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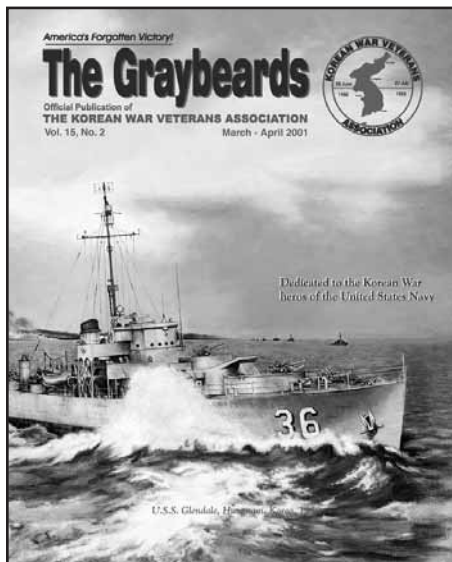
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THE U.S.S. GLENDALE (PF 36) IN KOREA

On October 11, 1950, the U.S.S. *Glendale* was recommissioned with a crew of 125 men, mostly reservists, that were later supplemented with 2 drafts of regulars - Seamen 2/c straight from bootcamp. One draft of 15 men had last names starting with "B". Other Patrol Frigates (also returned from Russia) operating with *Glendale* were the *Tacoma* PF 3, *Sausalito* PF 4, *Hoquiam* PF 5, *Bisbee* PF 46, and *Gallup* PF 47.

The rest of October was devoted to sea trials, loading supplies and ammunition, and gunnery practice. The war in Korea seemed to be winding down, and General MacArthur was promising to have the troops home for Christmas. With no apparent need for the ships in Korea, *Glendale* was assigned to take a team to Marcus Island in the Mariannas to set up a weather station. Leaving on November 6th, the ship stayed until November 23rd, arming itself to the teeth with war materials abandoned on Marcus Island at the end of World War II. The return to Japan at the end of November coincided with the entry of the Chinese into the war and MacArthur's announcement of a "new war."

The situation deteriorated rapidly and the *Glendale* rushed to supply itself with ammunition, foodstores, and foul weather gear for the emergency run up to Hungnam in northeast Korea where the Navy was attempting to embark the

forces cut off by the Chinese. The 3rd and 7th Army Divisions, the 1st Marine Division, and ROK divisions were trapped.

Glendale left for Hungnam on December 9th, 1950 with the crew wearing the heavy foul weather gear over severe sunburns from Marcus Island. By December 12th, *Glendale* was on a fire support station in company with the cruiser *USS Rochester*. Subsequently, moored at the docks of Hungnam harbor during the evacuation, *Glendale* acted as harbor control vessel and later as point X-Ray marking the entrance to the swept channel. On Christmas Eve, the last rear-guard of the 3rd Division was evacuated and the port was blown up. In all, 17,500 vehicles, 105,000 troops, and 91,000 refugees went out of Hungnam in 109 ships. *Glendale* was the lead vessel of the screen of the final convoy out of Hungnam to Pusan on Christmas Day.

After resting overnight, *Glendale* left the following day to repeat this evacuation and demolition at Inchon on the west coast. On flycatcher (anti-junk) duty, *Glendale* witnessed the burning of Inchon all night on January 3rd, 1951. By January 10th, *Glendale* was back to Yokosuka for refitting and resupplying. By March 10th, the ship was back to Korea for shore bombardment around Wonsan and Chongchan. On March 13th, *Glendale* was in Wonsan in company with the cruiser *Manchester*. Then more "flycatcher duty" until the 20th when she was involved in an attempt to rescue a downed pilot. Then she moved to a counter battery position firing into troop concentrations. *Glendale*, in company with *HMS Black Swan* (made famous by the Yangtze River incident) fired at and destroyed a train at Songjin.

Shortly after this, on April 3, 1951, while maneuvering in the confined swept channel at Songjin, *Glendale* was struck by the *USS Carmick* DMS 533. With difficulty, both ships made their way to Sasebo for drydock and repairs. By May 6th, repairs completed, sea trials were held and tender availability was obtained for new radar.

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

On February 22, 2001 National Director Ken Cook and I had the honor of meeting the honorable Anthony Principi the newly appointed Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Secretary Principi will be our key

note speaker at our reunion banquet on July 27, 2001.

On January 7th the DPMO (Department Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Office) requested six (6) Korean War Vets, at the invitation of the Peoples Republic of China Red Cross to meet with veterans that fought with the peoples voluntary liberation army (PLA) in Korea. The six (6) Americans were Don Byers (Ret. Col U S Army) National Director Ken Cook, KWVA Editor Vince Krepps (his twin brother died in Prisoner of War Camp # 5.) Jerry Doyle (his brother also died as a Prisoner of War), Jack Carney (Past National Commander VFW and Corpsman and served with the 1st. Marine Division Korea) and myself as President KWVA and former Prisoner of War.

Our mission was one of great importance and that was to establish a line of

communication with the Chinese that may lead to learning the fate of the 8,100 U.S. soldiers still listed as Missing in Action. We were escorted by Mr. Bob Jones, Director of DPMO, Cortez Cooper, Maj. Tim Wulff, and Phil O'Brien. Our Chinese Counter parts were Xiang Xu Propaganda staff officer 116th Division of the 39th Army, Shi Dawei Party Secretary of the 38th Army, Li Dechen Operational Staff Officer to the 187th Division of the 63rd Army, Liu Qun Female Cultural Troupe 38th Army, and Cheng Shaokun POW camp #5 Administrator of their Chinese Red Cross leaders.

We spent 2 days talking and getting some information. The DPMO will now evaluate what we have gained. We feel the meetings were very successful.

On February 21 The Peoples Republic of China Embassy invited the same six (6) American Soldiers to a banquet at the Chinese Embassy. Once again we had a positive meeting. This is the first time anything like this has happened.

We hope the Chinese will let us get into their archives and gain more information on our 8,100 Missing in Action. This is the first step.

The Korean War Veterans Association continues to grow. Jerry Lake has been working extra hard in getting new members. We are approaching 16,500 members; that is a increase of almost 3,000 in the past 2 1/2 years. The Department of Florida. has grown to 22 chapters thanks to the Department President Tom Gaffney.

The KWVA financial condition is in great shape. (see financial statement in this issue).

We have one problem to get resolved. I hope to put this issue to rest before our July reunion. I assure the Membership that they will be informed of the outcome.

I want to thank the Department of Florida

The Korean War Veterans Association continues to grow.

We are approaching 16,500 members; that is a increase of almost 3,000 in the past 2 1/2 years.

President Tom Gaffney for his hard work and working with Al Silvano of the MOPH in helping the Korean touring cultural dancers. They performed in 7 cities in Florida and 2 cities in South Carolina. After each performance they presented each Korean Veteran with a large medalion. There were over 2,000 medallions presented to Korean War Veterans.

Mike Mahoney is doing a great job as the VAVS chairman. We are getting more volunteers every day and we have over 66 hospitals with volunteers.

Blair Cross is working hard on getting our National Federal Charter. We have a fine reputation in the Washington D C area. See Blair's report.

The National KWVA and Gathering is having its 18th annual reunion. Sign up early. Information and registration form is in this issue of *The Graybeards*. We are having a program book again this year. One line with your name is \$5.00. We will have a Memorial page you can honor someone. The pages are \$25.00 for 1/4 page, \$50.00 1/2 page, \$75.00 3/4 Page and \$100.00 for full page or inside front or back cover. Back cover \$150.00 page has been sold. Program book will help to defray the expenses for 2001-2003 reunions.

We have an election for four (4) directors this year. Your vote does count. Check each candidate and see what positive action he has to offer for the KWVA. The Organization will be run by those you elect.

Till next time I remain

Harley



Harley with the Honorable Anthony Principi; the newly appointed Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Listen Up

Your Last "Graybeards?"

...Check your mailing label

If your dues remain unpaid for the calendar year 2001, you will be removed from our "Graybeards" mailing list at the end of April. We will mail a dues reminder to you prior to removal, but we are hopeful that you will save us these printing and mailing costs.

This year we have added a new procedure to help remind you of your dues date as follows: When your dues are paid IN FULL for the calendar 2001, you will receive a self-adhesive sticker to attach to your membership card which you may use to verify that your dues are paid for the year 2001. If your dues expire somewhere within the calendar year, you will receive your sticker when your dues are brought on to the calendar year schedule.

To determine when your dues are due, please look at the mailing label used to mail this magazine to you. Your dues date appears on the label on the right hand side just above your last name. It's important to remember that the mailing labels for this magazine may have been printed as much as a month before the magazine is actually received by you. So if you have sent in your dues within the last month, it will not be reflected on your mailing label.

If you are a regular member (having served in Korea in the military or having served in the military during the Korean War (not necessarily in Korea)), there is an "R" in the numbers just above your first name and the following dues schedule applies to you:

"01/01/01" (translated this means January 1, 2001). This means your dues are due in the amount of \$20.00 for the calendar year 2001. (By the same token, some are paid a year or two in advance. This is also reflected by this date and you will receive your yearly stickers when that year rolls around.)

If your dues are due January thru March of 2001,
your dues are\$20.00

If your dues are due April thru June of 2001,
your dues are \$15.00

If your dues are due July thru September of 2001,
your dues are\$10.00

If your dues are due October thru December of 2001,
your dues are.....\$ 5.00

If you were a prisoner of war, there is a "P" in the number above your first name on the mailing label and the date on the right-hand side is 01/01/01, your subscription fee in the amount of \$6.00 is past due.

If you are an associate member (those who have an "A" in the number above their first name on the mailing label used to mail those magazine to you) your dues are:

January thru March of 2001\$12.00

April thru June of 2001\$ 9.00

July thru September of 2001\$ 6.00

October thru December of 2001\$ 3.00

It is hoped that everyone will conform their dues to the calendar year basis as soon as possible.

Life membership is \$150.00—regardless of age.

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

Other matters:

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of your address change at least three weeks ahead of a move. The post office merely notifies us that you are "AWAY" and we do not receive a forwarding address. This costs us over 60 cents each. So let us know. Sending your mail to the wrong person, results in lengthy delays. To expedite your mail...

- ♦ Vincent Krepps gets everything regarding The Graybeards.
- ♦ Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge (Membership Office) get everything regarding dues, address changes, etc.,
- ♦ Jerry Lake gets all chapter materials and requests to form new chapters.
- ♦ Thomas Gregory gets other financial matters.
- ♦ Ken Cook gets all quartermaster requests.

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

Notice to Chapters:

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

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

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Nancy Monson, Membership Office*

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Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc.
Statement of Activity - Cash Basis
For the One Month and Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2000

To the Board of Trustees
Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc
Beavercreek, OH

We have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc. (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 2000 and the related statement of support, revenue, and expenses - cash basis for the twelve months then ended, and the accompanying supplementary information - cash basis, which is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, in accordance with statements on standards for accounting and review services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and supplementary schedules information that is the representation of the organization. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and supplementary schedules and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The organization has elected to capitalize property and equipment and the recording of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of such assets is a generally accepted modification of the cash basis of accounting.

/s/ Andrew H Scoles
Certified Public Accountant
February 14, 2001

Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc.
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances - Cash Basis
December 31, 2000

| Assets | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash in Bank-Bank One-Chkn | 808.70 |
| Cash-Bank One-savings | 6,994.29 |
| Cash-Bank One - C.D. | 175,000.00 |
| Cash-Bank One - C.D. | 175,000.00 |
| Cash-Bank One - C.D. | 50,000.00 |
| Cash-Bank One - C.D. | 50,000.00 |
| Cash-Bank One - C.D. | 50,000.00 |
| Accts Rec - Graybeards | <u>1,800.00</u> |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 559,602.99 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Commemorative Assets-weapons | <u>8,050.00</u> |
| Total Fixed Assets | 8,050.00 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 567,652.99</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | |
| Fund Balances | |
| General Fund | 276,069.39 |
| Life Membership Fund | 104,832.52 |
| Current Earnings | <u>186,751.08</u> |
| Total Fund Balances | 567,652.99 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 567,652.99</u> |

| | Current Amount | Period Percent | Year to Amount | Date Percent |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Donation | 19,386.86 | 24.8 | 22,354.06 | 5.3 |
| Memberships | 57,048.75 | 72.9 | 236,100.07 | 55.9 |
| Reunion | 0.00 | 0.0 | 28,881.00 | 6.8 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.0 | 9,813.33 | 2.3 |
| Interest | 1,150.02 | 1.5 | 10,466.81 | 2.5 |
| Advertising | 0.00 | 0.0 | 8,929.10 | 2.1 |
| Subscriptions | 982.15 | 1.3 | 982.15 | 0.2 |
| Ticket Sales | 129.50 | 0.2 | 106,372.04 | 25.2 |
| Refunds | <u>(410.00)</u> | <u>(0.5)</u> | <u>(1,565.00)</u> | <u>(0.4)</u> |
| Total Income | 78,287.28 | 100.0 | 422,333.56 | 100.0 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Telephone | 4,079.01 | 5.2 | 12,136.63 | 2.9 |
| Office Supplies | 836.88 | 1.1 | 3,573.68 | 0.8 |
| Insurance | 0.00 | 0.0 | 7,864.00 | 1.9 |
| Taxes and Licenses | 0.00 | 0.0 | 192.00 | 0.0 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 157.00 | 0.2 | 157.00 | 0.0 |
| Printing | 32,238.09 | 41.2 | 99,214.30 | 23.5 |
| Accounting | 500.00 | 0.6 | 5,415.84 | 1.3 |
| Membership | 2,854.39 | 3.6 | 13,615.78 | 3.2 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 0.00 | 0.0 | 1,600.00 | 0.4 |
| Board Meetings | 2,289.64 | 2.9 | 7,543.58 | 1.8 |
| Reunion | 1,748.01 | 2.2 | 32,958.05 | 7.8 |
| Bank Service Charges | 111.09 | 0.1 | 411.96 | 0.1 |
| Postage | 5,681.98 | 7.3 | 30,264.51 | 7.2 |
| Miscellaneous | 1.10 | 0.0 | 359.46 | 0.1 |
| Labor | 1,417.50 | 1.8 | 1,417.50 | 0.3 |
| Travel | 2,277.07 | 2.9 | 2,772.19 | 0.7 |
| Elections | 3,100.00 | 4.0 | 3,100.00 | 0.7 |
| Donations | 2,500.00 | 3.2 | 5,050.00 | 1.2 |
| Raffle | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>7,936.00</u> | <u>1.9</u> |
| Total Operating Expenses | 59,791.76 | 76.3 | 235,582.48 | 55.8 |
| Revenue over (Under) Expenses | <u>\$18,495.52</u> | <u>23.7</u> | <u>\$186,751.08</u> | <u>44.2</u> |

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Gerald Doyle

Teenager, Veteran, Brother of a MIA, Artist, and a Friend

When Gerald F. Doyle was a young man his enlightened father permitted him to attend The Maryland Institute of Art instead of finishing high school. While there he received a classical education in painting under the legendary French painter Jacques Maroger. In later years he went on to earn a Bachelor's and then a Master's degree. At his father's death, he followed in the footsteps of his older brothers: James, an Army Sergeant and Walter, a Marine corporal. Jerry joined the Navy. While his service was technically in World War II, hostilities were over before he was assigned to duty in Tsingtao, China. During 15 months spent there, he witnessed the downfall of the Chinese Kuomintang to the Communists. This was a very positive, maturing period for the young sailor and, upon discharge, permitted him to return to school with the G.I. Bill. Attendance at the Johns Hopkins University in addition to his art studies led to a teaching certificate and later to a degree.

Meanwhile, Jerry's younger brother, Austin, was undergoing the same restless growing up stage, and in Jerry's mind would profit from a period of development in the service. He persuaded his mother Kathleen to permit the younger boy to enter the Army to grow up and get the advantage of the G.I. Bill.

Marriage to his wife Margaret was the next development and then, one year later, graduation from school. He had enjoyed one month of a new teaching job when the North Koreans struck across the border. Filled with a sense of foreboding and a feeling of responsibility for his younger brother being in peril, he applied immediately to be activated from his reserve status. In July, 1950 he was back in the Navy. In the receiving station in Washington,

D.C. the Navy was so unprepared that they asked the reactivated sailors to bring whatever uniforms they had with them.

In the meanwhile, his brother Austin had been a year in Japan with the Army Occupation troops, serving in the 19th Infantry, 24th Division. They were among the first troops to be rushed into Korea in a successful, though costly, sacrificial effort to blunt the North Korean advance and buy time for the U.S. to mount an effort to stop and then push back the enemy.

In his last letters from the field, it is clear that Austin appreciated the desperate situation and noted that the average age of his fellow soldiers in D Company (Heavy Weapons) was 18 1/2. In recent years details of subsequent actions have been uncovered. Conversations with a friend from D Company, John Barnabi of Beaver Falls, PA have painted a picture of the final day, July 16th, known in the Army

history books as "The Disaster at the Kum River." The A Company, to which Austin was detached, was overrun after a daylong battle. According to Barnabi only 18 out of 180 men in D Company reported in next day.

The family was notified of Austin's MIA status before his brother Jerry left for Korea. The Navy had decided to send the crews to Japan to reactivate ships there instead of in American mothball fleets. Those ships were Patrol Frigates that had been returned by the Russians to Yokosuka in November, 1949.

These frigates, almost all built in 1943, were modeled on the British "River" class and were manned by the Coast Guard in the South Pacific. They displaced 1430 tons and were 303 feet in length, much smaller than the modern 2250 ton destroyer (the U.S.S. *Bausell* DD 845) that Jerry had served on before. In 1945, 28 of these frigates were sent to the Russians. *Glendale* became the Soviet EX-6.

The reservists, though being for the most part regular USN, had grown rusty in their ratings skills. The passage across to Japan was made on an escort carrier loaded with new jet fighters as cargo. Each reservist was pressed into duty in his specialty. Jerry was a Quartermaster 3/C and stood those watches on the way over. The Navy Quartermaster is, along with Boatswain's Mate and Gunner's Mate,

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USS *Glendale* on flycatcher duty, guarding against sampans slipping out at night to lay mines, *Glendale* engaged and destroyed a large sampan as depicted in oil painting by Jerry Doyle.

Book Review



KOREA the war that never was

By Charles E. Reilly, Jr.

Introduction

This book is dedicated to America, class of 1950. To those men and women who left a year of what should have been uninterrupted promise in their jobs and social worlds for three years of sacrifices, small and large. It is dedicated as well to all who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, at home here, in far-flung outposts all around the globe and most especially, to those who sweat for their lives in the front lines of a faraway place called Korea. Some returned from there wounded in body, or in spirit. Some never left the torn-up fields and hard-scrabble mountains of that place.

And then, God help them, there are others, special sons who are to this day missing in action, former prisoners of war last seen alive in the hands of the enemy. It is they for whom bells toll day after day, ringing in plaintive tone, asking again and again: What ever happened to them? Where are they now? Are they alive, still waiting for us to come for them?

I am deeply afraid we have, you and I, failed them.

Purchase book from: In-Person Communications, Inc., 500 Midland Circle, Suite 111, St. Davids, PA 19087-5002

(A great historical book about events leading up to the Korean War, those that graduated from schools in the Philadelphia area in 1950 and their heroic stories that cover all branches of service. POW/MIA history and recovery efforts. Last but not least a complete coverage of our National Korean War Memorial in D. C. 151 pages of great reading and special photos.)



The Fightin' Preacher

By Colonel Logan E. Weston USA (Ret.)

One bullet had pierced my helmet just over my right eye. It had sped around inside my helmet until it lost velocity. Another bullet had hit my shoe and lodged in the rubber heel. One had cut the watch right off my left wrist and left a burned place. A

Please turn to **BOOKS** on page 47

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

I have just received word from the Department of Veteran Affairs that the Korean War Veterans Association has been changed from associate status to a regular member of the V A V S Advisory Committee, this a federally chartered advisory committee. We now have vote with them. Thank you is in order for all of the Chapters that we are in the volunteer program, and their presents is noted. This appointment is through December 2002. We are heading in the right direction now.

As soon as I send out the appointments that have been requested by the Chapters, the KWVA will be represented in 64 hospitals and over 70 Chapters in representation. While we are on the request of appointments, I have been receiving some with the name only. These cannot be processed, I need the name, address, phone number and the facility too. There are few Chapters out there who have sent their request in but all the information was not included. Calls have not been answered, therefore they have not been certified.

In the last issue, you were asked to let me know of any members of your VAVS program you want recognized in this column be sent in, to date none have been submitted.

Below is the new rate chart for Service-Connected and DIC allowances effective December 1, 2000.

Do not forget, April is Annual Joint review for the K.W.V.A.

Please use this phone numbers to reach me, Phone 614-279-1901 or FAX 614-276-1628. With teenage girls in the house, some of the calls get lost on the other numbers. God Bless! Till the next time, I remain, Mike.

Service-Connected Disability Compensation Rates

(Effective Dec. 1, 2000)

| Disability Rating | Monthly Rate 2000 | 2001 |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 10% | \$ 98 | \$ 101 |
| 20 | 188 | 194 |
| 30 | 288 | 298 |
| 40 | 413 | 427 |
| 50 | 589 | 609 |
| 60 | 743 | 769 |
| 70 | 937 | 969 |
| 80 | 1,087 | 1,125 |
| 90 | 1,224 | 1,255 |
| 100 | 2,036 | 2,107 |

Survivors DIC Rates

(Effective Dec. 1, 2000)

| Pay Grade | Monthly Rate 2000 | 2001 | DOD* on/after 1/1/93 |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|----------------------|
| E-1-E-6 | \$ 881 | \$ 911 | \$ 911 |
| E-7 | 911 | 942 | 911 |
| E-8 | 962 | 995 | 911 |
| E-9 | 1,003 | 1,038 | 911 |
| W-1 | 930 | 962 | 911 |
| W-2 | 968 | 1,001 | 911 |
| W-3 | 997 | 1,031 | 911 |
| W-4 | 1,054 | 1,090 | 911 |
| O-1 | 930 | 962 | 911 |
| O-2 | 962 | 995 | 911 |
| O-3 | 1,028 | 1,063 | 911 |
| O-4 | 1,087 | 1,125 | 911 |
| O-5 | 1,198 | 1,239 | 911 |
| O-6 | 1,349 | 1,509 | 911 |
| O-7 | 1,458 | 1,653 | 911 |
| O-8 | 1,598 | 1,771 | 911 |
| O-9 | 1,712 | 1,943 | 911 |
| O-10 | 1,878 | 2,083 | 911 |

*Surviving spouse of veterans who died after Jan. 1, 1993, receive \$911 a month. For a spouse entitled to DIC based on the veteran's death prior to Jan. 1, 1993, the amount paid is based on the veteran's military pay grade. Add \$197 per month to the basic rate if the deceased veteran had been entitled to receive 100% service-connected compensation for at least eight years immediately preceding death and the surviving spouse was married to the veteran for those eight years. Additionally, the monthly allowance for each dependent child under age 18 is \$229.

Submissions to The Graybeards

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

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Special Room Rates - \$95.00 plus 9.75 % tax per night (single or double) CHECK IN TIME: 4:00 PM

Suite - \$135.00 plus 9.75 % tax per night (Rates are for 22-29 July 2001.)

Bed & Room Preference: ☐ King ☐ Single ☐ 2 Double Beds ☐ Handicap Room ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Smoking

(Please Print)

Name _____ Number of People in Room _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Check or money Order Amount _____ Enclosed (NO CASH). Check must cover one night stay minimum by June 22.

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Check one: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Diners Club

Signature _____ (Contact Hotel for details on reservation & types.)

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print or type legibly)

| | Number of Persons | Cost per Person | Amount |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Registration, husband and wife* (Total fee for both = \$40.00) | | | \$ _____ |
| Registration Fee - Regular (Individual) * | | \$25.00 | \$ _____ |
| Registration - Children (15 - 18 years) | | \$20.00 | \$ _____ |
| Bus to The Afro-American KWV Event, 23 July. Honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 10:00 AM followed by a tree planting and plaque dedication. Afterward, a reception will be held at Spates Hall, Fort Myer, VA. | | \$10.00 | \$ _____ |
| Welcome Party, 24 July (Optional)*-Buffet & Entertainment | | \$15.00 | \$ _____ |
| Bus to Evening Tattoo, 25 July & Reception at Ft. McNair | | \$10.00 | \$ _____ |
| Evening, 26 July, Buffet Dinner & Entertainment | | \$20.00 | \$ _____ |
| Breakfast Buffet (prior to Ceremonies [Optional])** | | \$16.50 | \$ _____ |
| Bus to Memorial and Arlington Cemetery* | | \$14.00 | \$ _____ |
| Lunch at Hotel between Ceremonies (Optional) | | \$15.50 | \$ _____ |
| Banquet, 27 July 2001 - Crowne Plaza Hotel | | \$36.00 | \$ _____ |
| Banquet only (if not registered with Reunion) | | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Prime Rib _____ or Salmon Filet _____ (Quantity of each per number of persons listed) | | | |
| Departure Breakfast Buffet, 28 July (Optional) ** | | \$16.50 | \$ _____ |
| | | TOTAL | \$ _____ |

See writeup for details of registration. Make checks payable to KWVA National, and mail to
4120 Industrial Lane, Beavercreek, OH 45430.

