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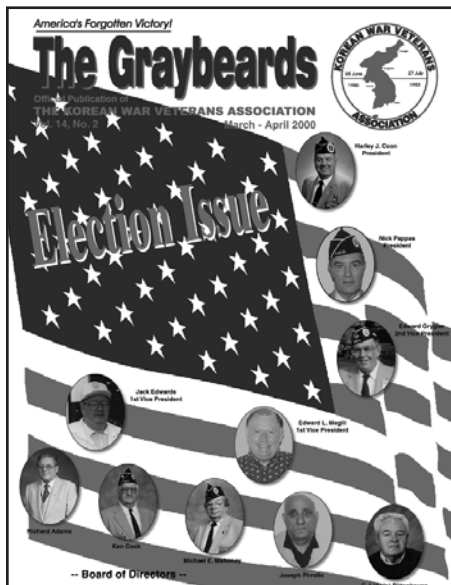
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On the cover...



Election Issue

This issue is the official Election Issue of *Graybeards*. The front cover layout was done to call your attention to this event. A special ballot is enclosed and a removable mailing label was utilized to facilitate voting. The resumes and photos of all candidates are also in this issue. It is very important that we elect the best Officers and Board to carry out your needs during the next four Commemorative years.

We also hope to have the best reunions ever over this period and great leadership is a must. Please read all data carefully.

Take the time needed to make your decision. Submission dates for the election and the reunion are important.

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

Before I vote in an election I always try to find out as much as possible about the persons running for office. There are three officers, – The President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President – and

four Directors up for election or re-election. Be sure to *vote* for the most qualified person and the ones that show strong leadership. Take close look at how the Associations (Your) finances have been handled. What has been the spending habits of the Administrations. If we are going to continue to have a strong Veterans Organization we must have strong leadership

The raffle is in full swing and a lot of tickets are being sold. The sales from the raffle will help us keep the *Graybeards* at 72 pages and maybe more. It would be great to be able to expand the *Graybeards* to tell more chapters activities and stories. The next three years our battle cry will be “Remember The Korean War.”

We have plenty of raffle tickets and a lot of members have requested more. There were some members that didn't receive their books of tickets because of change of address or lost in the mail. If the members want more they can contact their Chapter President or Department President or contact National Headquarters.

Plans for our convention are shaping up. The registration form will be in each issue of the *Graybeards*. I would strongly urge the members to make their reservations early. We only have 250 rooms blocked at the Sheraton National Hotel from July 24th through the 29th. Sixty of these rooms are sold. We do have a overflow hotel but if you want to stay at the host hotel you better make reservations now. We will need time to make name badges, make plans for the hospitality room, making up registration packets and

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taking care of all the things that pop up. The telephone number for the Sheraton National is (800) 468-9090 or (703) 521-1900. Tell them you are with the Korean War veterans. This year the Gathering and the KWVA are uniting the Korean War Veterans as a unit working together. I want to thank Jack Cloman for his hard work. It has been a pleasure working with him. We are going to ask members to bring door prizes. At the general membership meeting we will have a drawing every 1/2 hour, you must be in attendance to receive the door prize.

For the banquet, we would like something from your State, maybe you could get a football, baseball, basketball from a college or professional sport team. Maybe a State Flag flown over your State Capitol if possible. These are just a few suggestions. We hope to have enough door prizes for every one. Each registration packet will have door prize tickets. Please send or bring a door prize. You can send them to National Headquarters at 4120 Industrial Ln., Beavercreek, OH 45430.

I have been receiving many telephone calls and letters concerning the funds missing from the past

Administration. This issue will be discussed at the March 25th Executive Council meeting. I can tell the membership that the CPA Firm of Stan Mydra has sent invoices totaling \$97,000.00 which we have already paid over \$80,000.00. Past President has received \$139,000.00 from the insurance company. This equates to the CPA firm getting \$97,000.00 and the KWVA only recovering \$41,000.00 in round figures. Will we receive anymore? That is anyone's guess.

When I became president the first thing on my agenda was to incorporate strong financial accountability. With the help of the finance committee, Dorothy Schilling Chairperson, Bill Van Ort, Norb Reiner and Treasurers, the late Dan Nicholas, Thomas Gregory and Howard Camp and with membership approval we have a procedure that it takes two people to approve

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The numerals 33629 is the number of Americans who perished defending freedom in Korea – 1950-1953.
The stars honor the Gold Star families.

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(Zip Disk provided)
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National VA/VS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

Over 98,000 Veterans are cared for daily in VA Medical Centers, outpatient clinics and in nursing homes. Throughout the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service, volunteers are partners on the VA health care team. The following listings received from one medical center will show you the need for volunteers. Sadly there are chapters located very close to VA facilities yet both elected leadership and members show lack of concern.. Your investment of time spent with the Veterans (Patients) at a facility can bring cheer to those who live far away from family and friends or those who have no family at all. A smile or even a simple hello can brighten a fellow Veteran's day.

Although some chapters failed to submit their VA/VS summary reports covering 1 July to 31 Dec. 1999 which was due by 15 Jan. 2000 the following totals are as follows

Volunteer Hours25,872

Funds spent on parties bingo, etc.
.....\$18,293.96
Travel Miles131,928
Total KWVA Volunteers372
Funds spent on gifts, clothing, etc
..... \$29,415.50

Volunteers are reminded to sign in or punch in when you volunteer at a VA Facility and keep track of travel miles as well. VA/VS Representatives remember that the annual joint review must be performed in April.

Any chapter or auxiliary that wishes to enter into the VA/VS program you must submit the following information. Upon receiving such. I will then certify and submit forms to the VA facility.

Please Print

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Full Name | 5. Zip Code |
| 2. Address | 6. Phone Number |
| 3. City or Town | 7. Chapters Name |
| 4. State | 8. Name of VA Facility |

Volunteer Positions

Computer Assistant	Laundry Aide
Receptionist/Filing	Mail Room Clerk
Study Coordinator	Secretary
Office Assistant	Patient Rep. Clerk
Dietetic Service Aide	Escort
Patient Companion	File Clerk
Sunday Usher/Escort	Ward Aide
Women's Health Clerk	Friendly Visitor
Forms Room Assistant	SPD Aide
Writing Aide	File Room Clerk
Front Desk Volunteer	Office Assistant/Curator
Information Desk Receptionist	Recreation Activities Assistant
Assistant to Study Coordinator	Warehouse Laborer Helper
Van Drivers & Driver's Buddies	Member, Human Studies Subcommittee

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These issues are limited so get your order in early. \$1 per copy plus \$3.20 postage Make your check to KWVA National and state in message or note on check "For Back Issues." I suggest minimum orders of 7 issues. Mix your issues as you want. Send your orders to Editor. See address on page 2. Response has been very good for back-issue orders and has necessitated revising this message. Please check above listing for availability before ordering.

Book Review



Peacebound Trains

By Haemi Balgassi

Illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet

Haemi Balgassi grew up listening to her mother recount her experiences from the Korean War, including vivid memories of a rooftop train ride to Pusan. The story of her family's flight from Seoul without her grandfather, who had been captured by the North Korean Army, was the inspiration for Peacebound Trains.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Haemi Balgassi immigrated to the United States when she was seven. She edits a quarterly literary magazine, writes fiction and poetry for adults, and is an avid Scrabble player. This is her first book for Clarion. Ms. Balgassi lives in Westfield, Massachusetts, with her family.

Chris K. Soentpiet was born in Seoul, Korea. When he was eight, he and his older sister were adopted by an American family and moved to Hawaii, then later to Portland, Oregon. He received a B.F.A. in illustration from Pratt Institute. His previous book for Clarion was The Last Dragon by Susan Miho Nunes. Mr. Soentpiet lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife.

Peacebound Trains is a story about a young girl named Sumi. While her mother is in the army, Sumi is living with her grandmother, on East Blossom Hill. Perched on her favorite rock, Sumi watches trains wind through the valley below, hears the lonely sound of their whistles piercing the air, and longs for the day when her mother will return.

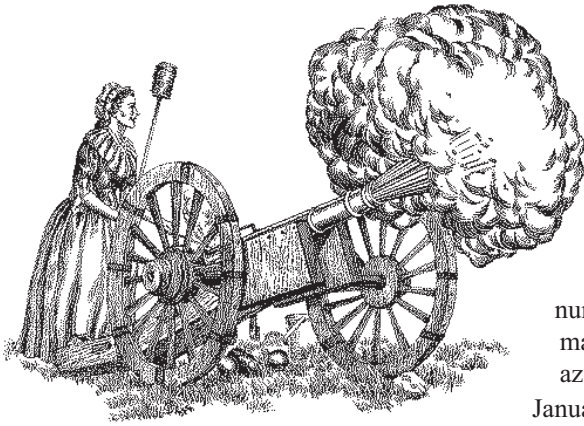
The train whistle reminds Sumi's grandmother of a time when a train played an important role in her life too: long ago in Korea, when she and her family escaped Seoul at the last moment before war came. In poetic language and exquisite paintings, Peacebound Trains vividly evokes the landscape and people of Korea and a special grandmother-granddaughter relationship.

Clarion Books Publisher, 215 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003. You can purchase the book for \$14.95 at your local book store.

Please turn to **BOOKS** on page 48

How Can We Get Your Attention...

...with respect to paying your dues?



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If your dues are due July thru September, your dues are \$10.00

If your dues are due October thru December, your dues are \$5.00

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October thru December.....\$3.00

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If your dues are due January, February or March, this will be the last issue of The Graybeards you will receive. A dues reminder is being mailed as this magazine is being prepared. Your failure to respond will result in interruption of receipt of your magazine.

Send your dues payment to: KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of

your address change at least three weeks ahead of a move. The post office merely notifies us that you are "AWAY" and we do not receive a forwarding address. This costs us 50 cents each. So let us know.

To expedite your mail...

- ☞ Vincent Krepps gets everything regarding The Graybeards.
- ☞ Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge (Membership Office) get everything regarding dues, address changes, etc. This office also provides new Chapter CID numbers.
- ☞ Howard Camp gets all chapter materials.
- ☞ Thomas Gregory gets other financial matters.
- ☞ Ken Cook gets all quartermaster requests.

Addresses for all of the above are on the inside cover of this magazine. Sending it to the Membership Office only slows your request down as we must then forward it to the appropriate person for handling.

Notice to Chapters

We are still in need of information regarding some chapter officers.

Please include your chapter ID number on all applications and be sure to use the new membership application with the new dues amounts. Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, unit of service, etc. We recently provided all chapters will forms to help expedite dues payments. Your cooperation in using them will be much appreciated. It will save us much time.

It's important not to abbreviate—you may know what "P'sville" is, but we don't—we then have to take additional time and look it up by the zip code. Another item sometimes missing is the telephone area code.

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PRESIDENT from page 4

payment of bills and two people to sign checks. The chairman of the finance committee gets a check register each month. The membership will get a finance statement every 3 months in the *Graybeards*. The KWVA is in the best financial condition it has been in years and I know we can continue to be strong as long as we enforce the checks and balances we have in place.

The next thing on my agenda was to bring unity in the KWVA. This year the Gathering and the KWVA are united in hosting the National Convention. There is a very fine Memorial service planned at the Korean War National Memorial and at the Arlington National Cemetery. The registration forms will appear in the next two issues of *Graybeards*.

The membership is growing, but we are having a number of Korean War Veterans pass away. We are still hopeful that we

will get our National Charter before the beginning of the 50th commemoration in June. The DOD commissioned the 50th commemoration committee to help in any way they can to make all the events successful.

I would like to thank Jack Edwards and James Jones for their work on updating the by-laws. The changes if approved by the Executive Council will be in the next issue of *Graybeards*. The purpose of changing the by-laws is to clarify some of the wording.

I always think of the saying "United we stand, divided we fall." We have one of the best veterans organizations. Lets work to keep it the best.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention.

Your President

Harley

Pieces of History

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Korean War Veterans Association 16th Annual Reunion Arlington, Virginia ♦ July 24 – 29, 2000

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print or type legibly)

Registration Fee – Husband & Wife*	.....	\$40.00	.....	\$	.....
		Number of	Cost per		Total
		Persons	Person		
Registration Fee – Regular*	.....	.....	\$25.00	.....	\$
Registration Children (15 years and older) *	.....	.....	\$20.00	.....	\$
Welcome Party (Optional) *	.....	.....	\$10.00	.....	\$
Bus trip to Dulles Mall (based on 47 persons)	.....	.....	\$7.00	.....	\$
Breakfast Buffet (before Memorial trip Optional) **	.....	.....	\$17.00	.....	\$
Bus trip to Memorial and Arlington Cemetery *	.....	.....	\$14.00	.....	\$
Pentagon Tour (based on 47 persons)	.....	.....	\$8.00	.....	\$
Lunch between Memorial and Arlington (Optional)	.....	.....	\$17.00	.....	\$
Banquet July 27, 2000 Sheraton National Hotel	.....	.....	\$35.00	.....	\$
Banquet only (if not registered)	.....	.....	\$45.00	.....	\$
Beef _____ or Chicken _____	(Indicate quantity of each per number of persons listed)				
Bus trip to Marine Concert (Optional)	\$10.00	\$
Departure Breakfast Buffet **	\$17.00	\$
Total Enclosed			\$

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* Registration fee includes administrative cost, hospitality room snacks, table decorations, name badges and entertainment.

You must register in order to attend shows, welcome party and bus to Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery ceremonies.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____
Military Service Branch _____ Unit _____ Date _____

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Mail form or call Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22204 PH: (703) 521-1900 or (800) 468-9090

[These forms may be copied]

KWVA and THE GATHERING 2000 REUNION EVENTS

24 July 2000

- ❖ 2:00 pm. Check in, Registration & Table Assignments (Those registered will have first choice)
- ❖ 1:00-5:00 pm Hospitality Room
- ❖ 7:30-10:00 pm. Welcome Party
- ❖ 6:00 pm

25 July 2000

- ❖ 8:30 am -12:noon Executive Board meeting
- ❖ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- ❖ All Day Shopping at Pentagon City Mall (Hotel shuttle leaves every 1/2 hour.)
- ❖ 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Shopping at Dulles Mall
- ❖ 1:00-5:00 pm Hospitality Room
- ❖ 7:30-10:00 pm. Registration
- ❖ 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Entertainment
- ❖ 7:00 pm

26 July 2000

- ❖ 9:00 am to 12: noon Membership meeting
- ❖ 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Registration
- ❖ TBA Seminar for women (VA Benefits)
- ❖ 1:00pm Pentagon Tour
- ❖ 3:00pm Pentagon Tour
- ❖ 1:00-5:00 pm Hospitality Room
- ❖ 7:30-10:00 pm.

- ❖ 7:00 pm Entertainment

27 July 2000

- ❖ 7:00 m Breakfast (optional)
- ❖ 8:30 am Buses to Korean War Memorial
- ❖ 11.45 am Return to Hotel for lunch
- ❖ Lunch (optional)
- ❖ 2:00 pm Bus to Arlington National Cemetery
- ❖ 4:00 pm Return to Hotel
- ❖ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Cash Bar President reception
- ❖ 7: 00 pm Opening ceremonies. Install new Officers
- ❖ 7:30 pm Banquet
- ❖ 8:30 pm Key Note speaker
- ❖ 9:00 pm Awards.
- ❖ 9:30 pm Raffle Drawing

28 July 2000

- ❖ 7:00 am Departure Breakfast (optional)
- ❖ 8:30 am Executive Board wrap up meeting
- ❖ Buses to Marine Barracks salute to General Davis

All times will be posted, all changes to appear in Graybeards

ATTRACTIONS

Smithsonian Institution Museum Group

All Smithsonian museums are open daily, 10 am-5:30 pm. Admission to all museums is FREE. Visitors information (202) 357-2700 (9 am-5 pm) Mon-Fri, 9 am-4 pm Sat, 10 am-4 pm Sun). Call Smithsonian's for museum locations, hours and daily activities, at (202) 357-2020.

National Air and Space Museum

Chronicles the evolution of American aviation from the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer to Skylab and beyond. Includes special 5-story high IMAX movie screen and a working planetarium. 6th St. & Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20560. FEES for theater or planetarium admission. M (L'Enfant Plaza).

Archives, National

Permanent display includes the original Declaration of independence, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and the 1297 Magna Carta. Also includes changing exhibitions and research rooms containing official historical documents. 8th St. & Constitution Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20408; (202) 501-5205 or (202) 501-5000 (tape). Daily 10 am —9 pm FREE. M (Archives).

Arlington National Cemetery

A national shrine to the thousands of men and women who have died defending the United States and freedom around the world. Popular memorials include the Tomb of the Unknowns,

the Challenger Space Shuttle Memorial and the grave sites of John F. and Robert Kennedy. Arlington, VA 22211; (703) 607-8052. Daily, 8 am —7 pm, FREE. M (Arlington Cemetery).

Capitol Building, U.S.

Home of the legislative branch of the U.S. Federal Government. Elected U.S. Senators and Representatives meet here to make federal laws. On the National Mall, East End, Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 225-6827. Daily 9 am -10 pm. Tours Mon-Sat, 9 am-3:45 pm FREE. M (Capitol South).

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Near the Tidal Basin this memorial consists of four outdoor "gallery" rooms featuring ten bronze sculptures depicting President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and events from the Great Depression and World War II. 1850 West Basin Drive (and Ohio Dr.), SW, Washington, D.C. 20024; (202) 619-7222. Daily 8 am- Midnight. FREE. M (Smithsonian).

Holocaust Memorial Museum, U.S.

Reminds visitors of the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust and remembers the victims. Raoul Wallenberg Place between Independence Dr. and East Basin Dr., SW Washington, D.C. (202) 488-0400. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm (except Yom Kippur). FREE, but passes are required for the permanent collection. Same day passes are available at the box office at 10 am each day. Especially during summer months, a line forms early in the morn-

ing. Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling (800) 400-9373. M (Smithsonian)

Jefferson Memorial

Dedicated to the third President of the U.S. and writer of the Declaration of Independence. Tidal Basin (South Bank). West Potomac Park, Washington, D. C.; (202) 426-6841. Daily 8 am-midnight. FREE. M (Smithsonian)

Korean War Memorial

Serves as a remembrance of those who fought in the Korean War. Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial. Daily 24 hours. FREE. M (Foggy Bottom/GWU).

Library of Congress

World's largest library and one of Washington's most attractively decorated buildings. 10 First St., SE, Washington, D. C. 20540; (202) 707-5458. Mon-Fri. 8:30 am-9:30 pm; Sat. 8:30 am-6 pm. FREE. M (Capitol South)

Lincoln Memorial

Honors the sixteenth President of the United States and his courage that preserved the Union through the Civil War West Potomac Park at 23rd St. NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841. Daily 24 hours. Tours, 8 am-midnight. FREE. M (Foggy Bottom/GWU or Arlington Cemetery).

Marine Corps Memorial, Iwo Jima

The largest cast bronze statue in the world is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives since 1775. Marshall Drive, between Route 50 and Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Daily 24 hours. FREE. M (Rosslyn).

Navy Memorial U.S.

Honors and remembers the men and women who have served in the U.S. Navy. Includes of the "Lone Sailor" and an amphitheater that is site for outdoor summer concerts. Pennsylvania Ave. between 7th & 9th Sts., NW Washington, D.C.; (202) 737-2300. Mon-Sat 9:30 am-5 pm.; Sun, 12-5 pm. Admission: only for movie. M (Archives).

Navy Museum

Located at the nation's oldest naval facility, the Navy Museum offers hands-on exhibits from anti-aircraft guns to a submarine room with operating periscopes to the destroyer USS Barry moored in the harbor. Also changing displays on naval-related art. 901 M St., SE, Washington, D.C. 20374; (202) 433-4882. Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat, Sun & holidays, 10 am-5 pm. FREE. M (Navy Yard).

Old Guard Museum

The story of the oldest U.S. Army Infantry Regiment, from 1784 to present, is told in the only Army museum in the Washington, D. C. area. Building 249, Sheridan Ave., Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia 22211; (703) 696-6670. Mon-Sat, 9 am-4 pm; Sun, 1-4 pm. FREE.

Old Post Office Pavilion

A former city post office, this Romanesque building now houses restaurants and shops and an observation tower that provides splendid views of the city. 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004; (202) 289-4224. Mon-Sat, 10 am-8 pm; Sun, 12-6 pm. FREE. M (Federal Triangle).

Pentagon

Headquarters for the U.S. Department of Defense, this is the world's largest office building with 3.7 million square feet covering 583 acres. Arlington, VA 20301; (903) 695-1776. Tours every half hour, Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Photo ID required. FREE. M (Pentagon).

Union Station

An historic landmark, this restored train station's lobby is often used for presidential inaugural celebrations. Still serves as a functioning passenger rail station and includes shops, movie theaters and restaurants. 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; (202) 298-1908. FREE. M (Union Station).

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

"The Wall" remembers those who died or remain missing from the Vietnam conflict. Constitution Ave. between Henry Bacon Dr. & 21st St., NW Washington, D.C.; (202) 634-1568. Daily 24 hours. Tours 8 am-midnight. FREE.

Washington National Cathedral

Gothic cathedral is 6th largest in the world. Daily worship services follow the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer; all denominations welcome. Mt. Saint Albans, Massachusetts & Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, D. C. 20016; (202) 537-6200. Daily 10 am-4:30 pm. FREE (donations accepted)

Washington Monument

Dedicated to the memory of the first President of the United States and is the tallest masonry structure in the world (555' 5 3/8"). Elevator takes visitors to observation windows at top. National Mall at 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C.; (202) 426-6839 or (202) 426-6841. Daily 9 am-midnight. Timed tickets distributed at kiosk on grounds of monument.

FREE. M (Smithsonian).

White House

Official residence of the President of the United States since John Adams. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20500, (202) 456-7041 (tape); (202) 208-1631; (202) 456-2121 (TTY). Tue-Sat. Tickets for guided tours may be obtained from one's Congressional Representative or Senator, by contacting their Washington or local office.

These tours are scheduled from 8:15-9:30 am, and last about 35-45 minutes. Alternatively, tickets for self-guided tours are distributed at the White House Visitor Center at 15th and E Streets, NW, beginning at 8 am for the current day's tour; first come, first served. Self-guided tour tickets are timed from 10 am to noon.

FREE. M (Federal Triangle for tours; McPherson Square if visiting just the front of the White House)

Women In Military Service For America Memorial

Located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, the memorial honors all women who have served courageously, selflessly and with dedication in times of conflict and in times of peace. The memorial features an education center and theater telling the history of women in the armed forces, which began more than 200 years ago during the American Revolution and continues through the present day. (800) 222-2294 or (703) 533-1155.

M= Metrorail (Metro stop)

TRANSPORTATION

Many of the National Capital Area attractions can be reached by using Metro efficient and safe subway system. To use Metrorail, each person must have a farecard to enter and exit the system. Farecard machines accept \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills but be aware that the machines will give no more than \$4.95 in change. \$10 and \$20 bills are best used for multiple ticket purchases. Fares are based on time and distance traveled and are posted in each station. It is highly recommended that you purchase a round-trip ticket at your starting point. If you plan to ride Metro frequently in a single day, a one-day unlimited use pass is available for \$5

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(202) 637-7000
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Tours: (202) 289-1995

Taxi Cabs:

Red Top: (703) 522-3333

Arlington Blue Top: (703) 243-8575

Tourmobile Sightseeing

Phone 202/554-5100; Daily narrated sightseeing shuttle tour service authorized by the National Park Service. American Heritage Tour of Washington, DC has 21 stops (Historic Pennsylvania Avenue; White House; National Mall with Smithsonian museums, monuments, memorials; Union Station; Capitol Hill; Kennedy Center) and 4 stops in Arlington National Cemetery. Free Reboarding.

REUNION BOOK

Advertising Prices

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All ads must be in by June 15, 2000. Check or payment must accompany Ads. Make Checks payable to KWVA National.

Mail above to: National Headquarters KWVA, Howard Camp, Secretary, 4120 Industrial Lane, Beavercreek, OH 45430

[This form may be copied]



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Republic of Korea Medal

The KWVA and your Editor are expecting an official announcement from the South Korean Ministry of Defense and/or The U.S. Department of Defense that will give us the details of the authorized Republic of Korea Medal we have shown as far back as 1996 in our "Graybeards" magazine and are advertised in current issues.

We express caution when purchasing this medal without an official endorsement by the above named agencies.



Legislative Report

House Joint Resolution 86

Thomas W. Ewing (R-15-Ill.) Introduced this resolution "Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and service by members of the armed forces during such war, and for other purposes." This resolution has overwhelming support in the House of Representatives and will undoubtedly receive the same in the Senate. The number of supporters increase daily. A group of metro area Korean War veterans were invited to introduction ceremony. The display copy and the map of Korea used, are donated to the Korean Library and museum by Congressman Ewing. We requested a copy of the final enactment when the Senate concurs. Since this bill has overwhelming support it will not go to committee. Comments of those present were included in the Press Release, on C-Span, and the Congressional Record.

House Resolution 320

Introduced by Tom Ewing. In summary it states: "Recognizing the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois, as a National Korean War Veterans Museum."

House Resolution 2966

Received unanimous support on a non-partisan basis in the House. The Senate side is reacting but not as rapidly as the House. This bill in general restores the right for continuous medical care to the retirees. It "re-consummates" the guarantee for medical care without charge after serving the prescribed years of service and receiving an honorable separation. Although the bill will pass and should be adopted on a consent day, funding is required to administer it. This will be an issue when representatives of the House and Senate meet to agree on modifications or the like. Both sides want clarity in the wording.

House Resolution 1671

The National Military and Veterans Alliances (NMVA) members sign a letter of approval for the granting of a charter to the KWVA. It passed the Senate with little debate (SR 620). We are stymied in

the House Judiciary Committee headed by Lamar S. Smith (R-21-TX). We need your support in getting this bill released from the Judiciary Committee. Address letters to your congressmen. Send a copy of your letter to Lamar Smith. You may challenge his comments about our association not being recognized by the VA. The VA recognizes us in the VSAO Directory, and all committees and Departments therein. Congressman Smiths address is U. S. House of Representatives, 2231 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515. TEL: 202-225-4236 FAX: 202-225-8628. e-mail/web site www.house.gov/lamarsmith.

A strategy meeting will probably occur prior to the printing of this data. If possible we will add the results of this effort. The primary leaders in this effort are Senator Sarbanes in the Senate (with support for Senator Thurmond and others) in the House Congressman Hoyer and Korean War veteran congressmen plus other supporters.

