

2015 Annual Reunion & Meeting



What: Annual Gathering of the California Chapter of the 4th Infantry Division Association.

When: Sunday—Wednesday, October 18—21.

Where: Dana-On (beautiful) Mission Bay

Who: All 4th Infantry Division Veterans, all eras, and family and friends.

Cost, Tuesday Dinner Members* and guests, \$41 per person (send to Sheryll Moffit, form below)

Hotel: \$119 + tax. Call direct at 1-800-562-2217 and tell them group code "1015INFTRY"

Old Town Trolley Excursion; \$39. *Optional:* We have contracted with San Diego Old Town Trolley for our own personal trolley (no stopping at other hotels or stops for hop on hop off passengers). We will be picked up and given our own personalized tour of Old Town, San Diego Bay Front / USS Midway (three hour stop), Downtown, Coronado, Balboa Park and returned to our Mission Bay Hotel about 3:30.

Make a vacation of it and enjoy some of San Diego's great attractions. Or just hang out with your fellow vets!!

Questions?
Scott Moffat (562) 443-4829
Ken McCormack (619) 997-0176

Itinerary subject to adjusting and fine tuning to fit our circumstances.

- Join us for:**
- Sunday; registration—Hospitality Suite
 - Monday (10:00 a.m.) Trolley Tour of San Diego with 3 hour stop over at the USS Midway Museum (tour Midway or visit other waterfront attractions, have lunch, your choice). (Return approx. 3:30 pm.)
 - Monday night—5:30 cocktail party in the lounge (first drink sponsored) and then on your own, dine on premises or caravan / carpool to any of San Diego's 4000+ restaurants!
 - Tuesday (morning) Business meeting, Elections.
 - Rest of Day; free time for any of the many San Diego attractions; Sea World, Zoo, Balboa Park etc. or just sit by the Bay!
 - Tuesday Night; Steak and Chicken Dinner, Special Guest Speaker, & Flames of Remembrance

Sign me up! Below is who I am and how I want my name badge to read.

Dinner & Flames Ceremony

Name: _____ X's \$41 = _____

Guest name: _____ X's \$41 = _____

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And I / we want to enjoy the special Members Only personalized Old Town Trolley Tour with three hour stop at the harbor / U.S.S Midway on Monday;

Number of tickets ____x's \$39 = _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

I am a WW II Vietnam Cold War Iraq Peace Time **Veteran**
and my unit designation was: _____

And my address is; Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to "California Chapter 4th ID"
And mail to: Sheryll Moffat, 10924 Elmcroft Ave. Downey CA 90241



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Member News And Information
Of The California Chapter, 4th Infantry Division Association

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Gentlemen, Ladies, and Old Soldiers,

On behalf of San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulkner, California 4th ID Chapter President Scott Moffat, and myself, Ken McCormack, San Diego Reunion Chair and chief architect of good weather and great times, you are cordially and officially now invited and informed of the Chapters 2015 Reunion;

San Diego, October 18—21.

Our reunion hotel is the beautiful and recently remodeled Dana on Mission Bay. Many folks do not realize that San Diego has two bays which is why Mission Bay is often referred to as "the other bay" or "the second bay". The Dana is situated on the water overlooking a marina and is very close to Sea World and Mission Beach. You can actually walk to Sea World from the hotel but I would not recommend it as the return walk after a day of traipsing around Sea World, or even a few hours, would make the return trek very long indeed; drive over, its easier!

Last years group cruise on Lake Tahoe was a smashing success so this year we are hosting another group event; an Old Town Trolley Tour with a special long stopover at the San Diego Bay stop which is practically in front of the USS Midway Museum. Because the Dana is on Mission Bay the regular trolley only serves the hotel once a day at 8:30 am returning at 5:30. And it also stops at several other hotels finally dropping everyone off in Old Town for transfer to the "real" tour. So, faced with the desire to show everyone the highlights of San Diego City and Coronado but avoid the long delays and late return, *we chartered our own Trolley!* We will be picked up at 10, do the first part of the City tour, stop at the Midway stop for three hours, and then jump back on for the final half of the City Tour and Coronado and return to our hotel. At the Midway stop

there are many options; see the Midway (well worth it), the Star of India and other maritime exhibits, have lunch at one of the sea food restaurants, shop at Sea-port Village, wander into downtown and the Gaslamp area or just relax and watch the seagulls! This ride will give you a sampling of the city and it's highlights, perspective if you will, and you can plan on what to do the next day!

After the trolley tour we will gather in the Fire-fly Lounge for a cocktail, beer, or wine (about 5:30) and break off into groups for "on your own" dinner. (The first drink is hosted, second is on your own.)

On Tuesday morning we will have a business meeting after which everyone will have the rest of the day to enjoy any of San Diego's many attractions or perhaps one of the hotels two pools, take a walk along the shoreline walkway or ??? Your time!

Tuesday night will be no host cocktails followed by dinner, special guest speaker, and Flames of Remembrance Ceremony to, of course, commemorate our fallen comrades.

We have invited Clint Romesha the most recent 4th Id Medal Of Honoree to join us but have not had confirmation yet that he can make it. If he cannot we have a significant "Plan B" and can say there will be a guest speaker this year. And we will hold him or her to a strict fifteen minutes!

So there you have it folks. A great hotel at a great price, a 95% chance of fabulous weather, a very special and exclusive tour of San Diego, and the opportunity to meet with and enjoy some quality time with fellow 4th ID Vets.

We have very few WWII brothers left but sincerely hope any of you that can make it, will. If not, please, know we think about and remember you.

No Sex Since 1955

A crusty old Army Sergeant found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young, idealistic, ladies in attendance, one of whom approached him for conversation. "Excuse me, Sergeant, but you seem to be a very serious man, is something bothering you?"

"Negative, ma'am, Just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

"Yes ma'am, a lot of action."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, "You know, you should lighten up a little, relax and enjoy yourself." The Sergeant just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?"

"1955, ma'am."

"Well, there you are. You really need to chill out and quit taking everything so seriously! I mean no sex since 1955! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to "relax" him. Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955!"

The old sergeant, glancing at his watch, said in his matter-of-fact voice, *"I hope not, it's only 2130 now."*



Can you still fit into your service uniform?

At last years reunion George Thurston surprised us all and did just that!!

George recently moved to Virginia to be closer to family but says he plans on being in San Diego in October! I hope so, see you there pal.