* Registration fee includes administrative costs, hospitality room snacks, table decorations, name badges and entertainment.
You must register in order to attend shows, welcome party and bus to Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery
ceremonies. ** Includes service charge and tax. (Make a copy of your form before mailing.)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: _____

Military Service: Branch _____ Unit _____ Date _____

HOTEL DIRECTIONS
Route 66 Eastbound Toward Washington, DC

Take Route 66 East to Route 110 South. Follow 110 to Route 1 South (Jefferson Davis Hwy). Take exit for 15th Street. At the End of the Ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

From I-95 Northbound Towards Washington, DC

Follow I-95 to Route 395 North. Continue on 395 North to Route I toward National Airport. From Route I take exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

From I-95 Southbound

Follow I-95 across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to Route I North exit. Stay on Route I North for about 5 miles: you will pass through Alexandria and head towards Crystal City. Take the 15th Street exit. At the end of the ramp make a right turn onto 15th. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

From Route 270 (Rockville-Gaithersburg Area)

Follow Route 270 to I-495 South to the American Legion Bridge. Exit just past the bridge onto George Washington Parkway South. Follow the Parkway to National Airport Exit. Exit onto Crystal City/Route 1. After crossing overpass to Crystal City exit Route 1 North. Follow Route I North and take exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

From National Airport

Follow signs for Route I-Route 66 (on same sign) out of the airport to Route I toward Washington, DC. Take Route 1 North to exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a right turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

Metro

Yellow/Blue Line to Crystal City Station. Up the escalator, go to your right and left under the breezeway. Continue straight (Fed Ex office to your right) cross 15th street and Crowne Plaza is directly in front of you.

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Pennsylvania Remembers

The 2nd Infantry Division of the Korean War Veterans Alliance on May 24, 2001, 10:00 am will lay a wreath at the Philadelphia site (below) of the Korean War Memorial at Dock Street and 38th Parallel. Philadelphia will also be host to the convention of the Korean War Veterans from May 20, 2001 to May 24, 2001.



Photo of location for new five County Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia. Shown in photo laying wreath are Gen. Gordon Sullivan (L) and Col. Timothy D. Ringgold 28th Div National Guard.

Laying the wreath on that day will be Ron Rosser, our only living MOH Recipient and Vincent Krepps Silver Star Recipient (KWVA Graybeards Editor.) both lost brothers in the Korean War. Ltc Sherm Pratt Company Commander in the Korean War and a WWII Veteran is the speaker at the Memorial Service. Maj. Gen. Nels Running, 50th Commemoration is the speaker at the Saturday night banquet. Many more important events will take place during this period. Contact Mr. M. Thomas Eastman at <kwva2id@ctmax.net or tel: 573-785-2967.



Chapters 1509 and 114 banners that are involved in building memorial. (Chapter 38 and many other local veterans also are involved.)



Shown left to right are Lucen Blackwell, Gen Gordon Sullivan, Col Timothy D. Ringgold, City Councilman Rick Mariano and Joe A. Ziccardi at future memorial site.

(Thank you Louis J. D'Ambrosio for the photos and letter. Thanks also to Thomas Eastman and Bob Fiedlerro KWVA for asking me to take part in the wreath laying ceremony and come to the reunion.)

Washington D. C. Remembers



Winter nostalgia at the Memorial.

American Army Chief of Staff General Eric Shinseki and Korean Army Chief of Staff General Kil Hyong Bo above are shown in a moment of respectful silence after laying a wreath at the Korean War Memorial in memory of the dead of both countries in the Korean War.

The event took place on Washington's Birthday, February 22, and was attended also by the Korean Ambassador, the Honorable Yang Sung Chul, and KWVA members of the Washington area Chapter 100. The KWVA members on hand were Norb Reiner, Harry Clark, Ira Jett, Al Ortiz, Milton Seidel, Sherm Pratt, Harley Coon KWVA President, Ken Cook and Gil Lyons. Lyons is presently a National Park ranger on duty at the time at the Memorial. The event was sponsored by the Korean Embassy and the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee headed by

MGen Nels Running with offices in the Crystal City area of Arlington, Virginia.

Just as the 11:00 a.m. ceremony began, the opening flakes of a brief snow blizzard began to fall and quickly blanketed the combat troop statues and the surrounding area. The snow pointedly remind all present, if any reminding was needed, of the coldest and most painful days of the cruel winters of the Korean War fighting that caused such unforgettable misery among combat and support troops and resulted in widespread cases of frozen feet and hands and other medical casualties.

Past maintenance problems at the Memorial have long since been resolved. It is today in first class condition and one of the most visited and popular tourist attractions in the National Capital with nearby streets on better days usually clogged and congested with numerous tourist buses.

Thank you Sherm Pratt, Korean War Veterans Assn. Judge Advocate for photo and letter about a very special memorial and event. I will print your other photo in the next issue for that section is now completed and dedicated to our Navy Veterans.)

New Jersey Remembers



Part of the new Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City shows a G. I. left and a Nurse holding up a wounded soldier.



Left to right are Dick Bozzone Commander of Chorwon Chapter, KWVA of New Jersey, Arthur Warmbrand and Bob Bramley.

(Thank you Dick for photos and letter. A Great memorial. See Jan-Feb issue for other sections of this special memorial)

California Remembers



Korean War Memorial Bridge on U. S. Highway # 101, South of Hopland, CA in Mendocino County and crosses over the Russian River.

(Thank you Paul Ferreira for photos and letter. A great location for a Korean War Memorial. I did not print your photo of Squaw Rock, but it sure would remind all of us of a typical Korean Hill.)

Massachusetts Remembers



Commander Lionel Matthey lays wreath at Korean War Memorial in Chicopee, MA.



Korean War Memorial in Springfield, MA.

Korean War Veterans Association Website:
www.KWVA.org



Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at War Memorial Park in Easthampton, MA.

(Some Massachusetts Memorial photos were without a name on the back and little detail about photo. I more than likely printed some of the photos that were sent with this group and the letter is in a past issue folder. Please mark your photos on back by using an address label that we have hundreds of from the many associations we belong to. Thanks to whomever sent in the photos and I am sorry that I cannot connect them with a name.)

Vandenberg AFB Remembers

A Dedication of the 40th Division Korean War Memorial was held at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA, Old Camp Cooke, CA, where 40th California National Guard Division reported for Korean War duty 50 years to the day -September 1. General Ed Meyer, Retired, former Chief of Staff, US Army, was the principal speaker. He and I served in the division in Korea as second lieutenants at the same time, he in the 223rd Infantry Regiment, I in the 140th Tank Battalion - the only unit in the division to receive the Distinguished Unit Citation in Korea (Presidential Unit Citation). Several thousand attended the dedication and the reception following.



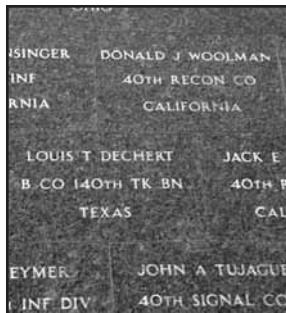
Louis Dechert standing in front of 40th Div. Monument.



Front of 40th Div. memorial and Division patch in pavement under memorial.

Opposite end lists achievements of 40th Div. In Korea.

Memorial Stones. Dechert stone middle left.



Tank memorial to Armored Divs. which trained at Camp Cooke.



140th Tank Battalion
M4E8 Tank.

(Thank you Louis T Dechert for photo and letter. See Nov-Dec issue page 15 for more history for this memorial.)



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Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW Jan. 2001 Newsletter

We made it one more time

Sandy and I hope you had a great holidays, that your well and looking forward to our 26th consecutive reunion in August at Louisville, KY. I know this will be one of our biggest.

2000 was a very busy year, we have traveled from sea to shining sea, attending reunions and patriotic events as your representative.

It was a privilege for Sandy and I to meet for the second time our Commander in Chief, President Clinton along with many other dignitaries. However, the most humbling experience for me was to lay a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in remembrance of all those we were forced to leave behind, and those still POW/MIA. Truly, an experience for a lifetime.

Our Spokane reunion was great. Initially, there was some grumbling, but once we were all assembled it turned out to be one of our best. If you were not there you missed a good one, and we missed you. For some reason all of our reunions are great. They are great because you and I make the effort to make it that way. I said it before and I'll say it again, *"If you don't have a good time it's because you didn't try hard enough."* We don't have a Convention, Conference or a fancy business meeting, we have a *Reunion*, a reunion of friends who, a half a century ago survived under the worst of conditions. There is no equal to the camaraderie we forged in battle 50 years ago, we had it then, and we still have it today.

Past President David Fortune summed it all up when he coined the phrase that we are "Closer than Kin". If being mad at someone has kept you from attending, put it aside, if you have never attended, make the effort, you will be glad you did. Complete information about tours, ban-

quet etc., will be in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, get you room(s) reserved.

Executive West Hotel, Louisville, KY.

In State: 1-800-633-8723,

Out of State: 1-800-626-2708

Rate \$65.00 Plus Tax - Rate is good for the period Aug 4 to Aug 15, 2001.

Reunion dates are Aug 6 - Aug 12, 2001.

Confirmation Numbers are

AEPK 1-0797 and G-8046

Elliott Sortillo, President



The Tiger Survivor Chop-Chop will be held on Friday, August 10, 2001 at 5:30 PM in the Derbyshire Room at the Executive West Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY.

We will partake of the Bluegrass Buffet which will include the following: Salad of fresh garden greens with tomato, mushrooms. croutons and, choice of two dressings; the Chef's signature dessert display; freshly baked rolls and butter; coffee, decaffeinated coffee, iced and hot tea, herb roasted chicken and, BBQ St. Louis Style ribs; creamy cote slaw, red skin potato salad, marinated vegetable salad, country green beans, corn pudding, and mashed potatoes with country gravy as well. So make sure you are hungry.

The cost is \$25.25 per person, which includes 17% service charge and 6% State Sales Tax. Kids under 3 eat free. Kids from 3 to 12 can chow down at half price.

We will have a half-hour of "Howdy" and, a cash bar will be there to take care of your thirst. We will eliminate the food beginning at 6 PM. We will have our annual free raffle as well. Entertainment and dancing will follow the Chop-Chop. There is no dress code.

Payment in advance is appreciated. Send to Shorty Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murrieta CA 92562.

Shorty Estabrook



POW/MIA Recognition Day in Hawaii

Nick Nishimoto (B/35/25) is busy putting together his POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony for April 9th in Hawaii and, his POW Week of April 3-11, 2001. If you are interested contact him via email at: tsuvoshi57@aol.com or, at (808) 455-5088 This is a great remembrance, and there will be a lot of our guys and gals there to share it with you.

Nick Nishimoto



TAPS

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| Millard R. Allen | Roy T. Gordon |
| Elmer Berry | Wallace J. Greenwell |
| Meniffee Carter | Raymond D. Hess |
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| Richard L. Cones | Charles McComas |
| Thomas W. Corey | Mercer R. Smith |
| Henry Clark Corner | Kennith Spurlock |
| John T. Crespo | Richard Villanueva |
| Charles P. Cuccaro | |

(Again I wish to remind Arden, when you get close to that last \$1,000 needed to go to press on the POW book please contact me for I want to help get that book printed. I also suggest that all chapters join in with a donation or purchase a book for your chapter and the local library in the name of your chapter and your POW members. Arden can be reached at 1041 E. 9th Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204. Tel: 480-964-9444 Graybeards Editor.)

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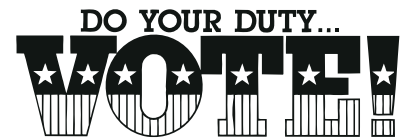
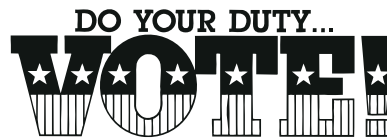
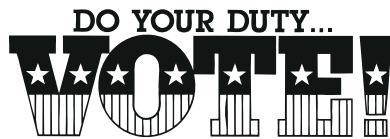
The requests for extra *The Graybeards* to support printing of same was such a success, we will offer extra copies for every issue on a first-come first-serve basis. For future issues, if you wish to make sure your orders are filled, I must have advanced payment.

The Graybeards is a great tool for the chapters in New Membership and Tell America Programs. We request minimum orders of 5 at \$1 donation per copy plus \$3.95 postage. We can send up to 7 copies for \$3.95 postage. For orders above 7 copies or future issues, additional costs for postage is \$3.95 for each increment of 7 plus \$1 per copy.

Example: if you wish to order a full year (7 copies each of 6 issues) then a check for \$65.70 and your request is needed.—Editor.

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[HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)



2001 Election of Directors

Date: March 5, 2001
To: The KWVA Membership and Nominees
Subject: Certification of Nominees for the 2001 Election
The Nominating and Election Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been Certified to seek the positions available in the 2001 Election.

For the Three Year Term 2001 - 2004

For Director

- ☒ Donald M. Byers, LR03658
3475 Lyon Park Court, Lake Ridge, VA 22192
- ☒ Joseph A. Calabria, LR05802
665 Barlow Ave, Staten Island, NY 10312-2001

- ☒ John (Jack) Edwards, LR08658
10346 127th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773
- ☒ Jerome (Jerry) Lake, LR13042
159 Hardwood Dr., Tappan, NY 10983-1121
- ☒ Michael E. Mahoney, LRO1979
582 Wilshire Rd, Columbus, OH 43204
- ☒ John M. Settle, LR12784
2236 Goshen Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808

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

Candidates for Director



Donald M. Byers

This is to announce my intention to run for one of the four Directors for the 2001-2004 three-year term.

A resume of my qualifications are: Served on the KWVA Board of Directors from 1991-1994. Served as President, 2nd Indianhead Div Assn., 1994-1996, and Commander, VFW Post 9985, Camp Casey, Korea, 1990-1991. Enlisted as a Private in the California National Guard at 16 years of age, retired as a LTC at 60 years of age after serving 43 years and 7 months active military service. (I was the last Korean War Veteran to retire from active duty). Served in Korea, 50-51, as a PFC Machine Gunner with 2nd Inf Div, and again as a LTC with the 2nd Inf Div, 87-91. Active in many veterans organizations. Education: BS Degree in Business Management, MBA Degree in Finance, University of So. Calif.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council to the best of my ability, and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Sincerely, Donald M. Byers LR03658.

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Joseph Calabria

I, Joseph Calabria do hereby notify of my intentions to be a candidate for the office of National Director of the K.W.V.A. for the years of 2001 to 2004.

I have served as President of the Kivlehan Chapter #66 of the KWVA for the last five years and President of the Department of New York for the year 1999. I have been a life member of the KWVA since 1990, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars since 1980 and presently serving as County Commander. I am also a life member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. I believe my past veterans organization experiences will qualify me for the office I seek and I believe can be an asset to the organization.

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

Sincerely, Joseph Calabria LR05802

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John (Jack) Edwards

Please accept this notification as my candidacy for the office of National Director for the period 2001 thru 2004 Below is my resume, and attached is my DD214.

Personal Summary

Born: Binghamton, New York, October 17, 1931.

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

Military Service: Served with U.S.A.F. from September 1949 until November 1957. From

December 1951 until December 1952 served in Korea with the 5th Air Force as communications sergeant, attached to the 452 Bomb Wing L.

Assigned to 1993 AACS Squadron. Attached to Marine Air Group 33, First Marine Air Wing. After Korea entered USAF Reserve (Active) until resuming full active duty from 1954 until November 1957.

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

Service Association Affiliations: Life Member of American Legion Post 1645 Binghamton N.Y., VFW Post 478 Binghamton N.Y., Air Force Sergeants Association, Korean War Veterans Association, AACS Alumni Association, AFSA

Blue Dolphin Chapter Vice President, AFSA Division Five Lifetime Trustee, KWVA Sunshine State Chapter President, KWVA Department of Florida Past President, Pinellas County Veterans Liaison Council.

My wife Jean and I celebrated 47th wedding anniversary in January this year, we have seven children and twelve grandchildren.

Communications being my specialty I would endeavor to represent the KWVA membership as a whole nationwide and not only in a specific geographical area, my many years of experience in this field will be a most valuable asset in accomplishing this, working together with my fellow elected KWVA officers. I would hope to give each and every issue thorough consideration before making a decision, taking, whenever necessary, advice from fellow members.

I will attend all called Executive Council meetings, acknowledging that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

Sincerely, Jack Edwards LR08658



Jerome (Jerry) Lake

I, Jerome (Jerry) Lake do hereby announce my candidacy for a position as Director of the National Korean War Veterans Association Inc., for the three year term of 2001-2004.

Under my leadership as National Membership/Chapter Formation Chairman, over 60 new chapters were developed or are being developed. This has been accomplished in less than two years. Our membership is at the largest number in the history of the KWVA. I have been and remain dedicated to building a strong KWVA with Chapters in every location possible. The old saying, "As membership goes, so goes the organization," is true today.

If elected, I will attend all meetings called in accord with the National bylaws and I understand that I could be removed from office for two unexcused absences. I am a life member of the KWVA, Life member of the VFW and member of the American Legion. Organized and served several years as president of the Eagle Chapter #90 of Rockland County, NY. Served a full term as the President of the KWVA Department of New York. For the past three years I have served as the Judge Advocate General of the Dept. of NY. For over 14 years I have served as the VFW Post Commander in Tappan, NY, and served a term as National Deputy Chief of Staff of the VFW along with other elected and appointed offices.

This past year I was honored by General (Ret.) Ray Davis MOH with an appointment to the Advisory Board of the US-Korea 2000 Foundation. In 1995 I was involved with the Telex Art Foundry, manufacturers of our 19 statues for the KWVA Memorial. It was my assignment to organize the dedication of the statues prior to leaving for the Washington D.C. location. I was also responsible to see that they left the Beacon, NY location on time and was part of the escort to the final location.

Most of my military service (active and inactive) was in US Naval Aviation from Feb. 1945 to July 1954. Duty assignment during the Korean War (1951-1952) was Commander Fleet Air Japan, Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan. I retired in 1988 after a career in marketing and sales as an executive with Alcoa and Continental Can in the HQ in New York City. The last 20 years I owned my own companies in sales management. A vote for me is a vote for the accelerated growth of the KWVA.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerome (Jerry) Lake LR13042



Michael E. Mahoney

I, Michael E. Mahoney announce my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, for the term 2001-2004. I have been a member since 1986.

My goals and qualifications are listed below:

To work to insure that all present safeguards concerning our finances remain in place, and to assist in the growth of our organization. To insure the memory of the Korean War is not "FORGOTTEN" To insure that Korean Veterans are assured of their recognition whether in VA, Federal, State and local matters. To look out for the interest of all the members of the KWVA, not just a few at all national meetings.

I am a Life Member of the Korean War Veterans Assn., American Legion and the VFW. I hold membership in the 40/8. I am also the Past President of the Central Ohio Chapter of the KWVA, Past Commander of American Legion Post 134 and Past Chef De Gare of Voiture 43 of the 40/8. I served on the following committees at local and state level with the American Legion: Boys' State, Child Welfare and Americanism.

Within the KWVA, I am finishing my second term as Department of Ohio's President and have been nominated for the office again. Also, I am the National Representative VAVS. In the past, I have held the offices of National Deputy Representative VAVS, Executive Vice President, Dept of Ohio., President and Vice President of the Central Ohio Chapter.

At present, I represent the KWVA on the following State and local levels: National Representative VAVS, President of The Department of Ohio, Ohio Governors' Office of Veterans' Affairs, representing the Korean Veterans Ohio, Bicentennial Veterans Commission representing the Korean War Veterans, Serving on the Military Veterans Education Foundation as a trustee, and was recently appointed to the Columbus Veterans Advisory Board to represent Korean Veterans.

During the Korean War, I served on B-29s with the 19th Bomb Group, 28th Bomb Sqdn., with over 26 months of duty.

I am releasing my DD214 to the Election Nominating committee. I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael E. Mahoney, LR01979



John M. Settle

I am declaring myself a candidate for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the 2001-2004 term. I enlisted in the Marine Corps 12 April 1950. After boot camp I served in Korea from the Inchon landing through the Chosin Reservoir and returned to the states in Sept. 1951.

I served at OCS in Quantico, Va., as an instructor until December 1954 and was transferred to Japan and returned to the states for discharge in June 1955. I have served as your National Director the past 3 years. I was president of Indiana KWVA, Indiana Chapter #1 for 2 years and as Past President for one year. I have worked in the Tell America program for several years and in the past year I have talked to over 3500 school children about the Korean War and Korea itself. I am a member in good standing of the Chosin Few. I am also a member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post # 82, VFW # 857, DAV, and a 51 year member of the Moose Lodge.

I graduated from high school in Lookout, WV. in 1948 and moved to Ft. Wayne, IN. after being discharged from the Marine Corps. I owned and operated a floor covering store for 30 years and then received my broker/realtors license from Ivy-Tech College.

I am now associated with Coldwell Bankers, Roth, Wehrly, Graber Inc. as a broker/realtor. My wife Joan and I celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary in July last year. We have 3 children, 8 grand-children, and 5 great-grand children. My desire is to help increase membership in the KWVA, expand the Tell America program, promote the KWVA Library and Museum to get it completed, and build a stronger KWVA. I feel my many years of organizing and management experience will be a valuable asset in working with the elected officers of the KWVA as your director. I feel the membership is the backbone of the KWVA and really makes the KWVA.

The Executive Council is obligated to carry out the wishes of the membership and that is what I've worked for the past 3 years and will continue to work for if re-elected. Please allow me this opportunity. I will attend all called executive council meetings and I acknowledge that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my being removed from office.

Thank you, John M. Settle LR12784

Notice

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D.C. Affairs



Blair Cross, National Director for D.C. Affairs

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

I am pleased to report at this time that I feel our National Charter is going to be a reality. However, I don't want to take anything for granted.

On Monday, March 5th Senator Sarbanes reintroduced the Bill in the Senate and that number is S392.

On Friday, March 9th Congressman Hoyer introduced it in the House of Representatives and the number there is HR952.

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to talk to your representative about co-sponsoring. Mr. Hoyer's legislative person said he has been getting numerous

calls from ones that wish to be co-sponsors.

Probably the best news we have is that Lamar Smith has been replaced by Congressman George Gekas from Pennsylvania, who happens to be a Korean Veteran.

At this time I feel I must also give some thanks to the Department of Defense for all their fine work in Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War so well. The special events they sponsor are very worthwhile and makes one feel that we as Korean War Veterans are being recognized and honored.



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VA To Conduct National Survey of Veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A national telephone survey of veterans will be done from February through August by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help the government plan its future programs and services for veterans.

"We want to be sure we're meeting the needs of the veterans. This survey helps us to identify those needs and, consequently, deploy our employees and other resources to get the best results for veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi.

It is VA's fifth comprehensive survey of a nationwide sample of veterans. Results are expected in 2002. The last survey was in 1993.

- The surveys enable VA to do several things:
- Follow changing trends in the veteran population;
- Compare characteristics of veterans who use VA services with those of veterans who do not;
- Study VA's role in the delivery of all benefits that veterans receive; and
- Update information about veterans to help the department analyze its policies.

Interviewers working for Westat, Inc., a VA contractor, will ask veterans about health, disabilities, military background, education and the need for services such as medical care, housing and education assistance.

The interviewers will use a sample of 20,000 veterans. Thirteen thousand will be selected by a random-number telephone dialing procedure. The other 7,000 will be selected from files of veterans who are enrolled in VA health care or who receive disability compensation or pension from VA.

Participation is voluntary and information will be confidential under the federal Privacy Act.

GLENDALE from page 3

Leaving suddenly at midnight on May 13th, *Glendale*, carrying a Commodore's flag, sailed for Chinnamp'o on Korea's west coast. This raid, designed as a diversion to anticipated Chinese spring offensives, was in company with HMS *Amethyst*, HMNZS *Hawea*, USS *Everett*, HMCS *Sioux*, and ARC *Almirante Padilla*, along with smaller vessels like minesweepers. Covering the raid out at sea were the big boys: HMS *Ceylon* and *Kenya* with the carrier HMS *Glory*. Royal Marines were landed and, after taking prisoners, destroyed the city.