Fiscal Year 23001 Defense Budget

Floyd Spence, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee [A Korean War Veteran], state in his National Security Reports the President's proposal is the best issued since he took office. However "the bad news with regard to the President's budget is that serious mismatches between strategy, forces, and resources are not getting any better." In summarizing the budget, the Defense shortfalls are more than \$84.2 billion from FY 2001 through 2005. The Defense and Veterans budgets are the first to experience cuts.

Veterans Service report

VA Budget

The White house delivered to congress an increase in discretionary spending for the VA of \$1.5 billion for FY 2001. The budget priorities include: "Improved access and service in health care to reduce appointment times; Enhanced standards for patients safety; Full funding for new emergency and extended care benefits; Adding 1000 claims processors; Funding for more federal and state veterans cemeteries; Preservation of

national cemeteries as shrines to our veterans.. Each one of the aforementioned issues have been thoroughly discussed among and between the various military and veterans organizations. Now we must wait to ascertain what will occur and hope veterans care is really enhanced.

Secretaries (VA) Annual Statement

We attended the Secretaries annual presentation of goals for the coming year. Following are the Strategic Goals: Restore the capability of Disabled Veterans to the greatest extent possible and improve their quality of life and that of their families; Ensure a smooth transition for Veterans from active military service to civilian life; Honor and serve veterans in life and memorialize them in death for their sacrifices on behalf of the nation; Contribute to the public health, socioeconomic well being and history of the nation; Provide one VA world class service to veterans and their families through effective management of people, technology, processes, & financial resources. These are magnanimous goals. Veterans care has been the subject of severe criticism by the Veterans Service Organization and Military Organizations.

Military Retirees and Family Visible at VAMC's

This will become more frequent with the closing of military bases and their hospitals. DoD is supplementing the cost for treatment of the retiree and his family. Obviously the retiree is a veteran.. He/She just stayed in active service for 20 plus years. Note comments under HR 2966 in the Legislative Report.

Long Term Care Assistance

This problem will be discussed during the remaining time of the 106th Congress. The need is obvious with the veterans population age approaching 60% in the senior citizen category.

Conversion of Vacant VAMC Wards into Nursing Facilities

This is another topic we will be discussing in the near future on Capitol Hill. This will include those considered in the assisted living dimension.

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Past President Pappas found negligent in processing KWVA insurance claim

In 1997, the KWVA filed a claim with the Federal Insurance Company claiming employee theft. In a review of the claim procedures it was determined that KWVA Past President Nick Pappas and CPA Stan Myrda ignored insurance claim instructions resulting in partial denial of the claim. Letters confirming this negligence are reproduced below and can be summarized as follows:

A letter dated March 8, 2000, addressed to Mr. Thomas J. Gregory, Treasurer, confirms telephone conversation concerning KWVA insurance claim. The letter states that both Nick Pappas and CPA Stan Myrda were negligent in processing the insurance claim. Part of this claim was filed 18 months too late, and consequently denied.

A letter dated February 21, 1997 addressed to Mr. Stan Myrda from Greg Ray claims adjuster outlines the time frame and procedure to the complete insurance claim. Mr. Myrda answered 18 months later. Insurance claim denied.

A letter dated June 3, 1998 addressed to Mr. Pappas from Greg Ray, the insurance adjuster confirms partial release of \$131,879.19. The letter states an extension until September 3, 1998. The letter asks for FBI information.

In conclusion, the letters in this packet confirm that Mr. Pappas and Mr. Myrda ignored insurance claim instructions.

"We Called It War"

A book about one man's rifle platoon against the Chinese and North Korean Communists in the Korean War. This is a book that tells it like it was on the battlefield of Korea.

To order, send \$11.95 plus \$2.50 for S & H to:

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You may order by phone at:
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February 21, 1997

Stan Myrda, CPA
10326 Lincoln Trail
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

RE: Insured: Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
Policy No.: 8145-38-48
Claim: Employee Dishonesty
Company: Federal Insurance Company

Dear Mr. Myrda:

This acknowledges on behalf of Federal Insurance Company receipt of written notice regarding the above captioned matter. As we discussed, I will be handling this claim on behalf of Federal.

You should be aware that the general terms and conditions of the Policy require an Insured to submit a Proof of Loss within four months of discovery of a loss. Based on the information you have given to us, the Proof of Loss needs to be in to me by April 30, 1997. If for some reason you can not meet that deadline, please call me to discuss a suitable alternative date.

Federal does not use a 'form' Proof of Loss but, rather, requests that the Insured provide a written narrative of the loss outlining the specific details of the loss, supported with copies of any documents used to establish the amount of the loss and the fact that the loss resulted from a theft by an employee(s).

You may want to forward to our office, as soon as possible, any information compiled to date so that we may begin our investigation of this claim. In order to assure proper attention to this matter, all future correspondence including the Proof of Loss should include the name of the Insured and the Policy Number cited above, and should be addressed to my attention.

In the interim, please also be advised that neither this letter nor any subsequent investigation or inquiry made by Federal should be deemed to be an admission of liability or a waiver of any of the Policy terms or conditions and that Federal expressly reserves all rights as provided under the Policy and at law.

If you have any questions at this time or if you would like to discuss this letter in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at (412) 456-8019.

Respectfully,

Greg A. Ray, Esq.
Bond Claim Attorney
GAR/lac.084.ltr

cc: Huntleigh/McGehee, Inc.
222 South Central Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

June 3, 1998

Nick Pappas
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
209 Country Club Road
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

RE: Insured: Korean War Veterans Association
Policy No.: 8145-38-48
Claim: Employee Theft (John Maison)
Company: Federal Insurance Company

Dear Mr. Pappas:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of May 20, 1998 including the Amended Partial Release & Assignment. Accordingly, please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$131,879.19. Most importantly, please note that all information necessary to substantiate the outstanding remaining claim must be submitted within 90 days of the date of this correspondence or September 3, 1998.

Further, as Mr. Myrda is working in concert with the FBI, I would appreciate an immediate update as to the status of the FBI investigation, including the total amount of theft the federal government has confirmed and the date the indictment will be filed against Mr. Maison.

Respectfully,

Greg A. Ray, Esq.
Bond Claim Attorney
GAR/lac.605.ltr

June 10, 1999

Patrick Devlin
Huntleigh/McGehee, Inc.
222 South Central Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

RE: Insured: Korean War Veterans Association
Policy No.: 8145-38-48
Claim: Employee Theft (John Maison)
Company: Federal Insurance Company

Dear Mr. Devlin:

Pursuant to my telephone call to you in May, please note that I am closing my file in the above-referenced claim. As you may recall, Federal made a partial payment in the amount of \$131,879.19. Thereafter, I forwarded correspondence to Nick Pappas, dated June 3, 1998, extending the deadline by 90 days, until September 3, 1998, to provide the additional documentation necessary to prove the remaining aspects of the claim.

To date, I have never received any supporting documentation for the claim. Suffice to say, based on the Insureds failure to timely or otherwise provide the requested documentation, I have no other choice than to close my file on this claim. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (215) 981-8266.

Respectfully,

Chubb & Son

A division of Federal Insurance Company

By: Greg A. Ray, Esq.,

Bond Claim Attorney

GAR/lac.1003L

March 8, 2000

Tom Gregory
4400 Sillman
Kettering, OH 45440

RE: Insured: Korean War Veterans Association
Policy No.: 8145-38-48
Claim: Employee Theft (John Maison)
Company: Federal Insurance Company

Dear Mr. Gregory:

As per our discussions, please find enclosed copies of the requested letters regarding the above-referenced claim. Please note that as per my original letter to Stan Myrda in February of 1997, the proof of loss was due in this matter on April 30, 1997, attached. Following several extensions, a partial but substantially incomplete proof of loss was forwarded in November of 1997.

Subsequent to reviewing the proof of loss, I forwarded a letter and a Partial Release & Assignment to Nick Pappas dated June 3, 1998, attached. Therein, I advised Mr. Pappas that any additional information relative to the claim would have to be received on or before September 3, 1998. Finally, after having waited for more than a year for the documentation I confirmed with KWVA's insurance broker by letter dated June 10, 1999, attached, that the claim would be closed for inactivity and failure to adhere to required deadlines.

Further, on January 13, 2000, more than 16 months subsequent to the September 3, 1998 deadline expressed in my June 3, 1998 correspondence to Nick Pappas, Federal received a report prepared by Stan Myrda. Therein, Myrda purportedly provides additional documentation supporting an alleged loss amount of \$60,848.82. As I have expressed to you by telephone, I am not persuaded that the information forwarded by Myrda could not have been presented on or before September 3, 1998.

Moreover, the alleged and unexcused delay is not acceptable in that the FBI nor the IRS possessed any of the alleged documentation forwarded at least 16 months late. For all reasons stated above, including the failure to timely forward the requested and required documentation, Federal Insurance will not further consider the merits of the claim and must deny the same. Should you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (215) 981-8266.

Respectfully,

Chubb & Son

A division of Federal Insurance Company

By: Greg A. Ray, Esq.

Bond Claim Attorney

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Enclosures

cc: Gayle Popkey
Huntleigh/McGehee, Inc.
222 South Central Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Action of Executive Board

As a result of the documentation furnished by the insurance company the Executive Council took the following action:

National Director Ed Grygier made the following motion. **"To suspend past president Nicholas J. Pappas from this organization until all records are returned to the satisfaction of the Executive Council."** Second by P. G. "Bob" Morga.

Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes and 4 no.

Motion carried.

If Nicholas J. Pappas is still under suspension during upcoming elections, all **ballots submitted for Nicholas J. Pappas will not be counted.**

Motion carried.

Reunion 2000

Notes & Notices

State mementos needed

For the banquet, we would like something from your State, maybe you could get a football, baseball, basketball from a college or professional sport team. Maybe a State Flag flown over your State Capitol if possible. These are just a few suggestions.

We hope to have enough door prizes for everyone. Each registration packet will have door prize tickets. Please send or bring a door prize. You can send them to National Headquarters at 4120 Industrial Lane Beaver Creek, Ohio 45430.

Reunion Book Advertising needed

We are in need of advertisements for our Reunion Book. Please see Reunion Book Rates on page 12 of this issue.

Ads must be in by **June 15, 2000**. Check or payment must accompany Ads. Make checks payable to KWVA National.

Mail to:

National Headquarters KWVA
Registration,
Howard Camp, Secretary,
4120 Industrial Lane
Beaver Creek, Ohio 45430

2000 Election of Officers and Directors

Date: March 17, 2000
To: The KWVA Membership and Nominees
Subject: Certification of Nominees for the 2000 Election

The Nominating and Election Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been Certified to seek the positions available in the 2000 Election.

For the Two Year Term 2000 - 2002;

For President:

- ☒ Harley J. Coon, PO00003
2439 Lantz Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434
- ☒ Nick Pappas, LM06509
209 Country Club Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

For First Vice-President:

- ☒ John (Jack) G. Edwards, LR08658
10346 - 127 Ave N, Largo, FL 33773
- ☒ Edward L. Magill, LR03084
433 Spring Lake Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940

For Second Vice-President:

- ☒ Edward Grygier, RO02588
10 Riley Pl, Staten Island, NY 10302

For the Three Year Term 2000 - 2003

For Director:

- ☒ Richard Adams, LR00076
P. O. Box 334, Caruthers, CA 93609-0334
- ☒ Kenneth B. Cook, LR01764
1611 N Michigan Ave, Danville, IL 61834-6239
- ☒ Michael E Mahoney, LR01979
582 Wilshire Rd, Columbus, OH 43204
- ☒ Joseph Pirrello, LR07979
70 Turf Road, Staten Island, NY 10314-6015
- ☒ C. J. (Skip) Rittenhouse, LR00022
1540 Norma Rd, Columbus, OH 43229

Sincerely,

Dick Wainwright, Nominating & Elections
9001 E. Rosewood Street, Tucson, AZ 85710-2659
520-298-1581 Phone & Fax

Candidates for President

Harley J. Coon



"My record speaks for itself"

My goal to build a stronger KWVA with sound financial management

I am submitting my name for the office of President.

I will attend all called meetings and I understand that I could be removed from office for two unexcused absences.

- National President Korean War Veterans Association.
- Past State President and founder: Department of Ohio, Korean War Veterans Association.
- National Director: Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. 2 Terms.
- National POW/MIA Chairman: Korean War Veterans Association.
- National Director: Korean War EX- Prisoner of War Association, Inc.
- Past President: National Korean War EX- Prisoner of War Association, Inc.
- National Jr. Vice Commander American Ex-POW'S 2 terms.
- Elected 2 Terms as National Director: American EX-Prisoners of War Association, Inc.
- Chaired the budget & Finance Committee meeting 1998-99.
- Past President: Greene County Veterans Service Commission, currently serving 2nd term on commission.

- Held prisoner of war for 33 months 4 days in Korea
- Military Awards:

Purple heart, Prisoner of war medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal w/2 silver battle stars, Good conduct, UN Service medal, and others.

- Personal: After service I attended the University of Dayton, I was awarded an Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1958. My wife Sylvia and I celebrated our 46th Wedding Anniversary on March 13, 2000. We have three children Debi, Sandy, and Chris. We also have 5 grandchildren.

- Inducted in The Ohio State Veterans Hall of Fame on November 1, 1994.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harley Coon PO00003
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Nick Pappas



I am announcing my candidacy for the KWVA Presidency. Rather than a personal data summary, I will let the record as President (1994 - 1998) speak as my resume:

- Opened new channels of communication between National and the membership by "hands on management."
- Centralized membership management by hiring Mrs. Monson.
- Formalized election policies/procedures via Chairman Wainwright.
- Increased Graybeards to 6 issues a year, thanks to Editors Pratt, Camp, Krepps.

- Membership increased from 9,400 to over 14,000; Chapters 64 to 150; Departments 4 to 12 and 7 auxiliaries.

- Initiated action/dialogue with DOD for ROK Service Medal approved 8/20/99, thanks to members Les LeCompte, Ed McQuay and John Kenney.

- Supported Illinois concept for a KWV National Memorial Museum/Library.

- Kept the KWVA "financially stabilized" during our fiscal crisis (\$3,144 cash in bank on 2/7/97), thanks to the supportive efforts/advice of the membership, Ex-Treasurer Martin, Ex-J.A. Magill, Ex-1st V.P. Maines, Past President Adams, C.P.A. Myrda and Retired Illinois State Supreme Court Chief Justice Cunningham.

- "Paid off" over \$150,000 of overdue bills, "excluding" the Scholarship Program (\$45,000) plus continuing to pay KWVA operational expenses.

- Fully funded "zero" Life Membership Reserves (\$216,000).

Left incoming president with no outstanding debts, except the now "defunct" Scholarship Program, with "Total Assets" of \$390,832 as per the 6/30/98 Financial Statement in July/Aug 98 Graybeards, page 35.

- Effected "dues increases" at 98 Reunion to keep the KWVA "futuristically" solvent as life membership "reserves" decrease because of age longevity, possible declining regular memberships and increased costs of mailings, paper printing, etc.

- Introduced Council "motion" to place N.Y. Resolution to "cancel Scholarship Program (paid off) on the 99 election ballot, thus saving the KWVA about \$14,000 per year.

The above "fiscal actions" enables President Coon to proclaim, "I can tell the general mem-

bership that we are in the best financial condition we have been in for the last 5 years. As of 10/31/99 we have \$375,705 cash in the bank in all funds. All bills are paid." He doesn't say that \$250,000 of that cash is in Life Membership Reserves, a long-term "liability" as well as an asset (Nov/Dec 99 *Graybeards*, pages 4 and 39). Give credit where credit is due. You the voters can decide that!

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Pappas, LM06509

Candidates for First Vice President

Jack Edwards



Please accept this notification as my candidacy for the office of National First Vice President for the period 2000 through 2003.

Personal: Born: Binghamton, N.Y., October 17, 1931.

Education: Graduate of

St. Paul's High School, Binghamton, N.Y.; Graduate of F.A.A. Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, John Jay College, N.Y.; N.Y.S. Police Training Academy; F.B.I. Training Academy; US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration; N.Y. S. Institute for Law Enforcement Managers.

Military Service: Served with U.S.A.F. from September 1949 until November 1957. From December 1951 until December 1952 served in Korea with the 5th Air Force as communications sergeant, attached to the 452 Bomb Wing L; Assigned to 1993 AACS Squadron; Attached to Marine Air Group 33, First Marine Air Wing. After Korea entered USAF Reserve (Active) until resuming full active duty from 1954 until November 1957.

Employment: Federal Aviation Agency; International Business Machines; Link Aviation Space Program; General Electric Helicopter Program; Bendix Radio Technical Representative with USAF; New York State Law Enforcement Agency retiring as Chief Officer.

Service Association Affiliations: Life Member of American Legion Post 1645, Binghamton, N.Y.; V.F.W. Post 478, Binghamton N.Y.; Air Force Sergeants Association; Korean War Veterans Association National Director 1997 thru 2000; AACS Alumni Association.; AFSA Blue Dolphin Chapter Vice President; AFSA Division Five Past First Vice President & Trustee; KWVA Sunshine State Chapter Founder President; KWVA Department of Florida Past President; Pinellas County Veterans Liaison Council Secretary.

My wife Jean and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary in January this year, we have seven children and twelve grandchildren. Communications being my specialty I would endeavor to represent the KWVA membership as a whole nationwide and not only in a specific geographical area, my many years of experience

in this field will be a most valuable asset in accomplishing this, working together with my fellow elected KWVA officers. I would hope to give each and every issue thorough consideration before making a decision, taking, whenever necessary, advice from fellow members. I will attend all called Executive Council meetings, acknowledging that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Edwards, LR08658

Edward L. Magill

I am running for a second term as 1st Vice President of the KWVA.



Previously, I have served as Judge Advocate and 2nd Vice President of this organization. In all of these positions I have worked diligently with the members of the

board on behalf of the membership and will continue to do so.

I have also served as the President and a board member of the Chosin Few. I am a member of several other veterans organizations. I thoroughly understand the many problems faced by such organizations.

I am a trial lawyer admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and all of the federal and state courts in Florida.

During the Korean War, I served with B/57/7INF and received the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation among other awards.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and understand that two (2) not excused absences could be used as a basis for removal from office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward L. Magill LR03084

Candidates for Second Vice President

Edward Grygier



I hereby submit my name and resume for the office of second vice president of the Korean War Veterans Association.

I have served with the 19th Inf. Regt, 24th Inf. Div., from 1949 to 1951. I was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean

Services Medal with four battle stars.

I joined the association in 1987 and have missed only one reunion and board meeting in twelve years. In 1990, I started the Cpl. Alan F. Kivlehan chapter on Staten Island with sixteen members. We now have over two hundred fifty

members. Also, I helped in starting the Department of New York State, serving as its first 2nd Vice President.

If elected, I will continue to work toward putting the Korean war in its proper place in American history. I also served as National Director since 1993. Missing no meetings.

Fraternally Yours,
Edward Gryger, RO02588

Candidates for The Office of Board of Directors

Richard Adams

It is my intent to run for Board of Directors for 2 0 0 0 - 2 0 0 3 . Membership No. 76 Life.



National President Korean War Veterans Association from 1988 to 1994. Retired as General Manager, Raisin City Co-op Cotton Gin in 1997.

Served with U.S. Army, October 1949 to December 1952.

Served with the 25th Division from February 1950 to May 1951, Korea July 10, 1950 to May 15, 1951. Discharged Sergeant. Director 25th Inf. Div. Association 1988-1991. Life Member. VFW Life Member.

- Past-President of: California Cotton Gin Association
Caruthers Chamber of Commerce
Caruthers High School Boosters Club
Caruthers Community Service District
- Director Ranchers Cotton Oil Company
- Director California Agricultural Museum
- Member California State University, Fresno, Alumni Association
- Member National Society of Accountants
Delegate National Cotton Council of America

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Adams, LR00334

Ken Cook

I Kenneth B. Cook announce my candidacy for the position of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, for the term of 2000-2003.



I was drafted into the Army on August 15, 1951 and took my basic training at the Aberdeen Proving

Grounds, in Aberdeen, Maryland. I attended the C.B.R. (Chemical, Biological and Radiology) warfare school in Japan. I arrived in Korea on May 1, 1952 and was assigned to the 195th Ordnance Depot Company, 74th Ordnance

Battalion, 8th Army, Main Army Depot, Ascomcity, Korea. I departed Korea on June 1, 1953 and was discharged July 9, 1953.

Active in the community serving 5 years as president of the oldest semi-pro baseball league in the United States, The Danville Twilight Baseball League. I am a life member of the Korean War Veterans Association, serving as Director for 5 years and 2 years as 2nd Vice President. I am President of the Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter KWVA for the past 7 years. Life member of the VFW, member of the American Legion, Director of M.A.C.K. "Mission for Amerasian Children of Korea" and served as Vice President of the KWVA Illinois State Department.

The Korean War Veterans Association is the best veteran organization in the United States. We have the best veterans magazine, The Graybeards. We are in the best financial shape than we have been in a long time. Why do you ask? I would like to think I had a little bit to do with it. Yes, we have a long way to go. With the great leadership that we have now and you electing me to the board we can move forward.

Don't forget to vote. Vote for who you think is the best candidate and let us move forward. We have a lot of work to do in preparing for the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War.

I am releasing my DD-214 to the election nominating committee. I will attend all called meetings of the executive council and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Cook, LR01764
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Michael E. Mahoney



I am submitting my name for consideration for the office of Director of the KWVA.

My goals and qualifications are as stated below:

- To work to insure that all present safeguards of our finances remain in place, and continue to aid in the monetary growth of the organization,
- To insure that the memory of the Korean War is not "Forgotten,"
- To insure that our veterans are assured of their recognition whether in VA, or in Federal, State and local matters, and to aid in the stability at all Directors' Meetings.

I am a Life Member of The Korean War Veterans' Assn., American Legion, and the VFW. I hold membership in the 40/8. I am a Past Commander of Post 134 of the American Legion and Past Chef De Gare in the 40/8.

I have also served on the following committees at local and State levels of the American Legion: Child Welfare, Americanism, and Boys' State.

Within the KWVA, I am currently the

President of the Department of Ohio, and National Deputy Representative VAVS, Region 4. I have also held the offices of Ohio Department Executive Vice President and Chapter President of the Central Ohio Chapter.

At present, I represent the KWVA on the following State and local levels:

Ohio Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs, Ohio Bicentennial Veterans' Commission (with emphasis on the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War),

A Trustee on MIL-VETS', Columbus, Ohio. We plan the Veterans' Day Parade and Armed Forces Day Event, and award scholarships to four ROTC cadets and four high school students yearly.

During the Korean War, I served with the 19th Bomb Group, 28th Bomb Sqdn., with over 26 months' duty.

I will attend all meetings as outlined in the By-Laws, and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Mahoney LR01764
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Joseph Pirrello



I Joseph Pirrello do hereby request nomination for election to the position of National Director of the KWVA for the years 2000 to 2003.

At the age of 17 years I enlisted in the N.Y. National Guard in January 1950. On September 3, 1950 while still a student in my senior year in high school my unit was activated and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma serving with the 187th Field Artillery Observation Battalion. On August 1951 I was sent to Korea and served with B Co. 89th Med. Tank Battalion. I rotated back to the U.S. May 1952 reverting back to the National Guard for the remainder of my enlistment.

In 1956 I obtained a High School equivalency diploma and joined the N.Y. City Police Department on February 20, 1956 graduating the Police Academy in June 1956. I served as a Patrol Officer till 1966. During my tenure as a Patrol Officer I attended Baruch School of N.Y. City College taking courses to help toward promotion such as Administration, Organization, Supervision and Police Science. In 1966 I was promoted to Sgt. and served as a Patrol Supervisor for two years at which time I served in the Special Event Squad which handled demonstrations, large gatherings, riot control, etc. In 1969 I became a Sgt. Investigator with the Civilian Complaint Review Board, investigating complaints against Police.

In 1973, I was promoted to Lt. and served in the Detective Bureau in the following capacities, Integrity Control Officer of Queens Homicide Squad, C.O. of 17th Homicide Squad, C.O. Queens Burglary Squad. In 1987 the Detective Bureau was reorganized and I was made C.O. of

Midtown South Detectives the largest and busiest squad in N.Y. and probably the world. I investigated over 2,000 cases a year, everything from minor larceny to homicides. I commanded 4 Sergeants and 36 Detectives. I also taught at the Policy Academy, which was attended by Detectives and Police Officers from throughout the U.S.

I have served in the Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter KWVA in the following capacities, 2 years as Secretary and for the past 5 years as 2nd V.P. I have attended the State Department meetings as a delegate and a majority of the National Conventions as an observer. I recently completed a trip back to Korea.

I believe my extensive past life experiences will be beneficial in filling my duties as Director of the Association.

As I am a life member of the association I am fully committed to the association and its goals for the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Pirrello LR07979
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C. J. (Skip) Rittenhouse



I am submitting myself as a candidate for re-election as a director Of The Korean War Veterans' Association. I am C.J. (Skip) Rittenhouse, founding member (#00022). I am a past chapter president and a past state president. I have been the catalyst in the creation of ten chapters in Ohio as well as the Mountaineer chapter in West Virginia which was the first of three.

During my term I searched for and discovered a replacement source for our blue blazer (Blair) which had been discontinued by J.C. Penny and also I was able to get a company to manufacture our official KWVA flag at a reasonable cost (\$175.00 prepaid).

In two major actions taken by the board, I opposed the past president on the dues increase and I also opposed the current president on the recommendation to the membership that the bylaws be upheld with regard to the validity of 259 photo copied votes which were discarded. I felt the bylaws should have been waived since the *Graybeards* had clearly stated that the ballot could be photocopied.

If re-elected I will always make my position clear. If I am presented with a paper ballot I will sign it and submit it unfolded. I believe that we have no more right to a secret ballot than do our representatives in Congress.

I have been honored to represent you and hope you will allow me to continue to do so for three more years. I await your pleasure.

Respectfully Submitted
C. J. (Skip) Rittenhouse LR00022

NY City holds 8th Annual Memorial Service



Ambassador Ri Hoon Hur, Ambassador of Consulate General, Republic of Korea, who was the featured speaker, addressed approximately three hundred members, wives and spectators at the 8th Annual Korean War Memorial Service at New York City's Battery Park.

The annual ceremony at New York City's Battery Park was held on Saturday, June 26 at noon by the Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of Staten Island. Ambassador Ri Hoon Hur, Ambassador of Consulate General, Republic of Korea, who was the featured speaker, spoke of his unceasing memories of Americans in Korea and his everlasting and continuing support for the veterans who served during that war. Approximately three hundred members, wives and spectators participated in this ceremony.

