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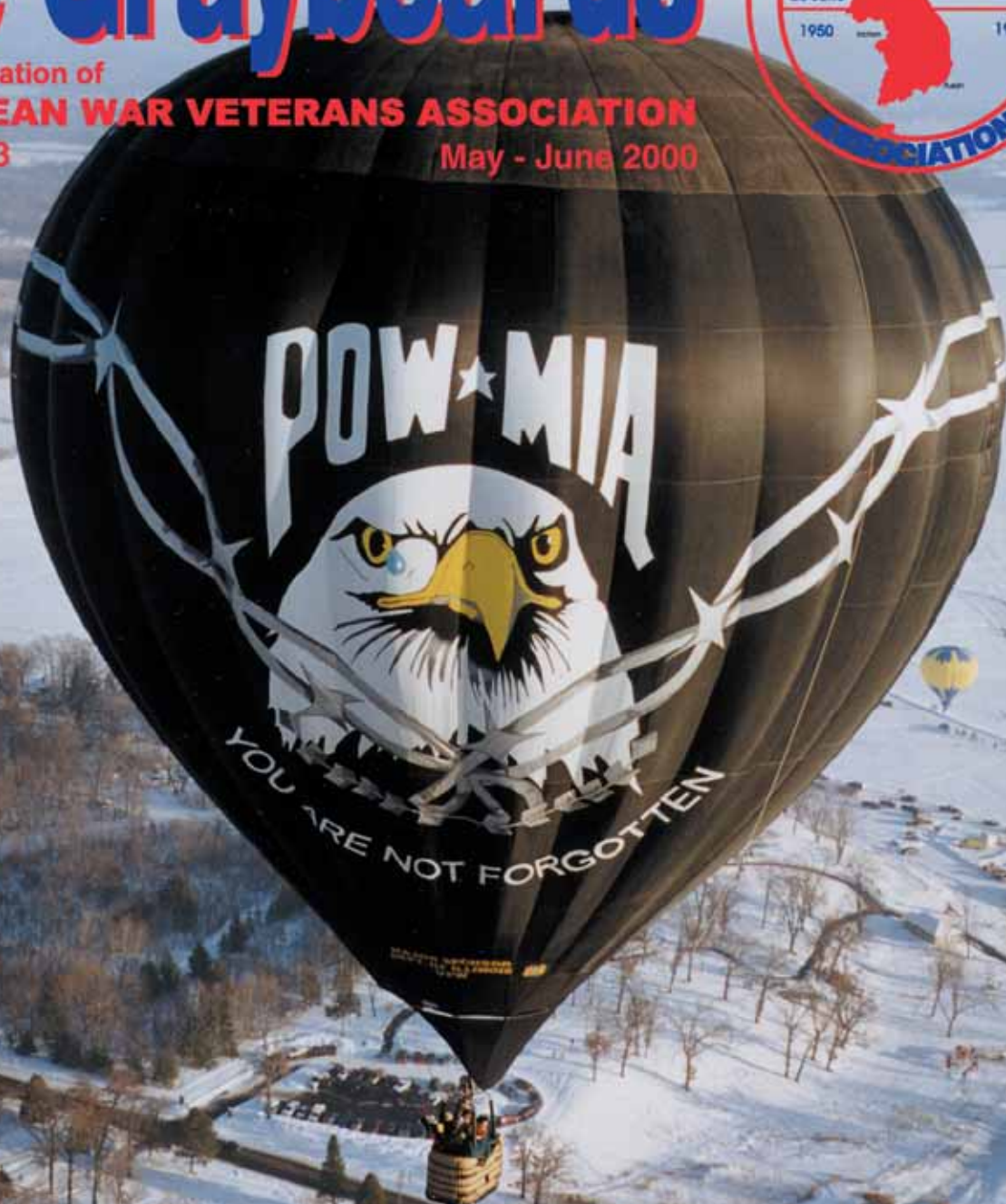
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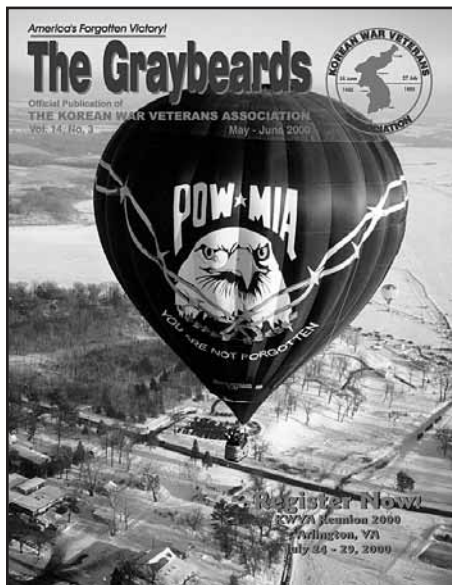
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On the cover...



Launch of Freedom Flight

A new all-black hot air balloon emblazoned with three 30' high POW/MIA logos was christened at a special Veterans Day 1989 ceremony held on the grounds of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Dignitaries in attendance included POW/MIA supporter Gary Gaetti, former Minnesota Twins third baseman, Senators, State Representatives, the St. Cloud Mayor, Acting VAMC Director, Dick Stanley, and commanders of numerous organizations.

High winds delayed the balloon's inaugural flight over St. Cloud until November 14, when the balloon, flown by the four pilots who are the founding board members of Freedom Flight, Inc., the non-profit corporation which owns and operates the balloon, launched at the St. Cloud airport and landed on the edge of town near the VAMC.

The first passenger was World War II, European theater, ex-prisoner of war Henry Sha, who saw the balloon flying over town while on his way to the VAMC to do volunteer work. He stopped when the balloon landed and the 74 year old ex-POW was invited on board for a hop. Dressed in coat and tie, he climbed in without a moment's hesitation, forgetting to lock his car and turn off the lights in his excitement. According to Henry, "This balloon is well worth all the time and effort it took to get it".

The purpose of Freedom Flight is to

administer and operate a hot air balloon and related equipment to educate the public about the POW/MIA issues of all Americans held captive in foreign countries. The idea for Freedom Flight was conceived in 1988 by Dr. Jim Tuorila, who felt a hot air balloon would be a good means of gaining media attention for publicizing the fact that Americans have been reported to be alive in foreign countries and that only a ground swell of public support will bring them home.

Dr. Tuorila, Vietnam Veterans, Bill Nohner, and flight instructor, Denn J. Evans, who is a Vietnam veteran, commenced working on the lengthy, process of obtaining start-up funds, designing the balloon and establishing Freedom Flight as a tax exempt non-profit educational organization under IRS guidelines 501-C-3. Freedom Flight II was ordered in 1992 due to the increased demand for another POW/MIA balloon.

The Minnesota 6th District Veterans of Foreign Wars decided that this was a commendable project and gave its support with substantial initial financial contributions. Other veterans organizations such as the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, and American Legion, as well as business and private contributors, made the purchase of both balloons possible. Three balloon trailers were donated by Jack and Wilma Lauefer in Lima, Ohio, and GMC contributed a new Suburban for use as a chase vehicle. Freedom Flight III is currently available for events in 2000.

Freedom Flight will be flying the balloons at balloon rallies, city festivals, and veterans functions, dedications and ceremonies. If you are interested in having this special balloon fly or tether at your function, please write to Freedom Flight, PO Box 1052, St. Cloud, MN 56302-7606, or call Dr. Jim Tuorila at 320-252-7208.

Additional funding is required to be able to maintain and travel the balloon. Pins, caps and related merchandise are also available for contributors. See page 27 for information on contributions and page 49 for additional photos.

(Thanks to Dr. Tuorila for photos and letter.— Editor.)

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

The telephone number of the Sheraton National is, 703-521-1900 or 1-800 468-9090.

Tell the operator that you are with the Korean War Veterans Association. See the Registration form in this issue. If you are coming to the reunion I would suggest that you get your registration in the mail before July 1st. because I will be leaving for Arlington on July 20th 2000. I must have all registration forms before July 18, 2000. If we do not have them by then you may not be able to register. The reunion committee has been working very hard to make this the best reunion yet. If you have raffle tickets to turn in please turn them in. If you want, you can turn them in at registration desk. We will sell raffle tickets up till the time for the drawing. We do need more door prizes. We would like to have

Our reunion is coming up fast. It will be July before we know it. I must tell you that the rooms are going fast. If you are coming to the reunion and have not reserved a room I would suggest that you reserve one today.

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something from each state. Please send what you have to National Headquarters, 4120 Industrial Lane, Beavercreek, Ohio 45430. Once again I will be leaving Ohio on July 20th.

I would like to take this time to thank the Membership for the support you have given this organization this past two years. As you can see in the financial report we are in a real good financial position. This came about by the Board supporting my financial goals and the incorporation of guide lines with a check and balance system.



KWVA on parade. USA flag is carried by an Australian and KWVA flag is carried by Walter Ballard President of Dept. of Alabama. Left to right front row Col. Bruce Meyers, National President Harley J. Coon Light Blue Jacket, 1st VP Ed. Magill. Other persons in photo are unidentified. Cambara, Australia. April 19, 2000.

We are about to put the insurance claim behind us and move to a more positive future. As soon as we can get all details, the membership will be informed.

The election issue of The Graybeard was in the mail in mid April. If you have not voted yet I urge you to do so because this organization is administered by the people you put in office. If your in doubt who to vote for maybe you could ask other chapter members or another member, if you are not a member of a chapter, that know the record of those in office or running for re-election and how they represented you. The KWVA is your Veterans Organization.

I could never put in words the dedication of the Australian National Korean War Memorial. There were about 100 American Veterans and their wives and children in attendance. The United States Veterans were the last group to pass the

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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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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS MARCH 31, 2000

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANK - BANK ONE - CKNG	3,182.11
CASH - SALMON- SMITH - BARNEY	7,300.83
CASH - BANK ONE - SAVINGS	138,857.67
CASH - BANK ONE - C.D.	175,000.00
CASH - BANK ONE - C.D.	<u>175,000.00</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 499,340.61

FIXED ASSETS

COMMEMORATION ASSETS - WEAPONS	8,050.00
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS - GRANITE	1,140.00
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS-COINS	<u>8,596.00</u>

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 17,786.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 517,126.61

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS MARCH 31, 2000

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	276,069.39
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	104,832.52
CURRENT EARNINGS	<u>136,224.70</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCES 517,126.61

**TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND FUND BALANCES** \$ 517,126.61

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY – CASH BASIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2000

YEAR TO DATE AMOUNT PERCENT

INCOME

DONATION	416.00	0.2
MEMBERSHIPS	84,461.80	46.2
MISCELLANEOUS	6,999.43	3.8
INTEREST	5,483.59	3.0
ADVERTISING	4,070.00	2.2
TICKET SALES	<u>81,222.45</u>	<u>44.5</u>

TOTAL INCOME 182,653.27 100.0

OPERATING EXPENSES

TELEPHONE	1,910.82	1.0
OFFICE SUPPLIES	928.15	0.5
INSURANCE	7,864.00	4.3
TAXES AND LICENSES	192.00	0.1
PRINTING	15,685.91	8.6
ACCOUNTING	3,285.84	1.8
MEMBERSHIP	1,315.08	0.7
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,600.00	0.9
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	21.00	0.0
POSTAGE	10,898.07	6.0
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>73.76</u>	<u>0.0</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES 43,774.63 24.0

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES \$138,878.64 76.0

National VA/VS Report

Michael Mahoney has just recently assumed the position of National VA/VS Representative. His first report will appear in July-August 2000 issue.—Editor.

Book Review



The Korean War

By Michael Hickey

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**CPL. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter
Korean War Veterans Assn.
P.O. Box 120174
Staten Island, NY 10312**

On this day, the 15th of April, 2000, at a general meeting of the Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, attended by approximately 95 members, the following resolution was discussed and was approved and ratified by all present members.

The recommendation was that this resolution be adopted and passed by the Board of Directors and members of the Korean War Veterans Association at the 2000 Reunion Annual Business Meeting.

- RESOLUTION -

WHEREAS: The future of our organization depends on stability and continuance of existing leadership and direction, AND

WHEREAS: The mandates of Article II of the By-Laws of the Korean War Veterans Association dictate a term of office for officers to be two years, AND

WHEREAS: This limiting time frame handicaps the officers from obtaining the maximum exposure and influence with existing private and government agencies necessary for the future success of our organization

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We update the By-Laws of the Korean War Veterans Association and change the term of office for officers to three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we expedite this action as soon as possible to insure that the present administration will be included in this proposal and benefit from its passage.

Submitted this 15th day of April, 2000

Joseph Calabria Member # 5802LM
President, Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, KWVA

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reviewing stand. The parade was formed in alphabetical order and that was the reason we were last. My daughter and her husband were setting in the stands and she told me the United States received more applause than any other country, except Australia. We that marched in the parade were a very proud group of Korean War Veterans as we heard the applause along the parade route. The one thing I remember about Australian Air Force was in early August 1950, "B" Co. 35th Reg. 25th Inf. Div. was pinned down by heavy fire from the North Korean army. We called for an air strike and the 77th Squadron of the RAAF came through with flying colors. We were able to regroup and hold our positions. At that time we only had the 24th Div., 25th Div., and 1st Cav. Div. holding on to the Pusan Perimeter. The Military Historical travel put together a very fine program. For information the

Australia forces had 293 KIA, RAAF had 41 KIA, RAN 5 KIA. There were 1,216 WIA and 29 Prisoners of War.

I have received word that the KVA had to cut back on the quotas for this year. Some may have planned to return on the revisit tour, but may have to wait a little longer. I know that some of our officials are trying to get the quotas increased. I do hope that there is success to increase the quota. There are a lot of GI's that would like to revisit Korea and see the progress that has been made in the past 50 years. There are a lot of women that served in the Korean War and I think a lot of them may want to revisit.

In closing I hope to see you at the KWVA Reunion in Arlington, VA. the week of July 24 through 29th. Have a safe trip to the reunion.

Until then I remain.

Harley

GoodLife TV Network

Attention: Vincent Krepps
and KWVA Veterans

Greetings from GoodLife TV Network! Thank you so much for all of your assistance on our Korean War Commemoration project. If it is possible for GoodLife TV Network to link with your website please let us know if we can add the following to our announcement.

"For more information see the soon-to-be-added GoodLife TV Network link on www.kwva.org"

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Please contact me at 202-289-6633 if you have any questions or concerns. Again, your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tanya Bennett
Public Relations Coordinator

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		Number of Persons	Cost per Person		Total
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	.....	\$
Tattoo at Elipse by bus (based on 47 persons)	.....	.....	\$8.00	.....	\$
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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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

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Legislative Report

Our report contains bullets of pertinent legislation appropriate to the membership of the KWVA. We seriously request you address letters to your senators and congressmen in support of the legislation. The author of each bill is noted (send a thank you note if the congressman or senator is from your congressional district).

HR 3697: David Vitter (R-LA), Duke Cunningham (R-CA), Robin Hayes (R-NC), Steve Kuykendall (R-CA), Jim Moran (D-VA) and Gene Taylor (D-MS). Stipulates eligible retired members of the uniformed services and family can receive prescription drug benefits now available to only Medicare eligibles near BRAC sites and the TRICARE, Senior Prime. Opens Mail Order Pharmacy and TRICARE Pharmacy networks to all retirees regardless of age.

S 488: Rod Grams (R-MN). Remove all taxation on Social Security [SS] benefits.

HR 291: John Sweeney (R-NY). Tax exempt interest will be excluded in computing gross income if you receive SS benefits.

S 1427: Rod Grams (R-MN). Same as HR 1422 but is in the Senate.

HR 122: Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) Allow a credit refund to seniors born between 1917 & 1921 (Notch Babies), eliminate the Medicare Part B premium which penalizes these individuals.

HR 664: Tom Allen (D-ME) Develop a means for a substantial reduction in the price of prescriptions for Medicare beneficiaries.

HR 362: Bob Filner (D-CA) Extend the commissary and PX privileges to 30% vets with a service connected disability and their dependents.

S 329: Chas. Robb (D-VA). Extend eligibility care and medical care for those awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

Veterans Service Report

Backlog

You have heard this time and time again. The new VA appropriations bill designates specific funds to employ and train additional adjudicator and veterans claims handlers in the VA. A 400,000 backlog yet exists. How long have you waited for your claim to be handled. It has been a standard practice to deny claims, especially those requesting an evaluation for a higher percent disability rating. Dottie Schilling, KWVA Board of Directors, can give a lengthy dissertation on her experiences assisting veterans and the handling of claims.

Washington D.C. Report

Burial Squads

Must register with the local Funeral Directors Association advising you will participate at any veterans funeral (not only Korean War Vets) to be eligible for reimbursements. Contact a funeral director of your choice and he can advise.



KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org). Add your chapter and memorials and sign our guest book.

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**ARTICLE 1
CHARTER**

First: The name or title by which this society shall be known shall be: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.

Second: The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

Third: Its particular business and objects shall be:

1. To organize, promote and maintain for benevolent and charitable purposes an association of persons who have seen honorable service during the Korean War at any time between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and of certain other persons, the particular qualifications for membership to be set forth in the by-laws of the Korean War Veterans Association.

2. To grant charters to groups of members at large of the association.

3. To provide a means of contact and communication among the members of the association.

4. To promote the establishment of, and to establish war and other memorials commemorative of any person or persons who served in the Korean War.

5. To aid needy Association members and their wives and children, and the widows and children of persons who were members at the time of their death.

6. To establish and maintain a national headquarters

7. To do any and all things necessary or proper for the accomplishment of the foregoing business and objects of the association, including, for such purposes, to contract and pay for personal and other services, to contract for, buy, take by deed, gift or devise, hold, possess, manage, borrow, rent, lease, loan, assign, convey, sell, and dispose of in any manner real and personal property, and to act as trustee, or be a beneficiary of a trust.

Fourth: The number of trustees, directors, or managers for the first year of its existence shall be nine (9).

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**ARTICLE 1A
OFFICE**

The corporation may establish offices, either within or without the State of New York, as the

Executive Council may determine.

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. All communications shall be directed to that office.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Qualification of Members.
Membership in this association shall consist of honorarymembers, regular members, and associate members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

A. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected an honorary member by vote of the Executive Council.

B. Regular Members.

1. Service in United States Armed Forces.
 Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the armed forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945 - June 25, 1950) within and without Korea (June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1995), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, is eligible for mem-

bership.

2. Medal of Honor. Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean War era is eligible for life membership.

3. Prisoner of War. Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for life membership.

4. United Nations Command and Korean Armed Forces. Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations command or in the Republic of Korea Armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter is eligible for membership. However, UN/Korean membership of the association may not exceed 10% of the total membership.

5. Gold Star Parents. Any parent whose son was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership.

6. Gold Star Wives. Any woman whose husband was killed in action or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership.

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C. Associate Members. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the charter and bylaws shall be eligible for associate membership in the association.

D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the armed forces of the United States, or the United Nations command, or the Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable and who did not serve honorably, shall be ineligible for membership in this association.

Section 2. Membership Procedures.

A. Application. Any person qualified for membership, as set forth above, may present a written application to any member in good standing, on a form prepared and approved by the Executive Council. The application shall be an agreement that said applicant will agree and abide by and conform to the charter, bylaws, and regular procedures of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. The application, when accompanied with the dues as set forth below, may be accepted by any member, chapter, department or national office.

B. Termination of Membership. The Executive Council, by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance, may suspend or expel a member for just cause after an appropriate hearing. Such decision to be voted upon at the next general membership meeting. The Executive Council may, without a hearing, but upon notice to the member, suspend or terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership for non-payment of dues as set forth hereinafter. No chapter or department may take any action against a member, but may so petition the Executive Council. However, any such petition must show

that the member complained about was served with the petition before its filing with the Secretary of the association.

C. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary, but said resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

D. Reinstatement. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the secretary, the Executive Council, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Council may deem fit and proper.

E. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this association shall not be transferred or assigned.

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Section 3. Dues.

A. Amount of Dues. Payment of dues is a condition of initial and/or continuing membership.

Dues shall be \$20.00 per year for regular members. Life membership dues shall be \$150.00. Honorary members, Medal of Honor members, POW members, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star wives may pay dues if they so wish, but are not required to do so.

Associate members shall pay \$12.00 per year. The Executive Council may, with the approval of the membership, adjust the dues.

B. Payment of Dues. National dues shall be collated at the national office. All dues shall be due and payable on January 1 each year and be valid for a calendar year (1 January - 31 December). Life dues may be paid in a lump sum or in six (6) equal payments of \$25.00 each, all payable in the first year of life membership.

All dues collected by any member, chapter or department shall be paid to national headquarters within twenty-one (21) calendar days of such collection.

ARTICLE III ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. Members eligible to vote shall, in accordance with the procedure set forth hereinafter and, prior to the appropriate annual meeting, elect a national President, national First Vice President and national Second Vice President, whose terms of office shall each be for two years. The national President elected at said meeting shall appoint a national Secretary and a national Treasurer during the annual meeting. Other officials shall also be appointed to wit: a Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, MIA-POW Chair, Public Relations Chair, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, as well as other officials as needed. Only the Secretary and the Treasurer positions may be held by one person.

Section 2. Executive Council. The national corporation shall have an Executive Council consisting of seventeen (17) members; five officers, (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), together with twelve Directors, four of whom shall be

elected annually, prior to the annual meeting. Each director shall be elected for a three year term.

