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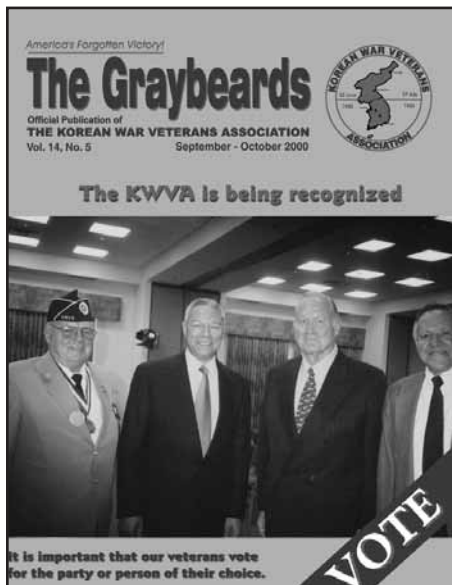
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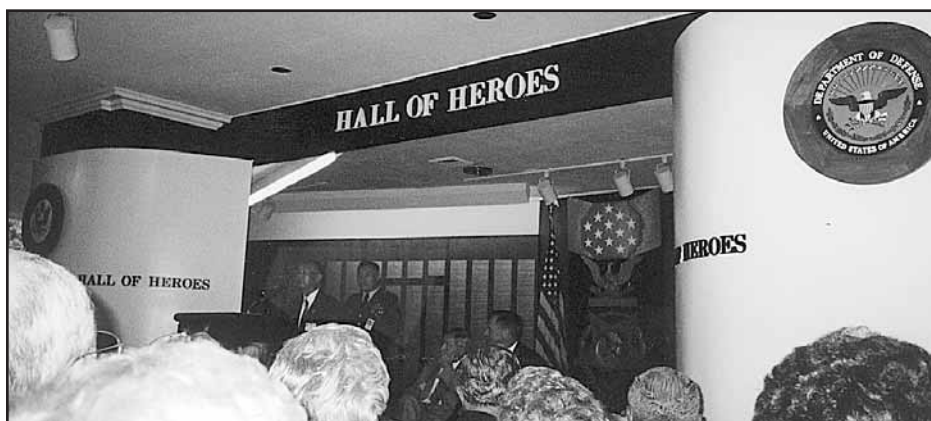


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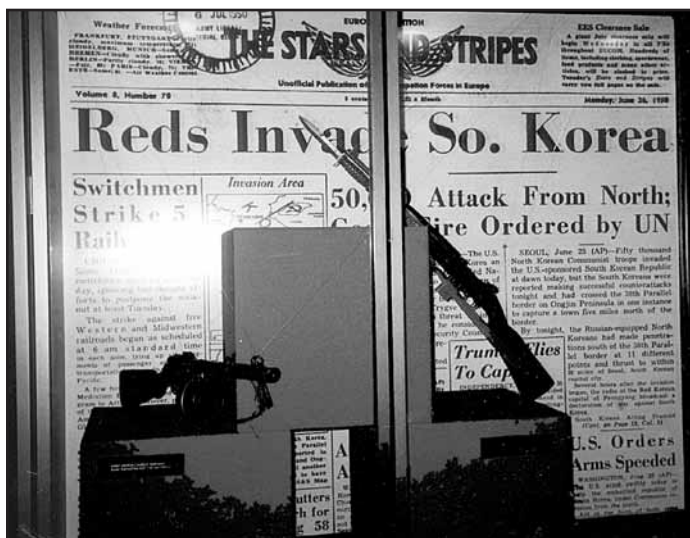
On cover is a photo taken at Wright State University on September 7, 2000. Pictured (l to r) are Harley J. Coon, Colin Powell, General Norman Schwarzkopf, and Thomas Gregory.

This photo was selected for several reasons. Mainly, these veterans took part in several wars and are respected as leaders for veterans' interests.

Harley and Tom were able to discuss many veteran associated topics including our National Charter. Throughout this newsletter you will see in photos and text that our war and veterans are being remembered. Send in your photos also.



At the Pentagon on July 26, 2000, KWVA was honored to attend the Pentagon official opening of the Korean War Historical Exhibit. Above, standing at the podium is General Paik Sun Yup (ROK Army Retired) with Major Peter Kemp interrupting his speech from Korean to English. Anyone that attended this affair and has on tape or video the full speech of General Paik, please mail it to me (Graybeards Editor) and I will reimburse your full costs.



Part of the display in two adjoining halls to the left and right of the Halls Of Heroes. A very impressive display to remember our war and its veterans. Also speaking that day was Major Gen. Nels Running and Gen. Robert W. Sennewald. (Thank you Dept. Of Defense.)

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

Veterans.

Our convention (Thanks to Co-chairman Jack Cloman) was one of the best we have had. I can not forget the wives that gave so much time at the registration desk and the husbands that set next to them. Whenever there was something to be done everyone pitched in. I did not hear one complaint about the program and the banquet.

The hospitality room had many complements thanks to Jack Murary, Sherm Pratt and their helpers. We had some fine entertainment, thanks to Norb Reiner. The Graybeard is the best Veterans magazine being published, thanks to Vincent Krepps.

The 50th Commemoration committee was a great help in giving us escorts and setting up programs such as the Tattoo to honor all Korean War Veterans. I think the highlight was at the banquet when U. S.

First I would like to thank each of the members that voted for me. I look forward to two more years of prosperity and growth for the KWVA. It is truly an honor for me to represent The Korean War

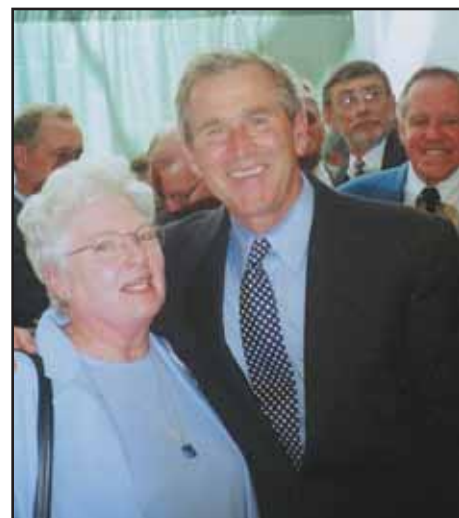
**On August 30th the Grand jury indicted the past treasurer John Maison on 12 counts of Fraud....on September 3, 2000, John Masion was killed when his automobile was hit by a drunk driver**

Army posted the colors with United States Marine Corps. Drum and Bugle Corps. The USMC Drum and Bugle Corps played a medley of march music The commemoration committee provided a five piece combo for music to dine by.

To top things off on August 3, 2000 The Korean War Veterans Associations, Maryland Chapter posted the colors at the Republican National Convention, what an honor (We would have posted colors for the Democrat Convention but were not asked).

There are many events over the next three years to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean war. One coming up on November 11 in New York city is the Veterans day Parade. Contact 2nd Vice President Ed Grygier 718-981-3630 or National Director Bob Morga 631-472-0052 for information. Contact Warren Weidhahn revisit chairman for revisit information, you can contact him at 703-212-0695 or fax 703-212-8567.

When I took office two years ago there were a lot of "Worms to put back in the can." Working together with the Executive Council and the membership I think we put the lid back on the can. "With each sunshine some rain must fall." We did have to suspend 3 members for misrepresenting the facts. And we finally were able to get charges against the past treasurer of the past administrations. I will give the membership a full report of the insurance claim and fraud charges when it is concluded.



Sylvia A. Coon with Governor George W. Bush at Wright State University, September 7, 2000.

## A sad ending

This is the toughest report I have had to give concerning our missing funds. On August 30th the Grand jury indicted the past treasurer John Maison on 12 counts of Fraud. The total amount was \$240,000.00 according to newspaper accounts printed in The Bellview Dispatch. I talked to FBI Agent John Kelley and he confirmed this story.

On 6th of September I received a telephone call that John Maison had been killed in a automobile accident. I was dumbfounded. I once again called Mr. Kelley to confirm this statement. Mr. Kelley informed me that John Maison was killed in Palm Beach County, FL. I then called the Palm Beach County Police Department. They had no record of this accident, they suggested, I call the Sheriff's Department, which I did. They had a record, but suggested I call the Corners Office for details. The Corners Office informed me that John Masion was killed when his automobile was hit by a drunk driver on September 3, 2000. John Maison was 66 years old. I feel sorry for the Maison family that it ended this way, regardless of what he had done, they lost a loved one.

There was much information that went with John Maison, we may never have the answers to missing funds.

Until then I remain

Harley



Governor George W. Bush and Harley Coon at Wright State University, Sept 7, 2000.

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## Book Review



### Freedom is not Free

By Ralph M. Hockley

Beginning with a down-to earth account of Hitler's rise to power in Germany, Mr. Hockley traces 20th Century events as he experienced them, first as a child in Germany and in pre-war and Nazi-occupied France; later as a US soldier in Germany, a combat officer in the Korean War, and an intelligence officer in Germany during the Cold War. The book is well documented. But it is the personal relationships, the acts of dedication to the many causes of the century, anti-Nazism, Quaker humanitarian, the fight against Communism in Korea and Berlin, that make this book a valuable tool for those who want a better understanding of the background and the events of WWII, the Korean War and the Cold War. Mr. Hockley highlights the fate of countries who fail to provide for an adequate national security.

Details from well-kept journal entries bring home the reality of Korean War battles. Colonel Ralph Hockley...presents a keen insight and analysis of the causes, conduct and effects of that military adventure, writes Brigadier General Robert D. Upp - JAGC-Ret.

My family and I met him at the Quaker office in Marseille, France, as a 14 year old youngster. He was gifted with open eyes, ears and mind and the knowledge of three languages (German, French and English) .... Fred Buch, Engineer, former internee at Les Miles Internment Camp, France, born 1900.

Ralph Hockley was one of the five or six outstanding intelligence officers of my experience in 25 years of the 'Great Game'... Colonel Thomas F. McCord, Ret., former Chief, US Military Liaison Mission to Group Soviet Forces Germany.

A life story of an extraordinary man of many talents who always put service to his country ahead of personal interest and whose expert counsel was sought by our highest political and military leaders. The moving account of multiple and turbulent lifetimes packed into one reads like a

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## I lost another close friend

by Harley Coon

On August 25th this year I lost a Brother, Friend, and a Fellow Prisoner of War. His name Carl (Mofung) McClendon. We were together every day from January 1950 till September 20th 1953. Carl came into "B" Co. 35th Inf. Regt. 25th. Inf. Div. in January of 1950. He was a tall lanky 18 year old kid from Louisiana (I couldn't understand half what he said, me being from Ohio).

Come to find out that both of us joined the army in September 1948. I was sent to Japan in January of 1949 and I had been there a year before Carl. We hit it off pretty well and got to be good friends. Carl (a 16 year old) Brannum and Robert Hunt\* came in the squad at the same time. There were several of us that ran around together and had some good times in Japan. There was Ralph Hay, Irwin Betz\*, Sydney Rose\*, Roy Buel\*, \*Allen Simmons\*.

Just before we went to Korea we were

\*These 5 soldiers were killed in the Pusan perimeter in early August 1950.



September 6 1953 Freedom, Village Korea. M/Sgt. Richardson waiting for his brother Smyth to be released after 33 Months Shown left to right SFC. Harley J. Coon, M/SGT Richardson, SFC Carl McClendon.

on amphibious maneuvers and got a pass to Tokyo. McClendon and I went to visit my hometown friend Tom Gregory (National Treasurer) he was stationed with GHQ. That night was the last time we went out on the town. Tom, Carl, and I had a ball that night.

Two weeks later "B" Co. was ordered to Korea. For the next 5 1/2 months we were on the front line. I recall one time the Company commander, McClendon, and two other guys were pinned down, somebody was able to draw the fire away from them and they got away. I talked to Carl later and he said someone saved his life.

On the night of November 26th. 1950. Our lives changed, never to be the same. We were captured by Chinese forces the



Mason, Korea, March 15, 1985 25th Inf. Div. Team Sprit 85. Shown left to right are Carl McClendon, Major Gen Mick Kicklighter, Commander 25th Div. and Harley J. Coon.

## Carl McClendon and I were the only Prisoners of War that were in the same platoon and squad for all the time we were interned over 33 months.

next day. After we had marched for several days over the snow covered mountains, I stopped to let some soldiers go down this steep hill. A Chinese guard hit me in the back with a rifle butt and I went tumbling down the hill, knocking down soldiers in front of me like a bowling ball. I could barley walk and Carl helped me along for several days. Over the next 33 months we helped each other. I remember after we moved to Camp # 4 Carl had night blindness. I would let him put his hand on my shoulder and lead him to the latrine. Carl McClendon and I were the only Prisoners of War that were in the same platoon and squad for all the time we were interned over 33 months. There may have been others but I don't know of them.. In September 1953 Carl McClendon and I boarded the USS Black to return home.

Our parents met us at Ft. Mason, CA. I met his mother (She passed away on Wednesday two days before Carl), and he met my parents. For the next 50 years we would call each other on our birthday (his January and mine March) and on the 27th of November I always asked him "Do you want some bean paste?" Now my phone will be silent.

As they say in taps "Day is done" now my Friend is gone. and I know we will meet in Heaven because we have lived through hell here on earth. "Mofung will be sadly missed".

# Listen Up

Official KWVA Notices and Announcements



## Raffle Report

Over 5,000 checks were registered, which means over 5,000 members participated in the raffle. You, the membership, made this raffle a great success. I thank you for your letters, notes, and telephone calls offering support and your expressions of happiness that we have turned the KWVA around and to continue on course.

It is a great honor to serve and to witness your support. Without question the strength and lifelihood of the KWVA is the individual members. If I was a field commander, I would be extremely proud that the morale of the troops was so high.

Thank you and take a minute to say a prayer for this great country of ours.

Thomas J. Gregory  
National Treasurer, KWVA

## Winners

### Machine Gun

Marge Curtis.....Price, UT  
*Clarence Peterson, Wellington, UT – Seller*

### M-1 rifle

Jack Tamplin .....Boomer, WI

### M-1 rifle

Ray Slanda .....E. Hartford, CT

### 45 Pistol

Warren McLintock ..... Cartland, OH

### \$ 500.00 Bond

Berwin Nelson .....Arcadia, CA

## Financial Results

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Income .....     | \$ 110,471.25 |
| Expenses .....   | \$ 20,221.60  |
| Net Profit ..... | \$ 90,249.65  |

## National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

I just received the listing of all the Representatives, Deputies and Volunteers for the Korean War Veterans Association. Now I can get out the paper work and whatever to you.

I stated in my last report that this voluntary, and after I received this report, I have reached the conclusion that you are just that. We are now in 62 V.A. facilities.

I wish to take my hat off to Melvin C. Goodman of the Muskogee, OK facility. Melvin has since he entered the program,

donated a total of 15,789 hours. God Bless You!

Also, The Department of Florida's Bay Pines Volunteers, their number 63 volunteers, and total hours of these volunteers in the past three years are 22,070. God Bless all of you too.

To all of you who are in this program, Thank you from the veterans you assist, and from the Korean War Veterans Association for job well done.

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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.

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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 hon-

orarymembers, 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, 1955), 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 membership.

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 honorably 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 collected 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 KWWA 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 retroac-

tive 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 non-profit 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 poli-

cies 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.

**Section 3.** Resolutions may be proposed to the Resolutions Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the mid-winter and annual meetings of the Executive Council. The Resolutions Committee must present all resolutions, in whatever order it desires and may comment favorably or unfavorably upon each. Rather than read the entire resolution, the Resolutions Committee may submit the gist of the proposal to the body. If a majority of the members voting approve the resolution a directive for subsequent action shall be issued.

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I, Harley J. Coon, President of the Korean War Veterans Association, a not-for-profit New York corporation, hereby certify:

The foregoing amendments to the By-laws, comprising 12 pages are a true and correct copy of the By-laws of the Korean War Veterans Association, as amended or otherwise altered to date. The By-laws in effect at present are the same as those amended or otherwise altered today by Executive Council of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc as of, with the agreement of the members at their annual business meeting and effective July 27, 2000.



Harley J. Coon  
President

State of Ohio  
County of Green

Harley J. Coon, President of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. and known to me, affirms that the above By-laws were adopted unanimously by the General Membership in solemn session on the 26th day of July, 2000, in Arlington, Va., pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded.



Notary Public

CAROL ANN BECKER, Notary Public  
In and for the State of Ohio  
My commission expires: April 3, 2004

## D.C. Affairs



Blair Cross, National Director for D.C. Affairs

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

It goes without saying that the quest for a National Charter has almost become a nightmare for all of us involved. I wish I could report better news, however at this time, we are still at a stale mate as Lamar Smith has refused to take any action. The one thing that we do have in our favor is that at the end of this session of Congress, Mr. Smith will no longer be the Chairman of the Committee. This means we will have to re-introduce the Bill and hope for more favorable results.

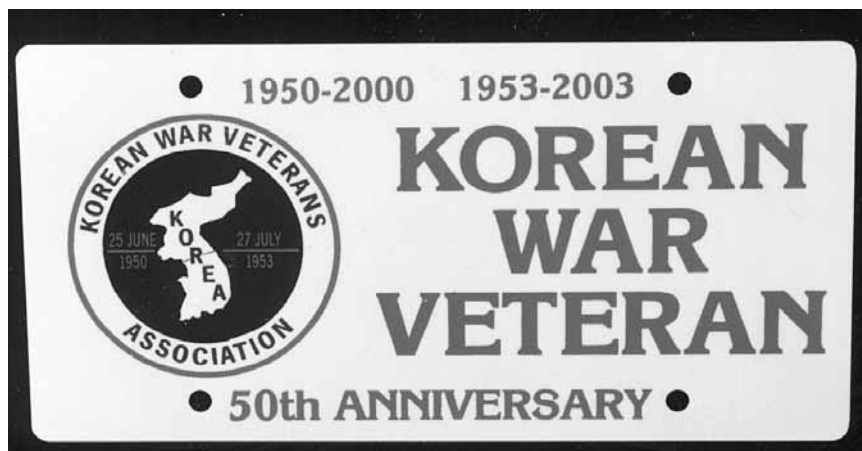
I, can tell you that the Veterans of

Foreign Wars, at their National Convention adopted a resolution to support our effort and they have already started to lobby in Washington and Texas, to push the Bill through.

Now, we as Korean War Veterans have got to get our members of Congress to sign on as sponsors of the Bill.

One thing we need to consider is that long after the Vietnam Veterans are gone, and Desert Storm Veterans are no more, we will still have Korean War Veterans as the War is still going on as we have troops there in harms way.

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# Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

## Missouri Remembers



Members of the Harry S. Truman Chapter stand in front of memorial (top) dedicated on June, 2000 at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery here in Branson, MO.

The Harry S Truman Chapter of the KWVA worked very hard the last three or four years to accomplish the erecting of the memorial, with a lot of support coming from a couple of theaters and several entertainers from the Branson area.

We are very grateful for their support. Chapter members chose this date for the dedication, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Neil D. Hurley, KWVA  
Harry S Truman Chapter,  
P.O. Box 1397  
Hollister, MO. 65673.

*(Thank you Neil and chapter members for the great memorial, photos and letter. We are proud of all of you for your service and remembering.*

### Notice

When calling an officer or the editor and you are leaving a message on an answering machine, speak slowly and leave your name and phone number twice. We are having problems responding because of not hearing your phone number clearly.

## Kansas Remembers



Korea/Vietnam Monument at Wyandotte County Lake.

Both the veterans of Korea and Vietnam are remembered at the entrance to Wyandotte County Lake in Kansas City, Kansas. Since there was no memorial to the Korean veterans when this was built it was decided that the memorial should be for both wars, not just Korea or just Vietnam, because the county had lost personnel in both conflicts.

Jack DeLap  
President Kansas Chapter #1  
1719 N. 79th Terrace  
Kansas City, Kansas 66112.

*(Thank you Jack for photo and letter.)*

## Virginia Remembers



Highway sign dedication at Ft. Lee VA.

On June 21, 2000, a ceremony was held at Ft. Lee, VA, located just off the highway, to dedicate the highway as The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

The picture above was taken immediately after Lt. Gen. Billy K. Solomon, U.S. Army Quartermaster General and Commander of Ft. Lee, VA. Transportation Secretary Shirley Ybarra, Consul General Wook Kim, Korean Embassy, Charles D. Nottingham, Virginia Commissioner of Transportation, and I had unveiled the



sign. The principal speaker was Col. Robert H. Kies (Ret.) , (not in picture) member of Chapter 143, and POW during the Korean War.

After receiving approval, in September 1999, from the Greater Richmond, VA chapter of KWVA, that they work towards having Interstate 295, a 53-mile-long bypass of I-95, named the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, Jim Jones, chapter president, contacted Virginia Governor, James Gilmore, regarding the name designation.

The Virginia Secretary of Transportation replied that there are two ways of naming or renaming a road in Virginia. By contacting all of the counties or municipalities through which the road runs and getting their recommendation to the VA. Transportation Board that the highway be named as designated or by an Act of the Virginia General Assembly. Chapter 143 chose to follow both methods. They obtained the unanimous approval at each locality's meetings and their written recommendation that the road be so named. They found a sponsor in the House of Delegates and a sponsor in the Virginia Senate to introduce the bill in each body.

After 9 months of appearances by Chapter 143 members before legislative committees and subcommittees, the bill passed both houses unanimously as ACT 45 of the 2000 Virginia General Assembly and was signed by Governor Gilmore. The signs were erected after July 1, the effective date of the Act

James F. Jones, Sr.