Back in Japan briefly in June, *Glendale* made a quick run up to Wonsan acting as screen for USS *Oberon*. By June 13th, she was underway for the replenishment area at sea off of Wonsan, where she circled to screen an ammunition and fuel ship task force. Returning to Sasebo screening a cargo ship, *Glendale* immediately made the round trip in July escorting vessels to Korea. July saw *Glendale* relieving the *Sausalito* PF 4 shelling Chongjin by day and Songjin by night. During this period ROK troops were landed and prisoners taken.

Glendale's duties continued in this manner until October 29, 1951 when she was decommissioned again and transferred to the Government of Thailand as PF 1 *Tachin*.

For her wartime service, *Glendale* was awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and U.S. Korean Service Medal with four battle stars.

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Remembering our Chaplains

By Tony Cashnelli. Re-printed from a newsletter for the Franciscan Fathers in Cincinnati, OH.

Ed Ryan's story, an account of the last three months of Chaplain Herman Felhoelter's life, came to light when we asked Dan Anderson to search the Provincial Archives for material for a commemorative project. He came across a typed manuscript "by Ed Ryan, chaplain's assistant." As Dan said, "It really captures something about Herman beyond the fact that he died somewhat heroically."

Our first question was, "Why was this written?" So we set out to find Ed Ryan, looking up Internet records from Korean War archives and various military agencies. After days of dead-ends, we posted a search inquiry on the Korean War Project web site. A short time later, a message came in from a fellow soldier: "Ed Ryan lives at 5 Juniper Circle, Walpole, Mass. 02081."

When we called him at home, Ed cleared up the mystery immediately. He wrote this account of events, he said, at the urging of Herman's family. "Mother Felhoelter wanted it," he said. "It took me a long time to do it," nearly five years. In 1955, after he mailed her the finished article, "I received a letter from Mother Felhoelter and she said she was so pleased and happy to get it, and that it made her feel good." Within a week, he says, "She dropped dead in the pews at Mass."

Edwin J. Ryan was a 23-year-old PFC working at infantry headquarters in Japan when he applied for and got the job as driver and chaplain's assistant to Herman Felhoelter. They were together less than 12 weeks before they found themselves in the middle of battle near a place called Kum River.

"On the 16th of July we were cut off and surrounded by North Koreans," Ed remembers. "Those of us who got out of there walked out at night." Those who could not be moved - about 22 wounded - remained, and with them stayed the friar-chaplain and some of the medics.

"That was when all hell broke loose," Ed says. Sgt. James Haskins, a soldier on a nearby hill who witnessed the killing, told him, "The North Koreans came in and Father was tending a wounded GI. One of them bayoneted the GI and turned his (machine) gun on Father." It wasn't until September that United Nations forces were able to push their way back through enemy lines to recover the bodies of those who died. The remains were buried in a mass grave and recovered in 1953 for return to the United States.

Ed's story differs from the Army version of events on one significant point: He insists that Herman died at daybreak on July 17, his birthday, and not on July 16, as the Army had reported. That date was corroborated by at least two eyewitnesses, James Haskins and medical corpsman Rudy Mullins. The discrepancy is not surprising, Ed says. "Possibly because Father did not show up for roll-call on the 16th, he was listed as missing in action that day."

After he left the Army in November of 1951, Ed sold textbooks for Harcourt Brace, then worked in sales out of Cleveland for

Pflaum Publishing, based in Dayton, Ohio. He married and raised five children, now ages 30 to 39. Compared to many who went to Korea, "I'm fortunate," he admits. Ed says the war gave him a different perspective, made him more accepting of whatever life has to offer. "You figure you survived this, you can survive anything."

Every year around this time, he thinks about "The Padre" and the other guys he knew who never made it back. "Too many people forget the Korean War," he says. "Somebody needs to remember it."

(Thanks Paul Steffen for the story about a hero that was a Chaplain. We have so many heroes from the Korean War but these men like medics were special for many did not carry a weapon. They had something more important. "The concern for others.")

Maine's Newest Purple Heart Recipient

By Arthur Bonenfant

Wesley Quinn was living in the Portland, Maine area, when at the young age of 19 enlisted in the Army. When basic training was over, he like thousands of young men was sent off to a foreign country called Korea.

The unit that he was in, "I" Company of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd. Infantry Division was on a hill near the Nakdong River area in Korea, where the regiment was holding the line to prevent the North Korean troops from overrunning the peninsula. Quinn's unit took heavy casualties trying to hold back the North Koreans, saying that, "They were mortaring the hell out of us."



John Baldacci, D-2nd District, Maine, pins medal on Wesley Quinn, Catherine (Kay) Quinn watches husband receive award.

Quinn was struck by shrapnel in a couple of place, {in his shoulder and thigh} and he was taken to a MASH unit and to a hospital for rehabilitation. Upon his recovery, that took about 2-1/2 months, he was returned to his unit. Quinn's unit was already back on line fighting their way into North Korea. This took place just before the Chinese troops pushed the Americans back.

In the winter offensive, Quinn again was hospitalized. His unit was trapped in the snow covered hills and frozen rice paddies. He was trapped in a stream with five other young men, fighting a delaying action to allow the rest of his unit to withdraw. He, along with others froze their feet and legs, while in the rice paddies. Quinn temporarily lost the use of his legs and was evacuated to the USS Haven and then to Tokyo Hospital.

When he recovered, he was assigned to the Military Police in Tokyo and this is where is spent the rest of his enlistment until he was discharged. As he was being discharged, he was told that any-

thing missing from his record would be taken care of, being young, wanting out he just said, "OK," but, never heard from them again. That meant he did not receive his Purple Heart.

Over the years, nothing more was said or done to help Quinn receive his Purple Heart. Years later he was ask to join the 2nd. Infantry Division Association and the Korean War Branch, which he did. One day while he was reading the 2nd Infantry Division Korean War Veterans Branch Morning Report, he found Arthur Bonenfant's name, and he decided to call him. In talking with Bonenfant, he found out that Quinn never received his Purple Heart, so he was not entitled to the Purple Heart plate. Without a DD214 stating that he was wounded, he could not get his plate. Bonenfant told him, "I will help you."

It took Quinn 49 years to received his Purple Heart Medal that he deserved. This happened with the help of Rep. John Baldacci (D) 2nd District, Maine and Sen. Olympia Snowe (R) Maine.

September 3, 1999 was exactly 49 years to the date, when the Purple Heart was pinned on his chest. This honor was done by his wife Kay and Rep. Baldacci at the Maine National Guard Headquarters at Camp Keyes in Augusta.

On September 7, with the necessary papers in his hand, he joined the Purple Heart Veterans of Maine and obtained his Purple Heart plate.

(Congratulations Wesley and all that helped you get your Purple Heart. A medal equal to any other Badge of Honor.)

Help identify all in photo.

Korea 1951, Battery B, 936th FA Bn. Shown in photo are Norris Richardson (center front), Clyde Spradley (upper left) and I do not recall who is shown at upper right.

I believe he was from Louisiana. Please contact Ted Wilson, 13232 Gladiola Street, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 or call me at 1-763-755-4893 collect.



Looking for our U.N. Friends from the Korean War

Graybeards kindly printed my letter in the July-August issue, seeking the whereabouts of an old friend of mine from Korea, George G. Segovis. Unfortunately I have received information from a relative and a friend of George's saying that he died in Sept 1988. RIP George.

This brought me to thinking, how many old friends from Korea, mates from different countries. Who because of the War or in defense of the Peace met each other and served side by side, wearing different uniforms, carrying different arms, men and women from the USA, CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and many other countries of the

U.N. forces.

I do not mean, "meet each other" as in the military sense, of battalions meeting as they passed through each other, but as individuals, maybe sent as reinforcements to help a fellow U.N. member in trouble. Or many other examples of meeting, such as my own. A British soldier serving in the UN platoon of the 8th US Army Honor Guard.

There must be so many stories to be told of International friendship, some funny, serious, tragic, almost unbelievable and even the bizarre. So come on you GI's and Marines, Sailors, Airmen, nurses, write to Graybeards and me, telling us of your encounter with an Australian in Korea.

Any stories that I receive I will have published in our Veterans magazine "The Voice", with your written approval of course (signed). You never know you may receive a letter from your old friend or his/her family.

Well that is all again for now, so from "down under"

Allan Murray, Publicity Officer, Korea Veterans Association of Australia Inc., No. A 30001439J, 1 Lilac Rise, Lilydale, Victoria, Australia, 3140. Phone Inter code + 3-9735-5547

Another hero gets his medal late

Mike S. Mayen finally gets his Bronze Star after 49 years. The medal earned on the Island of Cho Do behind enemy lines pro-



Congressman Ciro Rodriquez (l) and Mike shown at ceremony

tecting USAF Radar Tracking Units with his M55 Quad 50 Machine Gun Mount. Mike's unit was the 78th AAA, Gun Bn., Battery B.

Sister of a MIA wishes to stay in contact

My brother is AD3 Jack D. Lively, USN, one of ten crewmen on board a P2V-3W Neptune Reconnaissance plane shot down by two LA-II Soviet fighters on November 6, 1951, just off the coast of Vladivostok, USSR. All ten are MIA.

If you have any information please contact me at my new address: Ray G. and Patricia Lively Dickinson, P.O. Box 503, Meadow Bridge, WV 25976. Ph/Fax: 304-484-7251

I would like to communicate with the Doctor.

I was delighted to find Dr Lathums page of pictures in the

Nov.-Dec. 2000 issue, page 55. I was one of the two ambulance drivers for 3rd Bn. 1st Regt., 1st Marine Div. from Sept. 1951 to May 1952 when I rotated home. I have pictures of some of the same sites Dr. Latham submitted. I would be extremely grateful to have the good Doctors address and phone number. Perhaps he would then contact me when he sees this message. I've stayed in touch with the other Marine driver of that period. I'm sure John Woods will also be anxious to renew this friendship. Contact S Douglas VanDyke, 1714 Bunker Hill Rd., S. Salem, OR 97306 Tel: 503-581-1911

I remember that bridge

Upon reading the Nov.-Dec. 2000 issue of The Graybeards magazine, I came across a picture on page 37 of a pontoon bridge spanning the Han River being demolished. The picture was dated 4 January, 1951, and on that day I was piloting a US Navy helicopter involved in assisting some wounded British Centurian tank soldiers. The soldiers' position had been overrun the previous night several miles north of Seoul. Margarette Higgins, a war correspondent, was present during the recovery of the British soldiers and wrote an extensive account of their rescue as well as photos of the event. We were about a mile west of the pontoon bridge attending to the British soldiers when a jeep pulled up to the tent we were in and asked if we could render any assistance in rescuing two US soldiers out on the Han River. Apparently the soldiers were stationed on the north shore of the Han River and were to withdraw across the bridge when the Chinese came into view. When the Chinese army appeared, the two soldiers came running onto the bridge. The demolition crew, thinking that they were Chinese troops, detonated the bridge, severely injuring the American soldiers.

We flew our helicopter out to their position. The most seriously injured soldier was lying on his back on an ice flow with his winter clothes tightly frozen to the ice and surrounded by a pool of blood. He was still conscious, however, and was able to maneuver himself into the helicopter sling. The noise of the helicopter rotors was deafening, but even over all that we could hear the sound of this soldier's body being ripped free of the ice. We carried him to the south bank of the river where the medics took over. On our second trip, we recovered the other injured soldier. He had lost the use of his left arm, but slipped his right leg into the helicopter sling and holding on with his good right arm, was able to be rescued.

An injured 8 or 9 year old Korean boy had also been thrown off the bridge with the soldiers. The Korean civilians were very concerned that we were going to abandon him and not attempt to retrieve him. We assured them that we were going back to pick him up, which we did. We received many bows of thanks when we carried him to safety. As freezing as it was outside, the civilians stripped the young boy of all his wet clothes and quickly redressed him.

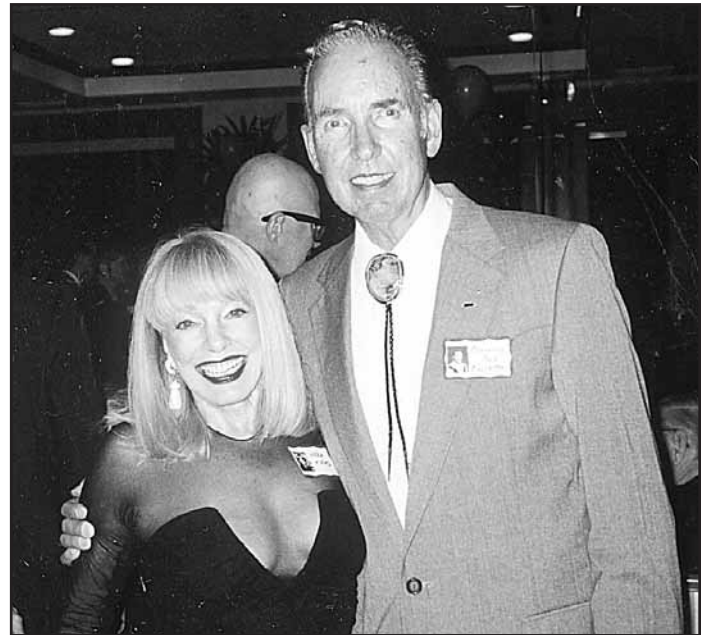
I often wondered how the two injured soldiers made out, especially the one who was literally frozen to the ice. If anyone has any recollections or comments to the events described here, I would appreciate hearing from them. Contact Robert E. Felten, 1356 Sycamore Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452-6025

She is still a pin-up in my locker

Seeing the picture of Harley Coon, and Actress Terry Moore, on page 32 of. Vol. 14, No. 4 July-August 2000 *Graybeards*, I thought our Association members would like to see another picture of her.

The picture of Terry Moore and me was taken at our Glendale High School (Calif.) Class of 1947, 50th. year Class Reunion, Oct. 1997. I have known her all my life.

Her parents and my parents were neighbors when we were just pre-school age. We both grew up in Glendale, Calif. Her real



The picture of Terry Moore and I was taken at our Glendale High School (Calif.) Class of 1947, 50th. year Class Reunion, Oct. 1997. I have known her all my life.

name is Helen Koford, Rivers is her last name now.

Helen, was very popular in High School, but we never dateddarnit. I do know her well enough to give her a hug and a kiss. If you can take your eyes off of Helen and look at me, I have not changed over the three years since this picture was taken, and I can still get into my old Army uniform one that was issued to me in 1952. Ill be wearing it on Veterans Day.

Clarence A. "Bud" Collette 5th. R.C.T. Korea 1951-52. P.S. Helen will be 72 on Jan. 1, 2001, but don't tell her I said so. *(Sorry Bud but we can still add and subtract. You told Helen's (Terry Moore) age when you gave her school reunion year. She sure looks great and at least 25 years younger.)*

My Grandfathers War

I interviewed my Grandfather Louis La Falce. My grandfather was on a ship USS Henley DD 762, but for the landlubbers it was called the Destroyer. My grandfather was on this ship from May of 1952 to August of 1954.

When he was sent over to Korea, things were pretty normal, but no one had any idea of what would happen, It was his job in Korea to be on hand in case something happened. His ship trav-

eled with other ships, which were the Putnam, Keith, and Owens. They began their long journey to the Far East by the way of the Mediterranean Sea and the Suez Canal. When he arrived in Japan, which would be his homeport, he took a tour of Korea. He was then stationed 2,500 yards off shore to do night bombardments, which restricted North Korea from moving troops and supplies. This was what my grandfather did during the war. I then questioned him on what took place after the war.

One of the questions I asked him was when he returned home if he went through anything different from before he left. He responded by saying that when he returned home, he felt that people did not care about this so called Police Action. For an example he used President Harry S. Truman. He felt that he was given no honor or any recognition that he had gone to Korea in order to stop the spread of Communism. He said that him being there was what prevented the whole country of Korea from becoming Communist which made the 38th Parallel and South Korea a democratic country to this day. I then ask him about his bravery in the war and if he thought it was honored enough. He said he felt that what he did took no bravery, that they were there to do a job, and that bravery should be regarded towards the Army and Marines who truly had it rough. As in regard to the recognition to his job, he said that he was happy to see the government finally recognize the war and honor the Korean War Vets. He also is very happy that the government will spend the year 2000 educating people on this. I also asked him about the time change and whether it was for the better or worse. He responded saying how we (the Korean War Vets) now have their own Korean War

Memorial in Washington D. C. and that the government has now recognized this as a war and begun to honor the Korean War Vets.

My last two questions regarded him personally. The first was about any special story he would like to share that he experienced. He told two short stories. The first he explained on how he did not take things seriously enough in the beginning till after his tour. He found out after that one of his sister destroyers hit a mine on the way out of the harbor killing eight sailors in the engine room. The second story he told was a little happier. He told of how he had a Christmas Party on board his ship for a Korean Orphanage. He said that it brought to mind his childhood time he spent in an orphanage. He said to see the sparkle and delight in the eyes of the children made it all worth while. The last question I asked him was looking at his life now did he look at it differently during the war. His response was he was 18 years old when he was in Korea and at that time he took life for granted. "Things are a lot different today and life is very precious to me and I take one day at a time." He said.

This was my grandfather's interview. The only thing that I can say about it is that I hope, never in the future, another war will take place.

(A great interview by a granddaughter that was in the 8th grade and was 14 years young at the time. We veterans thank you for being so special. I would mention your name but your grandfather was so proud and in a such hurry to get your interview to me that he forgot to give me your name.)

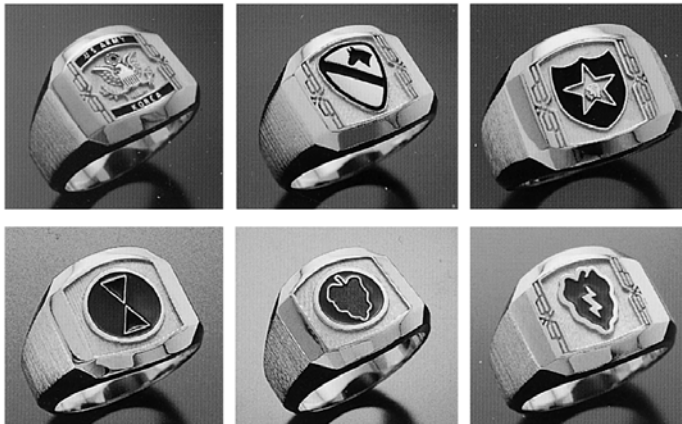
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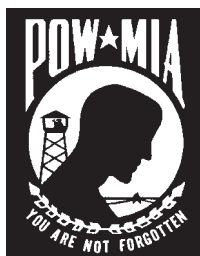
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January 31, 2001

WWII, Korean War Remains Disinterred in Hawaii

Four sets of remains believed to be those of missing in action servicemen from War World II and the Korean War were disinterred recently from Hawaii's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The cemetery, known as the Punch Bowl, is the resting-place of more than 800 "unknown" remains from the Korean War, and more than 2,000 from WWII. Most of the Korean War remains were received by the U. S. after the ceasefire in 1953. Another 204 were turned over by the North Koreans between 1991 and 1994 and are currently in the possession of the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI). The Punch Bowl Cemetery is part of the National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

These disinterments are a follow-on action to exploit the science of mitochondrial DNA, which enabled CILHI to identify the remains exhumed from the Tomb of the Unknowns in 1998. CILHI specialists reviewed records of servicemen buried in the Punch Bowl which appeared to offer a probability of identification and selected four for disinterment. Mitochondrial DNA is used by CILHI scientists in about 45% of the identifications from WWII, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

In September 1999, CILHI disinterred two sets of remains believed to be those of Korean War soldiers. Since that time, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) has carried out hundreds of tests on these remains, but has been unable to establish a reliable "sequence" of test results. Scientists at AFDIL have theorized that a preservative chemical used in the 1950s may be blocking the extraction of the DNA.

These two sets of remains were thought to have the highest probability of identifi-

cation, and potential family members of these unknowns were contacted to obtain DNA information.

The additional four sets of remains disinterred recently are also viewed by CILHI scientists as offering a high probability of identification. Family members believed to be associated with these remains have been contacted.

CILHI has requested that AFDIL conduct mitochondrial DNA tests to compare to family samples. These were the two agencies which successfully identified 1st Lt. Michael Blassie from the Tomb of the Unknowns in 1998. Blassie's remains now rest at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

February 2, 2001

DoD National Day of Prayer

The Department of Defense held its seventh annual National Day of Prayer breakfast to remind the nation and DoD personnel of the extraordinary sacrifices made by military men and women.

Robert Jones, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW and Missing Personnel Affairs, said the annual prayer breakfast is "an opportunity for us to refocus and revitalize our energies to ensure that we're totally committed to the recovery and return to their loved ones."

The guest speaker was former POW retired Air Force Lt. Col. Norman Duquette of Cedar Falls, Iowa. He quipped that coming to the Washington metropolitan areas to deliver a speech "gave me an opportunity to remove my bib overalls and don a white shirt and tie."

Duquette said he accepted the speaking engagement with three objectives in mind: "To join you in prayer for our missing Americans; To thank the Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office for their diligent efforts to date in locating our missing countrymen; and To encourage you to continue in a concerted effort until all are returned home, or accounted for."

Duquette said his third objective was to share his story with the audience so they would "better understand a very important combination of six letters of the alphabet POW-MIA."

Shot down and captured in North Korea

on Jan. 26, 1952, he was listed as missing in action until his release 587 days later.

"When I was shot down, I weighted 170 pounds," Duquette said. "I weighed in at 110 after six weeks of having been 'fattened up' by the Chinese just prior to being released. Somewhere in this 230-pounds which you now see, is a former 90-pound prisoner of war."

He said DPMO has been tasked with an awesome responsibility, to find and return home, America's missing in action and POWs. "This is a task and responsibility, perhaps without end. But, it must be pursued nonetheless — and relentlessly," Duquette noted.

"By doing so, it demonstrates our resolve to those who serve today in our military, their country will never forsake them in a foreign land, in foreign soil."

Army Chaplain (Capt.) Gregory Tyree of the Chief of Chaplains Office gave the invocation, prayers for the nation and the missing and the benediction.

Congress established the first Thursday of February as the National Day of Prayer, Army Sgt. 1st Class Joya Colucci Gooden told the audience. The day of prayer is an effort "to join together people of all faiths to pray for our nation, our leaders and our spiritual directions," said Gooden of the Joint Commission Support Directorate for the U.S. Russia Joint Commission on POW and Missing Personnel

"This occasion is an opportunity to honor individuals uniquely qualified to speak about faith in challenging situations," Gooden said. "The story of American POWs and missing personnel serves as a strong reminder of their importance to freedom."

The audience included Anthony Principi, the new secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Alan Liotta, deputy POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

Other attendees included four former POWs and family members of those who remain missing from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Cold War. Also attending were representatives of major veteran's service organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign War, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion,

AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Korean War Veterans Association, Vietnam/Gulf War Veterans Association and the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association.

Representatives of America's family advocate organizations also attended, including the National League of Family of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs, American Gold Star Mothers, American Gold Star Wives, the National Alliance of Families of American Missing and the Korea/Cold War Family Association of the Missing.

2001 Family Update Schedule

| Date | Location: |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

Youngchon Battle Memorial

IFKWVA is looking for: some American veterans who participated in the Youngchon battle near Nakdong River (Kyungbuk Province) during 4-13 September 1950. In accordance with the history of battle, the ROK 8th Inf. Div. was major forces on that battle and was assisted by one Tank platoon from US 1st Cavalry Division and Air supports from US Air Force, Marine, and Fleets.

For the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War (1950-1953), the Youngchon Battle Memorial Committee under this association will have a dedication ceremony of the Youngchon Battle Monument on 1st November 2001 at the battle site.

Invitation will cover hotel accommodations, meals, tours, and a transportation for the scheduled itinerary for 6 days and 5 nights. A round-trip flight ticket. should be bought by one's own expense.

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The USO Again Designates May as National Military Appreciation Month

Washington, D.C. (January 16, 2001) General John Tilelli, President and CEO of the USO World Headquarters, is reminding the public to participate in the May, 2001 third anniversary of National Military Appreciation Month. This national tribute will recognize the courage, heroism, and sacrifice of all of America's service members, both past and present, and the various military service branches they represent.

This month-long celebration is a time for the nation to remember, learn, honor, and reflect with appropriate ceremonies and activities across our country. May also includes VE Day, Armed Forces Day, Military Spouses Day and Memorial Day. National Military Appreciation Month is supported by veterans, associations, organizations, civic groups, and national sports and major media events with a variety of programs honoring active duty, and our citizen soldiers, the National Guard and Reserve Forces.

Business, communities, employers, religious organizations, clubs, and individuals are encouraged to be innovative in ways to salute the role of the military — to learn and share stories of their proud history.