A. Voting. All votes of the Executive Council shall be by a simple majority, unless stated otherwise hereinafter, of a quorum of at least eight (8) elected members in attendance. Only the elected twelve (12) Directors and the First and Second Vice Presidents have an automatic Council vote - the President has a tie breaking vote only. Appointed officials of the Executive Council do not have a vote.

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B. Open Meeting. Any member of the association may attend meetings of the Executive Council and, at the discretion of the Council, may be invited to address them.

C. Special Meetings. The President or eight (8) elected members of the Executive Council may call a Council meeting, by giving two weeks written notice to all members of the Council, stating the time, place and agenda of the meeting.

D. Business Without a Meeting. Any elected member of the Executive Council may call for business to be conducted without a meeting. The national Secretary and at least twelve (12) other members must be informed and asked to acquiesce, by telephone, to a telephone conference meeting, which is then followed by a written resolution signed by each voting officer. Any such action must be ratified at the meeting of the next Executive Council.

Section 3 National Elections. The election of the national President and two national Vice Presidents, as well as the appropriate four Directors of the Executive Council, shall be conducted as follows:

A. Each regular member shall have a vote for all national officers. Each member shall cast only their own vote. Proxy voting is not permitted.

B. The national Secretary shall issue a call for an election which shall be published in the GRAYBEARDS in the first issue following January 1 of each election year. The call for election shall state the offices, and that any qualified member may announce for said office. The call shall state the Nominating Committee Chair's name and address; the address for collecting the submitted declarations of candidacy; all deadlines for declaring and for voting; and the procedures to be followed in filing for office. The March-April edition of the GRAYBEARDS will be the 'election' issue. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members including one officer of the Executive Council who shall serve as chair.

C. No later than February 15 of each year when such offices are to be filled, any regular member in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc., seeking to run for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Director shall make their intentions known to the Chair of the Nominating Committee in writing using the following format:

1. Requirements:

a. Must present proof of service by submitting a copy of a DD-214 or other document notarized as a true copy showing eligible service and a statement releasing such document for verification by the Nominating Committee.

b. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in the GRAYBEARDS.

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c. Must submit a letter with the following:

(1) Their intent to run for an office and the office sought.

(2) A resume of their qualifications for this office stating any experience that will be of benefit to the association.

(3) Their current mailing address, home telephone number and KWVA membership number.

(4) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.

d. A statement that they will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that they understand that two

(2) unexcused absences could be used for their removal from office.

e. They must sign a statement that their dues are current through the whole of the term of office they are seeking.

Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the association.

f. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Nominating Committee Chair to arrive not later than February 15 that year.

D. The Nominating Committee Chair shall then certify that the candidates are qualified to stand for office. Their declarations, in full, shall then be sent by the Nomination Committee Chair to the editor of GRAYBEARDS for publication in the following March-April issue. Those declarations may also be published in earlier issues of GRAYBEARDS should they have been submitted in time, providing the above requirements are met.

E. The editor of GRAYBEARDS, working with proper officials, shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing, which shall appear in only the March-April issue. No other ballots will be honored or accepted.

F. Members shall cast their ballot by marking thereon their choices and returning the official ballot by July 10 to the specified address, where a Certified Public Accountant shall count the ballots and render a report at the appropriate time and place during the annual meeting each year.

Section 4. Term of Office.

A. *The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, shall have a term of office of two (2) years, with two (2) consecutive terms maximum. Directors elected shall have a term of office of three (3) years, with two consecutive terms maximum. All elected officers shall assume office on 27 July. The term of office of all appointed national officers shall be at the pleasure of the President, with Executive Council approval. There*

will be no set term of office for appointed positions.

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Section 5. Removal.

A. Any officer of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. may be expelled or suspended

from office for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath in writing and a hearing held after due notice before the Executive Council.

B. Any officer not in attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause shall no longer hold such office having been deemed to have resigned said office.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the Executive Council until the next election for said office.

Section 7. Powers and Duties. The officers shall have powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Executive Council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this association. The duties of the elected and appointed officers shall be as follows (the use of the masculine gender in the following paragraphs should be taken to mean either masculine or feminine gender).

A. President. *The President shall perform the functions conferred upon him by these bylaws and shall generally be responsible for the execution of the policies and programs decided upon by the Executive Council. He may appoint standing committees and ad hoc committees composed of members at large to assist him in the execution of his duties. He shall have the power to call meetings of members of the association at the Korean War Veterans reunions and shall preside at such meetings, and he may call for meetings of the Executive Council over which he presides. He shall recommend to the Executive Council any action he considers necessary and proper for the welfare of the association. All documents which shall be legally binding on the association shall be signed by him, except in the case of disbursements by check or draft from the funds of the association's own account or an account managed by it; such checks or drafts will be signed and endorsed in accordance with Section 7D. In the absence of both the Treasurer and the assistant treasurer the President shall approve payment of invoices and bills.*

B. Vice Presidents. The two Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. The First Vice President has seniority, and in the absence of the President shall serve as, and have the powers of, the President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall be responsible to the membership of the association.

The Second Vice President shall be honorary chairman for the association reunions held during his term of office.

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C. Secretary. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council. He is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the association, and shall perform all administrative duties required of him by the President. He shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the association and shall keep records of the association. He shall maintain communications with the membership and reunion committees, offering assistance as required to publicize their actions to include assisting in development of charter groups and in making arrangements for reunions. Thirty (30) days prior to each reunion he shall submit to each officer and member of the Executive Council an agenda for the association business meeting and an agenda for the Council meeting. He or his assistant shall be editor of the GRAYBEARDS and from material provided by the members and other official and unofficial sources, shall maintain quarterly communications with all members on matters of general interest, with specific attention to Korean War Veterans activities and chapter news. In the performance of his duties, he may hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of the association affairs, as authorized by the Executive Council.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the

Executive Council. He shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies in behalf of the association and for making timely and proper disbursements from the funds in his charge. He shall maintain custodianship of certain funds and shall prepare financial statements for publication at Korean War Veterans reunions and in the GRAYBEARDS. At the direction of the Executive Council, he is to be bonded. Three persons shall be authorized to sign for expenditure of funds of the association. In order to be valid each disbursement must have the signatures of two of the three authorized persons.

E. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall conduct the annual memorial service to honor those who were killed in action, or died of wounds as a result of hostile actions and to memorialize association members who are deceased. He shall work closely with the Reunion Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer and perform such other functions as requested by the President.

F. Historian. The Historian shall prepare an annual history of the association and be responsible for obtaining news releases and other material pertinent to the maintenance of a Korean War Veterans Association Inc. historical record. He shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

G. Judge Advocate. *The Judge Advocate will be the legal advisor to the national officers and Executive Council, but may not hold any other*

office.

H. Appointed Positions. All appointed positions, (i.e. Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, & etc.) will be published in the Standard Procedures Manual.

I. Executive Council. The National Executive Council shall consist of seventeen (17) members, being - the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors. The President of the association shall be the Chair.

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The Council shall formulate policies and supervise the execution thereof. It shall have a least one stated meeting during the annual reunion preceding the association business meeting. It shall meet at other times as required and called by the President, and may vote by mail upon call by the President. It shall establish rules for itself and its internal committees and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings. The Executive Council may make rules as to the manner of notifying its members of business meetings and as to dispensing with such notices in the case of council members who are not within convenient traveling distance of the place of the meeting. No person shall receive any salary for services as a member of the Executive Council or the services as President or Vice President. The Executive Council may, from time to time, establish fees for services of Secretary or Treasurer. The Executive Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the association and shall decide the policies of the association.

J. Committees. There shall be two types of committees, to wit: (1) *Standing Committees*, and (2) *Special Committees*. *Standing Committees* (1) shall include the following: Budget Finance, Membership, Nominations/Election, Resolution, Reunion and "Tell America" Committee. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Council for the term of one year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the membership at large, except that the Chairman of each standing committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Executive Council. Having thus been chosen, he or she will continue to serve for the full term regardless of their status as a Council member. The *Special Committees* (2) shall be appointed by the President as needed, and shall serve at his pleasure, such committees include, but are not limited to: Publicity, Reunion operations-current year, and Reunion operations-future years.

The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee. A list of committees and a candidate acceptance form shall be published in the Standard Procedures Manual.

Section 8. Indemnification. Provision of insurance coverage for all association officers. Each officer, elected or appointed, and each member of the Executive Council of the association now or

hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the association against any and all claims and liabilities to which they have or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with any such claim or liability, provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for any expense incurred in connection with, any such claim or liability arising out of their own willful misconduct or gross negligence. The amount paid to any officer or director by way of indemnification shall not exceed their actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the matter involved, and such additional amount as may be fixed by a special committee appointed by the Executive Council. This right of indemnification herein before provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any director or officer of the association may otherwise be entitled by law.

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ARTICLE IV ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. *The National Reunion will take place annually. The annual meeting of the corporation will be held each year at the place of the reunion. Said date to be published in the GRAYBEARDS.*

Section 2. *The selection of the site and dates of the reunion shall be agreed by the Executive Council, and ratified by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting.*

Section 3. Elections of national officers shall be in accordance with Article III, Sections 3 and 4 of these bylaws.

Section 4. The vote on all other matters shall be decided by regular members in good standing in attendance at the annual meeting. Proxy votes will not be permitted.

Section 5. A simple majority of those attending and voting shall determine all issues, except when otherwise indicated in these bylaws or Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 6. At a general meeting one hundred (100) members in good standing and in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. A special meeting of the general membership may be called by a thirty (30) day written notice by the President, or over one-half of the Executive Council, or by ten (10) percent of the regular members in good standing by affixing their names to a petition for said meeting. The notice calling the meeting shall state the business to be conducted together with the time and place.

Section 8. The host unit shall be responsible for the association reunions.

ARTICLE V DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

I. Departments.

Section 1. Location. Each United State (50), United States Territory (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), as well as a Department(s) for the nations of the United Nations Command and

Korea, shall be designated as a Department upon the establishment of two or more certified chapters within said department.

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Section 2. Incorporation. Upon the certification of two or more chapters within a department, an organizational meeting shall be called, adopt bylaws, not inconsistent with these bylaws, and make application to the appropriate authority for a certificate of incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as 'Department of Korean War Veterans Association', and to prepare for a department convention and election before the end of the month of June next occurring.

Section 3. Officers. Each department of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. shall elect a department president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer during the annual meeting for said department to be held prior to the end of the month of June each year. The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the national Secretary. The department president shall appoint all other officers and committees as needed. No person may hold two elected department offices, except for secretary and treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

Section 4. Department Council. The department corporation shall have a department council consisting of the elected officers, the appointed officers and each chapter president or a member selected by the chapter president.

Section 5. Time of Elections. The elections of department officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the said department of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. prior to the end of the month of June at a time and place agreeable to the several chapters and upon a minimum of sixty days written notice of said meeting, unless waived in writing by each chapter.

Section 6. Term of Office. All elected department officers shall have a term of office of one year and each shall take office on the day of election.

Section 7. Vacancies. A vacancy in any elected office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the department members at the next department meeting.

Section 8. Powers and Duties. The several department officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the executive council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this association.

II. Chapters.

Section 1. Initially a chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) national members in good standing, but may grow to any size thereafter.

Section 2. Incorporation. Upon representation to the national Secretary or his designee that twelve (12) or more members in good standing or

proposed qualified members, intend to form a chapter, and have submitted the proper documentation for the awarding of a national charter, the proposed chapter members shall hold an organizational meeting which shall be called to adopt bylaws, not inconsistent with these bylaws, and make application to the appropriate authority for a certificate of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation to act as a subsidiary of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc., and to prepare for an organizational meeting preparatory to the annual meeting on or before the end of the month of June next occurring.

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Section 3. Formation Financing Loans. Chapters with twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) founding members may apply to national for a formation loan of \$50.00; with twenty-five (25) or more founding members the loan is \$ 100. 00. All loans to be repaid within one year.

Section 4. Officers. Each chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. shall elect a chapter president, vice president, secretary and treasurer during the annual meeting to be held prior to the end of the month of June each year.

The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the national Secretary. All other officers shall be appointed, as needed. No person may hold two elective offices except for secretary and treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

Section 5. Term of Office. All elected chapter officers shall have a term of office of one year and each shall assume office on the day of election.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy in any elected office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the chapter members at the next chapter meeting.

Section 7. Powers and Duties. Chapter officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the executive council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officer of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this association.

Section 8. Dissolution. Chapters may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the state of incorporation. All property of the said chapter will be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the state of incorporation.

ARTICLE VI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be conducted under the provisions of these bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. (most current edition.)

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Any proposed amendment to the Charter may be submitted by any regular member in good standing. The proposed amendment shall

be read at the next annual meeting by the Secretary, at which time it will lay on the table, be available for the consideration of the members and published in the GRAYBEARDS, and voted upon at the following annual meeting. Adoption of all such amendments must be approved by two-thirds of a quorum of members present.

Section 2. Any regular member in good standing may propose amendments to the bylaws by presenting them either in writing or in person to the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee at least thirty (30) days before the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Council. Such proposals will be considered at that meeting and then published in the GRAYBEARDS for ratification by two-thirds

of a quorum at the next annual meeting.

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I have finally found someone that was with my brother before and during his last days. His name is Ronald D. Lovejoy from Nevada. His daughter had seen my searching for on the Internet and mentioned it to her dad. He wrote a letter to me. The date was December 1, 1998. That is the day 48 years ago that my brother Richard was captured at Kunu-ri, North Korea. Now I held on to this letter for 3 months before replying by phone to Ronald. The main reason is that all the past ex-POWs did not have any way of proving to me that they were with my brother and most were only in the same camp. Ronald met my brother at the hospital he was sent to die. In Ronald's letter he stated that he tried to get my brother to eat the small rations of millet and barley. Ronald also said the hospital was an old Japanese Temple located at Camp 5 that the Chinese called the hospital. The only medicine they were given to stop the dysentery was charcoal. Ronald goes on to say that Richard was in real bad shape. My brother was put next to Ronald and they talked about home. Richard refused to eat the meager rations. The letter goes on to say he knew Richard wanted to make it home but the suffering was too much to overcome and he just gave up. The next morning when talking to Richard he saw no response. Richard was cold and stiff and it was assumed he died during the night as many others did. The guards took him outside and stacked him on the pile of other dead POWs like cordwood until the burial team came to pick them up. Ronald said he had my brothers wallet for a while but lost it somewhere at the hospital.

I needed to know Richard had someone to talk to, someone that tried to help him, someone that would be his last friend, someone that would replace a family member, someone that cared. Ronald said they were friends.

My visit with Ronald Lovejoy in Macon, GA.

On the 28th of July I flew to Macon to take part in the Korean War Ex-POW Reunion and to meet my new friend Ron Lovejoy. I did not know how I would react and I am sure Ron had the same feelings. We had never seen each other but somehow we would find a way to find one another. I wore my 2nd Inf. Div.

MY SEARCH IS OVER

By Vincent A. Krepps

So far I have told the story of "One Came Home," then "I Walked In His Footsteps" now I wish to bring you up to date with....."He Was There When My Brother Died."

Here is the last part of my search:

Korean War baseball cap so Ronald could find me. Needless to say many of the POW's were mingling and lots of hugging and story telling.

I noticed many POWs looking at me and I am sure they were wondering who I was and what camp I was from. I guess that is the biggest bond of all. If the POWs knew you were in their camp then you and they had more in common to talk about. After a few hours of waiting and having a few curious men come over and look at my name tag, then have the blank expression of who are you. After a few questions they then knew I was not a POW but a family member of a twin

brother who was a POW and never came home. I was then welcomed warmly.

After a few hours of wondering where Ron was. I went to my room, then the phone rang and it was Ron looking for me. Ron gave me his room number which happened to be next to mine. He asked me to come to his room. I knocked on the door and introduced myself. I knew from the first letter that Ron would be my friend for life and the big hug we exchanged made an unspoken statement that we both felt the same way. Ron and I talked for several hours. I guess I had the most questions and Ron answered each one to the best of his recall. I guess the main question on my agenda was how bad did Richard suffer. Ron answered that question in the most diplomatic way. I could see the pain on his face as he searched his mind to answer this difficult question. Ron said that most of the men with him including himself and Richard had very little expectation of coming out of the death house alive. He said that Richard was very sick, maybe more than others. They laid side by side. Ron then said the words that I suspected back to 1953 when Richard was not on the list to come home. "Richard had suffered so much that he lost the will to eat and the will to live." Ron then said just like many others, "Richard was found dead in the morning."

Ron and I spent a great 4 days together and he had a photo from Richards wallet that he gave to me. I enjoyed seeing him also to meet the former POW's that he knew and those that remembered him. There was a lot of hugging going on and the stories were endless. I could only wish that my brother would have come home and enjoyed talking to old friends. There are a lot of things that still crosses my mind that I wish I had answers to but most of those things only Richard could tell me. The Ex-POWs are and always will be a band of brothers. I was proud to be considered one of them even if it was only for a few days. None of the others remembered Richard but they showed me the same respect they would have had for him. I cannot express how proud I am of my brother and others must see it for I talk about him always and that will never stop.

I asked Ron to put in writing his story



Ron left and Vincent at Macon, GA

for I feel it is important to have all of you to know my brothers last friend.

My experience of the Korean War – By Ronald D. Lovejoy

I joined the Army on Jan 11, 1949. I took basic training at Ft. Ord, CA. When basic was finished I was sent to Ft. Lewis, WA where I became a member of the 38th Field Artillery Bn. In late July or early August my unit was being shipped out and we arrived in Korea about mid August 1950. Our 2nd Inf. Div. was there to help the South Korean Army and other units from the United Nation Forces to stop the advance of the North Korean Forces. Many battles were fought at the Pusan Perimeter and North after the Inchon Invasion. The U. N. Forces pushed the North Koreans back across the 38th Parallel and well past their capital of Pyongyang. Some units made it as far as the Yalu River the dividing line between North Korea and Manchuria, China. During November infiltration by the Chinese Peoples Army was becoming evident as captured POWs had many Chinese mixed in with North Koreans. It became evident that hundreds of thousands of Chinese had entered the War. Losses started to build up for the U. N. Forces. Many units were quickly overran. KIAs and wounded were everywhere. Roads to the south became a series of roadblocks for miles. Disabled vehicles filled the roads along with the many dead and wounded. The 2nd Div. was used as a rear guard to allow other units to retreat south. Losses for the 2nd I.D. was approaching 5,000. Many of the retreating forces were overcome by the hordes of Chinese and Prisoners of War was growing with each entrapment. On December 1, 1950, I was added to those that were captured. On November 29, 1950 we were ordered to retreat because it became obvious that our ability to hold our position was becoming hopeless. The 15th Field Artillery was on our left flank. I was told later that they got out but we ran into a overwhelming force of Chinese. I was a driver of a 6x6 10 wheeled truck pulling a 105 Howitzer Cannon. When we encountered the masses of Chinese we unhooked the Howitzers, split the trails and fired point blank into the Chinese. We fired all the ammunition we had then at near dark we

dropped hand grenades into the barrel of the gun and took off running. No one was around to tell us which way to go. A few others and myself hid out in trenches that night. We could hear the Chinese talking as they passed us nearby. We managed to evade the Chinese all the next day. We spent another night hiding from them. The next morning we encountered more Chinese. We fired our Carbines at them but after a few rounds our rifles jammed up because of the cold weather. We had no other choice then to throw down our weapons and hold our hands high in the air.

They took us to where other prisoners were grouped. We were lined up on a long straight road. We stood there about 45 minutes while machine guns were being set up at intervals along the road. We started shaking hands those within reach saying our good-byes for we expected to be killed where we stood on the road. The Chinese then set up a loud speaker and started talking to us in fluent English. They said , “Welcome to the Chinese Peoples Volunteer Army.” The speaker also said, “We would not be called Prisoners of War but fellow students of the Chinese People Volunteer Army.”

Shortly after we started our march north, several of us were taken out of line and made to drive our captured trucks. I think I hauled Chinese soldiers or supplies. I was not allowed to get out of the truck unless my guard gave me permission. The night driving was hard for you could barely see anything with only the blackout lights on. Every now and then they would allow me to turn on the headlights for a few seconds. One moonlit night I drove into a dark grove of trees. I turned on the lights quickly to find the road again and then I realized that I had ran over some Black American troops that had been killed by the enemy. One of them was hung up on the u-bolts at the back wheels. I tried to explain to my guard that something was wrong at the back of the truck. I finally convinced him to allow me to go to the back wheels and remove the dead soldier for he was flopping around when the truck was moving. I finally removed him which made me feel better and we proceeded down the road.

After a little ways all hell broke loose. An American plane flying a high mission spotted us and you knew he was coming after us for you could hear the roar of his engine getting closer. The guard and I jumped out of the truck and we ran for all we were worth. The bomb or whatever he dropped missed the truck and we got back into the truck and finished the night drive.

I spent another day in a hut. A couple days later after a few more night driving missions I was taken from the truck and herded with other prisoners and marched further north to the Yalu River, the border between North Korea and Manchuria. We saw several trucks with troops in them on our march north. We thought they were more American prisoners but they spit on us as they passed by. We learned later that they were Russian troops. We continued to march in circles and later someone said the reason for that was that they were removing the people out of the villages in order to make room for all the POWs.

December 1950 was so terribly cold and most everyone was suffering from frozen hands and feet. One day at early daybreak they put us in some large caves to spend the day and ones mans feet were frozen so bad that a Chinese girl in a uniform came into the cave and they took large tweezers and pulled off all his toes on both feet. As far as I know this man is still alive today but it was difficult for him to walk in camp with no toes. Mostly everyone was getting sick and could not take the change in food .