(Thanks Jim for photos and letter.)

## Michigan Remembers

Highway Dedication sign on a 22 Mile stretch of High Density roadway in the Northern Suburbs of Detroit. There are 16, 3'x4' signs along the right of way, 8 in each direction. Mike Adragna, at e-mail [mikeadragna@juno.com](mailto:mikeadragna@juno.com). (Thanks Mike for photo and e-mail)



Sign at mile 42, near the exit to I-64, leading to Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. Other signs are located near the northbound and southbound exits to I-95 and near the I-64 exit to Charlottesville.



## Arizona Remembers



Photo shows the memorial and the memorial committee responsible for the successful completion of this task to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of start of the Korean War. The committee members are (from left to right): Dick Wainwright, Bob English, Joe Alvarez, Al Porfirio, Camilo Castrillo, Henry Pino, and Ray Durbin.

The Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, KWVA dedicated a Korean War Memorial in Tucson, Arizona on June 24, 2000. It is a three-sided obelisk made from polished black granite. One side has information on the Korean War and the other two sides list all the men from Pima County who lost their lives during the war. The unveiling ceremony was well-covered by local newspapers, TV and radio stations.

The memorial occupies the focal point at the Kino Veterans Memorial Park. Joe R. Alvarez, Commander, Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, KWVA, P.O. Box 26083, Tucson, AZ 85726-6083

(Thank you Joe for photo and letter. A great memorial and proud veterans are obvious.)

## Florida Remembers



Korean War Monument erected at Royal Palm Cemetery, West Palm Beach, Florida. Herb Dareff, Lt. Richard E. Cronan Chapter #17 at e-mail [hdareff@hotmail.com](mailto:hdareff@hotmail.com).

(Thank you Herb for photo and e-mail. A beautiful memorial with a special inscription remembering everyone.)

## Massachusetts Remembers

### Veterans Park, Hyannis, MA

The Cape and Islands Chapter of the KWVA dedicated a magnificent memorial on June 25th. The main speakers were Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and the Honorable Jason Park, Korean Consul General. The Senator served in the Army during the Korean War. The Memorial is located in Veterans Park, Hyannis, and is situated next to the John F. Kennedy Memorial overlooking the harbor. An estimated 2000 people attended the ceremony. The bronze statue is 8 feet tall and mounted on a granite base.



Veterans Park, Hyannis, VA  
dedicated by the Cape and  
Islands Chapter of the KWVA.

On July 27th, a section of the Mid-Cape Highway, Rt 6, was dedicated as the Korean War Memorial Hwy. State Representative Demetrius Atsalis, the sponsor of the bill, and Korean Consul General Jason Park were the main speakers.

Our Chapter is very proud of what we have been able to achieve in honor of all Korean War Veterans in a period of approximately two years. We raised over 100 thousand dollars during this period in order to make the Memorial a reality. Edward J. Collins, Information Officer, KWVA, Cape and Islands Chapter 1 Inc. 33 Tarragon Drive, East Sandwich, MA 02537. Tel: 508-833-7129 or e-mail: Ed8240AU@aol.com

*(Thank you Ed for photos and letter. I am sure all of your members and veterans are very proud of this memorial and your achievements. I am truly sorry I could not be there and the last*



*issue of Graybeards explained why in photos. My heart and thoughts were there along with many others, especially those that paid the extreme price for Freedom and Honor.)*

### Needham, MA

A Korean War Monument was dedicated on the 25th day of June 2000 to the six men from Needham who lost their lives during the Korean War:

Joseph F. Concannon  
Philip C. Farnham  
Roger W. Sherman, Jr.  
John A. Coulton  
Francis Karelewicz  
Robert E. Tisdale

...and to all Korean War Veterans who answered their country's call.

*(Thank you Charles Bell for photo and letter. Charles Bell, KWVA member and veteran, is the cousin of PFC John A. Coulton. We also thank Needham for remembering our lost heroes.)*



## Indiana Remembers

These photos that follow were taken on June 24th at our 50th Anniversary celebration. What a wonderful ceremony and a beautiful day for a crowd estimated. at nearly 500 Veterans and. families and. friends. All of the Veterans marching in together was so special and a sight to behold. I was so proud of all of them. We had a special program including speakers with special messages including Congressman Mark Souder and Mayor Graham Richard, Color Guards KWVA Indiana Chapter 1 and USMC Reserves, Patriotic Music from AL Post 47 and Mr. Didier, Soloist including Service Songs, Taps and Firing Squad.

*Mary Anna Roemke, KWVA Indiana Chapter One,  
Publicity Chairman, KWVA*



The beautiful Memorial sponsored by Indiana Chapter #1 of the KWVA.

*(Thank you Mary for the photos, notes and program book. You do have a beautiful memorial and some great looking veterans. All of your thoughts at your special event were also on my mind and in my heart at Arlington. I salute all of you.)*



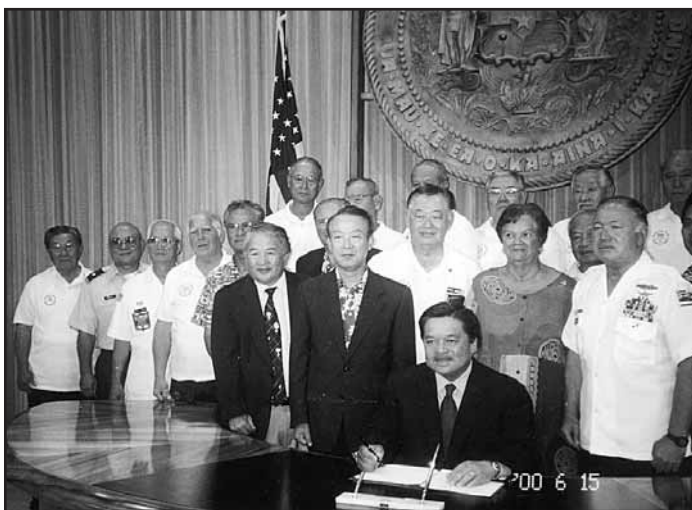


All of the Veterans along with our US Marine Corp Reserve.

## Hawaii Remembers

Hawaiian Korean War veterans in January started seeking funds from the State Legislature which would give the Commemoration Commission funds to support its activities for the fiscal year 2000-2001. Dozens of Korean War veterans visited every legislator and filled the hearing rooms to support the bill. Legislative Chairman and President of the KWVA HI CH. Robert Hamakawa did an outstanding job in marshaling support from the community, veterans and legislators.

The result was the legislature passed the \$70,000 bill without a single nay vote. In June, witnessed by Korean War veterans, the bill was signed into law by Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano. (See photo below.)



Flanked by Consul General Lee ji-doo, Of the Republic of Korea (left) and Brigadier General Irwin Cockett, Ret., (right) Hawaii's Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano signs the bill which gives the Korean War Commemoration Commission funds for the fiscal year 2000-2001

### Memorial Photos Needed

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

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



State of Hawaii Korean War Memorial dedicated on July 24, 1994. Each pedestal has the name of every Hawaii Korean War Veteran killed in the war.

On Sunday, June 25 Hawaii's 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Commission kicked off Hawaii's commemoration period with a ceremony marking the the 50th Anniversary of start of the Korean War. Nearly a thousand people gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to pay tribute to the men and women who risked or lost their lives half a century ago in the war on the Korean Peninsula. It was a tribute to those who have long deserved the attention.



Joint Service Color Guard appears to be in formation on the canopy for VIPs. They really are on the steps behind the canopy. Nearly 1000 attended the June 25 Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.



Grandchildren of Korean War veterans pay their respect at the Korean War Memorial. Left to right: Chelsy Chobie Park, Cristine Choi Park and Bryson Lee.



The ceremony was marked by speeches, flowers delivered by grateful grandchildren of Korean War veterans, each representing a country which gave aid to South Korea, a 21-gun cannon salute and a missing man formation flyover by Hawaii's Air National Guard F-15 pilots. Relatives of Hawaii's Medal of Honor recipients Sgt. Leroy Mendonca and PFC Herbert K. Pililaau, who were awarded the medals posthumously, spoke in behalf of their families. Hawaii's governor, Benjamin J. Cayetano was the keynote speaker.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lee Dong-koo at the Korean War Memorial in Honolulu on July 27. They were Special guests for the events. LTC Lee was for many years the Chief of the Korea Revisit Program. He retired in 1997. He and Mrs. Lee were rewarded with an all expense trip to Hawaii by Hawaii's Korean War veterans. At the dinner on July 29, LTC Lee was presented with a koa jewelry box and made Honorary Member of the KWVA HI CH #1 and the 5th Regimental Combat Team, Hawaii.



## KWVA enjoys growth

By Jerry Lake Chairman

National Membership/Chapter Formation Committee

The number of chapters formed and or being formed during this period are as follows:

| Chap # | Location               | Chap #   | Location               |
|--------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 178    | .....York, PA          | 179  | .....Chula Vista, CA   |
| 180    | .....Leesville, LA     | 181  | .....Kansas*           |
| 183    | .....Omaha, NE*        | 184  | .....Santa Maria, CA.  |
| 185    | .....South Carolina*   | 186  | .....St. Charles, MO*  |
| 187    | .....Western MA        | 188  | .....Clermont, FL      |
| 189    | .....Daytona Beach, FL | 190  | .....Elk River, WV.    |
| 191    | .....Hampton, VA.      | 192  | .....Citrus County, FL |
| 193    | .....Sioux City, IA*   | 194  | .....Sioux Falls, SD*  |
| 195    | .....Denver, CO*       | 196  | .....Walla Walla, WA   |
| 197    | .....Ft. Pierce, FL    | 198  | .....Reno, Nevada      |
| 199    | .....Sarasota FL.      | 200  | .....Jacksonville, FL  |
| 201    | .....Cheyenne, WY      | 202  | .....Orange County, NY |
| 99     | .....Tingley, IA*      | 2 chapters Dept. of Oregon<br>(numbers not assigned) |                        |

Total number: 27 chapters and about 525 new members. Locations being considered: Glenview, Ill.; West Palm Beach, FL.; North Carolina; Rhode Island; Mt. Sterling, KY.; Utah, Montana. and another chapter in Iowa.

Note: \* Sam Naomi has been a big help in the development of 8 of the chapters listed above.

(Thank you Jerry for a great report that means so much to our association and especially to our veterans. We also thank Sam Naomi for his devotion to our association and the veterans. Both of you are very special.)

**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.

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# Letters



## Engineers Meet In Milwaukee

On Memorial Day Weekend, the Korean War Veterans of the 84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Battalions, held their Eleventh Annual Reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fifty eight comrades were remembered. A highlight of the Milwaukee Reunion was that five members received the 50th Anniversary Korean War Medal of Appreciation. The medals were sponsored by the Korean American Cultural Foundation in South Korea. The Korean War Veterans who received this prestigious award were: Tony Saputo, President, 84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Bns KWV, Treasurer Ted Anbuhl, former President Sal Amati, Historian Vic Swanson, and former President Jerry Shaver.

A high spirited tour of the Miller Brewery, with lunch at the famous John Ernst German restaurant, was enjoyed by all. Also, the tour of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle facility and an enjoyable Luncheon Cruise down the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan were some of the highlights of holding a military reunion in the great city of Milwaukee.

The next annual reunion is scheduled for Burlington, Vermont. Any former member of the 84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Battalions are invited to join. Contact Tony Saputo, 14924 Alpaca Drive, Sun City West, AZ., 85375 or Email vintin1925@aol.com.

## They say a picture is worth a thousand words

I sent this picture to my girlfriend 48 years ago while serving in the Korean War. I was at Wonju on December 21, 1952 with Co. D, 772nd MP Battalion, 8th Army pulling railroad security for supply trains.

At that time I was Cpl. Bill Smith to my girlfriend. In 1955 we got married.

At the time of the photo I was 19, now I am 67. Time really flies.

I would like to hear from my buddies.

William Smith  
110 Spear St.  
Metuchen, NJ 08840-2126.  
Tel: 732-549-0905



Cpl. Bill Smith, Co. D, 772nd MP Battalion, 8th Army.

## George Scott will be remembered by the KWVA in the U.S.A.

This letter is to all KWVA members who my husband and I had the pleasure of meeting and came to know as friends. George and I dearly loved to come to your reunions/conventions as we were always made so welcome and felt we had many friends among you. Please know that all the wonderful memories will remain with me always and perhaps I will attend some of the future functions. However in the interim if anyone needs any information about Canadian matters please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to get the information for you. Thanks again for your friendship throughout the years.

Jeanette Scott  
7 Chryessa Ave.  
Toronto ON M6N 4T4.  
Tel: 416-767-8148, Fax: 416-762-1196

## Korean War Service Medal

First, let me applaud the efforts of Korean War veterans to commemorate the sacrifices that our soldiers made to keep this world free of communist oppression. Both you, I and many millions have stood in the gap to stop communism. The vast majority of Americans simply have no idea, no idea whatsoever, how hard it is to be alone, in a foreign culture, looking out for your troops and hoping to some day make it back to your loved ones.

I am glad to see that Korean War veterans are recognized by award of the Korean War Service medal. I wonder, though, if any efforts are being made to recognize those soldiers who served in Korea since the armistice, in some cases, in combat situations. I know that 50 years is a hell of a long time to account for ... and the rules of engagement have changed many times over the years.

When I first joined the Army in 1974, Korea was still classified as a "quasi" combat zone, i.e., after Army service there, you were authorized to wear the 2d Infantry Division patch on your right shoulder to indicate you had given service in a combat zone. And when I served there in 1983-84 (2nd Infantry Division), the operational tempo was still very intense. As a 25 year young battery commander of 250 troops deployed at 4 remote radar sites on the DMZ, I carried a heavy burden ... and there weren't many days that I did not stop to think about who cleared the bush, so to speak, on the trail that I then trod.

I am still in touch with a small number of these men, with whom I bonded in the crucible of that far off land and almost to the man, they have asked me: "what is being done to recognize our service?" One former platoon sergeant of mine, a veteran of Vietnam and the Gulf War, wrote to say: "... considering my service in Korea, I was under a great deal more stress, more day to day of 'you have to keep your shit wired tight'" and yet, he laments that he has more than enough "decorations" and recognition for his two months' Gulf War service and absolutely nothing to show for his service in the Republic of Korea. I am wondering if any effort has been made to recognize those soldiers who served in Korea since the armistice was signed in 1953 ... including the 37,000 there at this moment?

To my knowledge there is no "Korean Service" medal for which one is now eligible for service there. I would have been overjoyed, as a commander, to have pinned such a medal on the chests of my soldiers as they DROS'd when I served there ... but, there was no such award ... no such recognition for spending a year or more away from their loved ones in a hostile environment. We have recognition, in abundance, for the troops who went to Kuwait and Southwest Asia ... they are veritable heroes. A four day war ... and these soldiers return with Bronze Star Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medals, etc. I understand how it feels to be sent forth, struggle valiantly and not be recognized for at all for one's efforts.

My service in Korea is almost twenty years old now ... and to my knowledge the military services have still not developed a proper way to recognize our soldiers who put their lives on the line, in a hazardous environment. I wonder, what is being done to recognize the men who stood on the DMZ all of these years? I hope, after a tremendously successful fifty year anniversary of the commencement of our obligation to preserving the peace in remote and inhospitable regions of our globe, that we do not forget about those who are still there ... still making the sacrifices ... are we going to wait another fifty years before we recognize their service?

Sincerely

John W. Powell, Lt Col. USAR  
 Republic of Korea 1983-'84.  
 Contact at FRGRP@aol.com

*(Dear Col. Powell. No one knows any better then the Korean War Veteran about being forgotten. I normally would not print such a long letter and also a reply. The KWVA organized after the Vietnam Veterans and our children woke us up. We started from scratch. We now have about 16,000 members voicing our causes and we are growing and getting the long overdue recognition we deserved 50 years ago.*

*This organization gives membership to anyone that served in Korea prior, during the war and after. We also allow membership to veterans that served anywhere in the world during the Korean War era. This association is your voice also. We will proudly accept membership from the DMZ veterans from 1953 to today and tomorrow for we are all brothers. We veterans of the war are growing older and sincerely hope to see younger veterans taking our place to remember all our sacrifices to make and keep South Korea free. I took your letter seriously, now it is time you and the younger veterans to step up to the plate and carry on this great association. Editor.)*

## The Korean War Postal Stamp

In June of this year, a local newspaper did an article on me and my efforts to locate the families and relatives of the MIA/KIAs from Columbia County, NY. As a result of that article I received a telephone call from Mr. Peter P. Cuva of Madison, NJ who stated that he had copies of the original photograph used by the United States Postal Service to produce the stamp to honor Korean War Veterans. He asked if I would be interested in receiving copies of the photograph, and of course I said "yes." I am sending you copies of what I received from Mr. Cuva, along with other information relating to the efforts that

have been made to identify the men in the photograph, as well as to the subjects branch of service.

The individual in the foreground was originally identified as Dick Bernard, a United States Marine. As you can see by the attached correspondence, Mr. Bernard states "I dont think it was me." A stamp collector newsletter identifies the group as an "Army Medical Platoon marching from Chosin through Funchillin Pass". David Douglas Duncan, the photographer states "I can tell all of you flatly, the man was not

Bernard." First, the man was not even a Marine. He was a member of a group of Puerto Rican soldiers who had been brought north to act as a holding force." Bernard, or any Marine looking at a copy of my shot will instantly see that these are Latin-type troopers (or South Korean in appearance) who are wearing fresh gear, are obviously warm enough to be comfortable, not freezing in the 30 degrees of that area when the Chinese were attacking the reservoir." Finally of course, not one trooper is wearing Marine camouflage helmet covers. One must only look closely at the original photograph to determine that these were not Marines"

The questions remain— who is the man in the picture? Were the men in the column Marines or Army? Are any other men in the column identifiable?

Is it possible that a reader, or readers of the *Graybeards* could answer the questions? Anyone who can shed any light on this mystery is asked to contact Thomas J. Flavin, NY State Dept. KWVA, 33 Paul Street, East Greenbush, NY 12061\_1006. Tel: 518-477-5593. I will of course share any information with the *Graybeards* and Mr. Cuva.

## He Was There

by Bridget Hecox

It has been fifty years since he has fought in Korea, but somehow, Korea has always stayed with him. When he joined the Army at seventeen, he was doing the right thing, helping out Americans; he was going to be a hero. He never dreamt of this. He did not look back with regret, but he often wondered. He wondered what life would look like to someone who has never shot at an enemy. He wondered what dreams other people have. What filled their thoughts? Did they think of the orphans in





Korea and wonder if they grew up? Did other people see the world differently than him? When they saw the pictures he shows, did they understand the destruction continued beyond the three by five lens?

He would watch his dear and loving wife carefully dust his medals and wondered if she realized what he saw there. There, the generic term everyone used to describe the Korean War. The government refused to even acknowledge it was a war; they called it a Police Action. None of that mattered to him. He was there. He knew it was a war. He saw the bloody destruction and called it war. When he saw the cities leveled and the children cry for their dead parents, he called it war. It was war to everyone in Korea, as only war could cause this heartbreak. But to the people at home, their boys were there.

When he fought, he tried to desensitize himself. The enemy was just that, not a person, not a man. After all, the enemy stood for Communism, Kim II-Sung, Mao, and Stalin. He did a good job, too, and he fulfilled his orders to shoot at the Chinese from his assigned hill, the famed "Pork Chop Hill." He fought in the "Punchbowl" and obeyed his officers. However, when he returned to his barracks that occupied the site where the town of Kumwha once stood, the soldier melted away and the man in him yearned for peace. With every orphan that begged for food, he longed more and more for a respite from the grief. He wished for a one-size-fits-all solution that would take away the destruction and fear. He wanted that happily ever after ending.

Receiving word that he could come home, he had been filled with joy. At first he had been glad to help his country, but then it was his turn to leave from there. He wanted to go home, to be with his love, to start his life, and leave Korea behind. He did not know that when he left, though, he would take a piece of Korea with him. That experience there, it molded him. It gave him more honor, and much more respect, and fifty years later, he knows it made him a better man.

When his friends, upon his return, had asked where he had been, he just shook his head in disbelief. When he told them he had just returned from war, they did not know what to say. Often he was asked, "Oh, is that still going on?" He felt frustrated, that he could be there, watching friends die, seeing children aban-

doned, trying his hardest to do his duty, while they sat around and played their cards, oblivious to what was happening.

He has spoken of his time spent in Korea, to those who care to learn. He told his kids and all their kids, but somehow it was not the same. He could not get the feeling across and make them understand. He knew that they were missing the point, but did not know how to explain. As many times as he has tried to describe war, he has been left with frustration. The listeners just cannot comprehend what it was like. He knew that they could not travel back into his memory with him; they could not see what he saw. How could he describe war to fifteen-year-old kids? They could not imagine, as much as they might try. But he did not stop, because he knew his story was important. He has lived history, and he is proud to say he was there. Hoping that one day one will really comprehend, he continues to share his chronicles. Each time the memories fade a bit more.

Last year he returned to South Korea, to complete this chapter of his life. He had raised his kids and done his job, now it was time. He had to go and touch and see what was left behind. He needed to see the city of Chunchon, to know that it survived, and see its people no longer living in shacks. He had to know that the gangs of begging orphans to which he had given bread and clothes were no more. In his mind they remained the street-hardened children waiting for a chance. Logically he knew the war was over, but subconsciously his heart held steadfast to the notion that all was how he left it so many years ago. When he told his family of his need, they offered to go along, but as the trip grew more concrete, it became evident it was to be his alone.

