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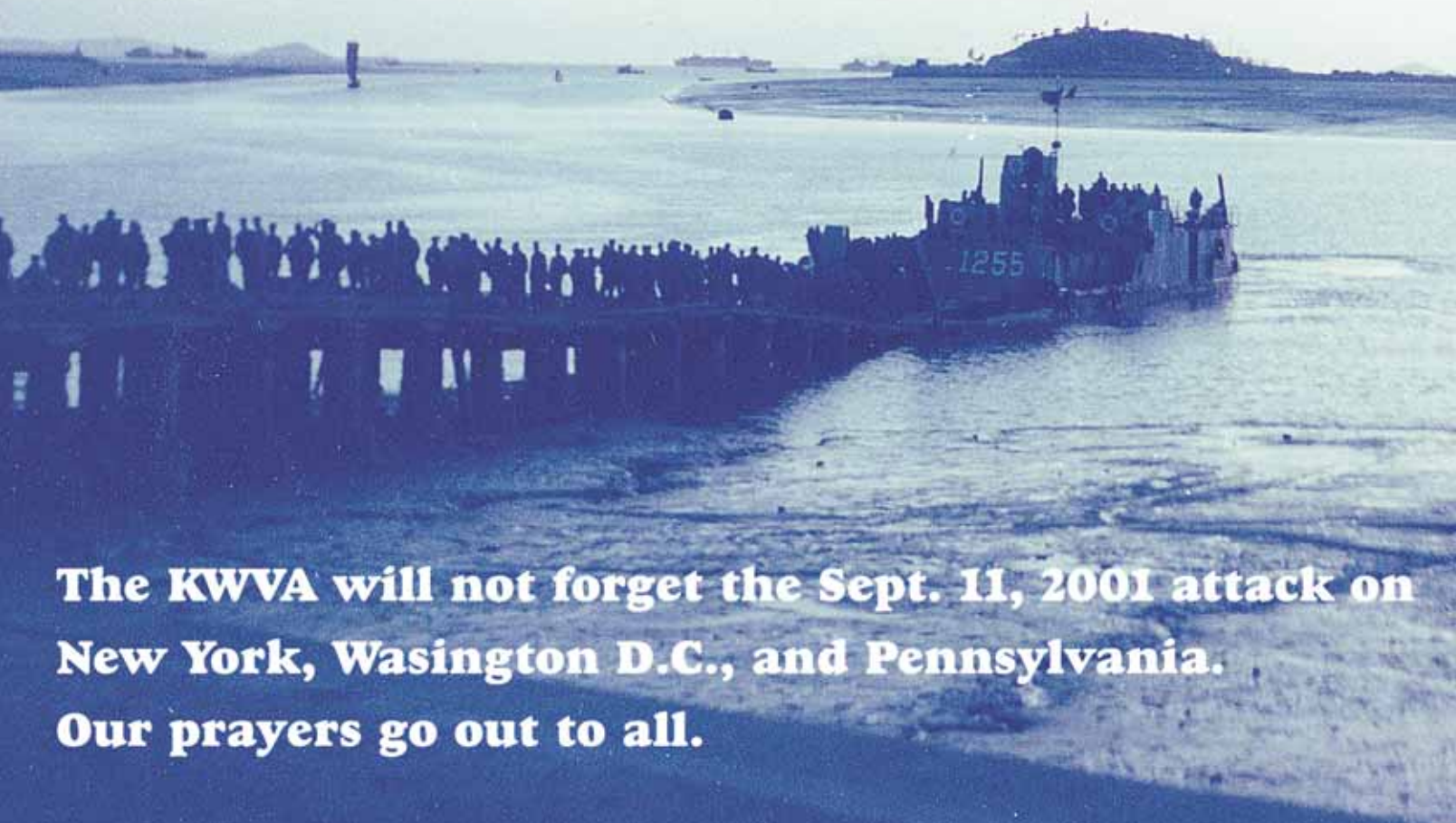
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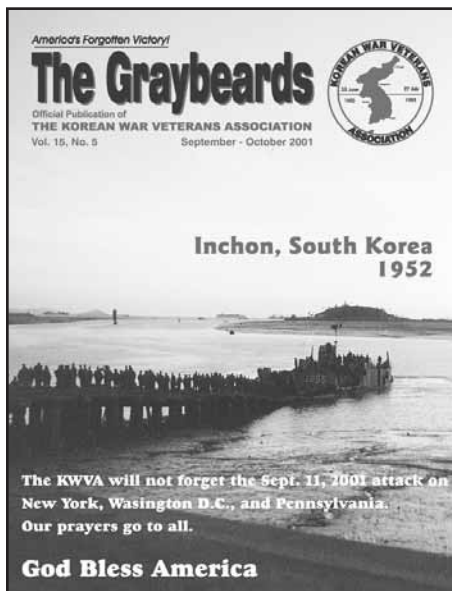
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(Inchon Beach photo by Glen Ed White, 1952)

Operation Chromite (Inchon Invasion)

Just after midnight on D day, 15 September, the Advance Attack Group and the bombardment group formed into an 18-ship column and entered Flying Fish Channel. Two hours later, lookouts in the lead ships noticed a rhythmically flashing light in the darkness ahead of them. The rotating beacon atop the Palmi Do lighthouse guided each ship safely through the narrow passage. Lieutenant Clark, who had activated the light, shivered in his lofty perch not only from the chilly night air but from the thrill of seeing the fleet steaming into Inchon.

At 0508, *Mount McKinley* dropped anchor in the channel and the gunfire support ships and amphibious vessels moved to their assigned positions. At 0520, Doyle hoisted the traditional signal that had preceded many amphibious assaults in naval history: "Land the landing force."

Marines in *Horace A. Bass*, *Diachenko* (APD 123) and *Wantuck* (APD 125) climbed into the LCVPs that would carry them to shore. *Fort Marion* (LSD 22) prepared to disgorge three utility landing ships carrying tanks and equipment. At 0540, the cruisers and destroyers inaugurated the third day of shelling Wolmi Do and other targets in and around Inchon. Soon after first light, Marine Corsairs launched from Badoeng Strait and Sicily and once again churned up Wolmi Do with bombs, rockets and machine

Korean troops, hidden in caves on the east side of the island, fired on several I Company squads. When, despite the pleas of a Marine interpreter, the NKPA soldiers refused to surrender, a tankdozer entombed them in their positions.

gun fire. Task Force 77 fighters formed combat air patrols to seaward and scoured the roads behind Inchon for enemy reinforcements and supplies.

Fifteen minutes before L hour, set for 0630, two of the ungainly LSMRs began an ear-splitting, 2,000-rocket barrage of the reverse slope of Radio Hill on Wolmi Do. Their object was to destroy any remaining mortar positions and prevent reserves from reaching the defenders of the island. Commander Doss's third ship, LSMR 403, moved in front of the LCVPs on their way to the shore and raked Green Beach with rockets and 40mm fire. That done, signalmen on the control vessel lowered flags signaling the assault. The coxswains in the first wave put their controls at full throttle and the landing craft roared across the line of departure.

To cover the final run into the beach, Corsairs from VMF-214 and VMF-323 screamed over the LCVPs and strafed the shoreline. Two destroyers using proximity-fuzed ammunition scoured the forward slope of Observatory Hill and the waterfront with deadly air bursts of shrapnel.

At 0633, G and H Companies of Colonel Taplett's 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, stormed ashore. When three men stepped off one LCVP, they sank in water well over their heads. Not wanting a repeat of the tragic experience at Tarawa in World War II when many Marines drowned because they had to move long distances through neck-high water, the boat crews moved their vessels closer to the shore. Succeeding waves brought in the rest of Taplett's Marines and ten M-26 Pershing tanks, including one equipped with a flamethrower and two more with bulldozer blades.

The Marines advanced rapidly across the island. Company H seized and fortified the Wolmi Do end of the causeway to Inchon, while engineers sprinted onto the roadway to lay an antitank minefield. Company G

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

We have just concluded our 17th reunion, a very successful event. I would like to thank Co-chairman Jack Cloman for getting buses, and arranging details with the Crown Plaza, the members of the Maryland chapter for doing the registration, Sherm Pratt, Glynn Coryel and his staff and members of the Virginia Chapter 101 for assisting with the hospitality room. I would also like to thank Warren Wiedhahn for being the master of ceremonies for our banquet. I would also like to compliment Vince Krepps for his fine publication of *The Graybeards*. We have increased the number of *The Graybeards* we send out due to the increase in membership and chapters. Jerry Lake, Sam Naomi and *The Graybeards* magazine are doing a great job of increasing membership and chapters.

We had a very successful Executive Council and General Membership meeting.

The by-laws require a minimum number of members (100) to have a quorum. We had (108) members as confirmed by Sgt. of Arms Jack Edwards and Jerry Lake. The minutes appeared in the July-August issue of *The Graybeards*.

The KWVA is still headed in a positive direction and we are getting more unity in our ranks and we are helping other Korean War Veterans and getting information to our members.

The Executive Council voted to have our midwinter meeting in Las Vegas in October. After polling the board members the dates will be January 13 thru 17th 2002 at the Imperial Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. The Executive Meeting will start at 8:30 am. On Jan 14. The General Membership meeting will start at 9:00 am on Jan. 15. This will give our Korean War Veterans in the Western States a chance to express their views and see how the

national is administered (*see reservation coupon on page 6*).

After the KWVA reunion my wife Sylvia and I attended the Korean War EX-POW reunion in Louisville, KY. There were over 220 ex-Prisoners in attendance.

Ernie Contreas of 7931 Quitman St., Westminster, CO. 80030 (303) 428-3368 was elected President.

On Sunday August 19th my wife and I drove to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to participate in celebrating freedom week. The Korean War Veterans and Korean War EX-Prisoners were being honored. This panel consisted of 6 Prisoners of the Korean War that told their stories. Lewis H. Carlson author of several books, is presently working on an oral history of the Korean War Veteran and the Korean Prisoner of War was the moderator. The panel included W. L. "Jack" Doerty, Col U.S. Airforce (Ret.), he flew 62 combat missions in Korea, was captured while serving as a forward observer with the 9th Inf. Div., he spent 27 months as a prisoner of war, William "Bill" Norwood captured April 1951 while serving with the 24th Inf. Div. he spent 27 months as a Prisoner of War, John Vader, a survivor of

the Sunchon Tunnel Massacre, Larry Zellers a missionary that was captured by the North Koreans and held prisoner for 3 years and myself.

The keynote speaker was Korean War Veteran Alexander M. Haig General, U.S. Army (Ret.) and former Secretary of State. He served in Japan, Korea and Vietnam. General Haig, then Lt. served as Aid de Camp and chief of staff to General MacArthur. Lt. Haig took the call from the American Ambassador to South Korea, that the North had attacked South Korea. Lt. Haig served as Aid de Camp to Major Almond for the next 11 months participating in five (5) campaigns including the Inchon Landing and the Chosin Reservoir. Haig was awarded two (2) Silver Stars, the Bronze Star With "V" for valor along with many other medals. The celebration lasted for two (2) weeks honoring all veterans from all services. The Korean War was emphasized because of the 50th Commemoration.