By the time we arrived in camp 5, Pyonktong, North Korea the people of the village had been removed and it was now a POW Camp. Many of the POWs had dysentery which made our close quarters much worse. We had at least 20 men to a small room and all were getting weaker and weaker every day. You can imagine the smell when the weaker ones could not get outside. This was hell I thought. Many men were dying and were taken out of the huts and buried on the banks of the Yalu River.

Later the real sick prisoners were taken out of the huts up hill to an old Japanese Temple they called it the hospital. I was one of them that was taken to the so called hospital. The next 12 weeks

I got weaker and weaker and losing weight fast. Both sides of my body and the tail bone had bad sores. I could no longer walk. The Chinese came in every day and gave us small packets of charcoal to help stop the dysentery. It did not help. This was the only medicine that we had.

I remember a Englishman who came every morning and at night and convinced me to take two tablespoons of millet mush or barley mush if I ever wanted to see my family again. If it wasn't for him I probably would have died in that camp. I can not remember all of the men I saw die that winter in that so called hospital but those that died were stacked like cordwood on the deck of the old temple like cordwood. I made it through that first winter but my weight was down to 89 pounds after I was weighed on a makeshift scale the POWs built. It was a long stick with marks on it. They hung me on a hook to weigh me. They called it a caddy.

One of the men I remember well was Richard W. Krepps, who was put beside me in this hospital. We laid together on that floor and talked a lot about home, families and food. We were friends only for a short time because he was very sick and very weak. He could not walk. One morning I turned to him to say a few words and there was no answer. I knew then that he had given up and had died during the night. We tried to get him to eat some of that barley and millet mush but he refused.

Later in August 1951, Billy Farrell who was from my unit came to the hospital with dysentery real bad and had lost a lot of weight. He didn't last long either. He was dead by the end of August even though the weather was warmer. It was then that we were carried outside on the deck to get some nourishment from the warm sun. The chords under my knees had shrunk and I could not straighten my legs out. I kept working on them every day until they were straight.

Then one day when the Chinese came and took me to a building where they made an incision on my right side and took out the flesh and stuffed in a cooked chicken liver. Two weeks later they did the same thing except this time it was a hogs liver. Each incision the liver just seeped out. The said this process would



Photo from Richard's wallet that Ron carried for 48 years then gave to twin brother Vincent in Macon, GA July 28, 1999. Visit www.kwva.org and link for 50th Anniversary of Korean War Web page for complete story.

help us to regain our strength and appetite and gain our loss weight back. I did gain some weight back to about 110 pounds but not enough strength to carry myself for I kept falling to the ground if I tried to do anything quickly. I finally got better and returned to the main camp.

Then came indoctrination of the Communist Propaganda. We had study groups and communist movies about Mao tse Tung and his people enjoying life and working in fields together. It was a routine to thing to be taken to the headquarters and being asked what we thought about communism. I always said I had learned a lot from the study groups and the movies. They left me alone about it until the next time back to headquarters. Life went on and we wondered how the peace talks were going.

Finally after what seemed an eternity the peace talks were successful and the armistice was signed. We were called to the parade field and told the war had ended and we were going home. After all these months (33 plus) and it seemed impossible that we were going home. Everyone was yelling and throwing there hats in the air. I just stood in disbelief. I didn't that would ever happen but it was true. Those that were sick went in the first

bunch, then the second bunch went out. 39 others and I were on our way to be received by American personnel. We left camp August 1, 1953 and got to the to the receiving point August 7, 1953. From the receiving point to Freedom Village, then by helicopter to the 5078th A. V. Inchon, South Korea.

Then the long ride home by ship to San Francisco, CA on August 23, 1953. Twelve days aboard ship. I think they were trying to get us used to American food again. I could not eat very much at first. My brother and step-father were at dockside to meet me and take me home.

Ronald D. Lovejoy, C Battery, 38th Field Artillery Bn., 2nd Inf. Div.

(Ronald, my family and I thank you for your service, your sacrifice and hardships. We also thank you for being a friend of our son, brother and fellow POW, Richard W. Krepps. We know your support and friendship to him must have meant a lot and we want you to know how grateful we are that you were there for him. May God Bless you and your family forever. Stay in touch and welcome home. My last wish is to be here when Richard comes home, if not then I hope someone reading this will stand in for the family.—Vince Krepps)

A Tribute to all our brothers

Some time in early October 1999 I received an e-mail asking me to help a student in high school with a writing project. This student choose to write about the Korean War and asked for my story in order to give her some history from someone that had been in that war. Sometime later I sent my story and some photos by e-mail. I really did not expect to hear from this person again but we did exchange several more e-mails and finally I received the following e-mail.

*Subject: I've finished
Date: Tue, 19 Oct 1999 07:30:27 -0400
From: "Beth"
To: <vkrepps@erols.com>*

Here is my story. I'm actually turning it in today. I hope you don't mind me using you as my inspiration. Thank you once again.

Never Forgotten

By Beth Murff

This short story is dedicated to Vincent A. Krepps of the 2nd Inf. Div. Korea, 1950-1951, my inspiration. He shared his own

heartbreaking story with me; sadly his, unlike mine, was anything but fiction. Mr. Krepps was fortunate enough to return home safely from the war, but his twin brother disappeared. It was assumed that he passed away in a Prisoner-of-War camp; however, Mr. Krepps and his family never received any physical confirmation.

I would like to thank Mr. Krepps for his generosity in sharing a very personal part of his life with a complete stranger and share my fervent hope that his prayers will be answered: that Richard will come home.

Although the night was chill, the familiar silhouette of Robert and Susanna was still visible in the bright moonlight. The two could be found together on Forever Hill every Friday night since early that summer when they first met. A beautiful hideaway with an extraordinary view, the hill was the perfect place to sketch or think. In fact, Susanna was sketching the horizon at sunset when Robert stumbled into her secret spot. He was new to Pine Valley and had set out to explore the mountains surrounding the small town on a hiking trip. Grateful for another human presence, Robert had asked Susanna to direct him homeward, and Susanna, about to set forth herself, replied that she would be more than happy to show him back to town. As the two walked they became wonderful friends. After that they always accompanied one another to Forever Hill. Those Friday evenings came and went, but the weekly outing was never forgotten.

This night, however, was no ordinary night. The following day Robert would be departing by train to go to boot camp. There was a conflict in Korea, and Uncle Sam needed brave young men to go keep the peace. He would no doubt return safely, however, for after World War II everyone knew that the United States could not be defeated. Upon hearing these words, Susanna was not comforted in the least.

"I've only just met you," she said solemnly. "Why must you go now? You have plenty to attend to here. Other men can run off with the Army and their guns and tanks, but not you. Whatever possessed you to join the troops?"

"It's just a chance to support my country. I feel obliged to take this opportunity

since I've never been concerned about it before. Remember, I'm the guy who would be quite happy wandering through the woods at any given time—well, I am

the guy who is wandering through the woods at any given time, except for Friday nights, of course," he added with a warm smile at Susanna. "I guess I feel like I ought to be helping out the country I take so much advantage of."

"I take as much advantage of it as you," she said indignantly, "and I'm not going off on any silly train tomorrow."

"Silly? Maybe the whole thing is silly to you. You women could never understand what we Army men feel like."

"You're not an Army man yet, sweetheart," she reminded him, "And you don't understand how we feel either. What am I supposed to do while you're away keeping order somewhere in Asia? Sit here by myself? Sure, that's what I used to do, but I don't think I could handle the emptiness on this hill without you beside me."

Robert's eyes moved swiftly to Susanna's, but they were focused on the clump of grass by her feet. The lack of conversation that followed was compensated by the emotions pounding in each heart and the thoughts running through each head. Finally Robert broke the silence.

"Without me, huh?" His voice was a murmur. "You really would care that much?"

Susanna slowly turned her head to stare into the distance. "Evidently you'd be surprised," she replied with a tremor in her voice. Her sparkling eyes found their way back to his; the sparkle was not the usual lively gleam but the glimmer of tears. One spilled down her cheek, and she sheepishly wiped it away.

They stood there, each searching the others' eyes and groping for some words that could adequately express what they wanted so badly to say. Those words, however, were nowhere to be found. Tears streamed from beneath Susanna's lashes, and finally Robert could no longer withstand his own emotions. He pulled Susanna close within the circle of his strong arms and hugged her tightly, realizing what it was that he wanted to say.

"There's no need to cry—ah, Susie, don't cry over me," he began. "I'll be



Beth Murff

back, I promise, and nothing between us will have changed. I'll write to you when I can, and when the whole thing's over I'll be right back here by your side. I... I can tell you this because I know that's exactly where I want to be."

At this Susanna's tears ceased to flood down her cheeks and her attention focused on Robert. Though red from crying, her eyes shone with a deep happiness. "So it's not just me? You felt it too! Right when I met you... it was just... unreal. I just... have had this feeling about you. But I didn't want to say anything about it in case you didn't feel the same. I didn't want to lose you... but now I will anyway." Her face fell once more.

"No you won't!" he insisted. "You'll never lose me, not to Korea, not to anyone. You and I, we've got something special. I've known it since that day I found you here, and I've never forgotten. I don't forget things like that. Now, I have to leave tomorrow whether you, whether I, like it or not. I'll be gone maybe a year or so, and afterwards I'll come right home to you. We can get married, and everything will be like it's supposed to be. This is just a setback. If we can handle being an ocean apart, we can handle anything!"

"You're right," Susanna admitted weakly. "I just don't want to see you go. I don't want you to go anywhere that I can't come too. I want to be with you. Forever, God willing."

"We will be," he promised and the two stood hand in hand on Forever Hill gazing out into the infinite expanse of moonlit land as though looking into their own future set before them.

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The morning sun woke a reluctant Susanna with its harsh rays assaulting her eyes through the slits of the blinds. It seemed that the day was against her

although she was yet to slip out of the comfort of her bed. All at once that warmth no longer lent any comfort; Robert was leaving today.

Hurriedly she arose and went about her morning ritual. When she was ready to descend the steps she took a final glance into the mirror and was startled to see that it didn't look like she slept at all. She didn't bother with her appearance, though. Susanna wanted to spend as much time with Robert as possible before he set foot aboard that train.

Breakfast lacked the faintest flavor that morning. Susanna only poked at it, and the little that she managed to swallow stuck like cardboard in her throat. When a knock sounded at the door, she neglected her meal all together and rushed to greet Robert. As soon as the door was open she fell into his arms. As he held her she made the painful realization that after this day she would not be held close to him for a very long time. Not knowing when that time would come, not wanting to think such awful thoughts, Susanna held on tight to her love so newly discovered and hoped that time was not too far away.

"The train leaves at 11:30," Robert told her, attempting a brave voice but failing altogether.

"Then you're going to spend those two hours with me," she informed him.

Time rushed by without a thought towards the despairing couple. Likewise, the train whistle sounded shrilly and shattered the shreds of joy left in the day. Susanna and Robert stood together watching the long black train pull into the station and spewing its smoke into the cold morning air. A feeling of inevitability hung in the air as Susanna turned to Robert.

"I don't want to say good-bye..." she started, her eyes brimming once again with tears.

"Then don't," Robert interrupted, "Because I don't want to hear it. It's not like I'll never see you again; there's no need for good-byes."

With that he embraced her lovingly and kissed her lightly. "I'll be back. Don't you forget it."

Susanna willed herself to be strong as Robert bade farewell to his other acquaintances of the small town and his

family. She nearly wept when she saw him pick up his younger sister and swing her around with a sad smile on his face. Slowly he made his way back to her and took her hand.

"All aboard!" came the shout from the tracks. There was no time left; Robert had to leave.

He hugged Susanna tenderly and turned reluctantly to the train. She watched as he climbed aboard and gazed at him through the window with tearful eyes. She turned away only as the train was swallowed up by the horizon. As she walked to join her parents she replayed the scene in her mind. Holding her close, he had whispered, "Don't forget."

She knew that she could never forget him.

Susanna still visited Forever Hill every Friday night although she was no longer accompanied by Robert, for he was now in Korea. She read and reread his letters to her, and corresponded with a clear mind as she sat in the peaceful setting. She was aware that his situation was rather the opposite of peaceful. Affairs in Korea had been rapidly escalating; there was much fighting going on. Robert did not try to shield her from that knowledge as the politicians did. He knew that regardless of what it was, Susanna would want to know the truth. She tried to comfort him with news from home and sketches from their special haven of Forever Hill. Although she prayed numerous times everyday for his safety and return home, she was frightened for Robert. The conflict only worsened, and so did her fears. As long as she received letters from him, though, she assured herself that he was perfectly fine.

But eventually the letters stopped coming.

Susanna wrote almost everyday hoping desperately to provoke some response, any response. She recalled the names of some of Robert's friends in his troop and wrote to them in case one of them would happen to know what became of Robert. Despite her efforts, the answer to the question weighing down her soul was nowhere to be found. For her, relief was impossible and happiness vanished. She could see the dream of their life together slipping out of her

grasp and off into the obscure shadows of the future. She continued writing, forever writing, but to no avail.

Susanna had come to face the truth: Robert was lost to her, at least in this life.

At the end of the war, Robert's parents received a letter stating that he was missing in action and presumed dead. Such was the fate of many Prisoners-of-War. Viewing this letter brought Susanna little peace; she had assumed that much. Clearly it was not as important to old Uncle Sam as it was to her that Robert come home. As soon as the war was over, the country moved on; the Korean War was forgotten. Although it was something she could not forget, Susanna forced herself to move on as well.

Life without him was difficult, but she survived. There was never any husband or family for Susanna, though; that dream had died with Robert. Instead, Susanna made art her new love. She filled the lonely hours of her days giving lessons to teenagers. It was a pastime that offered some happiness to her empty life. She grew close to her students, and they loved her. Sometimes she would take them on hikes to different areas to capture the beauty of Pine Valley. A few talented students were taken to Susanna's favorite spot, Forever Hill. As they painted, she would sit on the rock that she had occupied so often and do a little painting herself. She could not count the number of times she had painted or sketched that particular stretch of land, but it did not matter. To Susanna, there was always an exquisite beauty to be found in Forever Hill that she could not put down on paper or canvas. Perhaps that beauty came from the memories it held for her.

On Fridays nights, she could still be found there, gazing off into the moonlit expanse ahead of her, seeing something none of her students could ever capture. She would see her days as a teenager, the day when Robert first arrived, and the last day she ever beheld his smiling face. She would see the life that they had planned together, the life she had not been permitted to live. Susanna remembered all of these things vividly, most of Robert's last words to her. She imagined him looking down on her from Heaven,

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Letters



Veterans Day has meaning to some

Another Veterans' Day has come and gone. Aging Legionnaires in ill-fitting Ike jackets have followed the obligatory fifers and drummers down America's Main streets one more time; wreaths have been laid, and speeches -hoary with repetition dusted off for the television cameras and dwindling onlookers.

Hopefully, along with the rhetoric and show, there are many who in their own quiet way, contemplate the real meaning of the day while honoring the memory of those who have marched off to wars in the name of country, and especially those who never returned.

I have no quarrel with the idea that we should have a day set apart for the specific purpose of remembering. In fact I wish our focus as a people would be more on remembering our next door heroes than on mall sales and pre-Christmas gimmickry. I have never been able to fathom a connection between the rows of white crosses on a Normandy hillside and the almost indecent hawking of VCR's, white percale bed linen and one-of-a-kind carpet remnants which has become an established feature of holidays once thought to be sacred.

But it is not our national obsession with commercialism which troubles me most on this day-after Veterans' Day. The nagging sense of loneliness which touches the corners of my mind this year arises from something more subtle and even more disturbing, and it seems that even the national media are abetting the selective loss of memory which has now infected a complete generation. As a case in point, a remark heard by the tens of thousands who listen to a well-known radio host struck me with club-like clarity in the course of yesterday's celebration. Realizing suddenly that he had been talking almost exclusively about Vietnam veterans -a preoccupation presently in vogue everywhere it would seem- this supposedly erudite radio personage felt compelled to offer an apology:

"I don't mean to overlook all those veterans of World War I and World War II", he explained, "I know there are still many of those."

Unwittingly, he had underscored the very oversight which must depress the millions of now-middle-age Americans who, like myself, served in a forgotten place named Korea.

Our war too was an unpopular conflict. It came at an inconvenient time in history, right on the heels of the "real war" in which our older brothers captured our national patriotic zeal. For us, there was no real home front, only a largely indifferent public busy enjoying the long-postponed prosperity of those post-war years. But still we went, in our hundreds of thousands, and we bled and left behind our buddies in a distant land.

For the most part we went quietly, without the fanfare of draft-card burnings, flag desecration's and campus demonstrations. None of my friends went to Canada to escape service - in fact most of them enlisted rather than wait for a Draft notice in the first place. Our war too was fought half-heartedly by political leaders who never contemplated the possibility of a clear cut victory, even though such was entirely possible. We were given cast-off WW II

trucks, and tanks, rusty weapons and fouled ammunition, and sent into a sub-zero Siberian winter in ill-conceived clothing to suffer frostbite and amputation. Our weapons froze, our vehicles mired, and the zippers on our sleeping bags trapped us during night bayonet attacks.

Our casualty rate was heavier than that of any war our country has ever been involved in. In two years of bloody combat, with an enemy who had never heard of the Geneva Conventions, we lost as many men killed in action as in ten years of Vietnam! 350,000 fell while the United Nations wrangled over armistice terms and we were denied the opportunity of advancing or even consolidating our own positions. More than 8000 remain "Missing in Action" today!

There was little glory in the march from Chosin or the grim days of the Pusan perimeter, and it was not a national resolve that kept us from being thrown into the sea, but the individual spirit and initiative of the American fighting men who shared those soggy bunkers and lonely outposts.

There were no Kent State riots or marches on The Capitol by our generation, and I can't recall anyone wasting much effort on explaining to us why we were there and what we were supposed to accomplish. Certainly the civilian world -it seemed to us- was busy having a pretty good time, and not giving a whole lot of attention to what was happening ten thousand miles away. Even the media seemed content merely to report the news:

"United Nations forces once again held firm against a determined Chinese Communist assault north of the 38th Parallel today. Dispatches indicate that casualties were heavy. . ."

Today, millions live in comparative freedom and economic security in South Korea because of what we did there, and still, ours is a virtually forgotten war. In the face of our national schizophrenia over Vietnam, we conveniently overlook the sacrifice and service of a generation of veterans who served in one of the world's most thankless conflicts; one of which history may yet write a happy epilogue. Only as a belated afterthought was the shining wall of black granite against which the survivors of Vietnam can revisit their lost friends, joined by a tribute to our comrades. There are no post-combat trauma centers to hold the hands of Korean veterans who -all these years later- still awake in the middle of the night with a scream on their lips and terror in their souls, and memories that will never completely go away.

Veterans' Day... and I remember the faces of men I loved, and I can still cry. And I feel a little bit lonely.

Al Cooper
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A letter to dad from your daughter

Dear Dad:

I just wanted to share something with you. I was in the store on Veteran's Day and saw a table set up where Amvets were asking for donations and giving out those little flowers. I walked by and saw something about Korean Vets and something just stopped me

in my tracks. I dug out some money and went back and put it in the can, the whole time thinking, "That was my Dad" and thousands of others like him - who were willing to fight for this country. And I just felt this enormous gratitude, an overwhelming thankfulness to you and all those like you. And those like Joe who volunteered to fight if they were needed. I wanted to tell the man at the table about you being in Korea, but I couldn't because I was crying. So I just said "thank you" to him and to every veteran, with every ounce of sincerity I had in me.

I am so proud of you and your service. I wish everyone could have a moment like I did - to realize how incredibly blessed we are to live in this country and to have so many men who were willing to give their lives to keep it safe. So to you, with deepest gratitude, I say thanks. You are a hero to me.

I put the little flower on my visor so I could be reminded over and over of my blessings, of the courage, bravery and suffering of so many of you.

With love and gratitude,

Lynn

(This special daughter remembered dad on Veterans Day. This alone would last me for a lifetime.)

Christmas on the MLR in Korea

Enclosed photo is of a woodcarving which I recently completed which I've titled "Christmas at the front, Korea." I served in a line company (L Co. 35th Regt. 25th Div.) from August 1951 to March 1952. This carving depicts the Christmas I spent in Korea and I'm sure will evoke memories for many veterans of that conflict.

Kevin Wolff



"Christmas at the Front," a woodcarving by Korean vet Kevin Wolff.

Navy Honoring Korean War Veterans

Washington, D.C., March, 2000 — In observing the 50th anniversary of the Korean Conflict, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington is encouraging naval service personnel Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marine, active service or veterans to get themselves enrolled in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C.

The Log has thus far collected names and service information of 245,000 present and former naval personnel. Most of the names are of living persons self enrolled or by gift tributes from friends or families but a large number are of deceased veterans enrolled in the Log by their descendants or by surviving shipmates. All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for viewing at

the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial's Internet web site www.lonesailor.org.

Each Log entry contains the entrant's name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations. Log enrollments help support the Memorial's values based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America's enduring naval heritage.

Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine active service or veteran desiring to enroll should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log Dept Y2000, P. O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7685. A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned). Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial and adjoining Naval Heritage Center.