He had always followed South Korea, in foreign affairs, and when the nation succeeded, he felt that a tiny part of that success

### IN MEMORY - LEAST WE FORGET BY C. E. CASEY

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belonged to him. Arriving in Korea, he felt strangely at home. Even though it had been many years, he felt as if he belonged. As he traveled the country, he absorbed all he could. He shopped in the busy towns where only rubble had been. He saw the teenagers wander the streets, but this time instead of begging, they were gossiping, giggling and singing. This beautiful land atop the green hills was where he had fought. This was the "Punchbowl" where he shot at the Chinese, but now he could not imagine such destruction on this land. Seeing the annihilation gone, and the people so happy and new, helped convince him that it was over; he had done what he needed to do.

He watched children play in the streets of Kumwha and knew. Traveling across the lovely land, he replaced the horrible bloody memories with new, happy smiling ones, and when he packed his suitcases for home, he filed away his war recollections in history, where they belonged.

Now gazing at his wife, he feels changed. The medals she dusts, they seem to be shinier. He clearly remembers the occasion for each. He no longer feels his wartime action alienates him. He feels a bond with men throughout the history of his country. They are the veterans, those who risked their lives. He sits back now and he ponders what he has done.

It is complete now; his work has been done. Knowing he served his nation, peace has come to him. The war now has bound him to Americans of the past, and he knows that in the future, his descendants will proudly say that he fought for freedom, and he helped freedom reign.

*Bridget Hecox, April, 2000*

*The following note was also sent to the Editor:*

Bridget Hecox, age 17, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana, recently interviewed a Korean War veteran as part of a school assignment. A copy of her report, entitled "He Was There," is enclosed. The insight into the mind of a Korean veteran by a 17-year-old high school girl is remarkable, and I believe her thoughts should be shared with other veterans. I have obtained Ms. Hecox's permission to publish her paper. Frank O. Pruitt, Captain, formerly Commander, Tank Company, 223rd Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, Korea.

*Thank you Bridget and Frank for a special view on a revisit trip that told a special story of memories. I have many more to print as space allows but most talk about all the events.— Editor.*

## **I remember Noel and the last time I saw him**

All these past years, my conscious has not let me rest. Why was I the only one to survive the Chosin Reservoir massacre. In 1986-7, I discovered another survivor from my 4th squad, he was Luther Arnold, our squad-leader. Here's a compact story of what happen to Noel Edgars, and the last that I saw of him. Please forgive me, for not giving you my story sooner.

Daniel Arellano  
20618 Berendo Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90502

P.S. If any of Noel's relatives care to ask questions, I would be more than happy to give them any help concerning Noel, that I might know.

Korea, 1950 September

I still continue to relive, that hot tropical day of mid-September of 1950, when the troopers of Charlie Co., were rushing to get themselves off the scary white sandy beaches of smoking Inchon Harbor. In the brain cells of my mind, I can still hear Noel Edgars voice, it was so full of awe and excitement. Noel, was finding it hard to believe, that he was now a trooper, taking part in a real hostile beach-landing. A member of a combat force, who's duty was to kill other troopers of an invading force.

Noel must of felt like the rest of us non-combatants, full of fear, but anxious to get involved in a fire-fight with the Communist Invaders. As Noel and I, were about to step off the soft white sandy beach, and onto a solid dirt road that bordered the beaches of Inchon Harbor. Noel Edgars, spoke these words of awe to me. Words, that will live in the minute brain cells of my recording subconscious, till the end of my mortal life.

Danny-san, we're seeing a far-off Land, a Country, that people back in the States, would pay thousands of dollars to see and vist. Danny-san, we're here in Korea for free, no charge at all. "

Three years later, September 1953; I, Danny-san, lone survivor of my 4th squad, 1st platoon of Charlie Company, of the 1st battalion, of the 32nd Regt. of the 7th Division am returning home to America. I survived the uncivilized traumas of South and North Korea.

The last major battle of the 10th Corp, Army and Marines: 7th Division units relieved units of the 1st Marine Division, on the east shores of the frozen Chosin reservoir. Our Army units advanced a few more miles closer to the Yalu River, before digging in for a night of freezing rest. All the Army units, that were dug-in on the east shores of the Chosin reservoir, were surprised by a vast Chinese winter offensive. The Chinese Communist Forces, delighted in the massacre of the Army units, whose only mission, was to reach the shores of the wide frozen over Yalu river, and set up defensive perimeters. After about 108 hours of rear-guard duty against the Chinese Communist Forces, Task Force, Colonel Mclean and Colonel Faith, attempted to fight their way back to the 10th Corp's main defensive perimeter ( Marines ) which was 8-10 miles South of our forward positions.

December 1, 1950 Chosin Reservoir: The mortal battle was very fierce between the Chinese, and the American soldiers. An hour or two into the bloody battle, Noel, was re-wounded. I picked up the machine-gun, and kept attacking the foes who were intend of annihilating all us Americans, regardless of their loss in manpower. After fighting against the Chinese all night, and into the gray of the next morning, December 2, 1950, I was wounded. No ammo to fire at the enemy, what troopers were left to fight, were overrun, killed or captured by the Chinese.

Dear Ruth, and all of Noel's living family. I have tried my best to discover what finally happen to Noel, after he had been re-wounded. I'm so sorry, I have no news of Noel's life. I'm sure he was loaded onto one of our ferrying trucks for the wounded. No trucks made it back to the Marines defensive perimeter, but knowing Noel like I did. I'm sure he died fighting, as he shot his 45 revolver at the attacking warriors of the Yellow Horde.

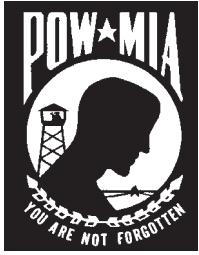
"Farewell, my gallant foxhole Buddy, rest in peace."

Danny-san

Cpl. Noel J. Edgars, 1st Bn, 32nd Regt., 7th Infantry Division North Korea, died while missing.

# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR  
DOCUMENT FAMILY RESEARCH



July 25, 2000

## North Korea Repatriates 12 Sets of Remains

The remains believed to be those of 12 American soldiers missing since 1950 were returned to the United States July 22.

A joint U.S.-North Korean team found the remains about 60 miles north of the capital of Pyongyang. The area was the scene of fierce fighting between U.S. and Chinese forces in November 1950.

Bob Jones, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/MIA Affairs, said he was extremely pleased with the results of the joint effort.

"These are very emotional affairs," Jones said during an interview. "We are welcoming back to American soil individuals who have been standing in the defense of their country for over 50 years. They have been lost and we are beginning the process to return them to their loved ones."

The remains are believed to be those of men who fought with the 1st Cavalry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division and the 25th Infantry Division. This brings the total to 54 sets of remains repatriated from North Korea since the effort started in 1996, said Larry Greer, a spokesman for the POW/MIA office. Five sets of remains have been identified and 10 others are in the final stages of identification, DoD officials said.

"Chances of identifying virtually every one we find are pretty good," Greer said. "If, however, we need to use mitochondrial DNA (to identify remains) and cannot find a family link to a GI, it may make identifications more difficult."

But the remains from North Korea help the identification process, said lab officials. Most of those missing from Korea are ground losses. U.S. officials interviewed former prisoners of war and, sometimes, the soldiers who "buried their buddies in a battlefield situation," Greer

said. This enabled the recovery teams to pinpoint the locations to an extent.

The soil conditions in North Korea also preserve the remains, lab officials said. They said that in many cases forensic researchers are working with complete skeletons.

Another recovery team has moved into North Korea to begin searching for other sets of remains in the same general area, Greer said. They will leave the country Aug. 19.

More than 8,100 service members are listed as missing from the Korean War. Most of those were lost in the North. Jones said the patient negotiations with North Korea are starting to pay off. In addition to the team already in North Korea, four more teams are due to go in this year.

"This is also a solid demonstration of our nation's commitment to those young men and women in today's armed force, that this nation is committed to ensure — no matter what the circumstances — that we will do everything we can conceivably do to return them home," Jones said.

August 17, 2000

## Remains of U.S. Servicemen recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of 14 American servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, will be repatriated Saturday, Aug. 19, Korea time.

The remains will be flown on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, North Korea, to Yokota Air Base, Japan, under escort of a uniformed U.S. honor guard.

A United Nations Command repatriation ceremony will be held at Yokota. The following week the remains will be flown to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Following a U.S. Pacific Command ceremony there, the remains will be transferred to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory (CILHI) for forensic examination and positive identification.

A joint U.S.-North Korean investigation team recovered the remains, the largest number recovered during a single operation to date. The 20-person U.S. team is composed primarily of specialists

from CILHI.

This recovery operation is the 14th in North Korea since 1996. Three more are scheduled for this year, with the fifth operation scheduled to conclude on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2000. Joint U.S. - North Korean teams have recovered 26 sets of remains so far this year, surpassing the total in any single, full year of operations.

Of the 88,000 U.S. service members missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

September 14, 2000

## Remains of U.S. Servicemen recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of nine Americans missing in action will be repatriated Friday, Sept. 15, during National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In a formal ceremony at Pyongyang, North Korea, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Robert L. Jones will receive the remains, believed to be those of U.S. servicemen missing in action from the Korean War.

The remains will be flown on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang to Yokota Air Base, Japan, escorted by Jones and a uniformed U.S. honor guard. A United Nations Command (UNC) repatriation ceremony will be held in Yokota, then the remains will be flown to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Following a U.S. Pacific Command ceremony there, they will be transferred to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) for forensic examination and positive identification.

A joint U.S.-North Korean investigation team recovered the remains from former battlefields in the North Korean counties of Unsan and Kujang, approximately 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The 20-person U.S. team is composed primarily of specialists from CILHI.

This recovery operation is the 15th in North Korea since 1996. Two more are scheduled for this year. Joint U.S. - North Korean teams have recovered 35 sets of remains so far this year, and 77 since the joint operations began.



## Family Updates

Family updates are held monthly in cities across the U.S. This year marks the fifth year that DPMO and other government specialists have presented this updated information to family members. Thus far, approximately 1,700 families of missing in action servicemen have attended these meetings. At a recent update held in Los Angeles, more than 130 family members attended. This was the largest session held since the beginning of the program.

These all-day Saturday briefings are preceded by a Friday evening session designed especially for veterans and members of the general public. The Friday briefings last approximately two hours, and are open to the public.

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

### 2000-2001 Family Update Schedule

| Date               | Location          |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Oct 21, 2000 ..... | Pittsburgh, PA    |
| Nov 18.....        | Miami, FL         |
| Jan 20, 2001 ..... | Las Vegas, NV     |
| Feb 24 .....       | San Francisco, CA |
| Mar 17 .....       | San Antonio, TX   |
| Apr 21 .....       | Cheyenne, WY      |
| May 19 .....       | Atlanta, GA       |
| Aug 18 .....       | St. Paul, MN      |
| Sept 15.....       | Providence, RI    |
| Oct 20 .....       | Orlando, FL       |
| Nov 17.....        | Little Rock, AR   |

### 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."

## Recognition A Long Time Coming

By Audrey J. Reid

Many people do not realize how hurtful it can be to those of us who have been in military service when we hear negative and hostile opinions expressed by people regarding women in the military. Unless one has been in the armed services and served as a woman, it is impossible to have a true picture of our experiences in the military. During the Korean War, I volunteered to serve my country and my people. I did not do so expecting special treatment or a glamorous job. I believe most young women who have signed on the dotted line have felt the same way. Since the time of the American Revolution, women have worked hard to do their duty, ensuring our freedoms and the democratic way of life.

### Few women who serve receive the acceptance and acknowledgment they deserve.

Through the years, the roles of women in the military have grown and changed with the times, just like in the private sector. With these changes came conflicts and concerns. We have seen an abuse of power by leadership in sensitive training areas such as combat and aviation. Even though women were not allowed to be in combat areas during the two world wars, Korea and Vietnam, there were women unavoidably exposed, injured taken prisoner and killed.

In the past, women were denied rank and power in military service because they had not served in combat units. Through the years this has changed to some degree. In truth, not all men have served or will serve in combat units, yet they have been allowed to rise through the ranks at a higher rate. The argument should not be about women in combat, but helping men and women serve to their highest potential in military service for America. Let he or she be judged on qualifications and performance, not gender.

It is extremely gratifying that our young military service women (and men) are speaking out on harassment and abuse—and that all services are taking a



Audrey then, and now. Her beauty and duty are still obvious.

firm stand on stopping it. In the past, some of us who experienced such things were too afraid to come forward or were brushed off. When we were discharged, some of us were poorly served by the VA system and the veterans service organizations. We felt compelled to explain our service over and over again in order to be accepted as real veterans. Even today, too many people view real veterans as those who served in combat or in combat units. Although our VA system and service organizations are now more accepting, it's been a long time coming.

Few women who serve receive the acceptance and acknowledgment they deserve. History books and learning institutions make little mention of women's roles in military service. The media, when they do cover military women, usually do so in a controversial format. There are so many good things we have done and such wonderful stories! That is why we are so pleased about the national memorial in Washington at the entrance of Arlington Cemetery. The Women's Memorial gives us, our families, friends and the nation the opportunity to register our names and stories for posterity.

**Sheraton National Hotel  
Arlington, VA July 25, 2000**

Meeting convened at 9:00 am. Colors posted by Tom Gaffney, Tom Clawson, and Joe Pirrello. National Anthem sung by Velma Sharp (Chaplain's Wife). Invocation by National Chaplain Irvin Sharp. Welcome by President Harley J. Coon. National Secretary Howard Camp called roll.

- ◆ Present: President Coon
- ◆ 1st Vice President Magill
- ◆ 2nd Vice President Cook
- ◆ Directors:

Morga, Tramonte, Edwards, Grygier, Van Ort, Clawson, Danielson, Schilling, Jones, Trousdale, Settle and un-excused absent C. J. Rittenhouse.

National Secretary Howard Camp asked for motion to approve March 25, 2000 Minutes.

**Motion by Director Ed. Grygier, Second by Bob Morga. Motion Passed.**

Treasurer report by National Treasurer Thomas J. Gregory. All bills paid and \$571,000 cash in CD's, Savings and checking.

**Motion to accept treasurer's report National Director Bill Van Ort, Second by National Director Jack Edwards.**

National Director Bob Morga questioned why directors did not get a copy of the bank statement. Answer that this is furnished to finance committee.

**Motion Passed.**

Finance Report by National Director Dorothy Schilling (Chair person). The finance committee recommend that each officer receive \$400.00 per meeting (max \$800.00) for 1 year Appropriate the money from the interest earned.

**Motion to accept recommendation of finance committee by National Director Dorothy Schilling, Second by Jack Edwards. Motion passed.**

The finance committee recommend \$1,000.00 for Presidential expense the recommendation amend to \$2,000.00.

**Motion to accept, National Director Dorothy Schilling, Second by National Director, John Settle. Motion Passed.**

The finance committed recommended to provide \$10,000.00 for scholarship for 1 year. The KWVA to administer the funds and the Grant corporation to select the recipient. Appropriate the \$10,000.00 from interest money earned.

**Motion to accept Finance committee**

**recommendation National Director Dorothy Schilling, Second by 2nd V. President Ken Cook.**

Discussion: National Director Bob Morga voiced opposition stating membership voted not to give money to Grant Corporation. National Director Morga continued to oppose motion. National Director John Settle opposed the motion stating the money should go to NKWVAM&L National Director Rusty Tramonte voiced his option and National Director Ed Grygier voiced his opposition, National Director Bob Morga spoke again voicing his opposition. Discussion lasted for approximately 25 minutes. Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt ruled that if the board passed this motion it would then have to be approved by the general membership.

**A roll call vote was taken, (Voting Yes) 1st. Vice President Ed Magill, 2nd Vice President Ken Cook, National Director Jack Edwards, National Director Tom Clawson, National Director Richard Danielson, National Director James Jones, National Director Dorothy Schilling, National Director Ted Trousdale, (Voting No) National Director Bob Morga, National Director Rusty Tramonte, National Director John Settle, National Director Ed Grygier.**

**(Abstaining National Director Bill Van Ort)**

**Motion carried 8 Yes, 4 No and 1 abstention. (C. J. Rittenhouse un-excused absent) Motion to accept Finance report Passed.**

President Coon requested support to expel Ed Dailey for lying about No-Gun Re.

**Motion to Expel Ed Dailey by National Director Jack Edwards, Second by National Director Rusty Tramonte. Motion passed.**

**Motion To Expel Joseph Shearer for falsifying his military record by National Director James Jones, Second by 2nd Vice President Ken Cook. Motion carried.**

Motion to accept recommendation to adopt resolution to extent term of officers term from 2 to 3 years.

**Motion by 1st Vice President Ken Cook, Second by National Director Rusty Tramonte to refer action to the By-laws committee. Motion Passed Yes 5, No 3.**

This action was refereed to the By-laws committee.

A presentation by Chung Rodrigues con-

cerning Amerasion children.

**Motion by National Director Rusty Tramonte to support amending of public law 97-359 to allow Amerasion children in this country. Second by National Director Tom Clawson. Motion Passed.**

National Director Jack Edwards presented the changes to the National KWVA by-laws. No major changes but clarification and wording of current by-laws.

**Motion to accept the changes by National Director Tom Clawson, Second by National Director Richard Danielson.**

**Motion Carried.**

**A motion to present a plaque to Peter Jennings of ABC TV World Reach Tonight for his excerpts on Korean War by National Director Bob Morga, Second by National Director Richard Danielson. 2nd Vice President Ken Cook stated some plaques have already been made up. Motion Passed.**

**A motion by National Director Tom Clawson to donate \$10,000 to the Korean War Museum in Tuscola, IL was referred to the finance committee for further study, Second by National Director John Settle. Motion Passed.**

**Committee Reports**

■ Reunion Report by Jack Cloman, He stated the times for each event and what time the busses would board and leave. also reported on any changes on the schedule.

■ Revisit Program by: Warren Weidhahn explained the cuts in the quota and possible revisits.

■ Report by Bill Van Ort on the Education Grants.

■ Report by Graybeard Editor Vincent Krepps.

■ Report by Membership and Chapter formation program Jerry Lake. He stated we have several new chapters totaling the KWVA to over 200 chapters.

Election Results will be given at general membership meeting by National Director Richard Danielson.

**Motion to adjourn at 3:30 PM. Motion carried.**

Respectively Submitted by National Secretary Howard W. Camp

**Presidents Note:**

Any corrections will be made at the next Executive Council meeting.

Next Executive Council Meeting March 24, 2001 At Tuscola, IL. Starting at 8:30 AM.



## KWVA 50th Commemorative Events



Picture below shows a portion of the honored group including right to left Ainslee R. Ferdie, Legrand Turcotte (Miami) , Ray White (DelRay Beach) and his wife Bobbi White.

The other Korean Veterans in attendance were; Walter Glass, Warne Clarke, Morris Fasberg, Lonnie L. Williams, Elisha E. Smith, Jr., Bob McKibben, Jose G. Ortiz, Jose T. Ledford, Caesar A. Vasquez, Idas Steward, Nathaniel Wilcox, Dewey L. Wilkerson, Richard Neugesser, Ray White, John Uhrich, Jr., Carl Laks, Gerald McGinley, Robert Tibbs, Warren Zundell, Frank Porvaznik, Donald Wallen, A.J. Camoesas, Roy Levi, Harry Reifenberg, Luis Cruz, Al Spadafora, A1 Losito, Ted Cedro, John Bowers, Elijah Smith, Dutch Rathjens, Kenneth Cutler, Reginald Colley, Edward Gillette, Jacob Maldonado, John Mullin, Lester Rosenberg, and Tom Kapple. ▼

▲ On July 31, 2000 General Charles Wilhelm Commander of South Com., honored 43 Korean War Veterans at a ceremonial review. The general greeted each Veteran personally presenting a DOD commemorative Coin, and his personal South Com. Commemorative Coin. Picture shows General Wilhelm greeting Ainslee R. Ferdie, President Miami-Dade Chapter #110 and National Korean War Remembrance Chairman of the Jewish War Veterans



▲ August 3, 2000 Republican National Convention Philadelphia, PA. On left Mike Dewine, United States Senator and Harley J. Coon, National President. Maryland Chapter KWVA Color Guard posted the colors. (See Chapter Affairs this issue.)

50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War in Seoul, Korea on June 25, 2000. Shown on left Harley Coon, KWVA President and Barney O'Brien. ➤





# REUNIONS...

The 11th Engineer (Combat) Bn. Ass'n held their 7th Annual Reunion at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky, during October 7 to 11, 1999 with 40 members, 32 wives and 11 guests attending.

The members came from 23 states with one member traveling from Germany. Included in our guest listing was Col. Barnett Sledge USA(Ret), our guest speaker, who came with his wife Polly. Barnett served in the 11th Engineers in Panama during 1941/43.

The 11th Engineer Bn. Ass'n will hold their 8th annual reunion in San Antonio, TX on September 21 thru 24, 2000. All past or current members of the battalion are invited to attend.

