



HILL 411 ASSOCIATION

APRIL NEWSLETTER



MOLINE 2008

The date for our 2008 reunion is fast approaching. July will be here before you know it. Remember the deadline for the discounted room rate is June 20th.

NOTE: When making your hotel reservations be sure you are reserving a room at the Moline Downtown Radisson at John Deere Commons. There is also a Radisson Hotel in the neighboring Quad City Davenport, Iowa. You want Moline! Also, mention you are with the Hill 411 Association, Vietnam Veterans. We want you to receive the discounted room rate and we want the Association to get credit that your room is with our group. We need to fill a minimum of 50 rooms to receive the hospitality room at no charge. For those planning to arrive early and/or extend their stay, the \$90.00 + 13% Tax room rate is good two days before and two days after the reunion. Parking is free. Toll free reservations: 1-800-333-3333.

REUNION REGISTRATION

June 20 is also the deadline for reunion registrations. Use the form in this newsletter and mail to Treasurer Dick Hill. NOTE: Returning the registration form and \$77.00 per person is for reunion registration only. You must make your hotel reservations directly with the Radisson. If paying dues, returning raffle tickets, or making contributions for special funds, it may all be included on one check.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Have you returned your raffle tickets? Over 500 tickets have already been returned. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support your association and possibly win several hundred dollars. Mail your ticket stubs and money to Dick Hill. If you have misplaced the tickets or want more let Dick Hill know. Good Luck!

ILLINOIS FACTS

Population 12,419,293

Area 56,400 square miles, ranks 24th

Capital Springfield

Highest Point 1,235 Ft., Charles Mound

Lowest Point 279 Ft., Mississippi River

Time Zone Central

Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa, and Moline and Rock Island, Illinois make up the Quad Cities.

It is the largest metropolitan area on the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and St. Louis with a combined population of nearly 215,000.

FREE THINGS TO SEE & DO IN THE QUAD CITIES

John Deere Pavilion 1400 River Drive Moline

A glass enclosed pavilion displays vintage and modern day John Deere equipment. Interactive displays allow visitors to trace the progress of the family farm and the future of agribusiness.

John Deere Collector's Center 320 16th Street Moline

Displays antique tractors and equipment & a recreated 1950s era John Deere dealership. Visitors can watch a vintage tractor being restored.

John Deere World Wide Headquarters 1 John Deere Place Moline

The display floor exhibits past and present John Deere products.

Mississippi River Visitor Center Rodman Avenue, west end of Arsenal Island Rock Island

Visitor center overlooks lock and dam #15 on the Mississippi River. Visitors can watch Towboats and recreational boats pass through the locks. Exhibits and park rangers describe the history of the locks and water transportation on the upper Mississippi. NOTE: valid photo ID required for visitors over age 16.

Rock Island Arsenal Rock Island

The governments largest manufacturing arsenal was founded in 1862.

Visitor sites include the reconstructed 1816 Fort Armstrong Blockhouse, Corps of Engineers clock tower building, and confederate cemetery.

A National Cemetery is located at the east entrance. A free self-guiding tour booklet s available at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Bld. 60, North Avenue accessible via the Moline entrance to the Island.

Founded in 1905 the museum houses an extensive collection of military and civilian firearms. Exhibits interpret the history of the Island.

HILL 4-11 ASSOCIATION (REUNION)

July 18-20, 2008

Moline, IL. (Quad Cities) USA

The Radisson Downtown Moline

- JULY 18, 2008:** Deluxe continental breakfast served from 6:00 am-9:30 am (M-F)
8:00 am: Registration opens, pick your packet, & name tags.
Take R&R the rest of the day and see the sites of the Quad Cities.
5:10 pm: Busses will leave the Radisson for the Celebration Belle
5:30 pm: Hill 4-11 members and family will board the Celebration Belle, one hour before the cruise departs and before the general public boards.
6:30pm: The Captain's Dinner and Dance Cruise starts.
- JULY 19, 2008:** Deluxe continental breakfast served from 7:00 am-10:30 am (Sat- Sun)
Enjoy the sites of the Quad Cities and the Mississippi river.
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Happy hour at Johnny's Steak House
6:30 pm Banquet followed by Hill 4-11 meeting
- JULY 20, 2008:** Deluxe continental breakfast served from 7:00am-10:30am (Sun)
See you next year!

Everyone that attends the reunion will pay a registration of \$77.00 per person; this price includes the welcome dinner aboard the Celebration Belle, ground transportation to and from the Celebration Belle, a banquet and dinner at Johnny's Steak house. (See the above itinerary)

OBITUARY

With deep regret the Hill 411 Association has recently learned of the death of Hill 411 Veteran Steve Edens of Eden, North Dakota, (dates of Vietnam service and unit unknown.) We extend our deepest sympathies to the Eden family.

2008 REUNION REGISTRATION

Please list the names of all members and guests as you want the name to appear on your name badge. If you were known to your friends in Vietnam by a nickname, ie. "DOC", include that if you want it on your name badge.

Hill 411 Member _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

List additional guests on a separate piece of paper.

Yes, I will see you in Moline. Enclosed is \$77.00 X _____ (No. attending)=\$_____
Make checks payable to Hill 411 Association, Mail to Dick Hill, Treas. 630 Woodside Drive
Kent, OH 44240-2664

**THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR REUNION ATTENDANCE ONLY!! HOTEL
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH THE RADISSON HOTEL DIRECTLY.**

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 _____ \$

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HILL 411

Have you ever wondered what became of Fire Support Base 411?

Below is the final entry from the Hill 411 History.

The 11th Brigade was drawing down and deactivating but our D Btry was kept busy as three tubes were sent to FSB Crunch at BS535515 and then on 11 September those tubes and one section from FSB 411 were air moved to FSB Colt 45 at BS2976807. The 22nd of September saw three sections moved from Colt 45 to FSB Lobo and one section came back to the "Hill." On 1 October, B company went from BS646538 back to the "Hill," C company went from BS632557 to BS671571 and provided security for the drawdown and D company went from the "Hill" to BS646538 to replace B company. On the 3rd of October the Battalion sniper team located at BS509749 spotted ten NVA or VC and took them under fire and possibly killed two. The next day on the 4th, D company moved to Phoenix, a new FSB at BS645539. The Battalions equipment was being sent along with the elements and being deactivated as on the 5th of October the Recon platoon went to Chu Lai and on the 6th, C and D companies were sent to Chu Lai for draw down. October saw D Battery move the three sections from Lobo to Chu Lai and were deactivated and finally on 6 October 71, their remaining three sections from FSB 411 were lifted to Chu Lai and deactivated. On 7 October at 1220 hours it was reported to the 11th Brigade that all U.S. personnel were clear of FSB 411. The "Hill" was no longer home for the 3rd Battalion 1st Infantry as the Battalion left Fire Support Base 411 for the last time and went to Chu Lai where the Battalion was deactivated and the colors sent home. The equipment was turned into the Division Supply Battalion and the Officers and men were sent to other MACV units or sent back to the land of the big PX.

Where you one of the last people to leave Hill 411? If you where there at the end we would like to hear about your experiences.



FIREBASE 411 'THE HILL'

Photograph by Dave Eckberg

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