Legislation is being reintroduced in the new 107th Congress to designate May in perpetuity as National Military Appreciation Month. Sponsored by Senator McCain, S.1419 passed the Senate unanimously last year. A renewed effort is underway now.

National Military Appreciation Month is also being featured by the Time For America Foundation through it's Navigator PLUS Program, an educational and interactive nationwide effort to inspire students to respect and appreciate America. Through this school program, deployed active duty service members, local veterans and students work together. A special highlight are the video conference "Call Events" in which all participate. During one call a young fourth-grader said to the troops from Iceland appearing on the video screen, "When you come home we'll take you all to McDonalds." Responding to the invitation, a U. S. Navy Sailor replied, "When I see your faces, I know why I am here".

Americans are urged to fly the American flag during the entire month of May to show appreciation for the selfless service of the military.

More information on National Military Appreciation Month is available on the web at www.nmam.org, and via email at nmam@nmam.org.

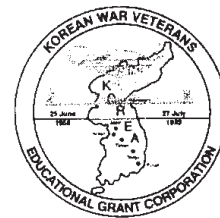
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By Dick Adams, KWVA Representative



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Remembrance Ceremony at Kangnung Air Base, Korea

I appreciate participation of U.S.A. in the Korean War for freedom and peace 50 years ago, when Korean people were going through many hardship and sufferings. The Korean War eventually provides the victory to the UN Forces over the invasion of North Korea. I believe this victory represented the world Liberty and Democracy, played a significant role in securing peace as well as deterring expansion of Communist powers

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, ROKAF will hold the Remembrance Ceremony at Kangnung Air Base, Korea, November 9 - 10, 2001.

I would like to appreciate and commemorate your distinguished services by offering my heartfelt invitation to air force and marine corps pilots Who had participated in Korean War (27 July, 1953-25 June, 1950) as part of the UN Forces,

ROKAF needs your help in identifying the lists of the participated pilots in order to appreciate and recognize their precious works.

ROKAF will really appreciate, if the KWVA National can provide us detailed pilot information by listing their names, addresses, ages, nature of missions executed at the time of war to the following e-mail address by the 31 March 2001.

I will notify detailed invitation program in June after identifying the list of participants.

Sincerely
Lee, Young-hee,
Brigadier General, ROKAF,
Commander of Combat Development Group

All should contact Harley Coon, President KWVA at 937-426-5105, Fax 937-426-8415, E-mail coonkoreanexpow@aol.com for this letter was sent to him and he must know who is going so we do not duplicate names of those wishing to go. Harley will also get the updated information to pass on to all going.

KWVA 50th Commemorative Events

◆ Hungnam Evacuation and Battle of Inchon ◆ ◆ Dec 12, 2000, ◆ ◆ Washington, D.C. ◆

The KWVA thanks Michael A. Dorsey, TSgt., USAF Media Outreach Division, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee for photos of this special event remembering the Korean War and its veterans.



Bob Mount and Chip Chipley



US Flag embraces Marines



MOH recipients, Gen. Ray Davis and Capt. Thomas Hudner



SMSgt Phillipps helps attending vets



Flag Lineup

Reunions.....

8240th Army Unit, Special Forces, Korea



Fifty veterans of the 8240th Army Unit, Special Operations Forces, Korea, met October 18-22, 2000 at Panama City Beach, FL. Their get-together was hosted by Florida Chapter XXI of the Special Forces Association and represented the first reunion of this highly specialized and classified unit since the Korean truce.



Bob Dewey and Doug Dillard, Coordinators of the SF/SOFK.

From around the United States and from England they came, some with their wives and children, to renew old friendships and to make new ones. They are former members of partisan airborne, amphibious and guerilla groups that operated behind the MLR to gather intelligence, conduct search and rescue missions, and destroy strategic enemy targets. Many of them were assigned to this unit because of their Ranger and Airborne specialties or their intelligence and communication skills, forming the 1st Partisan Airborne Infantry Regiment and five separate partisan infantry regiments (UNPIK). They were based on secret offshore islands along both coastal areas and called themselves by code names Wolfpack, Leopard, Kirklarta, and Aviary.

The combined SF/SOFK Beach Bash included a bus trip to the Navy Coastal Systems Station to view the Navy's LCAC hovercraft, a high-speed amphibious landing craft capable of carrying a 60-ton payload over both land and water. Another visit was to the 7th US Ranger Training Station at Eglin Air Base for a demonstration of Ranger readiness and weapons.

It was difficult to realize that these old warriors were once 22 years old and doing things to make James Bond envious. Their stories had seldom been discussed previously because as one of them admitted, "no one would believe it." And as the evenings wore on, who would have blamed them for even the slightest exaggeration?

(Photos and letter sent in by Thomas Lynn)

398th AAA AW Bn., Korea



Members of the 398th AAA AW BN pictured at their seventh reunion held at Lake Ozark, Mo. If, you served with the 398th in Korea, we invite you and your wife, to the 2001 reunion, to be held October 4-5-6-7 at Warrensburg, Mo. Contact Lawrence Lockard, P.O. Box 1317 Warrensburg, Mo. 64093.

Shown in photo left to right: Row 1, Ben Luebbert, Lawrence Lockard, Chuck Irvin, Norman Saale, Earl Bell, Richard Fisher. Row 2, Richard Derse, Larry Beilsmith, Ray Harmon, John Edmonson, Norman Dwyer, Fred Cole, Erwin Schulte, Bill Hendrix, Onis Tillmann, Arlie Schemmer, Bill Brassfield.

(Thanks Arlie Schemmer for photo and letter.)

2nd Engineer Bn., Korea



Shown left to right are: John Carlson, Larry Streeby, Bill Bryant, Eugene Piazza, Mat Reynolds, Joe Kaszas, Jim Malone, Bob Gifford, Les Barris, Arden Rowley and Gunars Kilpe.

(More on this group and their story "Burning of the Colors" in this or the next issue.)

14th Inf. Regt., 25 Inf. Div., Korea



2000 Reunion held in Scottsboro, Ala. (No names provided.)

Chapter honors Capt. Betty Burns, MASH Nurse

Capt. (ret.) Elizabeth (Betty) Burns (17598 KWVA) was honored by the Central NY Chapter and her fellow 7th Division past members to which her MASH unit was attached. Members were 17th Regt (Fred Osborne, John Reidy, Dick Houser, Pete Doyle, Henry Tisdall, Tony Spoto, Nick Bronchetti), 31st Regt (Frank Hyman, Lloyd Pittman, Jon Trembley, Richard Owens, Anthony Clavelli), 32nd Regt., Rawls, Dick Rutkowski



Aerial view of hospital taken from helicopter.



8063 Mash chopper takes only 2 patients, pilot and Evacuation Nurse Frank Shatlude (cousin) riding shotgun.

"She saved my life twice," said William E. Broader who was in Patton's 3rd ending up in the 97th Hospital (Berlin) where Betty was a nurse. The 2nd time was in Korea where Bill was with the 13th Engineers (7th Div.) wounded and treated by Betty again. I was amazed to see her again 50 years later when I joined the CNY Chapter, also was amazed that we grew up together and our family's lived 1 block away.



Betty Burns with Papa-san hat and pipe outside her tent.



Capt Elizabeth "Betty" Burns with unidentified veteran comrades.

"She saved my life twice," said William E. Broader who was in Patton's 3rd ending up in the 97th Hospital (Berlin) where Betty was a nurse.

Betty's comments in "Back Down the Ridge" by W. Z. White were that they were at all times 4-8 miles from all battles near Wonju – moved 33 times in 1 year – advanced with tanks and bugged out when tanks retreated. They handled approximately 300 casualties per day; averaging 16 hrs surgery and 4 hrs break per day. This resulted, in many burnouts of Medics, Doctors, Nurses and Chaplains who set up wounded for surgery. They provided white sheets to all wounded on both sides and the Chinese carried packets of morphine and usually had cooties, lice and maggots in their wounds, also many foot problems from their canvas shoes. All were given type "O" blood.

Tents eliminated Red Cross Logo as they were bombed by MIGS. Tents had dirt floors only and because of rats (the kind with ears) nests and mites which spread Sango (Hemorrhagic) Fever, many patients were transferred to Murphy Army Hospital, Boston.

(Thank you K. Dave Allen for a great story about a brave veteran called Betty, that helped save many lives including those named.)

Betty Burns in North Korea.

USS Brittin Christening

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UNITED STATES ARMY

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in Yonggong-ni, Korea, 7 March 1951:

Rank and organization: Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, Company I, 19th Infantry Regiment.

Place and date: Vicinity of Yonggong-ni, Korea, 7 March 1951. Entered service at: Audubon, N.J. Birth: Audubon, N.J.

G.O. No.: 12, 1 February 1952.

Citation: Sfc. Brittin, a member of Company I, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. Volunteering to lead his squad up a hill, with meager cover against murderous fire from the enemy, he ordered his squad to give him support and, in the face of withering fire and bursting shells, he tossed a grenade at the nearest enemy position. On returning to his squad, he was knocked down and wounded by an enemy grenade. Refusing medical attention, he replenished his supply of grenades and returned, hurling grenades into hostile positions and shooting the enemy as they fled.

When his weapon jammed, he leaped without hesitation into a foxhole and killed the occupants with his bayonet and the butt of his rifle. He continued to wipe out foxholes and, noting that his squad had been pinned down, he rushed to the rear of a machinegun position, threw a grenade into the nest, and ran around to its front, where he killed all 3 occupants with his rifle.

Less than 100 yards up the hill, his squad again came under vicious fire from another camouflaged, sandbagged, machinegun nest well-flanked by supporting riflemen. Sfc. Brittin again charged this new position in an aggressive endeavor to silence this remaining obstacle and ran direct into a burst of automatic fire which killed him instantly. In his sustained and driving action, he had killed 20 enemy soldiers and destroyed 4 automatic weapons.

The conspicuous courage, consummate valor, and noble self-sacrifice displayed by Sfc. Brittin enabled his inspired company to attain its objective and reflect the highest glory on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.



USS BRITTIN in dry dock:

T-AKR 305, the sixth of seven Bob Hope-class large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off ships, is pictured moments after being christened USNS Brittin Oct. 21, 2000 at Litton Avondale Industries in New Orleans, La. The 950-foot-long ship, one of the largest in the Navy fleet, will carry military equipment and supplies.

(Photos and text copied from msc.navy.mil and many thanks to Sandra Graham from msc.navy.mil)

Memorative Events

Medal of Honor recipients honored in ships' service

By Gregg K. Kakesako, *Star-Bulletin*

Two Navy combat cargo vessels named after Hawaii Korean War Medal of Honor recipients will be placed into service this year.

The USNS Mendonca (T-AKR 303) will join the Navy's Military Sealift Command's combat pre-positioning fleet of 19 medium-speed roll-on/roll-off ships Jan. 30.

In July the Mendonca will be joined by its sister ship, the Pililaau, named after another Hawaii Korean War Medal of Honor winner, Pvt. 1st Class Herbert Pililaau. Both vessels are 950 feet long and can carry more than 62,000 tons of cargo.

Marge Holtz, director of public affairs for the Sealift Command, said the Pililaau and the Mendonca are considered "surge ships" whose job will be to ferry combat equipment and supplies to soldiers in a fighting area.

"They will be kept in the U.S. and operated at a reduced capacity, but ready to load equipment when the need arises," she said. "It was like during the Gulf War when we had to surge combat equipment and war stocks from the U.S. to the Gulf."

Army Sgt. Leroy Mendonca, a member of the 7th Regiment, 3rd Division, was posthumously awarded the nation's highest medal for valor near Chich-on on July 2, 1951. He is credited with killing 37 North Korean soldiers while covering his platoon's withdraw from Hill 586.

The 19-year-old died fighting with his rifle butt and bayonet when his ammunition ran out.

Pililaau, 23, was killed in hand-to-hand combat while defending a portion of "Heartbreak Ridge" near Pi-ri on Sept. 17, 1951. He is credited with killing 40 North Koreans in the battle, which won him the Medal of Honor.

Like Mendonca, Pililaau stayed behind to cover the withdraw of his company after supplies and ammunition began to run out.

He was a member of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division.

The USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304) is expected to begin active service July 12. It will be the third Military Sealift Command cargo ship named after a Hawaii war hero.

Three years ago, another combat cargo ship was named after Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yano, a Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient.

The USNS Yano (T-AKR 297), a converted commercial container ship, initially was stationed in the Diego Garcia Gulf as part of the force strategically located throughout the world to provide quick response delivery of Army equipment.

Holtz said the Yano is now also a "surge ship." These vessels are crewed by the Merchant Marine.



HONORABLE GUESTS

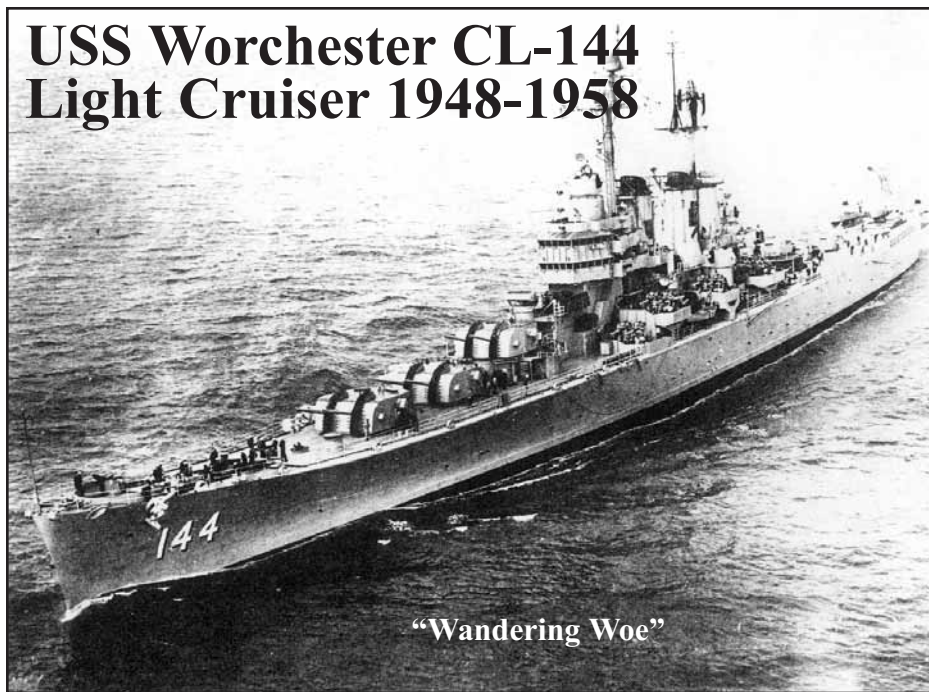
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SHIP SPONSORS

Dorothy Brittin Moffa, sister of the ship's namesake (left), and Sue Dake cut the lines releasing two bottles of champagne that christened USNS Brittin at Litton Avondale Industries October 21, 2000. Litton Avondale President Thomas M. Kitchen looks on.

USS Worcester CL-144 Light Cruiser 1948-1958



“Wandering Woe”

USS WORCESTER, CL-144, was conceived in idea, on May 13, 1942. The building of WORCESTER was authorized through appropriations obtained by War Bonds sponsored by the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. It was designed to fulfill the requirements of several functional needs. She was the first U. S. Navy ship of her class on which all guns could be used for anti-aircraft fire as well as surface targets. Combining destroyer maneuverability with cruiser size, the new WORCESTER could carry out scouting operations, lead a flotilla of destroyers, and could still keep the sea in any kind of weather. She had a fuel capacity for long voyages and speed to overtake other vessels and maneuver rapidly. She could provide armor protection against gunfire and carried superior guns, capable of out-shooting the enemy's hard-hitting cruiser units and still repel mass air attacks.

WORCESTER was 680 feet long, 70 feet wide, displaced 17,000 tons and cost of construction was \$30,000,000. The main battery consisted of 12 six-inch dual-purpose guns mounted in six turrets, with self-contained ranging radar in each turret. There were eleven twin, and two single, three-inch gun mounts for a count of 24, 3-inch rapid-fire guns. Radar equipment consisted of SR-6, SG-6, SP- 1 search radar, and Mark 13, Mark 25, and Mark 35, fire control radar.

While on her second tour to the

Mediterranean, Korean hostilities broke out and Worcester received orders to depart for the Far East Theater. On July 27, 1950, the Worcester, along with Destroyer Division 21, departed Phaleron Bay, Greece for the 7,800 mile trip to Korean waters, via the Suez Canal, at Port Said, Egypt on 29 July, then through the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean, and arrived Colombo, Ceylon on 7 August 1950. Departed Colombo on 9 August for Okinawa, arriving 19 August departing Okinawa on 20 August, arriving Keelung, Formosa 21 August 1950.

On 27 August 1951 WORCESTER departed Keelung, to join Task Force-77, (TF-77), the fast carrier task force, consisting of PHILIPPINE SEA (CV-47, VALLEY FORGE (CV-45), then operating in the Yellow Sea off the coast of Korea. In

the ensuing days, the carriers launched air strikes against North Korean ground targets while the screen provided protection against the possibility of North Korean air attacks. On September 4, Worcester's radar picked up an unidentified contact at 13:31 hours. The combat air patrol from VALLEY FORGE, (CV-45), reported the contact as being a twin-engined bomber with a Red Star marking. At 13:45 hours, the combat air patrol splashed the bomber.

On September 6, Worcester retired from her screening duties and set course for Sasebo, Japan. She remained in Sasebo until 10 September when she returned to the Yellow Sea on 15 September, to support the amphibious assault on North Korean forces in the Inchon and Seoul areas of Korea. Worcester screened the fast carrier task force as their planes bombed North Korean targets ashore. On 21 September, she was detached to conduct shore bombardment in the vicinity of Pohang Dung. On 24 September Worcester began shore bombardment, shelling nine North Korean troop concentrations ashore. This bombardment continued until 27 September, when she received a report that USS BRUSH, (DD-745) has struck a mine. The Worcester immediately steamed at full speed for 100 miles to provide assistance. After removing the dead and wounded, she escorted the stricken destroyer to Sasebo, Japan, arriving at Sasebo 29 September 1950.

On 30 September, Worcester departed Sasebo, to return to Korean 38th parallel waters on 1 October, to resume her fire support and interdiction duties, to support the advance of the Republic of Korea's 3rd. Army Division. On 12 October, Worcester

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Korean War Battlefield Tours for 2001

For 2001, we offer the following Battlefield Tours of Korea. These programs offer much more than a simple trip to Seoul; you will travel out into the provinces to visit battlesites that Vets really want to see. Programs sponsored by specific Veterans' Associations allow you to choose which areas and battlesites you will visit; however, all programs listed are open to anyone - members or non-members, Vets, families and friends.

1st Marine Division Association: "Operation Bumblebee"

October 6-14, 2001



1st Marine Division Vets return to Korea on a program which concentrates on the "Punchbowl" area of Yanggu County, north of the Hwachon Reservoir and the Hwachon - Yanggu - Inje Line, with famous battlesites Do Sol San, Kachilbong, Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge. This program will spend three full days in the Punchbowl area, allowing plenty of time to explore the area. Seoul / Chunchon, "Hwachon-Yanggu-Inje Line", Hwachon Reservoir, the Punchbowl, Ulchi OP, Tunnel #4, Chorwon / Iron Triangle battlesites / Incheon / Panmunjom.

1st Cavalry Division Association: Korean Battlefield Tour Program Oct 31 - Nov 9, 2001



The 2001 Program will be the Association's second Korea tour; the 2000 Program was also in November, which is the peak of the color season and is not particularly cold. This year the Association will reprise the 2000 itinerary, which combined visits to major southern battle areas of interest to Cavalry Veterans (Pohang Harbor, Taegu, Kasan Mountain, Waegwan (Hill 303) and the Naktong River, leading up to Seoul through Yongdong and Taejon) along with the Uijongbu Corridor through Yonchon into the Chorwon Valley, near "Old Baldy" (Hill 346).

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division: 2001 Korea Tour Program September 17 - 25, 2001



This is the Society's second Korea tour; as with last year, this year's program departs the US immediately after the Society's Annual Reunion, held this year in Phoenix, Arizona. The 2001 itinerary concentrates on the major battle areas of the Division, from Chonan, south of Seoul (site of the beginning of the Spring 1951 Offensive) through Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, up into the "Iron Triangle".

7th Division Association: All-Unit Korean War Battlefield Tour October 11 - 19, 2001



In 2000, the 17th Regiment Association, accompanied by 31st and 32nd Infantry Vets, had a very successful Korea tour. In 2001, the program has been extended to all Veterans of all 7th Infantry Division units. Seoul / TF Smith Monument, the Chorwon Valley - Iron Triangle, Pork Chop, Hill 350, the T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, OP's Arsenal, Erie & Spud, White Horse, Jackson Heights, Papasan (Hill 1062), Kumwha / Chunchon, Yanggu, Inje, Hwachon Reservoir, Punchbowl, Ulchi OP, Tunnel #4, Bloody Ridge / Incheon / Panmunjom.

24th Division Association: All-Unit Korea Tour October 20 - 28, 2001



For 2001, the 24th Division Association Program will return to Korea, and begin at the TF Smith Monument, tracing the route of the Division's desperate holding actions in 1950: Osan, Pyongtaek, Chonan, the Kum River battlesites, Taejon City and Tunnels / Tabudong, the Bowling Alley, Waegwan, Kasan, Taegu / Naktong River Bulge area; we then explore Chorwon and Iron Triangle battlesites, Incheon / Panmunjom.

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Tribute To Benfold

I am the United States Ship BENFOLD
Because of my namesake I carry a burden of a load.
Edward Benfold was born a common man - -
Unknown to him he would be a hero in his native land.

Today in Audubon, New Jersey, where he was raised,
They talk of him with respect, honor and praise.
He joined the Navy after High School, 1949 was the year:
He was known as a Hospital Corpsman who showed no fear.

He served with the First Marine Division during the Korean War:
He needed no reason for what he was fighting for.
He fought for freedom and a grateful nation.
For two Marines under attack, he was their salvation.

2 grenades were thrown into the crater where they lie:
With the grenades, he leaped
toward the enemy so they would not die.
He received the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life:
Back at home he left behind a child and a young wife

Because of his heroics and his fame,
I sail the seas, protecting the free, bearing his name.
I stand for freedom, I live by a code:
ONWARD WITH VALOR, I'M THE USS BENFOLD.

Danny R. Edgar

Edward C. Benfold was born January 15, 1931, on Staten Island, NY, the only child of Glenys and Edward Benfold. He resided in Audubon, NJ, with his mother and attended Audubon High School. Edward Benfold and Dorothy Groff married on June 9, 1951. Their son Edward was born on May 15, 1952.

He entered the United States Navy and was shipped to Korea. His rank: Hospital Corpsman Third Class, United States Navy. Edward sacrificed his life to save others, September 5, 1952.

His body was returned to the United States and was laid to rest in the Beverly Cemetery with full military honors. The congressional Medal of Honor was awarded July 6, 1953, at the Philadelphia Naval Base and was accepted by his widow Dorothy. A building on Needs Island, California, was dedicated and named for Benfold. His mother, Glenys, attended the dedication.

His son, Edward, and his family reside in Cherry Hill, NJ. His mother, Glenys, passed away on September 2, 1989. His father, a Merchant Marine, was lost at sea during World War II. His body was never recovered.

Edward C. Benfold

Audubon High Students Honor War Heroes

The students at Audubon High School
Have paid tribute to men from the past:
Three men who fought well for America
So that freedom forever would last.
The Congressional Medal of Honor
Was awarded to each of these men:
Samuel Sampler, Edward Benfold, Nelson Brittin.
One for bravery at St. Etienne.
The other two died in Korea defending our right to be free ~ ~
Three men from the same little Borough!
Audubon is as proud as can be!!
All three lived and studied in Audubon.
And of that, present students are proud.
So they set up a fund raising program ~ ~
Plus a dinner which drew a large crowd ~ ~
And established a memorial foundation
To honor these valiant men:
So their actions would be long remembered,
In the future, as well as back then.
A special memorial was constructed
Then placed on the High School's front lawn
And a scholarship fund was created
So their sacrifice will forever live on.
A new club at the school was established
To maintain the memorial site
And a system of lighting connected
So that all could observe it at night.
Special services are held three times yearly
To help keep their memory alive.
It's a tribute created by students ~ ~
May their efforts forever survive! By Craig C. Burgess



Medal of Honor Memorial site at Audubon High School. The inscriptions for the three panels were written by students. This photo was taken on Veterans' Day and shows some of the flowers that were placed at the site by local residents.