For information contact our Secretary Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Drive, Moonachie, NJ 07074-1239. Tel: 201-641-5828



**The 11th Engineers Combat Battalion Association.** Shown in photo: First row (left to right): Delmar R. Thornton, Ernie Reeves, Dutch Heiney, Fred Boelsche, Raymond G. Hacker, Edward C. Robillard, Merrill R. Hermanson, Charles L. Scott, Carl F. Baswell. Second row (left to right): Barnett Sledge, Russ Meredith, Lynn George, Lawrence Lundquist, Melvin Fiegen, Ronald Keech, Edward McEniry, Billy Boyce, Jim Loose. Third row (left to right): Ernie Seymour, John Latham, Len Pavell, Jim Bell, Joe Clem, Jim Tolley, Devereaux Cannon, Leon Bowen, Fred Boehle. Fourth row (left to right): Dave Schouweimer, Bill Van Ort, Dominick E. (Spike) Mazza, Jessie Lunsford, J. Wesley Blackmer, James Wyatt, Gene Bowler, Sam Ealey, Sr., Richard H. Taylor.

## THE REUNION

They meet again, these old men. They shake hands, they embrace as only old men can, without the self-consciousness of youth. Their women stand behind them, watching these old men briefly flashback: to their young years, then, they too greet each other. Smiles break out. The noise increases as slaps on the back and stomping of feet join the hoots and hollers. Old bent backs strain erect as eyes look out over the heads in search of familiar faces and grins break: the craggy faces as recognition sets in. Too many years have gone by. It's been too long.

How they can identify one another defies all logic. They were so young when they first met and then they were together for just a short time —only two years really. Perhaps their association was short-lived but the bonding took place under the most trying of circumstances. They first met forty eight years ago. They met during the second Korean winter in a place called Kumsong. When they met they all had hair and their voices were strong and their backs were straight. Now, all that has changed —

**How they can identify one another defies all logic. They were so young when they first met and then they were together for just a short time —only two years really.**

except for their eyes. Their eyes still have that "give them hell" look. Their eyes reflect still that aura of invincibility which only the young innocently wrap themselves in.

"Hey CR," "Arbie," "Arnie," "Sarg," and similar names are flung over the heads and across the hotel's lobby. "How the hell did you recognize me" is a frequent question. "Your eyes and your smile" was a popular answer. "Meet the Misses." "Meet mine." "Have you seen the Lieutenant?"

Slowly the men break off into small groups. Some at the bar, others around a table at the restaurant. Their conversations restrained by the presence of ladies, the men try to bring their foxhole buddies up-to-date. Attempt in thirty minutes to tell a forty-eight-year-long story. Later when the ladies have retired to the powder room the men recall their stories in

more earthy language. Stories which have taken so many twists and turns since their actual happening half a century ago. Laughter and good feelings are in abundance.

The business part of the 224th Regiment Association is tolerated and dealt with and the serious remembrances are carried out in solemn fashion. The tours to the military bases and the reunion city's tourist traps are enjoyed as well as the final banquet. It was the Company Dinner, which brought out the most emotions.

Only about twenty members of Tank Company have shown up. Most did not come because of health reasons and some are absent because they have passed away since the last reunion. It is this last missing group which evokes a quietness from this small group of old warriors. What Korea had been unable to do, time was

taking care of. In that moment of reflection all of us knew that the next reunion might very well be missing us. That knowledge did not make us sad but rather more cognizant of how precious we have become to one another. Every person there and those who had already answered God's roll call had shared nine fantastic months in Korea. Nine months which had reshaped our perspective on life forever. Shared an experience which had driven home not only the concepts of honor, loyalty and country, but most importantly the meaning of mutual dependence.

This October the Regiment will reunite again. There will be fewer of us around the table at the Company dinner, but in a deeper sense all "the guys" will be there. In Korea, fear and purpose wove a bond, a braid of unity which even death is unable to unravel. "See you at the next reunion guys."

*In loving memory of CR Walker, Tank Co., 224th Inf., 40th Div.*

Arnold Muniz LR20916,  
214 Vivian Ln.  
San Antonio, TX 78201

*(Arnold, I just had to print these beautiful meaningful words. I even feel guilty now for missing my battalion reunion. I hope many read your work of art and rethink about going to an upcoming reunion or one in the future. Thank you for your kind words about the Graybeards and the loss of my brother. If telling his story inspired you to write these special feelings then Richard and I both thank you. You are special.)*



## Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation



By Bill Van Ort,  
KWVEG & National  
Director

The KWVEGC is again accepting applications for college grants that will become available for the 2001-2002 school term. Eligibility for these grants must be consistent with our bylaws.

Applicants or sponsors have two (2) ways to receive application forms. The first (1) way is to "down load" off the Internet. If you have a computer or have accessibility to one, click on to [www.ohio-state.edu/~natres/KWVEGC.html](http://www.ohio-state.edu/~natres/KWVEGC.html) and you will have the forms in front of

you for your use. The second (2) way is to send a business size, preaddressed, stamped envelope with \$0.55 postage for each application. Mail requests to: KWVEGC, 8968 Thomas Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125-7602 and the application forms (4) will be returned by U. S. Mail.

During the meeting of the Executive Council of the KWVA, held at the Sheraton National Hotel, in Arlington, VA on 25 July 2000, the Board of Directors of the KWVEGC met with members of the KWVA, answering questions and explaining their position on education.

At the Annual Meeting of the KWVEGC, A Plaque was presented to Bill Van Ort by the Board of Directors of

the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation. It stated, "For extraordinary service and dedication toward the education of the descendants of Korean War veterans" dated, this July, 2000. The Plaque was authored by members of the Board of Directors, plus the Corporate Counsel.



Shown above is Col. Robert H. Kies, USA (ret), Selections Committee Chair; President Bill Van Ort, holding the Plaque; CDR Charles F. Cole, USNR (ret), Secretary and LTC Hansel C. Hall, USAF (ret), Treasurer and CFO. Missing from the picture were Col. Robert A. Henderson, USMC (ret), Dr. Donald G. Baker, PhD, Richard L. Adams, Directors and Henry V. Cleary, Corporation Counsel.

**"...for the Children  
of our Sacrifice..."**

### 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

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Membership, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210

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[BatsonDenz@aol.com](mailto:BatsonDenz@aol.com)



# KWVA 50th Comm

## Virginia Military Institute



Dr. and Col. Paul G. Pierpaoli, VMI History Department and organizer of the institute's 50th Anniversary Korean War Symposium held at Lexington, VA on Sept. 13-16, 2000. On his right is Bgen Uzal W. Ent, author of "Fighting on the Brink," a detailed account of the Pusan perimeter struggle. KWVA Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt is on his left.



(Top) Reviewing officials for the Virginia Military Institute retreat parade in honor of Korean War Veterans at the institute's Sept. 13-16, 2000 50th Anniversary commemorative Symposium. Honor guest General Walton H. Walker, Jr. is second from left, Bgen Edwin H. Simmons, (USMC Ret) second from right and Bgen Uzal W. Ent, author of the recently released book "Fighting on the Brink," on the right.

(Below) Cadet band and troops of the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, VA pass in review in honor of Korean War Vets during the September 13-16, 2000 50th Anniversary Commemorative Symposium. The symposium was organized and led by VMI History Department Professor Col. Paul G. Pierpaoli, and featured numerous American, Korean, Chinese, and Russian speakers from both government and academia. An honored guest was General Walton H. Walker, Jr., (USA-Ret). Among his many past positions, General Walker was superintendent of VMI and also of the US Military Academy at West Point NY. The General is the son of General Walton "Johnnie" Walker who was CG of the 8th Army in Korea until his death on December 1950 in a jeep accident. One of the many speakers was Sherman Pratt who spoke and participated in The Ground War – Combat Infantry in Korea panel discussion. Other panelists spoke on the Origins of the Struggle, the War and International Diplomacy, the Air War, the Korean war "over there" and "over here," Vantage points from North Korea, China, Russia, and leadership in the Korean War.



## Langley Air Force Base

Al Ortiz (top) was the keynote speaker and representative of all Korea War Veterans at a Retreat Ceremony at Langley Air Force Base on July 13, 2000. Ortiz served with E Co., 179th Inf. Reg., 45th Inf. Div.

The ceremony was hosted by General John P. Jumper, (below) Commander, H.Q. Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA., in honor of Korea War Veterans to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the war in Korea. The ceremony was highlighted by a spectacular "missing man" fly-over. All of the approximately fifty Korea War Veterans that attended received a commemorative pin, a cassette tape, and a certificate. The commanders of the various military service organizations received a plaque. Everyone was treated to a pre and a post reception.



# Memorative Events

## Wright State University

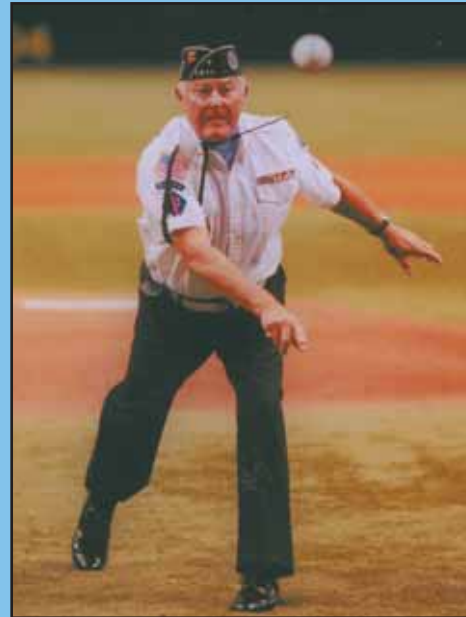


(Top) September 7, 2000: Harley J. Coon meets with Colin Powell at Wright State University. (Below) From the left, Thomas J. Gregory, KWVA National Treasurer; Ohio Governor Taft, and Harley J. Coon KWVA National President at Wright State University on September 7, 2000.

## St. Petersburg, FL. Devil Rays Game

(Below) Honor Guard, KWVA, Chapter #14, St. Petersburg, Florida, presented the Colors at the Devil Rays Baseball Game on June 27th to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Shown l to r front row Albert Ballschmidt, Robert Kunz, Ken Milheiser (Seated). Back Row William Miller, Henry Danilowski, Joe Sheehan, Sam Farina, and Tom Carrick.

(Right) First Pitch at Tropicana field in Florida before start of Devil Rays Baseball Game by Henry Danilowski in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War.



## Ridgefield Park, NJ



Ridgefield Park, N.J., officials held a 50th anniversary observance of the start of the Korean War, on June 25, 2000. Selected as special honor guard was the Chorwon Chapter Color Guard. Dick Bozzone, Commander, also delivered featured speech. Shown l to r: Bozzone, Bob Bramley, Arthur Warmbrand, Steven Siciliato, Glenn Wershing, Andrew Demes and Sam Lutri.

# Monument dedicated at Waegwan, South Korea

## Atrocity Hill 303 at Waegwan

2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry - Aug. 14-18

On the very northern flank of the 1st Cavalry Division was G/5th Cavalry, on Hill 303. It was also the northern flank anchor of the U.S. Eighth Army. Just to the north was the left flank of the ROK 1st Division. Hill 303 is a hill mass which extends to the northeast for almost two miles from the north edge of Waegwan. Its top, about 950 feet high, overlooks the Nakdong for several miles; its northern slopes actually come down to the river's bank. The hill top also dominates the road and rail net from the town. One road ran north and south along the east bank of the Nakdong. Another went northeast through the mountains to Tabudong, then on to Taegu. The main north-south rail line came in from the south to Waegwan, crossed the river there, then went on north from that point. Hill 303 also dominated the rail line for some distance. The hill was key terrain in the area; he who had Hill 303 had the area surrounding it in control, militarily.

In a January 18, 1987 interview for The Sunday Independent of Ashland, Kentucky, CPL James M. Rudd, a member of the Mortar Platoon, H/5th Cavalry, and survivor of Hill 303, gave his account of the events of Aug. 15-17, 1950. The platoon asked for infantry help at the mortar positions early on Aug. 15, and were told that 60 South Koreans, under a LT Pak would be sent to them. "A little later we saw some Koreans. We called out 'LT Pak!' and an officer answered us," he recalled. "Some of them had South Korean markings on them." Rudd said there were between 45 and 60 of them. At first, some of the Americans, including Rudd, and Truman E. Purser, fired on the Koreans. They were soon stopped by their officer, who said the approaching troops were the South Koreans he had asked for. But as the troops got closer, the GIs realized that the soldiers were North Koreans because of their uniforms and that some of them were carrying burp guns. At that point, Rudd said, "We disobeyed and fired again." By this time, the enemy soldiers

were on top of the mortar men. Rudd and Purser re-opened fire, but it was too late.

Purser took an enemy bullet which entered the top of his shoulder and "came out of his body," said Rudd. As Rudd grabbed his aid packet to help Purser, enemy soldiers appeared, pointing their guns into his foxhole. At first, Purser held fast to his rifle, until Rudd was able to pry it from his hands. Rudd recalled that 37 men from his platoon were captured then and another five from Co. G later on. The men's hands were tied with communications wire, then they were tied together into a line. Their shoes, and in some cases, trousers were taken from the men and they were marched off. As they stumbled along, SGT Ray A. Briley fell over a bluff and had to be pulled back by the others tied to him.

The lieutenant (identified by Gerald Gingery as a LT Hudspeth) succeeded in loosening the wire bands and escaped. But, according to Gingery, the lieutenant disappeared. Rudd said that the officer's bullet-ridden body was found tied to the front of a jeep in a nearby town. Rudd said that the enemy found the bindings slack on three other men, who they beat with shovels and rifles, then led away and shot.

"I got crazy mad and told them in English, 'If you S.O.B.s will untie me, I'll bite your throats out!'" Rudd thought they would kill him for this outburst, but nothing happened. The enemy marched the prisoners around on the hill. "My feet were cut to pieces, marching barefoot," Rudd said. "I still had my pants, but my arms were cut from the wire. I was a long time getting feeling back in them. "They gave us no water, and the only food was two apples. They started at one end [of the line of prisoners] and held them out for us to take a bite apiece. I was near the end and got a bite of core. They tormented us, ate in front of us and poured water out on the ground." Men who had to relieve themselves had to go in their trousers.

On Aug. 16, CPL Roy L. Day Jr., one of the prisoners who spoke Japanese, conversed with one of the guards. He overheard a North Korean lieutenant that afternoon say that if the Americans got too



## Monument at Waegwan

This memorial is erected in memory of those who survived and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in preserving the peace and freedom of South Korea on Hill 303

### POW's Killed in Action

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pvt Abott, Leroy           | Pvt Jacques, Leo W.        |
| Pfc Bone, Leroy            | Pfc Janhnke, Richard       |
| Pvt Borst, Arthur W.       | Pfc Karaisecky, Raymond J. |
| Sgt Briley, Ray A.         | Pvt McKenzie, Herbert R.   |
| Pfc Bristow, Benjamin      | Pvt Milaskac, Milton J.    |
| Pvt Causey, Billie J.      | Pvt Monifort, Houston      |
| Pvt Collins, John W.       | Pvt Morden, Melvin W.      |
| Pvt Dooley, Johnny K.      | 2Lt Newman, Cecil E. Jr.   |
| Pvt Edwards, Cecil C.      | Pvt O'Brien, Robert J.     |
| Pfc Feltner, Harlon C.     | Pfc Powell, Brook T.       |
| Pvt Finnigan, Richard T.   | Pvt Reams, Bruce A.        |
| Pvt Fletke, Kenneth G.     | Cpl Regney, Ernest Jr.     |
| Pvt Garcia, Arthur S.      | Pfc Schuman, Walter        |
| Pvt Hastings, Charles      | Pvt Semosky, George Jr.    |
| Pfc Hernandez, Antonio     | Pfc Simmons, John W.       |
| Pvt Herndon Joseph M.      | Cpl Tangman, Glen L.       |
| Pvt Hilgerson, John J. Jr. | Pfc Tavares, Tony          |
| Pvt Hogan, Billy R.        | Pvt Trammel, William D.    |
| Pvt Huffman, Glenn E.      | Cpl Williams, William M.   |
| Sgt Humes, Robert A.       | Cpl Zimniuch, Siegfried S. |

### Survivors

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| CPL Day, Ray L.       | PVT Manring, Roy   |
| PFC Purser, Truman E. | PVT Ryan, Fredrick |
| PVT Rudd, James M.    |                    |

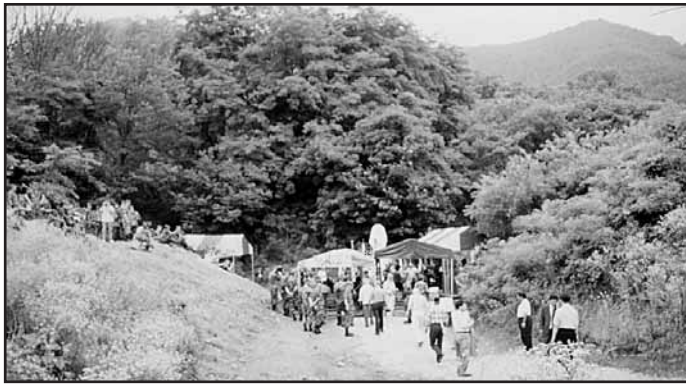


close they would kill the prisoners. That night enemy soldiers took five of the prisoners away and the others did not know what happened to them. During a rest stop, the guards rifled the prisoner's pockets, throwing away what they didn't want. PFC Benjamin Bristow knew Rudd could speak some Japanese. He asked Rudd to get his fiancée's picture back from the guards. Rudd asked a guard, who picked up the picture and put it in Bristow's shirt pocket.

Several other prisoners asked Rudd to talk to the guard about allowing them to have a cigarette. To Rudd's amazement, the guard responded in English. He had learned English from missionaries, who had raised him in North Korea. The guard said he was a Christian, who had been forced into the North Korean Army when the lives of his family were threatened. He also said that he purposely missed U.S. soldiers in fire fights.

Rudd remembered that two other guards came up as they talked, knocked the cigarettes from the prisoners' mouths, and berated the man for his kindness to the Americans. When the two men left, the guard relit the cigarettes. The two guards returned, knocked the cigarettes from the prisoners' mouths again, took the friendly guard aside and shot him dead.

The friendly guard told Rudd his name, but neither Rudd or any of the other survivors of the massacre on Hill 303 remembered it. While all this was happening, back at the scene of the massacre, Roy Manring managed to crawl away and down Hill 303, where he was found and treated. He told of the massacre. Orders were given for LT Paul Kelly to take his I&R Platoon and investigate. The platoon set out in nine jeeps, with Chaplain A. M. Kiner, who had insisted on coming along. The little column went through the deserted and burning Waegwan. At the edge of town, the jeeps were stopped, the men spread out and began their ascent of Hill 303. As they advanced, they first smelled the sweetish odor of the dead. The bodies



Approach to monument site and location of massacre.

of two dead GIs were found, killed by the attacking enemy. Then the platoon found the gully of death.

Charles and Eugene Jones in the book "The Faces of War", write a graphic depiction of the scene: "The boys lay packed tightly, shoulder to shoulder, lying on their sides, curled like babies sleeping in the sun. Their feet, bloodied and bare, from walking on the rocks, stuck out stiffly...."Features were gray-green and waxy...."All had hands tied behind their backs, some with cord, others with regular government issue Army communication wire. Only a few hands were clenched. Bullet holes as if put on with black paint, dotted and evenly spaced, crisscrossed the backs."

Chaplain Kiner knelt and performed the last rites for the dead soldiers. LT Kelly and his men looked on grimly, sadly. Some swore at the enemy, and wept. One soldier found the body of the lieutenant he had once driven for. The fondness he had for the dead officer was in his face and his actions, as he sat and mourned. Another soldier came to the grieving man and caressed the back of his neck with his hand. The BAR on his shoulder slipped to the ground. "Ah, Christ, Harry, he ain't alone," he murmured, consolingly, "they're with him."

Three enemy soldiers who had knowledge of the massacre were captured. They were Chong Myong Tok, Kim Kown Taek and Heo Chang Keun. Day and Rudd were able to identify the North Korean officer who ordered the killing. He had been captured by U.S. troops. Rudd had to be restrained from attacking and killing the officer.

The execution of American prisoners by the enemy prompted GEN MacArthur



Fred Ryan (l) and Roy Manring (r) are with Korean officials at memorial. They are survivors of the Waegwan Massacre.



Color Guard at Waegwan Massacre Monument Dedication in South Korea.

to broadcast an announcement to the North Korean Army and have leaflets prepared, addressed to the Commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of North Korea. The leaflet was dropped over North Korea in large numbers. MacArthur ended his message thusly:

Inertia on your part and on the part of your senior field commanders in the discharge of this grave and universally recognized command responsibility may only be construed as a condonation and encouragement of such outrage, for which if not promptly corrected I shall hold you and your commanders criminally accountable under the rules and precedents of war.

*(Thank you Dan Harrington for the photos and letter. I just had to look up a little history of this event for I remember hearing about it after I arrived in Korea 16th August, 1950. The above history came from Gen Ent's book called "Fighting on the Brink" which was reviewed in the July-Aug 1998 Graybeards. The book can be purchased from Turner Publishing Co. A great book.)*



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The Korean War Veterans Association wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Soldiers magazine for allowing us to reprint the four Phases of the Korean War published in the May 2000 issue of Soldiers. The remaining phases will follow in later issues.

# Chapter Affairs

## South Suburban Chapter #23 of Illinois



On June 25th the KWVA had a memorial service at our memorial in Springfield, IL. Our Color Guard took part in The Flag Ceremony. Shown left to right are Paul Guerrier, Gene Rydecki, Art Schultz, Al Schaffenberger, Gene Budzie, Woon Young Seo and Jay Pritchett.