Also in attendance were representatives from the city, state and borough of Staten Island. Two National Directors, Edward Grygier and Bob Morga were among the distinguished guests which included Korean dignitaries and Pastors from around the city and Mr. Edward Tashji representing the Turkish community. All spoke of the victories of the Korean War and the success of the nation that followed owed to the sacrifices and service of our forces during the

war. Representing the Dept. of New York was 2nd Vice President and Chaplain George Culik from Greenwood Lake, NY.

Four Color Guards participated and fourteen organizations, including National KWVA, laid wreaths during the ceremony with an Honor Guard Salute provided by the Marine Corps League from Staten Island and an inspiring rendition of taps by Nick Giordano. Our president Joseph

Calabria was the Master of Ceremonies while our 1st Vice President Jordan Czerniawski acted as Chaplain and 2nd Vice President Joseph Pirrello was the Chairman of the Ceremony.

After the ceremony all were invited back to Staten Island to a luncheon provided by the Council of Korean Churches for a selection of both Korean and American cuisine and an afternoon of Korean hospitality.

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The most decorated frontline Army Nurse – WWII and Korea

By Jack Tamplin

On January 10th several members of the Charleston, W.Va. (Mountaineer Chapter) KWVA met with and proudly presented Ruby Bradley, Col. ANC (Ret.) with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service and also with a membership to both the National KWVA and the local chapter of the KWVA

Col. Bradley, the most decorated woman to ever serve in the Armed Forces of the U.S. at age 92 is still as spry and engaging as anyone could imagine.

Col. Bradley, a 30 plus year member of the Army Nurse Corps was captured in the Philippine Islands by the Japanese in December 1941 and held prisoner until February 3, 1945.

The following, taken from the book *We Band of Angels* by Dr. Elizabeth Norman, with permission of the author, relates in concise form Col. Bradley's service.

Ruby Bradley was on duty at the camp hospital on the morning of December 8, 1941, when the Japanese bombed Camp John Hay in northern Luzon. A short time later she surrendered and was interned at Baguio, then in 1943, she was transferred south to Santo Tomas. There she quickly earned a reputation as one of the most durable and reliable women in camp – and also one of the most patriotic, a bit of a jingo, perhaps, but one with an abiding sense of humor: "I used to tell everyone to roll with the punches, so to speak. When faced with worms say, Aha! Protein! just what my country and I need at this moment. This I will eat for the good of my country."

She was also something of a philosopher as well, though she let no one see it: "I sometimes used to wonder when an individual returns to the world of free people will he be able to forget everything he has experienced, will he be embittered, broken and disillusioned, or will he have enough strength to find purpose and meaning in life again."

Her source of meaning was the Army. After liberation, Ruby spent a few weeks



Lt. Col. Bradley

with her family in Spencer, West Virginia, then reported to her first postwar duty assignment – Fort Myers, Virginia. There, circumstances cast her in a classic military conundrum – the old salt under the thumb of a young and insecure tenderfoot.

Bradley was a thirty seven year old first lieutenant: her supervisor was a twenty five year old major. The major had no public profile and little experience: Bradley was a decorated war hero with eleven years in uniform. The young major's first move was to billet the former prisoner of war in a tiny, claustrophobic attic above the main nurses quarters. Then she prohibited Bradley, one of the most experienced nurses in the army from dispensing medicines: imprisonment, the major claimed, had left the old salt too "unreliable" to handle medications. Finally the young supervisor assigned the veteran lieutenant the most onerous of hours, a day/night split shift. Bradley took about two months of this and then put in for a transfer.

In October 1945, she was promoted to captain and a year later became chief nurse at McGuire General Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. After that the army sponsored her at the University of California at Los Angeles, where she earned a baccalaureate in nursing administration.

Smart and tough, Bradley often drew on the lessons she had learned under fire



The most decorated woman to ever serve in the Armed Services of the United States, Ruby Bradley, Col. ANC (Ret.) with, left to right, Kyle McGraw, Denver Fisher, Jim Bennett and D. C. Squires.

and during her captivity. One day at Fort Eustis Virginia, for example, she was assigned to supervise a ward of paraplegics, men who had been damaged in combat, always a difficult group for nurses to manage. Ruby walked onto the ward just as aides were handing out breakfast. "Good morning," she said cheerily, surveying the rows of beds and the faces of the men.

Maybe he was just trying to test the new nurse or perhaps his loss had finally brought him to a boil-whatever the case, one of the young paralyzed soldiers took his tray of food and hurled it to the floor.

"Good morning? What's so good about it?" he said, seething. Ruby reeled to face the young man. "you listen to me," she said, looking down at him. "Where I came from, anyone would have been glad to get a bit of this food. You're getting better care here than I could give my patients in the war. Most of them are gone. There isn't anyone in this hospital who wouldn't work to the bone to take care of you. But I've never heard one of you say 'Thank you' or 'I'm glad for my life,'. You've got a future ahead of you. Many don't. You can do a lot for yourself. The time to start is now!"

In July 1950, Bradley was ordered to report to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to take over as chief nurse of the 171st Evacuation Hospital, a unit headed for a "police action" in a cold and dusty place called Korea.

Ruby was off to war again. From August till December, the evacuation hospital shifted its position along the front lines, treating wave after wave of casualties. "It got to the point," Ruby remembered, "where I didn't want to see another drop of blood."

From Taegu the hospital moved to Pyongyang, then up to Kongyang, and just as the unit was settling in, the Chinese formally entered the fighting. Hundreds of thousands of "Chi-Com" (Chinese Communist) troops joined by North Korean regulars came sweeping across the 38th Parallel-and the 171st Evacuation Hospital was right in the enemy's path.

Quickly aircraft and ambulances started to evacuate patients and staff. Bradley sent her subordinates out with the first round of evacuees and stayed to supervise

On March 4, 1958, Ruby Bradley became one of three women in the Army of the United States to be awarded the permanent rank of Colonel, and extraordinary achievement for any woman.

the withdrawal of the rest. "Some of the girls who came back [to help] said they could hear the North Koreans going by. We were really that near [the fighting]. We were right up there [and by this time] we didn't know how to get out."

Headquarters, meanwhile, suddenly remembered Ruby had once been a prisoner of war. "Now, I didn't know this till later on," she said, "but they said [to whomever was in charge], 'You get her out of this.

We can't have that happen to her again. Get her out as fast as you can." As her evacuation plane taxied down the runway, Bradley could hear the sound of sniper fire just outside the aircraft door.

In 1951 she was named chief nurse for the Eight Army, supervising the work of some five hundred army nurses at various hospitals and aid stations across Korea. Along the way she was promoted to

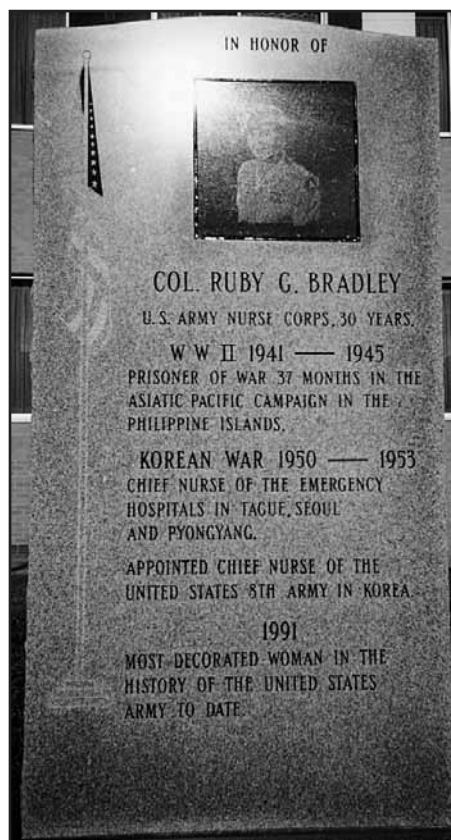
Lieutenant Colonel, and in June 1953, with the Korean truce talks under way at Panmunjon, she was handed orders for home. The Commander of the Eight Army, General Maxwell Taylor, decided to give her a big send off. He had been so impressed with her three years of combat service in Korea, he ordered a full dress military review and parade for her departure, the first time a woman in the American military had been so honored.

Bradley again returned home a hero, and the government and many other organizations showered her with rows of medals and honors. Ralph Edwards, a television personality who wore his patriotism on his sleeve, made her a guest on his popular program, This is Your Life. Afterward the National Broadcasting Company established a scholarship in Ruby's name at the alma mater, Philadelphia General Hospital.

On March 4, 1958, Ruby Bradley became one of three women in the Army of the United States to be awarded the permanent rank of Colonel, and extraordinary achievement for any woman. In the years that followed she won more medals and more honors, and finally in 1963, Colonel Ruby Bradley, fifty five years old, retired from active service, the most decorated woman in American military history.

She hung her uniform in a closet and immediately went back to work, this time quietly and inconspicuously as a Supervisor for a private duty nursing service in Roane County, West Virginia, where she had purchased a small ranch. She stayed on the job for another seventeen years, then, finally, she decided to stop. Periodically after that, the army and various veterans organizations would call on her to speak at their dinners and banquets and official ceremonies.

These days she stays close to home. Cataracts keep her from driving at night and long distance flights leave her exhausted. When strangers ask to drop by



Stone marker in front of the Roane County Courthouse in Spencer, WV to honor Ruby

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Letters



A letter from a Veterans Wife

I recently mailed you a couple of pictures for the Graybeards and I forgot to give you the name of the Veteran administering the oath. He would be Dick Renbarger, our Judge Advocate.

I must tell you, I am not a veteran but my husband is. Ken was in our group several months before I joined. I kept telling him that I wasn't a veteran and I didn't feel like I belonged there. But I felt that I should back him in anything he was doing so I attended the meeting. Well, that was all it took. I instantly became so attached. to the wonderful veterans and. their spouses. This group is so close and there isn't anything they wouldn't do for each other or for anyone else.

So, here I am the publicity chairman for the past year and the one coming up and I enjoy it so much and they really appreciate everything I do for them. Come and join us in one of our meetings, we'd love to have you.

Have a wonderful and. happy new year.

Mary Anna Roemke
KWVA, Indiana. Chapter One
PO. Box 9037
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809.

(Thanks Mary for letter. We seem to forget that our wives do so much for us and our associations. We thank you for being so special and also helping us to Tell America.)

China Night and more

Tex R. Berry requested information on China Night. I am sending along the lyrics to China Night, Japanese Rumba also Arian and Torii. The last two in Japanese and English lyrics. I have a record player here but, like me it is getting old and don't play so well anymore. However someone may enjoy the lyrics. I was in Japan when the Korean War started. So we were in Korea by July 18, 1950. Charles R. Grimshaw, 14th Combat Engr. 8th U.S. Army Co. "B" and 5th RCT 24th Inf. Div. Co. "A", Charles R. Grimshaw, 15825 SE 132nd Place, Renton, WA 98059.

"CHINA NIGHT"

Shina no yoru, Shina no yoru yo,
Minato no akai murasaki no yo ni,
Norboru Junk no yume no fune,
Ah-ah wasurarenu Kokyuno ne,
Shina no yoru, yume no yoru,
Shina no yoru, Shina no yoru yo,
Yanagi no mado ni rantan yurete,
Akai tori-kago Shina musume,
Ah-ah yarusenai ai no uta,
Shina no yoru, yume no yoru.

China Night was well liked by the American GI's

"JAPANESE RHUMBA"

Doko ikuno hoko irasshai ne
Chotto anone ohayogozaimasu
Japanese rhumba ay ay ay
Japanese rhumba ay ay
Japanese rhumba ay ay ay

Ohayogozaimasu
Nani mama-san, hayaku papa-san hai
Ano ajo-san chotto matte kudasai
Japanese rhumba ay ay ay
Japanese rhumba ay ay
Japanese rhumba ay ay ay
Chotto matte kudasai
Korean song in Japanese

"ARIRAN"

Ariran Ariran Ariran.
Watashi o sutete itta hito
Doko ni doshite iru noyara.
Oka no yuki ga me ni skimiru
Ariran Ariran Arariyo
Axiran - toge ni mireba
Akai yuhi to matsu - no-ki ni
Kocchi - Garasu ga naku babari

*Ariran Ariran (English)
Lyrics by A. Hass*

Where is my darling gone
Why has she left me and broken my heart
Who is she kissing and caressing now
Who is as happy as I used to be
Korean Song in Japanese

"TORAJI FLOWER"

Toraji toraji toraji
Tani - ma ni saita koi no hana
Hitohira tsumeba ano hito no
Ai no kokoro o yobisamasu
Eiheyo Eiheyo Eiheyo
Watashi - no koi wa kata - omi
Sasshite o kure yo Pepu - toraji

English Lyrics by A. Hass

Toraji toraji Korean melody
Just like a tender lullaby you lulled me to sleep
Toraji toraji far from home and lonely I
Found in your magic melody no reason to weep
Over the sea, Over the sea
She waits for me
Toraji toraji sing me your lullaby
Lull me to sleep and to dream of my love

(Thank you Charles, for the translation for Tex R. Berry. When I first saw this in long hand (not typed) I said "He's got to be kidding" then a light bulb lit up over my head. Speaking of our special wives, I quickly put your letter in a folder and left a written note, "Honey, please type this for me." The next day, I heard a loud voice saying "what is this." Needless to say my special wife brought to me the typed sheet. The only thing I must tell you is that my spell checker noted after each word "not in Dictionary." Please any corrections send to Charles.)

What happened to those men we gave first-aid to

This is to ask for responses from injured veterans relative to the quality of the initial treatment they received from medical unit personnel before being sent to a general hospital for recovery treatment.

My medical technician colleagues and I often wondered about the recovery of patients we treated in an emergency setting and then transported to a general hospital for after-care.

Because information relative to their recovery was not available, responses from treated veterans, relative to the quality of the treatment they received would, indeed, remove the absence of this information.

Richard A. Schena
189 Lowell Ave
Haverhill, Mass. 01832

(Thank you Richard for the letter. All our medics were very special and the fact that many of us came home and the many awards our corpsmen received surely tells you how important all of you were. If you get some replies please send some to me to put in our Graybeards.)

Navy Corpsman Hero

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my father, Jim Parker who served in the Korean War from October through December 1950. As a Navy Corpsman he was assigned to the 1st Replacement Draft, attached to A Co., 1st Bn., 5th Regt 1st Marine Division.

As a young boy growing up in Richmond, California, I would see my father every Tuesday evening, leaving our house in his Navy uniform to attend his Naval Reserve meetings. Throughout my life, my father rarely spoke about the Korean War. However, my mother would share her memories of my father's war experiences with me and my two brothers and sister. Through her stories we learned our father had been wounded and that his time on the bitter cold battlefield had exposed his toes to frostbite. To this day he pulls off his deformed toenails from his toes because of the damage incurred during the war. Our mother also told us that he had received the Navy Cross for heroism while in battle at Chosin. She would always conclude any remembrance of the war by saying that our father was the nicest person before the war. All we knew as children was that our father was quick tempered and bigger than life. Someone you would never cross or challenge.

Throughout the years my father's anger has tempered. Thanks impart to my mother who kept it all together, and to his children, who despite my father's experience, always respected his inner strength, intelligence and honor.

My younger brother Scott, wrote this Haiku for my father:

*"Surfin the Yalu"
Frostbite stoic few
The red wave brutal pounding
Hung ten from Chosin*

Recently, I asked my mother if she could find any documentation of my father's Korean War experiences. Weeks later I received a manila envelope containing some Navy documents, and a picture of my father receiving the Navy Cross.

After giving my father a lifetime subscription to your magazine, he's been able to talk more openly about the war. Your magazine has made a connection with my father. He has even attempted to contact others that may have been there with him.

Coincidentally, in the newly published book *Breakout* by Ruff, the book which chronicles the Korean War, spoke about my father by name, witnessing him administering morphine to a wounded soldier at Chosin.



Captain Waller presenting Jim Parker with the Navy Cross, Alameda Naval Station, 1952.

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For the President,
Dan A. Kimball
Secretary of the Navy

(Thank you Ray for the letter, photo and documents. Thank you Jim for your deeds above and beyond the call of duty. We are honored to have you as a member. The men you served with will never forget you and I listed your and your son's address so others can thank you and also tell the story to your father's family.)

Above and beyond the call of duty? — Not really!

In praise of the Army Medical Corps

Medics deserve all the praise they can get. Many don't get much, especially those who don't make it to the battle zones. Two of my heroes, so far as I know, never left the States but they certainly made life better for many hospitalized soldiers.

One medic, a "ward boy" (do they still call them that? I hope not!) at Walter Reed Army Hospital, did a good deed which no doctor or nurse would have or probably should have but it needed doing. It's difficult to describe in polite words. I was just back from Korea, in a cast from waist to toe and internally plugged-up by whatever potions they used in those days to keep me off the pot until a bullet hole near the "anal cavity" healed. One morning the cast was hacked off and I was more or less free to move around some, which shook things up internally and brought on my very first post-op "nature call." I hollered for "ward boy" and said he could forget the urinal can. He shouldered me through the ward to the latrine., sat me down and said for me to give it a try and if I couldn't push it out he'd give me a hand, which is literally what he did. When my grunts and groans couldn't move the massive three week old buildup, he stood me up and leaned me head first over the hopper, reached in with his fingers and did the job manually. Then he cleaned me off, washed his hands, helped me back to bed and went off to his next task. Just another clean-up job but definitely not in his job description. A hero? Many times over!

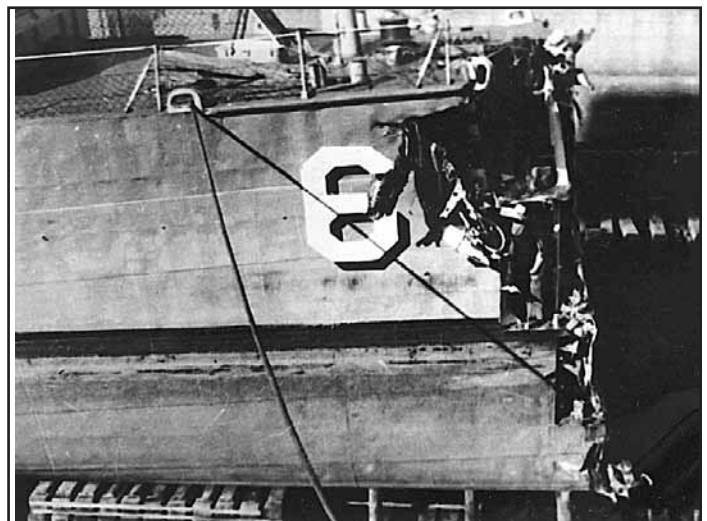
Months later, when ambulatory, more or less, a couple of us were in our bunks moaning about not ever being able to play golf again, Freddy with his plastic leg and me with an in-place but useless lower leg. "Ward boy" (another one) was nearby doing his chores and we heard him mumble something like "You bunch of crybabies oughta quit bitching and give it a try." This sounded like a challenge so we took him up on it. When his shift ended he loaded us in his flivver and drove to a nearby nine hole goat pasture. We rented a few clubs, quaffed a couple of brews and teed it up. He held us up as we tried to remember how to swing, picked us up when we fell and goaded us through the nine holes. The whole thing was hilarious. He was as bad as we were but took us for a couple of bucks anyway. I think from that day on

Freddy and I stopped feeling so sorry for ourselves and began to join the real world. Rehab comes in many disguises, from masked surgeons to skillful therapists, to smiling nurses, to nosy do-what-it-takeswhite jacketed "ward boys". or should we say "Ward Angels"??

(Thanks Pete Wood for a special letter about our non-combat heroes. I did manage to clean up your story. After returning from Korea as a tank driver with the 2nd Inf. Div. I ended up as a ward boy. Never was ashamed of the title but it did change as I went up the promotion ladder. I found many things we had to do was difficult but it was part of the job, or as they now say "it comes with the territory." They may now call them male nurses, doctors assistants or just attendants. Maybe if a former tank driver did that job on you would have had another name for him.)

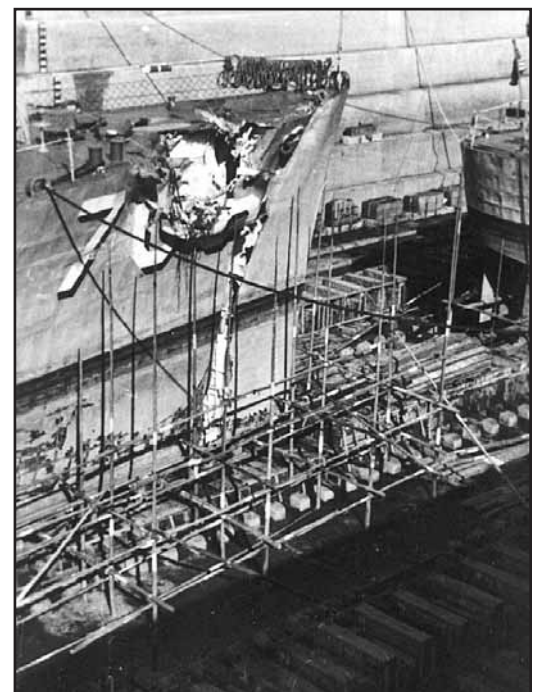
Accident on the high seas

Photos below show the USS Ault DD698 and USS Haynesworth DD700 in dry dock at Yokosuka Navel Ship Yards in Japan after a collision at sea off the coast of Korea, Dec. 20, 1953.



▲
USS Ault DD698

USS Haynesworth DD700 ➤



Medal awarded after 48 years

Carmine Bricchi wasn't about to let 48 years of work culminate in a FedEx box. That's how the Korean War veteran's Purple Heart was delivered to him. The medal came nearly half a century after Bricchi, now 72, returned home. A ceremony in his honor arranged by the Chapter 143 Koren War Veterans of Richmond. Bricchi's daughter, 1st Lt. Maria Saunders of the U.S. Army Reserve, pinned the medal to Bricchi's shirt in front of a handful of fellow veterans at the Korean Presbyterian Church..

Although he was trained as an engineer, he was abruptly reassigned as a medic when he arrived in Pusan, South Korea. Bricchi never had basic first-aid training. To tell anybody that I had absolutely no medical training would have put the fear of death in the troops. To be a medic in the Korean War was to be on a suicide mission. When soldiers went down in an open field, the medics were expected to run out and tend to the injured. On Oct. 15, 1951, Bricchi's unit, Co. G, 21st Inf Regt, 24th Div., was engaged in Operation Nomad. Bricchi was assigned to the 1st Platoon, which lost nearly all of its men in the first days of the battle.

In the midst of the gunfire, Bricchi ran out to check a soldier who was stuck in a trench. As he rolled the man over, Bricchi realized the soldier was already dead. A sniper fired from behind and hit the barrel of the fallen soldier's gun. Shattered particles sprayed up into Bricchi's face and right hand. For a few moments after the blast, Bricchi was unable to see. He lay incapacitated in the trench where he could hear his platoon commander crying out from the shock of seeing so many of his men dead.

Bricchi waited several hours before moving to a nearby trench, where he spent the night cushioned by the body of a dead Korean soldier. He was treated the following day and entered into battle again after a day's rest. Lead from the bullet remains beneath the skin of Bricchi's index finger today.



Carmine Bricchi with daughter, 1st Lt. Maria Saunders of the U.S. Army Reserve displaying Purple Heart on proud father after ceremony.

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Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

Many members have responded to the suggestion to temporarily help underwrite the cost of publication of *The Graybeards* by making voluntary contributions. This issue is still being printed considering cost restraints and due to change of printer and mailer we have been able to continue to reduce the cost per issue and also try to upgrade your newsletter.

Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues. Members please continue to respond by sending your contribution to Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA marked: **Support of Graybeards**. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter.

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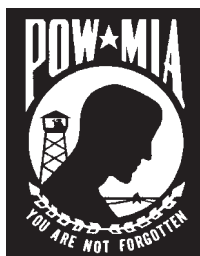
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January 14, 2000

Maxwell AFB Collections Yield Valuable Information

DPMO researchers recently completed work at the Air Force

Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, Ala. to review the extensive holdings on the Korean War. The work focused on the 3rd Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron's unit histories and chronologies for search and rescue missions 1950-53. While reviewing the Maxwell records, the team also found a collection of Southeast Asia search and rescue records, which will be passed to analysts in DPMO.

The researchers found several reports which may shed some light on Korean War POWs, including an Air Force Office of Special Investigation debrief of a returned POW. The team also found chronologies of all 3rd Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron activities for the Korean War, as well as documentation on losses vs. returnees of all four services.

They also located collections of Southeast Asia search and rescue files both on specific loss cases and also a month-by-month record. Archivists at Maxwell estimated that it would take two researchers at least two weeks to review all 28 boxes of information in this area.

As is the standard practice, archival materials will be reviewed by DPMO analysts to determine if they shed any light on any outstanding cases of missing Americans, or if they offer leads not previously explored.

Missing Persons Act Addresses POW Debriefs

In October 1999, an amendment to the Missing Persons Act was signed into law which addresses the treatment of debriefings, of POWs. With the amendment, the act provides statutory protection to briefings acquired after July 8, 1959. These debriefings cannot be released under the

provisions of the Freedom of Information Act nor the Privacy Act.

The underlying purpose of the amended statute is to protect the privacy and dignity of returned POWs, to protect the privacy of individuals about whom derogatory comments were made, and to ensure the effectiveness of acquiring complete and candid accounts of future returnees' experiences from capture to release.

The law does provide that extracts of debriefings may be provided to certain family members, or previously designated persons, that contain information about their missing relative or loved one. The released extract may not contain any derogatory information, nor will the source of the information in the extract be revealed.

Finally, returnees may continue to review their debriefs, including the ones protected by this legislation. The custodian for Korean War and Cold War POW debriefs is the National Archives and Records Administration, while the Secretary of Defense is the custodian of Vietnam War POW and MIA debriefings and documents.

Hungarian Media Address Missing Americans

At the request of DPMO's Joint Commission Support Directorate, the U.S. Embassy in Hungary has released an appeal to the Hungarian wire service requesting information from the Hungarian public on missing American servicemen who may have been transferred to the former Soviet Gulag. The wire serviced forwarded the appeal to all major Hungarian newspapers. While no newspaper has yet published the appeal in its entirety, one newspaper conducted and published an interview with a U.S. Embassy official on the subject of miss-

ing Americans, which led to two additional radio interviews.