CITATION

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a hospital corpsman attached to a company in the 1st Marine Division during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 5 September, 1952. When his company was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar barrages, followed by a determined assault during the hours of darkness by an enemy estimated at battalion strength, Benfold resolutely moved from position to position in the face of intense hostile fire, treating the wounded. When the platoon area in which he was working was attacked from both the front and the rear, he moved forward to an exposed ridge line where he observed two Marines in a large crater. As he approached the two men to determine their condition, an enemy soldier threw two grenades into the crater while two other enemy soldiers charged the position. Picking up a grenade in each hand, Benfold leaped out of the crater and hurled himself against the onrushing hostile soldiers, pushing the grenades against their chests killing both the attackers. Mortally wounded while carrying out his heroic deed, Benfold, by his great personal valor and resolute spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of almost certain death, was directly responsible for saving the lives of his two comrades. This exceptional courage reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the United States naval service. He gallantly gave his life for others.

So, who is this guy, Ed Benfold? And what did he do that's so great?
What makes the students remember? Why do they think him first rate?
Benfold; ... he was a hero... Died so that others might live,
He received the Medal of Honor, ... Gave all that he had to give!
They built a ship in his honor, ... Gave a Medical Center his name.
Students built him a memorial ... And a new book tells of his fame.

His Sacrifice will not be forgotten ... He, died so we all could be free.
There is no way to repay him ... except to record his - story.

Ella M. Dillon

(Much thanks to Craig Burgess, Audubon High School, its Students, Ella Dillin of Redrosebrush Press, Danny Edgar and all not named for remembering three special heroes and their war. All veterans are proud of you. Also thanks for photos and text.)

Chapter Affairs

Union County Chapter #53 of New Jersey



Union County Chapter members of New Jersey KWVA held their 6th Annual Christmas Show & Party at the newly dedicated Menlo Park Veterans Home in Edison, N.J. on December 19, 2000. This new 36 million dollar facility is the state of the art hospital and a model for all new veterans homes throughout the country. Singers, dancers and a Western group provided the entertainment at the upper level, while refreshments were given out to all the bed patients on the lower level, while the local girl scouts walked the halls singing Christmas carols. Every patient at the home was given a cash present by the chapter.

(Thank you Richie Alexander for photos and letter. A great chapter event and a reason why we will get our National Charter for many State Chapters are involved in these events.)

Minnesota Chapter #1

2000 has been a very busy year for our Chapter in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. President Ed Valle has been the featured speaker at several events on the Korean War for such organizations as the DAR, VFW, and Kiwanis.

Harley Coon was a welcome guest and speaker at our Reunion in October.

Honor Guard Chairman Bob Pellow received numerous requests for our participation in various parades. We participated in six parades in the area in addition to our marches on Memorial Day and other special occasions. Our "Tell America"

programs at schools, talking to students about the Korean War, continues with Jim Drywer in charge.

The Horror Guard performed memorial services for deceased members at the request of family members.



Minnesota Chapter 1 members signing Christmas cards at VA Hospital.

On December 21, 2000 with the temperature a minus 8 below zero and wind chills 35 to 40 below, 12 members of Chapter #1 went to the VA Hospital to visit Veterans. Members entered 49 Korean War Veterans' rooms, they greeted the patients with "We are Korean Veterans visiting Korean War Veterans. Each Veteran received a Christmas card signed by the 12 Chapter members and then moved on to other Veterans' rooms. Two hours before our visit chapter member Kenneth Murphy had died. Colonel Kenneth Murphy, a career Army Officer with 30 years service.

In 1951 he was sent to fight in Korea as a Battalion Commander. As long as we are able Chapter #1 MKWVA will continue to make hospital visits on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Korean War Vets visiting Korean War Vets.

((Thank you Ralph Anderson for reunion update and thank you Jerry Herron for photo and letter. Your group of hospital visiting veterans are special just as they were in 1950 to 1953.))

Eddie Lyon Chapter #15 of Florida



Swearing in ceremony of officers. Standing left to right Ted Cedro Treasurer, John Bowers Secretary, Frank Parvaznik 1st Vice President, and Joseph Firriolo President.

(Thank you Stella Firriolo for photo and letter. A fine looking group of officers.)

Denver 'Queen City' Chapter #195 of Colorado



Officers of Queen City Chapter. (L-R): Calvin Keil, Secretary; Ted Gembezynski, 2nd Vice President; Walt Walko, Treasurer; Ken Camell, President; Walt Curran, Quartermaster; Lt. "Dutch" Nelsen, Guest Speaker; Joseph Brown, Judge Advocate; Donald Huner, 1st Vice President. Absent is Ernest Courtreas, POW/MIA officer.

This is the newest Chapter in Colorado and we are rapidly growing and expanding our membership and activities. We now have 65-members. The Chapter was formed in September 2000. We hold our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday at the Country Harvest Buffet, 6th and Peoria, Aurora, Colorado. Lunch at 1100 AM and meeting at 1130.

The Chapter joined the DoD Korean War Commemorative Community and will develop and host programs that honor Korean Veterans and their families.

We are seeking membership and participation from all Korean War Veterans in the Denver Metro and the Northern Front Range Areas.

(Thank you Ken Camell for photo and letter. A super looking group and I know you will take care of your state veterans.)

California Chapter (New)



The officers of the new California chapter (left to right) are: Front Row - Felice Mc Donald, Dorsey White President, Roy Brazzale, Second Row - Dorman Pitts, William Gomes, Bob Janes Third Row - Jack Whitfield 1st Vice President and Jim Clark. Chapter location is Sacramento-Placerville, Ca. Contact Dorsey White at <dcjwwhite@aol.com>.

(Thanks for the photo and we congratulate each of you for your efforts to form a chapter thus serving your local veterans. A special group of veterans who still serve. I saw no chapter name.)

Ocean State Chapter 1 of Rhode Island



TOP: Members of Ocean State Chapter 1 (l to r) are Walter Bienieki, Norman J. Derosier, Theodore F. Low and Frank Meo.

BELOW: Chapter Color Guard shown left to right, bottom row are Norman J. Derosier Commander, Jack Keenan Jr. Vice Commander, Kenneth R. LaFontaine Chaplain, Maurice Trotter JAG Officer, and Angelo Sette, Top row left to right are Frank Meo Sr. Vice Commander, John L. Dufour Treasurer, John Pinna, Jr. Master of Arms, Joseph LaFontaine, Roland A. Watts, Joseph D. Desjardins, Pete Robert Secretary, Walter Bienieki Quartermaster, and Roger Catineault.

A special event was held to honor Rhode Island Korean War Veterans on November 19, 2000. A concert was preformed by "Persings Own" United States Army Concert Band. A tribute to 39,000 Rhode Islanders who served during the Korean War. A special tribute was made to 145 who were KIA and 55 MIA's.

(Thank you Frank Meo for photo and letter. A great looking group of veterans in both photos. Color Guard looks super. A well deserved recognition for the veterans of Rhode Island.)

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Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey



On January 4th we presented a framed photo plaque of our Taejon Korean War Monument to 38th District Assemblywomen RoseMarie Ciccolella Heck. Shown left to right are Louis Quagliero, RoseMarie Ciccolella Heck, John Meuser, Erwin Burkert, and John DiLonardo.

(A proud chapter that did its job well. Your memorial is beautiful. Many thanks to Louis for sending in photo and letter.)

Charles L. Gilliland Chapter #22 of Arkansas



Honor Guard members shown left to right are Lee Truax, Doug Van DeMark, Louis Androni, Joe O'Halloran, Bob Huddler Treasurer, Jess Milford Commander, Charles Thom Adjutant, Gene Knotts Vice Commander, Sam Harell, Ed Pierce, Fran O'Brien and Alex Olez.



Color Guard arriving at Veterans Plaza on November 11, 2000 parade in Mountain Home, AR. Carrying Banner is Ed Pierce (left) and Joe O'Halloran(Right). Behind banner left to right is Alex Olez, Bob Huddler, Charles Thom and Lee Truax.
(Sharp looking Honor Guard. Thanks Jess for photos and letter.)

Nature Coast Chapter #174 of Florida



TOP: Officers of Korean War Veterans Auxiliary Chapter (L-R) Mary Ann Webber Treasurer, Diane Camara 2nd VP, Fran Lapidis Sec., Yetta Cohen 1st VP look on as Marie Ackerman President is presented the Korean War Veterans Auxiliary Charter by her husband, Stephen Ackerman Chapter President *(Behind every man is a great woman.)*

BELOW: (l to r) 2nd Vice-John McMillan, President-Stephen Ackerman, 1st Vice-Ed Valetic, Secretary & Treasurer Louis Schneider receive their National Charter.

(Welcome to KWVA. Send more photos and have a good year.)

Western Ohio Chapter



The December election of officers, for the year 2001, are shown in photograph. Left to right - T. Dale Snyder, Treasurer; Kenneth J. Williamson, President; Associate, Joanne Motter, assistant to the secretary; Donald L. Motter, Secretary and Richard D. Schwartz, Vice-President.

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50th Anniversary of the Korean War: Official Licensed Gifts



A. Official 50th Anniversary Custom Framed War Memorial: The cherrywood shadow box includes a vivid portrait of the Memorial, each side of the Official 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin, & interpretive text. Available in Spring Scene **\$179.00 ea.**

B. Limited Edition Pen Box: To commemorate the signing of the Armistice, the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee has authorized the production of a limited edition replica of the Parker Pen used by General Clark to end the fighting in Korea. Each fountain pen is individually numbered, engraved with General Clark's signature, and decorated with the official seal of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Only 2,003 of the Korean War Commemorative Pens will be produced. Each will be enclosed in a handsome cherrywood box. The Official 50th Anniversary of the

Korean War Commemorative Coin, in antique brass with brilliant color, will be embedded in the lid of the box, which bears the immortal phrase, "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE". **\$99.00 ea.**

C. Official 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin: Anniversary seal in brilliant color set in antique brass. Hand-sculpted and die-struck, the coin is preserved in a custom card package with interpretive text. **\$14.95 ea.**

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Several items of interest in reference to the past and future activities of our chapter in addition to the December election of officers shown in photo.

The annual Christmas party, Friday, December 8, 2000, was a satisfying success with eighty members, associates and guests in attendance.

Assoc., Janice Petty, received ten requests to prepare large boxes of staple goods with either ham or turkey for those in need. (approx. \$50 per box). Most of the members and associates participated in preparation and delivery, Dec. 21, 2000.

During the Jan. 4th meeting, the membership voted to offer 4 - \$500 dollar scholarships this year. Two for local area students graduating from high school and two for local area students presently attending college.

The State of Ohio 123rd General Assembly, Sub. H.B. 287 Bill Summary, paragraph two, Designates as the "Korean War Veterans' Memorial Highway" that portion of United States Route 36 between the boundary of Coshocton and Tuscarawas Counties and Interstate 77 and also between the boundary of Champaign and Miami counties and the Indiana border.

A committee has been appointed to work with the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along this highway indicating the above designation.

(Thank you Gene Bowser and John Monroe for photo and letter. You had a very successful year. Another great chapter.)

Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



At the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, right to left, Al DeStefano, Daniel Casey, Clarence Dadswell and Sam Farina.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor held for Daniel Brian Casey. The event was on November 18, 2000 and held at the Soule Road Boy Scout Camp. There were approximately 75 people attending.

A certificate and Savings Bond were presented by Suncoast Chapter 014. Presenters were Sam Farina and Clarence Dadswell. Al DeStefano presented a flag that was flown over the Capital on the birthday of Daniel Casey's father. This was a special request made by Daniel to honor his Dad.

(Thank you Joan Arcand for the photo and letter. A great son Daniel must be for remembering his dad in such a special way.)

Westchester County Chapter #91 of New York



Chapter members who took part in the dedication of the memorial on June 18, 2000. In the background we have the obelisks with the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice. The memorial is in 2 sections. Shown from 1 to r are Fred Locantore, Don King, Ed Longo, Seymour Lehman, John Henry, Louis Muro, Anthony Rabasco, Russell Bruno, Jack Muskoff, Fred Niebler, Jerry Formisano, Irving Breitbart.



Color guard that appeared at the dedication of the Korean War Memorial at Lasdon Estates in Somers, N.Y. on June 18th, 2000. This memorial is in a park setting that is maintained by the County of Westchester. Those in this photo are as follows from 1 to r Donald King (1st Vice President) Irving M. Breitbart (President) Seymour Lehman (1st President of the Chapter), John Henry (Executive Board Member), Louis Muro, Fred Locantore, Fred Niebler.



Bronze marker that was part of the overall dedication for those of our fellow brothers who did not return from the Forgotten War. The stones that are surrounding the Black Granite memorial include 50 stones that were brought from Korea and represent 1 stone for every thousand men that lost their lives in this "police action" and finally changed to a full time war. We all know that they shall never be forgotten.

(Thank you Irving M. Breitbart for photos and letter. Great looking memorial and color guard. KWVA is proud of your accomplishments and dedication.)

Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



Twelve Korean War Veterans made up the Color Guard for the Air Rendezvous opening ceremonies Air Show held September 2000 in Springfield, Illinois. 4 members of the Decatur Chapter and 4 members of the Springfield Chapter participated.



Charles Parlier Chapter members Tom Childress and David Mayberry hand out American flags at the Veterans Day 2000 Program at the Lincoln Theater, Decatur, Illinois.



Chapter officers present check to the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy for Christmas gifts. (L-R) Richard Teike, Pres. John Wingerter, Asst. Administrator, Duane Boriff, Sec., Linda Schmitt, Volunteer Services, and Merle Sims, Treasurer.

(Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letter. A special event and a super Color Guard. Your generosity for the Veterans Home is as they say "Above and Beyond the Call to Duty. All of you are to be commended and the KWVA is proud to have you as members. Korean War Veterans are the best.)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio



Greater Cincinnati trying to recruit new member for the Chapter also getting the Korean War Veterans Association name out to the public. Members in the photos are the President Robert Mc George and the treasurer Joe Celenza. This was held on May 20, 2000.



Members that attended the Festival to give a hand, they are from left to right: Roy Miller, Joe Celenza, Pat Dilonardo, Daniel Hayes and Robert Mc George. This was a cold and wet day.



Greater Cincinnati Chapter in the Montgomery Parade; this is one of the best Parades in the Area for patriotism on July 4.

(Thank you Roy Miller for photos and letter. Your chapter is doing a super job keeping "Tell America" alive and also helping your state Korean War Veterans. KWVA and I are proud of all our Cincinnati and Ohio veterans.)

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.

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***“A Return to Glory: The Untold Story of Honor, Dishonor, and Triumph
at the United States Military Academy, 1950-53”***

by Bill McWilliams

An extraordinary period history, and true story, of America's oldest national military academy, its cadets, graduates, and the citizen soldiers and airmen its graduates fought beside and led during the Korean War. Seven years in research and writing, it taps the whole range of powerful human emotions the War evoked, while telling a superb, inspirational story of courage, devotion, honor, sacrifice, defeat, and victory on the battlefields of Korea, at the Academy, and on the "...fields of friendly strife."

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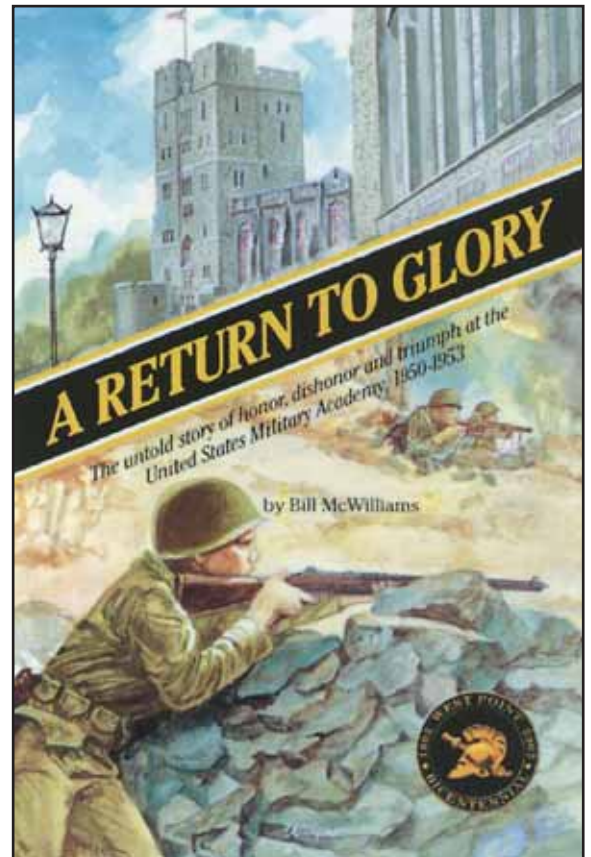
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Memorial Day 2000 Parade in Newark Delaware. Commander Rose was Grand Marshall



June 25, 2000 service honoring Korean War Veterans at Delaware Bridge Memorial.

Commander Rose at Delaware Bridge Memorial



Delaware Korean War Veterans 2000 Events

- ◆ Several Parades and Gatherings
- ◆ Chestertown, MD
- ◆ Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Wilmington, Delaware
- ◆ New Castle, Delaware
- ◆ Dover, Delaware
- ◆ Korean Community Day
- ◆ Delaware Veterans Cemetery Services
- ◆ Delaware Memorial Bridge Ceremonies
- ◆ Annual Department Picnic at Dover Air Base
- ◆ Annual Christmas Party

During the recent Delaware Senior Games the Korean War Veteran team won the 70-74 age group championship. The Gold Medal effort qualified them for the National Senior Games to be held in Baton Rouse, LA in July 2001.



Delaware Korean War Veterans basketball team. Shown left to right top row are Gene Rose Army, Bill Wailes Air Force, Bob Lattanzi Army. Front row left to right are Larry Puleini Army and George Taylor Army. (Team Captain) Not shown is Bob Larnick Air Force.

(Thank you Past Commander Gene Rose for photos and letter. Delaware is doing their part in "Telling America". I received these photos in January 2001 and that is why they are so late being printed. I hope you will tell us how the basketball team did in National Senior Games in July 2001. These are the type of photos that do the most for the departments and chapters. Would have been great to have more names. I also request that the number of photos be less for we now have over 250 chapters and departments. Backlog is building up and our 2001 events are starting up again. I request all of our valued members to select only a few special photos and send in about twice a year. We will do our best to show all but I need your help.)

IN MEMORY - LEST WE FORGET

By Charles E. Casey

The second addition listing the men KIA/MIA in Korea during the Korean War 1950 to 1953, will be ready for mailing in the early summer of 2001. We have added thousand of company names (letters) to the men KIA/MIA in the U.S. Army. Only a few hundred changes to the men in the Navy, Marines and Air Force. We found hundreds of men that died in Korea not listed in the first book We have also listed a few deaths elsewhere in the service of the United States during the Korean Conflict. There are no memorials in this book. The cost was just to high. This seconded addition has over 34,900 men listed. There is a form letter for relatives of a deceased service man to request a copy of "INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE". The files are available to relatives of the deceased serviceman with out charge. See the book for details.

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Lester Hammond CMH Chapter of Illinois



Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL, Veterans Day, November 11, 2000: (Left to Right) Ronald Frillman, Commander of the Illinois Veterans Home; Donald Goerlich, President of the Lester Hammond Chapter of the KWVA; Ex-Marine Sergeant Robert Ericson, shown with his bugle and plaque.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2000, Ex-Marine Sergeant Robert Ericson was honored with a plaque for his 60 years of performing taps at over 5,000 Veterans' burial services. Robert began playing the bugle when he was 12 years old. His most notable experience was playing taps on July 27, 1953 at Panmunjon, Korea when the cease fire went into effect. He also played taps in Washington, DC for the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial. Robert is still going strong, performing at Veterans' burial services, sometimes two or three a week.

(Thanks Don Goerlich for photo and letter. A well deserved honor for a special veteran.)

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Brothers unite on the Battlefield



Donald (left) and Fred Kunselman pose in front of Fred's tank during a reunion in Korea.

by Donald Kunselman

I was in Easy Co. 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Division. I had been in Korea a little over a year. I got word that my brother Fred who was in Co. D 6th Medium Tank Battalion had just arrived and was at an Air Base just 3 miles from me.

Fred and I are only 18 months apart in age and have always been very close so nothing was going to stop me from going to see him. I was only 18 years old, wounded twice and very homesick. I cannot begin to tell you what it meant to me to see him. All we could seem to say is "Is it really you".

We were able to get together on weekends and share letters from home and sit on his tank and write double letters to our folks back home.

After about a month he was moved up about 160 miles from my outfit. Of course that was the end of our visits. Then I got my orders that I was going home. Oh happy day. But I had to see Fred just one more time before I left Korea. Not sure when I would see him again if ever. Yes, He made it home too. To a wife and baby. I hitched and walked the 160 miles & back.

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burst of machine gunfire had torn the right pocket off my trousers, hit the grenade I carried there and glanced off, taking the rest of the grenades with it.

Once again my life had been miraculously spared in a way which surpassed any logical explanation. My native guide turned to me and said, "Your God is good. He protected and saved you today. I want to know more about your God."

Colonel Logan E. Weston, U.S. Army (Retired) is a veteran of three wars: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He went from Guadalcanal and New Georgia in World War II, to volunteer with the renowned "Merrill's Marauders" in Burma, through Korea with the "Wolfhounds," and onto the build-up of the Vietnam War. Drafted out of Bible College, his faith in God sustained him even when he was deep in enemy territory. His unwavering devotion to the God he loved and the country he served earned him a larger-than-life reputation and the undying devotion from his men. One of the most heavily decorated soldiers in American military history, and an original member of the Army Ranger Hall of Fame, Col. Weston has received over 200 medals and awards. His commendations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Purple Hearts, and the Legion of Merit. This is the true and inspiring story of the honor, courage and faith of a great American hero.

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(Over 303 pages about a special hero that survived 3 wars and was instrumental in helping others to fight with honor and courage, thus allowing them and their buddies to endure the hardships of war and to return home. Great stories and photos.)



The Way it Was

By M. L. Barbani

My Early Years

One of my earliest unforgettable moments happened when I was a punk kid about 8 or 9 years old. A local cop in blue dragged me home by the scruff of my neck after catching me stealing small toy cars from the neighborhood Woolworth 5 and 10 store. It was after work and my 'Papa' was home with 'Mama Linda'. My older brother and younger sister were somewhere in the apartment. The cop told me I was too young to go to prison, but my father would have to take my place in the joint. The cop must have given my dad a wink because when he left the apartment, my dad stayed. The not so unpleasant beating I received from my papa overshadowed the gratifying relief I felt for his not going to prison. Dad's a big guy just over six feet, strong as two bulls, and as honest as a long hard workday. I was bounced off tables, chairs, and a couple of walls. When I figured I had enough, I put up my puny dukes, tight fisted, and stood unsteady in front of my maker. Not that I'd ever take a swing at my father, that would have been suicide; I was just making my stand. I'll never forget his expression. Was it shock, surprise, or hurt, or a combination of all three? But I stood there panting when Papa came close. He whipped out a hand and grabbed my small fist and shoved it into the crotch of his right arm and cranked that forearm muscle up against his huge bicep. My fist was in there somewhere. I cried out, as I was half suspended in the air. He uncorked his arm and I crumpled to the kitchen floor. Papa then helped me up; I thought I was off the hook. Grabbing me by the front of my tattered shirt, he pulled me up face-to-face, and slowly and intensely said, "Don't you ever put you hands up to me again!"

No mistaking those words; they were as clear as the bells ringing in my ears. He then let me go, brushed off my clothes, and with a half smile, tried to arrange my hair back in order. While I was leaving the room, and shaking out my right hand, papa called to me, "Hey Nello, you don't steal no more!" I loved my dad and I truly took his painful advice.

When World War II broke out, the FBI

(Forever Bothering Italians) came to the house and took my Dad to Ellis Island, out in New York Bay. They also took our upright AM radio. Papa was not an American citizen as yet, and was detained for weeks as a potential enemy with dozens of other immigrants. The unrelenting efforts of my mother and a local lawyer finally got him out and back home. Our address at that time was 1968 Gleason Avenue, the Bronx, New York.