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Air Force Honoring Korean War Veterans

The US Air Force Museum will be opening the 50th anniversary "Korea Remembered: The US Air Force Comes of Age" on 26 June 2000. The exhibit, which I am curating, will fill a 100' x 35' hallway and will commemorate the service of the USAF and its personnel those many years ago. Subject areas include: Air Superiority, Strategic Bombing, Interdiction, Close Air Support, Reconnaissance, Korean Airlift, Air Rescue, Aeromedical Evacuation, Medals of Honor, and Prisoners of War. It will include about 160 color photographs depicting not only USAF aircraft and combat missions, but also daily life on the K-bases, from getting a haircut to changing an engine. It will also display many newly acquired artifacts.

I hope you get a chance to come and see the Wright-Patterson Museum Air Force Museum in Ohio and the new exhibit.

Jeff Duford
Research Division

Ex-POW daughter needs your help

I am putting a book of poems together and I am asking for anyone that may have a poem to send it to me. All the money will go to the Korean vets. I already have about 65 but I would like to get as many as I can. This would mean a lot to me to do this for my dad and all the other POWs. Any help you can give me would be great. Mail poems to Jane (Dorsey) Adams, 1204 Flordia St., Prattville, Alabama 36067.

CILHI needs your help

Dear Dr. Goldman, Hello, I hope you are well. I am a physical anthropologist from the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii; we met at the AAFS meetings this year in Reno. We were only able to talk briefly at the meetings, but I am very interested in speaking with you more about mortuary-processing procedures used during the Korean War. There are two cases here at the laboratory from that era and we have been unsuccessful in sequencing them for mtDNA. Both cases are represented by complete skeletons and are in good condition, so the reasoning behind the sequencing problems are mystifying. At this point, we think it must have something to do with the way the bodies were prepared at the overseas mortuaries.

It would be of great help to us in identifying these individuals, if you could provide any information you may have on the processing procedures. From archival research, I have discovered that fungicides were poured on the bodies, but it has been difficult discovering what types of chemicals were used in the fungicides. There has also been concern that fluorescent light was possibly used on the bodies, but we have not been able to find a specific reference corresponding with that information.

There are approximately 800 unknown Korean War Veterans buried currently in the Punchbowl Cemetery here in Hawaii. We hope to overcome this problem with the mtDNA sequencing in order to identify these individuals and send them home to their families and friends. Any help you could provide us concerning mortuary-processing procedures would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call, write, or e-mail me; I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Gretchen A. Nelson, Physical Anthropologist, (808) 448-8062 ext. 16 or nelsong@cilh.army.mil

("Doc" Goldman asked me to print this letter in hopes that others out there may have answers to these questions and can respond to Gretchen A. Nelson.—Editor)

Memories

The Memory can be the saddest, ugliest, most tragic scar one can have, it leaves no visible sign on the body, face or in ones eyes, this memory lays dormant in the far reaches of ones mind never ever going away.

There are days, weeks, and months, when there is complete calm and peace of mind. Then one day something triggers the memory. An awakening, one recalls the tragedies of war: Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans' Day are just a few veterans holidays that remind us to remember those men and women who fought for our country. Other events include watching and participating in parades, raising the American flag and lowering it at half staff, playing taps in honor of those who gave up their lives for freedom at memorial services held at village halls throughout the land and attending flag raising ceremonies at public buildings. Independence Day (July 4) is a significant holiday that brings out emotional feelings for the veterans and families. Watching the spectacular fireworks displays brings back memories of bombs bursting in the air, small fire arms, fire fights, grenades raining down upon us while charging up a hill. The enemy dropping mortar rounds in ones' back pocket with precision accuracy. All those noises remind me of those far off lands, terrifying noises

that would rake the sky and hills with its chilling sound. *Oh, yes, we remember that bloody, bloody Korea.*

We were a nation of many countries coming together for the first time in history for a single cause, standing tall against the aggression of communism:

Australia	Netherlands
Belgium	New Zealand
Canada	Norway
Columbia	Philippines
Denmark	Union of South Africa
Ethiopia	United Kingdom
France	United States of America
Greece	Sweden
India	Thailand
Italy	Turkey
Luxembourg	Republic of South Korea

In a place called the land of the morning calm, that *bloody, bloody Korea.*

History says that we fought gallantly against odds, five times greater than ours did. Because of our determination not to be driven out of Korea, and because of Americas stand in Vietnam against communist aggression, and the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, communism is losing its foothold against the free world.

The year 2000 will mark 50 years since the beginning of the Korean War, and we are still defending the 38th parallel helping to keep South Korea free. 54,246 Americans would die and another 103,284 were wounded in action while 7140 were taken prisoners and 8,179 are still listed as missing in action.

Oh, yes, we remember that bloody, bloody Korea.

(This very strong and important message was sent to me by Bill Minnich of the South Suburban Chapter of Illinois.—Editor)

Keysville, VA Korean Memorial dedication

There will be a parade down main street in Keysville, VA. on Saturday August 12th at 11 am followed by the dedication of the memorial in construction at this time with the help of the community of Keysville, Korean veterans and their families. Contact J. Clements at e-mail address <VAJ2862@aol.com>

Maine Korean War Vets Remember!

Korean War era vets and family members and friends, are invited to attend a special 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Reunion at Bangor on August 18-20, 2000 in remembrance of those who served, bled, fought, died in the cause of Freedom in Korea and throughout the world - especially those who did not come home, our MIA, and their family members. The reunion will be held in conjunction with the 24th annual reunion of the Atlantic Provinces Korea Veterans Association, Canada. The event will be hosted by the BurtonGoode-Sargent Chapter #1, Korean War Veterans Association, Bangor, and the CPL Clair Goodblood Chapter #2, KWVA, Augusta.

On Saturday August 19, there will be a full-dress parade in downtown Bangor. A number of military and civilian organizations are scheduled to participate. Anyone who would like to participate in the parade or for details are requested to contact Ken Buckley at 207 Forest Ave., Bangor 04401, telephone 1-207-942-2701 or by

email <KBuc263924@aol.com>. Or Arthur J. Bonenfant, 169 Northern Ave, #1, Farmingdale, ME 04344, telephone 1-207-582-3327 or by e-mail <ajb2engr@aol.com>.

South Korea remembered Texas Korean War Veterans

In San Antonio, Texas, Korea came to us!- In effect The Korean American Cultural Foundation brought a program called "Korea Has Come To You." Held at the Carver Cultural Community Center and with approximately 200 Korean War Veterans and their families in attendance The Foundation saluted the veterans in a beautiful ceremony. About fifty young Korean military officers assisted by fifty beautiful young Korean ladies presented us veterans with a large handsome gold medal. We exchanged salutes and hand shakes with young people and even kisses were given. It was a toss up as to who appeared more grateful the young people for a free country or the old veterans for finally being thanked on our own soil. Widows and orphans of our fallen brothers were also presented the same medal of recognition.

The rest of the evening was devoted to enjoying a vast array of Korean music, dance, performance and visual arts. All the veterans were smiling and proudly wearing their medals around their neck. We should all thank Mr. Park, Jie-Won, Minister of Culture, ROK, Mr. Lee, Young Jack, Foundation Chairman, Mr. Yoo, Jay K., Foundation Pres., and Mr. Nam, Jeong-Pan, Sec. Gen. Korea Freedom League and locally Mr. Won Pak, Owner Korean Restaurant.

(Similar reunions and activities are scheduled to take place all across the United States and 21 other countries. It is hard to print all. I had to shorten some of these long letters. I would rather get photos of these events. I also have many photos from Korea during the war years that I want to print in the next issue. Please look for the new "Photo Section" in the next Graybeards. The July-August issue will be dedicated to our War that began 50 years ago on June 25, 1950. If you have some old photos please get good photo copies that do not need to be returned. Explain the photos but please keep it short so we can show as many as possible. I have saved many of those old photos sent to me the last few years so if you want them back please send me an addressed and proper postage envelope and I will return your photos. Please describe them or what issue and page they appeared in.-Editor)

Korean War Vet honored for writing

Joseph E. Schumacher of Wilmington, Delaware, was recently honored by the Musical Box Society International on October 1 at their 50th Anniversary Convention at the Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia and presented with the MBSI President's Award. This Award was presented to him in recognition of exemplary and devoted long-term service in furtherance of the ideals and goals of the Musical Box Society International and its membership. He was recognized for having written over forty articles on automatic musical boxes and other mechanical music machines. These were published in the MBSI Journal, an international publication. Joe is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University (BS 1956) and The Univ. of Delaware (MBA 1964).

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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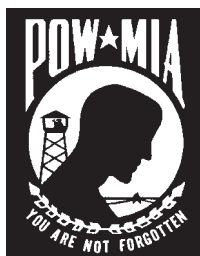


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Secretary of Defense reaffirms commitment

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen is on a 10-day trip to Asia that includes two stops in Vietnam and others in Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. His visit to Vietnam is the first by a U.S. defense secretary since the end of the war. "We're committed to all of our warriors, past and present. We're committed to their families, whose pain has endure for decades," he said. "America's fallen heroes did not face the horror of battle for us to turn away from their sacrifice. They didn't fight for us to forget."

March 31, 2000

Efforts to recover MIA remains to begin in South Korea

U. S. and Republic of Korea officials have reached tentative agreement on a broad range of provisions to enhance combined operations in South Korea to recover the remains of American servicemen missing in action from the Korean War.

Meeting in Seoul with officials of the Korean Ministry of National Defense (MND), a high-level team from the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office and the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii (CILHI) agreed to procedures and discussed several locations for combined recovery operations in 2000.

These talks broaden existing recovery operations in the Republic of Korea. CILHI specialists presented potential recovery locations where they believe additional American remains may be recovered. Additionally, the officials discussed gaining access to Korean War veterans who may have personal knowledge of the loss or burial sites of Americans. Both sides expect recovery operations to start by early June.

Between 1951-55, Army graves registration teams recovered approximately 25,000 remains in the south, all but 400 of which were identified and returned to their families. CILHI has conducted 10 recovery operations over the past two decades in the south, leading to the identification of three missing American servicemen.

U.S. and ROK officials established a framework to share technical assistance and operational experience during South Korea's three-year effort to account for their own missing from the war. Republic of Korea officials agreed to share any information gathered from veterans, witnesses and archives that might lead to the recovery of missing Americans as they undertake this ambitious recovery effort.

U.S. officials offered access to historical and archival data that might aid MND in its search for potential recovery sites. Additionally, CILHI is prepared to provide the South Koreans assistance in a number of technical areas.

POW/MIA head receives prestigious veterans award

Robert L. Jones, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Personnel Affairs, was honored recently by AMVETS with its Civil-Servant -of-the-Year Award.

He was cited for "his many initiatives to achieve the fullest possible accounting of America's missing in action."

Mr. Jones directs the work of dedicated teams of scientists and investigators. In this capacity, he has personally negotiated agreements beneficial to the recovery process.

Long active in POW/MIA affairs, Jones - who is a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War - was also recognized for his efforts to ensure this issue remains a high national priority, and that the rights of family members are preserved.

For more than 40 years, the AMVETS Silver Helmet Award has been presented to public figures and private citizens to recognize outstanding accomplishments in various fields. During this time, the award - which is a silver replica of the World War II G.I. helmet - has come to be

known as the "Veterans Oscar." Past recipients have included President George Bush, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, Generals Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf, among others.

AMVETS, chartered by Congress in 1947, is the country's fourth largest veterans service organization.

Memoirs provide leads to analysts

Analysts supporting the U.S. Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs have interviewed a Russian émigré and obtained information related to Americans who may have been held in the Soviet Gulag in the 1940s and 1950s.

The information, referred to as the "Memoirs," was collated from second, third or fourth hand reports from the source who had been living in internal exile in the former Soviet Union.

The analysts translated the interview with the source, and passed it to the Russian side of the Commission during the plenary meeting in Moscow in late 1999. In addition, U. S. analysts stationed full-time in Moscow are using this report to investigate leads and examine archives in Russia which may shed some light on the information in the "Memoirs."

The "Memoirs" are posted on the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>. Readers should click on "news, events, updates," then "special reports" to read the document. A relatively small portion of the report is excerpted from the original as the information does not relate to the POW/MIA issue, or the information would tend to identify the source.

Rumors based on misinformation

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, as well as other agencies, have recently received inquiries concerning plans for future operations to account for missing Americans. These inquires, while sincere in their interest in the issue, are based on erroneous information and a misreading of some documents.

For example, the vision statement in the 1999 edition of a DPMO pamphlet states "By the end of the year 2004, we will have evolved from the way the U.S.

government traditionally conducted the business of recovery and accounting to an active program of loss prevention, immediate rescues, and rapid post-hostility accounting.”

This statement in no way infers that accounting for missing Americans will cease in 2004, as some have claimed. It merely states that as we move toward the future, we will continue our accounting mission and at the same time strive to reduce the number of Americans who fall into harm’s way in future conflicts, and to rescue them quickly if they do.

Another misunderstanding centers on similar language in a 1998 draft of the DPMO strategic plan. That draft was only one of many working documents that senior defense leadership uses to periodically explore more effective and efficient ways to carry out the mission of the fullest possible accounting. Contrary to some assertions, the proposed budget for the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting carries that organization’s mission and staffing out through fiscal year 2007.

This period of time covers the normal forecasted budget timeframe within which all DoD elements plan and budget. It does not signal any termination of the mission of the JTF-FA.

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- 9-18**Visit War Museum, Flag Parade, Photo Exhibition and evening Farewell Party by the Korean Government.
- 9-19**Free time until 3 P.M.

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“Some of us are raising more than our voices “

Freedom Flight III is a new balloon that was dedicated on July 11, 1998. Freedom Flight I & II have flown in over 35 different states, and also in Canada, France, and Germany to increase public awareness of the POW/MIA issue. Donations keep the balloons flying: P.O. Box 7606, St. Cloud, MN 56302. Tel: 320-252-7208 www.wardogs.com. Crew chiefs are Pam, Mike, Paul, Tamma, Bobby, Diane, Dennis, Connor. Devin , Todd and Kerry.

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW March 2000 Newsletter written by President Elliott Sordillo and others.

25th Reunion

Spokane: Well, here it is March, and in a few months we will be together in Spokane, WA. to celebrate our 25th consecutive reunion. This reunion will be the first time that we have had to hire a professional reunion business to handle the on-site work. We hope all goes well and, that we like their operation because, it may be the wave of the future unless we can get some of you to form a committee and host a reunion in your home area. As usual, the Hospitality Room will be our responsibility, and we need your cooperation and support to make it successful. Enclosed is everything you need to register, just follow the directions, and mail it to Armed Forces Reunions. And lastly, let's not use distance as an excuse for not being there. Every reunion we have had was successful because of the troops who showed up, not because of the location. We had a great time in every city we visited, and Spokane will be great also. We need each other, and meeting once a year, regardless of location, serves as a reminder of what we endured together and, of all those we lost. Perhaps, just perhaps, there is that special buddy you want to see or, share this time with your wife and loved ones, whatever, the reality is that some of us will not be here next year. I hope I am wrong, but just in case a lot of us savor our time together at the reunion. Sandy & I look forward to seeing you in Spokane. Elliott.

Headquarters Hotel is Ridpath Hotel, West 515 Sprague, Spokane, WA 99201. Reservations by phone 1-800-325-4000. For Reunion Registration contact Armed Forces Reunions Inc. P.O. Box 11327, Norfolk, VA 23517 Tel: 757-625-6401. Make Hotel reservations and Reunion registration by June 23, 2000. (See forms in March 2000 newsletter.)

Mini Reunion

You are cordially invited to the recognition events and mini reunion Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War June 24 -25, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

Headquarters Hotel is Hyatt Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209 Tel: 703-525-1234. Send your registration form with your check or money order (for banquet only) payable to the Korean War Ex-POW Association to: Linda Fenton, 440 Glen Avenue, Laurel Springs, NJ 08021-3010. Tel: 856-794-0919 or 856-346-8962. (See March newsletter for forms.)

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Historian

To: Korean War ExPOWs
From: Arden A. Rowley, Historian

I would like to bring you up to date on the status of donations toward the publishing of the book *U.S. POWs In The Korean War: A Study Of Their Treatment And Handling By The North Korean Army and The Chinese Communist Forces*.

I indicated in our September 1999 newsletter that our goal is to raise \$35,000 for the printing of 1,000 copies of the book; 800 to be placed in libraries across the United States; 200 to be presented to or sold to donors. Those donating \$500 or more will receive a copy of the book free. Other donors will be sold a book at a price based on the amount of their donation. A formula will be worked out. If any books are left after that they will be sold to non donors at a reasonable retail price. We hope that we will reach our publishing goal in time to place the book in libraries early in the three year commemoration period of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Thus far we have received \$5,450.00 toward our goal. The money has been used to purchase interest bearing CDs by our treasurer, Bill Norwood. Approximately 40 ExPOWs, or next of kin, have made

donations ranging from \$10.00 to \$1,000.00. All Donations have been greatly appreciated, however, we have a long way to go. Remember, donations are tax deductible.

I have been contemplating how we will accomplish the distribution of the 800 books to libraries. I have devised the following plan to accomplish part of this task. All who donate \$500 will receive a book free and one additional book to present to a library of his/her choice. All who donate \$1,000 will be presented with two additional books; \$1,500, three books, etc., to be placed in libraries of choice. We will ask those who present books to libraries to inform me of those contributions so we may have a record of libraries that receive a copy of the book. Those of you who have donated less than \$500, to this point, may upgrade your donation amount to receive a book free and one to present to a library of your choice.

I feel that we must set a target date to reach our publishing goal of \$35,000. If we do not reach that goal by the time of our reunion in July of 2001 would like to go one of two directions either return the monies to those who donated it or publish the book in a less expensive format. I will look into the cost of that possibility and present and discuss the matter with you at our reunion in Spokane in July 2000. I feel that we must, at the very latest, complete publication and distribution to libraries by the 50th Anniversary of our release from POW camps: August/September 2003.

Make checks payable to Korean War ExPOW Association, Send to Bill Norwood, 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN. 37312. If you have any questions or comments contact me at 480-964-9444, Fax: 480-964-9898 or e-mail rowleyxpowk@juno.com.

Thanks, Arden.

(Arden, when you get close to that last \$1,000 needed to go to press please contact me for I want to help get that book printed. I also suggest that all chapters join in and with a donation or purchase a book for your chapter and the local library in the name of your chapter and your POW members.—Graybeards Editor).

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Chapter Affairs

Kansas Chapter #1



Kansas Chapter No. 1 officers include MIA/POW chair Larry Hill, President Jack DeLap, First Vice-President John Williams, rear- Judge advocate John McCoin, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Stevens, and Chaplain/Historian Rev. Wayne Shireman. Not present was Second Vice-President Ted McAnally.

Twenty-seven veterans of the Korean War met at the American Legion Hall in Overland Park, Kansas, for the charter meeting of Kansas Chapter Number 1, KWVA. The chapter will meet there on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

(Thank Wayne for photos and letter about one of our newest KWVA Chapters. Great looking group and we hope to see more of your photos and events.)

Lake County Chapter #169 of Florida



President Joseph Madeline and Gold Star Widow Carol Becker displaying the Chapter flag with the names of Cpl. Becker and Pvt. Dube added.

At a recent meeting President Madeline stated that two groups of Americans who have suffered greatly and sacrificed highly

have been largely forgotten. They are the Korean War Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Widows.

Joseph Madeline, President of Lake County FL., Chapter 169 stated the Chapter members decided these women would be "Forgotten No More." The names of Cpl. Robert Becker and Pvt. Adelard Dube have been added to the Chapter's flag. Cpl. Becker, husband of Gold Star Widow and Chapter Historian Carol Becker represents all the husbands that have made the supreme sacrifice while Pvt. Dube, son of Mary Louise Dube, represents sons killed in action. Pvt. Dube's brother Arthur is a member of the Chapter.

All Korean War Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Widows are eligible for membership in the organization. Meetings are held at 2:00 P.M. , the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Leesburg Senior Citizens Center, 1211 Penn Street, Leesburg. President Madeline urges all eligible Korean Gold Star Widows and Mothers to attend a meeting. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mary Lum, Chapter Secretary at (352) 750-1033 or Chapter Director and Chairman of the Membership Committee Daniel "Ed" Fenton, at (352) 383 8915

(Thank you Joseph Turner for photo and letter. We have many Gold Star members and I am sure they will be very proud of your chapter and members for not forgetting the families of those lost.)

Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio



Mahoning Valley Chapter members and Honor Guard at a commemorative ceremony of the July 27th cease fire.

The officers of the chapter are:

President: Robert F. Bakalik; First Vice President: Donald E. Brown, Second Vice President: Lloyd Edwards; Secretary: Richard Koker; Treasurer: Steve Firmint; Chaplain: Rev. Donald L. Locke; Trustees: (Three-year) Robert Vitullo and Paul M. Remias; (Two-year) Joseph Vrabel and Richard Schulz; (One-year) Wilbur Springer and Fred Friesen; Parliamentarian: Raymond Ong; Quartermaster: Wilbur Springer; Lady Associate Captain Joann Onstott

(Thank you Richard Koker for photo and letter about another great KWVA chapter; members and officers. Richard is standing in front row 2nd from left with tie.)

Department of Oregon

The following members were elected and sworn into the specified office on April 1, 2000 during a Department meeting in Albany, Oregon:

Margo Coleman, President, 3246 Salem Ave. SE, #2, Albany, OR 97035-4566 e-mail; <wiseeyes@proaxis.com> Fax: 503-678-6048. Omar Davis, 1st Vice President, Louis Shuster, 2nd Vice President and Walter Crews, Secretary/Treasurer/Judge Advocate

(Thank you Walter for letter. We need some photos from your Department and Chapters.)