January 31, 2000

Family Updates

These updates are held monthly in cities across the U.S. This year marks the fifth year that DPMO and other government specialists have presented this updated information to family members. Thus far, approximately 1,700 families of missing in action servicemen have attended these meetings.

Experts present information on the latest technologies used to identify remains, including mitochondrial DNA. Archival research and other topics are also presented to the families. At the end of the all-day sessions, families are invited to privately review details of their own cases. This initiative assists families who are unable to travel to Washington, D.C. to review their individual case files.

Cities visited in recent months include Spokane, St. Louis, Omaha, Atlanta, Portland, Pensacola, Dallas Ft. Worth, Philadelphia, Detroit Jacksonville, Memphis, Sacramento, Oklahoma City, Birmingham Albuquerque, New Orleans, and Indianapolis. The remainder of the schedule for this year includes:

May 19-20Charleston, S.C.
July 28-29Milwaukee, Wisc.
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Updates to Korean War Database

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office maintains a home page on the Internet to provide the public with the latest information on the efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of servicemen missing from all conflicts.

The Personnel Missing – Korea (PMKOR) Database was recently updated and now lists 8,207 personnel as unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Users can now select from the 54 states and territories representing the home of record of the missing serviceman, providing easier access and smaller files to download. Our greatest usage came after National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 17, 1999, where for three weeks the PMKOR was the number one DPMO site visited.

After Veterans Day (November 11th) visits again surged. Readers are making inquiries through the PMKOR Mailbox, where information can be passed directly to the PMKOR Project Manager to update or correct PMKOR information. There have been over 200 corrections made to the PMKOR since it became available on the Internet, a direct result of public interest. More than 300 other web sites now link themselves to the DPMO web site.

Other improvements to the PMKOR are being planned for the near future, and will be announced through this newsletter and the DPMO home page.

February 28, 2000

Chinese Cooperation on Korean War POW/MIAs Continues

A Department of Defense delegation has concluded its third visit to China to seek additional cooperation in resolving Korean War POW and MIA cases.

Led by Robert L. Jones, the deputy assistant secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, the three-man team met with Chen Mingming of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to explore avenues of cooperation in resolving Korean War cases.

In a major breakthrough during the three-day visit in Beijing last month, Chen offered to work with Mr. Jones to

establish an oral history program that would allow U.S. researchers to interview Chinese veterans of the Korean War. He also agreed to facilitate U.S. - China academic exchanges focusing on Korean War research.

"The oral history program is a significant step forward on Korean War accounting efforts with China, and access to Chinese army archival materials would be an excellent next step," he said.

"We believe the Chinese hold the key to resolving some of our MIA cases from the war since they managed many of the POW camps. We're looking forward to real progress in those areas we discussed with Mr. Chen," added Jones.

"Memoirs" May Offer Leads in Russia

Analysts in the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, in support of the U.S. Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, have obtained information from the "memoirs" of a Russian émigré which suggests that Americans may have been held in the Soviet gulag during the 1940s and 1950s.

The analysts interviewed this source in 1999 and translated the information into English. The source recounted reports of Americans who had been held in detention or labor camps over the two decades, although only one account was first hand. All the other reports were second, third or fourth hand.

Each of the names in the "memoirs" was compared carefully to names of Americans missing from WWII, the Cold War and the Korean War. Only five match known American names. However, the report overall is viewed as a credible tool in investigating leads of missing Americans because some of the information reported does match data already known by the DPMO. As with all such reports, DPMO has sought out and notified family members of MIAs named in the document.

The U.S. side of the commission has presented the "memoirs" to the Russian side with a request that all effort be made to investigate the details in the report. The Russian side was somewhat skeptical of its accuracy, but agreed to assist U.S. investigators in any way possible.

DPMO has a small team of analysts stationed full time in Moscow in order to seek information related to missing Americans. The analysts travel throughout the country, interviewing Russian citizens and officials who may have knowledge of Americans. Additionally, the American team has been granted access to certain Russian military archives. Research efforts in the Podolsk archives, for example, have helped clarify the fate of more than 130 Americans missing from the Korean War.

In following leads from the "memoirs," the analysts both in Moscow and in the U. S. are seeking to cross reference additional information related to the names, and to the specific locations of the labor camps and detention camps mentioned in the report.

Oral History Program Reaches Korean War Vets

Analysts from DPMO periodically meet with Korean War veterans to conduct interviews to garner information about servicemen missing in action from that war. The team recently met with vets from the 1st Cavalry Division Association's Florida Chapter in Orlando, FL.

These interview results will be used to verify or fill the missing gaps of information crucial to resolution of those still unaccounted-for personnel. More than 50 veterans attended the reunion. Attendees expressed appreciation for DPMO's efforts to resolve and account for their fellow soldiers left behind in Korea. During this visit, the analysts obtained detailed lists of veterans from the 7th Cavalry Regiment, which will be used to verify battlefield information already in hand. The team is still seeking information from the 5th and 8th Cavalry Regiments, as well as other 1st Cavalry units.

Information obtained during this event requires correlation of the raw data with existing information; follow-up interviews as necessary; update of central source files and the database. It will also be used to prepare the recovery teams which conduct operations in North Korea and to pass information through the military service casualty offices to the MIA families.

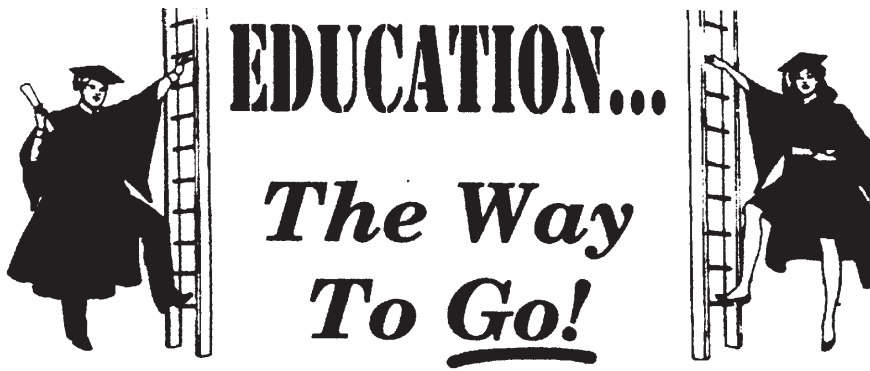


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News & Notes

The USO Salute to Heroes

Are you a veteran of the Korean War and are you coming to Korea for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration on 25 June 2000? The USO Korea is honoring the wartime achievements of one hundred to one hundred-fifty of the thousands of U. S. veterans who served in that war at a commemorative event called "The USO Salute to Heroes." This formal event will take place in the Grand Hyatt Ballroom in Seoul, Korea, on June 26, 2000, at 6:00 PM.

The USO is inviting over 800 guests, including about 150 Korean War Veteran Honorees and their spouses, Medal of Honor recipients, ambassadors from many countries, politicians, key military and civilian personnel, celebrities, business people, and other VIPs. The President of the United States and the President of Korea have been invited to attend.

The U. S. veterans will be recognized and honored for the vital role they played in protecting freedom in South Korea. This will be an opportunity for representatives of the Korean Community to express their appreciation to these men and women who risked their lives for the Korean people.

If you served between June 1950 and July 1953 with U.S. Armed Forces in Korea, as crew members of combat aircraft over Korea from offshore bases and service aboard Navy combat vessels in waters contiguous to Korea and will be in Seoul, Korea on 26 June we invite you to be honored at the special function. Applications must be received by May 15, 2000. You are welcomed to bring your spouse or one family member. Honorees will be selected on a first come, first served basis. Additional guests may buy a ticket for \$100 per seat with a check made out to USO Korea. Please fill out the form below and either email it to: USO KoreanWar@Yahoo.com or fax it to USO Korea: 011-822-7913-4106 or mail to USO Seoul, Attn: USO 50th

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Chapter Affairs

Lake County Chapter #169 of Florida



Holding KWVA Chapter Banner from (l) to (r) Pete Fagnoli, Joseph Modeline, and Helen Rogers. Not shown are Joe Turner and Martin "Jack" Gleason founders of the chapter.

Lake County Chapter No. 169, Korean War Veterans Association's Honor Guard was selected to lead the presentation of unit flags at the Veteran Day observance held in The Villages. *(Thank Joe Turner for photos and letter about an event held in your state. Great looking group. Wish the other photo was better so I could show it. Very dark)*

Indiana Chapter 1



New officers for 2000, (l to r) Bill Hullinger, Irvin Lindsey, Dick Norton, Dick Turner, Ken Roemke, Marian Wisniewski, Absent from the picture was Lynn Shady.

Dear members and readers: I must repeat again that articles from newspapers take a lot of time to scan and most are too long to retype. Photos from newspapers also do not copy well. I tend to use original photos and articles that are typewritten in lower case. I still have to optically scan everything in to the computer and it sure helps when you type them well, in 12 point type and keep the length to a minimum. . — Editor.



Some of our veterans lining up for the Veterans Day Parade in Branson. The bus in the picture was full of other Veterans, wives and friends. *(Thank you Mary Anna Roemke for photo and letter. Best wishes for all and congratulations.)*

Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio



Dr. Charles Sung, President of the Greater Youngstown Korean Association with Joann Onstott, Lady Associate Captain and Robert Bakalik, President of Korean War Veterans Association of the Mahoning Valley Chapter #137.

Korean War Veterans, Mahoning Valley Chapter 137, kicked off its observance of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War with a dinner and program Dec. 6 at the Saxon Club in Youngstown. The 7 p.m. dinner was followed by a program, which



included installation of the Year 2000 officers by Michael Mahoney, President of the Ohio Korean War Veterans Association. A group of area Korean singers were among the Korean guests at the dinner, and performed Korean folk songs and American holiday numbers. Dr. Charles Sung, a Hubbard veterinarian, and President of the Greater Youngstown Korean



Area Korean singers performed Korean folk songs & American holiday numbers, they are directed by Mrs. Dong Ho Ham.

Association, was the speaker. Master Parks of the Martial Arts Studio in Boardman put on a demonstration of Karate, Taekwon do and kick boxing.

(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter about another great KWVA chapter, its events and members.)

Charles L. Gilliland Chapter #22 of Arkansas



Pee-Wee Basketball League team sponsored by our Korean War Veteran's Assn. Chapter #22 of Arkansas.

The Charles L. Gilliland chapter of Mountain Home, AR is active in supporting community programs. In the past, we have sponsored essay contests on patriotism, and provided American flags to the cities Sr. Center outdoor flag pole and to the Youth Centers gym. Our chapter has sponsored a Pee Wee Basketball League team for the past two seasons – the league consists of 53 teams, with age divisions running from 5 years of age thru 10 years. Over 400 boys and girls participate in the program.

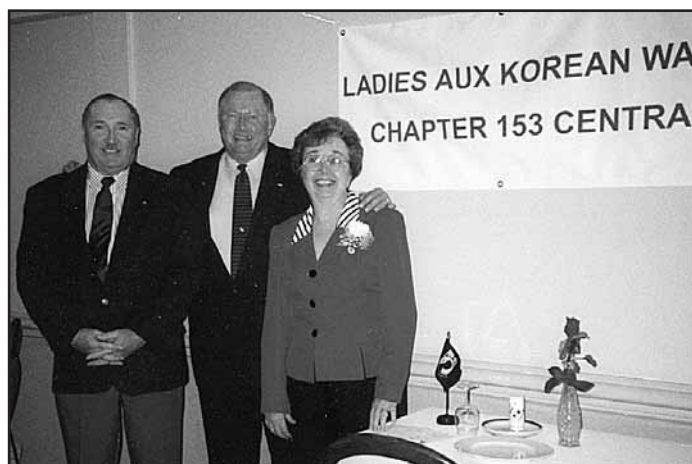
Notice in the photo above, the KWVA emblem on the player's shirts. Also, the referee is Bob Hudder, the founder and first commander of the chapter. Since we are the only chapter in the state of Arkansas, it is about time we let you know we are alive and well!

(Thanks, Bob for photo and letter about a special event held by your chapter. For the only chapter in Arkansas you sure are doing a great job for your veterans. We are proud of all of you and please send in more photos.)

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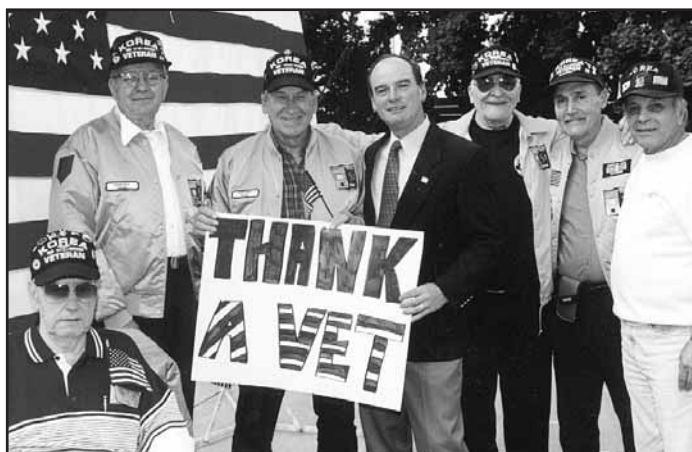


Central Florida Chapter #153 members, from left to right, Ed Kent, Chapter President, Ed Magill and Mary Gaffney, President Ladies Auxiliary.

The evening of 8 Jan 2000, 45 members and guests of Chapter 153 attended a banquet, a gala dress-up event, @ Deltona Inn. KWVA National 1st Vice Pres. Ed Magill officiated at this third annual installation of Chapter & Auxiliary officers.

(Thank you Tom Gaffney for photo and letter. We wish your chapter and new officers the best.)

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey



On Oct. 13 the chapter attended a kick off rally with NJ Senator Donald T. Di Francesco. Shown in photo (l to r) George Job (sitting), John Di Lonardo, Augie Sposa, Sen. Di Francesco, John Meuser Chapter Commander, Louis Quagliero and Vincent Cupo.

(Thank you Louis for photo and letter. Wish I had room to show the other documents. A special Senator and Chapter.)

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Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



A special ceremony took place in a Hospice. Rollie Gabriel, WW II Veteran wanted to be a member of VFW 4364. He made his last request on 11-13-99 and passed away on 11-25-99. Shown left to right are J. Sheehan, C. Dadswell, T. Mc Guire, G. Peeples, A. Destefano, Rollie, and Hospice companion Joann. Another last act by Rollie was to donate his medals and hat to the Chapter. *(A special hero was granted his last requests by veterans who understand the meaning of comradeship. We salute all of you for understanding and being a special friend to Rollie.)*

Western New York Chapter #63



Color Guard at opening game of NFL Buffalo Bills



At Canadian Korean War memorial is (l to r) Frank Cassidy, Tom Burns, & Fred Docktor. (Standing background unnamed)



Color Guard at local Korean War Memorial. Shown (l to r) are Pete Snyder, John Karcucci, Charlie Wieus, Bob Manzella, Carl Marranica and Jerry Keohone.



July 1999 Chapter Annual dinner honoring Past President Bob Manzella. Twenty-two members shown above attended dinner.

(Thank you Tom for the photos and letter update on Chapter.)

Harry S. Truman Chapter #135 of Missouri

The Chapter was one of the local veteran's groups helping host the 4th Annual Branson's Veteran's Homecoming. The event drew over 50,000 vets of all services from across the country. Many Korean War Vets attended. Not since the old days of the Civil War encampments have there been so many vets assembled in one place for a reunion. Activities commenced the week before and lead up to Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1999.

Opening ceremonies were held at the Grand Mansion, home base of pianist Dino Kartsonakis. The sharp, prizewinning, Eagles Elite, Drill Team from Illinois presented the Colors.

Mayor of Branson Lou Schaefer gave the Opening Proclamation. Master Chief Jerry Luedtke, Executive Director of the Branson Veteran's Task Force gave an "Overview of upcoming events". The featured show was the US Air Force's High Flight with singers, dancers and musicians. There was a grand finale with Branson entertainers on stage, including the Lennon Sisters and many others.

One big highlight of the week was a benefit show for the local KWVA sponsored by the Dutton Family at the Box Car Willie Theatre. 2nd Vice Commander Jay Butler and Commander Neil Hurley of the local group did much coordinating. Performers included Ronnie Prophet, of "The Pickin' Parlor" MC, the Duttons of the Box Car Willie Theatre, The Hughes Family of the Legends Theatre, Jim Owens from the Mickey Gilley Theatre, The Britt Family of the Branson Belle Showboat, Mike Radford of the Remember When Theatre, The Hortons of "The Pickin' Parlor," Steve Grimm singer on the Branson Belle. Proceeds from this benefit will build a nice monument honoring Korean War Vets in the Ozark Park Memorial Cemetery, Branson.

Funds also helped treat some disabled vets from the Mount Vernon, Missouri Home to a big meal at the Golden Corral and then the show where they were honored guests.

The 4th Annual Branson Veteran's Homecoming V.I.P. Reception at Mesquite Charlie's Steakhouse was well attended by Korean War Vets.

Local KWVA vets and wives hosted the Veteran's Reception in the big Mel Tellis Theatre Lobby. It was quite a thrill and honor when some of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen came around afterward and thanked the KWVA vets and shook our hands. The local KWVA and Auxilliary also hosted a mini KWVA Reunion at the Settle Inn. The Eagles Elite Drill Team put on a swell show. Missouri State Commander Stuart Ballou spoke. There was a big show and ceremony hosted by Tony Orlando, the yellow ribbon guy, at the Baldknobber's Theatre.

The Wyondotte Tribe Color Guard retired the colors impressively. A big parade was held Veteran's Day. The KWVA was well represented with KWVA Chapters from Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri. Local KWVA Chapter Commander Neil Hurley was Parade Master.

We All look forward to an even larger A Veteran's Homecoming this year. In fact, patriotic events are now planned year 'round. The 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War will be commemorated June 25. Everyone is invited to all events. For more details Contact Ron Miller, 120 Lakewood Dr., Hollister, MO 65672 Tel: 417-334-2377 or e-mail at rmi7689974@aol.com.

(Thanks Ron for great report.)

KWVA OF CENLA (Central Louisiana)

Information on our new chapter in Louisiana. The names of the chapter is KWVA OF CENLA. And the newly elected officer are as followed

- ◆ President - Tag M Jensen
- ◆ 1st Vice President - Frank Johnson
- ◆ 2nd Vice - Freddie Allen

- ◆ Secretary - Clyde Durham
- ◆ Treasurer - Bill Doyle
- ◆ Historian - Rab Burgess
- ◆ MIA/POW Officer - Ray Shockley
- ◆ Judge Advocate - J F Martin
- ◆ Chaplain John E (Jack) Boren III

Those wishing to join, contact Tag M Jensen, 1102 Dennis Ave., Leesville, LA, 71446-4108. Phone 318-238-2598 call any time of the day if not home leave a message and I will get back to you.

(Thank you Tag for the new chapter and the best to all your members. We hope to see some photos in upcoming Graybeards.)

Dept of Delaware



Dept of Delaware Color Guard in parade in Chestertown, MD.

Below, Delaware Department Commander Eugene L. Rose with Mrs. Florence Dill at dedication of a headstone for her husband Captain Paul N. Dill, MIA in Korean War.

(Thank you Alfred Lawler for photos and letter of a true hero and those that remembered his deeds.)



Capt. Dill headstone states that he became MIA Dec. 3, 1950 and that he was a WWII and Korean War Veteran and awarded the Purple Heart.

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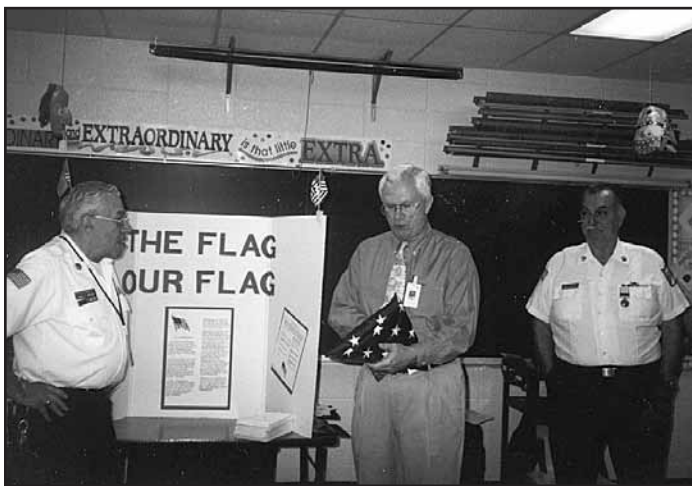
The Department of New York, KWVA held its Eighth Annual State Convention at the Holiday InnTurf in Lake George, NY on May 13, 14, and 15. Twelve chapters were represented at the Convention Meeting with 50 KWVA veterans attending. The banquet was Friday evening, May 14 with 100 persons taking part in the festivities and the swearing in of the officers for the year 1999-2000. The guest speaker at the banquet was Mr. Robin Temple, Deputy Director, N.E. Region, Veterans Affairs. Also present at the Convention was Past President of the KWVA, Mr. Nick Pappas and four Gold Star Mothers.

On Saturday morning a Memorial Service was held at the Glens Falls Memorial of the Adirondack Chapter which provided an Honor Guard Salute and sound system. The Northeast Chapter from Troy, NY provided the color guard while Mr. Dave Allen from Central NY Chapter, Syracuse played taps. The ceremony also included playing of the National Anthem, Salute to the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and remarks from State President Joseph Calabria and Chapter President Bill Shaw followed by the placing of a wreath at the Memorial provided by the Department of NY. A fly-over by 2 New York State National Guard helicopters put on a final tribute to this ceremony.

A Luncheon Cruise on Lake George aboard the "Lac du Saint Sacrament" on Saturday afternoon was provided which was enjoyed by all especially with the views, the music and dancing thus closing all the activities of the Convention. It was chaired by then State Secretary, Bernie Hoganson.

(Thank you Bernie for the photos and updates. All your veterans are doing a super job keeping the "Tell America" program alive and well. We look forward to printing your events.)

Indiana Chapter 1



Mr. Kenneth Howe, Principal accepts a Flag for the school during a Tell America presentation at Lane Middle School, Fort Wayne, Ind. The Flag was furnished by the American Legion. Post 82, Ft. Wayne. Life members James Snyder, Co-ordinator for the Tell America Program and Harry Baumgartner were allowed access to eight hours of Ms. Lawanda Windon's political science classes. Submitted by Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Chairman.

(Thanks Mary for photo and letter. Also a big thank you goes to James, Harry, Mr. Howe, your chapter and last but not least the students at Lane Middle School.)

West River Chapter 160 of South Dakota

West River Chapter 160 is still thriving, although activity during the summer months has slowed down.

Among our appearances, through, we did win our second Honorable Mention in the Military/Patriotic Float Division at the always well-attended July 4 Black Hills Roundup Parade in Belle Fourche, SD.

We've also formed our honor guard and have been invited to perform a flag-raising at the wild and wooly motorcycle racing at the annual Black Hills Motorcycle Classic in Sturgis, S.D., which has annually drawn upwards of 200,000 motorcyclists or more.

In promotional efforts, I've enclosed a copy of the chapter's Certificate of Recognition which we've presented to specific individuals and/or organizations who have helped the chapter.

Also we designed a "Forgotten Victory" decal which because of the wording can be used by anyone and is not restricted to just KWVA and chapter members. The decals provide a certain educational aspect of the war and the chapter, plus a small income for the chapter.

I ordered 300 decals from a local printer at a price of 78 cents each. I then mailed up to three decals to each member (depending on the extent of his or her chapter activity) and advised the member to use them for personal vehicles, or, for example, keep one and sell the other two to anybody. The decal price to members is \$2.50 each. Members then remit up to \$7.50 (depending on the number of decals they received) to the chapter.

Incidentally, I've received three responses from artists, etc., with pictures, sketches and the like for our proposed state war monument. This follows my recent letter in Graybeards for help. I'm also informed by the committee chairman that our request for a stretch of Korean War Memorial Highway is in the hands of the governor, and we anxiously (and hopefully) await his approval. The approximate 14-mile stretch we want designated — known in Black Hills promotional materials as "Scenic Rimrock Highway" — extends from Rapid City's west edge into the Black Hills to its junction with northsouth Highway 385 that carries considerable Mount Rushmore/Deadwood traffic. Gordon Hanson - President, West River Chapter 160, P.O. Box 9465, Rapid City, S.D. 57702-9465.

(Thanks Gordon for the update. Keep up the great work you and your veterans in South Dakota are doing.)

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Jan-Feb, 2001	Jan 12	Jul-Aug, 2000	July 14
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May-June, 2000	May 12	Nov-Dec, 2000	Nov 10

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KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1



On Dec. 4, 1999, at the cadence of Drill Master Louis Baldovi, Korean War veterans of the KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1 marched in the Annual Christmas Day Parade in Kaneohe, HI. On the banner in the top photo, left to right, are Harry Takane, Richard Higa and Dan Morris. The Color Guard, from left to right, are Calvin Hiraoka, Eugene Miura, Clayton Murakami and Charles Aresta. Below, more Chapter members from Hawaii march with pride.

1999 KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1 highlights:

- ❖ KWVA member have logged over 800 volunteer man hours in the clean up and maintenance of the Korean Vietnam War memorials.
- ❖ Participated in the July 4th and Christmas parades.
- ❖ Participated in the 1999 Food Bank Drive
- ❖ Sent teams to the public schools in the "Tell America" program.
- ❖ Hosted the July 27 Armistice Anniversary at the Korean War Memorial

Other Hawaii news:

- ❖ Hawaii's governor Benjamin Cayetano named the following to the Hawaii 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Commission:
 - ♦ Adjutant General BG Edward Correa-Exofficio Chair
 - ♦ BG (Ret) Irwin Cockett-Chair
 - ♦ Louis Baidovi-Vice-Chair & Chair of Program Development Committee
 - ♦ BG (Ret.) Hyo Kap Lee-Liaison Korean Community
 - ♦ Col (Ret) Kurt Johnson
 - ♦ Col (Rot) Thomas Kalus
 - ♦ Maj. (Ret) Allen Ray-Chair Logistics Committee
 - ♦ Robert Hamakawa-Chair Legislative Committee
 - ♦ Howard Okada-Chair Protocol Committee



Hawaii Chapter member Nick Nishimoto, former POW, addresses 8th grade students at Samuel Wilder King Intermediate School in Honolulu prior to Veterans Day in Nov. 1999. Nishimoto was part of the "Tell America" team which included Louis Baldovi, Robert Hamakawa and Thomas Tanaka. In the background is the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative flag. Moses Pakaki is Hawaii Coordinator.



KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1 installed its new officers for the year 2000 at its annual installation and reunion banquet on November. 10, 1999 at the Fort Shafter NCO Club in Honolulu. From right to left: Robert Hamakawa, President, Floranio Castillo, Vice-President, Harry Kumabe, Secretary, Richard Higa, Treasurer. Hamakawa, Kumabe and Higa were reelected to their second term.

- ♦ Nick Nishimoto
- ♦ Edgar Hamasu-Chair Budget Committee
- ♦ Mildred Mc Colgan-Chair Family Support Committee
- ♦ Baldovi, Hamakawa, Okada and Nishimoto are KWVA Chapter #1 members.

The commission has approved the following commemorative events for this year:

1. Jan-Dec. - "Tell America" Program, public schools, Honolulu, HI
2. April 9 -POW/MIA ceremony, National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, HI
3. May 20-Parade, food fair and evening concert, Wailuku, Maui HI
4. May 20-Military Concert, Hawaii Theater, Honolulu, HI
5. May 20-Dec.-Korean War static display, Army War Museum, Waikiki, HI
6. June 25- Ceremony of the start of the Korea War, Honolulu, HI
7. July 27-Armistice anniversary ceremony at the Korean War Memorial, Honolulu, HI

8. July 28-Korean War veterans reunion, golf and luau, Honolulu HI
9. July 29-Korean War veterans reunion, golf and dinner, Honolulu HI
10. July-Observance of 25th Division arrival in Korea, Honolulu HI
11. Sept. 18-21-Observance of 1950 military operations in Korea, Honolulu HI
12. Nov. 11 -Veterans Day, tribute to Korean War veterans and their families, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe HI

(A great chapter with great veterans doing great deeds. When you go to Punchbowl Memorial visit MIA/POW Richard W. Krepps, my twin, for me.)

Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter #66 of New York



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New KWVA Chapter

The KWVA has chartered a new Kansas Chapter. The chapter's first meeting will be 7:00 PM, Monday, March 20, 2000 at the American Legion Post 370, 7500 W 75th Street, Overland Park, Kansas.

Jack Delap, Charter Chapter President, announced that membership will be open to eligible military veterans who served between September 1945 and January 1955. For further information contact Jack Delap (913) 299-6072; JDeLap@aol.com

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Anniversary of the Korean War Committee, PSC 303, Box 53, APO AP 96204-0053. Please send in your: Name, Date of Birth, Branch of Service, Highest rank held, Unit, Dates of Service in the Republic of Korea, Campaign Medals/Awards/Citations, Mailing Address, Home phone, Alternate Phone, Email address, Fax, Will your spouse accompany you? If so Name, Arrival date, Departure date, Contact in Korea (hotel), Are you coming on a tour, name of tour. Are you interested in information about the USO battle site tours or cultural tours offered near this event? Yes ____ No ____

Special Memorial Day Services in California

The San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery will be the host to Memorial Day Services honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Korean Veterans Sunday 28, May 2000, at 1100 hrs.

The cemetery is located in Santa Nella. CA. just off of California's Interstate 5.

The cemetery is centrally located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley and is about a 2 hr. drive from 4 major airports. San Francisco International, San Jose International, Sacramento International, and Oakland Airport. There are many reasonable hotel and restaurants nearby.

The services. draw a very large crowd so it is suggested that you arrive at least an hour before. Make reservations early.

Any Korean Veteran groups with the desire to participate in the ceremonies should contact The San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery Memorial Council C/O Marsha. Borrelli-Silva, 610 Jensen Rd., Gustine, CA. 95322. E-mail <resent@inreach.com>.

For further information contact above address or go to: www.restoredententerprises.com and check out Upcoming Events page.

(Marsha has a new song written and sung by her especially for the Korean War Veteran for the 50th Commemoration called "The Soldier's in the Shadows" I will do a review on her tapes and CD's in the next Graybeards.)

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February 10, 2000

Public Affairs Office

The Graybeards members and all veterans.

The year 2000 represents the 225th birthday of the U.S. Army! This is an exciting time, and as "the Guardian of the Nation's Capital," the U.S. Army Military District of Washington would like to cordially invite you and your group to attend the Spirit of America pageant and join us in our dramatic and entertaining celebration.

Spirit of America is a spectacular event featuring performances by the renowned U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) and The 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard). Come relive the history of our great nation seen through the eyes of the American soldier, from the American Revolution to the present.

Spirit of America will take place June 14 through June 18, 2000, at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. Tickets are free and can be obtained by completing and returning an order form (see website below for forms) with a self-addressed, stamped envelope by May 1. Show times for Spirit of America are:

June 14, 2000 8:00 P.M. June 17, 2000 2:00 P.M.

June 15, 2000 1:00 P.M. June 17, 2000 8:00 P.M.*

June 16, 2000 8:00 P.M. June 18, 2000 2:00 P.M.*

*A sign language interpreter will be provided.

You will not want to miss out on this dramatic event! Come prepared to enjoy this fiery performance and leave with a newfound sense of patriotism! For additional information, call 1-800-701-5097 or visit our website at www.mdw.army.mil for forms.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Breen, Jr. Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Director of Public Affairs

(I have been told that Korean War Veterans night will be on June 16, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. Get a bus load and come on to see this great show.— Editor)

Michael Hickey ad
copy provided

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Missouri Remembers



Shown standing in front of the dedicated sign are 5 members of MO. Chapter 4. They are from left to right: Don McDonald, Ted Hirabayski, Bob Baumgartner, Don Kohlman and John Hopkins.

On July 10, 1998, A house resolution approved by Governor Carnahan officially re-named Highway 21 throughout the state of Missouri as the veterans' memorial highway.

Ten miles on either side of the entrance to Washington State Park was designated as the Korean War Memorial Highway. This area of Hwy 21 was chosen because of it's proximity to the 38th parallel. The dedication of the sign took place at the park entrance in DeSoto, Missouri, on November 11, 1999.

The program handed out that day states "The Korean War Memorial Highway will honor those who gave their lives, all who served, and those families which experienced the war. Certainly it will inspire future generations to preserve freedom". (Eugene Blanford, Commander Mo. Chapter 3.)

(Thank you Don Kohlman, Commander Chapter 4 for photos and letter. A great honor to the veterans of Missouri. We are still fighting the red tape in Maryland to get a memorial highway. Maybe you can give us some pointers.)

New York Remembers

The Richmond Parkway in Staten Island, NY has been renamed the "Korean War Veterans Parkway". The Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter of the KWVA spearheaded the drive to change the name of this highway to bring recognition to the 35 KIA's from the Island and also to all who served during the Korean War. All the signs designating this change are now displayed at all entrances and exits from this highway. They number one hundred and five. When driving through this borough, drive proudly, you're appreciated and recognized.

(Thank you Bernie Hoganson for photo and letter. Your Chapter, members and families of those that served and died in the Korean War must be very proud when they see those signs. The veterans and families of Maryland's KIA/MIAs hope someday to



The Korean War Veterans Parkway, Staten Island, NY.

have Route 43 named in honor of those who served and died in that Bloody War. Maybe you can tell us how you got the job done. We see the many honors New York gives to their veterans. We are very envious, but happy for you also.)

Maine Remembers



Burton-Goode-Sargent Chapter 1 Bangor, Maine This picture was taken at the Korean War Memorial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor, Maine on Memorial Day weekend 1999 Pictured left to right is: Kenneth Buckley USMC, Ralph Eye U.S. Army (Dec'd), Fred Hardin U.S. Army, Philip Eckert U.S.M.C, Paul Curtis U.S. Army and Richard Hachey USMC (Ret.)

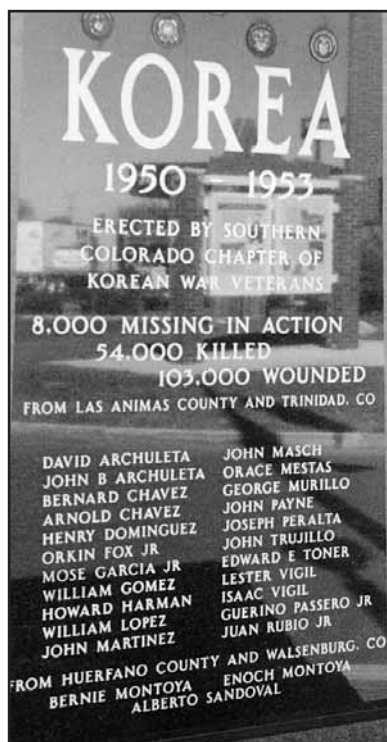
Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial (whatever size) in the last 2 years please send in a photo. We will accept photos with veterans near the memorial if you will identify the memorial and the veterans.

Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe you memorial in detail and give us the location. I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned and please no newspaper clippings.

—Editor

Colorado Remembers



Southern Colorado Chapter Korean War Memorial. Back side has outline of Korea with 38th Parallel location (Thank You Joe Duran for photos.)

California Remembers



The California Korean War Memorial at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery near Santa Nella, CA.

On August 1, 1998 our California Korean War Memorial was dedicated at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery near Santa Nella, CA.

The memorial has 16 granite panels engraved with the names of the 2,495 California veterans who gave their all during this war. These panels stand in silent tribute to these brave men. Also engraved on one panel is the names of the builders and Joe and Joanne Velasquez, a major contributor to the memorial.

Ron Jabaut, the founder of the Santa Clara County, CA

Chapter was the inspiration for the building of this memorial. He, along with Frank Broz and John Wulftange took on the task and soliciting of donations to see that this memorial was built.

After 5 long years of stress and toil his dream was finally accomplished and the memorial was built. We and the whole state owe him a debt of gratitude for this fine memorial.

(Thank you Low Horyza for photo and letter. A great memorial that was built and dedicated by special people that did not forget.)

Tennessee Remembers



Charles B. Goss who served in Korea with the men of the 196th F.A. Bn. is standing next to the memorial in their honor.

The only known Memorial in Memphis to those men who made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea which serving with the 196th FA Bn., assigned to the X Corps. The Memorial reads as follows:

Members of the 196th F.A. Bn. Who Made The Supreme Sacrifice During The Korean Conflict 1950-1953

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| 1. Beeman, James L. | 6. Kee, Wayne V. | 11. Perkins, Algie |
| 2. Brown, Chester | 7. King, Clifford B., Jr. | 12. Peyton, Williford |
| 3. Brown, James O. | 8. Lorenzon, Wayne E. | 13. Secrease, Chester T. |
| 4. Johnson, James | 9. McGarrity, Clay J. | 14. Shirley, Joe E. |
| 5. Jones, Vaskill | 10. O'Neil, Cleothus | 15. Stasewich, Michael, Jr. |
| 16. Troy, Joel J. | 17. Webb, Roy A. Jr. | |

The unveiling ceremony was published in the Memphis Commercial Appeal Newspaper on September 14, 1959 honoring the dead of the 196th FA Bn., who fell in Korea. Today the Memorial stands in front of the Tennessee Army National Guard, 2610 E. Holmes Rd., Memphis, TN.

The 196th Field Artillery Bn., Tennessee Army National Guard, Memphis, TN was activated into Federal Service in August 1950, arrived in Korea in February 1951 and was assigned to the X Corps and also supported other units (Marines, etc.). In Korea I served at the rank of Sfc in 'B' Battery as head gunner on the 155MM Howitzer.

(Thank you Nita Goss for the photo and letter. Charles is very lucky to have a sister like you. We are proud of you, your brother and the 196th F. A. Bn.)

Florida Remembers



Dept. of Florida President Fred Shear addresses those gathered for the Dedication of the Florida Korean War Veteran's Memorial, recognizing the contributions of all Korean War veterans, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom.

Florida's Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Tallahassee on Saturday, December 11th, 1999. On a cool Florida morning over 700 veterans, families and friends gathered in a tree shaded glen at Cascade Park near the state capitol building for the official dedication of the impressive monument. Present in places of honor were Medal of Honor recipients, former Prisoners of War, relatives of men who died in Korea and many dignitaries, led by Florida Governor Jeb Bush. On the podium with the speakers were National President Harley Coon, also an ex-POW, and National Director Jack Edwards. Fifteen KWVA Chapters from all over the state, as well as other veteran and active duty, reserve, and ROTC units participated. In addition to the Chapter flags, the national emblems of most U.N. Allies were presented to be recognized.

Speakers noted the absence of deceased Gov. Lawton Chiles who had passed away one year ago, just days after breaking ground for the start of construction. Chiles, a Korean War veteran himself, was extremely instrumental in bringing to fruition the idea first conceived by Emmett Benjamin, former KWVA National Director. Through his hard work and persistence, Emmett convinced two other Korea veterans, State Senator Pat Thomas and State Representative Howard Fuch, to sponsor the necessary legislation for the siting and partial funding of the monument. Without Emmett's contributions the monument probably would not be here today.

No less than three retired Marine Generals, two of them Florida cabinet members, were present. Lieutenant General Lawrence Snowden, USMC (Ret.), was the Master of Ceremonies. Current Gov. Bush recalled the sorrowful state of our armed forces at the outbreak of hostilities in 1950, ranking 17th in the world, though we were #1 only a short time before. He was loudly applauded for stating that America should never again be so unprepared, and that politicians and legislators must support our country's active duty forces while still providing for its' veterans. The Governor noted that Florida has over 600,000 veterans of Korea, and that Florida is second only to California



Lt. Gen. Lawrence Snowden, USMC (Ret.) with former Sgt. Fred Shear, USMC, (r) current KWVA Florida Department president, following the Florida Monument's Dedication. In right background is Emmett Benjamin, originator of the effort to have the monument built.

in numbers of veterans of all wars. Yet, in spite of these numbers, it is 41st in the amount of money allocated to VA facilities. The Governor also brought attention to the lack of children in the overflow audience, stating that they are the ones who should be aware of the sacrifices made on their behalf. He mentioned that his father's war experiences, though seldom discussed, made him particularly aware of veteran's sacrifices and need for care.

Colonel Robin Higgins, USMC (Ret.), head of the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs, whose husband was murdered while on a peace keeping mission in Lebanon, quoted Winston Churchill: "A nation which fails to honor its' heroes will soon have no heroes to honor." This remark was especially well received.

Fred Shear, president of the KWVA Department of Florida, spoke of the war from a Marine infantryman's point of view, citing the extraordinary heroism of those who died, regardless of their branch of service. Dutifully following orders which they knew put them in harm's way, they went ahead without protest. He spoke of a war fought with "leftover weapons, left over ammo, left over rations and left over men (WWII 'retreads')", mentioning that even the medals for wounds and bravery were left over, having been struck for the anticipated WW II invasion of Japan, then recycled for the Korean War.

Following the placing of a wreath by the Hon. Kwang-Sok Ryu, R.O.K. Consul General, and Governor Bush, a twenty-one gun rifle salute was rendered by a Marine squad, echoing off the unseen buildings surrounding the park. "Taps" was then played, echoed by a second bugler. The unbroken quiet during this reverent and emotional ceremony was not even marred by traffic on local streets.

Recognition of the special generosity of the Korean-American community was brought to the attention of those present. As Fred Shear said in his address: "They have never forgotten." In addition to monetary contributions made to Gov. Bush by the R.O.K. Consul General on behalf of the Republic of Korea, and two additional donations from the Florida Korean-American Societies and individuals, a fantastic variety of native Korean dishes were presented at the reception (hosted by the



Sunshine State Chapter of Florida members attending dedication of Korean War Memorial in Tallahassee, FL on Dec. 11-1999: (l-r) Ernie Croley, Norman Crews, James Sills, Ernie Steier, Gordon Bennett, Curly Thacher, Peter Palmer, Mike Tucci, Dave Hanson, Jack Edwards and John Martin.

Paralyzed Veterans of America) afterwards. A Korean dance troupe also put on an outstanding exhibition, which was appreciated by all.

(Thank you Fred Shear for photos and memorial/dedication history. Your Memorial is great. Thanks from all Korean War Veterans.)

Florida did not forget heroes of Korean War

The dedication of the Korean War Memorial brought reality and truth into form by the memorial and the veterans of that "forgotten war" who were present at the Dec. 11 event. They represented the 1,300,000 Americans who served in the Korean conflict; the 33,000-plus military personnel who were killed in action; more than 102,000 who were wounded; and more than 8,000 who never returned or were never accounted for. Included in the mortality rate were two-thirds of the 1950 graduating class of West Point, who were killed within the first seven months

The Department of Veterans Affairs of Florida deserves a salute for coordinating such a powerful and endearing morning

at Cascade Park in Tallahassee.

The veterans of the Korean War do not have, nor have they ever had, any press agents to constantly relate the heroism of those military personnel. However, the Korean War Memorial will now stand in mute testimony like an open-air time capsule for present and future generations. The words on the memorial can be felt or experienced in its conducive and solemn surroundings.

To paraphrase Shakespeare's "Henry V," We few, we chosen few, we band of brothers and sisters ...

On behalf of my brothers, Jack, U.S Army, and Richard, U.S.M.C., our heartfelt gratitude to Florida, which didn't forget.

Donald J. O'Lone – Ormond Beach

(Thank you Donald and your brothers for the special tribute to the veterans of the Korean War. You are special also).



KWVA Department of Florida members attending Dedication of Korean War Memorial in Tallahassee, FL on Dec. 11, 1999. All KWVA Florida Department Chapters are represented in photo.

(Thank you Jack Edwards for photos and letter. We also thank your State Veterans for remembering our war and our veterans. Those that are not with us today also thank you for remembering them.)

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MY YEAR IN HELL

Continued from Jan-Feb 2000 issue

Before long we ran into Lt. Endsley, he was madder than hell that we had lost all our mortars (we would normally drop grenades down the tubes of our mortars before leaving them but in this case we didn't for fear of being discovered) and had commandeered a tank and said we were going back after them, I wouldn't have voted for that decision if I had my choice but we really didn't have much to say about it. We jumped on the tank and rode toward our old positions. Unknown to us the gooks knew we would probably be back and were on the high ground waiting for us. When we arrived at the old positions Shelstad took his squad and ran to the other side of the position and we waited with the tank. When the Chinks opened up I was still near the tank but knew enough to get away from the tank because those babies draw a lot of fire, I dove into a ditch alongside the tank and returned fire from there, all at once I heard that tank rev up his motor and I knew he was going to bug out. He took out of there like crazy and there I was laying in the ditch. A number of our guys were already

BY RON "VIC" MOSSING

I really believe there is such a thing as combat smart, I would guess that over 70% of our casualties were men that had been in combat for 30 days or less

on the tank but by the time I got there he was already moving fast so I just hung on to the side and run along side. Shelstad and his boys had to walk out the same way we had done earlier in the morning.

On the 19th we were ordered to fall back to the Division, I never believed I would see another day. The 2nd Battalion and in fact the 38th Regiment was almost annihilated in this battle and on the afternoon of the 19th we were ordered to "CORP" reserve and moved east to the right flank of the Division. Shortly the 2nd Battalion became a part of Task Force Yoke. Task Force Yoke was to attack and give the Division the time to formulate a counter offensive, in a couple days Task Force Yoke was disbanded. During this May Massacre the 2nd Division killed 65,000 Chinese and North Korean Soldiers.

THE BATTLE FOR INJE

On the 22nd of May we relieved the 15th Regiment and prepared to attack Inje. The 187th was to use the main road and we were to use a parallel road. About this time Lt. Endsley was promoted to Captain and became How Companies company commander. We in turn received Lt. Chamblin, a great guy. We had a terrible time keeping him alive until he learned the ropes, but he eventually made it home also. I really believe there is such a thing as combat smart, I would guess that over 70% of our casualties were men that had been in combat for 30 days or less. They didn't realize when an artillery shell was going to be close, when to give and when to stand. We always did what we could do to orient the new people but sometimes it just didn't register. I can remember one of these days in this time period, I was not on FO, I was with the platoon and we were moving up when artillery started coming in, it came in so suddenly we really didn't get a chance to find or dig foxholes and while I was scrambling about I felt this hit on my left ankle. I figured I had the million dollar wound, it really hurt and my foot got really hot. I couldn't stop that minute so when I found a

hole I pulled my boot off and there was nothing but a helluva bruise. Evidently a large piece of shrapnel or maybe the shell burst threw a rock but whatever it was it hit my ankle on the flat side and never even pierced my boot. My ankle was really swollen and red but our medic gave me something and we continued on. On about the 29th of May we were just outside Inje and I went on FO. The company I was with was selected to mount trucks and head for this high hill about 5 miles up the road. We loaded and the trucks took off and we drove right up to this hill without any problems. We also took the hill without finding any Gooks.

I can remember standing on top of this hill (really high hill) the next morning and not being able to see the ground for the dense fog. The fog only came about half way up the hill and I could hear our artillery firing at the bottom of the hill. They were firing up the valley in front of us. All of a sudden I could see these 3 C119's coming in to make a drop to us. The first plane came over and all of a sudden it was hit by something and dove right into the side of a hill, the second plane came in and was hit. I'll never forget it, this plane went straight up into the air and we could see boxes and boxes dropping out, worst of all we seen men dropping out without parachutes. They were waving their arms and kicking their feet, the third plane obviously seen what was going on and made a sharp turn and got out of there. What had happened was there evidently wasn't any communication between the Airforce and our artillery and our own artillery shot the guys out of the air. By the fifth of June we were back into reserve for a long earned rest. Somewhere on this march toward Inje I was nominated for a second Bronze Star by Lt. Chamblin. I honestly had no idea why, I am sure Chamblin told me why but I certainly don't remember. I of course refused it and had to tell Lt. Chamblin why. He accepted my story and did not turn it in. I honestly think these Platoon Leaders had to nominate so many people for medals or else.

TAEU SAN OR FOOL'S MOUNTAIN

On the 8th of July we were back on line. On the 26th of July the 38th Regt. was ordered to attack Hill 1179 (TAEU SAN) by the 29th of July. Hill 1179 was ours and this leads us into Bloody Ridge. Just about this time a Sergeant Joseph Lebow took over as Platoon Sergeant. Sgt. Lebow was also a great guy, Lebow was with the Division at Ft. Lewis when the 2nd was ordered to Korea, just as they were ready to leave his wife got deathly sick and he had to stay behind with her. Sgt. Lebow was 15 years older than me and was a Lifer. When his wife got better he asked to return to the Division and was placed in our 81st Mortar Platoon. More about Sgt. Lebow later. The battle for Taeu San was also a real bear, during this battle 115 tons of bombs, 74,823 rounds of artillery and 49,000 rounds of mortars was fired.

BLOODY RIDGE

Hills 983, 940 and 773 constituted Bloody Ridge but the higher hills on either side was considered part of the battle for Bloody Ridge because without first taking those hills Bloody Ridge would never have been taken. On the 14th of August the division was ordered to take hills 983, 940 and 773. The 36th ROK Regiment, attached to us was to go up the center, we, the 38th Regiment was to take the right flank and the 9th Regiment the left flank. By 21st of August the ROKs had taken hills 983, 940 and 773 although for days there was fighting back and forth on those hills. On the 24th of August the 38th less the 2nd Battalion occupied hill 773, the 2nd Battalion was at Piari a little north and east of Bloody Ridge, on the 26th of August we got clobbered at Piari and on the next day we rejoined the Regiment on hill 773. Bloody Ridge was so named not only because of the price we paid but also because of the shelling which left the hills bare of any vegetation. The day of the 28th of August we were getting clobbered again on hill 773. I was with the platoon and was a section leader which made me a Tech Sergeant, Shelstad I believe was the other section leader. Big Ed wasn't much for promotion, he had no idea of staying in the Army, he was drafted, was married and just wanted to go home. In the morning of the 28th Lt. Chamblin told me to take a shotgun

man with me and go back about a mile and find a new position for us to fall back on. The Battalion was all falling back soon and he was afraid we would get overrun again. The shotgun man and I went back, located a new position, flagged it and started back to the old position. When we arrived at the old Platoon site no one was there. Somehow we had passed the Platoon falling back to the new position and never seen them. We stayed on the perimeter looking in and saw no Gooks or no mortars, but could see the range cards and other paraphernalia in the Fire Order foxhole. We watched for a little while with nothing happening and finally I told the shotgun man to cover me and I went in to the Fire Order foxhole and retrieved everything there that I could find and then returned to the new site. To this day I really don't know how it happened that the mortars were gone but this other material was left behind, anyway Lt. Chamblin was happy to have this stuff back and for this action he later wrote me up for the Silver Star. Again I had to go through my explanation of why I couldn't accept it. The very next day, the 29th, Sgt. Lebow called me in and told me to take my section to the rear for hot chow and a shower. Shelstad was on FO and when I got back Lebow was going to take Shelstad's section and go back. I had Lebow convinced to take Shelstad section first and I would go when he got back, about that time a fire order came in and Lebow was in the Fire Center so he told me to get going and hurry back. I had some chow and was in the shower when someone came through the tent hollering Sgt. Mossing, he didn't know what it was all about but I was to hurry back to the Platoon. When I arrived I found that Sgt. Lebow was killed by a mortar shell that fell right on him (you can't hear mortar shells coming). We lost a very good man and I became Platoon Sergeant. The Platoon Sergeant called for the rank of Master Sergeant and I was a Tech Sergeant at the time. Shortly Chamblin and Endsley were going to put me in for Master and I told them I didn't want Master because I had it planned to stay in the Army and had it figured that the best noncom rating was the Tech Sergeant. They of course said okay. I only had 2 or 3 weeks to go before rotating home when I became Platoon Sergeant. Bloody Ridge was secured by now and we were ordered on.

HEARTBREAK RIDGE KACHIBONG - HILL 1243

September 1st we were ordered to take Hill 1243 but before getting there we had 4 other hills to take. Even though I was Platoon Sergeant I was constantly on FO. With only a couple weeks to go I was really getting antsy and seemed I would come back to the Platoon for a little while and right back up the hill again. On the 9th of September the 38th was supposed to go into reserve. The next day we were ordered to take Hill 868. What a bear that was.

Here it was the 9th of September and I was supposed to be home by the 6th of October. The last three times while on FO we took the hills we were ordered to but we got the hell kicked out of us doing it, I couldn't count the number of men that were wounded or killed around me. Up until this time I feel I saw as much combat as any man in Korea and had not got scratched except that one time when the artillery or a stone got me.

