



HILL 411 ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010



2011 Reunion

Plans are being finalized for our 21st association reunion in Tampa, Florida.

Complete reunion itinerary and registration form will be mailed early next year.

It is not too early to make your hotel reservations for next June. The reunion dates are June 23 thru June 26, 2010. The headquarters hotel is The Doubletree Hotel Tampa Westshore Airport. (note-there is more than one Doubletree Hotel in the Tampa area.) The special rate for our group is \$88 + tax. This rate is available three days before the reunion and for three days following the reunion based on room availability. The \$88 rate is for either a room with a King bed or a room with two Queen beds, single or double occupancy. This special rate will be available until May 26, 2011 or until the block of rooms reserved for our group is sold out.

When making reservations our group name is **Hill 4-11 Reunion** and our three letter convention code is **HIL**. To make reservation by telephone call toll free at 1-800-222-TREE (8733). Or call the hotel directly at 813-879-4800.

To make a reservation on line visit the association web site at hill4-11.org and access the hotel site. Complete, up to date reunion information will be posted on the Hill 4-11 website.

Host Mike McQueen is keeping members posted on reunion plans via the internet. If Mike does not have your email address please send it to him at mikemcqn@verizon.net.

THE REGISTRY OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

The Army Historical Foundation seeks to educate future Americans to fully appreciate the sacrifices that generations of American soldiers have made to safeguard the freedoms of this nation. It's motto of the Foundation--**Preserve the Heritage...Educate the Future**--summarizes its mission.

In 2000 the Secretary of the Army designated the foundation as its primary partner in the building of the National Museum of the United States Army. The National Army Museum will be located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and will preserve, study, and interpret more than 750,000 Army artifacts and works of art dating back to the days of the Continental Army to present day. The Museum also will be the nation's preeminent facility honoring 30 million men and women who have worn the Army's uniform.

Presently, the Museum is building *The Registry of the American Soldier*. This Registry provides a unique opportunity to recognize and honor Soldiers who are currently serving, and those who have served in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or the Army National Guard.

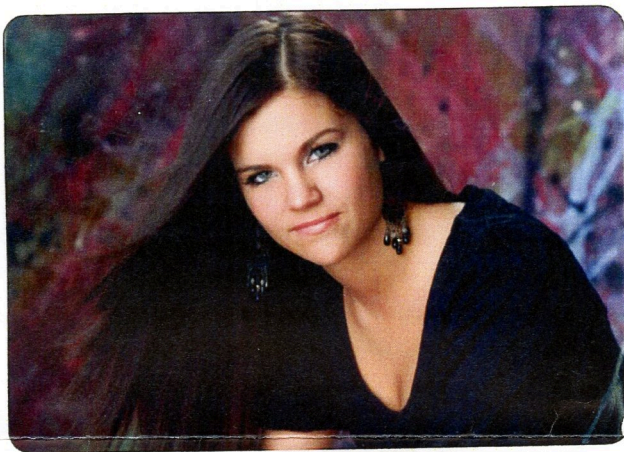
The Soldier's Registry will be prominently displayed at the Museum and is available now on-line. The Registry hosts over 80,000 Soldier entries and is growing daily. To enroll yourself, or to honor a friend or family member, please log on to www.usarmyregistry.org.

For general information regarding the National Museum of the United States Army, visit www.armyhistory.org.

SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee selected two students to receive Leslie J. Stottle Memorial Scholarships for the 2010/2011 academic year.

Hayley Smith, granddaughter of Hill 411 Life Member Craig Smith. Hayley writes:



Thank you for considering and rewarding me with the \$500.00 scholarship. I am 18 years old and I was born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio. I attended Lancaster High School for 4 yrs and graduated this past summer. My Junior and Senior year I studied in vocational school. In June of this summer, I received my license or for Cosmetology, after much study and passing State Boards.

I am starting classes at Ohio University, Lancaster on September 7th. I plan to study there my first year of college to complete my general and prerequisite classes. I plan to transfer to another college next year to get my degree in Sonography (the science of ultra sound.)

I have spent a lot of time this summer working at Texas Roadhouse as a hostess. I have worked there for 2 ½ years. I am currently searching for a new job, possibly styling hair, so I can move into my own place as I study and go to school..

As I said before, school starts September 7th. I have everything in order and I am ready to start. I appreciate your generosity. Thank you and God bless.



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Kathryn Sykes, daughter of Hill 411 Life Member Eric Sykes. Kathryn writes:

My name is Kathryn Sykes and I am one of the lucky recipients of your scholarship fund. I want to express my gratitude for such a generous donation and investment into my future; I am going places in life!

I recently graduated from Centerville High School, a school of about 2000 students. I was a member of Chess Club, Drama Club, Spanish Club, and Octagon Club. Also, I was involved in: dance, piano, and youth group. With everything Centerville offered, they helped me to find what I want to study and do with my life.