On June 7th the village of Tinley Park had a musical concert for all the Korean War Veterans. Shown in photo left to right are Rich Witt, Paul Guerrero, Art Schultz, Woon Young Seo. Second row John Labok, Gene Rydecki and Frank Deglomine. This is our Color Guard for the event.

We heard that they needed a pop corn machine so we sold daisies to raise the money. The people were very generous when we told them that the money was to buy a pop corn machine for the veterans home.

In photo on left kneeling is Walter Kastner, behind him is Paul Guerrero, then Chuck Quinn. On right Al Shaffenberger, then Jay Pritchett and Art Schultz.



*(Thank you Paul for photo and letter. We are proud of what all of you are doing in your chapter. Great looking Color Guard.)*

## Missouri Chapter #2



Chapter Banner leading Memorial Day Parade in Kansas City, MO. Tom Welsh on left and Commander Paul Wolfgeher on right.



At Memorial Day Ceremonies Congresswoman Karen McCanthy of the 5th District is presenting Chapter Commander Paul Wolfgeher with 50th Ceremonial Flag along with a box of lapel or hat pins.

Missouri Chapter 2, Officers for the year 2001: Commander Paul A. Wolfgeher, 1st Vice Al Lemieux, 2nd Vice Frank Rice, Financial Officer Hugh De Witt, Quartermaster Spencer Hecox, Chaplain Cecil Kibbey, Historian Chep Alonzo, MIA/POW Ed Slater and Richard Cones, Judge Advocate Dan Land, VAVS Rep. Frank Rice, VAVS Asst. Ron McKinney, VAVS Asst. Don Morris, VAVS Asst. Paul A. Wolfgeher, Entertainment John Kessler, Public Information Officer Tom Walsh, Sergeant At Arms James McGuire and Adjutant Bob Rhodes.

*(Thank you Paul for photos and letter. We wish all of you much success in the years ahead and the best of health for all of you and your members.)*

## Lake County Chapter #169 of Florida

Thursday July 27, 2000 the Korean War Armistice was remembered in ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Park, The Villages, Florida. A highlight of the festivities was the reading of an essay titled "Let Freedom Ring" dedicated to Joseph Madeline, President of Lake County Chapter # 169, Korean War Veterans Association and written by his proud granddaughter Jennifer Ivey. The 14- year old is a freshman at Cowpens High School, Paeolet Mills, S.C. and had to return home before the ceremonies and could not personally deliver tribute to the veterans of the Korean War. James Rogan read her tribute.

The Chapter will host a car show November 12th at the Citrus





July 27, 2000 ceremonies remembering the Korean War Armistice 47 years ago, at The Villages, Florida. Shown (l to r) Lake County Chapter 169 , KWVA members Arthur Dube, Paul Russell and Jackie Gleason

Tower, Clermont. All monies received will be dedicated to the Chapter's education fund. Chapter members will be involved teaching our youngsters of the sacrifices made by Americans in the creation and defense of our great country. Pamphlets and other educational materials will be purchased and distributed to the participants.

Conley Kidd of Fruitland Park was appointed Chapter Entertainment Chairman by President Madeline. Mr. Kidd was responsible for the planning and implementation of the Chapters successful family picnic meeting at Hickory Point State Park, Taveres this past April. He is looking into the feasibility of the members and their families taking a trip to Homosassa Springs this October.

*(Thank you Joseph for photo and letter. We also thank Jennifer for remembering her grandfather. Keep up the good work in remembering our war and our veterans in Florida.)*



Tom Gaffney, (standing with cap) President FL. Dept., KWVA standing with Director Joe Turner. Other Chapter members are seated around the table at meeting/picnic in Hickory State Park, Taveres, FL .



Members of our Chapter Standing (rear) Ron Regan, middle, left to right) Carol Becker, Chapter Historian, Isiah Hatcher, Chapter Sgt-at Arms, Paul Russell and Mrs. Isiah Hatcher, (front left to right) Arthur Dube (Ass't Honor Guard Cmdr) holding Chapter Mascot Sgt. Elmo and Ray Wilkinson, Chapter QM. Carol Becker is a Gold Star Widow and Arthur Dube and Paul Russell had brothers killed in action in Korea. *(Thank you Joe Turner for photo and letter. We will try to print other photos in a later issue. A good looking group of people.)*

## Eagle Chapter of New York.



TOP: Color Guard of the Rockland County Eagle Chapter. They do Graveside Services and march in many parades. BELOW: This may be another photo of the Color Guard.—Ed.

*(I am hoping both or at least one of these photos was sent in by Rocco Marcarelli. I have two letters. One asking me why I did not print his first photo and another asking me to print both photos. Sometimes things do go astray and it would help if some identifying label or non transferable identification of those in the photo were on the back. If the photos above are mislabeled please let me know. Editor.)*



## Missouri Chapter #1



Photo of Missouri Chapters 1, 3 and 4 preparing to post the colors on June 25, 2000 at a St. Louis Cardinal Baseball game. *(Thank you Don Gutmann for photo and letter. A good looking group of veterans. We are very proud of each of you and the chapters.)*

## Central Massachusetts Chapter #36



George Shepard, Commander, Korean War Veterans of Central Massachusetts Chapter, presents the Junior ROTC Heritage Award to Cadet Scott Quinn of the Burncoat High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Worcester, MA. This award is presented annually by the Chapter to the cadet who shows an interest in our history and an appreciation for the tradition of service to our nation.

Central Massachusetts Chapter color guard at the May 28, 2000, Worcester, MA. Water Ceremony. The ceremony is held each year in honor of those lost at sea in the service of our country. (left to right) Jim Lazaro, Earl Bellville, and Bob Rutter.

*(Thank you Robert Rutter for photos and letter. Super Color Guard and a special event honoring cadets of the ROTC.)*



## Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey



Dick Bozzone, right, Commander of Chorwon Chapter of NJ stands with Bergen County, NJ executive William Schuber, in front of the "Wall Of Honor" at the County Court House. The County Officials agreed to display at Bozzone's request a complete set of the Dept. of Defense posters distributed to Commemorative Communities of which Chorwon Chapter was first to be certified.

The posters were framed by the County in specially made frames. They will be on display for several months so that visitors will be able to view the history of the Korean War.

Ridgefield Park, NJ Mayor George Fordyce, center, presents Municipal Citation to Chorwon Chapter Commander Dick Bozzone at June 25th ceremony held in Ridgefield Park. The observance attracted 250 residents and veterans and the Chorwon Chapter was selected as the "Honor Guard" and Bozzone was guest speaker. Oswald Weber, right, WWII veteran, was chairman of the event. *(Thank you Dick for photos and letters of special events.)*



## Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida



June 25, at the Court of Honor a ceremony was held remembering the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.





The Sunshine State Chapter Honor Guard preparing to post Colors prior to start of program.



At the Fallen Soldier display shown left to right are Jack Sumser and Jack Edwards, Chapter President. *(Thank you Jack for the photos and remembering all of our veterans on that special day. A great looking Honor Guard.)*

## Central Long Island Chapter of NY



On June 10th at our Flag Retirement Program we burned old and damaged flags. The veterans shown in photo left to right are Artie Adenolfi, Bill Madi, John Purificato, John Gaughran, Paul Zerafa, Joe Horton, Sal Scarlato and Bob Morga. *(Thanks John Gaughran, Sr. for photo and letter. I hope the spelling of the names are correct. I am sure I would have spelled yours wrong also if it was not on the letterhead. We try our best. Please print them the next time.)*

## Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter of Pennsylvania



Chapter Color Guard at Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game honoring Korean War Veterans on the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.



Shown left to right are Patty L. O'Hara, Robert D. O'Hara, Pirate team mascot and Robert E. Medberry at Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA.



On June 24, 2000, the Pittsburgh Committee for the Commemoration of the Korean War held a "Night of Patriotic Music" for the veterans of that war. Shown in photo left to right are Lee, Eu Se Maj. Gen. (Ret.), Robert E. Medberry and Kayla Medberry granddaughter. *(Thanks Robert for the photos, program and other items. We also thank Ed Stevens, President of Chapter for his efforts to get members to participate in these events. A job well done by all.)*



## Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia



On Saturday, 17 June, there was an "50th Year Commemorative Table-Talk of the Korean War" at an AM Korean radio here in the Atlanta area. Shown left to right are Byung Sung Ko (back to camera), Kwang Kim, Charles Kim, President of radio station, Sammuel Lee, moderator, Gen. Raymond Davis, Thaddeus Sobieski. Not shown in photo but participated are Ben Malcom and Tom Cabaniss.



On 15 June, General John W. Hendrix, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command, hosted a parade and ceremony in honor of the Army's 225th birthday and the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Twenty-four Korean War veterans from the Raymond G. Davis chapter were honored with medals, coins and pins in a ceremony on the parade field at Fort McPherson here in Atlanta. Shown left to right are Mr. Gayden Thompson, Deputy Undersecretary of the Army for International Affairs. Mr. Kwang-Sok Ryu, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Atlanta shaking hands with Mr. Thomas J. Woods. Others not identified. *(Thank you Jim Conway for photos and letters.)*

## The Low Country Chapter of South Carolina

The first chapter to be organized in South Carolina held their first meeting in North Charleston on July 15th. It was well attended by some current members and a goodly number of interested veterans; many of whom accepted applications and showed enthusiasm about being part of our organization. We wish to invite all national members in South Carolina to join with us to make this a vital chapter that our state can be proud of. In addition, we ask that you tell your friends who qualify, about us and get them involved also. For further information or

applications; please call 843-567-2573 or write to KWVA Chapter 185, 1977 Mendel Rivers Road, St. Stephen, S.C. 29479

*(Thank you Patrick Sullivan for information on a new chapter. We are proud of all your veterans for getting involved. Now send me some photos of our veterans from South Carolina.)*

## North West Alabama Chapter II



Above, the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony of the beginning of the Korean War was held on the Tuscumbia Courthouse steps. Shown in photo are left to right Laverne Tate, George Ellis, Roweena Kilgore and John Smallwood Chapter President. Below, Forty veterans and part of a crowd of 200 plus that were at the courthouse to attend the ceremony. *(Thank you George for photos and letter. A great turnout for a special day. Thanks also to your dedicated members.)*

## Greater Chicago Chapter of Illinois



The New Officers left to right are: Chuck Regus Chaplin, Niels Larson 1st VP, Bill Stenberg Sgt. At Arms, Bill O'Brien Secretary, Sal Amati 2nd VP, Don Glesell Treasurer, Bill Glennon Asst. Treasurer, Paul Leyva President (not in photo due to illness). *(Thank you Bill O'Brien for photo and letter. We wish your chapter much success.)*

## Tall Corn Chapter of Iowa



Officers shown in photo are Robert Sutfin 2nd VP, Leland Staker 1st VP, Bill Hartsock Judge Advocate and Sam Naomi President. Not in photo was Secretary/Treasurer Laverne Padget.



Group photo of all members and officers that attended the chapters 2nd meeting. (Thank you Sam for photos and update. I will be listing new chapters from Jerry Lake's report. We both thank you for your efforts. We also hope to do a new chapter listing including addresses when it is mailed to me by Nancy Monson.)

## The Elk River Chapter of West Virginia



1st. Row (l to r) Virgil Eagle, Sgt. at Arms; Tom Martin, President; Bob Smith, Director; Bob Parsons, VP; Charles Harley, Chaplain. 2nd row (l to r) "Chet" Fleming, Director; Hoyt Newman, Director; Gene Bevell, Secretary; Jack Hardman, Treasurer. This newest chapter to be organized in W. VA came to life in June 2000. The chapter name is "Elk River Chapter" and meets in Clendenin, W. VA. on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. (Thank you for sending photo and letter. We wish all your members much success. We look forward to seeing more photos.)

## Maryland Chapter #33



Maryland Chapter, KWVA Color Guards at Republication National Convention. The Guard posted the Colors at the beginning of the program on August 10, 2000. Shown left to right are Harley Coon National President, Sam Fielder, Vincent Krepps, Ed Ilgenfritz, Jack Cloman, Leroy Thornton, Ray Glock Captain and Earl House. It was an honor to make the KWVA known to America for we were shown on most major TV networks.

## Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey



Korean War Veterans at groundbreaking ceremony for the New Jersey State Korean War Monument in Atlantic City. Shown left to right in rear are Art Colacino, John Fallon, Bob MacKnight, Al Czarnecki, Steve Mangione, Frank Koelsch and John Ormsby. Front left is Joe Cassella, President. Kneeling is Lou Giovanni then Dave Cata. (Thank you Larry Barulli for photo of great looking veterans.)

## Nassau County Chapter #1 of New York

The Korean War Essay Contest winner was Mary Kate Castellani, of Massapequa High School. The contest, "The Korean War: Turning Point in American and World History" was sponsored to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. The contest was first announced at the Long Island Council for Social Studies convention in October of 1999. Mary Kate Castellani is an eleventh grader honor student and wants to major in communications when she attends college.

The Committee of judges consisted of Irwin Braun, Lou Valeo, Mario Maggiulli, and Jack Sauter. The committee was very impressed with the essays and the first prize was a unanimous decision on the part of the judges. Jack Sauter, an author, wrote, "I liked all the entries ...the mere fact that some students took the time and energy in the research to explore what must seem like the dark ages to a high school student, is remarkable

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The Korean War Essay contest was announced at Massapequa High School (L to R) Susan Woodbury, Social Studies Chairperson, Mary Kate Castellani, Massapequa High School, contest winner, Irwin Braun, Korean War Veterans Assn. and James J. Maloney, Principal. Honorable Mention: Robert Lovaglio, Chaminade High School, Renee Plexousakis, Massapequa High School.

in itself." Tell-America Co-Chairman, Irwin Braun said, "we were looking for a few good students. And we found them! We hope that they will carry on our mission to inform Americans about the importance of the Korean War. They all are a credit to their high schools."

*(Thank you Irwin for the photo and letter. Mary Kate, we at National KWVA are very proud of you and all that took part in this event.)*

## Northwest Ohio Chapter #131

On July 1 & 2, 2000, a Korean War 50th Commemorative Ceremony was held at GM Powertrain Park in Toledo, Ohio. Union Local 14, along with KWVA Northwest Ohio Chapter #131 and other veterans organizations, provided over 5,000 people with military weapons, equipment and memorabilia.

Speakers included President Harley Coon, Maj. Gen. J. Ronald Bowman USAR Ret., Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur,



National KWVA President Harley Coon speaking at the 50th Commemorative Ceremony, on July 1st, at Powertrain Park in Toledo, OH.

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, and Bong-Joo Kim, Office of Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Kim presented the new Korean Service Medal to three Korean War Veterans: Delbert Himebaugh, USAF; Paul D. Smith, USMC; Daniel Draheim, USA. All are members of Chapter #131.

*(Thank you Dan Draheim for photos)*



Bong-Joo Kim, Office of Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, presenting the Korean War Service Medal to Chapter #131 members Delbert Himebaugh USAF, Paul D. Smith, USMC and President Daniel Draheim, USA on July 2, 2000.



President Harley Coon and Maj. Gen. J. Ronald Bowman, USAR (Ret.) with honor guard Dick Madrzykowski and Northwest Ohio Chapter #131 honor guard after placing memorial wreath at eternal flame on July 1st in Toledo, OH.

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## Texas Lone Star Chapter #76

Memorial Day at the Houston VA Cemetery was dedicated this year to the Korean War Veterans. The Texas Lone Star Chapter of Korean War Veterans participated in a depiction of the 19 soldiers shown in the National Korean Monument.



While the soldiers were coming out on patrol, Dr. Charles Weigel with the South Texas School of Law, read a moving tribute to the soldiers of that era. Chapter member Mr. Dan Ammerman was the guest speaker for the day, former POW and member, Billy Allen Brown, read the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Z.E. (Stoney) Stone

*(Thank you Stoney for a great photo. Super idea for the event.)*

## Cenla Chapter 180 of Louisiana



On 25th June 2000 we had a memorial service at Lusville Korean Baptist Church. Representative Do Youngsuh from the Consulate General Republic of Korea Office in Houston is shown handing South Korean Flag to Tag M. Jensen Chapter President. *(Thank you Tag for photo and letter. The Korean Community always supports our chapter events and they always remember.)*

## Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Illinois

Enclosed photo of The Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter preparing for the 4th July 2000 parade at Oakwood, Illinois. We are in demand for parades in all the smaller towns around Danville as they know we will show up, dressed and ready. Our Color Guard and Ritual Team are the sharpest dressed in the area.

We have Army, AirForce, Navy and Marines in the Chapter and all are equally proud to have been of service to our country.

At most of our parades we have public figures like State Representative Judy Meyers, Bill Black and several others. Our



Shown in the front row: Glen Cocrell, Bob Hart, Barney Baroff, Theo McConnell, Jerry Holycross, and Harold Botts. In the second row: Milton Crippin, John Spencer, Tom Crippin, Dick Nicoson, Dan Schlorff, John Golden, and Charlie Wolters.

Chapter, being a family oriented group, is the most popular Service Organization in the area. We have a breakfast Saturday mornings, and at least one dinner a month. At our meetings, we have a covered dish dinner prepared by the wives prior to the meeting. All are attended by a majority of the chapter members. *(Thank you Milten Crippin for photo and letter. Keep up the good job, sounds like you have super members and wives.)*

## West Bay Chapter 2 of Rhode Island



Shown in picture enclosed are Chapter 2 Treasurer Gil Darling (left) and Judge Advocate Joe Guthrie (right) presenting the Korean Rose Of Sharon flower and a pamphlet with statistics on the Korean War, to two officers of the Westwood Estates Activities Bingo Committee, Mildred Killion (left) and Marion Moran (right) along with the approximately 70 people who normally attend a weekly Bingo, from which our Chapter has received one thousand dollars during the past year. Some of this revenue has gone to purchase two television sets for our States Veterans Hospital. *(Thank you Walter Greene for photo.)*

### GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the Graybeards must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: September- October 2000 articles must be received by editor no later than September 14. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.



## Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



Fund Raiser at Tropicana Field in St. Peterburg, FL. Shown operating concession stand is left to right Doreen Peevers, Jim Peevers, Clarence Dadswell, Al Ballschmidt, Rita Dadswell, Steve Hoemer, Bob Kunz and Al De Stefano. (Thank you Clarence for photo and letter. Looks like a fun job at the ballpark. A super way to raise funds and also tell America.)

## Redwood Chapter #176 of California

### Pleasant remembrances of a well-planned "Rhody" Parade

The Rhododendron Parade on Saturday, May 6 we won the "Special Award" ribbon. Most of you fellows whom I've talked to were like me-not quite accustomed to being applauded as our float passed by. And I am also not used to being in an honored spot as we Korean War vets were on the float. However, we adjusted easily, and waved, smiled and talked to the spectators.



Rhody Festival 2000 on April 29. Our chapter entry.



Chapter President Bill Odonnell rides in vintage car and was one of the Grand Marshals.

There are two big things I remember. First was the many salutes we received from "old timers," some not able to stand and many with white hair. I was genuinely touched, knowing that they were also proud of their devoted service for freedom in World War II. Second, was a Vietnam veteran (so his jacket said) who arose as our truck approached. He leaned over his two sons-about 6 and 8 years of age-and said, "Stand up, guys, and salute some good men." They did, with class! I'll never forget those three standing at attention as we rode by.

(Thank you William Odonnell for photos, program and other documents about a great new chapter. We hope to see more photos.)

## Western Massachusetts, Chapter 2000



Plaque presentation. Shown left to right are Lionel Mettey Commander, Evan Smith Post 337 Commander and Steven Bournique plaque maker.



A group of chapter members at chapter meeting.

Our Korean War Veterans Association of Western Massachusetts, Chapter 2000 was organized in April, we received our charter on July 18, 2000. Officers are: Lionel Mettey - Commander; Kenneth Usher, Sr. Vice Cmdr; George Fredette - Jr. Vice Cmdr; George Gardner - Records; James McNerney Finance Officer and Edwin Pajak - Secretary and Anthony Ravosa - Judge Advocate. We currently have over 45 members. Our local newspapers and television stations cover our activities.

Edwin M. Pajak, Secretary Western Massachusetts, Chapter, 18 Circle Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020-2705

(Thank you Edwin for photos and letter. I will do the other photos in the Memorial Section in the next issue. You are off to a great beginning, we wish your officers and members nothing but the best. Wish we could print more of what was sent)

### KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)



# Hawaii's Korean War Veterans on the Go

The year 2000 was filled with many Korean War related events which kept Hawaii's Korean War veterans very busy. The month of April and July saw the Chapter's members cleaning and maintaining the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Every Thursday more than 25 members armed with hoses, weeders, rags, detergent, rubbish bags weeded the flower beds, raked leaves, watered plants and polished the serpentine, pedestaled, black, granite wall that bears the name of 456 names of Hawaii's men who died in the Korean War. A total of 400 volunteer man hours was logged by the chapter.

Nick Nishimoto and Hawaii's Ex-Prisoners of War hosted a banquet on Friday, April 7 at the Hale Koa Hotel in commemoration of Ex-Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action in the Korea War. A vacant table for four with candles was placed near the stage, signifying those Missing In Action. Entertainment was provided by the Korean community. The commemoration continued on Sunday, April 9 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) with a ceremony honoring the Ex-POWs and the Missing In Action. The highlight of the program was the Flyover Missing Man Formation by the Hawaii's Air National Guard, 199th Fighter Squadron.