I came down from FO and told Lt. Chamblin I was ready to go home, that I had been in Korea long enough and I felt my luck had run out and if I had to go back up I probably wouldn't come back alive. Lt. Chamblin said I couldn't leave, that they had no one to replace me, I asked who would replace me if I got killed. Chamblin offered me a battlefield commission, I thought that was really something until 35 years later at the reunions I found out they offered almost everyone a battlefield commission when they were ready to go home. I told Chamblin I didn't want a battlefield commission and he still insisted I couldn't go home. I just knew if I went back up on line I was going to be dead so I went to the corner of Chamblin's tent and sat down, he asked me what I was doing and I told him to call the MP's because I wasn't going back up on the line. Keep in mind Chamblin was just doing his job and really was a great guy. Pretty soon here comes Captain Endsley with my orders to rotate, I think they knew I should have left two weeks before to satisfy the agreement of 1 year portal to portal but they weren't going to say anything until I did. You remember when I became Platoon Sergeant and turned down a Master Sergeant stripes. The next day I was sitting on the back end of this

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NAVY MEN IN KOREA 1950-1953

Hail to the crews who sailed their ships,
so far away
To battles wide they sailed their ships,
in harms way
We paid our price with death and scars
We earned some ribbons
and battle stars
Ignored by the press,
welcomed home with nary a fuss
What a shame that no one
spoke kindly of us
Damned be to all that shunned us
Our ships were there.....

By Ron Bennett

MY BUDDY

My buddy just fell by my side, oh, Lord,
With a bullet clean through his chest;
His eyes, wide open, stare into the void
And his arm reaches up toward me.
Can't close your eyes for you now, my pal,
Can't cushion your head in the mud,
Must fire my piece 'till the ammo gives out,
For they're coming at us to kill.
You whisper a word and a smile breaks your lips
And it drives the mist to my eyes;
You do understand I can't help you now,
Must fire my piece 'till the end.
We marched and fought many wearisome days,
Kept watch through the horrors of night; We
shared what little we had, my pal,
Our lives pledged together to hold.
What will I say when your child cries for you?
And how will I tell your wife?
What can I do for your mother, my pal,
Now that her son is dead?
Must stand and fight for you now, my pal
To defend the ground you are on;
Can't leave you here to the foe, my pal,
Must carry you back to your love.
By the sunset's angry crimson,
In the timid haze of dawn,
We stood our ground together,
Each to the other sworn.
Let the ground shake under my feet, my Lord,
Let steel rip the air with a howl,
My armor is my belief in God;
Our Faith gives me conquering strength.
Sleep easy now, buddy, I promise you this,
I'll carry you back to your home,
I'll say "so long" to you there, my pal,
For I'll see you again in the clouds!

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A Soldier's Life

Days of Valor
Withstanding:
flooded foxholes
bloody fields
freezing bunkers
scathing jungles
searing deserts

Days of Valor
Enduring:
hunger
thirst
fatigue
homesickness
boredom

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bravery at Normandy
DMZ
NAM
Kuwait
Bosnia

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allegiance to country
loyalty to division
fidelity to unit
respect for rank
honesty to self

Days of Valor
Anticipating:
a world of
understanding
tolerance
justice
peace
Days of Valor
Days of Valor

By Sally A. Roberts

KOREA 1950

UN soldiers fought and were forced to retreat
Behind sandbags protected by barbwire hoops.
Many GI's died as they held off attacks,
By 810,000 Chinese troops.
Our guys used phosphorus, flame-throwers, and napalm,
For without these weapons they could not survive.
The Communist charges led by buglers,
Till the UN could start it's offensive drive.
On the battlefield of Chosin Reservoir,
Many froze with their hands still stuck to their guns.
While others hobbled with their boots wrapped in rags,
City boys, farmers, students, fathers and sons.
With a million and a half dead or wounded,
Both sides signed a truce before Generals involved.
July 27th, 1953,
And though thousands were orphaned, nothing was solved.
By Tom Zart (The Westport Poet)

At the time of this printing I have many more poems sent in by members and friends. I intend on printing them all. Some are hand written which will take some time putting into type. I am trying to print the oldest postmark first of those that are typed. The non-typed ones will be intermixed in order to not delay this and other issues. Please try to type all poems and articles if you can.—Editor.

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(This book was selected by the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee to place on their web page <http://korea50.army.mil/> I first saw the book there. Proudly, I now have it. A great book for young and old for it tells of the suffering of losing everything you have including loved ones. The story and illustrations are beyond my ability to describe in words. The illustrations will take you back in time to a place you remembered 50 years ago. This is a must book for all veterans of that war to teach our grandchildren why we feel our efforts to keep South Korea free was worth all costs. A great "Tell America" tool. Editor.)



You Tremble Body

By Dudley C. Gould

Author dudley c gould, an 80-year-old veteran of the Korean war who has written a startling new book of his experiences and reflections. In a book rich in quotations and philosophical observations, gould tells it very much like it is in war —ugly and miserable. Survivor of two wars, Dud's memories of soldiering goes back to the mid-twenties standing in awe at the convoy of wild-eye artillery horses bouncing caissons of heroes through Watertown, NY, sitting straight at attention, arms crossed shoulder high. Mighty chariots of war, the Fifth Field Artillery Battalion, founded by Captain Alexander Hamilton, cantering to full gallop passing the old Soldiers Monument at Public Square, thrilling townsfolk; moving from quarters at nearby Madison Barracks to summer cannonading on the deep ranges of Pine Camp, now Fort Drum, ten miles north.

During the hot summer of 1937, as Nazis grew to power in Europe, clad in the itchy woolen uniform of the AEF at a Citizens Military Training Camp, Plattsburgh Barracks, taught to kill wholesale by the First Division whose older sergeants were combat veterans of the War to End all Wars. From 1937 to '38 Infantry ROTC, Pershing Rifles, Syracuse University with the old Springfield rifle.

Commissioned in the US Infantry after two years Royal Canadian Army and a year training in the US Army Air Force, ending in Czechoslovakia facing Ruskies and memories skip ahead to the black night

of 15 May 1951, Dud's rifle platoon is overrun on an outpost and he plays dead while the screaming Chinese Fourth Field Army trots by. On the 23rd of the May Massacre clipped by a sniper, much more misery, and home to brood over bloody scenes. Locating a few fellow survivors, inspired to put it all down — *You Tremble Body*.

(I read all of this book. Dudley admitted he is agnostic and it is obvious in his book. Dud is a long time editor and he has a way with words and a very keen mind at age 80. His story of war & personal life leaves nothing to be imagined. Editor.)



Reluctant Hero

In *Reluctant Hero*, just out from Leathers Publishing, author Jacob Carrol Potter details the exploits of a soldier forced to return to the service during the Korean War. Often called the Forgotten War, those who were there will never forget the government's bungled attempts to win this war with very little support. And the protagonist, Sergeant Kleck, is determined that the Army will not, through the stupid actions of self-important officers, cause him or any of his three friends to be listed amongst those soldiers not making it back home.

This book is not meant to be used as a history of war, but is intended only to detail certain things that happened to people at that time. Though many of the incidents are true, the story has been fictionalized. There are many amusing things that happened in these circumstances, showing that the soldiers have a capacity to laugh at themselves even in the face of such dangerous undertakings. Without this sense of humor, they would lose their spirit and give up. But this does not demean the heroics of these brave young men.

Reluctant Hero will prove an interesting and entertaining read for many people, especially those interested in history. It may prove recognizable to the veterans of the Korean War, but they will also remember the camaraderie and friendships forged during this very difficult time in their lives.

To order *Reluctant Hero* (\$9.95 plus \$2.00 shipping) or to schedule author Jacob Potter for a speaking engagement

and book signing, please contact Leathers Publishing. Phone (913) 498-2625. Toll-free: 1-888-888-7696. Fax: (913)498-1561. Email: leatherpub@aol.com.

(I did not have enough time to read this 220 page book. I just scanned it for now. Short chapters, large print, no pictures and a cute meaningful message at the end from the former wife since the author passed away at a young age of 57. —Editor.)



Combat Chaplain

By Frank Griep



"Your book, more aptly titled *The Chaplain's Fighting Congregation*, gives more information about that year in Korea when I served as Army News Correspondent in 1950-51. As a news report your book applies equally well to all the troops in Korea." —Major Charles McAleer.

My daily letters home tell of the difficult battles our men fought with heroism, often ill-clad, ill-equipped, and ill-supplied. They took and held the high ground, the hills and mountains of central and northern Korea. Illustrated, with 17 combat photographs. Order your copy from Ch Griep, at 3505 Coolheights Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, price \$9.95, postpaid.

(I also found Chaplain Griep's book a very moving history of men in combat and their inner feelings of the sights of war. This is the type of hero Chaplain Griep was:

"He soon learned the rewards of going the second mile. Not content to stay in his tent office, he spent more time with the ground soldiers. Certainly he always had a jeep, when it wasn't frozen up, or stolen. But he walked enough trails with the troopers, and climbed enough hills up and down the length and breadth of Korea."

Thank you Sir for the comfort that meant so much during those dark days.—Editor.)

USPS dedicates Korean War Stamp



At the Korean War Postal Stamp Ceremony, left to right, are Ronald E. Rosser MOH. Cynthia L. McMullen Postmaster Columbus, Ohio and Michael E. Mahoney. Also present and part of the ceremony but not shown in this photo were Thomas P. Eviston Chaplain and Angela Marie Mahoney who sang the National Anthem.

The U.S. Postal Service, Columbus District, held a dedication ceremony of the 1951 Korean War Stamp on Friday, June 25, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. at Capitol

Square (east side), Veterans Plaza, Columbus, Ohio. Michael E. Mahoney, President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Department of Ohio, and

Cynthia McMullen, Columbus Postmaster, will dedicate the stamp. During the ceremony, Ron Rosser, Medal of Honor recipient, will be recognized.

The Korean War (1950-1953), the first major United Nations military action, claimed the lives of more than 50,000 Americans. U.S. and other UN forces fought to oppose the invasion of South Korea by Communist troops.

This stamp is part of the Celebrate the Century (CTC) stamp series. 1950s CTC stamp also include Victory Over Polio, U.S. Launches Satellites, The "Shot Heard 'Round the World," Teen Fashions, Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat," Tail Fins and Chrome, Desegregating Public Schools, World Series Rivals, Drive-In Movies, Movies Go 3-D, Stock Car Racing, Rock'n' Roll, "I Love Lucy," and Rocky Marciano.

(Thank you Michael for photos and letters. I like many veterans expected a Korean War stamp that we could purchase in books or pages. I have my set just to get the one Korean War stamp. At least we were not forgotten.)

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Mrs. Shirley K. Price, widow of **LT Richard M. Price** needs our assistance. She would like to contact Mr. Floyd Gardner, RA16255638 and Mr. Bernard J. Cavley, US52182620 who may have witnessed what may have happened to her husband on 25 March 1953 when the battle for Old Baldy took place. LT Price is listed as MIA and was assigned to C Company, 32nd Infantry, 7th ID. She would very much like to talk to soldiers who fought along side her husband and get answers, which she has been looking for the past 47 years. Contact Editor of “Graybeards.” Vincent A. Krepps Tel: 410-828-8978, fax 410-828-7953.



Looking for **Junior H. Thomas, Jr.** AKA J. H. Thomas Jr. RA18270739. Entered Service From Lamar County TX. Last known information listed on the KWP Web Site He was wounded Nov. 27, 1950 with the 38th Regt 2nd Inf Div, Contact Charles W. Foster, 13030 Los Verjeles Rd, Marysville, CA 95901-9517 or e-mail at <cwff33@yahoo.com>



My father, **James Ruska**, was declared missing while in a B29 bombing mission to Korea in January, 1952. The Air Force Awards Department has told me they can’t award my father the Korean Campaign medal because they don’t know if his plane made it to Korean air space or waters and they are unable to verify that my father was assigned to the Korean War. They state they know he was assigned to a base in Japan, Okinawa. It is not clear from the documentation I have, how close the plane was from Korea when it disappeared. I requested a copy of his military file over two years ago but have not received anything yet. The Air Force Awards area chose to ignore this document. The rule they cite is: The Korean Campaign medal is awarded to those that “were assigned to combat in the Korean Theatre (air, land, sea)”. Since it is clear from my documentation that my father’s plane was enroute to a bombing mission in Korea, they should be no doubt that he was assigned to combat in the Korean Theatre and that the fact that he might had not made it to Korea is irrelevant I also have a list of members of his crew. Maybe by finding out if those crew members were assigned the medal, I could

prove he deserves it too. I already asked for assistance from a local congressman, but it was of no help. My purpose is to request that a headstone be placed for my father and I want all his medals engraved in the headstone. My mother was not aware that she could request this. My father received the Distinguished Air Medal and other medals for his participation in WW II. My father dedicated his life and gave his life for his country. I would hope that he could be recognized for this. I will appreciate any information that could help me in resolving this issue. I will send copies of all my documentation on request. Contact James Ruska Jr., 7300 Stonybrooke Dr., N. Richland Hills, TX. 76180. Tel/Fax: 817-788-0704. E-mail: <jruska@onramp.net>



Looking for: the battalion crests for the **58th Field Artillery**. Its colors are red and gold with red lettering “Fire for Victory”. I need about 6 sets. I would also like to hear from anyone from the 58th. I was in the unit from June 1, 1953 until August 24, 1954. Contact James Derkacy 6912 West 113th St. Worth, IL 60428-2023. Tel: 709-448-7223



I am trying to find out information on **PFC. Douglas Allen Parks**, Serial No. RA12358698, C Co., 1st Bn., 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., KIA, BNR. Date of Incident: October 14, 1952. DOB: 1927. HOR: Virgin Islands, VI. Not cited on the “Johnnie Johnson List” or the “Missing in Action-Captivity List” of reports by returning POWs. On Saturday, January 22, 2000,



PFC. Douglas Allen Parks, Oct. 1952, 1st Bn., 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div

I attended a family update POW/MIA Accounting in Los Angeles, CA. I spent the greater part of the day with Mrs. Linda Henry of the Dept. of the Army Repatriation and Family Affairs Div. After numerous contacts over the past 40+ years, I still have nothing on the final disposition of Allen. He was my best friend and when he joined up in 1951 (supposedly for Airborne but was transferred to Infantry and sent to Korea) I was drafted the next year and was fortunate enough to miss the action in Korea. The last thing his mother asked me to do before she died was to see if I could find out what happened to Allen. He has no other living relatives and I am nearing 70 and would like to be able to fulfill this promise to her. Below is a picture that he sent me a week before he was KIA.

The following information regarding Allen is:

1. He lived in Toronto, Canada.
2. He enlisted in Buffalo, NY, Sept. 1950.
3. He shipped to Korea in March of 1952.
4. On Oct. 14, 1952, as part of Operation Showdown, his Company assaulted the Triangle Hill Complex.
5. He was in the attack of “Jane Russell Hill.” PFC Parks lost his life during this action.
6. He

was one of many who were not carried out during the withdrawal. U.S. forces would never again occupy this area which lies within the present day DMZ. 7. I was told we have not obtained access to these battlefields from the North Koreans. If anyone in Al's Company knows actually what happened to him in this battle, whether he was KIA or captured, I would appreciate hearing from them. Contact Don Buchanan, 43101 Portola Ave., #8, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Tel: 760-346-7365 or e-mail <buckyb@jps.net>

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Any **KWVA Chapter or member** interested in sharing his military roster with other chapters in helping to locate new members for both his and other state chapters can do so by having an exchange of names between each chapter. This can be done by either myself or each member of that chapter. Names taken from each roster will be listed with the names from one State and those names to be forwarded to that State Department or another chapter within that State and passed on to the other chapters etc., right down the line until the roster list has been used up.

To start this membership drive, I would like to have any 12 of our KWVA Chapters have any of their members send me any rosters they have showing present addresses and names of any Korean Veterans that are not living in their State. If they only wish to just send me a listing of those living out of State will be fine also. Names sent to me will only be used for the purpose of helping those not aware of our KWVA and would like becoming a member of a Chapter in their State rather than another State in which they could not be active.

Right now our Iowa Chapter has 12 members living out of State only because they either have no KWVA Chapter in their State or no one has tried to contact them before. I can only say one thing with a little pride. In 4 1/2 months our chapter has located over 40 new members that took membership in our National and all 40 members are now chapter members. So this should tell everyone something. They are out there, all you have to do is locate where they are and this is about the best way I can see to get the job done. The ball is in your court, you can make the next move. I will be ready to help in any way I can. Contact Sam Naomi, 202 Washington Street, Tingley, IA. 50863 Tel: 515-772-4393

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My brother was listed MIA on Nov 3, 1953 in the Korean War. He would have been 67 years old on Dec. 14, 1999 His life was taken at 17 years of age. I'm looking for any information on my brother **Pfc. Gerald Effa**, who was with the 19th Inf. Co., C. Last known in Anlu, Korea. Also information on PFC. Donald K. Legay or Crop Albert L Howard. Contact Starr Neumann at E-mail: <Starrneu@aol.com>

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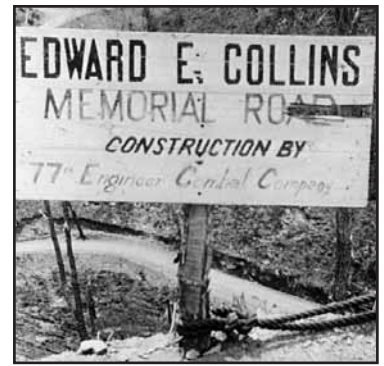
Looking for anyone who served or knew my buddy and friend, **Edward Eugene Collins**. Gene and I grew up same street, same schools in Knoxville, TN. Gene entered the service in 1950. In 1952 as I was entering the service, I received a notice that Gene was KIA on Heartbreak Ridge Korea in May 1952 or May 1953.

I was on Heartbreak, saw a sign that read, Edward E. Collins Memorial Road. Construction by 77th Engineer Combat

Company. Contact Samuel F. Gann, 2201 East 65th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. Tel: 317-253-1171

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Looking for comrades of **Sgt. Clair C. Dauberman** who was assigned to the 82nd AAA automatic weapons unit. He was my cousin and is assumed to be m/kia at Kunu-ri. Remains have never been recovered to the best of my knowledge. If anyone knew him, please respond to Gene at e-mail address <mxradar@aol.com.>



Sign on Heartbreak Ridge, 1952-53.

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Recently, I came across my Dads DD214. The following is some info from that form. Service Number #1126910, Full name, **Donald Wayne Stone**, D.O.B. 19, May 1933/Omaha, Nebraska, Engaged in combat operations against enemy forces in West Central Korea and participated in the defense of UN positions in Korea 3 Sep 1954—3 Mar 1955. He departed Conus 19 Nov. 1952, returned Conus 3 Dec. 1953. Orig: HQ & HQ SQ, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, (Santa Ana), CA. My dad passed away, 13, Oct. 1998 in Fremont, Nebraska. If you knew him please contact Gary Stone at e-mil address <FREE_AT_HOME@prodigy.net>

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I am trying to contact a man who was in my platoon in Korea in 1952. His name is Ezekiel "**Ziggy**" **Sanders** and I believe that he came from Alabama. We were with the 1st Bn., 35th Regt of the 25th Inf. Div. and were on the line on the North Rim of the Punch Bowl during the first 3 months of 1952, and later on in the line at Mungdung Ni. "Ziggy" if you see this, please respond to SFC Ben Werner, 1079 North Road, Shelburne, NH 03581. Tel: 603-466-2509. .

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Looking for anyone who served with the **8192 or 8193 Helicopter Detachment in Korea**. Any history about these units will be appreciated. This will be put into the Web Site of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. The time is long overdue, for recognition for the good work you did, and the many lives you saved. Contact Bill O'Brien, 4055 West 90th Place, Hometown, Illinois 60456. Fax 1-708-857-8419. This information was requested by Paul Schaffenberger, who was lifted out by these groups, and he wanted them to get publicity for them.

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Looking for Men who served in **VS-36 NASA** Northfork, VA. from the years between 1952 to 1954. Contact John Meyer, 1934 3rd St. N. St. Cloud, MN 56303 Tel: 320-252-8778 or E-mail address <wOjjj@aol.com>

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Searching for two old buddies that I served with in Korea, **Joe**

Nally and Donald Williams. Joe was from South Bend, IN, and Don was from Jet, OK. Contact: Bud Miller, N2814 Cassidy Rd., Mauston, WI 53948-9636. Tel: 608-847-7409

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96th Field Artillery Bn. Assn. is still looking for members that served in Korea from Sept. 1950 - July 1958. We have over 300 members located and our Assn. is active with reunions biennially. For information please contact Arnold Anderson, HC83 Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730. Tel: 605-673-6313

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Looking any one that was in the **6th or the 13th helicopter Co.** that served in Korea in 1953. Contact Bob Lefkowitz, 1715 Whitehall Dr., Ft. Lauderdale FL 33324. Tel: 954-473-5493 or email <lesubo@webtv.net>

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My name is Darby Lee, and I am writing on behalf of **Yonhap News Agency in Seoul**, South Korea. Yonhap is South Korea's sole news wire service that has broad readership at home and is linked to other major wire agencies including AP and AFP. Yonhap is preparing a special project this year which marks 50 years since the outbreak of the Korean War. Yonhap hopes that KWVA will be able to help us locate and contact Korean War veterans in the United States for personal interviews. We would appreciate your early response. I have tried calling the headquarters but it is very difficult to get in contact with your office because of the time difference between South Korea and the United States. Please write back to ldm@yonhapnews.co.kr.

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I am looking for those that served with the **630th Engineer Light Equipment Co** in the Yangu area. The 630th built the K-52 airfield in the winter of 51 and 52. The names I remember are Davis, Spray, Snider, Conrad, Bromfield, Nutbrown, Craddock, Charlie (Poddie Da) Moore, Lunceford, Mathews, Waller, and Lt Creechs Bissel, and Stom. Some are in photo above. Contact Donald Walth, 1225 12th St., Gering, NE 69341. Tel: 308-436-5333



630th Engineer Light Equipment Co in the Yangu area.

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Searching for anyone who served with the **54th Engineer Maintenance Co.** at Camp Fowler Sendai, Japan and also those who served with this unit in Korea. The years would include

1949-52. This unit landed at Pusan in July 1950 and at times were located at Pusan, Taegu, Taejon, Waegwan, Seoul, Kaesong, Pyongyang and Yong dong po. I served as first cook and later as mess sergeant. Contact Bill Roussel, P.O. Box 1140, Searcy, AR 72145 Work Tel: 501-268-6442 or Residence Tel: 501-268-1654

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Looking for anyone that knew Cpl. **Joseph R. Tria** from Providence, RI. He was in Korea with 108th Heavy Mortar Co., 14th Inf Regt., 25th Inf. Div. Died of Wounds June 1. 1953. Contact Angelo N. Tria, 1 Wenscott Lane, North Providence, RI 02904. Tel: Home 401-353-7142, Work 800-225-2130 Ext. 100 or E-Mail: ANGELO_TRIA@ENGELHARD.COM

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A friend of my fathers that has asked me to do this favor. Solan W. Duncan was a POW in camp 5 with my father **Marvin E. Dorsey** for over 2 years. He was released the same time my father was on Aug. 11, 1953. The ex-POW bulletin have him listed as deceased. He is alive and well. He asked me if I could let everyone know and wishes to hear from any of his old buddies from camp 5. His address is: Solan W. Duncan, 1710 West Court Place, Alva, FL 33920. Thanks, Jane (Dorsey) Adams at e-mail address <Ttott55@aol.com>

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Searching for information concerning my brother **Sfc. Charles G Fornuff**. Co. F, 8th Calvary Regt., 1st Calvary Div. On the morning of Nov. 17, 1951 as assistant platoon leader his unit came under attack in the vicinity of Sonbyok, Korea. Anyone who could provide me with any information, buddies, officers, etc. Contact Don Fornuff, 30 Terrace Rd., New Providence, NJ 07974 or E-mail <dfornuff@home.com>

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My father, **Buddy Armstrong**, from Florence, AL., served in Korea on active duty from 1/16/51-7/18/52. We are seeking information on any Veterans who served with him in the US Army during this time. My dad served with the US Army Btry. C 17th FA Bn. Also looking for any information on the whereabouts of: Rowland Romano from Youngstown, Oh.; James Cowden from Kennett Square, Pa.; and James Farrell from Union City, S.C. Contact Buddy Armstrong, 317 Rivermont Rd. Florence, AL. 35634 or e-mail Mike Armstrong. The address is marmstrong@northwest.k12.oh.us

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Trying to find someone who knew my father **Pfc. Ramon Cruz**, Service # RA51060934 29th Inf. Rgt. 24th Inf. Div. Attached 19th Inf. Regt. Died 9/10/50 in South Korea Sector. Also listed 10th Rgt. Troop Sequence # 28410 MOS 04745 Originally from Puerto Rico, Left from New York. Contact Consuelo (Connie) Cruz Oquendo at e-mail address <LATINIMPACT@aol.com>

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Looking for anyone who served with the **936th Field Artillery Bn.**, from 1 Sept. 1950 to 1 Feb. 1952, at Camp Carson, CO and Korea. Contact John D. Swaim, 2319 Sweetbriar Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703. E-mail: <MajorJDS@aol.com>



Looking for **Jimmy D. McGrew and/or Thomas E. Woodring** of 85th Engr Boat Company from 1947-1950. Contact Noel H. Ensign, 1220 La Loma Ave #29, Modesto, CA 95354, email nolly@webtv.net



Old soldiers from Section 8240, United Nations Partisan Forces Korea (UNPFK) are looking for their old comrades. **LtCol. Everett E. Lowry, Jr., Captain James F. Dunn** (known West Point Graduate) and **Colonel Vander Pool**. They are also known as the Eighth Army Korea Liaison officers (KLO). Section 8240 Association wants to honor them or their families for the contribution to Korean Prosperity. Contact KWVA editor at e-mail address <vkrepps@erols.com>



My mother's brother, **George M. Barbieri** is listed as MIA in Korea, 2 Dec. 1950. He was attached to the 32nd Inf. Rgt. 7th Inf. Div. I'm trying to find anyone that served with him. Contact Gary Morando at e-mail address <gmondo@erols.com>



Looking for **Korean Vets with six battle stars**. If there are enough maybe we can start a six star club. Contact Jack Cuthrell,

2205 Swift Bluff Dr., Colonial Heights, VA 23834 Tel: 804-826-0245

(Dear readers and veterans: I know how important it is for those in this column to receive any bit of information about a lost loved one, just a friend, or a buddy that shared your experiences. Our time is running out to get that special letter, so please if you can reply to any request no matter how important your information is. We cherish your response and usually just a few words can lead to another missing link and believe me your letters give some closure to those still waiting for answers. Please attempt to type your letters, if not take the time to print or write clearly. Editor)

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Update

Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn

Chairman, KWVA Revisit Program

Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950

First: Dearborn Travel has been advertising Revisit Korea tours in the Graybeards. Dearborn has used this space in this issue to apologize to Korean War Veterans for any confusion his advertisement may have caused. If you have signed up for one of these tours you should contact Dearborn Travel ASAP at 800-621-5724 if you have any concerns.