Cenla Chapter 180 of Louisiana



Officers of newly formed chapter in Louisiana. at a meeting on March 11, 2000. From left to right, Alferd Edwards, Harold Burson MIA/POW officer, Jack Boren PR officer, Bill Doyle Treasurer, Tag Jensen President, 2nd VP Freddie Allen, Ray Shockley, Clyde Durham secretary, and Jack Martin Judge Advocate.

Wreath Korean War Vets laid on Veterans day November, 11, 1999 in Leesville La, on behalf of the KWVA by President Jensen and members.

(Thanks Tag for photos and letter about a new chapter. We look forward to getting more as your chapter grows. We are proud and honored to have our veterans from Louisiana join us in telling America about our war and veterans.)



Cenla Chapter 180 Korean War Veterans Association will have a 50th Anniversary Memorial Service Sunday, June 25, 2000, at 1600 hours at the Leesville Korean Baptist Church, 187 Browns Lane, Leesville, Louisiana. Louisiana Governor Mike Foster, a Korean War veteran, has been invited and has expressed a strong desire to attend if his schedule permits. The main speaker will be Brig. Gen. Charles H. Swannack, commanding general at Fort Polk, Leesville, LA, or his deputy commanding officer. Also planning to be at the service will be a high

ranking member of the Korean Consulate in Houston, TX, who will present Republic of Korea medals to all Korean War veterans in attendance. All veterans of the Korean War and their spouses are invited to attend. Following the Memorial Service in the church's sanctuary an evening meal will be served in Fellowship Hall of the church. Questions may be directed to Cenla Chapter President Tag Jensen of Leesville at 337-238-2598 or Chapter Secretary Clyde Durham of Pineville at 318-445-3247.

Cenla Chapter 180, formed in January 2000 with 18 initial members, now has over 60 men on its membership roll.

(Thank you Clyde Durham, for the report. Contact Clyde at e-mail address <cgbsdurham@aol.com>. A proud new Chapter)

Cpl. Wm. McAllister Chapter 1509 of Pennsylvania



Members of the chapter showing their new banner in the photo above. Members shown are:

Celeste, Anthony	Clouse, Frank	D'Ambrosio, Louis J.
DiMeo, Joseph	Donnelly, Richard E.	Francione, Thomas V.
Giacomelli, Louis	Harkins, James J.	Helbling, Chas, A.
Kilgore, John	LaSpada, Frank	McSorley, James J.
Natale, Joseph	Perks, Raymond P.	Ricci, Dante J.
Scairato, Theodore R.	Slator, Francis S.	

Thank you Louis for photo and letter. A great looking group of veterans. We are proud of your chapter.)

Arden A. Rowley Chapter of Arizona

Shown below is Larry Milfelt receiving the Korean Medallion of appreciation on Feb. 4, 2000 from the Korean Cultural Foundation for the 50th. Anniversary of the Korean War. Mr. Milfelt is Commander of The Arden A. Rowley Chapter of Mesa, AZ

(Thanks Larry for photo and letter. A very special award.)



Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Illinois



The men in the photo are all members of the Robert Wurtzbaugh Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Assn. I am a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Charles Walters is a WWII and Korean Veteran. The others are all Korean Veterans. We represent the Army, Navy and Air Force. Shown from left to right are; Glenn Cockrell, Milton (Sarge) Crippin Richard Nicoson, Ray Nasser and Charles Walter.

The event shown above was at the McMillian Elementary school in Westville, IL. On November 19, 1999, we were invited to talk to the students. We gave instructions on the way to properly display and honor the US flag. We gave them the history of the flag. We also told them of the living conditions of a soldier in the field during wartime. No shelter from the elements, poor food if and when we got it. No fires, living in the mud and snow. They were very interested in all of this. The teachers and some of the parents sent us notes thanking us for using our time doing this. We've been invited back to talk to the other classes in the near future.

(Thank you Milton for photo and letter. You and your team are doing a great service for all veterans and the Korean War Veterans. We are proud all of you, your chapter and the school.)

Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey



Marilyn flag has Hudson County veterans shaking fists.

The Marilyn Monroe flag of Kennedy Boulevard continued to flap defiantly in the breeze, drawing the ire of many Jersey City's veterans. The famous actress' face, emblazoned on an American flag outside the law office of Francis Monahan Jr. in



Korean War veterans take down the controversial Marilyn Monroe flag yesterday, replacing it with the American flag at the law office of Francis Monahan Jr. on Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City.

the Heights section of Jersey City, drew a small crowd of outraged Korean War veterans yesterday. Wearing the sky blue jackets of their organization, about a dozen members of the Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County surrounded the flag yesterday, expressing disgust at what they see as a desecration of the flag they fought for.

Goodbye, Norma Jean - battle over.

After weeks of controversy and spirited debate, the so called Marilyn Monroe flag came down yesterday outside the Kennedy Boulevard law office where it had been flying for three weeks. The flag's owner, Jersey City attorney Francis Monahan Jr., appeared to change his position on the hotly contested flag, conceding that protesting veterans may have had a point. "It occurred to me that they (the veterans) might have legitimate concerns (about the flag)," Monahan, said yesterday in his office shortly before the Monroe flag was replaced by a standard American flag. Monahan, who has received countless phone calls and letters, about the flag, many of them from angry veterans demanding its removal, said he changed his mind after talking with World War II veterans. "I think we're beginning to see why the flag is so important to veterans," he said. That understanding seemed to be confirmed yesterday as nearly 20 veterans, affiliated with various organizations, gathered on Kennedy Boulevard in the Jersey City Heights, waving banners and proclaiming victory.

(Thanks Larry Barulli for photos and newspaper article by Jason Fink, staff writer of the Jersey Journal. A job well done. We love Marilyn but not on an American flag.)

Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter #66 of NY

The Chapter and the Parade Committee of the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held in New York City this year are very concerned about the Russians marching in this parade. In the past they have been defiant with any request that they limit their marching to their local districts and stay away from parades in New York City. Their main intentions are to gain veterans benefits that we are entitled to by their exposure at these parades. The parade this year will especially honor Korean War Veterans in commemoration of our 50 year anniversary. The parade committee is considering obtaining a court order against them for participating at this parade. We approached Harley Coon with this dilemma and he forwarded a letter to the committee backing our request. Our 2nd VP Joseph Pirrello sent a



Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter members marched with 45 participants on one of our main roads (2.2 miles) on Staten Island in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

letter to the Russian Vets organization and we received a reply that showed arrogance to our wishes. I wish that you could print this letter in full to show local chapters what is happening in this situation. There is a very large population of these Russians living here and they are very obnoxious and repulsive by their presence and actions.

(Thank you Bernie Hoganson for photo and letters. Harley Coon and Joseph Pirrello wrote very direct and to the point letters that expressed strongly to the subject of having Russian Vet's marching in parades along side American Korean War Veterans. I also fully agree that a parade dedicated to the Korean War and its Veterans should not have former enemies in the same parade marching with their former countries' colors. Again we support your cause knowing you and the veterans of New York will handle this problem. Please let us know the outcome.)

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City is the biggest parade in the country and this year was the 239th continuous event. The march is from 44th Street up 5th Avenue to 86th Street and over to 3rd Avenue, approximately 2-1/2 miles. This year in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, the parade committee dedicated this parade to the Korean War Veterans and for the first time invited three local chapters to take part and march for recognition of this event. The three chapters were the Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter from Staten Island, Nassau County Chapter #1 and the Central Long Island Chapter.

We all marched with three color guards in spite of the cold



At the start of the parade, the parade committee presented us with a banner which we proudly kept at the forefront of our march.

wind and snow showers to much acclaim and recognition. We were very fortunate to have the Marine Band from Quantico, VA in our lead which helped to keep us in step and help our appearance. Together the three chapters presented about 90 Korean War Veterans and all survived and finished.

Thank you for keeping "The Graybeards" the best veterans magazine in print. It says a lot for the organization.

(Thank you Bernie Hoganson for photo and letter. The Graybeards is the best veterans magazine because of people like you and our veterans that send in their stories and photos and the board that gives me the freedom to print the events we members do to honor our war and its veterans. Our "Tell America" program is "second to none." By the way, you are not seeing double. Only the banner is the same in the photos. The men shown are different but are equally great looking veterans and the KWVA National Association is also honored to have this Chapter and its members representing us in this special event.)

Nassau County Chapter #1 of New York



Korean War Veterans, Nassau County Chapter # 1, Staten Island, and Central Long Island holding parade banner honoring Korean War Veterans.



Nassau County Chapter members and Color Guard proudly assemble prior to start of parade.

This is the first time any veterans organization has been invited to march in this parade on Fifth Ave since the parade was conceived 239 years ago. We were honored because of our 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. Three Chapters marched as one unit very sharp and proud. Over one hundred members marched on a windy, cold, snowy day. We received nationwide coverage and coverage in Ireland. Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey The Mash Unit was dedicated by the Chorwon Chapter. The Taejon Chapter.

Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey

A Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) Museum was dedicated on May 15, 1999 at Teterboro, NJ by the Chorwon.Chapter of New Jersey The Taejon Chapter #170 and Air Squadron #29097 of the Civil Air Patrol helped to make it a huge success. This was the first kick off event in 1999 commemorating the 50th Anniversaries of the Korean War by the Dept. of Defense.

(Thank you Warren Dartell for the great photos and letter)



Entrance to Mash Unit with Chorwon members from left to right; Arthur Warmbrand, Joe Poggi, Faust Faustini, Jerry VanBrunt, Homer Vanides, Warren Dartell, Bob Bramley and John Valerio, the gentleman with the fatigues and helmet is unknown. There were more Chorwon members at the dedication, but they were not available for the picture.



Korean War Veterans and Guests at Dedication with Hospital Tent in the background.



Officers Tent on left, Hospital Tent American Flag, supply shed, Bell helicopter, jeep and nose of the 2 1/2 ton truck.



Photo taken at 1,000 feet by Don Kuehn LTC. USAF AUX Ret. The Mess Tent (upper center) is in this aerial view.



Raising of the American and Commemorative Flags with supply shed, Bell helicopter, and jeep in the background. The Commemorative Flag is taken to every event where we are involved.



With the American and Commemorative Flags flying high we proudly salute and the Mash Unit was dedicated.

Texas Lone Star Chapter #76



The dance shown is the "Dance Salpuri," meaning "Exorcism of Evil Spirits."

On January 26, 2000, the Texas Lone Star Chapter was honored by the Korean American Cultural Foundation with a Medals of Appreciation Awards Ceremony Honoring Texas Korean War Veterans. Our Color Guard Posted the Colors and guest speakers were Consul General Byonghyo Lim, U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett, Senator Carlos F. Truan, State Representative Mike Krusee, and Young Jack Lee of the Korean American Cultural Foundation.

Korean American Cultural Foundation presented the Dedication Dance, "Salpuri", when translated means, "Exorcism of Evil Spirits." This affair turned out to be one of the highlights of the afternoon, touching the hearts of all those present. Symbolic meaning of the dance is the man with his face covered, representing the dead American Soldiers who died in Korea. They were agonizing because no one paid attention to them.



The medal recipient is TLSC's "Bag-Piper," Pat Canny in full dress. Shaking his hand is Young Jack Lee, Chairman of the Korean American Cultural Foundation.

Then the lady dancers (representing the living, all who were at the ceremony) came and danced to pay respect to the dead. Then the spirit was satisfied, lifted up, and finally rested in peace. There was the "Presentation of the Wreaths" followed by taps, the playing of "Amazing Grace" by our Bag-Piper, and the closing prayer.

That evening at 7 PM four buses transported our group to Westlake High School Auditorium where we were treated to a two hour performance of singing and dancing, Korean Style. Words cannot describe the diversity of the agenda, and the quality of execution.

(Thank you Sal Gambino for photo and letter. Hope they come our way with this great event.)

Yong Dung Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania

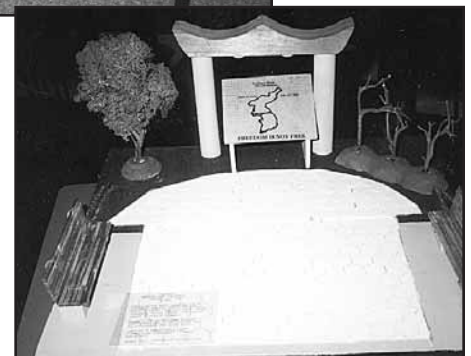
Bucks County's new Korean War Memorial, the special project of Bucks County Chapter 114 of the Korean War Veterans Association, will be located in front of the Bucks County Courthouse in Doylestown, PA, and dedicated in June, 2000, the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The memorial will honor the young men from Bucks County who went off to fight in the Korean War and never returned. The names of those men will be engraved on the memorial's granite facing on either side of an outline of the Korean peninsula. Across the top of the granite will be the words, "Korea, June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953. Across the bottom, the phrase "Freedom is not free," will be inscribed. The area immediately in front of the memorial will be lined with hexagon-shaped bricks which can contain the name, rank, branch, and dates of service of any veteran, or the name of any local veterans organization. A limited number of bricks are available, on a first come basis.

(Thanks Andrew Lynch for photos and letter. A great looking memorial. Hope to see dedication photos.)



Yongdung Po Chapter 114, "Table of Honor" for all our missing KIA/MIA/POW. Especially for the heros that will be inscribed on our Korean War Veterans Memorial at the courthouse, Doylestown, PA., on June 23, 2000.

Model of the Korean War Veterans Memorial displayed at our Banquet, courtesy of fine talents of Member Fred T. Quedenfeld.



North West Alabama Chapter II

On December 13, 1999, the Governor of Alabama, Don Siegleman, kicked off the 50th anniversary of the Korean war with a great program entitled "Remembering the Forgotten War." This was the first celebration of its kind, with a hope that all the states would follow with programs of remembrance. Many of dignitaries were in attendance, and the Korean War veterans were recognized.



The program was held at the Civic Center in Montgomery, the Capitol City. Samool Nori Dance Team – Myong Kim, Mee ae Park, Un suk Choe, Myung sook Nam and Soloist Sung soon Lee.

(Thank you Allan Brasseal for photos and letter. A great event for the veterans of Alabama. We also thank Gov. Siegleman.)



Tall Corn Chapter of Iowa

In June of 1999 Sam Naomi sent in the application form to establish a KWVA Chapter in Iowa. The National approved this petition and in July a roster of all KWVA members living in Iowa was sent to Sam. At this time Bill Ambrisco from Iowa City joined with Sam as a co-founder and started seeking members in the Iowa City area.

From this roster a newsletter was sent out giving notice that a chapter was being formed. 75 replies were received saying they were in favor of starting our own Chapter.

In August a petition for a new Iowa Chapter was sent in to the National with 36 names seeking approval. While waiting for the approval many of the KWVA members placed notices in their local newspaper seeking new members for the National and the new chapter.

In September the charter was approved and sent to the founders to begin the new chapter. At this time there were over 90 members. Jack Keenan Past President of the Ocean State Chapter #1 in Rhode Island presented Sam Naomi with a MIA-POW flag from his Chapter at their Army reunion in Akron, Ohio.

The Chapter held its first meeting on November 13, 1999 and the following members were sworn in as officers by the National First Vice President Ken Cook

Sam Naomi President and Treasurer, Leland R. Staker 1st V. P., Robert Sutfin 2nd V. P., Laverne Padgett Secretary, Bill

Hartsock Judge Advocate, Larry L Wallace MIA/POW Officer, and Gilbert Scribner Historian.

The Tall Corn Chapter #99 represents the 99 counties in Iowa. As of Dec. the Chapter while only 3 months old has 132 members.

Sam Naomi wants everyone to know that if not for our members the growth of the chapter would not have been possible and we would not have a Chapter here in Iowa. Our Chapter would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the newspapers for their help with notices in helping us locate our members.

(Thank you Gil Scribner and Sam Naomi for a job well done.)

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 15, 2000*

EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Veterans Registration	Waterside Convention Center	
(No Registration Fee)	Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel	All Day
Living History Display	MacArthur Memorial	9 am to 5 pm
POW/MIA Remembrance		
Day Ceremony	MacArthur Memorial	Noon to 1 pm
Retreat Ceremony	MacArthur Memorial	5 to 5:30 pm
Medal of Honor Dinner	Waterside Convention Center	6 to 8 pm
Military Review	Norfolk Scope	8:30 to 9:30 pm
POW/MIA Candlelight		
Illumination Walk	Scope to MacArthur Memorial	9 pm to 12pm

Saturday, September 16, 2000*

Living History Displays	Naval Station Norfolk	9 am to 1 pm
Inchon Landing		
Re-enactment	Naval Station Norfolk	10 to 11:30 am
Parachute		
Demonstration Jump	Naval Station Norfolk	11:30 am to noon
Korean War		
Commemoration Ceremony	Naval Station Norfolk	Noon to 12:35 pm
Living History Displays	Memorial/Town Point Park	9 am to 5 pm
Korean War Veterans'		
Parade	Downtown Norfolk	3 to 4 pm
USO-type Show	Town Point Park	7 to 11 pm
Fireworks Extravaganza	Town Point Park	9 to 9:30 pm

Sunday, September 17, 2000*

Memorial Service/Wreath Laying		
Missing-Man Formation		
Fly-over	Nauticus/Town Point Park	9 to 10 am
Religious Services	Area Churches/Synagogues	9 am to 1 pm
History Displays,		
Demonstrations	Town Point Park	10 am to 12:30 pm
Living History Displays	MacArthur Memorial	9 am to 3 pm

September 22 - 24, 2000**

Oceana Naval Air Show	Naval Air Station Oceana	9 am to 5 pm**
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**Events and locations subject to change*

***Check Air Show schedule for exact gate opening and show times*

Murphy's Laws of Combat

- No. 17. There is no such thing as a perfect plan.
- No. 18. Five second fuses always burn three seconds.
- No. 19. There is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole.
- No. 20. A retreating enemy is probably just falling back and regrouping.
- No. 21. The important things are always simple; the simple are always hard.
- No. 22. The easy way is always mined.
- No. 23. Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy other people to shoot at.

Need Raffle Tickets?...

Extra raffle tickets are being mailed to Chapters and Departments. If you need additional tickets contact your Chapter or Department President.

U.S. Military Korean War Casualty/MIA/POW Statistics

Battle Dead*33,665
(*Includes 4,735 findings of presumptive death under the Missing Persons Act)

Killed in Action23,898
Died of Wounds2,536
Died While Missing (MIA)4,793
Died While Captured (POW)2,438

Non-battle Deaths3,275
Total Deaths in Theater:36,940
Died Elsewhere (Worldwide)17,320
Wounded (# of Personnel):92,134
Wounded (# of Incidences*):103,284

(*Includes individual personnel wounded multiple times)

MIA (Bodies not recovered/identified):8,176
Prisoner of War2,045
Killed in Action1,794
Missing in Action4,245
Non-battle92

MIAs Returned to U.S. Military Control715
POWs Returned to U.S. Military Control4,418
POWs Who Refused Repatriation21
No. who served worldwide during Korean war5,720,000
No. who served in Korean Theater1,789,000

Source: Office of Secretary of Defense, Washington
Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information
Operations and Reports (WHS/DIOR); Defense Prisoners of War/Missing in
Action Office (DPMO). Data released: 10 January 2000.

Michael Hickey ad

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Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

New Jersey Remembers



Groundbreaking ceremony for the New Jersey Korean War Memorial.

Several hundred veterans were in attendance for the March 14th groundbreaking ceremony for the New Jersey Korean War Memorial which will be sited on the famous boardwalk in Atlantic City. The memorial will be dedicated on July 27, 2000. State Commander Richie Alexander states that the \$2.5 million dollar cost has already been raised and work has already begun on the statues and the wall which will contain the names of all the KIA's from New Jersey. The New Jersey International Union of Bricklayers has agreed to do the work free as their tribute to the Korean War Veterans and those 800 young men from New Jersey who were killed in that war. All veterans are invited to attend the July 27th dedication in Atlantic City.

Submitted by Richard Alexander

(Thank you Richie for photo and letter. We are proud of all our New Jersey Veterans. Please send us dedication photos.)

Streator, Illinois Remembers

It was dedicated 6-25-88. Constructed of white concrete with marble map of Korea. The towns engraved on the map where our veterans of Streator served. Written on the bronze plaque is "Korean Veterans' Memorial" dedicated in honor of those who answered the call of their Country during the Korean Conflict.

Korean War Monument in Veterans Plaza, Streator, IL.



The granite plaque is engraved: "In Memory of Those Who Made The Supreme Sacrifice." There are five men listed on the monument. All Service Emblems and a special one for the National Guard Co. F, 129th Inf. Sixty-three men went to Korea from this unit. Two schools competed for the design and Shellie Wilts from Streator High had the winning entry. Howard Minick and I co-chaired this project.

(Thank you Bob Helander for photo and letter. A super monument created by special people. Thanks for remembering.)

Connecticut Remembers



Sign located temporary at this site for ceremony. The signs are now located on Route 9 both North and South bound lanes. Shown in photo from left to right are: Norm LaRoche, Bob Clinch (in Air Force uniform), State Senator Tom Bozek (bill sponsor), Pat Lausler, Ret. Col. Sung Ho Kim (ROK Army), Ken Gertz, and Jim Shelmerdine Chapter President. Others in background not named.

(Thank you Bob Clinch for photo and letter. We in Maryland are hoping to get similar signs. If you have any good suggestions please send them to the editor. This goes for any of our chapters out there that have been honored with memorial road signs. I will print the best suggestions mailed to me. Maybe you can help us and other Korean War veterans still waiting for state action.)

