

Hill 4-11

Vietnam Veterans Association

Founded 1984

Febuary 2004 Newsletter

Atlanta Reunion 2004

Reunion hosts Gene & Debbie Brown are ready to welcome us to the peach state for the 17th reunion of the Hill 4-11 Association. Included in this newsletter is reunion itinerary, dinner menu selection, and hotel information. Headquarters hotel is the Renaissance Atlanta Hotel Downtown, 590 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30308. For reservations call (888) 391-8724 or (404) 881-6000. Ask for the Hill 4-11 Association room block to obtain the negotiated rate of \$89 +tax (14%) single or double. The room rate is guaranteed until May 22. If you make your reservations after that date you may not be able to obtain the \$89 rate. Those arriving by air may conveniently travel to the hotel via the MARTA system. The hotel is across the street from the North Avenue station. Directions to the hotel for those arriving by auto will be included in a future newsletter. If you are arriving by motorcycle, special concessions are available upon request. You must confirm this reservation no later than 22 May 2004 to reserve a secure parking area. See you in the Hospitality Suite on Thursday afternoon!

Obituary

Colonel John Stein Walker, III, USA (Ret.)

With deep regret the Hill 4-11 Association announces the death of Colonel John S. Walker, III, USA (Ret.). During his service with 3rd Battalion 1st Infantry, John commanded Delta company. John served as association vice-president since the 2002 reunion. John (age 62) passed away at his home on Sunday, January 25, 2004. He is survived by his wife Brenda, son John S. Walker IV, and his wife Lisa. Daughter Ann Louise Walker, daughter Diane Kane Wade and her husband Rod. He was preceded in death by his first wife Elisabeth.

Friends and family will be received at the Demaine Springfield-Annadale Funeral Chapel, Blacklick and Edsall Rds. Springfield, VA. February 4th from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial will be held March 18, 10:45 A.M. at the Fort Myer Chapel. Internment at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Myer Chapel Flower Fund or the Hospice of Northern Virginia. Friends & family planning to attend the Funeral services March 18th, are reminded that Fort Myer is a active military installation. Allow sufficient time to process thorough the post gate (photo ID required).

Messages of condolence may be sent to Brenda Walker 17027 Waterfall Rd. Haymarket, VA. 20169.

“WELCOME” to the “RENAISSANCE” DOWNTOWN “ATLANTA”

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JULY 22 THURSDAY

1200 HRS.	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN/REUNION REGISTRATION
1500 HRS.	HOTEL CHECK IN
	SEE “ATLANTA” ON YOUR OWN

JULY 23 FRIDAY

0600 HRS.	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN/REGISTRATION
ALL DAY	SEE “ATLANTA” ON YOUR OWN

JULY 24 SATURDAY

0800 HRS.	BOARD BUS FOR TRIP TO KENNESAW MOUNTAIN
0900 HRS.	ARRIVE KENNESAW MOUNTAIN
0900 TO 1100 HRS.	TOUR KENNESAW NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
1100 HRS.	MEMORIAL SERVICE - ON FIELD
1200 HRS.	RETURN TO HOTEL
1500 TO 1600 HRS.	BUSINESS MEETING
1700 HRS.	COCKTAILS (CASH BAR)
1800HRS.	DINNER FOLLOWED BY MUSIC & DANCING

JULY 25 SUNDAY

0600 TO 1200 HRS.	HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN
	FAREWELLS AND BEST WISHES

DINNER

**Dinner Entree includes an Appetizer, Dessert, Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter,
Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Tea.**

**Our Chef will select Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potato or Rice to Accompany
Your Entree Selection.**

Appetizer

**Field Greens, Romaine, Iceberg, Radicchio, Watercress, Julienne of Jicama and
Carrot, Tomatoes**

Entrees

Grilled Double Chicken Breast Served in a Port Wine and Shitake Mushroom Sauce

**\$32.00 Per Person (20% Service Charge & Tax
Included)**

Grilled Black Angus Strip Steak with a Port Wine Tarragon Sauce

\$38.00 Per Person (20% Service Charge & Tax Included)

Freshly Prepared Desserts

Godiva Chocolate Cheesecake

Southern Pecan Pie

**Special Diets: will be prepared for individuals requiring this service with advance
notice. Cost will be at the lowest entrée rate. Requests must be in advance with
specifics as to the needs of the diet. (attach to form and return with check)**

Hill 4-11 2004 Reunion
Renaissance Downtown Atlanta
July 22 - 25

Please print the names of all attendees as you wish them to appear on name badges.