Second: We finally received the 2000 Revisit quotas from KVA Seoul. They are very small since so many countries want to visit Korea during the 2000 commemorations. (The quotas are proportioned out to all 22 countries that participated in the war) We only received twenty-five (25) for June and twenty-two (22) for September. General Ray Davis has written a to the ROK government requesting that these figures be increased. As of now, however, these are the quotas we have to live with. We are mailing out letters to all those that signed up. KVA Seoul has not lifted the eligibility requirement that restricts one visit quota per veteran

Third: KVA Seoul has informed us that the quotas for 2001, 2002, and 2003 will be higher so don't wait, get signed up now! (Registration elsewhere in this magazine).

Fourth: As I informed you in the last *Graybeards*, you can still receive a discounted tour to Korea (Not an official Revisit Tour). The ROK government has provided for reduced airfares and hotel room costs in Korea during the commemoration years. (Please read the Military Historical Tour ad located elsewhere in this magazine.)

Fifth: I will be traveling to Korea next month with General Ray Davis to visit both the US and ROK government 50th anniversary commemoration committees. We will, among other things, plead our case for increased Revisit Quotas.

Sixth: and finally, all Korean War Veterans can return to Korea with their families during the Commemoration years. Some will receive official "Revisit" quotas and others will receive reduced fares. Sign up now! Call Warren Wiedhahn, George Malone, Bill Alli or Patti Huly at 800-722-9501

APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: *"To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans of the United States who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953."* (Eligibility below).

Please check month and year of desired revisit tour:

Month: ☐ April ☐ June ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov.

Year: ☐ 2001 ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003

VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)

Veteran's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

KWVA Membership # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name of family member and relationship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: Fax: _____

Veteran's Soc Sec # _____ Family member's Soc Sec # _____

Have you previously received the Korean War Medal from the Korean Veterans Assn in Seoul, Korea? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Have you received the medal elsewhere? If so, where? _____ Date _____

VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Branch of Service: _____ Service Number: _____

Period of Service in Korean War, from: _____ (Month/Year Arrived) to _____ (Month/Year Departed)

Unit Assigned: _____ Location of Unit: _____

Rank Achieved in Korea: _____ Highest Rank Achieved: _____

Personal Military Decorations: _____

☐ I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit Tour. *or*

☐ I have previously accepted and participated in an Official KVA (Seoul) Revisit Tour in (Date) _____

I am requesting my name be submitted for a waiver to participate in the 50th Anniversary Revisit Tours in the years 2001-2003.

Veteran's Signature: _____ Date _____

Please complete and mail, with deposit of \$250 per person, (check or money order), made out to Military Historical Tours. (This deposit is fully refundable at anytime and for any reason, since there are more applicants than the limited amount of Revisit space available.) KWVA Revisit Program, c/o Military Historical Tours, Inc., Attn: George Malone, 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-212-0695 Fax 703-212-8567.

Background and Eligibility - Official Korean Veterans Association KVA (Seoul) Revisit Program

Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA, Seoul) in 1975, the 25th Anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the Korean War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA Eligibility

A. Korean War veterans and/or war correspondents of the 21 nations which came to the assistant of the Republic of Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953.

B. Immediate family member of those killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are eligible to take a spouse or one immediate descendant with you. (Not a sister, brother, companion or friend.)

The family member must be housed in the same hotel room with you in Seoul. (Descendants must be over 18).

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

A. Hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation while in Korea for 6 days and 5 nights.

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary

includes visits of Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korean War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum, plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. (Other tours of battles sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide).

C. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korean War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran. (Who have not received it before!).

Miscellaneous

A. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

B. Participants are required to be in possession of a valid passport. (A visa is not required for visits to Korea of 15 days or less.)

C. KVA (Seoul) is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip insurance is available and recommended.

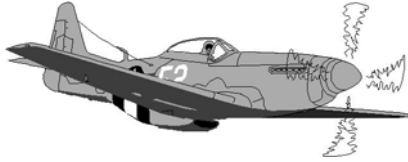
D. The cost of the airline ticket must be borne by each individual visitor who will fly with the group.

E. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, First-serve" basis.

Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group) - you are not currently eligible to participate again. The reason for this is obvious; there are many veterans that have not gone before so, they get their "first right of return!" KVA Seoul now has all former revisit returnees in a computer database, so please don't try and beat the system. We may not know it, and submit your name to KVA (Seoul), only to have it rejected. This could cause embarrassment for all of us, as well as, create a delay that could cause a bonafide Korean War veteran to miss the opportunity.

F. Those desiring to use frequent flier miles (or other means of "Free" air transportation) will be required to pay a \$ 100.00 (per person) administrative processing fee. Caution: Not traveling with the KWVA group air contract, can result in much higher Post Tour costs to China and other Pacific locations!

Courage, Valor, Heroism



Major Lou J. Seville

A study of Contrasts

Summer & Fall 1950

“Courage: ‘The attitude, or response of facing or dealing with anything recognized as dangerous, difficult or painful; the quality of being fearless, or brave; valor. “

“Valor: ‘worth, hence courage; fearlessness, bravery, especially in battle”.

“Hero: ‘any man admired for his courage, nobility or exploits, especially in war.”

Those definitions in Webster’s were not “exactly” the words I was looking for, and perhaps there are no simple words which can adequately represent the feelings which I am trying to describe. It is possible that there are no words, no paintings, and no photographs which can ever describe the sensations of warfare.

Those who have experienced the painful loss of dear friends in battle already know the feeling. Those who have not shall probably never know; for it is impossible to describe such heartfelt feelings ... but I will try to relate some of the circumstances which led me, personally, to endure those feelings.

Undeniably, for me, 1950 and 1951 were vintage years for Courage, Valor and Heroism.

“When you are surrounded by heroes, it is damned difficult to NOT to perform in a courageous manner!”

And, while I was associated with the 18th Fighter Group pilots of those old F-51 Mustangs, I can proudly state that: **I ate with heroes, I drank with heroes, and to a certain extent, a part of me died with many of those heroes..**

As a result of my Korean air war experiences, I am firmly convinced that valor and courage are not inborn, they are not hereditary; instead, they are - the result of their then-current environment:

Perhaps the personal experiences which I describe here will help to explain what I mean....

Following the North Korean invasion of South Korea on Sunday morning, June 25, 1950, I had gone into Korea in mid-July, 1950 with the first increment of volunteer fighter pilots from the US Air Force’s 18th Fighter-Bomber Group, then stationed at Clark Field in the Philippine Islands. Initially we were identified as the ‘Dallas Project’, then became the ‘51st Provisional Squadron’, ultimately being redesignated the *12th Fighter-Bomber Squadron*.

As the full-time Squadron Intelligence Officer and a part-time F-51 Combat Pilot, it didn’t take me long to realize that our gallant, but feeble, efforts, flying ten weary Mustangs from the dirt airstrip at Taegu, South Korea, were having little effect in slowing the North Korean’s relentless drive toward Pusan.

Major Louis J. Seville, my former Squadron Commander at Clark Field, in the Philippines was still commanding the 67th Fighter Squadron when they arrived, without airplanes, at Ashiya, Japan on July 31, 1950. They were to receive twenty-five of the “new” F-51 Mustangs which had arrived the previous week aboard the Navy

Carrier, USS Boxer. But because there was insufficient physical space... real estate, to park their planes and house their troops, to base them at Taegu with the rest of us ... the 67th would, by necessity, have to remain at Ashiya, on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, and receive logistic support from the 8th Fighter-Bomber Group at Itazuke, 40 road miles south of Ashiya.

It would be a crude, and probably unworkable wartime arrangement... with the 67th’s parent organization, the 18th Group based at Taegu, but having to beg for vital support from a bunch of ‘strangers’ based forty miles away.

Lou Seville was not a bit happy with that arrangement, and told Lt. Colonel Ike Wintermute, our 18th Group C.O. what he thought the results would be. His angry response to the proposition was unlike the easy-going, friendly personality of Lou Seville, and he was undoubtedly in a sour mood as he began re-indoctrinating his pilots ... who, until that time had been flying the F-80C Lockheed jet fighters for the past year, as we had, training them once again to fly the propeller-driven F-51s, and rebuilding his combat outfit.

They started out with a bang, flying their first combat missions on the following day.

By August 2nd we could hear the “Elsewhere” flights operating alongside our elements all along the front lines. I could recognize many of the radio voices of pilots I’d flown with over the past couple of years, and it was hard not to exchange friendly greetings and small-talk over the busy tactical wave-lengths. I talked with Bob Howells, 67th Operations Officer, (an old-time P-51 instructor pilot who had given me my first P-51 check-out at Pinellas, Florida during World War II). Ross Cree, friend and fellow S-2 officer, Ed Hodges, Harry Moore, Joe Lane, Owen Brewer ... the whole bunch was up to Korea to help extricate us from the damned bucket of worms we’d gotten ourselves into. We were extremely glad to have their help, for they were capable, experienced, hard-driving fighter pilots.

Three days later, on August 5th, while each was leading separate flights near H’amchang*, on the Nakdong River [36°32N,128°15’W], Lou Seville and Bob Howells would both be killed within five miles of each other, within minutes of each

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. ‘Bud’ Biteman,

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other, and both within 15 miles of our base at Taegu!

H'amchang, the little village where Lou Sebille died, was just one of many small groups of mud and straw huts which dotted the countryside along every road and trail in Korea. On the preceding night, August 4th, the North Koreans had managed to establish a minimal beachhead across the summer-shallow Nakdong River and, although we were able to stop all daylight movement across the river, the tanks, troops and artillery that had crossed during darkness were moving steadily toward their objective ... our nearby base at Taegu. Just a few more miles and they would be within artillery range of our primary airstrip.

Lou, leading a flight of 67th Squadron Mustangs out of Ashiya, wound up with but three airplanes when his wingman was forced to return to their Ashiya base with a rough engine.

Captain Martin Johnson, his element leader, with Lt. Charles Morehouse on his wing, split off as they approached the target area and were informed by the pilot of a T-6 Mosquito spotter, of a Red tank or armored personnel carrier holed up inside a couple of houses in the village of H'amchang.

The fact of enemy armor so close to our airstrip, on our side of the river, coupled with an equally-strong, simultaneous drive from the north, near Yongch'on, made our military position at Taegu "very precarious", to say the least. Lou Sebille was well aware of our situation, and knew just how critical each of our fighter missions would be that morning in early August ... perhaps the success or failure of our stand in Korea hung by the thread of his fighter's contributions.

The T-6 fired a target-marker smoke rocket which lit near the huts holding the Red armor and, at that moment, their Red crews knew that they would soon be under air attack.

Sebille positioned himself for a medium angle dive bomb run, planning to drop both of his 500 pound general purpose (GP) bombs on the first attack. Diving from 5000 feet, he held the Mustang steady as he approached 2500 feet, then, as the target passed under his nose, he punched the red bomb release button on

his control stick to drop the two bombs, one from under each wing. He immediately started a sharp pull-up to the left, to stay away from his bomb-blast, and called to his flight that the enemy was firing machine guns while he was making his bomb run. Their element, meanwhile, was making an attack on the other hut, a short distance from Sebille's target.

Only one of Sebille's bombs had released on his first pass, and the heavy 500 pounds of extra, unbalanced weight under his left wing may have contributed to his near-miss on the target. But the armor was still there, and was still firing its machine guns at Lou's wingmen as they made their nearby attack. Sebille climbed for another dive-bombing run with his remaining bomb, making his attack from south to north ... the same as he had on his first pass; he probably intended to pull the manual bomb release handle, to be sure of getting the bomb off.

Lou had a clear view as he came down the slot for the second time, but he also gave the Red gunners a clear shot on him as he did so. During his second attack, from a lower angle than the first, puffs of smoke were observed coming from the tank's cannon, as well as from the machine guns and, just before he reached the release point, Lou called over the radio that he was hit. But, instead of releasing his bomb at that point, he pulled up sharply to the left once more and, with a garbled comment over the radio that ended with:

"...I'll get those dirty bastards...!"

he continued his turn and dove straight toward the armored carrier. This time he fired his six rockets in salvo, and his machine guns were blasting the whole way down, but, instead of pulling up as he reached the 2000 foot danger level, he continued to bore in to 1000 feet, then 500 feet ... he obviously had no intention of missing his own bomb blast, for he dove his airplane and his remaining 500 pound bomb straight into his target. There was a tremendous explosion....

Lou Sebille had, to be sure, "...got the bastards'...!"

"Why?" We asked ourselves, over and over, when we heard the account of his dive into the target... why didn't Lou pull off the target and head for our nearby strip

at Taegu, less than five minutes to the east. Knowing Lou as we did, we concluded that he must have been hit by one of the cannon bursts, and was so badly wounded that he knew he would not be able to land the airplane and still survive. And, since he knew he was undoubtedly going to die, he was determined that those who caused his death should die with him. And they did.

A year later I saw the heart-touching photograph of Jane Sebille, Lou's pretty young widow, and his young five-year old son "Flip", standing on the apron at March Field, California, while Air Force Chief of Staff General Hoyt S. Vandenberg presented the Medal of Honor, and the flag, earned by Lou on that August morning at H'amchang, in far off Korea. TIME magazine's editors wondered in print if the young Sebille boy would ever understand why his dad never came home; I had to wonder too.

In fact, I wonder if it is possible for anyone to understand Lou's feelings on that sunny, dusty Friday morning along the Nakdong River ... so far away from his home and family in Chicago.

Lou Sebille's death received nationwide notoriety; he was a true hero in every sense of the word, and he died courageously, doing his "job"; fulfilling the responsibilities, as he saw them, of his duties as a Squadron Commander ... a leader in the United States Air Force. He had a job to do, and he was going to do it, no matter what the price. "...it was expected of him."

A special corner has been set aside at the Air Force Academy's Harmon Hall, to commemorate the memory of Lou Sebille's selfless heroism, and to perhaps inspire our new, budding Air Force leaders by the courageous example of those who have gone before.

I was especially pleased to see that, for I take pride in having helped to co-author the initial draft of the Citation which accompanied Lou's Medal of Honor, and it too, was displayed in a place of honor there at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

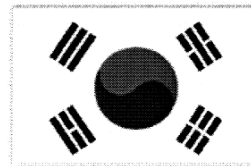
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Executive Directors Review

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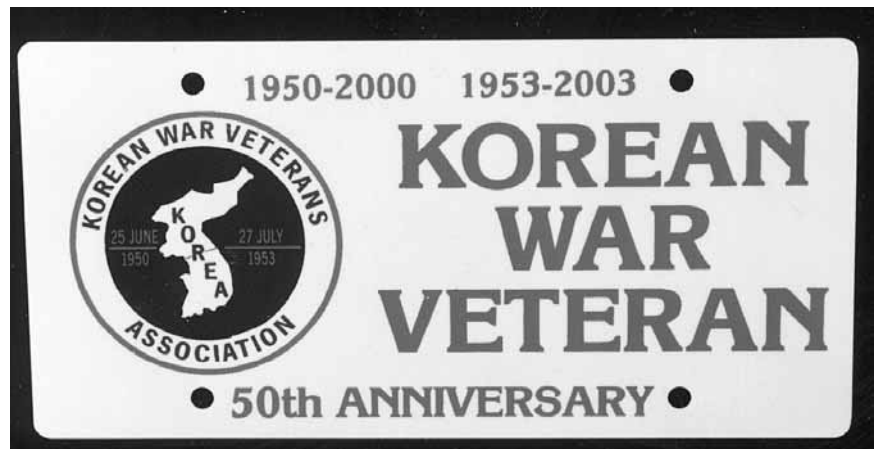
Republic of Korea War Service Medal

It is approved. Detail of distribution is being resolved in Korea. A few minor details are being worked out as members from Capitol Hill for some reason have become involved. Thus a slight delay. The official medal is produced at the direction of the Korean Minister of Defense.

27th July Commemoration Ceremony

See reunion agenda in this issue.

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Pick-up (Jan/Feb issue)

Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

It seems almost yesterday that most of us were preparing for the entry of year 2000. We are now in the month of March. Spring is just around the corner, following one of the warmest winters of recent years.

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and

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Thought for the Month:

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Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness.

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Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

Update March 2000



We are very excited about Y2000!!! Chairman Jere Crise and the Building Committee have been working with Architect Michael Cline of the firm Hannum, Hagle and Cline of Terre Haute, IN and Tuscola, IL. They have developed preliminary drawings including elevations, floor plans, and site plans, for our museum and library. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing these plans on March 18, 2000 during our meeting. These plans will be posted on our Web Page, as soon as possible. I think that you will be proud of this facility. It will show to the world the tremendous sacrifices that were made by our KIA's, MIA's, and POW's. After nearly fifty years, we are beginning to accomplish a goal that is long overdue. Monuments and memorials honor the veterans, but only a museum and library will be able to tell the veterans' story. The sacrifices of these veterans and the trauma of their families must also be told. We must also tell the story of the Korean people and what they endured during the fight for their freedom.

A museum and library, if established with that goal in mind, can achieve this. We must provide a facility that students and historians can research for the true significance of the sacrifices and hardships of veterans and civilians for the cause of freedom. "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE." Freedom has never been free, and never will be free, thousands have paid the price since the Revolutionary War and its is time that all veterans are fully HONORED.

As we get closer to our goal, the planning committee for our June 3, 2000 annual meeting has been working to plan special events. They have planned a ground breaking ceremony at our building site. We hope that all veterans will have an opportunity to take part in this event. The April newsletter Forgotten Voices will have the full agenda of the annual meeting and other information about the weekend. This also will be in the next issue of Graybeards, along with an article to be written by Jere Crise. We would like to include plans and pictures.

Most of you have not become a part of this project yet. We invite you to do so. We need the help of all veterans and persons interested in establishing this muse-

um and library. We have received contributions from the South Africa Embassy and Turkish Embassy. If you join the museum and library before ground breaking, you will be a Charter Member. Ten percent of your membership fee goes into an Endowment fund to perpetuate the museum. Please join with other veterans and friends to make this project a reality.

The Korean Air Lines has provided us with TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO SEOUL, KOREA for a raffle. The winner will be drawn on June 3, 2000. A direct flight to Korean can be taken from one of the following locations: Boston, New York, Washington, DC, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco in the United States. In Canada you can leave from Toronto or Vancouver. Tickets are one dollar each or six for five dollars. You need not be present to win. If you are interested in obtaining raffle tickets, you can contact our office in Tuscola at 1-888-295-7212, or write to our office. All proceeds will go into the building fund. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Robert Kenney, President

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REVISIT KOREA IN 2000

Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

Clarification

This is to clarify our advertisement that appeared in the last two issues of 'Graybeards' magazine. The airfare of \$ 850.00 is meant for the first time visiting veterans only, under the Revisit Korea Program.

The number of invitees under the program is limited per quarter each year. This amount is not applicable to those veterans who wish to revisit the 2nd time. We have explained to all those who have made inquiries.

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truck waiting to go to the rear when Endsley and Chamblin walked up and handed me my Master Sergeant stripes, I had been a Master sergeant for over a month and they never told me. I don't know why but I am drawing a blank from the time I left there until I got on the boat to come home, ironically I came home on the Phoenix, the same boat I went over on but I don't remember where I boarded it, I would expect Inchon. I do remember the ride to Seattle and that I was glad I had my Master Sergeant stripes because we didn't have to do anything, the Techs had to take care of the men. We landed in Seattle probably sometime the first week in October. I don't know if it was the time frame or I was just lucky but I was called out, along with some other men, to be flown from Seattle to Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky instead of taking a troop train there. I had decided that I wouldn't stay in the Army and was mustered out on the 16th of October, 1951. I can remember at Breckenridge, I had just turned 22 and being a Master Sergeant at age 22 was unheard of and I received a lot of dirty looks from the 35 to 40 year old Buck Sergeants that had 15 or 20 years in service. Finally Mom and Dad came and picked me up at Breckenridge and I went home to fight all these battles over again in my sleep for a couple months.

OTHER INCIDENTS AND R & R

I can't remember the exact date, it had to be sometime in August, both Big Ed and I was picked to go on R&R (Rest & Recuperation). Big Ed decides not to go because he didn't want to miss his chance for rotating and going home. I and about 15 other guys flew in a Flying Boxcar with the rear door open, sitting on the floor to Osaka, Japan. We came right off the line without cleaning up or nothing. As soon as we landed trucks picked us up and took us to some Army facility to eat. I'll never forget they sat us down at the tables and started bringing us food, platters of steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads and about everything you could imagine to eat. I took a big steak and some of everything else and soon found out my stomach had shrunk so much from lack of food or eating C rations that I could hardly eat anything. The one thing we could eat a lot of was ice cream. We were then

taken to an Army run hotel where we each had our own room with bath and shower & big soft bed. I can remember I filled the tub with hot water and just sat there a couple hours. That evening we went to the enlisted men's club, got drunker than hell and really had a great time. We had some great times in Japan, I got a shave from a Japanese barber and he told me that a beard had 21 different grains that it grew and he always shaved everyone against the grain. I believe that to be true because my beard didn't come out for a couple weeks. The Japanese Taxi Cabs were coal fired and run on steam, so every once in a while the driver pulled to the curb, threw open the trunk and shoveled some coal into the burner. I was probably as scared riding those cabs as I was in Korea because they had no brakes to speak of, just a loud horn and when they came to an intersection with people crossing they just blew their horn and the people separated and we went through. We really had a great time in Japan for a week but then back to the war. When I returned Big Ed was gone, I didn't

see him again for 38 years. It was a lot like the TV series MASH, Hawkeye went on R&R and when he returned Trapper had rotated.

ED SMITH

Here again I don't know exactly when but I would guess sometime in July the 23rd Regiment was relieving us and I was sitting with the Platoon along side the road when I looked up and saw Ed Smith driving a 3/4 ton truck with a 75 Recoilless Rifle mounted on it. I was raised with Ed Smith. Ed was 3 or 4 years older than me, I actually ran around with Ed's brother Cecil a lot. Anyway I hollered at Ed and was he glad to see someone he knew. He had just been drafted and arrived in Korea and was scared to death. We talked for quite a while but soon he had to leave. Ed was also in a Heavy Weapons Platoon but I don't know exactly which one. A month or so later Ed looked me up, to this day I don't know how he knew where I was all the time, anyway, he said the Army finally realized that the trucks carrying the 75's couldn't climb the hills so they took the 75's off and the men carried them. Ed and his truck was given to the 23rd Regt Headquarters, after that Ed took food, ammunition, booze, whatever to

the front and brought wounded and KIA's back to the rear. I owe an awful lot to Ed, again I don't know how he found me but he continually brought me whatever food and drinks he could find.

KILROY

Kilroy's real name was Chu Yung Kil. When I arrived and joined the Platoon Kilroy was already with them, he had come through Kunu-ri and had been everywhere the Platoon had. Kilroy was a South Korean, probably 15 or 16 years old and was the 81 Platoon's house boy. Kilroy was a great kid, a lot of fun and was dedicated to save his country from being taken over by the North Koreans. Kilroy probably saved Chamblin's and my life this one night. Kilroy was very attached to Lt. Endsley and when Endsley became Company Commander Kilroy sort of split his time between the Platoon and Endsley. This one dark night Kilroy came to the Platoon and told Chamblin that Captain Endsley wanted to see him and myself at the Company CP. Kilroy was to lead us, so he took off with myself and then Chamblin following. Kilroy was probably 20 feet in front of me when I heard Koreans talking, Kilroy talked to them for just a minute and suddenly started firing, he carried a carbine with the same clips as the rest of us. He killed two Koreans and when I got there he told me they were North Koreans waiting for someone to show up. He said he knew they were North Koreans because of their dialect, the same way we can tell a southerner from a northerner. We used to kid Kilroy that we get to rotate back home and he had to stay in this hell hole forever. One of the guys told me he was still with the Platoon in 1952.

THE VILLAGE

I think the ROKs had relieved us, when the ROKs relieved us we only moved a short ways off line and this particular day we set up in this small village. It was probably in August some time, I remember it was starting to get chilly. We would have been in great shape except there was another small village, unoccupied, about a mile from where we were. Big Ed and I every morning had to take a patrol to this village to see if any Gooks moved in overnight. Big Ed took two or three men and came in from

one end of the village and I took two or three men and came in from the other end. Every morning for a week or so we got up at daylight and walked to this village while everyone else was sleeping in. We went to the village this particular morning, Big Ed came in from his end and we came in from the other. We were partially into the village when I saw smoke coming from Ed's end. Most all the huts had thatch roofs on them and would burn like crazy. We stopped where we were and let Ed's guys come to us. By this time the whole village was on fire and it burnt right to the ground. Of course no one knew who started it, probably some Gooks that left before we got there. Now we can sleep in Big Ed said. We never heard another word about that village and if you ask Ed he will deny ever knowing anything about that village.

THE PATROL

Sometime between March 25th and April 25th I went with a patrol looking for the Gooks. I wasn't supposed to go on patrols but I did once in a while. I left the Radioman in charge of the FO's job and away we went. There was probably 10 of us and our objective was to find out where the Gooks were. We were probably 20 miles out on the 2nd day, we walked the side of the hill, not the peak nor the valley. We were going from pillar to post, being very cautious when all of a sudden we heard this noise, we hit the ground and waited while the sound got louder. The sound started sounding like singing. We waited and soon around the corner came a squad of Rangers singing at the top of their voices. Each Ranger was carrying a BAR and had a half dozen bandoleers of shells slung over his shoulder. These guys were all 6'-6" tall or taller and weighed probably 200 lbs. or more. They were walking right down the middle of the valley and really didn't care who heard them. Our patrol leader went down and talked to them and shortly we turned around and went home also, but we didn't walk in the valley.