On the 28th of August General Ray Davis USMC (MOH) (Ret.), Hiroshi Miyamura (MOH) U.S. Army, (Prisoner of War for 27 months. Hiroshi was award-

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ABOVE: Ex-POWs (r-l) Bill Norwood, Harley Coon, Larry Zellar, John Vader, Lewis N. Carlson, Jack Doerty, and Samuel J. Smith who used Navajo Indian code in WWII.

RIGHT: Harley Coon and Alexander M. Haig General, U.S. Army (Ret.)



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assaulted Radio Hill and by 0655 the stars and stripes flew over that position.

Meanwhile, Taplett landed with his I Company, which moved into areas supposedly secured by the assault units. North Korean troops, hidden in caves on the east side of the island, fired on several I Company squads. When, despite the pleas of a Marine interpreter, the NKPA soldiers refused to surrender, a tankdozer entombed

them in their positions.

By 0800, Taplett reported Wolmi Do secured. His leathernecks dug in to fend off any counterattacks and herded the few prisoners of war (POWs) into a dry swimming pool. Some of the NKPA soldiers fought to the last; others, especially local Koreans recently "recruited" by the Communists, readily surrendered. Fanatical enemy troops, however, soon opened up from the nearby

islet of Sowolmi Do with light anti-aircraft weapons. A reinforced rifle squad and several tanks rapidly moved against them. Supported by Marine Corsairs, the ground force quickly silenced the enemy guns.

With the outer harbor secured, at the cost of only 17 wounded, the first phase was now over. General MacArthur asked Doyle to send the following message to Task Force 90:

"The Navy and Marines have never shone more brightly than this morning." With a large smile, the old soldier then turned to the Army, Navy and Marine officers gathered on Doyle's flagship and said, "That's it. Let's get a cup of coffee." As he drank his cup of thick Navy Java, MacArthur penned a message to General Bradley and the other Joint Chiefs: "First phase landing successful with losses slight. All goes well and on schedule."

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ed the Medal Of Honor after he was captured. The Army kept it quiet until he was repatriated for fear of his life had the Chinese known of his heroics.) and myself were invited to Hawaii to speak with the troops. General Davis spoke with the Marines on Ohau at the Marine base. Hiroshi was given a demonstration of modern day firepower at the Marine firing range.

Our KWVA insurance company notified the court that they will represent the 4 defendants and the KWVA in the Oreste Tramonte lawsuit.

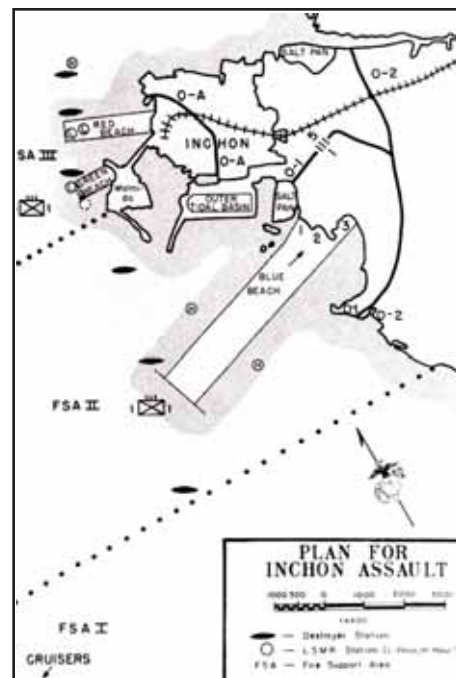
My schedule for September and October are keynote speaker at VA Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. POW/MIA Day. The Central New York Chapter had a great program. Jim Ferris, President of Department of N.Y. and the CNY Chapter extended a great show of hospitality and it was a honor for me binging there.

I went to the Syracuse Airport to fly to South Dakota for a panel discussion of the Korean War and Prisoners of War. My flight had been canceled so I was directed to another airline. I was flown to Newark, New Jersey. At Newark my flight had been canceled and I was switched to another airline and flew to St. Louis. When I arrived in St. Louis I was sent to yet another airline and flew to Sioux City, SD. After all the changing my luggage arrived the same time as I.

The September bombing of the WTC in New York has caused a lot of problems in this country. We need to stop these terrorist actions as soon as possible. I think our president is doing the right thing by not letting out information as to when and where he will strike. The attack on these terrorists should be swift and final.

Till next time I remain

Harley



(Most, if not all Veterans that were part of the Pusan Perimeter know this landing was the beacon of hope that would lead us to believe we might go home again. For many that was not true.

The above by no means covers all events nor does it give credit to everyone that was part of this operation. God Bless All. Editor Vincent Krepps 2nd Inf. Div. Korea 1950-51)

Executive Council and General Membership Meeting

As approved by Executive Council 07/28/2001
January 13 Through 17, 2002
Imperial Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

Original date changed from October because of room cost and availability. . The room rates are total for four (4) nights @ \$198.00 single or \$260.00 double for 4 nights, We have reserved 40 rooms. **You will need an advance credit card deposit** for room reservation.

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Crystal City, VA – July 28, 2001,
Board reconvened at 8:30 am

Roll Call by National Secretary Howard Camp.

Present President Coon, 2nd Vice President Grygier, Director's Schilling, Adams, Trousdale, Cook, Jones, Bingham, McKinniss, Byers, Lake, Morga, and Edwards. Absent 1st Vice President Magill (un-excused) Director John Settle (excused in hospital).

President Coon requested to have next board meeting in October at Las Vegas, NV. Date to be announced later. Motion by Director Adams Second By Director Ken Cook there being no discussion. Motion Passed.

2nd Vice President announced his resignation because of health reasons. Accepted with regret the resignation of Ed Grygier by Jerry Lake 2nd by Ken Cook. Motion Passed.

President Coon asked for Nominations to fill the un-expired term of 2nd Vice President, Past National Director Dot Schilling was nominated, President asked 3 times any other nominations. There being none Dot Schilling was sworn in as 2nd Vice President for the remainder of the term.

National Director Dick Adams was sworn in as director retroactive to July 2000. Director Ken Cook (Nominations chairman) spoke on election results and stated some changes are in order.

President requested to purchase certificates for past directors Clawson, Danielson, Schilling and Grygier. **Motion by Trousdale second by Morga Request approved.**

Discussion on John Settle position as director was tabled until October Meeting.

Hansel Hall proposed a merger of the KW VA and KWVAEG. Three members from each organization were to form a committee. Director Dick Adams, Director Jack Edwards and Director Don Byers will represent the KWVA.

Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt spoke on the hospitality room cost and extended his appreciation to Glen Coryell for his service.

Pratt explained the Insurance company position on the legal proceedings concerning the Tramonte case.

Board gave President vote of confi-

dence and to secure possible cost of legal representation if needed. Motion by Director Edward, 2nd by Director Jerry Lake. Motion Passed.

Motion by Joe Pirrello for a resolution be sent to support those who fought in Korea and were not American citizens, lets show support on this issue. 2nd by Director Morga. Motion Passed.

VAVS Chairman Mike Mahoney Submitted V A V S report. Report accepted.

Dorothy Schilling and Joe Pirrello appointed to finance Committee.

Jim Jones, Jack Edwards, and Sherm Pratt (legal advisor) appointed to By-Laws Committee.

Director Don Byers appointed Co-Chairman resolution committee.

Ted Trousdale resolution chairman, read resolution submitted by Charley Price of Florida. "Therefor be it resolved that the President, Judge Advocate, and two (2) Directors step down and the first VP become President and the Judge Advocate be replaced as well as two (2) Directors during the Tramonte case." Director Trousdale stated this resolution required immediate action.

Motion by Director McKinniss, second by Director Cook to table the resolution until we see what court action takes place. Motion passed

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 by Ken Cook, second by Larry McKinniss Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Howard W. Camp National Secretary

Correction of Minutes

In the July/August issue of *Graybeard* pertaining to minutes of the General Membership meeting:

IE: Motion by Bill Van Ort, 2nd By Ed Bruckman to approve Amendment to Article V Section II and Chapter Section I to read "A person must belong to the KWVA National to join a chapter" This was corrected on 8/27/01 to show that the motion did pass.

Original printing in *The Graybeards* did not show the motion passed. I am sorry for the confusion this caused.

/s/ Howard W. Camp, National Secretary.

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THE HUNGNAM EVACUATION

a professional artist and teacher, and was on board *Glendale* during the evacuation. His story, and that of the painting, were featured in that same issue.

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To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

I find it very difficult to sit here at this time to send a message to our comrades around the nation in wake of the terrible attack on the United States of America. To those of you who have lost loved ones, no matter how close your relationship to them, we offer our most sincere condolences and assure each of you that America stands with you and grieves with you.

I know I am getting my article to the Editor a bit late for this issue, however, I have been trying very hard to find out what is going on in Congress as far as our Charter is concerned. I am sorry to report that the news is not good. We have been advised that Congressman Gekas has the same administrative staff that Lamar Smith had and that does not fit into our hope. With Mr. Gekas being a Korean Era war veteran, I had hoped he would be more acceptable to our cause.

However, we cannot place all the blame on Congress. When we were in Crystal City for our Reunion in July we reported to the members that our House Bill 952 had a total of 41 co-sponsors. At that time I made a plea for all attendees to put a concentrated effort in getting their members of Congress to sign on to the Bill.

Here we are on the 15th of September and we still have only 41 co-sponsors. As stated before the only way we can force the Bill out of sub-committee is to have 219 co-sponsors. Again, as I stated in Crystal City, there

are 430 members of the House and it is impossible for me to contact all of them personally. I have written them, however, I am almost sure my letter does not get past the receptionist.

I am again letting all of you know the names of members that have signed on as cosponsors. If your Congressmans name is not on this list - you and only you can force them to sign on.

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By Paul F. Braim

Called the nation's greatest combat general by President Harry S. Truman, James Van Fleet led American and allied forces to battlefield victory during a career that spanned World War I and the Cold War. In this biography, Paul Braim, a military historian who commanded a rifle company under Van Fleet in Korea, relates this legendary leader's unique story and draws parallels to the U.S. Army's history of diverse challenges met in the twentieth century.

Defining the root of Van Fleet's success as devotion to his men and dedication to rigorous field training and mental conditioning, the author describes Van Fleet's ability to inspire his men with his "will to win" philosophy through two world wars and in the limited wars that followed. He highlights Van Fleet's command of the III Corps in its drive through the heart of Nazi Germany in World War II and his training of allied soldiers in the Cold War, including his development of the Greek National Army into a fighting force that defeated a strong communist insurgency. As commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, Van Fleet applied his winning leadership so successfully within the constraints of that limited war that the South Korean Army was able to assume a major fighting role. Van Fleet was one of a few senior military leaders to recommend expanded training of the South Vietnamese as an alternative to committing U.S. combat forces in Vietnam. His "will to win" philosophy remains valid for U.S. military confrontations today. This tribute to an outstanding American-a poor boy from rural Florida who rose to the rank of four-star general in the Army-is a book for military leaders and historians and those who enjoy reading biographies of great military leaders.