Name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Yes, I will take the tour of Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield and
Hill 4-11 Memorial Service

Cost Per Person.....\$10.00 x ____ persons = _____

Yes, I will attend the Saturday Evening Dinner and Dance. (See Menu)

Beef Dinner \$38.00 x ____ Persons = _____

Chicken Dinner \$32.00 x ____ Persons = _____

Each meal includes 1 dessert. Indicate the quantity of each your party will require.

Cheasecake _____

Pecan Pie _____

Total \$ _____

Special Diet Request _____

Return this form with a check payable to *Hill-411 Association* by June 1st 2004 to:

Dick Hill

630 Woodside Drive

Kent, Ohio 44240-2664

Public Transportation

Many of the Atlanta sites can be visited via the MARTA transportation system. Tickets are available from vending machines at the stations for \$1.75. Or you may purchase multiple day passes at considerable savings. These passes must be purchased directly from MARTA in advance via mail. See information below.
DO NOT MAIL ORDERS FOR MARTA PASSES TO DICK HILL

Four day Metro-Rail Visitor passes are \$10.00 per person for 22-25 July, 2004 unlimited travel on MARTA. Make checks payable to MARTA, w/ Memo to state dates required and quantity needed, No Taxes. Mail to Anne Harris, Marta's Media Sales, 2424 Piedmont R. Atlanta, GA. 30324, postmarked by June 25, 2004. In memo, state return name/address/city/state/zip and phone #. They will mail you the passes. If you have questions call the visitors pass information line @404-848-5158.

Treasurer's Office to Close

The treasures office will be closed from Friday February 15th to March 22nd. Dues Payment, Hill-411 History requests, and other business will be processed when Dick and Debbie return from their winter escape.

Americal Division Field Artillery Reunion 2004

The 2004 reunion of the Americal Division Field artillery will be held in Asheville North Carolina May 4 - 6. Headquarters Hotel is Best Western located at 22 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. For reservations call toll free 1-800-854-6897. Use Group Code C.G.A.D.F.A. The cost per room is 58.95 plus tax for a single or a double. For complete reunion information contact:
Robert Miller (Hill-411 Member)
67 Gannet Road
Farmington, New York 14425
(585) 924 - 5296

Scholarship

High School Seniors and College Students who would like to apply for a Hill-411 Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year should request an application from scholarship committee Chairman Jerry Dinkel at:
Jerry Dinkel
3013 26th Street # 316
Great Bend, KS 67530-7146
** The deadline for returning completed applications is June 1st 2004

Scholarship Donors

The following members and friends contributed to the Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarship fund during 2003.