Illinois Remembers



Honoring our POWs and MIAs

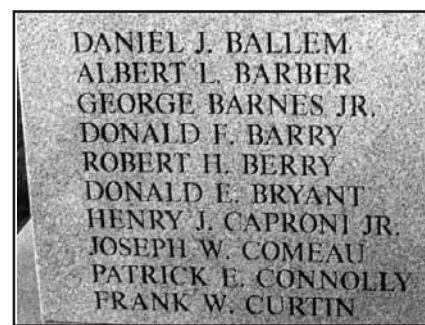
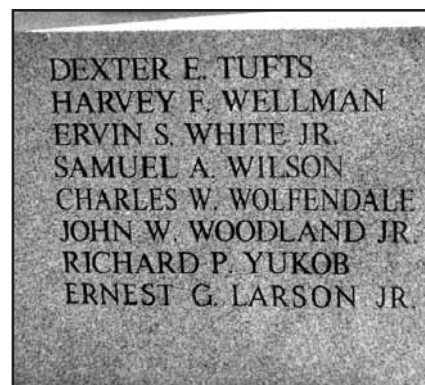
(This was found among the many photos and documents I get from Hershall Lee from Illinois. I can only assume it was erected temporary along to the road to the balloon event held in Illinois. Thanks Hershall and correct me if wrong.)

Massachusetts Remembers

This beautiful monument is located at Veterans Memorial Square in Lynn, MA.
(Thank you Basil Manias for photos and letter.)



The monument, (clockwise from left) front, back, right side base, and left side base.



A POETIC TRIBUTE TO OUR KOREAN HEROES

We salute you, valiant heroes of Korea,
who fearlessly went forth to fight and die,
fought for your country's honor without fear,
the agonies of trenches, mud and sky,
the yellow peril and its fearsome spear
born in the yellow river's bloody tear!
Yours was the glory of the soldier's flame;
yours was the answer to the frightful foe;
Korea cried your anguished, wounded name;

MacArthur wept to see the bloodied snow!
It is for you that men can worship free;
it is for you this nation sings with pride
You fought and died for mankind's liberty
and foreign soldiers rallied to your side!
You sons of Lynn, we honor you this day,
Yours was a triumph of Korea's sod
this dedication sings the words we pray
For you, at last, rest in the heart of God.

Respectfully dedicated to the Korean veterans on Nov. 11, 1986, Lynn, Massachusetts. This beautiful poetic tribute by Anthony Cama was printed in program booklet.

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Images of Tallahassee – December ‘99

...answered the call to defend a country they didn't know and a people they never knew.

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filled with joy to see that she remembered him still and that she loved him as much as ever.

Robert's last words to Susanna had struck her heart. For despite the distance between the two souls, theirs was a love that was never forgotten.

(Dear Beth, I cannot find enough meaningful words in the dictionary to express my feelings about someone so young that has the ability to write such a beautiful story that covers all the emotions of losing a loved one. I know in our exchanged e-mails you stated that you wanted to do this type of writing in the future. I have shown you story to many and everyone commented on the great talent you have. Last but not least, I thank your school for starting the project and I thank your parents for allowing me to print your story and photo. I also thank you for the kind e-mail printed below. I will not forget you either. Please stay in touch and let me know about any future writings. Vincent Krepps)

Subject: NBC Story

Date: Tue, 19 Oct 1999 07:30:27 -0400

From: "Beth"

To: <vkrepps@erols.com>

Hello Mr. Krepps!!

My family and I watched for you on television Thursday night and even taped the latter portion of the news to make sure we got it. It was strange but very neat to see someone I know on the national news. Did they just call you up and ask for an interview? I think all of it's just so exciting. I told all of my family and friends about you and had them watching as well. I know your story touched every one of them as much as it has touched me. I greatly admire your strength and just you as I know you to be. You really will be one person in my life that I won't ever forget. And you've encouraged my writing and made me think that maybe that is what I should work towards in the future.

Thank you for that, and for publishing

my story. It means so much to me.

Beth

(I also must thank NBC Tom Brokaw, Nightly News & Rich Gardella, 50th Commemoration of The Korean War DoD Team & Milinda Jensen, Major Kemp, Soldiers Magazine & Helke Hasenauer, DAV National & Thomas Wilborn for PBS, Stars and Stripes & Dan Verton, DPMO & Mr. Jones, Arirang TV Korea & Mi Jin Lee, Korean War National Museum and Library & Joe Matthews, John Arminger and KWVA National & President Harley Coon for allowing me to me to tell the story about a loved one that was lost in the Korean War. I know I may be overlooking several others but I thank all of you. I am honored by telling your stories and other requests in our national magazine "The Graybeards".—Vince Krepps, Editor.)

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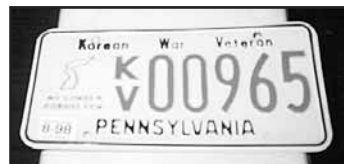
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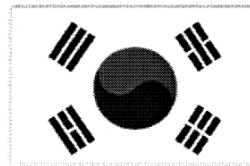


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(November 9 - November 16)

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THE CHAPLAIN

"Sunday services, just below the ridge,
Dale Fugate came off the line to worship,
Not imagining this was his last bridge
Communicating from earth to God's Ship.
Next Sunday a mortar round was taking
From the Army another casualty.
At his family all hearts were breaking
Reading these words, 'Regret to inform you.'
To Bula Atkinson's consolation
Came this unposed picture of brave soldiers
Receiving the Chaplains benediction,
Conferred too on Dale, the best of warriors.
Our gratitude to men of noble birth!
Thank him for such valor, proving his worth."

By Chaplain Frank Griep

THE MILLION MAN LOSS

Some ask what has become of our country so great
The land of the free and the brave.
There are a million or more lying in the graves
both far away and here age 18 to 21 or so
who answered the last call

The cream of the crop they were.
Bodies straight, in perfect health,
six feet tall, 135 lbs. or less
Good moral character and perfect men they were.

Our country lost the men
who would have made fathers great
that would have built a society secure
with families intact.

What have we won?
A society sick - fathers who leave the nest
draft dodgers, wife beaters
and child molesters.

Our so called leaders never gave a thought
to these million young men lost.
Who gave all these misfits the right
to burn our flag and stamp on the ten commandments?
There is little or no justice here -
our-leaders are money bought.

They will be judged not by what they said,
but by the havoc they have brought.

They are not forgotten

*On battlefield you've shed your blood
In service to your fellow-man
So far from home and loved ones
Fighting in a foreign land.*

*We honor you for sacrifice
We thank you for your role.
Without the likes of heroes
We would not have met the goal*

*And as we gather here today
Our simple thanks to give
Our thoughts must turn to others
The ones who did not live*

*Of them today we also speak
Who gave their final breath
Whose Purple Hearts were given
For wounds *resulting in their death**

*They are not forgotten here.
They are with us all in thought
With those of us who waited
With those of us who fought.*

*May we share a quiet moment
To speak to them in prayer
Those gone on to God and Glory
Who are waiting for us there.*

By Judith Knight

"CEASE FIRE" KOREA YOUR LAST DAY

You do not think of this last day
You hope its not too late to pray

As the night lights up,
The machine guns chatter
You start to wonder,
Does it really matter

As a burst of fire from their guns
You hear the yelling cry from one

You know the voice so very well
For you have been the best of pals

You know its his last day to fight
You hope you make it through the night

By Charles R. bell

Our Flag

*Cheers for all who serve it,
Prayers for those who fight for it,
Tears for ones who die for it,
Hell for any who shoot at it,
Joy for us who love it;
For there's courage where it flies.*

By Tom Zart

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.



Unforgotten

By Daniel J. Meador

Extract from the novel *Unforgotten* continued from Jan-Feb 2000 Issue.

Tompkins stared at him. "Winston? Yeah, Winston! I remember you!" Without getting up, he shot out his hand, and they shook. "You and I and my company commander, Capt. Howell Grimes, were together for a little while there just before we started south," John said.

"Right, I was the acting battalion commander. There wasn't any body else left." Turning to the woman sitting beside him, he said, "Agnes, this is Lieutenant-er, what's your first name?"

"John, John Winston."

"This is John Winston from my old outfit." Then looking at John, he said, "This is my wife, Agnes. She's kept me going all these years." John and Agnes shook hands. She was a plain, stocky woman, looking tired and uninterested.

The man sitting next to him rose and said, "Gene, I'm going to look around. I'll catch up with you later."

"Sit down here and tell me what happened to you," Tompkins said to John.

"Well, to make a long story short, I got out but not in the best shape. I was hit and passed out on the back of a tank. The next thing I knew, I woke up in an evac hospital somewhere south and was operated on and shipped to Japan. What about you?"

"Took me a lot longer to get back. The Chinks got me."

John's interest picked tip. He had never talked to anyone who had been captured by the Chinese. "How did that happen?"

"You might recall that this withdrawal was a stop-and-go thing, with enemy fire coming in from one side or another. A lieutenant colonel comes along and says he wants me to collect some men and clear a ridge off to our left where Chinks were putting down fire on us. We rounded up twenty or thirty men from the trucks in our vicinity and started across the paddies. We thought we could come up on the ridge from the rear. We got down in a ravine when all of a sudden we hit a whole bunch of the enemy

ahead. Then they came in from behind us. They rushed us. We must have been outnumbered three to one. It would have been suicidal to try to fight them off. Anyway, they marched us north. We picked up a couple of other groups of Americans. Must have been a hundred of us in all. We walked for four days north. You may remember our battalion's objective was the Yalu. Well, I made it. They finally herded us into a camp overlooking the river."

"Did you spend the rest of the war there?"

"No. We were there about a year, and then they moved us to another camp somewhere to the west."

"I've read about those camps."

"Let me tell you this, Whatever you've read can't begin to give you the picture. Food was barely enough to keep a human alive, and it wasn't enough for many. They died around us all the time. In the winter we buried twenty or thirty every morning in the frozen ground. I don't know how I made it."

"Did you ever see any of our men?"

"I thought I saw a handful of the enlisted men, but I'm not sure. Otherwise, there wasn't anybody I knew."

He went on to say that he came out in the general POW exchange after the armistice and went back home to Phoenix. He resumed work for his family's construction business, but his health was never the same. He worked only part-time and retired after a few years.

Agnes interrupted and said, "Gene, if you want to see some of the exhibits before the ceremony, we'd better get started."

"OK," Tompkins said, struggling to his feet. "Winston, this is something, isn't it? You and I may well be the only survivors of all the Second Battalion officers."

"You're the only man from Kunu-ri I've ever run into in all these forty-four years, maybe the only one I'll ever see. It's almost weird, unreal. We're dealing with ghosts."

"It's got to be a small and diminishing club. Getting downright exclusive."

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"Some of us are raising more than our voices"



The photos on this page were sent to the "Graybeards" by Hershall E. Lee. The event was the POW/MIA Balloon Classic held in Illinois in 1993, sponsored by VFW Post 728. The Freedom Flight balloons have appeared at many events in 35 states since 1989. James Tuorila is president and pilot for Freedom Flight Inc. He is a psychologist in a Veterans Affairs hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

Speaking to groups about POWs and MIAs was ineffective, Tourila said. "I realized people paid a lot more attention to balloons. People come out and stare and they take pictures and the media comes out."

(Thank you Hershall and Dr. Tuorila for the photos, letter and, last but not least, those great balloons. I hope some day to see them in flight.—Editor)

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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.



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) 3. **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>



I am trying to locate anyone who served with **Sgt. Michael Flores** USMCR., Co "D", 2nd Batt., 1st Marines, 1st Mar. Div. in Korea, 1950-1951. Several months after surviving the breakout at the Chosin Reservoir, Mike was wounded near Saemal, Korea. For action during the firefight in which he was wounded, Sgt. Flores was awarded a Silver Star for gallantry against enemy forces and the officer that pinned that medal on his uniform was the Legendary Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. Mike was also recommended for the Navy Cross for other action against the enemy but before he could

be debriefed by an officer, he was ordered to board a waiting aircraft for the long journey back to the States. I grew up with Mr. Flores and I also am a Korean Veteran. The Navy Cross action happened in June. No further action was taken to award Sgt. Flores the Navy Cross. Verification for any acts against the enemy by Sgt. Flores for above mentioned award at this late date is going to be difficult. Nevertheless I would like to hear from anyone who may shed a little light on this subject. I feel that Mr. Flores deserves every possible consideration in his quest to receive formal recognition for his gallantry against enemy forces. Contact Robert Ortega, (Sgt. USMC 1951-54) 414 E. Oleander, Fresno, Cal 93706. Telephone 559-268-4802



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324th Strategic Recon Sq. - 91st Strategic Recon Gp stationed at Barksdale A.F. Base and Raney A.F. Base 1950-1951. Bill Frankenbach is second row middle.



I am interested in trying to have a reunion of men who served in **Co. B, 7888 Hq. Group, Sp. Dips, Heidelberg, Germany** in 1952 -1953. I need names and their home addresses at that time (or current ones, if possible). I have a photograph of the entire unit at that time but did not list names. Contact Richard A. Nation, 752 - 25th Ave., Norwalk, Iowa 50211. Tel: 515-981-0100



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Looking for Cpl. **Lee A. Douglas** or Cpl. **Glendon Carter**, USMC who served with me with V.M.F. 232 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii - 1953 - 1954. Contact Robert Ortega, 414 East Oleander, Fresno, CA 93706. Tel: 559-268-4802



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Looking for **John B. "Jack" Sheehan**, last seen in Sept. 1950 during the first liberation of Seoul. At the time, Jack was a Cpl. in the 11th Marines. He and I were attached to Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div. as members of an F. O. Team. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who might know Jack or his present whereabouts. Contact E. A. "Andy" Anderson, 317 West College St., Carthage, TX 75633. Tel: 903-693-5357 Fax: 903-693-7498 or e-mail: <andya38189@aol.com>.



Looking for **Charles Terry**, that was run over by a tank. Contact Ray Prothro, 708 W. Chestnut, Duncan, OK 73533 Tel: 580-255-9520



Looking for anyone that knew **Sgt. Clair C. Dauberman** who was assigned to the automatic weapons unit. He was my cousin and is assumed to be MIA/KIA at Kunuri. Remains have never been recovered to the best of my knowledge. Contact Gene at e-mail address <mxradar@aol.com>



Looking for information on my father **William H. Baker**, he was 36 at the time of his death. He went to Korea from Otis Air Force Base in Hyannis, Mass. His mailing address was ARC, Office of Field Director, 15th Inf. Regt. 3rd Inf. Division, APO# 468 c/o-P.M., San Francisco, CA. I have a letter from PFC. Mitchell V. Bell who I believe was his driver and worked closely with him. He went to the field to see a soldier and went into the trenches. They were both hit by a shell. I don't think the soldier died. I can be reached at e-mail <Us101682@aol.com> Marilyn Walchusky.



Looking for anyone who knew **Earl Enos Simpkin**. Served in the Korean War and discharged around 1955 Originated from Mockeytown, IL When released he was believed to move in the Bloomington/Normal, IL. Area. Contact Sarah or Don Witt at 217-824-2770, or 546 So. Washington Street in Taylorville, IL 62568



Looking for **Lt. Reginald W. Koseki** with whom I served in Korea during 1951 in Hqs. Battery, 1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. His last known address was 2917 12th Ave., Los Angeles, CA. Contact Arthur E. Berson, 39 Stratford Ln., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, Tel: 856-722-0535, or e-mail aeberzon@juno.com



My high school best friend **Pvt. Broughton Peacock** died of wounds about Oct. 1951. Would like to know the circumstances of his injury. Contact Norman Siefferman of Fredericksburg, VA. at e-mail address <nsieffer@crosslink.net>.



Looking for former shipmates in **USS Diachenko** (APD-123), UDT 1, UDT 3, or any folks who crewed in the **Sweeps of Mine Div 31** under "Dusty" Shouldice in Wonsan, Sonjin, Hungnam or wherever the Hell else we went in those cold and strange days. Also, could somebody please give me a source of membership information for the Tin Can Sailors? Contact William B. Farnsworth, 64 Yarmouth Road, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 or e-mail at <wfarnsworth@juno.com>.



Looking for some of my buddies who served with me in the 126th/326th & 329th Com. Reco. Co. of the **501st Com. Recon Group** in Korea in 1951-1952. Contact Gene Chavanne at e-mail address <genenan@buffnet.net>



My uncle joined the Army when he was 18 somehow without his father's consent. His name was **Charles William Wilkes** and he was from Olanta, Florence County, South Carolina. He was in A Co., 23rd Reg., 2nd Inf. Div. We were sent a summary of the battle in which he was lost. It states that "his unit saw heavy action from the earliest stage of the war. It says that on August 11, 1952. Able Company was positioned to the north of Old Baldy, between the hill and the Yokkokchon, a valley stream which runs into the Imjin River. A patrol from Able Company was dispatched to reconnoiter the area. During the mission the patrol took heavy small arms and mortar fire for an hour before breaking contact with the opposing force. PFC Wilkes was lost during this action. Site of loss is just north of the Military Demarcation Line(MDL) in the northern sector of the DMZ." It continues to say that to their knowledge no survivors witnessed his death, that there is no information to indicate his capture nor was he mentioned by returning POWs as having been seen or heard of in the POW camp system. The ABMC states that "he was listed missing in action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on August 11, 1952. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953. Private First Class Wilkes was awarded the Purple Heart." My problem with this is I am not sure about this information for on this same sheet it says that according to the PMKOR and DIOR records he was presumed dead on March 12, 1954. DIOR records "Hostile Death with Missing." Contact Sara Frierson at e-mail address <SFRIERSON@ftc-i.net>.



Looking for all members of **1st Battalion 7th Marines** - Korea (1950-1953) who are NOT now part of the 1/7th Assn. Next reunion Branson, MO May 2001. Contact Charles W. McKellar 42 Aztec Circle, Fort Myers Beach, Fl 33931-2500 or e-mail CWF3111@Peganet.com



Looking for **Sgt. Robert Jefferson**. He was Supply Sgt. in Hdqs Co. of the 21st Eng. Combat Bn. at Fort Carson, Co. 1951 to 1953 Contact Chuck Adams 2506 S. Acanthus St. Mesa, Az. 85208. Tel: 480-357-9881, E-Mail adamscf@yahoo.com.



Looking for members of "**Operation Quest**" Unit, a QM Survey team sent to Pusan in early Sept. 1950, from Yokohama QM Depot, APO 519. We were supposed to be gone for 7 to 10 days, but did not get back to Tachikawa until almost first week of October. Would like to hear from Aldo Siminelli and Bill Werbner. Remember when we were Lieutenants for a few hours? Contact Eugene Mercier (former Corporal) PO Box 3602, Nashua, NH 03061



2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion Association is looking for veterans who served in our Bn. before or during World War II (1935-46) and before or during the Korean War (1949-53). Our Association includes those who served with our Battalion's successor unit - the 461st Infantry Battalion (Heavy Mortar). The next annual reunion observing the 50th anniversary of our Battalion's departure for Korea will be held in Aberdeen, MD, September 13-17, 2000. Enlist today by phone or mail, providing your full name, address, phone number, unit and dates of service. You will then receive a current roster and future newsletters. No dues. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240; 972-387-1247.



Looking for anyone that knows fate of **Glenn E. Frizzell** from Los Angeles area and Louis J. Lalli from Philadelphia area. Both members of "A" Btry 22nd AA AW BN 1950-1951 Okinawa. Also anyone from "B" Btry 22nd AA 1952-1953 that knew Bob Burlingame. Contact John Watson 276 "B" Trapp-Murnan, Newport, KY 41076. TEL: 606-635-3229



Looking for Veterans who served with my brothers, both deceased. Both served in the United States Army. Both born in Ceres, VA. (1) **Charles Robert Shupe**, lived in Atkins, Virginia and Macon, Ga. Married to Louise Pierce Shupe, sons: C. R., Jr., and William. Daughter: Sandra Gail Shupe. (2) **Elmer Sheridan Shupe**, lived in Atkins, VA. and Marion, VA. Was married to Anna Louise Leonard Shupe (Atkins, Va.). Had one son, Daniel Keith Shupe. (Marion, VA. and Gaithersburg, MD) If you know *anything* about my brothers during their Service years, or later contact Dottie Shupe Zeisz 4860 Berrywood Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464 or e-mail address <zeiszd@aol.com>.



I am presently writing a book about film director Stanley Kubrick. In the 1950s a Korean War Veteran by the name of **Richard Addams** had written a screenplay entitled "The German Lieutenant" that Kubrick considered for filming. I would very much like to read this screenplay, but have been unable to find a copy of it or to find Richard Addams. I would like to obtain a copy of his screenplay. Contact Geoffrey Cocks, Department of History, Albion College, Albion, MI 49224. Tel: 517-629-0390 Fax: 517-629-0428



Looking for information on my cousin who was attached to the 2nd Inf. 82AAA during the Korean war. His name was Capt **Joseph A. Errigo**. He was captured on Nov 30 or Dec. 1, 1950 somewhere near the Kunuri Pass and was declared KIA. Contact Brian Errigo, 908 S. Mullen St., Tacoma, WA. 98405-1244



I was the company medic for 2nd Bn, 187th Airborne RCT, 1951-53. I am trying to contact **Anthony (Tony) Labrosia**. My e-mail is ZACH1933@aol.com and tel. (706)863-4527.



Looking for some information on my father **Frank J Horan**, who was in the Korean War. He was there from 51 to 53. He was in the US Army, in the 4th signal 3rd platoon, B Co. He passed away when I was young and I am interested in what he did and what happened were he was stationed. Contact Frank Horan, at e-mail address <Finz65@aol.com>.