The Author

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KWVA group attend Army War College graduation

by Robert Mount

Col. Dotty Johnson, daughter of KWVA 142 member Bob Cannon gave us the privilege of attending a series of lectures and also attend Col. Johnson's graduation.

One of our local Middle Schools (Windsor Knolls) is a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community and we have had the privilege of discussing our Korean experiences in their classrooms. Their students also participated in placing flags on the graves of our soldiers, and they are developing a veterans memorial on school grounds. As you can guess, we are gratified to see this younger generation seeking to understand our military past and we are pleased to be able to support their efforts.

Excerpts from Congressman Skelton's speech.

A couple of years ago, I prepared an article with the assistance of the Congressional Research Service entitled, "Learning on the Job: Applying the Lessons of Recent Conflicts to Current Issues in Defense Policy". It was the premise of my article that a careful look at significant U.S. military operations over about the past twenty years - roughly the period of time that I have served in Congress - can help shape answers to a surprisingly large number of contemporary issues in defense policy.

Lessons Learned

My research revealed at least twelve military operations during my tenure in Congress, ranging from the small-scale 1985 interception of an aircraft carrying the Achille Lauro hijackers to the Persian Gulf War in 1991. We discovered that there were lessons learned in each of these military operations. I won't go into all of these lessons or all of these military operations, but let me summarize just a few of them: Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf War, *(I bypassed these lessons in order to print most of the lessons learned from the Korean War. -Ed)*

Korea, 1950

What caused me to think back on a now two-year-old article was the information that a group of Korean War Veterans would be in the audience today. No veterans from



A group of us were able to attend the Army War College graduation and we were given special recognition by Congressman Ike Skelton. He emphasized the importance of keeping the past fresh in our minds so we properly prepare for future military needs. Left to right are: Congressman Ike Skelton, unknown, unknown, Col. Weber, Bob Cannon, Don Boore, Ike Davis, Chip Chippley, Bob Mount, Orvil Nelson, Bob Miles, Buck Wisner, Creed Parker, unknown.

any war suffered more from the failure to heed the lessons of history than the veterans of the Korean War. Let me quote a passage from a book by former journalist Robert Donovan which describes the experience of elements of the 24th Division upon their arrival in Korea in July, 1950:

"Out-gunned, lacking in heavy antitank weapons, unfamiliar with the terrain, ill prepared for combat after the soft life of occupation duty in Japan, the 24th Division soldiers were disorganized and confused, hampered by early-morning fog, exhausted by midday heat, and frustrated by faulty communications. Misdirected mortar fire from one unit caused injuries and death in another. Chronically, supplies of ammunition ran low. Men were ambushed or were completely cut off in strange villages and never seen again. Mortars and machine guns were abandoned in the bedlam of battle..."

Infrastructure and information systems

They will attempt to confuse U.S. forces so that the size, location, disposition, and intention of their forces will be impossible to discern. They will try to make U.S. forces vulnerable to unconventional actions and organizations.

To offset the U.S. technological overmatch, they will use selective or niche technology, perhaps even commercially-

Whatever the reason for our unpreparedness, there can be no disagreement on this: No group of Americans ever fought more bravely than those we called upon to serve in the Korean War.

Congressman Ike Skelton

obtained technology, to degrade U.S. capabilities. As an example, during the first Chechen War, the Chechens bought commercial scanners and radios, and used them to intercept Russian communications.

They will endeavor to exploit the perception that the American will is vulnerable to the psychological shock of unexpected and unexplained losses. Their goal will be a battlefield which contains greater psychological and emotional impacts.

In this environment, U.S. forces may no longer be able to count on low casualties, a secure homeland, precision attacks, and a relatively short duration conflict. Conflict may occur in regions where the enemy has a greater knowledge and understanding of the physical environment, and has forces which know how to take advantage of it. They will seek to avoid environments where U.S. abilities are dominant. They will have more situational awareness than possible

for U.S. forces.

My briefers at TRADOC referred to this kind of conflict as "asymmetric warfare". And as I listened to the briefing, I thought back on my military history and I realized the truth of the old cliché that there is "nothing new under the sun." Let me give you a couple of examples:

(Examples were from Indian Wars and how the terrain was well known to the Indians.—Ed)

This was the experience of Task Force Smith and the other units which were among the first to deploy to Korea. Historians can argue over why we were so unprepared for conflict in Korea. Perhaps it was overconfidence after our great victory in World War II. Perhaps it was the tendency of the U.S. to "bring the boys home" immediately after a war—a tendency then-Major George C. Marshall noted in a 1923 speech - which led to cuts in the military that were too deep in a still-dangerous world.

Whatever the reason for our unpreparedness, there can be no disagreement on this: No group of Americans ever fought more bravely than those we called upon to serve in the Korean War. In the past decade, a lot of people have stepped forward to take credit for winning the Cold War.

Let me tell who should get the credit. It is these Korean War veterans who are with us today. Their courage, their sacrifices, drew a line in sand against Communist expansion. There would be other battles - in Vietnam and in other places around the globe. But in Korea, a country most Americans had never heard of before 1950, the message was sent. America would fight to preserve freedom. We owe you a debt of gratitude we can never repay. Indeed, the whole world owes you a debt of gratitude. It is not enough, but I just want to say, "Thank you."

(Thank you Robert Mount for photo and letter. A special event for deserving veterans. I am sure the speech By Former Congressman Ike Skelton was very moving, especially the Korean War outline for the Korean War Veterans in attendance. As I read it I was very moved and proud and I am sure all our Korean Veteran Graybeards members will feel the same. I took you up on printing selected parts per your letter. Nine pages was too much to print even though all were worthy.)

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

A few items have arisen since the last report. The major one is that the representatives or deputies are not attending meetings. We have been removed from these facilities. It is also interesting that they have come from two states where the departments want to set up their VA/VS program.

The VA/VS program is outlined in VHA handbook 1620 series. It outlines the requirement of the organizations to follow, the appointment of representatives and deputies, and the certifying person. At present, I am the certifying officer of the VA/VS for our organization.

When requesting a certification, you must send me the persons who are to be certified as to names, addresses, city, state, zip code and phone number. This is a must. In the past, I have faxed, mailed and left messages on voice mail of just names. Without the required information, I can not certify them.

The VHA handbook 1620 is available at the VA facility you wish to participate in.

As for VISN VA/VS representative/deputy meetings being scheduled in your areas, they will lay out the program in a good understanding of its needs.

Now it is time to stop preaching to a few and let you know that the program is still proceeding in a good direction. We are represented by 68 chapters in over 55 facilities. The ground work has been established, let's keep going forward.

I am in the process of revising the areas where the national deputy representatives will be in and will appoint the allowed number of deputies so that there is not large areas for them to cover the present deputies will remain in place.

In closing, again thanks for the support and god bless!, remember this is a volunteer program and keep it that way.

Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW Newsletter

The latest newsletter had not arrived by press time thus, I elected to substitute the following article—Ed.

On Saturday April 28, members of Taejon Chapter #170, Saddle Brook, N.J. paid their respects at the grave of the chapter's first Commander Walter Bray. If you met Walter you would know he was

someone special, a remarkable person. Walter Bray was a Prisoner of War for 31 months and the recipient of three Purple Hearts. He was a true veteran of this Country's Wars. Those of us that knew him miss him and we met once again to pay tribute to him and what he stood for. His daughter Lillian placed flowers on the grave as Taejon Chapter Commander John Meuser led members in a salute to our fallen brother. Chapter Chaplain Col.

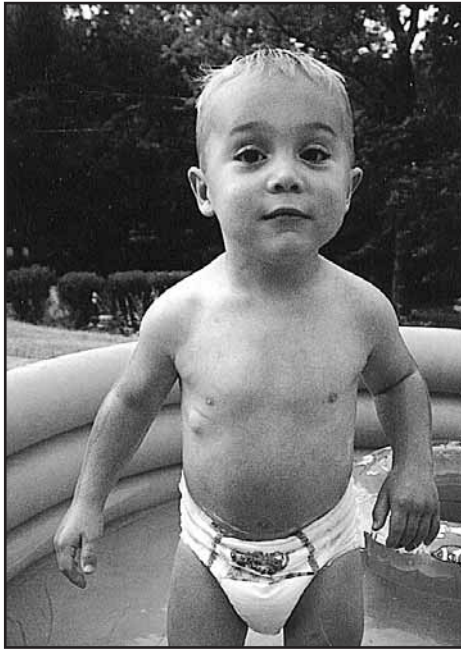
Jack O'Neil (Ret.) led the men in prayer and a moment of silence.

May you rest peacefully in your Father's House, Walter.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for photo and letter. I did meet Walter during the Highway Dedication a few years back. He truly was a person of high standards and deeds. We miss him also. Editor)



Blessed are those...



On left, Dylan Scott Snyder and Papa Dale (9 months old) and on the right, Dylan Scott Snyder (2 1/2 years old).

I thought it would be nice to print his picture so that everyone who has prayed for him would know what he looks like in person. He is two years and 9 months old at the present time. This photo was taken when he was nine months. He was our tiny mascot in the Union City, Indiana and Ohio parade. His second birthday present from the hospital was that the tumor in his chest had shrunk in size by 20 percent.

I'm enclosing an article my son wrote for the U.S. Airways newsletter as his show of appreciation for their prayers, etc.

His progress to date is that the tumor in

his chest has shrunk by 70 percent. He also had one in his left ear and one in each hip. He will continue his chemo until Thanksgiving and then more MRI's to see the outcome of his treatments.

My family would like to thank everyone for the prayers they have given for our very young grandson, Dylan Scott Snyder.

Dale & Theresa Snyder (Dale Served in "H" Co. 160th Inf. Reg., 2nd Bat., 40th Div.) *(God Bless you Dale, your family & especially your grandson. We are proud to show these photos. More on the Western Ohio Chapter #108 on page 45.)*

Graybeards Copies

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.

Dear members and readers: Articles from newspapers take a lot of time to scan and most are too long to retype. Photos from newspapers also do not copy well. I tend to use original photos and articles that are typewritten in lower case. I must optically scan text in to the computer and it helps when articles are typed well and length kept to a minimum. . — Editor.

'Truly, the Friends We Have Are Special'

On October 13, our 22-month-old son, Dylan, was admitted to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for what we thought was an ear infection.

After five days of tests, the doctors discovered three tumors - one in his skull, one in his chest and a small one on his hip. A team of doctors was brought in and diagnosed Lagerhans Cell Histiocytosis, a very rare tumor disease. It is so rare that Dylan is one of seven known cases in the last five years.

Dylan is currently being treated with a low dose of chemotherapy, and as of early December, the tumor in his chest has decreased by 20 percent. He still has a long road ahead of him until tumors in his skull and hip are under control.

During the holiday season, we were overwhelmed with kindness and generosity from our friends at US Airways. With our immediate families living out of state and unable to be here all the time, our friends took their place when we needed the help.