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(The next chapter is about his service in Korea and a visit with his brother in a hospital suffering from frost bitten feet after coming out of the Chosin. More interesting chapters follow telling "The Way It Was")



Fire Mission

By Anthony J. Sobieski

Introduction

This is a historical record and personal insight of the 213th Field Artillery Battalion during the Korean War, 1951 to 1954. The 213th was one of the many American artillery battalions to serve in Korea. This unit has a very distinctive and proud record that they amounted during this time frame. Although they did not fire the most rounds (the 300th Field Artillery Battalion fired over 300,000), nor were they the first to fight (Battery 'A' of the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion was part of Task Force Smith, the first ground combat team committed to the war in 1950), the achievements that the 213th did accomplish were impressive indeed. The record of the 213th could be considered a cross section of all of the different artillery battalions to serve in the conflict. It is written in the 'singular' mode, which most unit histories are. There is nothing wrong with this, either, for all units that have served in combat should be proud about their individual and distinctive accomplishments. Therefore this record is written in the same light. This is a unit history written not only from a large scale, unit type perspective, but it also shows the per-

sonal side of the war from the perspective of the everyday life and hazards of the artilleryman. This could not only go for the men of the 213th, but could be applied to a wide range of units and men throughout the peninsula. Although the 213th Field Artillery Battalion did not surely 'win the war' all by themselves, like all other units to serve in Korea, they certainly contributed to shortening it by helping win a number of large battles like White Horse Mountain, and many smaller incidents that occurred weekly that history and time have almost forgotten. The number of allied lives saved, and the amount of enemy destruction wrought is almost incalculable, but some of it is recorded here for history's sake.

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(The first book that I have ever seen dedicated to the heroes of the Field Artillery. I could never understand why a combat medal was not given to the Artillery, Tankers, etc. that saw much action on many occasions dating back to 1950. The awards noted in this and other books confirm that award is well deserved. A well written book with personal heroic stories and unit history. Unit awards and decorations and history on many men after the war. A great guide for other units to use when writing their own unit history.)



Daughter of Mercy

By Susie Lee

Foreword

War is hell! Old men speak of it with tears and remorse. Young men lament its futility. Some of the greatest dramas of life have been written in the jaws of war - the stories of Corrie ten Boom, Hansi and now of Susie Lee Beidel.

The major wars of our generation were fought in the Orient - China, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Indo-China and Korea. Never before have we heard the story of war from the quiet Oriental heart. Susie lived through the ravages of the Korean War to tell the story of bombs, broken families

and the bitterness that leaves its toll on men, women and especially on the hearts of the little ones.

The story of Susie is not only the story of one lonely, handicapped girl alone in a war, but as she hobbles through the devastated cities of war-torn Korea, we see the story of a once serene, secluded, almost sacred Orient exploding culturally, economically and spiritually before our eyes and emotions.

Susie's search for her family is that of millions of orphans and refugees for the past three decades. Her struggles with prejudice, pride and passion are the struggle of teenagers of a hate-scarred generation. Her loneliness rejection and eventual bitterness are the real hell of war.

The terrifying, yet tender story strikes every emotion of the human heart. You experience her childish delight, share her feelings of rejection, loneliness, agony, hunger and fear. You even savor her Oriental cuisine from rice to kimchi. Her search for peace with men and God becomes yours. She must survive! She must find her family! She must find that serenity now broken by bombs and bloodshed! She must find love and happiness! Most of all, she must find God!

As this Oriental odyssey unfolds, you begin to look more understandingly at American involvement in sorrowful wars of Indo-China and Korea - for you see through the grateful eyes of a daughter of the Orient. It was through the hearts and hands of American armed forces personnel, especially her husband, Don Beidel, through whom Susie found love, compassion and the forgiveness of God, which her war-torn heart needed to find so desperately.

Susie's story and her present day mission of compassion to the disabled veterans in VA hospitals is really a long "Thank you" letter. Today Susie says, "Thank You, America!"

Reverend Dr. Daniel Mercaldo, Founder and Senior Pastor, Gateway Cathedral, 200 Boscome Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10309. Book can be obtained from www.booksamillion.com or calling (800) 201-3550

(Over 320 pages of a true story about a special hero that struggled from birth and felt all the emotions of war from day one as a young girl and up to today. No medals on her chest to show her bravery, just a heart and faith bigger than any award. Each chapter compels you to continue reading.)

Remembering the Korean War

Readers of *The Graybeards* will have seen reviews and covers about my children's books about World War I (In Flanders Fields: the Story of the Poem by John McCrae) and World War II (High Flight: A Story of World War II). I have spent most of my writing career linking young readers with veterans. I am pleased to announce that an American publisher has accepted my proposal for a children's book about the Korean War. And that's why I'm writing to your readers.

The book will include interviews with Korean War veterans telling their stories. It will also include about eighty photographs, maps and a short bibliography for the young readers. I would like to include interviews from men and women in all ranks, all branches of the service. I'd like to hear from chaplains, nurses, entertainers, cooks, Nisei, African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans. Everyone. This book will represent every aspect I can possibly include in the pages allowed.

If you are interested in sending your story for possible inclusion, please send it to Linda Granfield, 40 Hardwick Court, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 4G6 Canada (in case you're wondering: I'm a U.S. citizen living in Canada), or e-mail it to gransmil@interlog.com.

Any photographs you send will be scanned and the originals sent back to you. If you would prefer to pass along the names of those who are unable to write and would like to be interviewed by telephone, please do send the contacts. Telephone interviews will take place in the fall of 2001, but please feel free to send written stories earlier. We will aim towards a 2003 publication date, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the war's end.

I am pleased and greatly honored to have this opportunity to share your stories with the youth of America. Accept my sincere gratitude for all you did, all you continue to do in your chapters, and all you may decide to do regarding this project.

Sincerely,
Linda Granfield,
Toronto, Canada



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



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Korean War Committee Now Has 4,000 Commemoration Partners as Program Grows

WASHINGTON – The number of Commemoration Partners joining the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration continues to climb at an exceptional pace.

“There were more than 9,000 Commemoration Partners during the World War II four-year commemoration period,” said Maj. Ernest T. Parker, public affairs officer for the committee. “With 4,003 commemoration partners since the official DoD commemoration began on June 25, 2000, the future looks good for the program. At the rate we are going, we may surpass 10,000 partners before the end of the commemoration on Nov. 11, 2003.”

Parker said that reaching such numbers in eight months does more than shine a light on the DoD. It reflects that people care and want Korean War Veterans to know that they are not forgotten.

State and local civilian communities, civic and patriotic organizations, schools, private businesses and corporations, military installations and units, and all the levels of government are a few of the types of organizations which serve as Commemoration Partners. Currently there are 1,879 Veteran Service Organizations making them the largest single group. The second largest group is the Veterans Administration with 704 Commemoration Partners. DoD has 376.

Lt. Col. Diane Waters, director of the Commemoration Partners program on the DoD committee, said that commemoration partners are an excellent resource for spreading the word about the “Forgotten War.”

“They reach America at the grassroots level,” Waters said. “They are located in both highly populated areas as well as small town communities where veterans and their families were raised, left home to serve their country, then returned when they completed their military service. There is no better way to reach veterans than a nation-wide grassroots community outreach and educational program.

“I am consistently amazed at the level of involvement our partners display,” Waters added. “There are local newspapers running weekly series featuring Korean War Veterans complete with then- and-now photographs and even partners who hand deliver our Public Service Announcements to their local television and radio stations. The important role of Commemoration Partners to the success of the commemoration can not be overstated.”

To become a commemoration partner organizations fill out a committee application certifying that they will thank and honor Korean War Veterans in some way. Waters said that ways to recognize and honor veterans are endless and include things like receptions, media articles, reunions, dinners, exhibits, inviting veterans into classrooms to speak to students, web sites and memorial services. The committee supports Commemoration Partners by providing products like commemoration flags, coins and pins, posters, books, educational materials and military support coordinated by the committee when possible (marching units, bands, color guards, buglers, speakers, fly-overs).

Parker said importance of recognizing the Korean War is paramount because of the time it occurred.

“Because the Korean War closely followed World War II and took place in a small nation half a world away that most Americans had never heard of, the veterans did not come home to ticker-tape parades, they simply came home and returned to their lives,” stated Parker. “The United States never said thank you or recognized the sacrifice made by more than 36,000 Americans who died in the Korean War. This is, in part, why the Korean War has been referred to as the Forgotten War and why recognizing and thanking the veterans is the primary focus of our Committee.”

For more information on the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration or to apply to become a Commemoration Partner, visit the DoD, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee web site at: <http://korea50.army.mil> or call 1 (866) Korea50.

Decoy Destroyers Play Heroic Invasion Role

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON, DC

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All personnel attached to and serving on board the above mentioned destroyers from 13 to 15 September 1950 are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

Secretary of the Navy



Three of the six "decoys" were hit by the guns on Wolmi and one seriously, but not so seriously she could not come out under her own steam. An officer died. There were other casualties.

By Relman Morin

ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP OF JOINT TASK FORCE 7, OFF INCHON, KOREA, Sept. 16, 1950

The landing at Inchon in a large part is the story of six brave little ships and a wonderful blunder. The North Koreans made the blunder. The little ships, the big ones, the planes and finally a marine assault force capitalized on it. A chain of events started by those six ships led directly to the victory of Inchon.

To the entrance to Inchon Harbor, and commanding approaches to it, is the island of Wolmi. It is a wooded island shaped like an oyster shell. From the beaches, the ground rises 300 feet to a rounded top. A stone causeway connects the island to the Inchon waterfront.

Wolmi was the key to the entire operation. Before the main attack on Inchon could begin, Wolmi had to be taken. In an order issued before the battle. Rear Adm. Jams H. Doyle, commander of task force 10, said: "This mission (Wolmi) must be successfully completed at any cost. Failure will seriously jeopardize or even prevent the major amphibious assault on Inchon. Therefore, press the assault with utmost vigor despite loss or difficulty."

A big question loomed, what did the North Koreans have on Wolmi, to defend it? How many guns? How big? Where?

Six brave little ships - six destroyers —were sent to find out. Vice Adm. Arthur D. Struble, Commander of joint task

force 7, ordered a "reconnaissance in force." The mission frankly was to draw fire from Wolmi - the more fire the better.

Armor Negligible

A destroyer's armor is three eighths of an inch thick. Practically anything stronger than a sling shot will pierce it. On the morning of September 13 "D Day minus two," the six brave little ships, moving in column, and slowly, sailed into the narrowing channel leading past Wolmi to Inchon.

One anchored off the southern face of the island. Three passed through the neck of the channel to the other side. Two remained in the channel. None was more than a mile from the beaches and some were 1,000 yards-two-thirds of a mile.

They were "sitting ducks." That's what they were meant to be, juicy targets for the concealed guns on the shore. From all over the elbow of the channel farther down, thousands of binoculars were trained on them from the American and British cruisers and the other ships. The silence was like a blanket. It was a brilliantly sunny day and you could see even without binoculars,

Suddenly there was a single sharp white flash. Seconds later the muffled crack of the gun-came back. "The 730 reports she spotted a battery moving on shore." a report to the bridge of the flagship said.

Communist Blunder

A few more tense, breathless, incredible seconds of waiting passed. Still silence. Wolmi island looked like a pic-

nicker's paradise, green-wooded and serene. Then the North Koreans made the fateful and wonderful blunder. Suddenly a necklace of gun flashes sparkled around the waist of the island. The flashes were reddish gold and they came so fast that soon the entire slope was sparkling with pinpoint of fire. The destroyers were quick to answer.

Lightning flashes leaped from their guns. They hit back, shell for shell, firing faster and faster until the whole channel was a tunnel of rumbling thunder. The pace increased. On Wolmi still more gun positions opened up. The Red necklace spread. And they were hitting the destroyers now. They could hardly miss at that range.

Then a report came down to the bridge and your blood ran cold. "It looks as though the 733 is dead in the water, sir." Adm. Struble's answer was quiet and the words were taut. "Make sure. and then see what we have to do to get her out of there."

The duel went on for an hour It was a slugging match, toe to toe, and nobody quit or backed away Six brave little ships sat there and shot it out with the dug in enemy gun crews on Wolmi Island.

Three of the six were hit and one seriously, but not so seriously she could not come out under her own steam. An officer died. There were other casualties.

The destroyers came out proudly and without haste, still firing, flat trajectory fire at close range and then at higher arcs as the distance increased.

The mission was accomplished successfully the navy will say. Gloriously is a better word.

If the guns on Wolmi Island had never been discovered, if the North Koreans had not blundered into exposing their armament, it is hard to say what might have happened to the transports and the little landing craft when they came in for the assault two days later.

At best, the casualties would have been enormous-for Wolmi is studded with guns, at worst the invasion could have stalled right there at the first objective.

Six brave little ships exposed themselves to the fire. The bigger guns and hordes of planes knocked it out before the marines ever appeared.

(Thank you Robert for great story and photos. Again I am sorry it took so long to print. Editor)

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Looking for anyone having any contact with **Chaplain Capt. Emil Kapun** either as a POW or otherwise. Contact Archdiocese for the Military Services P.O. Box 4469, Washington, D.C. 20017-0469.



Members of the **6151st Air Base Squadron**, stationed in

Pohang in early 1951 and Kangnung the summer of the same year. Looking for any orders that proved we existed, supporting the Mosquito group until the Marines took over our base and everyone was scattered by transfer. Contact Vito "Sonny" Rizzo, 1060 Brighton St., Union, N.J.



I am doing research for a book about **Artillery Forward Observers** in Korea from 1950 to 1954. I am looking for any Korean War Artillery F.O.s for interviews and collecting information for my project. Contact MSgt Anthony J. Sobieski, 514th Security Forces Squadron, 514th AMW Force Protection Manager, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ 08641. DSN 650-2178. Tel: 609-754-2178.



Looking for Capt. **Arthur Blackwell**, C.O. of Co. H, 38th Regt, or anyone who served directly with him during late 1953 and early 1954, and might remember the names of Sgt. Richard Alexander and Sgt. Frank Carlucci. Sgt. Alexander was the young guy from New Jersey who became Platoon Sgt. in the Recoiless Rifle Platoon. Carlucci became Sgt. in the Machine Gun Platoon. Both were recommended for the Bronze Star. I would like to contact anyone who might remember us, especially Hank Leblond, Harry Lewis, Raymond Medina, Sam Painter, Sam Ferrar and guitar player Jimmy MacComber. Contact Richie Alexander, 14 Wisteria Dr. Fords, New Jersey 08863. Tel: 732-225-2474 or e-mail at <laffinevil@aol.com>.



I am trying to get info on my brother **Joseph R. Funes**, who was a Cpl. in the 187th Airborne Reg. Co. G. Killed 14 Feb. 1951 in the Vicinity of Wonju, South Korea or Hoengsong. He received his 3rd Bronze Star at this action. His Military background was Normandy, Belgian, Holland with the 82nd ABN, then with the 17th ABN on the last jump into Weasel, Germany. Please help me get all the info I can on the area where he died. Contact Carl F. Funes, Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) 57 Maplewood Ave., Hempstead, NY 11550.



I am doing research on my Thesis for a Master's Degree and I would be interested to hear from anyone who was on **Koje-Do Island** during the riots in 1952. I would be especially interested to hear from anyone who knew General Dodd during the riots. Contact Richard Kilgen, 70 Sellersville Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Tel: 570-223-9242.



My father is trying to contact **Harold "Willie" Williams**, of Middletown, Ohio. They were stationed together in 1947-48 with the 335th Ft. Sq., 4th Ft. Gp. at Andrews Airfield. Later they were roommates in Florida and were in an unknown reserve unit at the Miami Airport. They were both called up to active duty for Korea. Dad was medically separated and lost contact with Willie. Dad's name is Fern A. Gross. Contact James Gross, at e-mail <gros023@dellepro.com>.



If anyone out there has any information concerning the **9th Cav** in Korea or just the 9th Cav., contact Dr Jim Larose, 3170 Malone Drive, Montgomery Ala 36106 or e-mail at <Jlarose@pol.net>. Or contact Mary S Mahnke, Wet Ink Veterans Research, Tel: 304-258-6481 or e-mail me at <ImHere102@aol.com>.

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My Dad, Olin L. Sprague was in the Korean War. We are looking for some of his buddies, one in particular, **Fredrick L. Miller**. Contact Wanda Graham at e-mail <grahams@ruraltel.net>.

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Looking for information on a **William F. Greene** originally from Chicago, Illinois and served with the 5th RCT in Korea in 1952. Contact Paul R. Garland, at e-mail <Paugarland@aol.com>.

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Battles took place around the 27th of July 50-1st Aug. 50. The **29th RCT** was almost wiped out. The 1st Bn. fought at Anui and the 3rd Bn. was at Hadong. I would like to have info on these battles and a list of casualties Contact Ron Hanson, P. O. Box 34, Bagley, MN. 56621-0034. Tel: 218-694-6440 or e-mail at <rvhanson@webtv.net>.

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Trying to locate a Korean War veteran by the name of **James Ingalls**. I know that he was stationed at Fort Polk Louisiana prior to going to Korea. He was from either Alabama or Mississippi. Contact A. O. Osmun at e-mail <Ali726659371@aol.com>

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Looking for **809th, Engr. (SCARWAF)** and would like to hear from any one in the unit especially Kinsey and Boyd from the Paducah, KY area. I was C Co. Motor pool Sgt. at Kimpo, Korea 1953-1954. SCARWAF is having a reunion in June, 2001. Contact Jim McCoy, 4216 - 65th St, Des Moines, IA 50322. Tel: 515-276-5345 or e-mail Don Wingate at <donwin@KDSI.net> or William C. Grimes, 29129 Johnston Rd. 2512, Dade City, FL 33523-6128 or e-mail <wcjim@juno.com>. See reunion listing.

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Trying to locate members of the **2nd Inf. Div. Radio School**, Pusan, South Korea February 1952. Perry Shapiro, Pat Yeoman, Jim Moak, Gene Calhoun, John Lane, Frank Saiz and Willie Wadlings. Contact Peter Muller, 7 Bel Air Drive, Orinda, CA 94563-3221. Tel: 925-254-0512, Fax: 925-253-0418 or e-mail at <ecmuller@earthlink.net>.

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Looking for anyone who has information on or served with 2nd Lt. **Thomas A. Dadson**, 31st Inf Regt, 7th Inf. Div. KIA on 1-27-52 in North Korea. Contact John Capitanelli, RR #7, Box 315, Punxsutawney, PA 15767-9694. E-mail <johnjcapitanelli@yahoo.com>.

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I'm searching for **Wesley J. Gill**. He was in the Korean War from 1954-1955 with my dad, George H. Bagnall. They where in the 8th Army in Seoul, South Korea, 7th Inf. Div., 7th Signal Company. Contact Patty J. Birnschein, 5489 Reynolds Rd.,

Sturgeon Bay WI 54235. Tel: 920-743-7926. Fax: 920- 746-6967. E-mail: <pattyjane@dcwis.com>.

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(This group could have gone to Ft. Lewis, WA as part of the 82nd AAA AW Bn., 2nd ID).

Trying to locate anyone shown in photo of members of **504th AAA Gun Bn. B Battery**, Ft. Bliss, Texas taken in June 1949. I am in front row lower right. Contact S. "Leo" Ronreu, 37 E. Chestnut Street, Central Islip, NY 11722.

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Looking for anyone who knew **Frederick Walter "Junior" Bertrang** MIA July 20, 1950 in Taejon, South

Korea. He was with Hq. Bn., 63rd Field Artillery, 24th Inf. Div. His sister, Sharon Bertrang would like any info you can provide. Contact Harry Wittman, 1385 Terri St., Keyser, WV 26726. Tel: 304-788-0465.

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2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion Association is looking for veterans who served in our Battalion before or during World War II (1935-46) and before or during the Korean War (1949-53). Our Association includes those who served with our Battalion's successor unit - the 461st Infantry Battalion (Heavy Mortar). The next annual reunion will be held in Baltimore, MD, September 20-24, 2001. Enlist today by phone or mail, providing your full name, address, phone number, unit and dates of service. You will then receive a current roster and future newsletters. No dues. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240; 972-387-1247.

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(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)

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Images of Korea



Maintenance and Contact Platoon: Front row (l to r) Givens, Kampher, Haller, Sgt Tuck Dunn and De Pietro. Back row (l to r) Henckle, J. Dunn, Phillips, Canter, Delisle and Green. February 1951 in Pusan, Korea.



Shown (l to r) are Cebrian, Pruitt, DeGrasse and William Helmer at Chungju, South Korea. March 1951.



"Charlie," An orphan we adopted. Corporal Nokes was guardian. April, 1951.

Our job was to repair Combat Engineer equipment such as bulldozers, roadgraders, etc. I hope some of you out there shown in these photos will respond to me at:

Mr. Fred S. Delisle,
2849 Sancho Panza Ct.,
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-6353

(Thank you Fred for photos from the past and your letter. We hope you will get some response. Thank you for your service during the war and after. Your efforts were needed by all.)

Update

Korean Revisit

We have finally received the 2001 Revisit Quotas from the KVA, Seoul. They are:

60June 21-26

40Oct 11-16

100 Total

This is not as many as we had requested however President Harley Coon has written a letter requesting that our quotas be increased. We will just have to wait and see how his request is received in Seoul.

By the time you read this, the first batch of letters will have gone out to this years quota holders. As proscribed by President Coon, we go right down the list according to your registration date until the quotas are filled. If you are called *and you cannot go in June*, your name will remain on the list and you will be called later for October. Please don't call us if you do not receive a letter. We will call you! If and when you do receive a letter, it is paramount that your respond immediately, so that if you cannot go, we can select an alternate.

Please be reminded that the Revisit Korea quota dates do not always match up with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorations; the dates which appear elsewhere in the *Graybeards*. Those dates are mutually agree upon by U.S. Forces, Korea, and the ROK 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. Should you desire to attend a 50th Anniversary Commemoration, you can transfer your deposit to that tour instead of a Revisit Korea tour. If your number is too large to meet this years quota, you may also transfer to a 50th Anniversary Commemoration Tour.

Return to North Korea update:

General Ray Davis, USMC (Ret) the Honorary Life President of KWVA is still working with DOD to get some veterans and their families back to the North Korea battle fields this year. We met with the DOD POW/MIA committee in January, here in Washington, and its still looking good for some veterans to go later in the year. We will keep you advised just as soon as we hear something.

Warren Wiedhahn
KWVA Revisit Coordinator

opened fire on coastal targets consisting of rail tunnels, iron works, and rolling stock at Chongjin, Churonjang, and Songjin on 13 thru 17 October. She expended 10 October -1062 rounds, 111,675 lbs., 11 October 150 rounds and, 10 rounds on 13 October. On October 21, she cleared Korean waters enroute to Sasebo, Japan, to prepare for her return to the United States. She arrived Sasebo 23 October, then departing Sasebo 23 October. for Yokosuka, Japan, arriving 25 October.

Worcester departed Yokosuka, Japan, 27 October 1950, enroute Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, departing Honolulu 4 November, for Panama, Canal Zone, arriving 15 November. She departed the Atlantic side of the Panama Canal on 16 November. She returned to Philadelphia 21 November, via Pearl Harbor, and the Panama Canal, having circumnavigated the globe.

On 19 December 1958, Worcester was de-commissioned at Mare Island, California and placed in reserve status, "Moth-Balled" for re-activation if needed. She was struck from the U.S. Navy list of active ships in December, 1960, and sold for scrap, July 5, 1972 for \$495,950.00. Worcester earned two Battle Stars for her service during the early months of the Korean War.

(This story reprinted with omissions of complete history of USS Worcester. Approval by U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Assn. through Ronald J. Maciejowski. Photo of ship included. Thank you Ronald. Sorry it took so long to find space. Other Navy stories with proper approval are welcomed. Ed)

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USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN

The Navy's role in Korea

By Jack Sauter

Sunday, 25 June 1950 was a quiet day onboard USS VALLEY FORGE CVA-45. The ESSEX CLASS carrier, which had been commissioned in 1946, was cruising in the China Sea enroute to the Philippines from a liberty stop in Hong Kong. It was holiday routine and many sailors took advantage of this break to improve their suntans on the flight deck.

Half a world away telephones started to ring, bringing an abrupt end to a peace that had lasted less than five years. The initial call was from our ambassador in Seoul to Washington informing the government that North Korea had invaded the South with tanks, aircraft and heavy troop concentrations. Truman flew back from Independence, and after a hurried late night meeting in Blair House, the armed forces were alerted for possible action. Those units in the Pacific were ordered to sail north closer to Korea.

After discussions with Congress, the UN and our allies Truman, ordered air strikes against North Korea.

Holiday routine and suntans on the flight of VALLEY FORGE quickly became a distant memory. After a rapid replenishment of fuel and ammo at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, the carrier sailed north at best available speed to engage the enemy when she came into range. On 0500 1 July, VALLEY FORGE launched the prop planes: 16 Corsairs and 12 Skyraider dive-bombers armed with rockets and bombs. A little later, 8 F9F Panther

jets took to the air. The airfields around the North Korean capital of Pyongyang were blasted. Two enemy fighters were shot down in the air and nine planes destroyed on the ground. This brilliant attack, more than 400 miles from the nearest American airfield, shocked the North Koreans and no doubt discouraged them from committing more aircraft north of the parallel. In the next few weeks, naval air destroyed forty more enemy aircraft, literally their entire air force. The availability of carrier aircraft was particularly important in Korea, since the Air Force jets were F-80Cs. The fuel-guzzling jets had an extremely limited time over target when they were launched from Kyushu,



Jack Sauter onboard USS Lake Champlain CVA-39 off Korea June 1953.