Records show that Task Force Smith suffered 54 KIA's, 34 died or were executed while a POW, and 7 died while MIA. Does anyone know how many **TF Smith POW's** survived to be released? Contact William Hothan, #2419, 513 Lowell Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040.



Looking for **Douglas Campbell**. Was at Fort Ord in 1951. Went to Korea. Heard he was evacuated out for a snake bite, but did not die from it. He was from Boise, ID. Contact C. Virgil Plume. Tel: 970-240-3778 or e-mail <cplume@gwe.net>.



I served with the 3rd Infantry during most of 1952, and while in the Chorwon area. was wounded and found. I was evacuated to Pusan through Uijongbu. I went south of Seoul by way of a hospital train south to Pusan. I was treated in a **hospital operated by Sweden**. As I recall, the hospital was formally a school or college. I'm wondering if anyone knows more about the hospital and maybe was also there as a patient. I was there in Sept. 1952. Contact John W. Scharer, 106 S. Franklin St., Verona, WI 53593



Looking for anyone who served with the **7th Communications Sqdn.** in Tageu, Korea from Nov. 1952 thru Oct. 1953. We lived in a compound on the outskirts of the city, and worked "downtown" at the 5th AF Hq. (Rear) in telephone and teletype sections. Contact Bill Moore, 1250 N. Metcalf St., Lima, Ohio 45801. Tel: 419-222-6552. or e-mail <bpmoor@aol.com>.



I'm looking for information on my old unit **Co. B 811th Engineer Aviation Battalion** that was stationed at Kimp'o AFB in Korea during the war. Is there any available, and if so where? I am writing a book on my life and would truly appreciate finding some information on that chapter of my life. Contact Gerald Fry at e-mail address <GFRY1@email.usps.gov>.



My father was a Korean War veteran who served in the 5th Regimental Combat Team. He passed away last year. During the last years and months of his illness, he began speaking of his experiences from Korea. I found them unbelievable and sad. He never

spoke of his years in the war, until he became ill. I milked him of all the information I could, but I still feel empty. I would like to speak with someone who may have known my father and tell me more of their experiences. He was positioned along the Punchbowl from 1952 until 1953. His name is **Francis Leo Noyes**; rank of Staff Sergeant. And he was from Byron, IL during this time period. Contact Douglas Noyes, 903 W. Roosevelt #1, Harvard, IL, 60033. Tel: 815-943-1043 or email <dnoyz@avenew.com>.

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My father Malcome Gale Batson was stationed on Enewiatok with HQ & HQ Det 7126A.U. T.G.7.2. in 1953-54. He was just recently diagnosed with cancer. He is seeking **Milton Mcgee, Ed Micholsky, and Charles Coffin**. Contact Shanda Batson Hinkle 202 N. 14th, Lamesa, Texas 79331. Tel: 806-872-5183

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My name is Jack L. Reynolds. I was the squad leader of the **1st squad, 1st platoon 17th RCT, 7th Div.** Kumwha Valley on Oct. 8, 1952. I was wounded on this particular attack and spent the next year at various military hospitals the longer portion at Valley Forge Army Hospital in Phoenixville, PA. I was told later in a letter from a Charles Troutman that four of our friends were wounded and the balance all KIA. Strange but I don't even remember their names. It sure would be nice to have some closures to haunting memories. There's bound to be someone out there with a better memory than I. Our CO was a Captain McNair. E-Mail reply's to <MaryJackR@aol.com>

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I served with Co. L, 15 Regt., 3rd Div. in Korea in 1952. Many have tried to locate **Gustave Chobot** who served with us. I believe he enlisted from NYC. Contact Dan Wolfe at e-mail <Pitcha96@aol.com>.

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Looking for two buddies, **Norm L. White** of Mammoth Spring AK. and **Russ Nye** of San Diego, Ca. Contact Jack W. Bell by e-mail at <jackandbetsy@earthlink.net >

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Looking for anyone with any knowledge about my uncle **Leon McSwain**. Uncle Leon was with the 82nd Artillery during the Korean War and was captured Dec. 1, 1950. Contact Teresa Thrift and Elizabeth Bell at e-mail <tthrift@planettel.net>

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Looking for "buddies" who served with me in the Korean War. We were in the Cheju Island, S. Korea area. **35th RCT., 1st Bn. Co. A, 1st Platoon - 3rd Squad** I would especially like to hear from Authur R. Grant from Mississippi, Howard S. Jefferson from Chicago, IL, and Glen D. Powell from Newbern, Tennessee. Contact Mack Graham, 1442 Clinton St., Abilene TX 79603

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Looking for **John S. Wise** of 213th during 1953? He might have been a track driver or crane operator. Contact Tony Sobieski at e-mail <sobieski@gateway.net>.

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Update

Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn

Chairman, KWVA Revisit Program
Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin"
1950

By the time you read this, General Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret), (Medal, of Honor , Korea, 1950) and I will have been to Korea and back. One of the primary reasons for going to Korea (among many others) is to plea with the new President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) in Seoul for more Revisit Quotas for September, October and November 2000. If we are successful, those who have been on the waiting list will be notified immediately.

We recognize that the year 2000 is the 50th Anniversary of the start of the war and all the Allied countries are desirous of returning to Korea. However, since the United States sent the largest number of combat troops to Korea, we are hoping that we can persuade the Koreans to increase our quotas. Its worth a try!

As set forth in my last report to you, we are very confident that the quotas for 2001, 2002 and 2003 will be much larger. Do not wait, fill out the application contained on the opposite page and mail it in as as soon as possible. If you have a quota for 2000 and have been notified that your number was not low enough to go this year, please notify us so we can "Roll your quota" into the year you now desire to return . Again, the sooner the better since it puts you in the que the date you call or notify us by mail or fax.

Since the demand is so great for the anniversary years, and since we don't know how many quotas we will receive, for which month, from now though 2003 we will put you on the list by year only! When your name comes up, you will then have the opportunity to select the specific month you want to return. This will be much fairer than now since if your month does not receive a quota, or your number is too high, you loose out for the entire year!

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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.

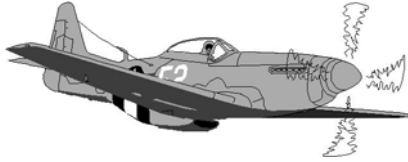
D. The cost of the airline ticket must be borne by each individual visitor who will fly with the group.

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



1st Lt. Don Bolt **A study of Heroic 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.

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 expe-

riences, 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....

Here is the “story behind the Story” of Lou Seville’s Citation for the Medal of Honor:

In mid August, 1950, in addition to my duties as combat fighter pilot and 12th Squadron Intelligence Officer, I was assigned the responsibility of 12th Squadron Awards and Decorations Officer.

“It was logical,” the boss had told me with a smile, because my “deep, probing interrogation” of returning pilots put me in the best position to identify and evaluate any meritorious acts which might have been performed on the missions. I could then write up a description of the details, complete with Citations flowery enough to convince higher level headquarters to award the recommended decorations.

At that time there was already an existing backlog of some one hundred Air Medals and twenty Distinguished Flying Cross awards waiting to be drafted and processed. I tried to insist that I could not do my Intelligence paper work (which, I had to admit, was by then almost taking care of itself, with the admirable help of Sergeant Dan Thornton), fly combat mis-

sions on a daily basis and draft awards ... without the help of a couple of officers who would have, at least, a minimum flair for writing.

I specifically requested that First Lieutenant Don Bolt be assigned full time to assist me, whenever he was not flying combat missions, and solicited the part time help of Lieutenants “Spud” Taylor, “Chappie” James and Lee Gomes, to help out whenever they were free. Harry Moreland, our Squadron C.O., even volunteered to help when he wasn’t busy commanding the squadron or flying missions.

Spud, Chappie and Lee immediately went to work, getting practice by writing the almost “canned” citations for the Air Medals, but then, with the war going as badly as it was, they became too busy flying missions to provide much other help. I was disappointed, but not too surprised ... flying combat is tough enough, without having the added paperwork of a tedious ground job; and the fact that they had written some citations relieved me of the need to do those few.

Don Bolt, on the other hand, jumped in with ... not both feet, but “all ten fingers“, and was a real help, as I knew he would be. I had enough confidence in Don’s ability that, when asked by Col. Ike Wintermute, the Group C.O., to see what it would take to get approval for the Medal of Honor for Lou Seville’s last mission, I asked Don to do the legwork and I would help him with the formal write up ... which would eventually have to go all the way to the Secretary of the Air Force for approval.

Don Bolt was, if I recall correctly, a year younger than I, had graduated from flying training as a 2nd Lieutenant during mid 1945, just before the end of World War II, had gotten out of the Air Force in 1946 and had returned to college at the University of Maryland to get his degree in architectural engineering. He had then volunteered for recall to active duty in mid 1948, and after just a few months in the ‘States, had been sent to the Philippines, to serve with me in the 67th Fighter Bomber Squadron at Clark Field.

Don was a bachelor, about five foot six, and couldn’t have weighed 125 pounds ‘soaking wet’, His ground duty at Clark Field was Squadron Public

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. ‘Bud’ Biteman,
Lt Col, USAF, Ret

Information Officer (PIO) at the same time that I was Squadron Intelligence Officer, so we worked together on many projects and became social friends as well. Some squadron pilots thought Don not 'macho, or aggressive enough to be a good fighter pilot and, I had to admit, he wasn't much of a challenge in a good simulated dogfight. But he was a dedicated, hard working officer on the ground, and I respected his journalistic and artistic abilities.

In 1949 Bolt was caught up in one of the Air Force's recurring economy drives ... "purges," we called them, and was grounded; his pilot's rating was indefinitely suspended. Those so caught, were given the opportunity to be placed on 'inactive duty' ...to become civilians again, or to remain on active duty in their current rank, but with no hope of regaining flying status. Such grounding was, of course, an automatic blemish on the victim's promotion records, through little or no fault of their own.

Despite all of the negatives, Don chose to remain on active duty as a 'ground pounder', and continued to do a good job as Public Information Officer, for the 18th Fighter Bomber Group. Then, with the coming of the Korean hostilities in mid 1950, and the subsequent shortage of fighter pilots throughout the theater, those grounded pilots who had remained in the Far East were offered the opportunity to regain their former flying ratings ...provided they would "volunteer" for immediate combat duty in Korea!

Don Bolt headed the list of five names on a set of orders I saw, which included similar "volunteers" from all Far East Air Force units.

On July 30th Bolt was in Japan, en-route to Taegu, Korea, when he called to ask if there was anything he could bring over from Japan for me; at my request he promptly picked up two footlockers and filled them with canned beer (which I later used to expedite post flight critiques, by offering a weather cooled beer to the returned pilots, free, as long as they'd agree to sit and answer my questions until the can was empty!)

Don arrived at Taegu on July 31st, but because of our airplane shortage, he had to wait an additional three days before he

The leader made a strafing pass, firing his machine guns between Don's aircraft and the North Korean truck, making sure not to hit the troops but, at the same time, giving them notice to stay back and leave Bolt's airplane alone.

could again check out in the F 51. It had been a full year since he had flown an aircraft of any kind, Finally, thanks to the arrival of airplanes from the USS Boxer, Don was at last able to take one short test hop ... a familiarization flight, making sure that he remained south and east of Taegu, and well away from the front lines.

His next flight was a combat mission to the Chorwon area.

By September 1st Don had successfully flown eight or ten combat missions, and said the old Mustang was beginning to feel comfortable again... he said he could "point the nose where he wanted the bombs to go, and for the guns to fire."

Then, that afternoon, while staging out of Taegu, flying wingman for Captain Jerry Mau, Don's airplane was badly hit by machine gun fire and he was barely able to limp to the deserted airstrip at Pohang for a crash landing. He was not injured, but he had to wait several nervous hours waiting to be picked up from the isolated airfield deep in the middle of "no man's land". He was not happy when he learned that Mau did not know that he'd gone in ... it seems that they were using different radio frequencies when Don was hit.

Bolt's lack of self confidence, the gnawing uncertainty about his pilot ability ... and about his survivability in combat, was magnified at being shot down. To hide his concern, he tackled his ground assignment, helping me with the Awards processing with a fervor.

When told to find out all that would be needed in the line of paperwork for Seville's Medal of Honor, Don dedicated himself to making sure that it would be a truly professional job. He persisted despite negative responses from the lower levels of Far East Air Force (FEAF) Headquarters, who gave the impression that Lou's death "...wasn't heroic enough" because there weren't more people involved... that he didn't wipe out an

entire armored division single handedly. But Bolt kept digging, collecting details about the flight and then, between us, we sat down to collaborate on the all important descriptive Citation.

Periodically, Don began again to fly combat missions, and with each successful bombing or rocket attack, a small measure of his self-confidence returned. Following the Inchon landings, when the North Koreans were scattering to the four winds and racing for their lives toward the Manchurian sanctuary across the Yalu River, he told me that he finally was beginning to feel like a man again; that his flying efforts were beginning to pay their own way ... that he no longer felt like an "albatross among the eagles."

The next morning, after that discussion, on October 2nd, 1950, Don Bolt flew an early, pre dawn mission to Pyongyang, North Korea's capitol city.

His airplane was once again hit in the engine by ground fire, and he was able to glide just clear of a low ridge of hills east of the city before having to belly in on a small, open rice field which was surrounded by a mile wide ring of trees. After the Mustang came to a stop, Bolt jumped quickly out of the cockpit, onto the wing, then started running across the dry rice paddies toward the nearest trees. He stopped abruptly, after covering about a hundred feet, according to his flight leader who was by then circling overhead, and Bolt ran quickly back to the far side of his crippled airplane, ducking low as he ran.

He pointed his arm toward the trees, and the flight leader could see enemy troops jumping out of a truck alongside the trees. The leader made a strafing pass, firing his machine guns between Don's aircraft and the North Korean truck, making sure not to hit the troops but, at the same time, giving them notice to stay back and leave Bolt's airplane alone.

He called Mellow Control for help, giving Don's position and the fact that he

appeared to be uninjured. He would remain overhead to keep the enemy away as long as his fuel held out... perhaps another forty-five minutes, then requested other flights to take over the top cover until a helicopter could be dispatched from Kimpo Air Base, 85 miles southwest, to come pick Bolt out.

It was by then approximately 7:30 AM on a crisp, clear autumn morning ... when the air war over Korea stopped, 'came to a complete halt... just to cover the downed Lieut. Don Bolt.

Every Far East Air Force fighter airplane in the area was suddenly dedicated to the protection of Don Bolt ... who was by then sitting dejectedly on the wing of his downed Mustang, watching the ever-changing flights of fighters circling overhead.

Ground targets took second priority as Mellow Control coordinated the air effort to keep a minimum of four fighters circling the immediate area at all times, watching to assure that no troops attempted to close in on Bolt.

Meanwhile, attempts were being made to line up a helicopter and crew. We did not know, until then, however, that the maximum range of those ancient, early H 5 helicopters was less than 150 miles; there was no way that they could fly from Kimpo to Pyongyang to pick up Bolt, and have any chance of returning to friendly territory. Still, the combat air patrol (CAP) remained overhead all through the day, dipping low periodically to strafe between the trees and Bolt's ship, to remind the Red troops to stay away.

By mid afternoon there were enemy troops surrounding the entire field, and Don lay hunched low behind the wing; he had apparently been shot at while sitting on the wing. Each succeeding flight of circling fighters found it necessary to fire a burst of machine gun fire to keep the troops back behind the trees.

Still, no means could be devised to pick Don out of his menacing circle.

Finally, as dusk turned to darkness, after scores of combat sorties were diverted to protect him, Major "Moon" Mullins flew our last patrol ... when Bolt was last seen alive, and still crouched beneath his Mustang. Moon said that he was sorely tempted to strafe the entire circle of

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enemy troops and vehicles, but didn't dare; surely such action would be the single act to trigger the killing, on the spot, of Don Bolt.

He might just as well have strafed the Red troops. For, a week later, after our forces took Pyongyang, the Graves Registration people reportedly found Lieutenant Don Bolt's body buried in a shallow grave just a short distance from his airplane. He had been shot in the back of the head, execution style.

First Lieutenant Don Bolt didn't receive the Medal of Honor; nor the Distinguished Flying Cross or, most likely, not even the Air Medal. His parents were probably very proud to receive just the simple Purple Heart medal and a flag. There were no military formations held in his honor, nor is there a commemorative corner in his name at the Air Force Academy, or at any other Air Force base.

But in my book, if I were forced to make a reluctant comparison between my two heroic friends, Lou Seville or Don Bolt, as to which was the most courageous, I would have to say that Don Bolt was my greater hero.

I would base my choice on the fact that Don Bolt, the insecure little First Lieutenant volunteered to fly combat in Korea, even though he realized his own limitations, and lack of current flying experience. 'Then, after suffering the trauma of once being shot down, he had the temerity ... the plain, unadulterated 'guts' to fly further combat missions, one right after the other, until he was finally

shot down once again. Then this little guy, who wasn't 'macho' enough to be accepted as 'one of the boys' in the squadron at Clark Field, sat next to his disabled Mustang for ten long hours, all the while surrounded by armed enemy troops ... when the best efforts of the entire Far East Command were unable to devise a way to pick this man from 85 miles behind enemy lines before darkness fell.

Tom Wolfe described the inner drives of men of the Fighter Pilot's profession ... he called it the "Right Stuff"; Donald D. Bolt had it, but few people realized it, then or now.

So who was the greater hero? Whose citation should be honored by display at the Air Force Academy as inspiration to our fledgling leaders? I'll raise my glass to the frail little Reserve First Lieutenant who signed on for the "Whole Trip" when he pinned on those wings of the Air Force Pilot.

"May his winds be eternally from the stem. and may his skies be forever blue!!"
Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret
"...one of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots... "
(Of the five pilots named with Don Bolt to return to flying duty if they would "volunteer" for Korean combat in July, 1950, none lived to see the next July 4th ... all were killed flying combat during the first year of the war, as were eight of Dean Hess's twelve original "Bout One" pilots.)

Next Issue: White Robes...Refugees and traumatic pangs of conscience for fighter pilots.

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

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Order from: Earl House
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Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone 410-661-8950



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A final reminder, many War Veterans desire to return to Korea regardless if their are revisit quotas available or not. We (Military Historical Tours) do have reduced Air and Hotel rooms in Seoul this year. Please read carefully the MHT Tour ad contained elsewhere in this magazine. If you are interested in more details and tour costs call us at 800-722-9501 in Alexandria, Virginia. (Commercial 703-212-0695). When you call, ask specifically for George Malone, Bill Alli or Patti Huly. All have been to Korea and can answer your questions in more detail. Of course you can always ask for me - I have been returning for almost 50 years now since PFC Wiedhahn first landed in Pusan in August 1950!

"We Called It War"

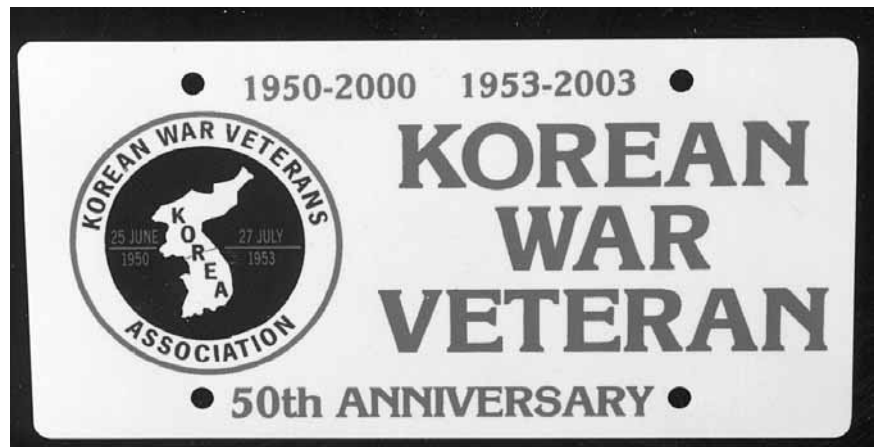
A book about one man's rifle platoon against the Chinese and North Korean Communists in the Korean War. This is a book that tells it like it was on the battlefield of Korea.

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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50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative License Plate



License Plate is in beautiful metallic blue on a white background

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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.

Medals of America ad

Pick-up (Mar/Apr issue)

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Chaplain's Corner

Irvin L. Sharp

Approximately one year ago, we so vividly remember two members of National Headquarters. Treasurer, Dan J. Nickolas and Secretary, Edward Markart were called home along with all other members of the Korean War Veterans Assn. who answered the Call to Taps. May they rest in peace. God bless the families and friends of our late comrades.

We are all looking forward to the Fifty Year Celebration after the Korean War, 24 through 28 of July in DC.

God bless all veterans of the Korean War!

Notes on a beloved Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage when the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an alter in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
Its day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea;
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

"Battle Hymn at the Republic"

Mrs. Julie Ward Howe (1819 1910) wrote these famous verses in 1861 after a visit to an army camp near Washington. On her return her carriage became entangled with a detachment of Union soldiers marching and singing "John Brown's Body." The troops, the tune, and the occasion obsessed her all night; she rose at dawn to write out the poem, which soon swept the country sung to the old tune of "John Brown's Body."

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Home of record _____

☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

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Obtain a Korean War Veterans Memorial Granite Wall Memento....

The memento is an authentic piece of the "Academy Black" granite, quaried in California and fabricated in Minnesota, used to create the mural wall of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

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Call toll free (800) 732-2611 for further information or see order form in previous issues of "The Graybeards."