The word "thanks" cannot be said enough to those individuals who brought us breakfast during the stay at the hospital, delivered meals and gifts to our home, helped sit with our 11-month-old daughter and also prayed for Dylan through his difficult time.

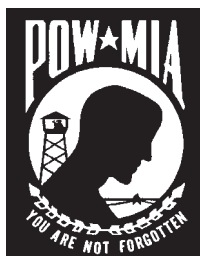
Lorrie Duda and Mike Balka really went that extra mile to help us. Lorrie works in the Pittsburgh operations tower, where she gathered a donation for us that was truly remarkable. We can't express how much we appreciate the generosity from the tower employees. Mike, who works in maintenance, prepared a pre-Thanksgiving dinner that will never be forgotten. Two ducks, a ham and three types of desserts were just some of the items he prepared for our family. In addition, they both gave an overwhelming amount of gifts to Dylan for Christmas.

Dylan will continue with his chemotherapy and receive MRIs to follow up on the progress of the treatments. We have been told that his illness is both treatable and curable.

Truly, the friends we have are special. Whether they know it or not, they have made a difference in touching a family's life - ours.

*Chris Snyder, safety specialist
Peggy Snyder, Pittsburgh flight attendant*

Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update



Remains of U.S. Servicemen Recovered in North Korea

August 17, 2001

Remains believed to be those of nine American soldiers,

missing in action from the Korean War, will be repatriated in formal ceremonies scheduled for Aug. 21 in Japan.

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

A joint U.S.-North Korean team operating in Usan and Kujang counties and along the Chong Chon River, in the Kaechon area, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, recovered the remains during operations that began last month. The area was the site of battles between Communist forces and the U.S. Army's 2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950. During this operation, teams also surveyed the site for a base camp about 15 miles south of the Chosin Reservoir where excavations will be conducted next month.

The two 14-person U.S. teams operating in North Korea are composed primarily of specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI).

The Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office negotiated an agreement with the North Koreans last year that led to the scheduling of this year's operations. This year's schedule of operations in North Korea is the largest yet, with ten individual operations scheduled, including some near the Chosin Reservoir.

Twenty-three operations have been conducted since 1996 in North Korea, recovering 127 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers. Eight have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Another 10 are nearing the final stages of the forensic identification process.

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

(This was the 3rd Recovery mission of 2001. The 4th is now under way and the 5th will be in the November 11th time frame. So far 20 remains have been recovered on the first three missions. This year's work in North Korea promises to be the most productive yet, with 5 missions planned and two operations per mission for a total of 10 individual operations scheduled, including some near the Chosin Reservoir. Ed.)

August 29, 2001

Hon. Jerry D. Jennings Appointed DASD AND DPMO Director

The Honorable Jerry D. Jennings has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs and Director of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office.

Mr. Jennings is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for policy, control and oversight of all matters pertaining to missing personnel, and for establishing uniform policies and procedures leading to the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing in action from all conflicts. This mission includes the rescue of individuals who fall in harm's way as a result of combat. Previously, he was Chairman and CEO of the Phoenix Communications and Research Company in Vienna, Virginia.

In 1990, he was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate to serve as Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While at FEMA, he served as its acting director and deputy director through 1992. He was responsible for the agency's three directorates, the Federal Insurance Administration and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Mr. Jennings was appointed by President Reagan in 1986 to serve as the Acting Director of the Selective Service system, and he also served as Deputy Director of that agency until 1990.

From 1982 until late 1986 he served in the Executive Office of the President as the Executive Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. During that same period he also served as the Executive Director of the White House Science Council.

He was advisor to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs under four presidents from 1973 to 1982. From the

Nixon through the Reagan administrations, he was responsible for establishing and maintaining all programs and policies relating to security and domestic intelligence concerns of the National Security Council. He was the White House liaison with the FBI on criminal and intelligence matters requiring the attention of the President or his senior staff.

He performed his military duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, and served as an intelligence officer with the CIA in Southeast Asia from 1965 to 1968. He was assigned to key posts in the Department of Justice 1968-72, including service as a Special Agent with the FBI.

A native of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Mr. Jennings obtained his BS degree from Eastern Michigan University. He studied for a Master's degree in public administration at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. He also completed the Senior Managers Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He and his wife Misako and three daughters reside in Fairfax County, Virginia.

2001 Family Update Schedule

Date Location:
Oct 20 Orlando, FL
Nov 17 Little Rock, AR

2002 Family Update Schedule

Date: Location:
Jan 12 San Diego, CA
Jan 15 Honolulu, HI
Feb 23 Amarillo, TX
Mar 23 Charlotte, NC
Apr 20 Portland, OR
May 18 Columbus, OH
Jun (TBD) Washington, DC *
Jul 26 Washington, DC *
Aug 17 Kansas City, MO
Sep 21 Albany, NY
Oct 26 Salt Lake City, UT
Nov 16 Tampa, FL

* Family updates held in conjunction with the annual government briefings.

(Veterans - These reports come directly to me from DPMO by electronic mail. I do not control when sent nor how timely they are. I will not print from newspaper reports. Also The Graybeards when issued also adds to lateness of these reports. DPMO and I do our best to get updates to you as quickly as possible.)

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Ohio Remembers



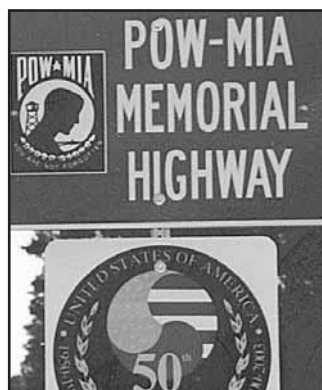
Veterans Memorial on the Sandusky County Court House Lawn in Fremont, Ohio. Center WWII, Left Korean War, right Vietnam War.

(Thank you Jim Rusher for the photo and letter. A great looking memorial.)

New York Remembers

Unique signs

A very unique program was conceived and passed by a special resolution from the Monroe County Legislators in Rochester, New York. The special built 50th Commemorative Logo, has and will continue to be installed under all POW- MIA designated highways throughout the country. What an innovated way to thank and remember the Korean Vets.



(Thank you Frank Nicolazzo for photo and letter. Due to your envelope being sealed to bottom of photo I had to trim that area..We get the idea and it was a great one. Many thanks to all.)

Flag Park

On July 28, 2001 the Chapter dedicated a commemorative flag park which it had built and landscaped along NY Route 441, a major east-west arterial in the Rochester area.

The park's central plaza is composed of stained pavers in the familiar Tae-Guk of the ROK flag. A flagpole rises from the center that carries the US and the POW Colors which when lighting is complete, will be on 24/7 all year. Thirty-five major trees and shrubs, including many species native to Korea, were selected and pre planted.

During the dedication ceremony, Ambassador Kim and Mrs. Byoung Baek, President of the Rochester Korean American Association, participated in the planting of two Rose of Sharon



Commemorative flag park along NY Route 441

trees, the national flower of Korea. That made a total of thirty-seven plantings, in remembrance of the number of months of the war.

We hope that the Commemorative Parks presence on a high-traffic road will be a constant reminder to passersby of the service and sacrifices made by the thousands Monroe County men and woman, of which 165 never returned, during the early 1950's.

(Thank you Frank Nicolazzo for photo and letter. Your park is beautiful and equally needed to remind others of our Korean War Veterans sacrifices.)

Kansas Remembers



Our Korean War Memorial Assoc. Committee raised over \$300,000 for construction of the Kansas Korean War Memorial. This memorial is located in Veterans Park, (West of 2nd Street & Waco on Greenway Blvd.), in downtown Wichita along the Arkansas River. The memorial took almost six years of fund raising and construction. Our mission was to obtain enough donations and support to build a fitting memorial to honor and pay tribute to those Kansas Korean War Veterans who were killed in action, missing in action, prisoners of war, and all Kansas Korean

War Veterans.

Kansas Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1634 recognized our Korean War Memorial in Wichita as the official Korean War Memorial of the State of Kansas.

The final dedication ceremony was June 2, 2001 with many military, state, county and city officials, veterans organizations, the Korean community and Wichitans in attendance. The Republic of Korea Deputy Consulate General Bong Joo Kim was the guest speaker and presented the Korean War Service Medal to the memorial committee members.

We are very proud of the Memorial and invite everyone to visit our Veterans Park in Wichita.

(Thank you Earl E. Weller for photo and letter. Your state and veterans have a great memorial. You all must be very proud and we hope you get many visitors.)

Michigan Remembers

One of the Korean War Memorial Commemorative highway signs erected around Livingston County by the County Road Commission. Signs will remain in place until Nov. 11, 2003. The idea was started by Korean War Veterans. *(Thank you Thomas Chilcott for photo and letter. It is a great idea and maybe more of our State Governments should do the same.)*



Arizona Remembers



(A beautiful memorial which I cannot tie into a letter. No markings on rear of photo. The Memorial is located in Phoenix, Arizona. I get so much mail and sometimes it spreads out to several sections in our magazine which sometimes causes a separation of photo and letter. Please add name on photo back side.)

Pennsylvania Remembers



New location for Korean War Memorial for the five surrounding counties. It took the chapters of Philadelphia fifteen years to get this far.

With the old fountain dismantled the contractor expects to complete erection of new memorial dedicated to 604 men who died from our 5 counties by November 11, 2001. Our dream is finally coming true.

(Thank you Louis Ambrosier for photo and letter. Good luck. See Chapter Affairs for additional photos others sent in.)

Colorado Remembers



This Memorial is in Memorial Park, 300 S. Union, Colorado Springs CO. Placing a wreath before the Memorial are (left) Walt Curran and (right) Louis Schindler.

(Thank you Scott Defebaugh for photo and letter.)

Oregon Remembers



The photographs are of the newest Korean War Veterans Memorial for the state of Oregon. After several years of fund raising, many design changes, many hours of “devotion to duty” by a determined group of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the KWVA, a Memorial dedicated to those who died and to those who survived became a reality and was dedicated 30 September 2000. It is located at Wilsonville, OR just east of Interstate-5 at exit 283.

Prayers and speeches by both the Korean Delegation and the Korean War Veterans preceded raising of the Colors, presenting the wreaths and playing of Taps. Several hundred veterans and spectators weathered the frequent Oregon rain showers.

An excellent buffet of traditional Korean food prepared and served by the ladies of the Korean community completed a historic day in the lives of the Oregon Korean War Veterans.

The memorial was designed to be both commemorative and educational. It has done that. Etched in granite in the walkways, paragraphs tell of the major battles of the War. Etched in the granite wall are the names of the KIA's from the State of Oregon. A list of the contributing nations are etched in the wall as well as the patches or logos of the United States forces who served in defense of the Republic of South Korea, the defense of Freedom and the first major defeat of Communism.

A “WELL DONE” goes to Memorial chairman Don Cohen, to Don Barton and to Mary Gifford all of whom spent many hours coordinating the efforts of the loyal participants.

(Thank you Robert C. Wickman for photos and letter. What a great memorial. We thank all for this monument of remembering.)