On Thursday, April 27 the University of Hawaii Air Force ROTC honored Korean War veterans by marching in review for the veterans at Cooke Field, University of Hawaii. Each veteran was recognized with their names read over the public address system. Hawaii's Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano gave an inspiring speech thanking the veterans. Refreshments were served after the ceremony and ROTC cadets had the opportunity to meet with Veterans.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and AT&T paid tribute to Hawaii's Korean War veterans on the evening of May 14 by inviting them to a Combined Military Band Concert at the Hawaii Theater. The concert featured the bands from the following services: 25th Infantry Division (Light) Band, Marine Forces Pacific Band, Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific, United States Coast Guard Band and the 111th Army



Veterans Clay Murakami, Robert Hamakwa, Chairman of Hawaii's Commemoration Commission BG Irwin Cocket, Ret. and Louis Baldovi on board the Korean Navy ship *ROKS Ulchimmundunk*.

Band, Hawaii Army National Guard. More than 400 veterans and their guests attended the concert. A reception was held before the concert.

At the Annual Military Appreciation Week Luncheon held on May 17 at the Waikiki Sheraton Hotel, Korean War Veterans Association, Hawaii Chapter #1, got a pleasant surprise

when it was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Alexander & Baldwin Foundation as the outstanding veteran organization of 1999 for its services to the community. Accepting "The Aloha Spirit Award," for the Chapter was Louis Baldovi. Louis Baldovi was stunned when he was also presented with an individual "Aloha Spirit Award" for his volunteer efforts in the veteran's community. Nearly 1,000 military and civilian guests attended the luncheon.

On May 21 the Pacific Basin Economic Council honored Korean War veterans for their services by inviting them to a banquet held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel where they feasted on a fabulous Korean Dinner. More than 500 guests enjoyed the precision fan and drum dance performed by Korean



President Robert Hamakawa and Louis Baldovi present Lt. Col Lee Dong-koo with the Honorary Membership certificate at a dinner on June 29.

artists. One of the highlights was a video address by Kim Jae Dung, President of the Republic of Korea.

The 5th Regimental Combat Team, Hawaii, held a memorial dedication on Saturday, June 17 at the Memorial Walk, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. MG James A. Johnson (Ret) and Mrs. Caroline Los Banos unveiled the memorial plaque which was dedicated to the memory of the men of the 5th RCT who paid the supreme sacrifice. The following day members of the 5th RCT and other veterans left for Korea to recount their combat experiences. The tour took them to Pusan, Masan, Kyungu, Waegwan, Seoul and other battle sites that the 5th RCT were engaged in.

Culminating the day's event on Sunday June 25th was a banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel sponsored by the

Korean Community. In attendance were 450 Korean War veterans and guests. Each Korean War veteran was presented a beautiful commemorative medallion. Presidents of Korean War veterans organization were presented with the first issue of the Korean War Service Medal. Consul General Lee Ji Doo thanked the veterans for coming to the aid of South Korea. Entertainment was provided by the Royal Hawaiian Band and Korean community.

On July 1 the *USS Boxer*, berthed at Pearl Harbor, an aircraft carrier which saw duty in the Korean War, was the stage for another large gathering of Korean War veterans who were guests of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Hawaii. The event honored Korean War veterans and their spouses. Once aboard the ship veterans were escorted by an officer to the carrier flight deck where a ceremony took place. Each veteran was pinned with a commemorative lapel pin. Following the ceremony more than 1,000 Korean War veterans and their spouses and personnel of the U.S. Navy went below to the hanger deck where they were treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner provided by members of the RIMPAC nations. Entertainment was provided by Navy personnel.

Korean War veterans returned to Pearl Harbor on July 3 this time as guest of the Republic of Korea Navy, a participant in the RIMPAC exercise. Veterans were treated to a very, tasty Korean barbecue buffet dinner aboard the *ROKS Ulchimondduk* and *ROKS Chonnam* Navy ships. Each veteran was presented with a commemorative coin. Korean Consul General Lee Ji-doo was the keynote speaker.

The Annual 4th of July Parade, held in Kailua, Oahu, was dedicated to Korean War veterans- Members of the Korean War Veterans Association, Hawaii Chapter #1, the 5th Regimental Combat Team, Hawaii, and the Korean War Veterans Association, Aloha Chapter, marched in their uniforms on that hot, steamy morning to the snappy beat of the Cupertino High School Band of California. At the reviewing stand each unit halted, faced the stand, and was cited for their sacrifices in the Korean War. Thousands of spectators lined the one mile route, many shouting, "Thank you veterans well done." With these words of

encouragement, the veterans sucked in their guts, threw out their chests, held their heads high and finished the parade on sheer pride. The Chapter was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as the most outstanding marching unit in the Senior Marching Unit category. Following the parade more than 50 veterans and spouses enjoyed a five course Chinese lunch at the Yen Yen restaurant in Kailua.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 9, Korean War veterans were honored with a special service. BG Irwin Cockett (Ret) of the 5th RCT and Co-Chairman of 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Commission led the procession of Korean War veterans into the church. Veterans Harry Kumabe and Harry Takane read prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, "For Our Country" and "For Those in the Armed Forces of our Country" respectively. Veteran Louis Baldovi shared the pulpit with the Reverend Thomas Yoshida, both speaking on the theme of the Commemoration, "Freedom Is Not Free." A reception followed the service.

On July 14 the 25th Infantry Division (Light), the second Army unit to enter the Korean War, honored veterans from that war at a ceremony held at Stoneman Stadium, Schofield Barracks. MG General William E. Ward, Commander of the divi-

sion, played host to over 200 veterans and their spouses. The ceremony included the unveiling of the Department of Defense's Korean War Commemorative flag by MG Ward and Irwin Cockett (Ret), Co-Chairman of the Hawaii Commemoration Commission. MG Ward addressed the Korean War veterans and thanked them for answering their country's call and for their sacrifices. Each veteran received a beautiful certificate prior to the ceremony. After the ceremony veterans were treated to a static display of military equipment and lunch. The lunch was an eye opener for all veterans in that the dining hall and the food did not resemble what they experienced 50 years ago. Many veterans remarked, "If it were like this 50 years ago, I would have reenlisted! It was like having lunch at a very nice restaurant."

The annual reunion of Korean War veterans was held on July 27-29. The organization in charge of the reunion was KWVA HI Ch. #1 and the 5th RCT. It began with a morning ceremony on July 27 at the Korean War Memorial. On July 28 veterans toured the *USS Missouri*, enjoyed a "circle the island tour" while others took in a golf tournament.

That evening 300 veterans and their guests were treated to a luau at the Hale Koa Hotel. Keynote speaker for the evening was General Fred C. Weyand, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Ret. The three day affair ended with another dinner on the 29th at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, with BG Irwin Cockett, Ret., the featured speaker.

"Tell America" is alive and well in Hawaii. Despite KWVA's decision to terminate "Tell America" several years ago, Hawaii's Chapter felt that it was an important program to educate youngsters in the schools about the Korean War and the role of veterans. Hawaii's 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Commission has endorsed the program. So far this year teams have visited 3 public schools and one private school. On schedule this fall for visitations are the University of Hawaii and 2 private high schools. We would like to hear from other chapters that are involved in the program (See "Monuments and Memories" for additional photos and comments concerning the Hawaiian Korean War Vets.)



Moses Pakaki, team leader of "Tell America," gestures to make a point to ROTC cadets at Kamehameha High School



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## BOOKS from page 6

novel. Edward Rybak, European Security Affairs Advisor, USAINSCOM.

Ralph M. Hockley was born in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1925. His family left Nazi Germany and moved to Marseille, France when he was nine years old. At age 14 after the fall of France, he worked as a volunteer interpreter and office boy for the American Quakers in Marseille. In May 1941, the Quakers assisted his family in getting US immigration visas and thereby the release of Ralph's father from the Gurs Concentration Camp. 1945 found Ralph back in Germany as a US soldier in Counter Intelligence.

He earned his BA from Syracuse University on the GI Bill; while there he was commissioned a 2d Lt in Military Intelligence Reserve. In August 1950, 2d Lt Hockley landed in Korea with the 2d Infantry Division and participated in seven campaigns as an Artillery Officer. After the Korean War, and for most of the next 25 years, (joined by his late wife, Eva) he held various military and civilian Intelligence assignments in Germany (in beleaguered Berlin, Frankfurt, Bonn and Munich). Simultaneously, he served in the Army Reserve and rose to the rank of Colonel, Military Intelligence. In 1969, Ralph received a MS degree from University of Southern California. He retired in 1981 to the San Francisco area. In 1985 he and his wife, Carolyn, moved across the Golden Gate to Tiburon. Since 1997, he and Carolyn reside in Houston, Texas.

The book can be ordered by writing to Ralph M. Hockley, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE, PO Box 42103, Houston, TX 77242-2103 or by phone from Brockton Publishers, 800-968-7065. If ordered from the PO Box, it will be sent to the Purchaser autographed. Let me know should you have any other questions. Ralph M. Hockley 37th FA Bn, 2d Inf. Div. Oct 1949- Oct. 1951 82d AAA Bn., Oct.-Dec. 1951

*(Over 414 pages of great reading for historians and veterans. A book filled with biography, history, maps, adventure, family and war. Over one-third (135 pages) of the book is photos, events, maps and history on the Korean War. Pre World War II (1925) describing life under Hitler, Escape to France, then to freedom in America. WWII, Korea, then Cold War to today. Each story of this 12 part book will keep your interest.*

*The text size is very good. Photos are of high quality. I give it a "Must Read" rating.)*



### Unforgotten

By Daniel J. Meador

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Extract from the novel *Unforgotten* continued from July-August 2000 Issue.

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From this distance all those lost men in Baker and Fox companies seemed so young. How much time had passed over his generation! Lines of his favorite First World War poem ran through his thoughts:

*They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and  
in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*

The president's voice came back into his hearing. "The larger conflict of the Cold War had only begun. It would take four decades more to win. In a struggle so long and consuming, perhaps it is not surprising that too many lost sight of the importance of Korea. But now we know, with the benefit of history, that those of you that served, and the families who stood behind you, laid the foundations for one of the greatest triumphs in the history of human freedom. By sending the clear message that America had not defeated fascism to see communism prevail, you put the free world on the road to victory in the Cold War. That is your enduring contribution. . . ."

When the president concluded, a female soloist with a powerful voice gave forth with "America, America, God shed his Grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea," movingly stringing out the last half-dozen words. She followed with a maximum-volume rendition of "God Bless America."

Immediately, a formation of helicopters flew low overhead, setting up a din of chopping sounds. They were followed by waves of jet fighters. They thundered in from the east along the Mall, one after the other, coming in low, their unearthly roar drowning out all else. It was like an air strike, and John half-expected to see tracers

streaking out ahead and orange plumes of napalm billowing tip in their wake as they shot across the Potomac and over Arlington Cemetery.

It was all over. He was physically and emotionally drained. He wanted to see the memorial itself, but the crush of the crowds was overwhelming, and he was hot and sopping wet. He would come back in the morning. For now, he wanted nothing but a cool hotel room and a good shower. Except in Korea, he had never looked forward more to a shower.

The eastern sky was lightening behind the Capitol dome as John walked across the dewy grass stretching from the Lincoln Memorial toward Independence Avenue. An overnight thunderstorm had broken the heat, and the morning was fresh and almost cool. He had the world nearly to himself. Traffic on the streets was light, and he saw only a few distant human beings as he approached the newly dedicated memorial.

Then in the half-light he saw them—the nineteen figures, sculptured in steel, soldiers advancing up a slope. He moved closer.

The realism was overpowering. They could be real men, like dozens of men he had known and commanded, carrying rifles and carbines—there was a radioman too, with antennae-wearing steel helmets and ponchos, spread out irregularly in combat formation, moving out at dawn for the attack. He almost called out to them. "Keep moving. Follow me!" Under their helmets he saw faces he remembered, faces etched with fatigue and determination.

As he stood in the quiet dawn, thinking of those men who would never be coming back, tears began to flow freely.

He pulled a handkerchief from his pocket, dried his cheeks, and dabbed his eyes, thankful that the place was deserted. He knew then that he would never forget Korea, that indeed he didn't want to forget, that he had an obligation not to forget.

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To be continued as space permits.

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*("Unforgotten" can be obtained from local bookstores or by calling Pelican Publishing Co. at (800) 843-1724 with a credit card number.)*



## Ship of Miracles

By Bill Gilbert

Foreword By Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

### From One Who Was There

Fifty years cannot dim the memory of that awful first winter of the Korean War, especially the evacuation of Hungnam—"the forgotten battle in the forgotten war."

As an aide to our commander, Major General Ned Almond, I was an eyewitness to the bravery of America's fighting men and their extraordinary humanitarianism and courage amid extremely heavy combat conditions and the most severe weather imaginable. In the face of rapidly advancing Chinese North Korean armies in subzero temperatures, units of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Merchant Marines fought off the enemy, saved one hundred thousand American young men, and rescued a comparable number of North

Korean refugees who were fleeing from their own army and dictatorial government.

This is the story of that memorable time-Christmas 1950-when we were fighting a new war in a far-off land, a hot war in the first years of the Cold War. There was widespread belief that this war, as bad as it was from its very beginning only six months earlier, was also the prelude to a much wider war, one that might well eventually involve the United States and the Soviet Union on opposite sides of the fighting. And if that happened, could World War III be far behind?

I was at Hungnam with General Ned Almond, 135 miles into enemy territory, when the dramatic, lifesaving battles and rescues described in this book took place. I was just beginning my military career, and as a young captain I had been recently exposed to combat for the first time. Mere words cannot describe the severity of the conditions, the fury of the fighting, the

numbness of the winter, the drama of the withdrawal of our American troops, and the heartbreaking plight of the North Korean refugees.

We got them all, soldiers and refugees, off that beach at Hungnam-our fellow Americans and the North Koreans who were, remember, the men, women, and children of our enemy. That never made any difference to any of us, especially to the gallant men on our Navy and Merchant Marine ships. As they looked at the hard-to-believe sight of nearly one hundred thousand refugees pleading to be rescued, and worked frantically to get them on board and out of harm's way, no one challenged the refugees nationality or politics or asked for their identification. They were the innocent victims of war. Besides, there was no time for questions. There were lives to be saved.

This book is the story of that miraculous effort, especially by the men of the U.S. Merchant Marine freighter, the SS Meredith Victory. Every American who fought at Hungnam to protect the rescuers and the refugees, and those who helped to save two hundred thousand American and Korean lives, can take pride in this story.

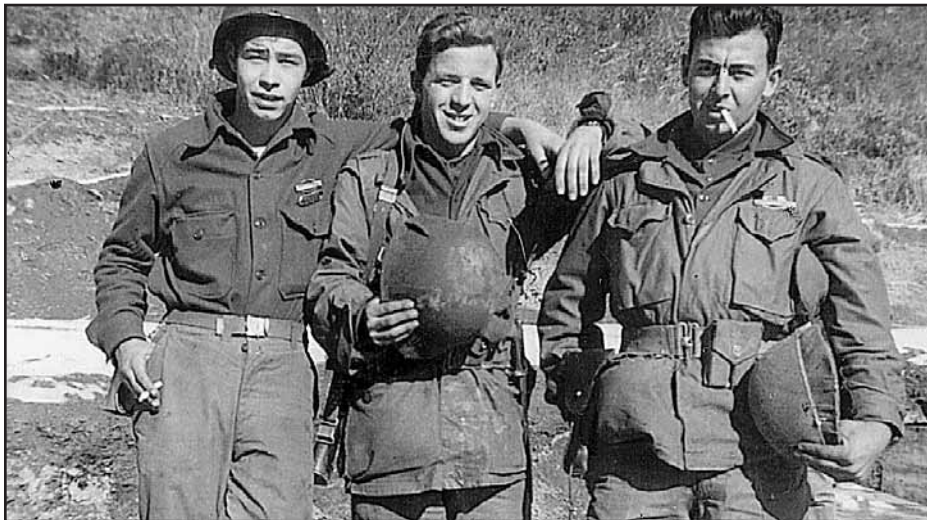
Korea remains divided today. The war technically goes on, quiet only because of a truce signed in 1953. Despite recent signs of hope, the story of Hungnam and the Meredith Victory also goes on, a brilliant yet relatively unknown chapter in American history that can now take its place, during this fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War, among such other legendary names as Bunker Hill, Midway, the Battle of the Bulge, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

This book did not just deserve to be written-it needed to be written. I am proud to have been a part of what happened at Hungnam. Fifty years later, I am proud to be a part of the telling of that heroic story.

This book is available in quantity at special discounts for your group or organization. For further information, contact: Triumph Books, 601 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60605. Tel: 312- 939-3330, Fax: 312-663-3557, E-mail [K\\_Viverito@trumphbooks.com](mailto:K_Viverito@trumphbooks.com)

*(A must read book for those that were not at Hungnam in late 1950. Very good gift for the young so that they will learn about the hardships and heroism of those that were there. 145 pages, many photos.)*

## Photo file...



Those shown are from I Company, 35th Infantry Regt., 25th Infantry Div. Left to right. Cpl. Willy Wayne Harper (18) from Harlan County, KY, Cpl. Francis P. McElhinney (18) from Woburn, MA and Cpl. Greg Whalen from Dallas, Texas. (Photo from Francis Mc Elhinny, 18 River Rd., Apt. 13, Pepperell, MA 01463-1622)

### National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

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# Looking for...



## Tell us about your plans

There are many fine **veterans organizations** that are working on reunions and group trips to attend the commemoration events that will be held in Korea. Though we cannot organize reunions or group trips ourselves, we can help spread the word about your plans. Please let us know the "who, what, when, where" on your reunion or group trip and we can list the basics on our web site. Please provide a point of contact for the event, so that other veterans know who to contact. If your veterans group has a section on a web site involving a reunion or group trip, you can provide that information also. Since we are a government agency, we cannot recommend any commercial agencies, so we cannot list "Mary's Military Tours of Korea, Incorporated," etc. Please email the information to: <kw50ann@usfk.korea.army.mil.> Our regular mailing address is: 50th AKWC, PSC 303 Box 90, APO AP 96204.



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



Looking for **sailors whose ship was sunk or damaged** in the Korean War 1950-1953. Purpose – A book of individual or ship stories of that event with photos if possible. Contact Mr. Ron Bennett, 2126 Benson Avenue, Apartment 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Telephone 718-266-7484 or e-mail ronmar@jps.net



I am looking for ways of contacting Korean War Veterans who may have been at the **USO shows during that war**. Contact Scott Dezorzi at e-mail <LSSdi@aol.com>



Looking for Korean War veterans who may have been at the **USO shows that featured Marilyn Monroe**. Looking for documentation regarding her performance. Or if you know someone who may have been at those shows contact Scott Gray at 919-387-7397



Looking for anyone who knew my husband, **Sgt. Dean Chaney**, Company K, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, while he was a POW at Camp 5, Pyoktong, North Korea. I would like to have any of the following men to contact me. Cpl. Alvi D. Norris, M. Sgt. Floyd A. Martin, Tec. Sgt. James H. Edwards, 1st Lt Gordon B. DeLashmat, M. Sgt. John J. Sutherland, M. Sgt. Preston E. Richie. Contact Janice L. Stokes, 6 Sunset View, Asheville, NC 28804 or slstokes@home.com



Trying to find a buddy for 48 years. We were together in Korea. **Walter Rodgers**, last known in Dade County, Florida. We were in the 187th ARCT Hq. & Hq. Co. in Japan/Korea 1952-53. I'd also like to hear from any buddy from boot camp to Korea who remembers our time in the service. Contact Alexander J.

McManus, 270 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, N.Y. 10708. Tel: 914-779-8922 or e-mail: amcma81200@aol.com



Looking for **Oh Churl** who, was a Christian, spoke very good English and lived, with his wife and child in Kunson. Also, I had a First Sergeant, **Hulon R. Henderson** from California with whom I would like to get in touch. Contact William H. Albrecht, Jr., 3320 Arbor Terrace, Charlottesville, VA 22911-7226 • Tel: 804-975-0700 or Fax 804-975-2290



My father served in the Korean War. He was based in Japan for most of his stay. My father has developed a type of skin cancer and lung cancer. We had taken him to the U. Miami Hospital a few years ago and met another vet who served during the same time and place. Both of them have the same type of cancer. I wanted to see if anyone can help me find out information on other **vets that had come down with cancer** after their tours of duty. My Father is now 69 and his health is failing. I would like to find out if anyone else is suffering from this and find out if there is something that can be done. He served from 1951 to 52 in Japan, 1950 Puerto Rico and a small amount of time in Korea. Contact Scott Cresswell, 3420 Larsen Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022. Tel: 360-802-4956 or e-mail BecNScott2@aol.com



Korean War buddies, clock wise from bottom left, Dick Hannora, Red Parker, Ed Rice, and Robert Antonucci.

Looking for buddies of mine that were in Korea with me. In the photo shown on the bottom right is **Robert Antonucci**, bottom left is **Dick Hannora**, top right is **Ed Rice** and the top left is **Red Parker**. Contact Edward C. Rice, 315 Gun Club Road., Nashville, TN 37205



I am looking for **Ralph E. Foor** (PA) UNASGD. We met at Camp Cooke, CA., 40th Div. of CA National Guard, 160 Inf., Army, Bn. 3, Co. K. We served in Korea

together, Jan. 1952 - Sept. 1952. He is not on any casualty list and I have tried other means but cannot locate him. Contact Joseph R. Ferrier, 237 Grant Street, Troy, Ohio 45373. Tel: 937-339-0355 or email lferrier@erinet.com



Looking for anyone who served with or under **Jimmy D. Mark** after he made battlefield commission to Second



Lieutenant and was transferred out of my Company B 7th Inf. Reg. 3rd Division, in 1952. I only have a partial address, "Jimmy D. Mark, 950 Servar Ave." I don't know the town but the State was California. I have not been able to locate the city. Anyone who has any information as to his whereabouts, where he was transferred too or where to find Jimmy, my E-Mail is <out-posthoncho@juno.com> or Tel: Prentice D. Carroll, 937-372-3188. Or, write to 206 Prugh Ave., Xenia, OH 45385.