Submissions to The Graybeards

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to *The Graybeards* for publication.

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

Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. Official opinions of the Korean War Veterans Association appear under "Official Announcements."

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

June 2000



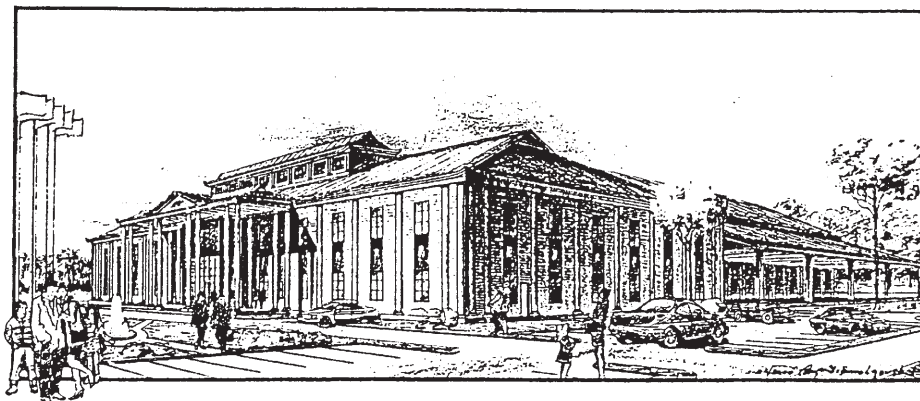
On June 3, 2000, groundbreaking ceremonies were held in Tuscola, Illinois for the Korean War Veterans National Museum and

Library. This educational research center will pay tribute to all who served in the war, especially the wounded and killed in action and those who lost their lives in non-combatant situations. This museum and library has been long overdue and will finally create an awareness of *The Forgotten Victory*.

The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is a multi-million dollar project to be located in Tuscola, Illinois just 20 miles south of Champaign, the location of the University of Illinois. It will be 70,000 square feet featuring a two story building containing a remembrance wall, exhibits, a large research library, a single story war machine gallery and a eleven acre battlefield replica of the front-line.

It will make us all very proud.

Your commitment to this project is



Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library
122 West North Central
P.O. Box 16
Tuscola, IL 61953

Phone: (217) 253-5813 ♦ Fax: (217) 253-9421

E-mail: kwmuseum@advancenet.net ♦ Web-Site: www.theforgottenvictory.org

vital. The educational research center plans have been developed, but we still have a long way to go. We are seeking financial support from (you in the amount of \$10.00) or (from your organization in the amount of \$10.00 per member). We are also seeking documents, records, and other important information regarding the

Korean War. Your participation will be recognized and will influence future generations for many years to come.

Robert Kenney, President

E-mail: kwmuseum@advancenet.net
Web Site: www.theforgottenvictory.org

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.

We regret any misunderstanding our advertisement may have caused.

Tom Jin

Dearborn Travel Inc.
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ROK WAR SERVICE MEDAL

Sir,

There has been little made public about the approved acceptance of the ROK War Service Medal. I have heard rumors that there are some medals being distributed around the country by some folks from your organization. Is there any information you can provide to us about what is known about this medal?

Thanks,

CPT Arnold Schnobrich
US Special Operations Command
Awards Branch Chief
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I am attaching two articles I pulled out of the Army Times archives. The picture I am sending I scanned from the October 18th edition of the Army Times which is the second article I am sending. I am going to do up a money order today and send off for one. I hope to get one and be able to see it for myself and add it to my dad's display case.

"It is requested that you accept the Republic of Korea's recognition of the splendid service rendered by the United Nations Command and delegate authority to commanders of forces of the nations fighting in Korea to award the Korean War Ribbon to members of their commands."

/s/ Ki-Poong Lee
Minister of Defense, Republic of Korea.
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In a memorandum dated August 26, 1998, the Government of the Republic of Korea reaffirmed that their original offer of the ROKWSM was still valid. They provided the following criteria and period of eligibility:

(1) The ROKWSM was conferred from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953, at its conclusion, upon military personnel (including United Nations), military employees, policemen, railworkers, etc., as a group, through assignments to units (and organizations), who participated in the war.

(a) Military personnel, workers, and policemen who either served in or who through some special duty deployed to and returned from the combat zone during the Korean War.

(b) Service members and employees who served in relation to the theater of war, even if not on duty in the theater of combat, through unit mobilization or integration into temporarily constituted units.

(c) Rail workers and mariners supporting military transportation.

(d) Employees who supported military communications.

(e) Combat theater nurses who served patients wounded in the theater of combat.

(f) The eligibility period and criteria were specified by the Government of the Republic of Korea and may not be waived.

(g) Supply of the medal. The Government of the Republic of Korea will not do reproductions or retroactive conferrals. Individuals can purchase, for a fee, a reproduction from a Republic of Korea authorized designated agency. The address for the manufacturer is as follows:

110-420

Jung IL SA (Mr. CHANG, Hui Kwan)
Kwan Su Dong 130-2, Jong Ro Gu, Seoul City
SEOUL, KOREA

(h) Cost of the medal from ROK manufacturer is as follows: one miniature—Won 5,000 (approx. \$4.25); one medal—won 10,000 (approx. \$8.50). Shipping cost is approximately, won 1500 (approx. \$1.25). The ROK manufacturer will only accept money orders. No checks or credit cards can be used to pay for the medal. No requisition form is available from the manufacturer and no web site will be established.

(i) Versions of the medal are also available through various civilian manufacturers/organizations in the United States. (Note, some US versions of the medal are not quite the same, although close to the medal that is made by the ROK manufacturer.)

(j) Order of precedence. Order of precedence for non-U.S. service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval. Accordingly, the ROKWSM will be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait). For the majority of Korean War veterans the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during the Vietnam Conflict era.

Ben Lane
Civ, 703-325-4755
TAPC-PDO-PA
Military Awards Branch

(I received the above second message from Capt Schnobrich on Feb. 15. After I told him I did not have anything proving the medal advertised was correct. I could not open the picture but I think this was the article from Army Times. Unfortunately I erased the e-mail from my hard drive. "Distributed by our organization" is I assume the advertisement seen in present and past Graybeards—Editor)
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The Department of Defense has announced the criteria for U.S. military veterans of the Korean War to wear the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM), ending a five-year effort by veterans organizations to obtain eligibility guidelines.

The ROKWSM was originally offered to the Armed Forces of the United States in 1951. In a Nov. 15, 1951 letter ROK Ministry of Defense Ki-Poong Lee offered the medal to the Commander in Chief of the United Nations Command for members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in Korea and adjacent waters between June 25, 1950 and a termination date to be established later.

In part, the letter said:

"To express the heartfelt appreciation of the Korean people to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been and are now, combating the -communist aggressor in Korea, it is the desire of the President of the Republic of Korea to confer on those individuals the Korean War Medal. It is felt that the following criteria should be established in determining who should receive the ribbon:

“Service between 25 Jun 50, inclusive, and a terminal date to be announced later within the territorial limits of Korea, on waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea.

“The service prescribed must have been performed:

“While on permanent assignment; or

“While on temporary duty within the territorial limits of Korea or on waters immediately adjacent thereto for 30 consecutive days or 60 days not consecutive; or while as crew members of aircraft, in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

“It is requested that you accept the Republic of Korea’s recognition of the splendid service rendered by the United Nations Command and delegate authority to commanders of forces of the nations fighting in Korea to award the Korean War Ribbon to members of their commands.”

However, the U.S. Constitution, specifically article 1, section 9, clause 8, prohibited any person holding any office of profit and trust from accepting any presents, emolument, office or title from a foreign government without consent of Congress. Consequently, based upon this Constitutional provision, as well as a similar regulatory provision that was in effect at the time, legislative relief was sought.

In 1954, Congress enacted Public Law 83-354, which authorized the service secretaries to prescribe regulations governing acceptance of decorations and awards offered from foreign governments to members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War subsequent to June 26, 1950. However, for reasons unknown, this medal was never officially accepted or retroactively authorized for U.S. military veterans of the Korean War. This oversight may have gone unnoticed forever, were it not for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 1995, when U.S. veterans noticed their counterparts from other nations were wearing the medal or the miniature pin.

Most of the U.S. veterans had apparently never known about its existence, and although other nations approved the wearing of the medal, the U.S. apparently had not. After the memorial dedication a series of letter writing and telephonic campaigns by veterans groups occurred, eventually reaching the Office of the Secretary of Defense. On Aug. 20, 1999, the Secretary of Defense approved the acceptance and wear of the medal. Since then, the Department has been coordinating the guidelines for eligibility and purchase with the Republic of Korea, the Department of Veterans Affairs, various veterans organizations and from within the Department. A Department spokesman said the effort was expedited because: “we wanted to ensure that all of our U.S. veterans had the opportunity to wear the medal at the 50th anniversary events at Arlington Cemetery and the Korean War Memorial on June 25, 2000. It’s the least we could do.”

In 1998 the government of the Republic of Korea reaffirmed that its original offer of the ROKWSM was still valid. It provided the following criteria and period of eligibility:

Dates of eligibility: June 25, 1950 (outbreak of hostilities) to July 27, 1953 (the date the armistice was signed).

Who is eligible:

Military personnel, workers, and policemen who either served in or through some special duty deployed to and returned from the com-

bat zone during the Korean War.

Service members and employees who served in relation to the theater of war, even if not on duty in the theater of combat, through unit mobilization or integration into temporarily constituted units.

Rail workers and mariners supporting military transportation.’

Employees who supported military communications.

Combat theater nurses who served patients wounded in the theater of combat.

The eligibility period and criteria were specified by the government of the Republic of Korea and cannot be waived.

The government of the Republic of Korea will not finance the reproduction of the medals or grant retroactive conferrals. Individuals can purchase a reproduction from a Republic of Korea authorized designated manufacturer. Because the medal was not issued by the U.S. government, there is no system in place to review an applicant’s eligibility. Thus, no proof of eligibility is required for purchase. The address for the manufacturer is as follows:

110-420

Jung IL SA (Mr. CHANG Hui Kwan)

Kwan Su Dong 130-2, Jong Ro Gu, Seoul City

SEOUL, KOREA

Telephone: Seoul 2267-0806

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Versions of the medal are also available through various civilian manufacturers and organizations in the United States. Some US versions of the medal are not quite the same, although close, to the medal that is made by the ROK manufacturer. A list of these U.S.-based manufacturers can be found by visiting the Korean War Commemorations Committee home page at <http://korea50.armymil/>.

Because the order of precedence for non-U.S. service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval, the ROKWSM should be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal (government of Kuwait). For the majority of Korean War veterans the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal, or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during the Vietnam War.

(The above information came from U.S. Forces Korea 50th Anniversary of the Korean War home page.

<<http://www.korea.army.mil/50anniv/>>)

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.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
4000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-4000

Don Gutmann, Commander, Korean War Veterans Association
11959 Glenvalley Drive
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Korean War Medal. I have enclosed a color copy of the approved The

Republic of Korean War Service Medal. To wear the foreign medal on U.S. military uniforms, U.S. military personnel must have served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953. They must have been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. And their duty must have been performed within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

U.S.-sanctioned medals can only be purchased from the Republic of Korea designated manufacturer or from other organizations that have contracted to market the Korean firm's product. Information on the Korean manufacturer can be found by visiting the Korean War Commemorations Committee internet web site at <http://korea50.army.mil>.

Because the U.S. government did not issue the medal, there is no system in place to review or approve an applicant's eligibility. Thus, no proof of eligibility is required for purchase.

Other, non-authentic versions of the medal may also be available through various commercial manufacturers and organizations. If the Korean manufacturer does not license the production of these medals, they do not meet the U.S. criteria for wear on the military uniform.

Because the order of precedence for non-U.S. service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval, the ROKWSM should be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal, which was the last medal previously awarded by a foreign government to U.S. military personnel. For the majority of Korean War veterans the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal, or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during that conflict.

Also deemed eligible by the Republic of Korea are military personnel, workers, and policemen who either served in - or through some special duty — deployed to and returned from the combat zone during the Korean War; service members and employees who served in relation to the theater of war — even if not on duty in the theater of combat -through unit mobilization or integration into temporarily constituted units; rail workers and mariners supporting military transportation; employees who supported military communications; and combat theater nurses who served patients wounded in the theater of combat.

Thank you for your letter and we deeply appreciate your continued support of those that serve our great Nation.

Sincerely,

Bobby A Little, Colonel USA
Officer & Enlisted Director
Officer Personnel Management (Military Personnel Policy)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

November 15, 1951

Subject: Award of Korean War Medal
To: Commander-in-Chief,
United Nations Command, APO 500

1. express the heartfelt appreciation of the Korean people to the brave and valiant members of the United Nations Command who have been, and are now, combating the communist aggressor in Korea, it is the desire of the President of the Republic of Korea to confer on those individuals the Korean War Medal (sketch enclosed herewith).

a. Service between 25 June 1950, inclusive, and a terminal date to be announced later, within the territorial limits of Korea, on waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea.

(The picture was provided by Mr. Gutman. The text may have more pages but this is what was sent to me. All seems very official.—Ed)



THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
WAR SERVICE MEDAL
(25 JUNE 1950 --27 JULY 1953)



Taps

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

California

★ Michael J. Flores

Colorado

★ Maj. William E. Koons

Florida

★ Herbert L. Gilbert

★ Arnold R. Lehrer

Connecticut

★ Guy C. Beck

Illinois

★ Guenther Kromrei

Indiana

★ Arthur Marquart

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Minnesota

★ Melvin A. Jacobson

Missouri

★ Dolores Pauline DeWitt
(Assoc.)

★ Eddie J. Wills

Nebraska

★ Clarence O. Dail

New Hampshire

★ Lt. Col. James Dick

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★ Theodore N. Arioli

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★ Richard W. Gernon

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★ William E. Louthier, Jr.

★ Gerald P. Lusk

★ B.G. William C. Pratt

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★ Donald G. Sackrider, Sr.

★ Richard P. Smith

★ Donald Vincent Serra

★ Jack B. Winder

North Carolina

★ Boyce E. McCrary

South Carolina

★ Schuyler Berdan

Virginia

★ Col. Carl L. Sitter MOH

Wisconsin

★ Thomas J. Farley

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Reunions

June 2000

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 Sassafras 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 KWV 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

H-3-7 (1950 1953) Korea Aug. 9-13 in conjunction with the 1st Marine Div. Reunion at the Town & Country Hotel San Diego, CA. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct., Seminole, FL 33772. Tel: 727-392 2886, e mail to: jar-headh37@ij.net or Thomas J. Martin, 16553 Quantico, Apple Valley, CA 92310. Tel: 760-242 4558

8th Field Artillery Bn. Korea 50-53, August 9-13 in Spokane, Washington with 25th Div. Assn. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Duport Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN 55412-2512 Tel: 612-529-4567

4.2mm Mortar Co. 35th Regt. 25th Inf. Div. Korea, August 17-20 at the Key Bridge Marriott 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 Piegon 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.

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CVA-39 Sept. 4-7 at Burlington, Vermont. Contact Eugene Carroll, P.O. Box 131, Interlaken, NY 14847 Tel: 607-531-4735.

LSM-LSMR Assn. Sept. 6-10 at Omaha, Nebraska; WWII, Korea, Vietnam. Contact: Richard Schatz, 66 Summer St., Greenfield, MA 01301 Tel: 413-774-2397

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>.

235th FAOB US or in Korea, to be held in Janesville, Wisconsin on Sept. 7-9. Contact Robert Gamboe, P.O. Box 278, Pioneer, Ohio 43554.

70th Heavy Tank Bn. Sept. 7-9 in Radcliff, KY Contact Jim Harris, 615 Rosa Dr. Lebanon, TN 37087 Tel: 615-444-7518

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

343rd General Hospital, former personnel & patients, Sept. 9th at American Legion, Jordan Road, Skaneateles, NY Contact Ray J. Pitts, 3406 N. Beach St., Fort Worth, TX 76111 Tel: 817-838-5364

246th Field Artillery Missile Bn., Sept. 10-13 at the Hilton Hotel, Huntsville, AL Contact Norm Dougan, 3770 Bassett Road, Pacific, MO 63069-2423, Tel. 636-451-5367.

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 Algal 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

580th, 581st, 582nd Air Resupply and Communications Wings, Sept. 14-17, Air Force Museum, Dayton, OH. Contact Ray Banks Tel: 623-935-4551 or rbank@uswestmail.net. Website: www.arcassn.org

40th Div., 143rd FA Bn. Battery C, Sept. 17-19 Oregon Coast, Contact Clint Huffman, 16342 SW Kimball St., Lake Oswego, OR 97035 Tel: 503-636-8803

Baker Co., 15th. Regt., 3rd. Inf. Div., Korean War, Sept. 17-21, at Comfort Inn, 1700 Van Bibber, Edgewood, MD. Tel: 1-800-408-4748. Contact Dick Ashton at 410-686-1197 or Dr. Don Sonsalla at e-mail drsonnie@aol.com

705th AAA Gun Bn., Korea 1950-52, Sept. 20-22, contact Robert Duval 911 Toll Gate Rd. Trlr. 23, Warwick, RI 02886 Tel 401- 823-0250

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.

H & S Company, 120th Engineers (C) Bn., (WWII & Korea) : Sept. 21 & 22, 2000 in Oklahoma City at the Saddleback Inn. Contact Woody Harris, 26 Preston Circle, Stillwater, OK 74075. Tel: 405 372 4098 or e mail wgharr@hotmail.com

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>.

68th AAA Gun Bn. 508 OPS. DET., Sept. 27 to 1 Oct, at Alexandria, VA. Contact Frank Baker, 3709 S. George Mason DR., Unit 1605-E, Falls Church, VA 22041, Tel: 703-671-2743.

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

USS SATYR Association ARL 23, WW II - Korea - Vietnam, Oct. 1-5 in Las Vegas, NV at the Sunset Station Hotel - Casino. Contact Bill Janosco, Lake Havasu City, AZ. Tel: 520-453-6755 or Mel Bennett, 2566 W. 234th St., Torrance, CA 90505 Tel: 310-326-5091.

USS Consolation, Oct. 2-5 at Hotel Queen Mary, 1126 Queen's Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802-6390. Contact at 562-432-6964 or 1-800-437-2934 or fax 562-437-4531

Army: 1st Ord MM Co., (328 Ord Bn, X Corps) Korea, etc. '48-'54. Oct. 4-6 in Kansas City, MO. Contact Laketa at 630-739-5008 or Reber at 770-565-5761.

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.

700th Ordnance Maintenance Co., 45th Inf. Div., Oct. 5-8 at Marriott-Courtyard Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC Contact Don Ingram, 7011 Bluewood Ct., High Point, NC 27263. Tel: 336-431-1775.

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

75th Ftr. Sq. Presque Isle, ME and Suffolk CO, NY, Oct. 18-20, contact Bo Green, 309 Norwich St., Brunswick, GA 21520. Tel: 912-264-2721

Carrier Air Group Two (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-63, VF64, VA-65 or VC/VT/HU Detachments during the Korean War (1950-52), are invited to attend its next reunion in Virginia Beach, VA, October 18-21. Contact Suzanne Van Kirk, 1281 Mossy Oaks CT, Virginia Beach VA, 23454, (757) 496 0430, or E-Mail: vanslide@mindspring.com.

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

USS John Land (AP167) WW II, Oct. 25-29 Contact Ted Larson MMI/C 6110 Spanish Lakes Blvd., Fort Pierce, FL 34952 Tel: 561-464-0320

Army Security Agency in Korea 1950-1960, Oct. 26-29, in Sturbridge, MA. Contact "ASA Korea" in care of Valley Travel, 1089 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520-0276 Tel: 1-800-696-8747 or fax 508-829-6748.

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

6147th Tactical Group "Mosquitos", Fifth Air Force, Korean War, Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711-4121. Tel: 520-881-4200. Contact Robert P Blackwood, 3331 S. Calle Del Albano, Green Valley, AZ 85614. Tel: 520-648-1933

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.

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C-1-5, Korea, 1950-53 Nov 10-12 in Nashville, TN. Contct Hank Miller at 256-350-0325, e-mail C15USMC1@aol.com or Clint Southworth at 540-373-3240

No Date Given

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765th T.R.S.B. R.R., Korea 1950-1955, 16th Annual Reunion, Jacksonville Beach, FL at Holiday Inn Sun-Spree on the Beach. Contact Joe Aronica 352-750-3380 or E-Mail <AronicaGroundhog@aol.com> or contact Bill Hill at 423-942-2644

26th AAA (AW) SP BN - A Battery annual reunion at Biloxi Beach Resort Inn, Biloxi, Mississippi. Contact Bill Earley, 25 Kelly Rd., Hamden, Ct. 06518-2021. Tel: 203-248-6834

(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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- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those that lost loved ones.
- 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)
- Recognize the contributions of women and minorities to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War and the military's contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
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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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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 – <i>Fire and Ice</i>	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 Pusan Perimeter	San Diego, CA	USMC	Sat Aug 19
40th ID Korean War Memorial Dedication	Vandenberg AFB, CA	CANG	Fri Sep 1
Breakout of Pusan Perimeter*	Taegu, South Korea	USFK	Wed Sep 13
Historical Symposium/Marshal Found'n & VMI	VMI	VMI	Wed-Fri Sep 13-15
Defense and Breakout of Pusan Perimeter	Norfolk	City of Norfolk	Fri-Sun Sep 15-17
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