Alabama Remembers

The photos below show the first granite for our Korean War Memorial being unloaded at Battleship Park. We expect a load of this granite each week for the next eight weeks or until all of it is delivered. We hope to have it completed by November 11 this year. We will try to keep you posted on the progress of this Memorial. It is to be installed at the same place the GROUND Breaking was held at the 1999 KWVA Convention. (In Battleship Park).

(Thank You Walter Ballard for photos and letter. Your memorial is off to a great start. Please send photos when finished. We are proud of all who dedicated their time to get your memorial erected.)

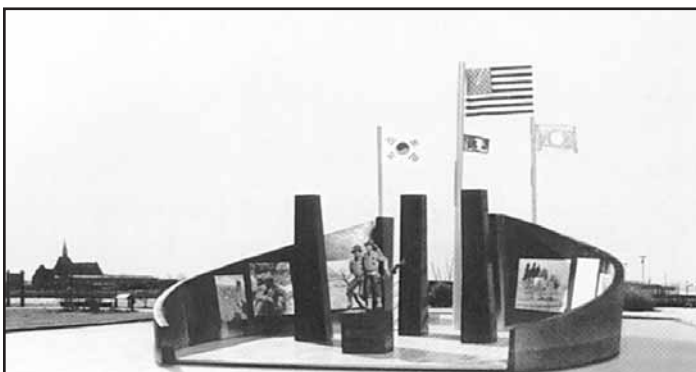


Above is load of granite being unloaded at Battleship Park. Below, a close up of four countries flag holders. One side of these shows the flag of the country the other side has a brief history of the country's involvement in the War.



Our Gulf Coast Chapter elected officers for 2001/2002. From left they are, Mackie Tillman Secretary, Bill Pitt Second Vice President, Walter Ballard President, Joe Bolton First Vice President and E. W. Willisson Treasurer.

New Jersey Remembers



A photograph of the Memorial scale model positioned by computer on site in a photo of the Washington Street cul-de-sac canal ending across from Liberty State Park with the Statue of Liberty on the right skyline.

The Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County is well on the way in building a Korean War memorial to those 130 County heroes who gave their lives in that conflict.

The groundbreaking was accomplished on April 12th, with then Mayor Schundler officiating, and the unveiling aimed at June 2002.

(Thank you William Doring for model photo and letter. We hope to get photos of the dedication and memorial when erected.)

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The offensive to break out of the Pusan perimeter began for the 5th Regimental Combat Team on the 16th of September. At that time the 5th was attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. The plan was for the 5th to swing west and south and attack Waegwan from the south and parallel to the Nakdong River. The 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division was to attack down the highway and railroad from Taegu (See Map I)

Waegwan is on the Nakdong River and controls the two bridges and road net. It was much fought over because it was the key to any movement along the main Taejon-Kumchon-Waegwan-Taegu highway. In July the main defense of the 24th Division was here; and, likewise the North Koreans were now determined to hold it and block our movement north. In August and September the control of Waegwan and the surrounding hills was a much contested affair between the 1st Cavalry Division and the North Korean units trying to break through the perimeter. Finally in the big September 5 offensive of the North Koreans the Cavalry was forced to fall back almost on Taegu. In fact the North Koreans were so close that artillery landed in that city. Finally limited offensives were carried out and some ground regained in order to secure Taegu. So when the United Nations September 15 offensive began the enemy controlled Waegwan and the surrounding hills and the U. N. forces were ten miles east of that city.

Several key terrain features influenced the fighting in the area, First, the Nakdong River was a natural barrier. The railroad, and highway bridges each were blown but had been repaired enough by North Koreans for men to walk across. Secondly, north of Waegwan was a ford where tanks and vehicles could cross. The approaches to Waegwan from the north, from Kumchon and from Taegu were controlled by Hill 303. This hill was much fought over by the 1st Cavalry early in the war and was the one where 27 American soldiers were captured and shot. To control river crossings one had to control this hill. (See Map 1)

Southeast of Waegwan was another hill, 268, which controlled all approaches

Letters Home

1000 Yards Towards The Nakdong

**August – September
1950**

**By Lt. Daniel R. Beirne (Ret.)
Co. "K"
5th Inf. Regimental
Combat Team**

from that direction. It was the tallest hill in that area and commanded the railroad and main highway from Taegu as well as all the low ground to the river south of Waegwan. It has been said that this hill changed hands seven times during the August and September fighting. If the number of skeletons and partly decayed bodies of soldiers we found there is any indication then that statement is probably true.

The First Phases

The 5th R.C.T. dumped off on the 16th from a position south of Taegu. The 2nd battalion led and was followed by the 3rd Bn. Tanks accompanied the units. The jump-off was late due to a heavy rain. The 5th moved west to about a mile from the river and then turned north. About 10 miles

south of Waegwan the 2nd Bn. ran into heavy enemy anti-tank guns and small arms fire. Since the 2nd Bn. was bogged down and the day was drawing to a close, the units went into positions for the night

on the high ground.

The plan for the next day was for the 2nd and 1st Bn's to try to forward against the road block (See Map 1, Left Fork) and for the 3rd to move up the right fork and try to get around. The objective of the regiment was called "Objective New York" and included the area from Hill 268 to the river. Col. Throckmorton, the regimental C.O., must have estimated this initial encounter as only a road block and so had gone ahead with his plans to push on to "Objective New York."

The 3rd Bn. dumped off early in the morning and moved up the right fork accompanied by three tanks. The roads were masses of ruts due to three days of constant rain. All three tanks went off the road into the rice paddies as the weak, soggy shoulders of the road gave way.

The Bn. moved on without tanks and got as far as K when it ran into artillery and mortar zeroed on the road. Fortunately the Regiment called us back as we were going in the wrong direction. No one was reluctant to turn around at that moment, but perhaps if we had known what lay ahead on our new route we would just as soon have pushed on into that artillery fire.

The 3rd Bn. moved to B (see dotted line on map 1) and there the road, or trail, ended. In front of us was a large reservoir and not a road in sight.

Hill 160.

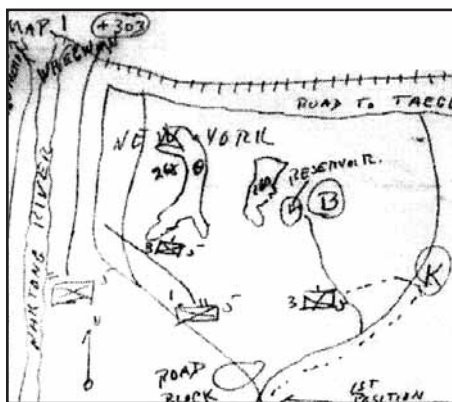
We now knew where our section of objective "New York" was (Hill 268) but found a small hill in front of it that must be occupied first. This hill (called 160) was on the other side of the reservoir. K Company moved around the right of the reservoir while L moved around the left. I Company stayed in reserve back by the road on the other side of the reservoir.

The plan was for K to move up the central finger of the hill and L the left finger. As K Company started up the hill we suddenly saw the outlines of figures running across the skyline. We moved rapidly up the hill and got as far as the middle knob of the middle saddle (P on map 2). Then the enemy began to fire down on us with what appeared to be several machine guns and burp guns. We all took cover on the reverse slope of the two knobs and tried to size up the situation. Nobody was

getting hit, but whenever you exposed yourself the enemy would open up.

We immediately put our own machine guns into action as well as our B.A.R.'s. I set my mortars up at the bottom of the hill and began lobbing rounds in on top of the hill. Capt. Lukisch (K Co. C.O.) called for artillery fire. Shortly after it began landing on top.

Not much firing was coming from L Company whose part of the hill was not as steep as ours. So we figured the company was moving up with little trouble. At this time Capt. Lukisch's radio went out and we couldn't contact anybody. It was obvious at the time that the main enemy force on top was in front of us and, to take the hill, we would have to move directly up into it. We could see L Company almost on top and yet she wouldn't move forward. If she were to move forward from her present position she would hit the enemy, which was pinning us down, on the flank. But L Company just stayed there. So Capt. Lukisch sent the 3rd Platoon back around and told them to go up on the ridge with L Company and push forward on our left flank. He told me to go over and find out what the trouble was and get them moving.



Map 1

As I went back down the hill there was a lone sniper who seemed to get enjoyment out of placing his rounds about a foot behind me. Fortunately my patience outlasted his. After he had finished firing and there was a pause I would dash across the open spots. Before he could react and take aim I would be under cover. By this method I got down our part of the hill and went back up to L Company.

As I got up to the position I could see

many men just sitting around while on their right another group (our 3rd Platoon) was moving up the hill. One group of men was huddled around a prone figure. It turned out to be Capt. Hula, the C.O., who had a nasty head wound. He was still alive but blood was flowing fast and covering the ground about him. His deathly pale head was in the medic's lap and his feet seemed to be uphill; why, I don't know. A helicopter was sent for by radio but it arrived too late.

It seems the company bogged down when one man was hit as they first started up the hill. Capt. Hula, to get them moving, rushed up and started to lead them up the hill. This sniper's round happened to be accurate.

While all this was going on a soldier nearby "cracked up." First he began crying; then bawling; and, finally, beating his fist on the ground. He kept shouting "I'll get 'em, I'll kill 'em all. The dirty so and so's." His platoon leader knelt down beside him tried to comfort him. It was a touching scene, but still nobody was moving forward from L Company.

Finally I found Lt. Young, the only officer left besides the platoon leader mentioned and told him to get his men moving up the hill – that there was very little opposition in front of him. By the time he got L Company forward our 3rd Platoon had already reached the top and was in the process of throwing grenades into the enemy holes from the rear. Sgt. McCrain, platoon leader, did a wonderful job and knocked out 5 holes this way, killing 6 or 8 of the enemy. He didn't take a single casualty.

Meanwhile our 1st and 2nd Platoons assaulted directly up the hill. They were exposed quite a bit and took a number of casualties. Queja was hit in the leg, Sgt. Kato in the arm and Sgt. Castro in the leg. Woodard was hit in the arm. As he turned to take cover a round hit him directly between the eyes. He was a good, quiet kid and had just received a package from home that day. It was hard to see one of

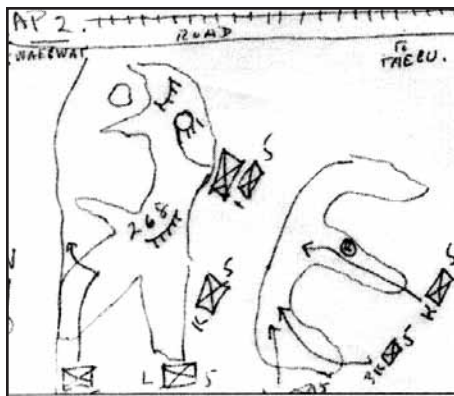
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As I moved up the hill the 1st platoon swung right. Some of the young men were quite cocky and seemed to assume they would never get hit. Sgts. Duval and Fauss jumped about, tossing grenades in enemy holes while dodging out-going grenades. They laughed and joked and took it all as a game. Unhappily one North Korean played dead and, when they weren't looking, "burped" both of them. Duval was shot several times but managed to hobble around after the medic patched him up. He kept protesting he wasn't hurt but when he fell on his face we knew he had lost more blood than he pretended he did. Fauss was wounded in the legs.