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Looking for **Jesse James Shireman**. He retired from the Air Force in 1953 as a Staff Sergeant. Contact Bob & Pat Shough, 9260 Hudson Rd., Pittsford, MI 49271. Tel: 517-523-2979

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Looking for former members of the **518th Ord Co** (DS) who served during 1953 and 1954. Several of us now correspond and would like to hear from others. Contact D.G. Richardson at delo@adams.net or RR1 Box 264 Griggsville, IL 62340

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My father, **Earle M. Davis**, served as a battalion surgeon with the 7th Infantry Regiment 3rd Inf. Div. from 1952-1953. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor near Chongdong, Korea. My father never talked about the war, and I never asked many questions. I have an enormous interest in the "Forgotten War" and try to read as much as possible. If you remember my father, contact Matthew N. Davis at e-mail address <mdavi9@bellsouth.net>

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Anyone recalling **Jesse Hartle** of 224th Inf. Regt. of the 40th Inf. Div. (KIA 5-2-53 Heartbreak Ridge) Contact sister Mickey Carson, PO Box 791, Kimberling City, MO 65686.

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Looking for **Joseph Schweis**, AF, from Millwaukee, WI. and **Glenn D. Johnson**, AF, from Mexia, TX. We were stationed in Alaska at Ladd AFB. From March 1954 to March 1956. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of either man please contact. Erman D. Roe, 2359 Eagle Dr. Freeport, IL 61032 or e-mail me at cdroe@aeroinc.net

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My dad Sam Gann from Indianapolis, IN is looking for some old war buddies. The last names of men he is looking for are **Matherly, Talley, Crothers, and Shaffer**. E-mail me Kelly Gosman at <Kellyapples7Qaol.com>

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Trying to locate an old Army buddy, **Billy J Pennington**, who served with the Yokohama Engineering Depot, based in Yokohama and Sagami Hara Japan from 1949 to 1951. Also Eugene Johnson. Contact Howard H. Jarvis at e-mail <rhj@vger-net.net>

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A relative, **Donald J Carver**, was with 2d Eng Bn., Casualty date Nov. 30, 1950, was captured then and released August 25 1953. Home Waushara County, WI. His daughter has been trying to locate him. Contact Melvin R. Hewitt, PO Box 627, Umatilla, OR 97882. E-mail <dptydawg@internetnw.net>

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**206th Field Artillery Battalion, 43rd Inf. Div.** Ed Sinnicki would appreciate hearing from his buddies who served with him in Munich, Germany from 1950 to 1952. Contact Edward Sinnicki New Jersey Veterans Home, Liberty Section, Room 451, 132 Evergreen Street, Edison, NJ 08818

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Looking for KVV that were with **Co. B, 120th Combat Engineers, 45 Div.** Aug. 1950 to Aug. 1952. We are trying to get together for a reunion this year. Contact Jack Latham, 733 Kiowa Drive, West Lake Kiowa, Texas 76240. Tel: 940-665-3021

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Looking for info on my oldest brother, **Murray W. Barnett**. He was in the 31st Inf. at a place in North Korea called Hagaguri. He was sent on a mission, but was wounded, and died of blood poisoning in a North Korean prison camp. I am told that he died on January 29, 1951, and was buried in a bomb crater. Contact Mr. Ronald Barnett, 1017 E. Washington St., Paris, Texas 75460

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Looking for info about my father, M/SGT **Paul T. Embrey**. He is MIA from the Korean War. Contact Ms. Lois M. Smith, 5414 Germantown Road, Midland, VA 22728. Tel: 540-439-1592

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Members of the **55th Military Police Co.** stationed in Seoul, Korea (1952 -1953). If there is any record of the members of that unit and their most recent addresses contact Mr. Charles Bebbler, Jr., 10 Sage Court, Calabash, NC 28467 Tel: 910-575-3263

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My husband, S/Sgt. **Val D. Christensen** from Richfield, Utah. Killed in action on Hill 200 (Northwest of Yenchon, East side of Ingin River, 70 miles above Seoul, Korea) on October 25, 1951. Silver Star, Purple Heart, U.S. Cav. Div., 5th Regt, 2nd Bn. Co. F. Need information, Hill 200, Name of the battle, and the name of the mountain my husband fought on. (The location, where?) Contact Mrs. Dorothy L. Christensen, C/O Stanford, 63510 Highway 25 North, Smithville, Mississippi 38870

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Looking for information about **Kenneth Martin** who was in the 2nd Div., 9th Reg. Co. L. from Nov. 1950 until Feb. 14, 1951. He was killed on Feb. 14, 1951. Contact Mr. Marvin A. Morris, 7029 Deerfield Road, Memphis, TN 38135-8024 Tel: 901-385-8071

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Looking for information about my brother, Sgt. **Paul Monaco** who has been missing in action sine Dec. 4, 1950. This occurred in the vicinity of Husku-ri, North Korea. Contact Ms. Amelia Monaco Cusano, 51 Hemlock Street, West Haven, Connecticut 06516

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Looking for information regarding the **Puerto Rico 65th Inf.** that fought in the Korean War. I have a book that was written by Gen. W.W. Harris "From San Juan to Taiwan". I would also like information on this author. My uncle fought in this war and I want to learn more about it. My uncle's name is Roberto Rios and was residing in Yubacca, Puerto Rico during the war. Contact Zorida Rios-Andino, 4016 Ivy Street, East Chicago, Illinois



I am looking for a new or used **USMC campaign hat (DI Hat)** size 7 3/8 Also I need a green USMC dungaree utility cap with emblem printed on it from Korea era – size large. Contact Mr. Alvin J. Parsons, P.O. Box 27, Meraux, Louisiana 70075-0027



This photo of was given to me before I left Korea. This officer was from the 1st Cav. or 25th Div. I was in both Divisions and I do not recall his name. Anyone that knows of his whereabouts contact Charles O. Weeks 3656 Old Arcata Rd. Sp. 21, Eureka, CA 95503-9420. Tel: 707-441-1693



My uncle Roy L. Meads is looking for a buddy he served with in Korea. His name is **John D. Stanton** from Wichita, Kansas.

He once worked for Boeing Aircraft. He Unknown officer from the 1st Cav. or 25th Div., lost a leg from an Korea. injury. I am trying to help my uncle locate his friend and am not sure how to accomplish this. email is lroun@aol.com and his address is HCR 70 Box 7175, Roach, MO 65787



Looking for any member of **Company B, 160th Inf. Regt., 40th Inf. Div.** who served from Nov. 1950 TO Aug. 1952. Joe Heit at Jheitl@aol.com



Looking for **John I. Folsom** we both served in the 45th division from March 1952 until I got wounded in Dec. 52. He was from Evansville, IN. Contact Charles Nace, Rt 1 Box 236, Ravenna, TX 75476. Email is tbird@fanninelectric.com



I am trying to find any information possible on an uncle who served in the Korean War. He went by **Jimmy Chellberg**. Jimmy may be from his middle name. I heard he spent much time in and out of a V.A. facility in Oregon (Roseburg?). His parent Ben and Mary lived on Catalina Island CA. Contact David Kerr at e-mail kerrconst@earthlink.net



I am looking for people who knew my father, **Henry Nash "Hank" Larom**. He was a USMC vet, 1st Marine Div. 1st Reconnaissance Co. who fought in Korea. He always talked about a gunnery sergeant "Gunny" Owens who taught him the

ropes and was a judo expert. Obviously I'd like to locate him. Contact David Larom, at e-mail <dlarom@qualcomm.com>



I am from the United Kingdom and I am interested in tracing an old school friend, who emigrated to the United States around 1948 and took out American citizenship about 1949/50. He served as a medic in the Korean War, possibly in a Base hospital or MASH unit. His name is **Martin Collins** and he would now be 69 years of age. Contact Donald Max at e-mail <dona1d@maxfam.madasafish.com>



I would like to hear from any personnel stationed at **44th MASH** between July 1953 until August 1954. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866



I am hoping to hear from other men from **3rd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 25th Div.** that were in Compound 62, Kojedo Island Prisoner of War Camp during the night of Feb. 19th or 20th during the Riot of Compound 62. Contact Russell Beuchler, 917 Hillcrest Dr., Columbia, IL 62236



Would like to get in touch with the following first names not known **Heminger** (or Hemminger), then 1Lt. and **Welsh** (or Walsh) then 2Lt, both Co. C, 5th Cav, Oct. 1951, Hill 346 "Old Baldy" Contact Morton (Pete) Wood, 9221 Hollyoak Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817-1933. Tel: 301-356-1795



Marking the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, we are reaching out to the **men from Puerto Rico** who were shipped across the world to battle Communism under the U.S. flag. We have been working with congressional leaders to honor these Puerto Rican natives, who were willing to give their lives on a Korean battlefield for an American democracy in which they had no vote or any representation in Congress. As you are aware, many of these Puerto Rican soldiers were drafted into military service, making it all the more valuable that they be honored for their selfless service. We are working with Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Puerto Rico Sen. Kenneth McClintock to honor some of these brave soldiers. Last month, in a touching ceremony in Washington, D.C., the names of some of these soldiers were entered into the Congressional Record. We know there are many more unsung heroes out there, and we hope you can aid in our search. Contact Jonathan Jaffe or Thomas Myers, The MWW Group. Tel: 201-964-2373.



Looking for a couple of AF buddies. **William E Casey** (MN) and **William Wilkerson** (MS). We were members of Tactical Air Control Party Teams attached to the 7th Inf. Div. in Korea. Our home base was Misawa AFB Japan. I would also like to contact Jack Melo, (2nd Lt. and a F-51 Pilot). Contact Ralph Rodriguez, 802 W Victoria ST., Santa Barbara, CA. 93101. Tel 805-965-7566. E-mail Rrod1933@aol.com.



My father served in the Korean War. His records were burned during the fire in St. Louis. The only thing the military has is



service from 1952-1953. We know he was at Lackland AFB in 1949, Squadron 3706 Flight 4130 San Antonio, TX. He also went to Signal School in December 1949 in Monmouth, NJ Co. 1, 1st platoon. In July 1954 he was in the 8th Command Group Shaw AFB, SC. We are seeking anyone who may of known him. My fathers name is **Albert C. Poland** and he passed away 7-23-00. Dad spent time in both Germany and England. He stated many times that he was injured and in a German hospital for 6 months. We also have several medals. Some of the names in his boot camp squadron were: Archi Piacenti, CA, Edwin Bartlett, TX, John Mullins, NY, Bill Jones, TX, Alton Polson, Harold Penn, CA, Jac Johnson, TX, Ernest Stone, TX. I have to attempt to reconstruct my Dad's time in service so that I can get his records corrected as the Military nor the Government never did straighten it out for Dad. Contact Jennifer at e-mail <Ladyj1993@aol.com>.

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This picture of my husband **Sgt Francis Choate**. I want him remembered by showing his picture. He was with F Co., 9th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. He was killed in Korea Sept 16, 1950. He had a son he never saw and a 2 year old daughter. Thanks Maryann Voldsners, 518 E. Grand Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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You can help me or refer me to the appropriate agency that has information on "**Operation Glory**." I was placed on Temporary Duty to the American Graves Registration under the United Nations Command/Military Armistice Commission under General Maxwell D. Taylor in mid-1954. Is there any way I can contact the former unit to which I was attached to? Contact Antonio S. Garcia, MSG (E8) U. S. Army, (Ret.) 795 McNeill Street, #208 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-2493. Tel: 808-841-2493.

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My great-uncle, **Charles William Wilkes**, was declared MIA from Old Baldy on August 11, 1952. They presumed him dead on March 12, 1954 and December 31, 1953. I do not understand why the dates for his death are different and have been given little information on what happened to him. I realize that he is most likely dead but something does not seem right. He has been gone for almost 48 years and I would like to now bring peace to my grandmother concerning her younger brother. Contact Sara Frierson great niece. E-mail <SFRIERSON@ftc-i.net>.

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The Northeast New York Chapter is currently seeking the family, relatives, or friends of the following men from Columbia County N.Y. who were KIA/MIA in Korea. **Albert James Ayo**, taken prisoner on July 16, 1950, and died while a prisoner on Jan.

10, 1951. Pfc. Ayo was a member of the 19th Regt., 24th Div. **Clarence Corby, Jr.**, KIA on May 28, 1951. Pfc Corby was a member of the 187th Airborne Inf. Regt. **Anthony J. Nicowski**, MIA Feb. 13, 1951, and presumed dead on Feb. 16, 1954. Sgt. Nicowski was a member of the 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div.

Anyone who has any information relating to these "American Heroes," contact Thomas J. Flavin, 33 Paul Street, East Greenbush, NY 12061-1006. Tel: 518-477-5593

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Looking for veterans who were with the **7th Div., 32nd Reg., "M" Co.** The pictures below were taken in the winter of December 1951. That's me next to the jeep. Contact Jack Dieterle, 1008 Hollywood Blvd. McHenry, IL 60050. Tel: 815-344-1569.

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Above and right, 7th Div., 32nd Reg., "M" Co.

Our British RAF rescued a downed Navy Pilot **Ensign Edward J Hosstrau** during the Korean War. We would like to do a piece on them both in our newsletter on the 50th anniversary. He came from Leavenworth, KS. Any help to bring the rescued and the rescuers together would be great. Contact Tony Regan, Vet RAF





My brother, **Fred Padgett** was 19 when he was killed. He graduated from Lackland AFB July, 1949, came home on leave, and then went to Kessler AFB for his training to be a radio operator. He and a buddy named Joe volunteered for Korea. He was evacuating supplies from Kimpo AFB, and was killed driving a jeep. on Jan. 5, 1951. He had enlisted from El Sereno, Calif, but was originally from St. Louis, Mo. Contact Jan Hoelker, St. Louis, MO. E-mail JLH9616@aol.com



TOP: Fred's buddy Joe (left) and Fred Padgett.  
BOTTOM: Fred in center.



Tying to find out some information on a deceased veteran **Bill Edward Hewett**. His birth date is 9-13-1931. He served in the Army and in the "Frozen Chosen". Help me find out anything I can about my father-in-law,

his son would like to have some of these facts. Contact Annie Hewett at <sdc@webworkz.com>



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We are looking for **Robert Shoemaker** of the E Company 8th Calvary in Korea, 1950. Contact <TerriHilmes@email.msn.com> John Stinson, E Company, 8th Calvary 49-50 is my dad.



*(Can you help those in this column to receive any bit of information about a lost loved one, just a friend, or a buddy. Our time is running out to get that special letter, so please if you can reply to any request no matter how important your information is. Please attempt to type your letters, if not take the time to print or write clearly. Also add a land address or telephone number. Editor)*

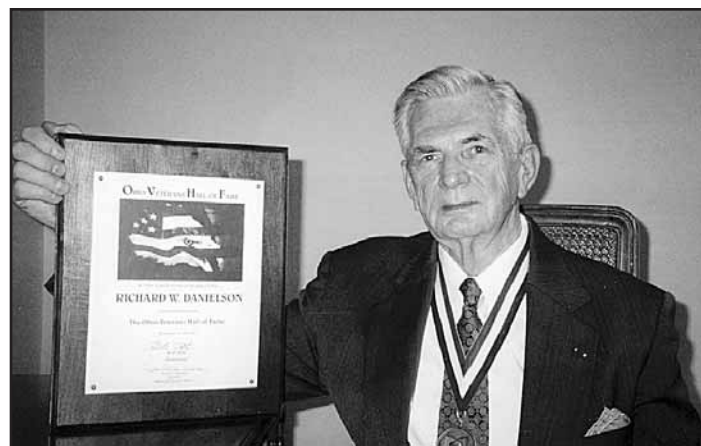
#### GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue.

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| Jan-Feb, 2001 .....  | Jan 12 | Jul-Aug, 2001 ..... | July 14 |
| Mar-Apr, 2001 .....  | Mar 9  | Sep-Oct, 2001 ..... | Sep 12  |
| May-June, 2001 ..... | May 12 | Nov-Dec, 2000 ..... | Nov 10  |

We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

## Danielson inducted into Ohio Vets Hall of Fame



Richard Danielson holds plaque recognizing his contributions to community.

I have enclosed related information and pictures about Korean War Veterans Association Greater Cleveland Chapter member Richard Danielson induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall Of Fame on November 4, 1999 and his class enshrinement on May 24, 2000.

The veterans that are chosen for this honor are those who have made significant contributions at the local, state or national level by achieving excellence in their selected field or profession, or as volunteers for veterans or as volunteers in their community.

The Ohio Veterans Hall Of Fame is not a military veteran hall of fame. Those selected each year for the honor of being induction and enshrine are veterans from Ohio who have honorably served their country through military service and who have continued to serve and inspire their fellow persons, with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime and many after their death. They must have been born in Ohio or lived there for five years prior to their selection. It also includes all Ohio Medal of Honor recipients.

Richard Danielson has held positions in the Korean War Veterans Association at the Chapter, Department and National levels. He is retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. And has recently been nominated for an appointment by the President for a position with the Small Business Administration as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

This corporation will improve access to technical assistance for small businesses owned by veterans, including disabled veterans, with the formation and expansion of small business concerns by working with and organizing public and private resources in accordance with the provisions set forth in the "Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act" passed by Congress in 1999.

Richard Danielson is a worthy example of veterans helping veterans who have served their country honorably.

*Reported by C.J. "Skip" Ritterhouse, National KWVA Director  
1540 Norma Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229*

*(Thank You Skip for photos and letter. We all proud of Richard and grateful to have him represent the members and our association also.)*



## 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!



# United States of America Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

## Purpose

- 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.
- Remember United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea and strengthen the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as Allies.

## Commemorative Community Program

- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Communities to assist a Grateful Nation in thanking and honoring veterans in their home towns (to include hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes, etc.), and supporting schools in teaching the history of this era.

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.

Web Site: **KOREA50.ARMY.MIL**



## Proposed Entitlements

- A certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense designating your state, county, town, organization or group as an official "Korean War Commemorative Community."
- An official 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag and leader lapel pin.
- Informational and educational materials pertaining to the Korean War, including maps, posters, fact sheets and a historical chronology.
- Authorization to use the 50th Anniversary logo on your letterhead, magazines, newsletters, and for other purposes.
- The "Korean War Dispatch," a quarterly newsletter and a source of official information on Korean War Commemorative events.

**Find a supporter or one that shows interest – then order.**



## Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

**1950 — 1953**

**2000 — 2003**



| Event  | Place                  | Lead                 | Date (2000) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 165th Infantry Regt Commemoration .....              | El Moro, PR .....      | Nat'l Committee..... | Sun Oct 15  |
| Veterans Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying ..ANC ..... | VA.....                |                      | Sat Nov 11  |
| Nations Parade .....                                 | NYC .....              | NYC .....            | Sat Nov 11  |
| Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir .....                    | Seoul.....             | USFK .....           | SAt Nov 11  |
| Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir .....                    | CP Pendleton, CA ..... | USMC.....            | Dec         |
| Evacuation of Hungnam .....                          | Navy Memorial .....    | USN .....            | Tue Dec 12  |

(See KWVA Web Page <[www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)> and linked 50th Commemoration Web Page for updates)



# Korea Battlefield Tour Programs

In commemoration of the

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War

During the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Period (June 25, 2000-2003) the Governments of the Republic of Korea and the United States have planned a number of large public Commemorations to remember specific events and actions of the Korean War.

California Pacific Tours, in cooperation with Korean Government, Military and Tourism authorities, has arranged a series of Battlefield Tour programs which will visit Korea during several of the Commemorative Events. Additionally, we have arranged tours for specific Veterans Groups and Associations, which will visit battlesites important to that unit. During these Tours, we will take Veterans, their families and friends to such locations as the Iron Triangle, Chorwon Valley, The Punchbowl (Do Sol San, Bloody Ridge & Heart Break Ridge), the Naktong River (Pusan Perimeter), Inchon, the Demilitarized Zone and many others; please call for details and program brochures.

| Program Schedule:  | Event Date         | Battlefield Tour Program   |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| ❖ <b>Task Force Smith Commemoration</b><br>Tour Price: \$1,690 (West Coast departure)                  | July 5, 2000       | July 3 - 9 (7 days)        |
| ❖ <b>Society of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division</b><br>Tour Price: \$1,590 (West Coast departure) | n/a                | September 4 - 11 (8 days)  |
| ❖ <b>Inchon Commemoration</b><br>Tour Price: \$1,690 (West Coast departure)                            | September 15, 2000 | September 13 - 20 (8 days) |
| ❖ <b>17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Association</b><br>Tour Price: \$1,690 (West Coast departure)            | n/a                | October 9 - 17 (8 days)    |

*Other Association programs are being added to our schedule; please call if your Association would like to arrange its own Korea program*

**Tour Prices Include:** Round-trip air from West Coast to Seoul, fully escorted Battlefield Tour program, First Class hotel accommodation, daily hotel breakfast and meals indicated in itinerary, all admissions, deluxe motorcoach, departure tax, and English speaking tour guides throughout.

