. Then we will board buses to travel to MacDill Air Force Base. Upon arriving at MacDill AFB we will hold our memorial service at the base chapel. During the service a plaque recognizing David Winder (3/1's only Medal of Honor recipient) will be presented to the membership. The presentation will be made by Dr. Kenyon Kugler, 3/1 Medical Officer during most of 1970 and David Winder's medical C.O.

Following the service we will re-board the buses and proceed to the historic Columbia Restaurant for our luncheon and Flamenco Dance floor show. This Spanish restaurant founded in 1905 is a Tampa landmark.

We will return to the hotel with plenty of time to relax before our evening banquet.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

The privilege of visiting a U.S. Military base brings with it some added responsibilities regarding security requirements. We are required to provide a list of visitors several days prior to our arrival. As a result we are unable to accommodate last minute additions to the visitor list. All adult visitors must have a photo ID. We are required to provide the first and last name of each person visiting the base, the driver's license/state ID number and state of issue. While this is an inconvenience, we all understand the necessity of it.

SATURDAY EVENING

Our reunion will conclude with a banquet Saturday evening in the hotel. Please indicate your dinner choice on the registration form. The available selections are: Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Breast with Lump Crab Meat, or Florida Red Snapper. A cash bar will be available. After the meal we will enjoy music provided by a DJ for dancing and conversation.

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH.

The hospitality room will be open Sunday morning. For those wishing to attend religious services, information will be available. Stop in to say farewell before you hit the road for home.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost for all Saturday activities is \$95.00. This includes bus transportation, lunch with floorshow at the Columbia restaurant, and banquet followed by music. If you are unable to attend all the functions on Saturday, contact Dick Hill for separate costs of the Memorial Service/Luncheon and the Banquet.

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the registration form in its entirety. If additional space is required copy this form or use an additional piece of paper. Be sure to list all MacDill AFB visitors, including children.

Visit the Hill 4-11 website at hill4-11.org to add your name to the list of reunion attendees. Your name on the list of those coming to Tampa may encourage other veterans who served with you to attend to renew old friendships.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Entering your name on the website does not constitute reunion registration. You MUST return the completed registration form with payment. Returning the registration form is for association use only. You MUST make your lodging arrangements directly with the hotel.

Deadline for returning the registration form with payment is June 1st.

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Included in this mailing are ten 50/50 raffle tickets. The proceeds from the raffle are used to pay incidental reunion expenses. The \$95 registration fee is for the Saturday activities only. Raffle profits will fund beverages and snacks in the hospitality room, equipment rental, i.e. PA system, display easels, etc. The raffle tickets have been donated to the association. So, half of the revenue will go the association, half to the winner. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Saturday evening banquet (winner need not be present). Costs of the tickets are \$1 each. Money not needed for reunion expenses will go to the general fund. Please support your association by returning the ticket stubs and payment to Treasurer Dick Hill. If you would like to purchase/sell more tickets, let Dick know, and he will send them out to you.

REGISTRATION FORM-TAMPA REUNION

List names as they appear on the photo ID you will be using for the MacDill AFB visit. If you would like a different name to appear on your name badge, please make a note on the bottom of the form. If your guest is a child, write "child" in the space for ID#.

Name _____ ID# _____ State _____

Guest _____ ID# _____ State _____

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Guest _____ ID# _____ State _____

DINNER SELECTION

Sliced Beef Tenderloin..... # of meals X \$95.00= _____

Chicken Breast with Lump Crab Meat..... # of meals X 95.00= _____

Florida Red Snapper..... # of meals X 95.00+ _____

Reunion total..... \$ _____

Mail completed registration form with payment to Dick Hill 630 Woodside Drive Kent, OH 44240-2664. Make your check payable to Hill 4-11 Association. If sending reunion registration, dues, scholarship, Walker fund contributions, and raffle tickets, it may all be included on one check.

REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 1ST. SEE YOU IN TAMPA!

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Name _____ Vietnam Unit _____

Address _____ Dates of Service _____ To _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Hill 4-11 Association Annual Dues.....\$ 25.00

Hill 4-11 Association Life Member Dues..... 150.00

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

John Walker Memorial Fund Contribution..... _____

_____ Copies of Hill 4-11 History @ \$22.50 each..... _____

_____ 50/50 raffle tickets @ \$1.00 each..... _____

Dues, contributions, history, raffle ticket total..... _____

Total reunion & non-reunion payment.....\$ _____

RETURN ENTIRE PAGE WITH PAYMENT TO TREASURER DICK HILL.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The following Hill 4-11 members and friends contributed to the Leslie J. Stottle Scholarship Fund during 2010:

Tom Petty	David Eckberg	Greg Smith	Larry Finch
George Ellis	Ron Pettit	Ed Grabowski	Doug Frederick
Lloyd Ramsey	Nolan Cross	John Hillier	Luis Arauz
Tom Petty (in memory of Smiley Ramirez)	Mark Callahan	Tom Pike	
Dick Hill			

High school seniors and college students who would like to apply for a application for a Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship for the 2011/2012 academic year should request an application from committee chairman Ed Grabowski, 95 Meadow St., Rutland, VT 05701-4321. Applications also can be printed from the Hill 4-11 website.

JOHN WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

The following Hill 4-11 members and friends contributed to the John Walker Memorial Fund during 2010:

Larry Finch	George Ellis	Ed Grabowski	Doug Frederick
Lloyd Ramsey	Nolan Cross	Luis Arauz	Tom Pike

LIFETIME MEMBERS

The following Hill 4-11 veterans became Lifetime Members during 2010:

Sam King	Ron Werner	Donald Nelson	Tom Pike
Mickey Prebble	Paul Hopson	Bob Hartman	

CORRECTION

On the back page of the Fall Newsletter were listed a number of Vietnam Casualty statistics. The last one stated that CPL Thomas Bennett was the only conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor. It has been brought to our attention that 3rd Bn. 1st Inf. Medic David Winder was also a conscientious objector. Further research has revealed that at least one additional conscientious objector was awarded the Medal of Honor. The information was taken from a pamphlet passed out at a display of the Moving Wall. The editor regrets the error.

OBITUARY

FATIMA PETTY



With deep regret the Hill 4-11 Association announces the death of Tima Petty, wife of the association's past President, Tom Petty. Tima passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. She had been in poor health the past fourteen months due to complications from surgery and COPD.

A native Oklahoman, Tima was born January 3, 1948 in Carnegie. Tima & Tom were married June 8, 1972. Tom and Tima returned to make Oklahoma City their home in 1978 after five years in Nashville, TN. Tima worked at Candid Color Systems in Oklahoma City for the next 22 years until her COPD forced her to retire.

She was a generous and giving person; and Tom's steadfast partner, his best friend and love of his life.

Tima was known to many Hill 4-11 members through her attendance at association reunions. She and Tom hosted the Hill 4-11 Association reunion in Oklahoma City in 1993.

Interment was in Carnegie City Cemetery, Carnegie, Oklahoma on October 25th.

The Hill 4-11 Association extends its most sincere sympathies to Tom and Family.

Messages of condolence may be addressed to Tom Petty, 10650 NW 107th Street, Yukon, OK 73009-8160.