When the hill had been taken sixteen dead bodies were found on top and several more in holes. The two companies split the ridge and began digging in for the night. No sooner had we started digging than mortar shells started swishing overhead and landing with a thud behind. Besides, a large caliber gun began banging away on the forward slope. It was probably a tank with an 85 firing indirectly. I later learned that one of these rounds killed Sgt. Cooper and wounded "Pop" Davis and another man. A fourth man lying next to them wasn't touched. "Pop" had both legs blown off but was still joking when carried off the hill. He died later. He was an old heavy machine gunner and had been in machine guns all his army life (15 years). On Masan front he refused to leave his gun and they used to kid him about his finger freezing on the trigger, saying that was why his gun kept firing after everybody else had pulled out.

We called for litters for Fauss, Hannikiavi and Queja who were wounded. All our other wounded managed to



walk down the hill to the aid station. No litters arrived. Finally just before dusk a helicopter arrived for Capt. Hula, but since he had died it was sent to us. Hannikiavi was hit in the stomach and Queja in the knee and both were losing a lot of blood. The pilot of the helicopter said he could only carry one litter case, so Queja told Hannikiavi to go ahead. It was a very noble gesture. We left a squad down below where Queja was and carried Fauss to the same place. They stayed there all night. At 3 A.M. Queja died from exposure and shock, Fauss was not removed until noon the next day and then he was carried down by our 1st Sergeant and Supply Sergeant in a shelter half.

All night long the tank fired and the mortar shells landed. I dug in very deep that night. Although it was cold and rainy we spread pine boughs on the damp ground in our hole and kept fairly dry considering the conditions. When mortars are landing one's faith in the almighty reaches a peak. For only he is your protector then.

We didn't get much sleep that night because we kept hearing the North Koreans blowing whistles in the little vil-

lage to our right rear. Everybody was uneasy because whistles have a psychological effect and the North Koreans know it. Also we were very low on ammo. No re-supply had arrived.

As dawn broke we expected to see North Koreans all around us, supposing they would take advantage of the dark to steal up on us. Luckily, however, only one crept up and we surrounded and captured him. He said he had a lot of young soldiers in the village behind us and they had refused to “Banzai” us that night from the rear. He was bitter and decided to quit. What we believed was that he tried to get them to come back on our hill for their wounded and that we caught him in the act. The whistles were blown in an attempt to scare us off.

We sighted another man in our rear very near the squad guarding our two wounded and everybody fired at him. He just sauntered off behind a knob. As he came out into the open again, however, our machine guns pulled him down and he toppled over in a heap.

After our ammo and rations arrived orders came to move out and assault Hill 268 directly across from us. During all this time we were receiving heavy mortar and tank fire. Fortunately, it was all either long or short and very few rounds landed among our men.

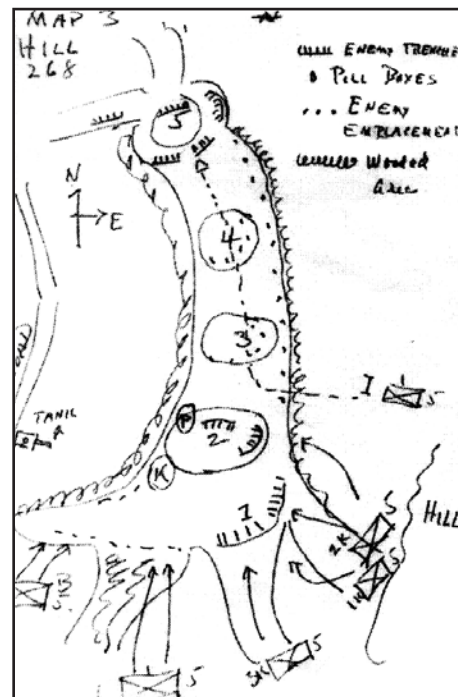
Hill 268

Hill 268 was close to Hill 160; observation was good and sniper fire a great menace. Going from one to the other involved moving straight down the side of Hill 160 and then up Hill 268, Hill 268 looks like a caterpillar with a long thin body and feelers at both ends. These feelers are fingers (See map 3). The top of the hill is long and narrow and the sides

almost perpendicular except for the fingers. On the top are four heavy knobs (marked 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the map.). Along the sides is a heavy growth of trees, but few are on the top.

The plan called for “L” Company to move up a finger (as shown on the map) and for elements of “B” Company

of the 1st Bn. to be on "L's" left. "K" Company was to move up another finger and side as shown on Map 3. "L's" was part of 1 and the area to the left; "K" was to take the rest of 1 and the knob marked 2. Once these were secured, "I" Company was to move up the side (right of 2) and take 3, 4 and 5. We knew the enemy was on the hill because we could see emplacements and many men moving about on 1 and 2.



Map 3

At 0700 “K” Company, minus my platoon (Weapons) moved down the forward slope of 160. “L” moved out also. Both companies were exposed but used as much cover as possible getting down. Luckily the enemy didn’t fire too much, probably in the hope of deceiving us as to his number and position. My platoon, remaining on 160 to give support, set up mortars and our 57 R.R. and watched closely as our three rifle platoons went down the hill. Soon we began to get small arms fire and had to stay under cover constantly. This makes it difficult when you try at the same time to observe through glasses. Some machine guns were set up too to give overhead fire. Soon “T” Company arrived on our hill and waited for “K” and “L” to assault 268. During all this time enemy tank fire kept coming in but it landed short or long as before. Even

See **NAKTONG** on page 56

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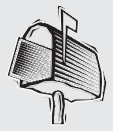
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Building a Memorial

Robb E. Van Cleave, the Mayor of the city of The Dallas, Oregon has informed me that they are in the process of building a Veteran Memorial Complex to honor all of the Veterans of the Mid-Columbia who have served our Country dating back to the Spanish American War. One of the monuments will be a self-standing monument in honor of SFC Loren Kaufman ("G" Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Inf. Div). SFC Kaufman received the MEDAL OF HONOR for valor in action on September 4th & 5th, 1950 near Yongsan, Korea. He was KIA Feb. 10, 1951. The monument will be dedicated on July 4, 2002. If there are any men from "G" Company out there who knew or served with SFC Kaufman the Mayor would like to hear from you. The city is also looking for donations toward the construction of the monument. Please send any donations to the Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial Project, P.O.Box 991, The Dallas, OR 97058. The Mayor's address is: Robb E Van Cleave, Mayor, City of The Dallas, 912 East 15th Place, The Dallas, OR. 97058. Tel: Home 541 298 2380 --work 541 296 2276 e-mail robbvc@gorge.net. Ken Toeppe President, 9th Infantry MANCHU Assoc.

Attention May 1952 Infantry OCS Grads

The Officers Candidate School classmates of infantry OCS Class 13 that graduated from the Fort Benning infantry OCS in May 1952 are compiling information on the present situations (such as whether living or deceased) and locations of our classmates. We intend to have a reunion, but we want to hear from all our classmates, including those that do not desire to attend any such reunion. If you are a classmate or have any present or past information about a classmate, please communicate with me, Arnold Fieldman, 8800 Northern Spruce Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309. Tel: 703-360-4203, fax: 703-360-1884, or e-mail at <afieldman@mindspring.com>.

I Remember You (From Australia)

You, burns wounded - you, with the terrible cries and screams, as your horrific pain would break through the analgesic barrier. So brave, you all tried to be, as the constant, seemingly never ending treatment relentlessly tried that courage.

And such was one of our many patients from that savage Korean War. A young soldier, Cpl. Henry Cancade, Royal Canadian Regiment, grossly fire wounded in Korea - a hutchie fire. His friends managed to cover his head and groin area and pull him from danger.

Med. evacuated from Korea to our large Commonwealth Military General Hospital, previously a Japanese naval college and hospital, at Kure, Japan. He came to our Australian Military Surgical Ward 4, this boy with his wounds, 80% body wounds and destruction. His fire wounds.

And we teams of army sisters and nurses, the medical men - doctors and orderlies, pathologists, pharmacists, physiothera-

pists, radiologists, padres and hospital staff - all of those great people of the hospital. We treated and cared for this boy and: others from the convoy. He was in bad shape, our burns boy - extensive destructive burns down from his neck, covering his back, right arm and hand so damaged with massive skin and bone destruction, both legs and right foot so badly injured with much charring and damage. During his time with us, he had much surgery, skin and bone grafts.

He was with us for many months, and slowly improved. Nursed on what was called a 'stryker frame'. A narrow board bed, the wooden removable base board, padded the whole thing turned, with the patient well fastened in such, every two hours for care and treatment. He was a very brave boy, but sometimes, as did many of them, he would cry, and sometimes we girls also would softly cry for him.

We would tease him, and he would laugh - except when we called him 'our little boy'. And like many of the wounded, through his pain when sedation would lose its effect, he liked us to talk of Australia, and we would do so, we nurses and orderlies of that tune. We would quietly talk to him, tell our stories as we treated his wounds, as we did with others so hurt - like our 'Canny.'

And one day, the chief military surgeon, a Canadian, doing his early morning rounds, told our 'Canny' boy that he was being med. evac'd home to Canada. The chief surgeon had on a gorilla mask, which he quite often would wear at appropriate times. It usually got a good reception. We girls thought it had a lot of pizzazz, did more for him than the face he usually wore. In two weeks our boy had gone home.

The next day or so, our ward, along with others, was admitting the med convoys of newly wounded and sick men from the battlefields of Korea. Our wards again were full of battle stretchers with their wounded, on the floor between the beds.

From the harsh beginning to the very end of the Korean War, we Australian and Commonwealth military nurses treated and cared for thousands of wounded and sick. Those from the Commonwealth, and sometimes troops from other UN forces. Also a couple or more of POW's, Chinese and North Korean, at our Kure hospital. This was many years ago.

Some of we girls, we of that war side, would wonder how that badly wounded Cpl. Cancade with his frightful burns could survive, and if he did. The tentative inquiry we made gave us no reply, Now nearly half a century later, after attending the National Memorial Dedication Ceremony in Canberra and meeting again with some of our medical teams of those times, we decided to have another go.

The Korean Veterans Association of Australia Inc. to which I belong - with its fine, helpful Canadian, now a Naturalized Australian living in Victoria, Treasurer, sent a picture of Cpl. Cancade taken at Kure hospital during his treatment there and other pertinent information, to the Canadian Korean Veterans' Association, Ottawa.

The Canadian KVA checked it all out and recently one night I

answered the phone, and a voice, a Canadian voice said "You girls - this is your 68 year old 'little boy'." After much delighted talk, I heard that 'our boy' had been hospitalised for a great length of time, followed by years of treatment. His foot and hand, which were so badly damaged were gradually rebuilt, with much rehabilitation etc, with excellent results. I asked him if his medical officer was really named Dr. Frankenstein.

I thank all of you, here and in Canada, for your help and kindness to 'our boy' and to all of us, his nurses of Our War.