**Air add-on:** For those who do not live near our West Coast departure points, we offer a \$200 air add on for Mid-West and East Coast departures.

**For more information:** Please call for brochures or information, visit our website at [www.cptours.com](http://www.cptours.com) or e-mail us [info@cptours.com](mailto:info@cptours.com)

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Toll free: 888-822-5258

# Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

Fellow Veteran



The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is very pleased that the Korean War Veterans Association supports our goal of a Korean War museum and library. I attended the annual convention at Arlington, VA July 24-28, 2000 and was invited to speak at the Executive Board meeting and at the membership meeting.

A motion to donate funds to the museum and library was made and was approved by a 13-0 vote. Even more gratifying was the support of the membership and the individual support of the officers and directors.

The biggest obstacle that our board is concerned with is obtaining funds for construction. We are pursuing various sources, but I can't give any details at this time.

Our second concern is the lack of sup-



## KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

122 West North Central, P.O. Box 16, Tuscola, IL 61953

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Web-Site: [www.theforgottenvictory.org](http://www.theforgottenvictory.org)

port of the individual Korean War veterans. It is hard to approach other groups to ask for support when you lack the support among your own veterans. We need the support of our own before we can expect others to join.

Our lack of operating funds is directly based upon our membership. This is our only means of funds for our one salaried employee, and all the expenses needed to maintain a modest office. Most costs are telephone, Internet, printing, and postage. Our By-laws provides for 10% of all memberships go into an Endowment fund for the preservation of the museum and library. The remainder is used for the office costs, and the quarterly newsletters that go out to all members in good standing.

We have a Volunteer Coordinator that works very hard in the community and the school to keep a goodly number of volunteers available. Since she refers to the office as the "Foxhole", her program with the student volunteers is called "The Running Foxes."

The students are given credit at school for the time they put in volunteering at the museum and library. What an excellent way to teach the younger generation about the Korean War.

First Vice President, Jere Crise is putting together an Advisory Board and we are pleased to announce that Buzz Aldrin and artist Richard Rezac will join Gen. Ray Davis (Ret) USMC on this board. General Davis has been a member of the museum and library for two years.

It has been three years now since the group of 27 veterans, wives and others were concerned enough to start this project. They have spent hundreds of hours and hundreds of their dollars to achieve what we have today. It's just a small part of what we are

## 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.

Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for: *The Graybeards*, "Looking For," "Reunions," and "In Memory of." At the time of publication the following names of donors and "Memorials" have been reported to *The Graybeards* and are listed as follows:

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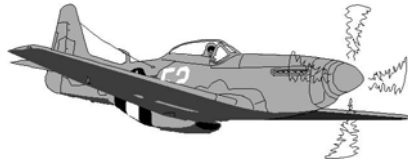
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# WHITE ROBES



## *Refugees or Reds* **Traumatic pangs of conscience for the attacking pilots** *August, 1950*

**B**y early August, 1950, the momentum of the North Korean's three-pronged drive into the south had proved immensely successful. They had completed their end-around on the west and south coasts, their east coast drive had progressed far enough to force evacuation of USAF fighter squadrons from Pohang air base, and their central thrust was threatening to cross the Nakdong River to knock on our last bastion of defense ... our home base at Taegu.

Their objective, to surround Taegu, then march on Pusan and have control of the entire peninsula, seemed just a few days short of accomplishment. We were in deep trouble!

Despite our intensive firepower from dawn to dark every day, we just didn't seem to have enough airplanes or pilots to properly stem the Red tide.

As our defensive perimeter continued to shrink around Taegu, we became suddenly aware of the massed exodus of Korean refugees ahead of the battles. But the full impact of their presence did not strike home to me until the first few days of August, 1950, when the stream of white-clothed humanity began to collect on the west bank of the Nakdong River.

Only then, as I sat in the narrow confines of my F-51's cockpit in relative 'comfort', patrolling the river to prevent their crossing, did I begin to feel the weight of the decisions which were suddenly forced upon me .... decisions for which my years of Air

Force training had neglected to prepare me ... and which violently contradicted my Christian upbringing.

Could I bring myself to fire my machine guns at those refugees in order to keep them from crossing the Nakdong River?

We knew that the Red army troops had dressed many of their soldiers as refugees, who then infiltrated behind our lines to attack from the rear at opportune times. But we knew, too, that these thousands upon thousands of old people and young children had been forced from their homes in Seoul, or Suwon, then from Taejon, and Nonsan and Kumsan, and all of the villages in between ... carrying all that was left of their life-long possessions.

Many were Christians, for Korea had responded to missionary zeal for scores of years ... I couldn't know how many could be praying to my Jesus for deliverance ... at the exact instant that I was asking the very same Jesus for divine guidance, when the time came, that I might have to pull the trigger on them ....!!

The Nakdong River near H'amchang was extremely shallow in August, shallow enough to wade in many places. We knew that these crossings must be closely watched, because these were the areas the North Koreans would attempt to cross.

There was no question in our minds concerning our response to soldiers trying to cross the river ... we would stop them at all costs. But the subject of refugees was something else ... we had no orders, nor even firm

'guidance' from higher headquarters on the subject; 'just a sort of a general unspoken consensus that our position at Taegu would be very seriously jeopardized if and when the mass of refugees crossed the Nakdong River... because there was no doubt in any of our minds that the exodus would be heavily infiltrated by armed North Korean troops, against whom we could have little defense once they crossed the protective Nakdong river.

No one would take the responsibility to issue a specific instruction on just how the refugees were to be stopped!

What I saw on that one bright August, early morning mission caused me to pull up into a wide, sweeping left turn, to place my flight in a parallel line with the river, where I immediately dropped down until I was barely ten feet above the sand ... and a scant yard over the heads of hundreds upon hundreds of white-robed men, women and children standing in the middle of the river.

They stopped where they were, and ducked as we roared over, then those nearest the east bank scrambled forward, while most of the others stayed where they were while we circled low for another pass.

This time, though, I fired a long burst of machine gun fire into the open water ahead of those who had stopped in mid-stream.

They immediately jumped up and returned to the west bank; but as soon as I would pull up to a higher altitude for a wider, more comfortable circle, a few would start down the bank, intent upon crossing while they thought we were not looking. Their bright white clothing stood out vividly against the reddish, sandy river bed, and we could observe their movements quite easily. So I would quickly roll over into another low pass, firing into the water ahead of them as I went by, and they would turn back and run to the river bank.

I prayed that none would call my hand, and try to cross after seeing my warning bursts of gunfire, because at that point in time I honestly did not know if I could fire directly at them to stop their crossing.

We patrolled that shallow portion of the river for a couple of hours, circling the shallowest areas at 500 to 800 feet altitude, then dropping down to fire a short burst into the river whenever a few foolhardy souls would start to move across. I knew that sooner or later some would defy my warnings,

### **Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War**

*by*

**Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,**

**Lt Col, USAF, Ret**

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because the multitude on the bank continued to grow, and they didn't dare stop moving while the battle lines continued to draw nearer in the west.

The mental anguish of those couple of hours ... sitting alone in my cockpit as I played 'God' to those thousands of homeless, defenseless dregs of humanity, was the heaviest burden I had ever been forced to bear ... or ever would!

It had been one thing to discuss various wartime tactics, distasteful or not, in a hypothetical context while seated in the detached atmosphere of the Operations Office ... such as all agreeing that the refugees "must be stopped" if we were to save our position at Taegu. But, believe me, it was quite another matter to be sitting in the cockpit of a heavily-armed F-51 Mustang, looking through the gunsight and searching my conscience for moral justification to pull the trigger on them.

I prayed, fervently, that none of the refugees would challenge my warnings or, if they did, I hoped some would suddenly uncover a machine gun or rifle and start firing at me ... for only then would I have my needed justification.

I had often strafed enemy foot troops, and I'd blasted their tanks and trucks with my rockets, without giving a second thought to the moral arguments of war and the "killing of fellow man". They were the enemy ... they were paid to try to kill me at the same time that I was attacking them.

But the refugees in their white costumes ... they were something else; unknowns.

They appeared defenseless, but were they? How many had rifles and sub-machine guns hidden under their long white gowns, ready to attack our troops from the rear?

I couldn't know ... I had to just bear the anguish of uncertainty as I made pass after low pass, firing an occasional warning burst to keep them on the west side of the river ... and hoping.

As our fuel level ran low, I called Mellow Control to inform them that we still had our bombs and rockets aboard, and should go look for more lucrative targets along the battle line, if they could get another flight to take over our refugee patrol along the river. They did so, and we were shortly able to go hit some trucks and artillery pieces along the road near Yongdon.

The Red troops were shooting at us as we went in to bomb and strafe, and I almost felt glad ... there wasn't any question in my mind as to whether they were enemy or not!

Our refugee river patrol was maintained for the rest of that day, primarily by flights returning from bombing missions along the front. Each would patrol for an hour or so, firing warning bursts as necessary, to keep the river clear. And, as we figured, by the time darkness came, the stream of white-robed humanity resumed their crossing without hindrance from the air; but by that time the Army had set up checkpoint controls to deflect the masses away from our Taegu airbase and transport routes.

My prayers ... and those of the refugees, were answered that early August day in

1950.

To my knowledge, no one fired at those on the ground, because none defied our warnings. By the following day the problem had become 'academic', because the crossings were being controlled by our Army troops. Thousands of refugees settled in all available open spaces around our base at Taegu, but by then the base security forces could handle the situation.

The question again became hypothetical... would I fire upon refugees to protect our base?

"I will never know .....

*Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret*  
"...one of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots..."

Next Issue: Dual Dinghy Dents  
Just how much coincidental luck can one outfit handle....?

### Update

## Korea Revisit

Dear fellow veterans and friends,

I have just returned from Korea celebrating the 50th anniversaries of the "Pusan Perimeter" and the "Inchon Landing." Both the Republic of Korea and the US Forces Korea did a wonderful job of commemorating the great sacrifices that the veterans made to keeping Korea out of the Communist sphere of influence in 1950. That was a tough time as Korea nearly fell in July of 1950. Without the help of the United States, as well as the other United Nations troops, it would be an entirely different country.

After the commemorations I remained in Seoul for another two days and met on the Revisit Program for next year. Once again, we have been assured that the 2001 quotas will be higher. Consequently, please get your application for return in the mail as soon as possible. As you know, it is the policy of our President, Harley Coon, that we award space in order of the registrations being received in our Alexandria office. Please use the Revisit application found elsewhere in the *Graybeards*.

My sincere regards,

Warren H. Wiedhahn  
KWVA Revisit coordinator

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## THE THOUGHTS OF A SOLDIER'S WIFE

Loving a soldier it not always gay.  
For a broken heart is the price one must pay.

It's mostly having and not to hold,  
It's being young and feeling old.

It's sending a letter with an upside-down stamp,  
To a far-away love in a far-away camp.

Being in love with merely your dreams,  
Brings thoughts of where your love light gleams.

You wish it were possible for him to phone,  
You want him to say, "I'm coming home."

And when he comes, there's laughter together,  
Unconscious of people, the time or the weather.

It's having him whisper his love for you,  
It's whispering that you love him, too.

Then comes a kiss, a promise of love,  
Knowing that you're watched by the Father above.

It's waving a soldier good-bye at the train,  
And wondering when you'll see him again.

And painfully, reluctantly letting him go,  
When inside you're crying and wanting him so.

You watch for a word that he is well,  
You wait for days, no mail for a spell.

And when that letter comes, you bubble with joy,  
And act like a kid with a new-found toy.

Loving a soldier has unfounded fears,  
Crying until there are no more tears.

And hating yourself, the world and the war,  
Because it took the one you adore.

And going to church, you kneel and pray,  
Knowing that God will hear what you say.

And though you know he's, far away,  
You keep loving him more and more each day.

And proud of the job that he's helping to get done,  
You'll love him till he's a hundred and one.

You know for his country, he's doing his best,  
Protecting you, like all the rest.

You're tired, you're weary, doing your share,  
For someone you know is not there.

Loving a soldier is bitterness and tears,  
It's loneliness, sadness and unknown fears.

No, loving a soldier is really no fun,  
But, it's worth the price, when the job is done.

By Ms. Joan Onstott

## HEAR YE

To Tin Can Sailors across the land  
Who sailed our ships, crew on hand  
To battles wide, we sailed afar  
Some of us, still bear a scar  
But all of us, who sailed are ships  
To great large ports, and tiny slips  
Weather changes gave us rock and roll  
But our great slim ladies were in control  
The water pushed us up and down and listed to 30 degrees  
With decks awash those topside had wet dungarees  
We bounced around like a cork in a can  
Enjoying sunshine and getting a tan  
And that my mates is what got us fame  
Tin Can Sailors, that's our name

*Ron Bennett*

## Final Roll Call

Did you hear the sad news today?  
Another veteran warrior has passed away.  
Called by the Supreme Commander over all.  
Today he has made his final roll call.

Come fellow vets; let us reverently bow and pray  
For our valiant comrade, who has fallen this day.  
We'll drape his casket with a banner of beautiful hues,  
Those glorious American colors: red, white and blue.  
That star spangled banner he gallantly fought to defend,  
Unyielding and undaunted, he fought to win.  
He fought bravely and he passed the battle test.  
Now the Supreme Commander grants him, "eternal rest".

With dignity and honor, we'll commit his body to the ground,  
The bugler will sound "Taps" and we'll fire the volley rounds.  
The final military honors we'll render somberly and ever so sadly;  
"Old Glory" we'll solemnly precisely fold and reverently give to his family.

Each Memorial Day we will recall our fallen comrade names,  
And attest that their selfless sacrifices were not in vain;  
For this lasting legacy they gave to all generations;  
“It’s honorable to respect our flag and to defend our great nation.”

So close ranks aging warriors, for our ranks are thinning.  
We must keep on fighting and keep on winning.  
With pride and honor we'll march and stand tall,  
And we'll proudly - proudly - salute "Old Glory" -  
til we too make our final roll call.

By Carrol R. Michaud

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



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## 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.

### Alabama

★ Neil F. Livingston

### California

★ John W. Grossi

### Florida

★ Frank Conner

★ Robert Flynn

★ William T. Wolfe

### Georgia

★ Authur "Pops" Bigelow

★ James Archie Green

★ Royal Ivey Hardman, Jr.

★ Edward A. Longacre

### Illinois

★ Herman O. Burbes

★ Jack Flaherty

★ Arlan Koester

### Maine

★ Phyllis S. Hasselbach, Jr.

### Massachusetts

★ Lionel Herbert

★ Joseph K. Reardon

### Missouri

★ Shirley Barnett

### Nevada

★ John Paul English

### New Jersey

★ Robert E. Elder

★ Robert Kacher

★ Nick Monfalchi

### New York

★ Franklin D. Bowers

★ Thomas D. Burns

★ John W. Deasy

★ Herbert F. Mohrmann

★ Daniel J. O'Connell

★ John H. Sweet

★ Arthur Terrasi

### North Carolina

★ R. J. Berrier

### Ohio

★ Thomas B. Lang

★ Kenneth R. Miranda

★ Eugene F. Pegish

★ Fredrick J. Walsh

### Pennsylvania

★ Daniel E. Lees

★ Robert H. Moyer

★ Joseph G. Yandura

### South Dakota

★ Maj. Gen Lloyd Moses

### Tennessee

★ Leroy B. Harris

### Texas

★ Verlon L. Ragland

### Wisconsin

★ Jesse G. Thompson

★ Arnold Wendt

### State Unknown

★ Nicholas Montalchi

### Canada

★ George Scott

A copy of the "Buccaneer" dated July 14, 1952 and a photograph of the 3rd platoon was recently sent to "Graybeards." The "Buccaneer" was an authorized daily publication of the 32 Inf. Regt. known as the "Queen's Own". After 48 years of being set aside, it has become faded and hard to read so I reproduced the article printed below which appeared on page two of the "Buccaneer."

## Marauding Buccaneers



3rd platoon, Baker Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment

Chinese Communist troops are in for a surprise if and when they come across a patrol from the 3rd Platoon of "Baker" Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment. The 32nd Regiment is officially known as the "Buccaneer," and the men of the 3rd Platoon "Baker" Company have really taken this nickname to heart. Everyone in the platoon on up to M/Sgt. John P. McCorriston platoon sergeant, and 2nd Lieutenant Wayman Oliphant, Plt. Leader, wears a Black Bandana around his head as did the Buccaneers of old days when they went marauding upon the high seas.

The men are so taken up with this "Buccaneer" idea that instead of wearing soft caps on patrols they top their soot-covered faces with the black bandanas.

"When the Chinese see us," said Lt. Oliphant, "They'll think that another UN Nation has sent troops into Korea."

"Either that or they'll think they have come across a bunch of mad-men," said Capt. Cecil Bray, Company commander.

The Idea of dressing as "Buccaneers" originated among the men themselves. They got to talking with each other about being "Buccaneers." So when several of them went on R & R recently they were given money with instructions to bring the black bandanas back with them.

Lieutenant Oliphant and Sgt. McCorriston feel enthusiastic about the idea that on occasions he wears a patch over his eye and carries a bayonet between his teeth.

The photo above did not appear in the Buccaneer but was taken of the 3rd platoon, Baker Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment.

I will not attempt to identify all of those in the photo but did want to identify Lieutenant Oliphant on the front row, left and Sgt. McCorriston front row right side.

Lieutenant Oliphant and Sgt. McCorriston led us on several night patrols and brought us through some trying times.

I would appreciate hearing from any one who can identify themselves in the photo. My e-mail address is NNNFJN@aol.com.

## Mystery pic



Photo above sent in by Morris Evans in March 1998 to another person other than this editor. Only thing I know about the photo is on the back is printed 7-28-53 which is one day after the Armistice was signed. I see a few beers, some signs and writing on the ground in white stone. Some uniforms are American but others look foreign (North Korean ??).

# Reunions

## 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.

**1st Provisional Marine Brigade**, Korea 1950, October 1-4, in Laughlin, Nevada. Contact: R.J. Speights, P.O. Box 140733, Austin, Texas 78714-0733, Tel: 512-836-0458

**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.

**USS John W Thomason (DD760)** Oct. 5-7 in Philladelphia. Contact Bob Ahrendt, Tel: 610-469-0833 or e-mail <boz7@aol.com>.

**765th T.R.S.B. R.R.**, Korea 1950-1955, Oct. 5-8, at Jacksonville, FL. Contact Joe Aronica Tel: 352-750-3380, 206 Estrada Pl., Lake City, FL. 32159 or E-Mail <AronicaGroundhog@aol.com>

**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>.

**Tank Co. 169th Inf. Reg. 43rd Div.**, Oct. 11- 12 in East Hartford, Connecticut Contact Richard Morrison. Tel: 860-568 -5381

**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/VF/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 Weiss APD 135**, Oct. 19-23 in Kansas City, MO. Contact George Mason, 19C Wintergreen Lane, Whiting, NJ 08759-2918 Tel: 732- 849-0944 or email <USSWeiss@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

**45th Inf. Div., 279 Inf. Rgt.** Oct. 27-29 at Western Hills Guest Ranch in Wagoner, OK.

Contact Lee Fry, 804 N. Main, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 Tel: 918-251-8842

**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 Hut 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.

The **92d Armored Field Artillery Bn** -"Red Devils" of Korea will hold its Reunion, October 29-November 1, 2000 at the Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Contact Guy McMenemy, reddevilbn@aol.com ,12027 Westover Dr, Cypress, TX 77429, (281)469-2819, for details to register for the reunion. Check the 92d AFA Web Site at: <http://www.homestead.com/92ndafa/index.html> for additional information.

## November 2000

**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

## April 2001

**67th Tac Recon Wing**, April 26-29 at Air Force Museum, Wright- Patterson AFB, Ohio. Contact Linda Irvine, 4005 S Ione St., Kennewick, WA 99337. Tel: 509-582-9304 or Joseph L. Krakovsky, 18227 W Valley Drive, Wildwood, IL 60030. Tel: 847-223-2907.

## May 2001

**USS Washburn (AKA-108)**, May 1-4 in Atlantic City, NJ. Contact F.J. Red Volz, 510 Luther Dr., Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Tel: 717-235-0705, E-mail redvolzt@aol.com or lchiakasan@aol.com

**GHQ Raiders**, Korean War 1950-51, May 14-16 in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Delmer E. Davis, 8405 Shaver Drive, El Paso, TX 79925 Tel: 915-779-3249, E-mail dodavis2@juno.com

## June 2001

**AP Transport Group** - USS Generals Mitchell-AP114; Randall-AP115; Gordon-AP117; Richardson-AP118; Weigel-AP119; Hodges-AP144; Breckinridge-AP176 and USS Admirals Benson-AP120; Capps-AP121; Eberle-AP123; Hughes-AF124 and Mayo-AP125. Includes Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. At Norfolk, VA June 7-10. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Tel: 516-747-7426.

## No Date Given

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**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

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**They answered when they heard the call  
and sailed off to that foreign shore;  
They stayed and served in spite of all  
the boredom, loneliness and gore.**

**They sailed home indecisively –  
for they had neither won or lost –  
the fight to keep Korea free –  
which added to that baleful cost.**

**No grand parade invited them  
to come rejoin their native land;  
They filtered back by train or whim  
to live the lives that they had planned.**

**Though over forty years had passed,  
and “conflict” vets were still around;  
The valor and resolve they cast  
laid unremarked on native ground.**

**They'd answered when they heard the call  
to serve their country over there;  
They did their best in spite of all,  
now America has shown them that we care.**

*By Gus Wentz*

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