Japan, the nearest American airfields.

Further south and a few days earlier, the light cruiser JUNEAU, along with the destroyer DE HAVEN shelled enemy positions on the east coast initiating our Navy's role in the Korean War

Not as glamorous, but more critical to the rapidly disintegrating front was the Navy's sealift of the 24th Division, along with 1,700 vehicles to Pusan. This was followed by the 1st Cavalry Division, and by mid-July all the Army forces in Japan that were available had been ferried across the strait. In that month alone 312,000 tons of supplies and 300,000 men had been carried by ship to Japan from West Coast ports.

A look at a map of the Pacific will give an observer some idea of the logistical hurdle facing the Navy. The distance from San Francisco to Pusan is 6,000 miles. The distance of the enemy's supply line from the 38th parallel to Pusan is 225 miles. The U.S. Navy's task was to equalize those distances. They effectively accomplished this over the next ten weeks. The carriers enroute to the fighting became veritable "supermarkets." On to those vast flight and hangar decks were loaded anything and everything the Far Eastern Command desperately need to stay in the fight. When the carrier, BOXER sailed on 9 July she carried 145 P-51 Mustang fighters for close ground air support. These World War II aircraft were far better suited to this type of war than the short range jets.

With the eastern front collapsing under heavy enemy pressure, the 1st Cavalry Division was landed at Pohang, 65 miles north of Pusan. By the beginning of August all those ships which had been ordered from the west coast began to arrive on station and not a moment too soon. A third ESSEXclass carrier, PHILIPPINE SEA, arrived on station after setting a new trans Pacific speed record. The heavy cruisers HELENA and TOLEDO joined ROCHESTER with much needed 8 inch gun support, and more important was the arrival of the fleet tankers which enabled our task force to remain on station longer These units were welcome indeed as the North Korean forces were but 75 miles from Pusan and closing rapidly.

In spite of a total of ten divisions on the line, the enemy was fighting with renewed vigor knowing that once he pushed our forces into the sea the war would be over. The UN forces were quickly running out of real estate!

With PHILIPPINE SEA in action, we now had two large carrier air groups as well as the planes from the smaller carriers SICILY and BADOENG STRAIT and the British TRIUMPH attacking the enemy's supply lines. TRIUMPH's aircraft had previously joined VALLEY FORGE in that first air strike of the war. It's worth mentioning that the Royal Navy was invaluable in those early weeks, lending aid with the cruisers BELFAST and KENYA, destroyers and auxiliaries, besides TRIUMPH.

On 8 August, NKPA forces cracked the Nakong River line, placing the entire perimeter in jeopardy. Contingency plans were in place to evacuate our entire ground force if we couldn't hold. Over on the east coast, the 3rd ROK Division was cut off by the advancing North Koreans and were left with their backs to the sea. Our destroyers provided covering fire while DD WILTSE and 4 LSTs evacuated the entire force of 5,800 troops, 1,200 civilians and over 100 vehicles.

Pusan, however, remained a huge question mark. With NKPA forces holding most of the high ground, our forces had been heavily engaged for ten straight days and were understrength. The retaking of this ridge controlling the main road was critical, and the last of our reserves attacked on the 17th heavily supported by fighters and attack bombers from PHILIPPINE SEA. In three days of bitter fighting the Marines recaptured the ridge and inflicted over 4,000 casualties on the North Korean troops. Marine losses were 66 killed This lopsided victory proved

what professional soldiers can do with well coordinated air support.

As August wound down, it became a struggle to see who could prevail. The enemy was expending his total effort to achieve an end to a campaign that was now entering its third month. He'd expected a quick victory, but the constant attacks on his supply lines were taking their toll. Everyday our forces got stronger, while the NKPA remained constant.

Back in Japan, MacArthur had prevailed on the Joint Chiefs to support a risky amphibious landing at Inchon, close to Seoul, the capital. This thrust would place the U.S. Navy in the vanguard of the offensive for the first time, and although the physical obstacles were formidable, the men in blue more than rose to the occasion.

Inchon had little going for it except location. Instead of the island beaches we successfully stormed in World II, Inchon was a city of 250,000 at the end of a tortuous channel. The harbor approaches included 30 foot tides, shifting sand bars and a tidal current as high as 8 knots, close to the speed of the landing craft. It was a navigator's nightmare. If this weren't enough to discourage the planners, the point of attack was blocked by a defended island: Wolmi. But the fact that Inchon seemed so implausible a spot for a landing, combined with an elaborate combination of naval gunfire and scores of aerial attacks by Marine Skyraiders and Corsairs, demoralized Wolmi's defenders and led to our success. On 14 September, the 1st Marine Division stormed ashore and the island garrison of 400 was seized with the cost of only 17 Marines wounded.

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Inchon Heros Remembered

Richard Sierra of South San Francisco just returned recently from an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C., where he was a co-recipient of this year's Historical Remembrance Award, presented by the Surface Navy Association based in Alexandria, VA. The other recipient was Capt. Robert Schelling of Seattle, WA, skipper of the destroyer Lyman K. Swenson.

Every year since 1994, SNA has selected one or two individuals to represent an entire warfare specialty group of veterans to highlight their contributions to a particular war effort and the defense of our country.

Among those recognized in past years were cruiser-destroyer-men, amphibious-force veterans, destroyer-escort sailors, PT Boat personnel and those serving in mine warfare.

This year, SNA highlighted the magnificent achievements of the destroyer sailors who served during the Korean Conflict.

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

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

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

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These include the often unheralded officers and sailors who frequently faced death while conducting daring attacks and rescues off the coast and on the beaches of the Korean Peninsula.

"I was aboard the USS Henderson, one of six destroyers, that went in first at the invasion of Inchon, which was called the 'Sitting Duck Operation,'"...

"I was aboard the USS *Henderson*, one of six destroyers, that went in first at the invasion of Inchon, which was called the 'Sitting Duck Operation,'" explained former Petty Officer Sierra. "We dropped anchor and waited to draw enemy fire so we could clear the landing for the 1st Division of Marines."

For the past 17 years, Sierra has been reunion coordinator for his Navy destroyer shipmates. The reunions are held annually at various Navy ports throughout the U.S.

A 26-year member of SSF Elks Lodge #2091, Sierra served as its Exalted Ruler in 1980-81. The same years, he was the National Ritual winner for performing the Elk ritual initiation.

Sierra retired in 1998 after working as an operating engineer in the South San Francisco branch office of Telsmith based in Wisconsin. Born in Del Norte, Colo., he and his wife, Shirley have lived in SSF for 25 years. The Sierras have two daughters, Kareon Jones in Connecticut and Toni Harshman of Pacifica and one granddaughter.

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Fellow Veterans

GOOD NEWS! We will soon be moving into our temporary museum and library space at the Factory Stores Outlet Mall in Tuscola, Illinois. Charter Oaks Partners, Tyson Corners, VA the company that owns the mall are pleased to announce the Korean War Veteran's National Museum and Library will be moving to Suite C500 to open a temporary museum and library and office.

We are still wanting any memorabilia and artifacts from the war. Since we will now have a place to display Korean War items, we would appreciate any donations we can obtain.

Exhibits will be set up in glass display cases. There will be mannequins to display combat dress, uniforms, etc of the participating nations. We also need actual battlefield

maps, photographs, paintings, etc. This will be the start of our research library.

A Korean War veteran from Virginia has made an offer to donate 1000 sq. ft. of memorabilia. We have to find a way to have it transported to Tuscola, IL. Does anyone have a connection with a trucking company that might be willing to donate transportation services to donate transportation services to Tuscola, IL.

If you have not joined our association yet, we strongly encourage you to do so. When you belong, you will receive a newsletter 4 times a year which will keep you informed of the progress of our museum.

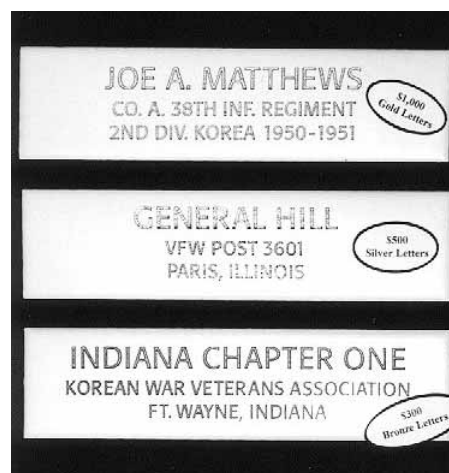
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CONVENTION CENTER TILE

The trustees of the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library acquired the first of two 11 acres of land on January 27th. On February 6, some 100 Korean War veterans from six states gathered around the site sign to have their picture taken. Television camera crews and area newspaper reporters swarmed the place, along with local well-wishers, families and friends.

The land is located about 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Interstate 57 and Route 36 in Tuscola.

Proceeds from the sale of tiles go into the building fund to purchase land and construct the national museum. Fill out the order form below to purchase a tile in your name or in memory of a special friend or veteran you would like to honor.



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one of the Navy's historic "right arm" rates. His duties involve assisting the Officer of the Deck, maintaining charts, writing the log, assisting in celestial navigation, and other bridge duties. His rating device is a ship's wheel since one of the quartermasters usually mans the helm during general quarters.

The first view of his future ship was a letdown for the former destroyer sailor. It was in poor condition from misuse and lack of care according to U.S. Navy practice. It had a red star painted on the bow and a Russian name on the stern. The mess trays of Russian sailors were still on the mess tables when the Americans first went on board.

By a quirk of Navy realignment of ratings, Jerry ended up as the only "true" quartermaster on the crew. By informal arrangement with the other sailors, duties were divided so that his concentration was on charts and navigational matters. His art training stood him in good stead since before new charts could be created and provided, much had to be redrawn and transposed from old Japanese charts. Rubber stamps of navigational symbols were created for him by a Japanese craftsman in Sasebo to help make these charts more quickly.

The re-commissioning and shakedown of the *Glendale* was taking so long and the war in Korea was going so well that it appeared that there would be no need for *Glendale* and no opportunity to assuage Jerry's feelings of guilt. This was not to be, however, and the tough little vessel when called upon performed in memorable fashion.

The day *Glendale* left for Korea, men of her crew attended Mass on the *Almirante Padilla*, a Columbian frigate, tied up alongside. The evacuation of Hungnam must stand as the most significant, historical, and memorable event in the young sailor's life. Meeting the U.S.S. *Missouri* at Point X-Ray and escorting her through a swept channel was as impressive as watching her giant shells tumbling overhead.

Recent talks with his old watch mate Richard Stark of Groton, CT who as Lieutenant j.g. was the O.D. of the watch

confirmed Jerry's recollection of the event. Another vivid recollection was the passage close aboard of the S.S. *Meredith Victory*, the subject of the book "Ship of Miracles" which took 14,000 pitiable refugees out of Hungnam. This mass of humanity aboard that ship burned an unforgettable image into the memories of Jerry Doyle and Richard Stark. Dick Stark reminded him of the one North Korean that *Glendale* saved. A small boy perhaps 9 or 10 years old – was brought aboard *Glendale* while she was moored to Hungnam docks. There was talk of keeping the lad as a ship mascot, but the Navy vetoed that plan.

The *Gendale* stayed tied up at the Hungnam docks in part to transfer fuel to a DE that was serving as a power station supplying power for the evacuation. Besides being on a firing station with the cruiser *Rochester* and the battleship *Missouri*, the *Glendale* served as harbor entrance control vessel. At the end of the evacuation on Christmas Eve, while Hungnam was burning, *Glendale* led the screen of the final convoy out of Hungnam to Pusan (see cover picture). Immediately continuing on to the west coast, *Glendale* duplicated its mission by helping to evacuate and destroy Inchon. While there on flycatcher duty, guarding against sampans slipping out at night to lay mines, *Glendale* engaged and destroyed a large sampan. (See photo of painting)

New Years Day was in Inchon, and Jerry's understanding (perhaps apocryphal) that the mid-watch log of the New Year should be written in rhyme led him to do that with the quartermaster's log which was then transferred to the official log by Lt. Dick Stark. (See back cover)

Although the rigors of tin-can life were known to him, nothing could compare to the mid-watch at -27 in a blinding snowstorm on the open bridge of a patrol frigate. On one such occasion following a British cruiser down a swept channel, *Glendale* saw a signal light sending a PVT (private not official communication). When the signalman read off to them, "Just like one of Mother Moses's cards" they were baffled and just replied "Roger." Later when the former art student realized the Brits were referring to Grandma Moses's Christmas cards they

were very embarrassed knowing the British love of "Bon Mots."

On many lonely, dark, cold nights Jerry thought of his brother, (Lawrence to the Army, Austin to his family) over on that shore possibly as a prisoner. He had been, in fact, a prisoner with the first group taken in the war. The captured soldiers along with captured nuns, priests, missionaries, diplomats, and stateless people formed a group that to this day are known as the "Tiger Survivors," so called because of a brutal North Korean colonel called "The Tiger" who was known to have executed victims on the march.

After his release from active duty, the young sailor returned home to Baltimore, Md. and started his professional life in the Baltimore City Public School System, beginning as a teacher and spending the last 20 years as a supervisor and director. Before the prisoner exchange at the end of the war, he and Margaret had already named their first son Laurence Austin after his uncle. The Army finally established a death date of 3 February 1951 for Austin leading Jerry to ponder for many years those months during that terrible winter that his brother was a prisoner.

After many decades of accepting those facts as truth, it has been a succession of revelations as a newly re-invigorated office of POW, MIA within the Defense Department has found startling new evidence. Defense department representatives visited Jerry's home to obtain blood samples for a future DNA match as the department's data base in Honolulu grows.



Cpl. Austin Doyle (MIA) Korea 1950

Beginning with the discovery of the famous Johnny Johnson list, the DPMO has now established a new date of death for Austin as 28 October 1950. Other prisoners have described the area of his death as "the cornfield" at Mamp'o. Juan J. Vigil, a fellow prisoner and friend of Austin's, cited nearby Kosan in his debriefing.

In material provided Jerry as Primary Next of Kin, DPMO speculates

Either at Mamp'o or Kosan, Lawrence A. Doyle (Army spelling) had reached point where he could not continue. He gave away boots knowing he would probably be killed. In Kosan version, there were six men to be left behind, and the slim possibility of ox cart to bring them along. In Mamp'o version, there was a larger number in the cornfield. Shots heard as others left.

In his book, "In Enemy Hands," Larry Zellers, who befriended Jerry, gives a noble account, painting a gripping picture of that week. The North Korean guards were becoming friendly as they expected U.N. forces to liberate the prisoners soon, the North Korean guards started hiding because they feared the Chinese troops who appeared everywhere, the brutal North Korean colonel called "The Tiger" seemed to assume command, and the weather started to become cold. This then is the image that Jerry now has of his brother's final days of illness.

He is forever indebted to John Barnabi, Juan Vigil, Larry Zellers, Major John Dunn, Dr. Alexander Boysen, and other unknown former prisoners whose soli-

tude and understanding surpassed all belief. Heartfelt thanks are due to Wilbert "Shorty" Esterbrook who thoughtfully made Jerry and his sister Mary T. Koch Honorary Tiger Survivors. The brilliant Phil O'Brien of the Defense Department (DPMO) gives hope to all families still waiting for resolution of their loss

In January 2001, at the invitation of the Chinese government, Jerry accompanied Vince Krepps, Harley Coon, Jack Carney, Kenneth Cook, and Donald Byers on a visit to Beijing with Defense Department officials led by Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Jones. The objective of this mission was to enlist Chinese help in the search for remains of missing persons of the Korean War. (Your *Graybeards* editor plans on doing an outline on this trip in an upcoming issue.)

At the present time, the U.S.S. *Glendale* is one of the two frigates remaining in use. She is now in Thailand as the Tachin-PP1.

(Thank you Jerry for the front and rear cover and the stories related to both. A special thanks for your short bio including a special history of a hero (Austin) that paid the extreme price for the freedom South Korea and the world enjoys today. We are also proud of your service in two wars also contributing to these endeavors. The KWVA and I are proud to call you our friend. Jerry will be donating the front cover painting to our National Museum and Library in Tuscola and the painting on this page will be donated to the Korean War Display Hall, Memorial Building in Baltimore, MD.)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

Easter 2001

"Why seek ye the Living among the dead?

He is not here but is risen:

remember how he spake unto you when

He was yet in Galilee? Saying,

'The Son of God must be delivered

into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

-Luke 24:5-7

The original Christian festival and the basic building block for all the church year is the Lord's day, Sunday.

The earliest Christians set aside Sunday, the day of the resurrection, as a time of special remembrance of Christ. By the second century, most Christians were observing a special celebration of the resurrection at Easter. In most areas, the season before Easter, later called Lent, was a time of penitence and the training of new Christians.

As the Christian church grew and the need for ordered worship increased, the need for focusing on the central affirmations at the heart of the Christian message also increased. By the fifth century, the basic elements of the modifications continued to be made throughout the Middle Ages and the Reformation.

Even today, the symbols and rituals of the Christian festivals vary according to denomination, culture, and personal preference.

- Fred A. Grissom

Our Heavenly Father,

We do humbly thank you for sending your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us from eternal destruction. We pray, as we seek day by day to be worthy of your loving kindness, that the Holy Spirit will work vigorously within us. We will always give you the praise and the glory.

Amen

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

Action in Korea Wonsan Harbor, January 1951

By Robert C. Whitten

One Sunday morning in January 1951 at about 1100, USS *Ozbourn* (DD-846) anchored in swept water inside the harbor of Wonsan, North Korea. Along with USS *Wallace L. Lind* (DD-703) and USS *Charles S. Sperry* (DD-697), *Ozbourn* had been firing on shore "targets of opportunity." A few minutes after twelve noon some large "thungs" sounded through the ship, followed by the general alarm. The North Koreans were doing the completely unexpected — they were shooting at us! I had eaten early lunch in the wardroom and was trying to catch some "shut-eye."

My thoughts of a drill were immediately disabused when I spotted one of the sailors with blood on his face.

The general alarm sent me scurrying to my battle station in the after engine room, initially muttering something about "nuts who would hold drills on Sunday afternoon." My route took me through the wardroom which became the primary battle dressing station at general quarters. My thoughts of a drill were immediately disabused when I spotted one of the sailors with blood on his face. He had taken some shrapnel from a near-miss. Fortunately, the wounds looked much worse than they actually were. Three purple hearts were awarded for this action.

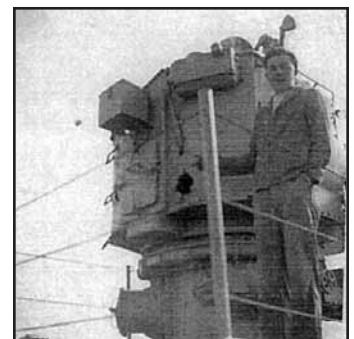
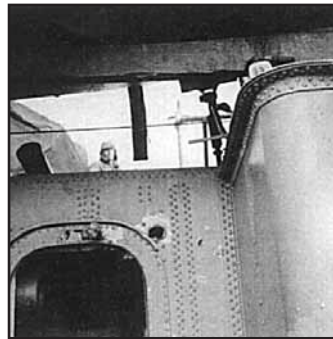
Meantime the ship was still anchored, but about to be cut free. Ltjg. Bob Rogers, later to become my room mate, was the

"first lieutenant," whose duty it was to attend to the anchors. Assisted by some sailors from the forward damage control party, he soon had the pin out of the detachable link holding the anchor chain. Then off went the chain running through the hawse pipe until the ship was free of it and could maneuver away from the shore battery fire. The principal damage, aside from the destruction of the motor whaleboat and three pairs of the chief engineer's shoes, was the Mark 56 gunfire director which controlled most of the anti-aircraft battery.

Fortunately, the officer whose battle station it was, Ensign Charlie Jarrett, was late in arriving. Had he been on time, he would almost certainly have been killed.

Ozbourn and *Sperry* soon had their own batteries firing at gun emplacements on the beach. The action was followed by attacks by F-4U Corsairs from one of the carriers, which covered with napalm what we thought was the site of the offending batteries, Sin-Do Island. Later investigation of Sin-Do disclosed no shore batteries present. Either the North Koreans removed the guns very rapidly or the gun fire came from some other place.

The Commanding Officer of *Ozbourn* at the time, Commander (now Captain, USN-Retired) Charles O. Akers, had commanded USS *Hobby* (DD-610) during the invasion of Okinawa. Despite severe damage to a large number of "tin cans," *Hobby* came through unscathed. "Lucky" Charlie had come through again! To the best of my knowledge, the Navy never billed him for the anchor and chain which are presumably still on the bottom of the harbor.



Clockwise from above: The entrance hole in the Mark 56 director formed by the 75 mm shell; The exit hole of the 75 mm shell; and the hole in the midship deckhouse. The shell continued downwards, ricocheted off the deck and passed through the chief engineer's stateroom, where it demolished three pairs of his shoes.



Note: The author wishes to acknowledge the work of Commander Charles F. "Pete" Cole, USNR-Ret. Most of the foregoing was taken from his 1995 book Korea Remembered, Enough of a War!: The USS

Ozbourn's First Tour, 1950-1951. Yucca Tree Press, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Thank you Robert for story and photos.)



Taps

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

California

★ Dowell R. Atkinson
★ John E. Hvizdak
★ Albert Lumpkin

Connecticut

★ James Stahley

Georgia

★ Raymond J. Hereth
★ James F. "Jimmy" Jordan

★ Crawford F. Juhan
★ Richard F. Krass
★ William A. Lane
★ Robert Lassiter, Jr.

★ John Rousakis
★ Leo Sweeney
★ Russell G. Turner, Jr.

Illinois

★ Dominic J. Bianco
★ Arnold Victor Grace
★ Richard M. McKenzie
★ Thomas H. Oldridge

★ William R. Ziech

Indiana

★ Leonilo B. Juarez

Maryland

★ Melvin F. Brukiewa

Massachusetts

★ John P. Charland
★ Lawrence C. Earley

Maine

★ Armand Castonguay

New York

★ William "Bill" Booker
★ Fred Castellani
★ Richard G. Ducar
★ Frank Gatz

★ Michael A. Gallagher
★ Emelio Menickelli
★ Richard Slamski

Ohio

★ Charles L. Daily
★ Clarence Fredrick

★ Nelson P. Freund

★ Lee C. Ludwig
★ Charles E. Miller

Pennsylvania

★ Thomas A. Wolset

Rhode Island

★ John P. Charland
★ Paul Morris
★ Edward Shottek

Virginia

★ Joseph Gierlack
★ John H. Jackson, Jr.
★ Raymond Owens
★ William T. Shomaker
★ Clinton Southworth
★ James Watson

West Virginia

★ Robert Smith
★ Mark M. Spurlock

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!

MEN OF THE SEA

JOIN THE NAVY
AND SEE THE WORLD
DISPLAY WITH COURAGE
OUR FLAG UNFURLED.
A STURDY SHIP;
AN UNERRING COURSE;
DIPLOMACY? SURE;
AND A SHOW OF FORCE.
VISIT STRANGE LANDS;
ENJOY THEIR RESORTS.
OBSERVE STRANGE CULTURES
IN EXOTIC PORTS.
THEN ANCHORS AWEIGH,
PUT OUT TO SEA.
CONTINUE THE VOYAGE
AND THE COMMANDERS
DECREE.
YES, BACK OUT TO SEA,
AND TO SEA SOME MORE,
AND IN BETWEEN,
SOME TIME ASHORE.
THESE MEN OF THE NAVY,
WHAT DO THEY TEACH?
WHY DO THEY SPURN
LIFE ON THE BEACH?

By John E. Reidy

CHANGJIN

The Marines had fought towards the Yalu
Their objective was almost in sight
When the Chinese entered the fracas,
It became a different fight.

The wind was cold and penetrating
The sun was bleak and dim
The Marines began fighting and attacking
From the encirclement at Changjin.

With temperatures well below freezing
And the barren hills covered with snow
The "Jarheads" assembled their forces
And began to repulse the foe.

The road out was twisting and narrow
And the escape route a tenuous trap
But the U. S. Marines were undaunted
By this very formidable task.

Transporting their wounded buddies
And most of their fallen comrades too.
The First Division fought their way
Out of a town named Hagaru.

The road to the sea was arduous
With the enemy all around
The U. S. Marines fought hand to hand
Without any respite to be found.

From Hagaru-Ri to Hamhung
And then on to Hungnam by the sea
They fought an overwhelming foe
With equal ferocity.

But they made it to that port city
On the shores of the Sea of Japan
With heads held high and in cadence step
They marched out of that frozen land.