THE DUTCH & THE GRENADE

I told above of a Battalion of Dutch being assigned to the 38th Regiment. The Dutch were great guys and great soldiers. Whenever we were near the Dutch we went there to eat, they had hot chow wherever they were at. The Dutch made a little pancake that was really good, the Dutch fed

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anyone that showed up. Big Ed and I used to fool around with hand grenades, we would turn the body off, break off the primer and pour the powder out and put it back together, without pulling the pin. One morning we were waiting for breakfast at the Dutch camp, it was very cold and they always had 55 gallon drums burning to keep warm. While we were standing at the drum keeping our hands warm, 3 or 4 Englishmen (Ed says they were Dutch) came to the drum, stood there a minute trying to get closer to the fire when one of them reached into his pocket and threw 3 or 4, 45 shells into the drum. Of course everyone moved back and they stayed there, laughed, and had very good positions around the drum, the shells went off but they had done this before also. They did this to us 3 or 4 times, the last time we moved back Ed and I whipped out a grenade, dumped out the powder, broke off the primer, put it all back together and walked back to the fire. About that time one of them threw another hand full of shells into the drum and just stood there, we backed up a little bit, I can't remember if Ed or I had the grenade but whoever did pulled out the grenade, pulled the pin and shoved it into the drum. I mean to tell you those Dutch or Limeys took off and Big Ed and I just stood there warming our hands. They didn't throw anymore shells into the fire. The first time we messed with a grenade like that we didn't think we had to break off the primer and when we threw it we found out the primer was enough to blow the grenade so we always broke off the primer after that.

THE CONVERSATION

Here again I really don't remember exactly when, probably July or August, I just know it was warm. I was on FO when my radioman said he believed there was a Gook on our frequency. I told him to talk to him and he asked what he wanted "Hey GI, You mortar man?", the radioman answered "We sure are" "Betcha can't find me" "Betcha we can, you be sure and tell us when we are near you" I told the radioman

to listen for anxiety in his voice and I just threw a shell out there "GI, You long way from me" "Just wait, we'll find you." I told whoever was in the firing center to keep lobbing shells out there maybe every minute or so and keep moving them around, again I told the radioman to listen for anxiety in his voice. We continued to throw out shells and every shell he said "You no can find me." This one shell he didn't answer and when he did my radioman said he thought we were pretty close because he talked a little funny. I told the gunners to fire at will and they really poured them in. Pretty soon the Gook says "You son of a bitch," he must have been educated in the USA., anyway that's when we really poured it in and heard no more from him.

THE END

The Korean war was bad in the sense of conditions and weather. Conditions meaning walking mountains and hills all the time, living in filth, going weeks on end without a bath or shower and not eating or eating bad for long times. Weather being 110 Degrees in the shade or 30 degrees below zero and not having the proper clothing most of the time. The difference between the World War II GI and the Korean War GI was that we only had to endure for a year while the World War II GI was in for the duration, wounding or death which ever came first. Knowing what I know and what we went through I have the deepest respect for the World War II GI and am glad I missed that one.

(Editors Note – The above story was sent in by Dan Draheim, Secretary of the Northwest Ohio Chapter along with a letter. Dan's letter stated that Ron "Vic" Mossing had passed away on 17 May 1999. Dan went on to say he asked the family for his manuscript retelling his year in Hell and wondered if we could find the time and space in the Graybeards to print his story, thus paying a nice tribute to Ron. After reading Ron's story as he saw and lived it, I must say it is my honor to print the story of a hero of our war. We will remember you

Chosin Few honor "Chesty"

Members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Chosin Few joined the Old Dominion Chapter's 1999 Memorial service for Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller and the Celebration of the Marine Corps 224th Birthday, November 10, 1999. This year, like past years, Marines gathered to pay tribute to General Puller and celebrate another Marine Corps Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony.



Mid-Atlantic Chosin Few Chapter pays tribute to LtGen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. Photo courtesy of John Sinnicki.

The memorial service was conducted by Reverend Scott Krejci, at the gravesite of General Puller, at Christchurch, near Saluda, Virginia. Shown above, from left to right, are members of the Mid-Atlantic Chosin Few Chapter, Treasurer, John Sinnicki, Past President George Schaudel and President George Caridakis who participated in the wreath laying ceremony conducted by the Old Dominion Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association. Members of "H" Battery, from the 3rd Battalion 14th

Marines, from Richmond provided the color guard, firing squad and bugler for the ceremony.

This year nearly 150 individuals, including 40 active duty personnel currently assigned to MCS, Quantico attended the mid-week service. A senior NCO commented, "We had a wonderful time. This is the type of education our Marines miss in today's Corps".

(Thank you John Sinnicki for photo and letter. We are proud of all our Marines.

BRADLEY from page 19

for a talk, she hangs an American flag out front to mark the house for them. She is always well turned out for these sessions hair brushed, lipstick neatly in place, medals set out on a side table in case anyone interviewer — "Please don't say I served in the Civil War -and when she is asked to sum up her professional life, forty five years in the service of the sick and injured, she sits back and smiles. "That's easy," she says. "I want to be remembered as just an Army nurse."

The Korean War Veterans Association of West Virginia is proud of Col. Bradley's service to her country and so very pleased that she is the newest member of our organization,

One of the KWVA members who visited with Col. Bradley summed it up best, he said, "Col. Bradley doesn't demand respect, she commands it."

(Recently I was contacted by NBC Nightly News (Tom Brokaw) for my story, I had already received some detail and photos from Jack Tamplin President of the KWVA W. VA Department about Col. Bradley. When they asked for more stories I immediately remembered one about the most decorated woman from West Virginia. I offered them this story along with Jack's phone number and several other stories I had.

Please take the time to visit web page www.msnbc.com/news/373238.asp if you wish to see more of this story and other Korean War stories. Do it quickly they tend to archive some stories and erase others. Again my thanks to all and especially to Ruby for your service and mainly the comfort you gave to all in the time of need. You truly are one of our great American heroes—Ed.)

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Reunions

April 2000

7th annual POW/MIA week April 4-12 in Honolulu, HI at Outrigger West on Kuhio Ave. For hotel reservations contact Outrigger West 1-800-325-7171 or fax 1-800-663-5779. POW special rate of \$72.00 plus room tax. Contact Nick Nishimoto, 2344 Ahakuka Pl., Pearl City, HI. 96782. Tel: (808) 455-5088 for details.

73rd Tank Bn. and 73rd Armor reunion April 6-9 at the Holliday Inn North, Columbus/Ft. Benning, GA. Contact Curtis J. Banker 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940. tel: 518-643-2302

USS Ault DD698 April 7 & 8 in Lancaster, PA. This will be the first reunion of the ship including Korea Era vets. Anyone who served aboard her is welcome regardless of the period served. Contact Roger L. Davis at 740-756-4103.

Western States Coalition of Korean War Veterans April 26-30 in San Luis, Obispo, CA. Contact Pete Muller. Tel: 925-254-0512, Fax: 915-253-0418, E-mail: <ecmuller@earthlink.net

6166th Air Wea. Recon. Flt./11th TRS/12th TRS, Korea, 1950-54, Mobile, AL, Apr. 27-30, Contacts: Dave Lehtonen, 988 Spanish Wells Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935, tel. (407) 254-6736, e-mail: delehtonen@ibm.net or Dave Gibbs, 4004 Sherlock Court, Raleigh, NC 27613, tel. (919) 781-2920.

May 2000

U.S. Navy Crusier Sailors Assn.: May 3-7 at Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center in St. Louis, MO Contact Bob Tallman, 6484 SW Burlingame Pl., Portland, OR 97201, Tel (503) 246-7550, fax: 503-246-8976, e-mail: bobtall@juno.com or Carl T. Hartzell, 33 Redbay Ct. W., Homosassa, FL. 34446, Tel. (352) 382-1238, email: chartzell@xtalwind.net

772nd MP Bn., Korea and all members May 4-7 at Henry VIII Hotel, St Louis, MO. Contact Joel Davis, PO Box 342, Luckey, OH 43443-0342, Tel: 419-833-1613 or Phil Willemann at e-mail <nutbas@aol.com>

Korea 1/5 Marines, A, B, H&S & Weapons Co.s, at Omaha, NE, Marriott Hotel, May 4-7, Contact Dick Large, 9505 S. 27th, Lincoln, NE 68512, Tel: 402-423-6961, Fax: 402-423-7038

578TH Engineer Combat Bn., Co. "C" & 40th Div., May 8-11 on Monkey Island in Northeast OK. Contact John and Mardell Short, Tel: 918-257-5015. Fax 918-257-5052. E-mail jshort@galstar.com.

78th Combat Engr Bn. 1951-53, Ft. Benning, GA. Reunion at Myrtle Beach, SC. May 18-20. Contact Leon Tate, 6607 Abbeville Hwy., Anderson, SC. 29624 Tel: 864-296-3804

"A" and "B" Co., 40th Division, May 21-24 at the Hotel San Remo in Las Vegas, NV (1-800-522-7366). All 40th Division members are encouraged to join us. Contact Norman Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326. Tel: 281-444-5279

June 2000

Korean War Marines June 1-4 at Sioux City Convention Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Contact Glen or Christina Callaghan, 112 N 8th Street, Mapleton, Iowa 51034 Tel: 712-882-1824

AP Transport Group - USS Generals Mitchell - AP114; Randall - AP115; Gordon - AP117; Richardson - AP118; Weigel - AP119; Hodges - AP144; Breckinridge - AP176 and USS Admirals Benson - AP120; Capps - AP121; Eberle - AP123; Hughes - AP124 and Mayo - AP125. Includes Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. Milwaukee, WI area June 1-4. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-2339. Tel: 516-747-7426.

USS General Harry Taylor - AP145 June 1-4 at Olympia Resort and in Oconomowoc, WI. Contact Jim Bonnot, Jr., 312 Bellwood Ave., Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Tel: 423-429-5698.

USS Admiral W. S. Benson AP-120, June 1-4 at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, WI. Marines Welcome. Contact N. Erickson, 1298

29th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Tel: 319-363-8087

2d Marine Div., June 1-4 at Ramada Inn in Newburgh, NY. Newburgh is the home to MAG49 Det B; MALS and VMGR 452 and the crossroads of the beautiful Hudson Valley and West Point. Contact Lu Caldara, Chairman; PO Box 505, White Plains, NY 10602; 914-941-2118; E-mail: LLCI@westchestergov.com

USS Hawkins DD/DDR 873, June 2-5 at Hyannis, MA. Contact C. A. "Buzz" Butterworth, 4620 Jones Road, Macon, GA 31206-6144. Tel: 912-788-9339

97th FA Bn. June 5-8 at Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Contact Robert L. Stefanou,

1952 Magnolia, Henderson, NV 89014-5195. Tel: 702-454-6639

USS Haven AH-12 June 7-10 at Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO. Contact Clyde Landis, 1409 Coronado, Ponca City, OK 74604 or E-mail USSHavenren@aol.com

USS Noble APA-218 June 15-17 in Denver, CO. Contact Bill Murphy, 98 W Albion Street, Holley, NY 14470-1062. Tel: 716-638-6060.

USS Warrick AKA89. June 18 - 21 in New Orleans, LA. Contact Loy W. Smith, 4349 Albury Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713. Tel: 310- 425-0236.

5th R.C.T. Association Annual Reunion, June 20-25 at Drawbridge Estates, Covington, KY (just south of Cincinnati, OH). Contact Dick Lewis, Assn Scy-Tres (Toll Free) 1-888-221-8418.

KWVA State of Missouri, 4th annual reunion June 22 & 23 at the Settle Inn, Branson, MO. Contact Neil D. Hurley, 177 Sassafraas Ct., Hollister, Mo. 65672 Tel/Fax: 417-335-5871

USS Forrest B. Royal DD 872 5th reunion June 22-25 at Arlington, VA. Contact Ron Larson, 1240 Franklin St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. Tel: 715-423-8905.

728th MP Bn. Korea. June 22-24 in Tuscola, IL contact Don Parido, 308 N White Street, Leroy, IL 61752. Tel: 309-962-7037.

Canada KVV June 23-25, in Ottawa, Canada at Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre. This will be the site of the Reunion, General Meeting and banquet. Located at 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa, 237-3600 or call toll free 1-800-567-3600. Contact C. I. Bordeleau, President National Capital Unit No. 7, 2-889 Bermuda Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1K-0V8. Tel: 613-745-2190, Fax: 613-745-2708.

KWVA Dept of Illinois 10th Annual State Convention June 23-25 at Northfield Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL. All Korean War Veterans are invited to attend. Contact Norbert Bentele at e-mail <ILLdeptKwva@webtv.net>

24th Inf. RCT Assn., June 29-July 2 at Seattle Marriott, Sea-Tac Airport, Seattle, WA 98188-4094. Contact Leotis D. Branigh, Sr., 811 S. Trafton St. Tacoma, WA 98405, Tel: 253-272-9751

August 2000

USS Cascade AD-16, AUGUST 6-13 in Richmond, VA at Holiday Inn Select. Contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette, PO Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673 Tel: 417-334-5627 or Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Ct., St. Louis, MO 63123. Tel: 314-849-3340 (Messages)

3d Bn., 7th Marines (1952-53) and all 3-7 veterans and support groups, August 9-13 at San Diego, CA. Contact Vince Walsh, 1953 Flying Hills Lane, El Cajon, CA 92020. Tel: 619-448-9171

4.2mm Mortar Co. 35th Regt. 25th Inf. Div. Korea, August 17-20 at the Key Bridge Marriot in Arlington, VA. Contact Jerry Guinn, 3651- 7 1/2 St., East Moline, IL 61244-3514. Tel: 309-755-5929 or E-mail <Fourduce@webtv.net >

25th Military Police Co. August 18 & 19 at Grand Resort Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. Tel 1-800-362-1188. Contact Dave Wilson, Box 427, Brook, IN 47922. Tel: 219-275-5881 or Ken Mulkey, Box 6, North Tazewell, VA 24630. Tel: 540-988-2137

If you served in the Korean War in a 105MM Self Propelled M-7 Howitzer Battalion that had an insignia of a cowboy on a bucking bronco within a triangle, you served with the **300th Armored Field Artillery Bn.** from Wyoming. 50th Anniversary Reunion at the Holiday Inn—Sheridan, Wyoming on August 18-20. Visit our web page at <http://www.geocities.com/afa300assn/> or call Bill Teter 1-402330-2536 or Bill Day 1-307-856-6546 or Dick Thune at 1-218-543-4672 for reunion information.

Nebraska Korean War Veterans 14th Annual Reunion Aug 25-27. Commemorating The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War at Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE, 301 S 2nd. Ave. 68847. Contact William R. Kline, 922 6th. St., Columbus NE. 68860. or e-mail <wrkline@megavision.com>

40th Inf. Div. 160th Regt., Co., E. Oct 1950 to Oct 1953 Korea. Aug 25-27 at Kearney, NB. Contact Jim Bork, 3301 W Encanto Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85009-1415. Tel: 602-272-2418

C Co.18th Inf. Bn. USMC Reserve Unit, Milwaukee, Wis. Activated July - Aug. 1950. To be held in Milwaukee, Wis. August 26. Contact Dick Kamnetz, W133S 8131 North View Dr., Muskego, WI 53150-4100. Tel: 414-425-4889

3rd Inf. Div. Society and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 81st reunion Aug. 30 - Sept. 4 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. 650-692-0100. Contact: John B. Shirley, Reunion Chairman, 4218 Drake Way, Livermore, CA 94550. 925-447-2256. E-mail: <jbshirley@home.com>.

Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance, I Corps, IX Corps, X Corps Korea 1950-1954, 1st FA Ob. Bn., 2nd Chem. Mtr. Bn., 17th FA Bn., 75th FA Bn., 88th Hvy Mtr Bn., 92nd FA

Bn., 96th FA Bn., 145th FA Bn., 159th FA Bn., 176th FA Bn., 187th FA Bn., 196th FA Bn., 204th FA Bn., 213th FA Bn., 300 FA Bn., 555th FA Bn., 623rd FA Bn., 780th FA Bn., 936th FA Bn., 937th FA Bn., 955th FA Bn., 984th FA B., 987th FA Bn., 999th FA Bn. will hold 2000 reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah Aug. 31 to Sept 4. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189.

Women Marines Association national convention from Aug. 31 to Sept. 5 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA. Contact: Helen Peters 703-979-1149.

September 2000

MCB#4 SEABEES, all eras Sept. 1-3 at Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr., Nashville, TN 37214-5010. Contact Phil Murphy, 4 Whitehart Blvd., Danville, New York 14437. Tel: 716-335-8938.

82nd AAA AW Bn (SP), 2nd Inf. Div., 9th annual Reunion, September 6-10 at Sea-Tac, WA. Reunion Coordinator, James W. Root, 2701 Rigney Road, #G-11, Steilacoom, WA 98388-2825, Tel: 253-588-8845, e-mail <jroot36042@aol.com>.

151st Combat Engineer Bn. (Korea 1950-1954) is holding their 4th Annual Reunion on Sept. 7-10 at the Shoney's Inn Motel in Lebanon, TN. Contact: Jack or Ruth Cato, 216 So. Maple St., Lebanon, TN. Tel: 615-444-9273 days, 615-444-5225 evenings. Fax: 615-444-9281. Email: <rmcato@concentric.net>.

14th Combat Engineer Bn. Korea, Sept. 8-10 in St Louis, MO. Contact Stanley H. Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling, Ky 40353. Tel: 606-498-4567, Fax: 606-498-6594, E-mail <shs313@kih.net>.

999th AFA Bn. Korea, Sept. 8-10 at Holiday Inn, York, Nebraska. Contact Gerald Heiden, 2013 Road 11, Waco, NE 68460. Tel: 402-728-5435

USS Buck (DD-761) Assn. in Branson Mo., Sept. 9-12. Contact John B. Connolly Tel: 501-922-3969 or E-mail at <joncon@ipa.net> or Fax: 501-922-9631

USS Bayfield APA-33, Sept. 10-14 at Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Contact John Shultz, Boulder City, NV. Tel: 702-293-1449 or Art Nelson Las Vegas, NV. at E-mail <artbets@cs.com>

630th Eng. Light Equipment Co., Korea 1950-54, Sept. 11-15 in Branson. MO. Contact Marvin Hobbs P.O. Box 7 Cabool, MO. 65689. Tel: 417-962-3013

USS Floyd B. Parks (DD884) Sept. 11-18 in Orlando FL. All former ship mates that served on board from 1945 to 1973. Contact James P. Robbins, P O Box 61, Twain CA 95984. Tel: 530-283-2165

51st Signal Bn., Sept. 12-14 at Tobyhanna, PA. Korean Vets and all former members welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr. Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Tel (419) 738-3369, E-Mail ICORP@bright.net

21st Engineer Combat Bn. Sept. 12-14 at Newton Best Western Inn, Newton, Iowa. Contact Chuck Adams, Tel: 480-357-9881, Fax: 480-357-0534, E-mail: <adamscf@yahoo.com>.

2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. (and 461th Inf. Bn.) (Korea 1950-53), Sept. 13-17 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Aberdeen, MD. Observing the 50th anniversary of our Battalion's departure for Korea. Contact. William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240. Tel: 972-387-1247

USS Algol AKA-54, Sept. 13-16 in San Antonio, TX. Contact Tony Soria, 2045 Avalon Dr., Merced, CA. 95340. Tel: 209-722-6005 or Art Nelson at E-mail <artbets@cs.com> Tel: 702-638-1195

Osaka Army Hospital, 1950-1953. Former personnel and patients, Sept 13-17, at Marriott Courtyard, Santa Fe, NM. Contact Wilson A. Heefner, M.D., 7205 Park Woods Drive, Stockton, CA 95207-1409. Tel: 209- 951-4748.

86th Ordnance Company Assn., Sept. 14-16, Braddock Motel, Cumberland, MD. Contact: Richard Schildbach, 101 S Whiting Street, # 514 Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707

The US Army will officially commemorate the veterans, family members and those who lost loved ones who served in the **65th Infantry Regiment** during the Korean War. This event is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1:00 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. Point of Contact is SMSgt Calvin Springfield at 703- 602-6828.

780th Field Artillery, Sept. 21-23 Vero Beach, FL. Contact George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Pk. Road, Florence, AL 35630-3352. Tel: 256-764-5938

45TH Inf. Div. Assn. (Thunderbirds) Sept. 21-24 in Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander, San Antonio, TX 78251-2954. Tel: 210-681-9134.

Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration, Sept. 23 - Oct. 1 Seoul, South Korea. Planned for veterans of the 1st Marine Div. (1950-54) and attached units. Contact Elmer J. Dapron, 238 Mid Rivers Center, St. Peters, MO 63376. Call toll-free 877-317-3458.

USS Davison, DD618/DMS37, in service 1942 to 1949, will hold her annual reunion

September 26 thru 30, 2000 at the Historic Menger Hotel in Downtown San Antonio, Texas. All past crew members and family are welcome. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Dr., El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>.

USS Soley (DD 707) Assn. Sept. 27 to Oct. 1 in Buffalo, NY. Contact Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741. Tel: 714-527-4925 or E-mail <eblum3@juno.com>.

712th TROB Railroad Bn., Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 in Pittsburgh, PA at Greentree Holiday Inn. 714th, 724th 765th and 772nd welcome. Contact Dean McClain, 521 Westgate Blvd., Youngstown. OH 44515. Tel: 1-800-799-9566

568th Ordnance H.M. Co. Korea, 1950-53, 50th reunion at the Nashville, TN Marriott Airport Hotel, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Contact Herb Peppers, 612 Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076-1342. Tel: 615-883-1417.

USS Oglethorpe AKA 100 will take place on Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 in Charlestown, SC. Contact Ron Williamson, 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823. Tel: 908-475-4435 or E-mail <misty1@epix.net>.

1903rd Engineer Aviation Bn., Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2000, in St. Louis, MO. Contact Lawrence J. Hummel, Sr., P.O. Box 194, Arnold, MO 63010-0194. Tel: 636-296-5478.

October 2000

8221st F.A. Topo & Met Det. Assn., Oct. 4-7 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Lester Ludwig, 3214 W. Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, TX 78228. Tel/Fax: 210-433-5973.

279th Inf. Regt., 45th. Div. Members Oct. 5-8 near Fort Polk, LA Contact Carl Sparks, 18197 S 337th W Ave, Bristow, OK 74010-2073 Tel: 918-367-5643.

"D" Co., 35th RCT., 25th Inf. Div 1950-53, Oct. 5-8 at Edgewood Motel, Branson. MO. Contact Paul Meyer, 200 Briar Cliff St. SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Tel: 815-765-3671

1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion Assn's 20th annual reunion will be held Oct. 6-8 in Fayetteville, NC. Assn will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. If you served with the battalion in Korea, please join us. Contact Warren R Rehfeldt, 509 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098, Tel: 920-262-2955, E-mail <jarwrr@execpc.com>.

11th Evac. Hosp. Won-Ju, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 8-10 at Moorings Hotel in Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Tel: 718-987-3557

160th Medical Co., 40th Inf. Div., Oct. 10-14 Washington, DC at Embassy Sts Crystal City, VA Contact Claude Allison, Tel: 760-249-6141 or E-mail at <alicat60@aol.com>.

VF-54 Reunion in Dayton, OH, Oct 12-15, Contact Glenn Ward, 2240 N. Trenton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4039. Tel: 703-527-7315 or E-mail: <wardgw@erols.com>

French Battalion (23rd Inf., 2nd US Div.) In Paris on Oct. 12. Contact Serge-Louis Bererd, 5 rue de Provence 86000 Poitiers, France Tel. 33~549477345

Reunion/Beach Bash for veterans of the **UN Partisan Forces, Korea** (8240 AU and associated units) at Panama City Beach Florida. October 18-22. Sponsored by Florida Chapter XXI, Special Forces Association. Contact Bob Dewey, PO Box 581, Fountain, FL 32438.

H-3-1 KOREA USMC at Seattle, WA Oct. 18-22 For info contact Jack Dedrick 6 Sheridan Ter., Swampscott, MA 01907-2042. Tel: 781-598-9725 or E-mail jfd-edrick@aol.com

Navy Squadrons VC-12/VAW12, Oct. 26-29 at Norfolk, VA Hilton Hotel Contact Bob Marvin 7244 Lincoln Ave. Ext., Lockport, NY 14094-6214. Tel: 716-434-1207 or E-mail <MAR1207@PCOM.NET>.

45th Inf. Div., 279th Inf. Reg., CO L (Thunderbirds), Oct. 27 - 29 at Western Hills Lodge near Wagoner, OK. Contact Paul Elkins, PO Box 348, Kasilof, AK 99610, Tel: 907-260-6612

Korea Veterans are invited to the 50th Anniversary Reunion at Palmerston North New Zealand Oct. 27-30. Contact Ben Thorpe, 43B London Road, Korokoro, Petone, NZ. Tel: (04) 589 1887, or Ian Mackley, 8 Pinny Ave., Lower Hutt New Zealand, FAX 04-569 2117 or Edith Olliver, PO Box 13-462, Johnsonville, Wellington, NZ Tel: (04) 477 3290

Seeking Personnel from the **67th Tac Recon Wing** for a possible reunion. Contact Joseph L. Krakovsky, 18227 W. Valley Drive, Wildwood, IL 60030, 847/223-2907.

In reading other magazines I see that they charge for reunion notices. I hesitate to ask a member or a supporting organization of KWVA National to pay for reunion notices. Since we are in need of support at this time, I think it is appropriate to ask you to send a minimum donation of \$1.00 for each reunion notice. Again, this request is not mandatory. Please send notices directly to editor; make checks payable to KWVA National. Typed reunions preferred.—Editor

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- Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA).— POWs: 7,140; Returned to Military Control: 4,418; Died in Captivity: 2,701; Refused to return: 21)
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For ordering Program Details contact: Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ste 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4303 Tel: 703-604-0831 Fax: 703-604-0833.

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Memorial Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	Wash DC/ANC/KWM	MDW	Mon May 29
Spirit of America	MCI Center	MDW	Wed-Sun June 14-18
Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration	Conference Ctr, Univ of Pittsburgh	Univ of Pittsburgh	Fri-Sat June 23-24
Korean Service Women's Commemorative Event	Wash, DC/ANC	Women's Memorial	Sun June 25
Hostilities Commence: National Commemoration	Wash, DC	Nat'l Committee	Sun June 25
Hostilities Commence: Inte'l Commemoration	Seoul, South Korea	USFK	Sun June 25
Korean War Documentary Film – Fire and Ice	The History Channel		Sun June 25
Dedication of Korean War Memorial	Columbia, SC	State of SC	Sun June 25
Forgotten War Remembered	Reno, NV	AFA	Sun June 25
Task Force Smith	ANC	Suwon, South Korea	Wed June 28
Task Force Smith	Suwon, South Korea	USFK	Wed July 5
Twilight Tatoo	Ellipse, DC	MDW	Wed July 26
Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony	Korean War Memorial	KWVA/KWVA DC	Thu July 27
1st Prov Marine Brigade Pusa Perimeter	San Diego, CA	USMC	Sat Aug 19
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65th Infantry Regt Commemoration	El Moro, PR	Nat'l Committee	Sun Oct 15
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