In the fall I will be attending Otterbein University, a small school in Westerville, Ohio. I plan to major in Design Technology specializing in Stage Management. I am lucky to have found Otterbein. Their smaller program will give me leverage to explore and give me many opportunities.

Ultimately, my plans are to finish at Otterbein and continue with grad school at Yale School of Drama. After that I hope to either work on Broadway, or at a theatre company who is committed to producing high quality productions. I want to work in theatre because it is the way humans identify with emotion. We learn from theatre. We learn about: past, present, future, people just like us, etc. I want to affect the lives of people through art and through my job in the theatre.

Once again I would like to thank you so much for the donation to my future. I am really excited to do well, and I'm going to go far and change the theatrical world. Your scholarship will allow me to do what my heart desires, and I am very grateful.

Hill4-11.org Web Site Update

by

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If you have not noticed lately, several major improvements have been made to the hill4-11.org web site. I hope they will make your user experience with the hill4-11.org Web site a more rewarding and enjoyable one.

Here is a list of the new features or additions that have been made recently:

- A new blog site called Hill 4-11 News has been setup at <http://hill4-11.blogspot.com>. There is also a link to it on the hill4-11.org Web site. The intent of this blog site is to provide members with more timely news about the Hill 4-11 Association and its members or other events of importance. If you want to post an article on the site, just send me an email containing your article, with wording exactly as it should appear on the blog. You can also subscribe to an Atom feed for this blog and you can also choose to be a follower.
- The Memorial, Purple Hearts, and Roster pages have all been replaced with databases. If you only want to view the data, use the following User ID/password combination to log into the databases: **guest/guest**. If you want to enter new records in the databases you will need to create your own User ID/password. Just follow the instructions on the screens. Your User ID/password works for all three databases. You will only be able to update or change the records you enter or own. You can't change records created by someone else. Also, if your roster or Purple Heart record is already in the database and you want to change or control your personal records, send me an email so I can assign ownership to you. For updates and changes to records you do not own, you can use the on-line update forms and they will be emailed to me automatically. For the Roster database, please note that if your address and phone number is entered it will not be viewable by the general public. However, your email address will be visible, if available.
- The Guestbook has been replaced with one that is more secure. This should just about eliminate most of the spam messages. Your email address will also not be shown or linked to your name. Therefore, when you leave an entry in the Guestbook you will need to put your email address in the message area if you want others to be able to email you directly. There is a new button for the Guestbook in the menu list. Be sure to check with the Discussion Board described below. There may be a forum there that may be more appropriate than using the Guestbook for your entry.
- A Feedback Form button has also been added to the menu list. Use this form to provide me with your suggestions for improving the hill4-11.org Web site.
- A new Discussion Board has been installed. This Discussion Board has built-in security measures to prevent spamming and "bots." There is also a new menu button for the Discussion Board on the hill4-11.org Web site. When you click the menu button you will be directed to a new page that displays the Discussion Board. You can also go directly to the Discussion Board by using this link <http://hill4-11.org/phpBB3> in your Web browser. You can view or browse through the Discussion Board without having to log on. However, if you want to make a post

or reply to any of the forum categories or topics, you will need to register for a Username and password. This is very easy to do. When you register for a Username and password, you can type in just about anything to create your Username, including spaces. However, if you want others on this Discussion Board to be able to recognize who you are, you may want use your real name or some form of it. You can be as anonymous as you want to be. The choice is yours. There is also a FAQ section on the Discussion Board that should just about answer all of your questions. Please use this Discussion Board to post news worthy information in the appropriate forums. The list of forums/subforms is by no means complete. If you have a recommendation for a new forum category or subforum, please send me an email message. Please use this community based Discussion Board. It is a great way to communicate and stay in touch with each other.

- I have also posted the Daily Staff Journals for July and August 1969, several copies of the Trident Newsletter, some past copies of the Hill 4-11 Association Newsletter, some new pictures, new stories, awards, remembrances, etc., on the hill4-11.org Web site. Just go to the What's New? page to find the latest additions to the content.
- The scholarship forms have been updated on the hill4-11.org Web site with the appropriate contact information.
- I have also added new buttons, new background (green rice plants), and a new logo on the hill4-11.org Web site.
- What's missing? Your content or contributions to hill4-11.org Web site. Send them to me at webmaster@hill4-11.org. At our age, time is of the essence if you want to contribute to our legacy.

If you have sent me something in the past and it has not been posted yet, please forgive me, and send me a friendly reminder.

Thanks to all who have already contributed content for the hill4-11.org Web site. This Web site has been a huge success because of you.

DUES PAYMENT FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
VIETNAM UNIT _____ DATES OF VIETNAM SERVICE _____
HILL 411 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES.....\$ 25.00
HILL 411 ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBER DUES..... 150.00
LESLIE J. STOTTLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 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

ATTEND THE REUNION RAFFLE

Enough Attend the Reunion Raffle tickets have been sold that we have passed the break even point. However, we are still well short of our goal to boost our treasury by selling all 200 tickets. Do not delay! Use the form below to have a chance to defray much of your reunion attendance cost.