Barbara (Babs) A. Probyn-Smith
Captain, Royal Australian Nursing Corps, Retired.

Marines of 1st Division, lets have a reunion

I would like to start a reunion for the 1st Marine Div., 11th Marine Regiment, H & S Battalion Radio Section, Korea 1950-1953. Contact Jim Rusher at 436 Luther Lane, Gibsonburg, OH 44341. Tel: 419-637-2352.

We Served Also

Fifteen months of service off the coast of Korea with Task Force 77 during '52 and '53 provided me with many emotional ups and downs, but one heartwarming experience will always stand out for me. I was an aviation ordinance man serving aboard the Attack Aircraft Carrier USS Philippine Sea, CVA 47, and I was at my duty station in a guntub portside that we had converted into a napalm assembly area. It was in the early morning hours and we were preparing for a troop close air support mission. I noticed a disturbance on the after section of the flight deck where F4U Corsairs and AD Skyraiders were preparing for a deck launch and learned that a member of the V-7 gas gang had accidentally backed into the prop of an AD and suffered a severe wound to his shoulder. The medics stabilized him as best they could and with much difficulty transported him to sick bay.

That evening, when flight operations were suspended, a buddy and I went to see a friend that had undergone an emergency appendectomy that day. As we were visiting, a call came over the intercom for type O blood donors to come immediately to sick bay. Both of us had the right type and stepped into the next compartment where a team of surgeons were working in a futile attempt to save Airman Undersingers life. I was placed on a cot next to the victim and felt proud that I could do something to help a shipmate. As I stepped into the passageway to make my way back to my quarters, a lump came into my throat as I passed hundreds of men waiting their turn to give blood. We were informed the next morning that Airman Undersinger did not survive the surgery but that every man in his division had volunteered as donors.

Kenneth Beitzel
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Epilog U.S.S. Hailey DD 556

To all the crew and officers who ever sailed on the U.S.S. Hailey DD 556 from 1943 to 1961 and from 1961 to 1981 in the

Brazilian Navy as the Pernambuco D 30. This great ship brought her crew home safely from combat in two wars, WW2 and Korea, survived vicious hurricanes while patrolling the oceans of the world, in war and peace. The following is a translation of a letter sent to us by Vice Admiral Jose do Cobo Teixeira de Carvalho who served as the first Captain of the ship in the Brazilian Navy back in 1961.

In 1981, after 20 years of service, it could no longer be retained. Parts were taken off for other Fletcher Class destroyers, stripped down and bids were taken for scrap. In 1983 no minimum bids were offered and it was decided to use as a target and was towed to its last voyage. The ship was sunk by missiles, torpedoes and artillery. Alas she could not resist and gave up her soul and peacefully lies in the deep of the South Atlantic. The Sea she knew so well. Our ship could not bear to be turned into junk. It lies in the cemetery of Naval Heroes, proud and revered by those honored by her, who manned her decks and living compartments

From that day till now, all Destroyer men's hearts and soul mingle with our great, slim, speedy ladies—The Greyhounds of the Sea.

Ron Bennett

Hello from Korea Veterans Assn. of Australia Inc.

You kindly printed two of my letters to "The Graybeards" As a result I have had about 8 replies from US Veterans. Those Veterans are now considered as "honorary Australians" and friends of mine, at present I am in the process of discovering information for "my friends" about Australians that they met while in Korea, hopefully they will be as fruitful as my first two. One, from an ex Nurse I have been able to contact and that should start off a long distance renewed friendship. Both served in a MASH/Base Hospital unit in Japan. The other one is still in the process of contact after "discovery".

I am sure that you and your members appreciate, as I do that this is wonderful, old Comrades meeting again after so many years, talking about their service, their families, children, grandchildren and so on. Who would believe it, can you imagine, in the 50's talking to each other, then saying "in 50 years time I will contact you and we can see how we have got on". Not likely, yet it is happening— now, So, if you should print this letter, then please tell your members, that the K.V.A.A. Inc would be pleased to hear from them. Contact Allan Murray, Publicity Officer, The Boulevard, Heathmont, 3135, Victoria, Australia. Phone Inter code + 3-9735-5547, or e-mail <kvaallan@hotmail.com>.

Korean War Exhibit at the North Merrick Library

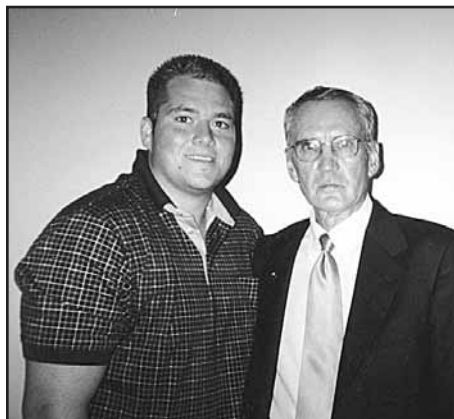
In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the North Merrick Library, 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, is featuring an exhibit of photographs, maps, aerial photos, Chinese propaganda collected by Irwin Braun when he served as an intelligence sergeant with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in 1952 and 53. The "Korea: The Forgotten War" exhibit ran from July 1 through August 31, 2001.

Also displayed was Mr. Braun's old army uniform from 1952. Mr. Braun is a former advertising executive and is co-chairman of the Tell-America Committee of the Korean War Veterans Assn., Nassau County Chapter No. 1. He said, "I hope that this exhibit will inform Long Islanders about the Korean War and its importance." Contact: Irwin Braun, Korean War Veterans Assn. Nassau County, NY. Tel: 516-623-7062

First Scholarship Winner

From my book sale "Box of Memories" as promised \$1,000 scholarship winner is shown on left with me.

Bill Allen



Unnamed winner of \$1000 scholarship poses with Bill Allen (left).

Forty years and ten months later

After 40 years and 10 months our Government finally sent to me the Purple Heart so long overdue to our family for my brother Vincent Anthony Coppola, who was killed in Action on May 8, 1952, while serving his country in Korea.

Many people refer to Korea as the forgotten war and as far as my family is concerned we feel Vincent was forgotten, but not anymore.



Vincent Anthony Coppola's remaining family; his sister Agnes, Pasquale (myself), a Korean war veteran 1952-1955, and Stanley his younger brother.

After all these years my brother surely deserves the recognition, as he paid the ultimate price, his life. Vincent loved the Dodgers when they lost a game he lost his appetite. He also loved street hockey, played with roller skates played sewer to sewer. Touch football with rolled up newspapers for a ball. stickball,

hardball, You name it he loved playing it. He was loved by all his friends. He lived his young life on Pacific St. and Saratoga Ave. Attended public school 28 on Herkimer St. Jr. High School 178 on Pacific & Dean St. Graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School on Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Pat Coppola, Rt. 209 Box 1, Kresgeville, PA 18333. Tel: 610-681-4170.

Tell America



Above, Irwin Braun shows Margaret Cincotta, North Merrick Library Director, a photograph of himself taken in 1952 at the battle for Triangle Hill—the last United Nation's offensive of the Korean War.

Korean Veterans Honored



Shown above, left to right, are Bill Disney, Paul Jonorwls and Rev. Lae Su Cheong presenting Korean Medallions of Appreciation at Bay Pines Hospital in Florida. .

Family gets fallen heroes medal

Corporal Charles A. Langdale was killed in action on 20th September 1950 while fighting the North Koreans at the Han River near Seoul, South Korea. Charles was in Company I, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. His cousin George Langdale also



a Korean War Veteran with the 27th Infantry "Wolfhound" presented the ROK Service Medal to Charles sister Edna Medlin (left) and niece Sandra DeRiengo on right.

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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HOW TO SPOT A GEEZER

Geezers are easy to spot. This is slang for an old man. During a sporting event during the playing of the National Anthem, they will hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment.

They know the words and believe in them. They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing and Vietnam.

If you bump into a Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. Pass a Geezer on the street and he will nod, or tip his cap to a lady. Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door for the next person and always when walking, make sure the lady is on the inside for protection.

Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of a woman and children and they don't like violence and filth on TV and in movies.

Geezers have moral courage. Geezers seldom brag unless it is about their grandchildren in Little League or music recitals.

This country needs Geezers with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever. It is the Geezers who know our great country is protected not by the so-called politicians or police, but by the young men and women in our military that are serving their country in foreign lands, just as they did, without a thought except to do a good job and the best you can and to return home to loved ones.

Each and everyone of us should thank God for Old Geezers.

Author unknown, many thanks to June Beveridge for sending us the "Old Geezers." (or "Old Graybeards")

IN MEMORY OF BILL WELCH WE FELL OUT AT FORT SNELLING IN A COLD AND WINTER CHILL, NINETEEN KOREAN WAR VETERANS TO HONOR OUR FRIEND BILL.

**BILL SERVED IN KOREA
FOUGHT TO KEEP THAT COUNTRY FREE,
WHILE SERVING IN KOREA
HE SERVED WITH THE 5TH RCT.**

**IT WAS AT FORT SNELLING
WE SAID OUR LAST GOOD-BYES,
WHILE STANDING AT ATTENTION
TEARS CAME TO OUR EYES.**

**AS WE STOOD IN SILENCE
BENEATH THAT SKY OF BLUE,
YOUR FELLOW KOREAN WAR VETERANS
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU.**

By Cpl. Thomas A. Lyons

THANK YOU

Thank you every boy |
Who jumped from a tractor
Walked off a farm
Traded a plow and a shovel for a rifle
And answered America's call to preserve freedom
Thank you every son who returned home
Draped in Old Glory
Who gallantly repose from Arlington
To the small cemeteries that dapple our countryside
And on hills in far away places
Thank you every lad who limped home on a wooden leg
And to those relegated to salute our flag with their left hand
Because they lost their right hand in battle
Young men then - now old heroes, warn and proud
And middle aged patriots telling war stories
To one another or anyone who will listen
- I want to listen, tell me -
My thank you is trite in the face of such heroism
I say "Thank you and have a nice day"
Most times it is an empty utterance
But this thank you is overflowing with the truth
Have a nice day old soldier because
There were times I could when you couldn't
And I can have a nice day now because of the times you didn't
So thank you from the bottom of my heart
One that will never know of all the sacrifices
Never, not in a thousand years...

By Barb Whitmarsh

VETERANS DAY

In the poppy fields were Veterans lie
Row on row- side by side.
In the mist I hear voices:
"We are the Veterans of this land
Fought for freedom now we take our stand.
We looked those strangers in the eye
All fought while others died.
We never looked back in the face of danger
But we know we beat that fearsome stranger."

I hear the enemy general's line saying:
"Charge! Charge! Don't let them in,
Because war is hell and hell is sin."
Then the erratic rifle fire ceases
And silence, silence, silence.
We are the Veterans in ash we lie
On burning grounds of poppy fields
But we never stopped
Because we would never yield.
We protected this land with our very best
But now it's time for us to rest.

For we are many.