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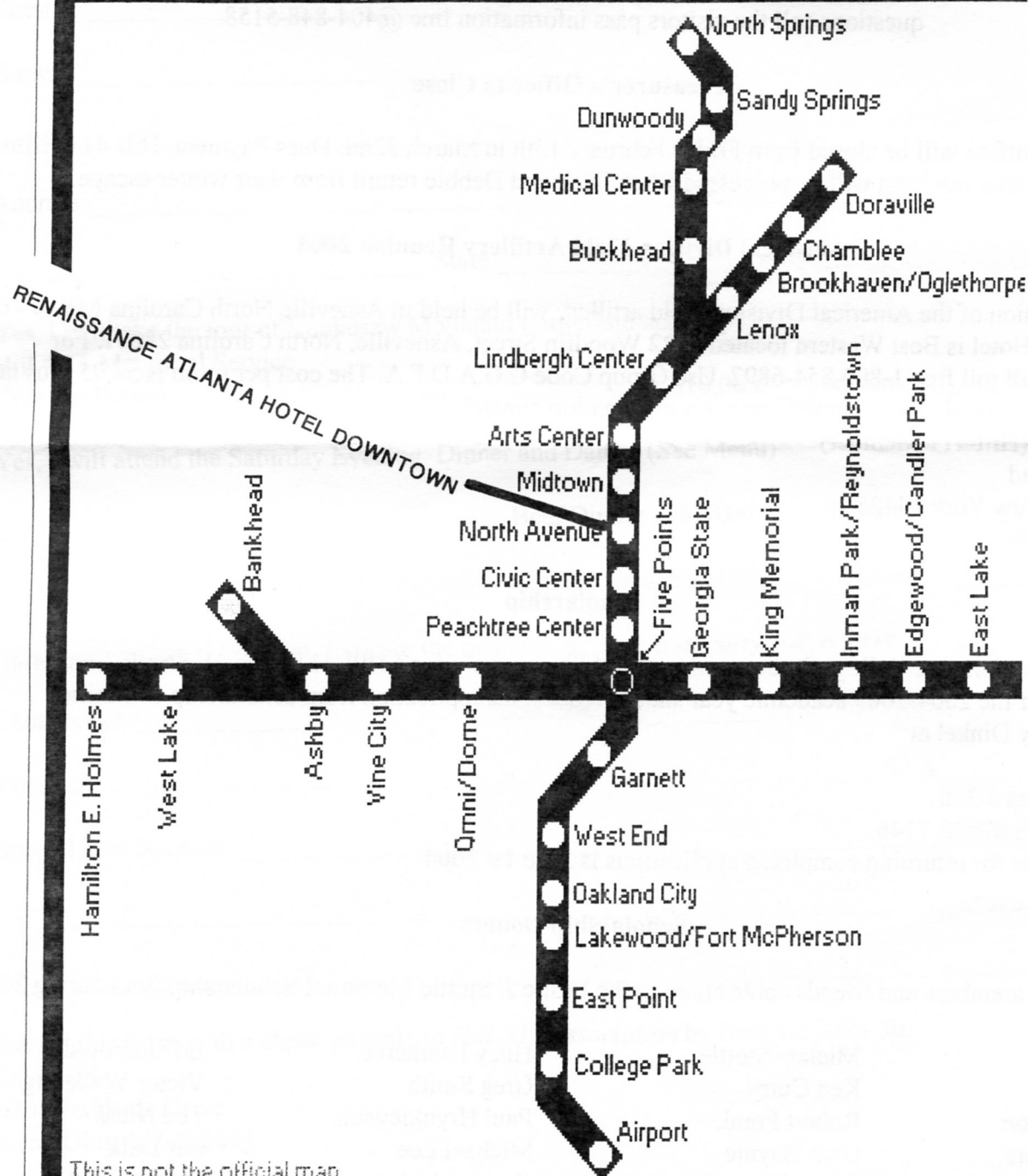
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THE BATTLE OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's army of 100,000, faced a Confederate army of 65,000, commanded by Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. Throughout the month of May the two armies fought each. In each engagement the Confederates were forced to retreat in the face of Sherman's relentless drive. Using his superior forces to maximum advantage, Sherman was repeatedly able to outflank Johnston.

By mid-June 1864, the two armies faced each other at Kennesaw Mountain where the Confederates had erected a formidable line of entrenchments. Sherman extended his lines to the south to get around the Confederate flank, but Johnston countered by shifting 11,000 men under Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood to meet the threat. At Kolb's Farm on June 22, Hood struck the Federals in a fierce but futile attack. At the end of the day the Union army held the line, but their southward move had been temporarily halted.

Sherman suspected that the confederate lines were thinly held and that one forceful drive would break through and enable him to destroy the Southern army. He ordered attacks against Little Kennesaw and Pigeon Hill and the Confederate left to divert attention from what he planned to be his main assault against Johnston's center. At dawn on June 27, the battle opened with a massive Federal bombardment of the Confederate positions. Following this the diversionary attack began. It quickly failed. Sheets of fire pinned the Union brigades down in the rugged terrain below the crest of Pigeon Hill and Little Kennesaw Mountain. With no hope of success, the attack was called off.

Meanwhile, south of Dallas Road, 8000 Union infantrymen in five brigades attacked two Confederate divisions commanded by Maj. Gens. Patrick R. Cleburne and Benjamin Franklin Cheatham. Most of the Northern soldiers were cut down by withering gunfire but some got close enough that savage hand-to-hand fighting took place among the earthworks. Ultimately, the strength of the position and the ferocity of the defenders were too much and this attack failed as well. The Northerners lost more than 2000 men, the Confederates more than 500.

Sherman declined to renew the battle. By July 2, he had again outflanked Johnston and forced him to abandon his lines. A week later the Union army was across the Chattahoochee River.

The campaign continued until September with heavy fighting at Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Ezra Church, and Jonesboro. Hood replaced Johnston as commander of the Confederate army, but his aggressive attacks proved as ineffective as Johnston's maneuverings against Sherman's superior forces. Finally, on September 2, Hood was forced to abandon Atlanta and the Union army triumphantly marched in. The fall of Atlanta was a crippling blow to the Confederacy. The war's outcome had been decided, it had become a mere matter of time.

Dues Payment and History Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ + _____

Vietnam Unit _____ Dates of Vietnam Service _____

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

Scholarship Fund Contrabution\$ _____

_____ Copies of Hill 4-11 History 2nd Edition @\$17.50\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to Hill 4-11 Association

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