(reprinted from spring newsletter)

NEW RAFFLE

The association is announcing a new type of raffle. Our general fund is depleted and a new source of funding is required. (Note: special funds, Scholarship, Walker Fund & Life Member Fund are healthy).

This will be the "Attend the Reunion Raffle". The winner will receive three (3) nights lodging at the headquarters hotel at the 2011 Tampa reunion. The winner will also receive paid attendance for two for all group activities on Saturday. This includes tours, transportation, lunch with floor show and Saturday evening banquet. The value of this prize is over \$500. In the event the winner is unable to attend the reunion in Tampa, the winner may select a cash option of \$400. Cost of the raffle tickets are ten (\$10) dollars each. Only 200 tickets will be sold. One chance in 200 is really good odds compared to most raffles/lotteries. Of course you can increase your odds of winning by purchasing multiple tickets. In the unlikely event less than 50 tickets are sold, the raffle will automatically become a 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held in January 2011, the winner will have six months to make plans for Tampa in June. To purchase tickets fill out the form below and mail with payment to Treasurer Dick Hill. Your ticket stub will be mailed to you at later date.

We will still hold our 50/50 raffle to raise funds for incidental reunion expenses. The tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be mailed in January 2011 with the drawing to be held at the closing banquet in Tampa.

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NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

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OBITUARIES

With deep regret the Hill 4-11 Association has learned of the death of two Hill 4-11 veterans.

Esmael "Smiley" Ramirez, age 62 passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. Smiley served as a RTO with Bravo Company 3rd Bn. 1st Inf. He was wounded in a booby trap incident July 13, 1969, which wounded Gene Brown and killed Jerry Manning.



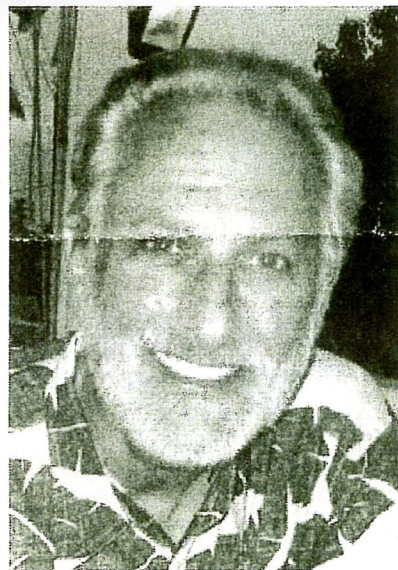
Esmael Ramirez

Smiley retired after 30 years service with the US Post Office. He is survived by his wife, Josefina Ramirez, son Elliot Ramirez, and daughters and sons in law, Emma & Brian and Everly & Alex; several brothers and a sister.

A funeral mass was held at St. Phillip of Jesus Catholic Church with internment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Josefina Ramirez 120 Helena St. San Antonio, Texas 78204

Louis Tarantino, age 66 died on May 5, 2010. Lou served with 2nd Plt. Bravo Company 3rd Bn 1st Inf. Lou was a Hill 4-11 Association Life Member. Lou retired in 2008 after a career as a Manufacturer's representative for several large Jewelry companies. In 2008 he was diagnosed with colon cancer and succumbed to complications of the disease. He is survived by his wife Deb Tarantino and children Gabrielle Tarantino and Christopher Tarantino of Dallas, Texas. Messages of condolence may be sent to Deb Tarantino 7011 Wester Way Dallas, Texas 75248.



Born: February 15, 1944

Died: May 5, 2010

Deb Tarantino writes: Just wanted to the Hill 4-11 group to know that Lou lost his battle with cancer May 5, 2010. He loved his comrades and enjoyed attending the reunions. Thank everyone in the Hill 4-11 for the reunions. Lou loved being with all of you and remembering, sharing and seeing his comrades. Blessing and many thanks! Deb Tarantino
www.loutarantion.blogspot.com

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT "THE WALL"

(Unconfirmed)

The youngest KIA is believed to be Dan Bullock at 15 years old.
The oldest person on the Wall is believed to be Dwaine McGriff at 63 years old.

There are 16 Chaplains on the Wall (2 Medal of Honor).

There are eight women on the wall (7 Army 1 USAF) Of these 8 women, Army Nurse Lt. Sharon Lane was KIA in a rocket attack on Chu Lai in June 1969.

The most casualties for a single day was January 31, 1968-245 casualties.
Highest state casualties - West Virginia, 711 casualties, 39.9 per 100,000 people.

Oklahoma had the second highest casualties.

Highest high school casualties-Thomas Edison H.S., Philadelphia, PA.-54 casualties.

Largest per capita loss-Beallsville, OH. (pop. 475) -6 casualties between 1966 and 1971.

Cpl. Thomas W. Bennett of Morgantown, WV was a US Army medic KIA on February 11, 1969. He was the only conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

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