The "Reservoir" is now legend
And also it's "Chosin Few"
The price of liberty has been paid
The Marines have settled their due.

By Robert Ortega
Dedicated to and in memory of
S/Sgt Michael J. Flores USMC

KOREA

The ship is anchored as before
Right in the center of Baker 4
To tell a lie I could say it's Chinhae
But just read on, you'll see it's Inchon
The bottom is muddy were riding the tide
To 75 fathoms o'er the starboard side
(I know we're not dragging 'cause the
chain is still sagging)
Tok AN Beacon bears zero nine seven
Chag Yok to is zero eleven
And I look with woe upon Wolmi do
Bearing two fifteen on the old gyro.
Modified Baker is set on the hatches

Number two boiler making steam by the batches
For auxiliary purposes we have on the line
Number one generator working overtime
There ore many ships present-both merchants and naval
Fishing craft also to make up a bay full.
SOPA is now in, the Constolation
But we're the best ship in all of creation
I'm tired-cold-seein' hallucinations
I sure hope we muster on station
A new year has started with this log
We all say "Happy New Year" including our dog

Author Unknown

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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Reunions

April 2001

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

The **73rd Tank Bn. and 73rd Armor**, former and present will be held at Branson, Missouri on the 26th-29th April. Contact Curtis J. Banker, 44 Westcott Rd., Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940 Tel: 518-643-2302.

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 redvoltz@aol.com or lchiakasan@aol.com

50th anniversary call up of **142 ACW Sqdn** on 5 May at Camp Rilea OR. Contact Jack N. Klein, 10534 S. W. 55 Ave, Portland, OR. E-Mail <sergeant@teleport.com> Tel: 503-246-1414

189th FA - 645 Tank Destroyer Assn., May 3-6 at Tulsa, OK. Contact Norman G. Severns, 920 N. 10th Street, Marysville, KS 66508-1275, Tel: 785-562-3697 or Fax: 785-562-1089.

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1953) Korea, May 3-6 will hold its annual Brotherhood & Survivors Association Reunion & Meeting at the Grand Country Inn, in Branson, MO. Contact Thomas J. Martin, 16553 Quantico, Apple Valley, CA 92310. Tel: 760-242-4558

772 MP Bn. May 3-6, Valley Forge, PA. Contact Bill McDonald, 10740 Lamon Ave., Lamon, IL 60453-5419, Tel: 708-422-3892.

USS Buck (DD-761) Assn., May 6-9 in Charleston, SC. Reunion will be held at the Town and Country Inn and Convention Center. Contact John Connolly at Tel: 501-922-3969 or e-mail at <joncon@ipa.net>

USS Noble APA 218, May 9-12 at Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Bill Murphy, 98 W. Albion Street, Holley, NY 14470. Tel: 716-638-6060

11th Engineer Bn., 3rd Marine Div., Dong Ha R.V.N. 1965 to 1970, May 9-13 in Chicago, IL. Marine and Navy personnel attached and Marines of 3rd Bridge Co. attached. Contact Charles Luhan Jr., 8451 S. Kilbourn Ave. Chicago, IL 60652. Telephone after 7 PM 773-585-9629 or e-mail at <CL11engr@bnc@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

5th R.C.T. Association (Korea 1949-1954), San Antonio Texas, May 15-19. Contact Dick Lewis, P.O. Box 2538, Martinsburg WV 25402-2538. Tel: 1-888-221-8418; e-mail: <fifthtrct@excite.com>

1st Battalion, 7th Marines Korea 1950-1953 will hold its 5th reunion in Branson, Missouri on May 17-20. Contact Ray Leffler, 411 Bluegrass Drive, Raymore, MO 64083-8406; Tel 816-331-3338 or e-mail: RLeff102338@aol.com

40th Inf. Div. 223rd Inf. Regt., May 20-23 at Hotel San Remo (1-800-522-7366) Las Vegas, NV. Contact Norm Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fielss Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326. Tel. 281-444-5279.

2nd Inf. Div. KWVA, May 23-26 at Adam's Marke Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Contact Tom Eastman, PO Box 1372, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-1372, e-mail: <kwva2id@tcmax.net> For the 37th FA Bn, Dinner Contact Ralph M. Hockley PO Box 42103, Houston, TX 77242, Tel: 713-334-0271, e-mail: <cghrmh@sprint-mail.com>

USS Hawkins DD/DDR 873, May 28-31 at Annapolis, MD. Contact Pauline Butterworth, 4260 Jones Road, Macon, GA 31206-6144. Tel: 912-788-9339

June 2001

24 Inf. Div., 2nd Bn., 21st Regt, 3rd Bn., 34th Regt, Co E, F, H and all supporting units, June 6-9 at Holiday Inn Charleston House in Charleston, WV. Contact Harry L. Wittman, Jr. 1385 Terri St., Keyser, WV 26726. Tel: 304-788-0465

AP Transport Group - USS Generals Mitchell-AP114; Randall-AP115; Gordon-AP117; Richardson-AP118; Weigel-AP119; Hodges-AP144; Breckinridge-AP176 and USS Admirals Benson-AP120; Capps-AP121; Eberle-AP123; Hughes-AP124 and Mayo-AP125. Includes Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. At Norfolk, VA June 7-10. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Tel: 516-747-7426.

USS General Harry Taylor-AP145, June 7-10 at Holiday Inn Executive Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Ed Moss, Sr. 7450 Cotherstone Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46256. Tel: 317-849-3207

U. S. Navy Cruiser Assn., June 13-18 in Seattle, WA. Contact B. E. "Bud" Browell, 317 S. Anacortes St., Burlington, WA 98233

The USS Moale (DD693) Association, June 21-24 at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact : USS Moale Association, C/O Don Boyle. PO Box 186, Winterville, NC 28590. Tel: 252 756-1855. Email: <ussmoale@usa.net>

All - SCARWAF Aviation Engineers will have their ninth reunion on June 28-30, 2001 in Chattanooga, TN. All SCARWAF personal (Army and Air Force) can get more information by writing Jim McCoy 4216 - 65hSt., Des Moines, Ia 50322-2814 Phone 515-276-5345 or e-mail Don Wingate at donwin@okDSI.net

July 2001

4th Inf. (IVY) Div. Assn. National Reunion & Div. Monument Dedication, July 1-7. Contact: Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-1), Walkersville, MD 21793, Tel: 1-888-845-4040 or <www.4thinfantry.org>

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1953) Korea, July 4-8 at the Marriott Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida. Contact Thomas J. Martin, 16553 Quantico, Apple Valley, CA 92310. Tel: 760-242-4558

84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Bns., Korea, July 8-12 in Burlington, Vermont. Contact John Bohn, 19 Thurlow St. Plymouth, NH., 03264, Tel: 603-536-8916.

24th Inf. RCT Army, July 19-22 at Radison Riverfront, Augusta, GA. Tel: 706-722-8900. Contact Mary W. Elliott (Stanfield), 28 Stonegate Drive, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-3292. Tel: 609-267-3875

The USS Moale (DD693) Association, June 21-24 at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact : USS Moale Association, C/O Don Boyle. PO Box 186, Winterville, NC 28590. Tel: 252 756-1855 Email: <ussmoale@usa.net>

2nd Inf. Div. KWVA, May 23-26 at Adam's Marke Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Contact Tom Eastman, PO Box 1372, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-1372, e-mail: <kwva2id@tcmax.net> For the 37th FA Bn, Dinner Contact Ralph M. Hockley PO Box 42103, Houston, TX 77242, Tel: 713-334-0271, e-mail: <cghrmh@sprint-mail.com>

91st MP Bn. July 27-29 at Birch Run, MI. Contact Manual Sanchez, 4160 Burnham St., Saginaw, MI 48603. Tel: 517-793-4277

The **Department of Arizona, KWVA** is planning a Reunion of all Veterans of the Korean War era from the State of Arizona and surrounding states for the 27-29 July for Phoenix, AZ. Contact Department Commander, Wes Stapleton, 6725 W. Missouri Ave. Glendale, AZ. Tel: 623- 846-5118, e-mail-WesStap546@Juno.com.

Would like the original **39 Charter Members** to attend the July 24-28 KWVA/The Gathering reunion. See Graybeards for dates and registration. Contact Stan Hadden, member # 15. P.O. Box 131 Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Tel: 304-535-2259 or e-mail: <staneagl@intrepid.net>

6147th Tactical Control Group, "Mosquito Association" Fifth Air Force, Korean War. July 30 to 5 Aug 2001 at the Radisson (Penn Harris) Hotel and Convention Center, Camp Hill, PA., 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill (Harrisburg) PA 17011. Tel: 717-763-7117. Contact Richard L. Souza, 79 Bradstreet Ave., Lowell, MA 01851. Tel: 978- 453-3887

August 2001

USS Bon Homme Richard (CV/CVA-31 Ships Company and Air Groups & USS Bon Homme Richard (LHD-6), Aug 10-12 to be held in Spokane, Washington. Contact Ralph Pound, PO Box 1531, 410 Clark Street, Tupelo, MS 38802 Tel Work: 662-842-0572, Tel Home: 662-842-8247

999th AFA Bn. Korea 1950-54, Aug. 17-19 at Holiday Inn, Kenner, LA. Contact George Cureauux, PO Box 51, 2814 Hwy 44, Grayville, LA 70051. Tel: 504-535-2441

USS Algal AKA 54, Aug. 22-25 in Seattle, WA. Contact Tony Soria 2045 Avalon Dr. Merced, CA 95340 Tel: 209-722-6005 or Art Nelson at e-mail <artbets@cs.com>

All CACTI, 35th Inf. Regt., (All Years), Family and Friends) in Kansas City, MO. Aug. 23-26 at Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Tel: 816-421-1234. Contact Bill Burdick at <wburdick@earthlink.net> or Al Olsen at <samolsen@oz.sunflower.org>

Korean Veterans Reunion Inc. - Nebraska, Aug. 24-26 at Marina Inn Conference Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska, Tel: 1-800-798-7980 or 402-494-4000. Contact Charley Bernat, 301 East Walnut Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701. Tel: 402-371-7682

September 2001

USS Weiss APD 135, Sept. 4-8, Contact George Mason, 19 C Wintergreen Lane Whiting, NJ 08759 732-849-0944 e-mail <USSWeiss@aol.com>

151st Engineer Combat Bn. Sept. 6-9, to be held in Lebanon, TN. Contact: Jack Cato, Tel: 615-444-9273 or e-mail <rmcato@concentric.net> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>.

14th Combat Engineer Battalion, Sept. 7, 8, 9 at Branson, MO. All former members of this battalion from any and all periods of service. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling, KY 40353-9662, Tel: 859-498-4567, Fax 859- 498-6594, email <shs313@mis.net>.

USS Waldron (DD 699) Sept. 7-9 in Pittsburgh, PA. Contact Walt Haidet, 214 Ennerdale Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-4027 Tel: 412-366-0137

USS Essex CV, CVA, CVS-9, LHD-2 INC., Sept. 10-16 at Holiday Inn, Atlanta Airport North, 1380 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30344 Reservation: 1-800-HOLIDAY - mention Essex Group Frank R O'Connor froabo@aug.com or froabo2@juno.com, Vice Chairman/Membership/Publicity Secretary - C. Leonard Schlamp clschlamp@juno.com

51st Signal Battalion, Sept. 11-13 at Utica, New York. Korean Vets and all former members are welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr. Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Tel: (419) 738-3369, E-Mail (ICORP@bright.net).

The USS Davison, DD618/DMS37, 1942 to 1949, Sept. 11-16, at the Guest House Inn and Suites, Branson, MO. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>

50th AAA Aw Bn (SP) All Batteries, Sept. 10-13 at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Contact Nelson Ruiz, Tel: 321-267-1106 or e-mail <amnel@mail.yourlink.net> or Bob Matis Tel: 352-686-0550 or e-mail, <bmatist2294@aol.com>

32nd Inf. Regt. Assn., Sept. 12-16 at Tacoma, WA. Contact Don Shultz, 12 Media Ct. St. Louis, MO 63146. Fax: 775-218-8036 or e-mail <DSHUTZ@aol.com> also contact Janet Bair, 9242 Chase Street, Spring Hill, FL 34606. Tel: 352-666-8605.

568th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co. (Army), Korea 1950-53, Charleston, SC, Sept. 13-15. Contact: Herb Peppers, 612 Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076. Tel: 615-883-1417.

Army Security Agency in Korea, Sept 13-16 at Camp Hill, PA. Contact "ASA Korea" in care of "All-in-One" Tour and Cruises, 1530 Commerce Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601. Tel: 717-581-5333 or 888-681-5333.

32nd Inf. Regt. Assn., Sept. 12-16 at Tacoma/Ft. Lewis, WA. Contact Don Shultz, 12 Media Ct. St. Louis, MO 63146. Fax: 775-218-8036 or e-mail <DSHUTZ@aol.com>

The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 82nd reunion Sept. 13-17 at the Embassy Suites in Phoenix, AZ. (800-527-7715). The hotel is located at 2577 Greenway Rd., approx. 10 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Contact Carl R. Duncan, 14617 Shiprock Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351, Tel: 623-977-2347. Visit web site at <http://members.home.net/3rdiv/>

45th Inf. Div. Assn (Thunderbirds) WWII, Korea, Sept. 20-22 at Biltmore Hotel, 401 South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108. Tel: 1-405-947-7681. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander, San Antonio, TX 78251-2954. Tel: 210-681-9134

"B" Co., 120th Engineer (C) Bn., (Korea) Sept. 20-22 in Oklahoma City, OK at the Biltmore Hotel. Contact Jack Latham, 733 Kiowa Drive West, Lake Kiowa, TX 76240. Tel: 940-665-3021.

2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. (and 461st Infantry Bn.) Korea 1950-53, Sept. 20-24 at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD, plus events at Annapolis and Edgewood. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240. Tel: 972-387-1247.

I&R Platoon, Hq. & Hq. Co. 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Div. We are having our 4th reunion on Sept. 21-22 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. Contact: Don Zierk, 6 Weiss Place, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7873. Tel: 904-445-1603

USS General A. E. Anderson (AP/TAP-111) Association, Sept. 21-24 at Doubletree Hotel in Albuquerque, NM. Contact Gene Hamelman, PO Box 550743, Dallas, TX 75355 Tel: 214-341-4196, Fax: 214-341-8796. E-mail hamelman@swbell.net

82nd AAA AW (SP) Bn. Sept. 26-30 at Raddison Hotel in Saint Padre Island, TX Contact Ray Carr or Silvestre Asebedo at 1001 Berry, Mission, TX 78572-3602. Tel: 956-585-6150.

U.S.S. Oglethorpe AKA 100 will take place on Sept. 27-30 in New Orleans LA. Write: Ron Williamson, 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 or call 908-475-4435. E-mail mistyl@epix.net

Seeking all men who were in **Hq Det., 1st Cav. Div., Camp Drake**, from Sept 1949 to July 1950. Also those who were in Korea Hq. Det. July 1950 to through Sept. 1951 for a reunion around Sept. 2001. Location: southwestern Illinois, near St. Louis. Email: <skronen266@aol.com> or call John Kronenberger (618) 277-2311. Date still open. Some contacted already. Reply if interested.

October 2001

H-3-1 Korea USMC-Parris Island, Oct. 3-7. Contact Jack Dedrick 6 Sheridan Ter. Swampscott, MA 01907-2042. Tel: 781-598-9725 or E-Mail <jfdedrick@aol.com>.

11th Evac. Hosp., Won-Ju, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 4-6 at the Moorings Hotel, Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306-4110. Tel: 1-718-987-3557

398th AAA AW Bn., Korea 1952-1954. Oct. 4-7 at Warrensburg, MO. Contact: Lawrence Lockard, P. O. Box 1317, Warrensburg, MO. 64093. Tel. 660-747-8549

96th Field Artillery Bn. Assn. (Korea, 1950-1958) Oct. 4-7 will hold its 6th Reunion at Branson MO. Contact Arnold Anderson, HC83, Box 116A, Custer, SD, 57730. Tel: 605/673-6313.

26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, Oct. 5-7 in Columbia, Missouri. Contact Don Secrist, 614 South Ivy Lane, Centralia, MO. 65240. Tel: 573-682-3007.

USS Rasher (SS/SSR/AGSS-269) Oct. 5-9, Charleston, SC. Contact Dick Traser, 913 N. Sierra View St., Ridgecrest, CA 93555-3013 Tel: 760-446-4659 or e-mail: <submariner@ussrasher.org>

86th Ordnance Company Assn., Oct. 10-13, Braddock Motel, Cumberland, MD. Contact Richard Schildbach, 101 So. Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

Navy Fighter Squadron VF-54, Oct. 11-14 at Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport, Tucson, AZ. Contact Glenn W. Ward, 2240 N. Trenton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4039. Tel: 703-527-7315 or e-mail <wardgw@erols.com>

75th Air Depot Wing, 1952-1956. Oct. 11-15, Contact Walter A. Walko Tel: 303-690-7399, E-Mail <wawlaw1@juno.com>

Shipmates of the **USS William C. Lawe, DD 763**. We are planning a reunion Oct. 12-15 in Virginia Beach, VA. For information contact Owen O. Turner, 14 Gordon Terrace, Newton, MA 02458-1617. Tel: 617-969-8328 or e-mail <usslawe@aol.com>

17 FA. Bn., 75 FA. Bn., 145 FA. Bn., 96. FA. Bn., 159 FA. Bn., 176 FA. Bn., 204

FA. Bn., 632 FA. Bn., 937 FA. Bn. Korea 1950-1954, October 13-17, in Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance Nick Vanderhave 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 Tel: 973-538-7189. E-Mail vanderhave@usa.net

USS Ozbourn (DD846), Oct. 17-21 at Ramada Inn in Seakonk, MA. Contact W. D. Minter 903-794-4748 for details.

USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249, October 18-21 in San Antonio, TX. Tel: 781-665-9222, E-mail: tinman61@juno.com Mailing Address: USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249 c/o Bob Martin 16 Staples St. Melrose, MA 02176

USS Bayfield APA-33, Oct. 20-23 in Orlando, FL. at The Enclave Suites. Host is Bobby & Carole Finestone Tel: 781-284-7330 or Art Nelson at <artbets@cs.com>

1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion Association is looking for anyone who served in the Battalion in Korea. The Association, which has about 200 members, will celebrate its 21st Annual Reunion in October. The purpose of the Association is to preserve the traditions and memories of the Battalion during its distinguished service in the Korean War and World War II. A comprehensive unit history has been published, and members receive a Newsletter three times a year. For information, contact Warren R. Rehfeldt, 509 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098, Tel: 920-262-2955, E-mail: <jarwrr@execpc.com>

November 2001

Baker Co., 15th Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. Korea, Nov. 4-8 at Quality Inn & Suites, 251 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach/Ormond Beach, FL (1-800-227-7220). Contact John Gogliettino, Tel: 203-269-0747 or Dr. Don Sonsalla, Tel: 651-429-1634 or e-mail <drsonnie@aol.com>

Korean War Veterans -Western States: Reunion plans are in progress for a Baja cruise in October followed by LA sites. Send SASE to Mike Glazzy, 3361 Williams Road, San Jose, CA 95117. Tel: 408-296-8282, 408-296-6778 (fax), e-mail <mglazzy@earthlink.net>

Unknown Month

B-1-1 Korea 8-52-8-53 24th Draft USMC, planning reunion in 2001 at Vegas, NV or Branson, MO. Contact Tom Prendergast, 1120 S.E. Letha Circle, Apt. 1, Stuart, FL. 34994-4592 Tel: 561-283-6813 or Phillip Achert, 112 Turnberry Rd., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Tel: 650-712-9625

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

Department of Ohio Korean War Veterans Association Annual Reunion

WHEN: APRIL 27th - 29th, 2001

WHERE: Radisson Hotel, Cincinnati, 11320 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH. Tel: (513)-772-1720. Room Rates: \$69.00 + 12% taxes. Call Radisson Hotel @ (800) 333-333

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

No. Persons _____ for Registration & Banquet x \$30.00

Per Person = **Total Inclosed. \$** _____

- ♦ Executive Meeting Saturday 9:30 am
- ♦ Membership Meeting Saturday 1:00 pm
- ♦ Shopping or sight seeing for wives and guest..

Mail form to: Roy F. Miller, 6115 Rose St., Cincinnati, OH 45227-2401. For more information call Roy F. Miller, (513) 272-3451

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The beautiful, full color 11" x 17" certificate pictured on the right is now available. It is produced on parchment-like stock.

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Please be sure all information is printed clearly or typed and include your serial number and unit designation while in Korea. In some instances, it may be necessary to abbreviate. Begin your unit designation with the smallest designation and list to the largest.

The certificate will be shipped rolled in a protective mailing tube and total cost is \$20.00 paid in advance. This beautiful certificate can be framed in a 16" x 20" frame with appropriate matting, mounted on a 12" x 18" placard or a walnut plaque.

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I would like the following information on the certificate:

Rank (Optional) _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Serial Number _____

Spell out full unit starting with the smallest group (i.e., Company, Battalion and/or Regiment, Division)

☐ Killed in action: Date & Place _____ ☐ Died of Wounds Received: Date & Place _____

Mailing Information:

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Street Address _____ Apt No. _____

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Signature and date _____

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Send cash or make checks/ money orders in the amount of \$20.00 for each certificate payable to N. C. Monson. Mail to: N. C. Monson, 5911 North 2nd Street, Arlington, VA 22203.



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.

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Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

1950 — 1953

2000 — 2003



Planned Events 2001

| Date | Event | Location | Lead |
|------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb 15 | Victory at Chipyong-Ni Ceremony | Ft. Lewis, WA | 23rd RCT, 2nd ID |
| Feb 22-23 | Symposium Cold War Reconnaissance | Bolling AFB | Bolling AFB |
| Mar 7 | Han River Assault | Ft. Lewis, WA | Ft. Lewis AUSA |
| April 18 | UN Participation | Pusan, South Korea (UNCMAC) | USFK |
| May 17 | CCf Spring Offensive | Ft. Lewis, WA | Ft. Lewis AUSA |
| May 24 | Battle of Chipyong-ni | Philadelphia, PA | 2nd ID Assoc. |
| Sun-May 27 | National Memorial Day Concert | Capitol Hill (West Lawn) | MDW (US Congress) |
| Mon-May 28 | Memorial Day Breakfast & Wreath Laying | Wash DC WH/ANC/KWM | MDW |
| May (TBA) | America Salutes Korean War Veterans | (TBA) | USO Show (CC) |
| June 9 | Battle of the Punchbowl | Yongsan, South Korea (EUSA) | USFK |
| June 12 * | Battle of the Punchbowl | Yongsan, South Korea (EUSA) | USFK |
| June 25-29 | PACAF/Korean Air War Symposium | Hickam AFB, HI | AF/HO |
| July 23 | African American KWW Commemorations | ANC | (CC) |
| July 27 | Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony | Korean War Memorial, DC | KWVA/KWVF |
| July 27 | Armistice Commemoration UWVC | Staten Island, NY | UWVA of NYC |
| Aug 18 | Battle of the Outposts, Punchbowl, Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges | Camp Red Cloud, S. K. 2nd ID | USFK |
| Aug 18 | Battle of Bloody Ridge | Battery Park, NY | UWVA of NYC |
| Aug 18 | Battle of the Outposts | Battery Park, NY | UWVA of NYC |
| Sept 7 * | Battle of the Outposts, Punchbowl, Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges | Camp Red Cloud, S. K. 2nd ID | USFK |
| Sept 13 | Battle of Heartbreak Ridge Memorial Concert | Central Park, NY | UWVA of NYC |
| Sept 22 * | Airpower Day | Osan AB | USAF |
| Sept (TBA) | Joint Meeting of Congress | Capital Building, DC | (CC) |
| Nov 11 | Veterans Day Breakfast & Wreath Laying Ceremonies | White House & ANC | MDW |
| Date (TBA) | Full Military Review | Ft. Myer, VA | (CC) |

* (Changes from last issue as of February 1, 2001 per Maj. Guy Bartle as noted in 50th AKWC newsletter. To be updated each issue as required)

Korean War 50th Anniversary

Commemorative Tours for 2001

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★ April 21-26
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★ June 8-13
Battle of the Punchbowl



★ August 15-20
Battle of the Outposts
Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge
and more

★ September 12-17
Korean War Battlefields
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NOTE: These tours and dates are **not** the
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Section 1. Qualification of Members. Membership in the association shall consist of honorary members, regular members, and associate members.

A. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as an honorary member by the 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 shall be eligible for membership. 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.

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

4. United Nations Command and Korean Army. 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 shall be eligible for membership. Ninety percent (90%) of members must be United States Veterans, ten percent (10%) may be other.

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

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