By: Fred Lazzati

KWV 50th Commemorative Events

◆ ◆ ◆ Department of Defense Hosts Musical Tattoo ◆ ◆ ◆

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee hosted a Twilight Tattoo on July 25 at 7 p.m., in the nation's capital.

The military performance is held at the Ellipse. The event featured performances by the 3rd United States Infantry, known as the Old Guard, and the U.S. Army Band. Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Marine Corps retired Gen. Raymond Davis served as the reviewing official.

More than 200 veterans from the Korean War Veterans Association attended. The Tattoo was free and open to the public.

The Tattoo is one of the many events scheduled throughout the commemoration period to honor Korean War Veterans. The commemoration began June 25, 2000 and ends Nov. 11, 2003.

For more information call the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee at (703) 604-3413.



The Honored Guests which reviewed the troops later as they marched by. From left is Gen. Raymond Davis MOH USMC Korean War (Ret.) Gen. Running USAF (Ret.).



Opening event of Tattoo - U.S. Army Marching Band. A great evening for this special treat honoring Korean War Veterans.



Monica McIntosh of the 50th Commemoration Comm. (in red top) surrounded by Brass from all countries. President Coon at right.



Three great singers opened the show. Left to right SFC. Mercy Diez, SSG. Caleb Green, SSG. Colin Eaton. U.S. Army Band



A super reception was held at Space Hall in Fort Myer, VA. after the tattoo. Food and service was great. Many handouts by 50th Commemoration Committee. Furniture, flowers and art was abundant in the foyer

All photos by Vincent Krepps, The Graybeards Editor.

Reunion Showplace.....

92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn. Reunion

The 4th annual reunion of the 92nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion - Korea was held on September 1st through 3rd, 2001 at the Doubletree Hotel 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington VA. On the agenda was a trip to the Korean War National Memorial which is depicted in several photos.

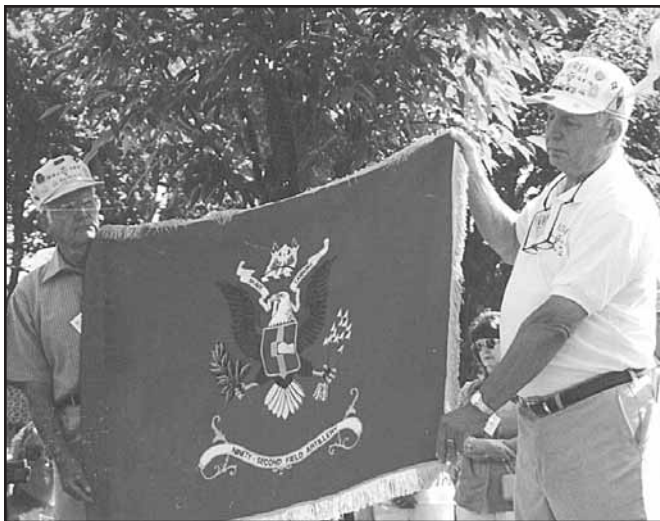


Rev Clyde Hancock (right hand raised) starts the ceremony.



The Maryland Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors. Left to right Sylester Walker, Ray Glock, Tony Cirincione, Park Ranger, Vincent Krepps, John Voight and Jack Cloman.

The 92nd saw over 1,000 days of combat in Korea.



New Flag Dedication- Holding flag left is Miller Whetzel and Dick Lemmon on right. Far Right is Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Ivan Smith who had the flag made.



Wreath was laid at the Memorial to honor and remember those lost from the 92nd during the Korean War.



RED DEVILS IN KOREA

On 12 August 1950, the 92nd AFA Bn. left San Francisco for Korea on the USIV's "Marine Adder". The battalion was understrength upon arrival in Japan, so 200 ROK soldiers joined the Red Devils. January 1954 finds ten of the original 200 soldiers still with the battalion; they can be considered the true veterans of the Korean War.

The 92nd took part in the Inchon Invasion, Hungnam, Chosin Reservoir, Outpost Harry and many other battles. They supported the 1st Marine Div., 1st Cavalry Div., 2nd Inf. Div., 3rd Inf. Div., 7th Inf. Div., 24th Inf. Div., 25th Inf. Div., 40th Inf. Div., 2nd ROK Div, 3rd ROK Div., 9th ROK Div., and Capital ROK Div. This unit fired over 300,000 rounds while serving in all 10 Campaigns. The 92nd was never in reserve while in Korea and saw over 1,000 days of combat.

Check out their web page www.homestead.com/92ndafa/index.html for more photos and history.



Lloyd Nicholson reads letter from 1st Lt. Hugh Lafferty who was wounded in jeep driven to safety by Willard Rudd. Willard Rudd (striped shirt) received his Purple Heart after 48 years from wounds suffered at the battle of Kumsong Salient on July 14, 1953.

Also part of the ceremony was: Roll Call of POW, MIA, and KIA by First Sergeant Miller Whetzel, Hymn singing lead by Gene Tinory accompanied by Bag Pipe, Wreath laying Ceremony at the core of the Memorial and Closing Prayer by Chaplain Tony Massara
(Thank you Dick Lemmon for photos and letter. It was a super ceremony and all veterans are proud of your service in Korea. The Maryland Chapter was proud to support your ceremony.)

279th Inf. Regt. 45th Inf. Division Reunion

Korean War Veterans that fought on Old Baldy. The survivors of a 3-4 July 1952 battle with a three battalion sized attacks by the enemy. These brave men defended their position for two days and retained the hill. Their reunion was held in Branson, MO. June 8-10, 2001. See January-February issue of the Graybeards for story and photos.

(Thank you Bernard Iammatteo for photo and letter. A proud and great looking group of veterans. I hope all of you have many more reunions. The KWVA is proud to have such heroic members, also show there photos and tell your stories.)



Department of Arizona Reunion

On July 27-29 in Mesa, Arizona, some 78 Veterans and their wives were in attendance for the reunion activities which included a hospitality evening with musical entertainment and an excellent buffet and drinks. On Saturday the attendees were treated to a presentation by a former Marine that now heads the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, Mr. Patrick Chorpenning. Pat spoke of the services available from the State of Arizona in it's Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix, and about the new Veterans home planned for construction in Tucson, Az. Mr. Chorpenning spoke of the new programs available through the Department of Veterans Services. The officers of the Department of Arizona, Korean War Veterans Assn. are, Wes Stapleton, of the Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter of Phoenix, Commander, Charles A. Stewart, of the Ardren Rowley Chapter of Mesa, Vice Commander, Richard Wainwright, of the Edward Rhoades Chapter, Tucson, AZ. Secretary/Treasurer, and Donn Sager of the Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter, the Dept. Adjutant. Mr. Pete Romero of the Arden Rowley Chapter in Mesa is the Department Chaplain, and Mr. Nicholas Gervase, of the Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter, Phoenix was reunion Chairman and Master of Ceremonies.

The ceremony moved to the Korean War Memorial, at the Wesley Bolin Plaza, in front of the State Capitol building in Phoenix, for a memorial service honoring the members of both the U.S. and South Korean military that were killed in action or are missing as well.

This service was conducted by the Chaplains of the three Chapters in Arizona.

Attending the activities were Arizona State Senator Tom Smith, a Korean War Veteran and member of the Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter in Phoenix. Also attending was Mr. Fred Ferguson, Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam war. Mr. Ferguson is also the Assistant to Mr. Pat Chorpenning of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services.

Ms. Donna Adams of the Veterans Services offices was very instrumental in setting up and carrying out the successful event.

A week following the Reunion, the Department of Arizona held it's annual meeting to elect new officers for the next year. Mr. Charles Stewart was elected the Department Commander, Mr. Nicholas Gervase, Vice Commander, Richard Wainwright Sec/Treas. And Alva Folsom was appointed the Department Chaplain along with Donn Sager as the Department Judge Advocate.

(Thank you Wes Stapleton for photos and letter. Looks like a super event for our special KWVA veterans and heroes from Arizona.)



ABOVE: State Senator Tom Smith is seen addressing the assembly on the work the State Legislature is working for the benefit of the Veterans. Sitting on dais is Nicholas Gervase and Richard Wainwright.

BELOW: Veterans and their wives attending the Saturday session. Note the POW/MIA Table in the lower right corner, about which a ceremony was held by the Scottish American Military Society.

KWV 50th Comm

DoD Honors African-American Kore



Plaque honoring African American Veterans who served in the Korean War.



From left, Korean Ambassador Yang Sung Chul, Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Korean War veteran, retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Julius Becton.



Bugler and Honor Guard at wreath



Attendees salute during a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. (Your Editor with camera in hand standing near top with wife Susan to his left. Sam Fielder MD Chapter top left.

Photos by USAF Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey

By Technical Sgt. Michael Dorsey

On July 23, at 10 a.m. in Arlington National Cemetery, the Department of Defense honored all African-Americans who fought in the Korean War.

The event featured a tree planting and plaque dedication ceremony that began at the cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns.

One of the former soldiers who was honored at the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony is retired Army Sergeant First Class Lionel West. Last year at the 24th Regimental Combat Team's annual reunion in Seattle, Wash., West read names and looked at images of people like Medal of Honor recipient Cornelius Charlton. Spending time around his Korean War comrades later that evening brought back memories.

He remembered how leadership, regardless of rank in the military chain of command, is important beyond words.

"Treat your troops right and they will do right by you," said West.

A decorated soldier in Korea and Vietnam, West followed the high stan-

dard set by Charlton and led by example. On Sept. 2, 1950 in Haman, Korea, West earned a Bronze Star for saving lives using a 105-mm howitzer to fight off a heavy attack by enemy forces.

What he remembers most were the hardships and heartbreaks that soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines suffered in combat.

"The difference between Korea and Vietnam was television," said West. "People at home could see what was going on there. There were no TV reporters in Korea.

"We lost just as many lives in three years as Vietnam did in its time," continued West. "It was bad. A lot of good men were lost."

The ceremony, part of the congressionally-mandated, three-year commemoration period from June 25, 2000 to Nov. 11, 2003, was attended by many veterans service organizations and featured speeches by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White, New York Congressman Charles Rangel and retired Army Lt. Gen. Julius Becton, both Korean War veterans. His Excellency

Commemorative Events

Korean War Veterans on July 23, 2001



Korean War veteran Rev. Nathaniel Nicholson (24th Inf. Div.) gives the invocation at the tree planting and plaque dedication honoring all African Americans who served in the Korean War.



Korean War veteran and retired Army Lt. Gen. Julius Becton, and Republic of South Korean Ambassador Yang Sung Chul, center, help unveil plaque.

Yang, Sung Chul, Republic of Korea's ambassador to the United States also attended.

By Staff Sgt. Robert Timmons

WASHINGTON — Like most American service members returning home after halting North Korean and Chinese aggression and saving South Korea, African-Americans serving in the armed forces didn't get a rousing welcome when they returned after the Korean War.

African-Americans served in all combat and combat service elements during the Korean War and were involved in all major combat operations, including the advance of United Nations forces to the Chinese border. In June 1950, almost 100,000 African-Americans were on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, equaling about 8 percent of total manpower. By the end of the war, roughly 600,000 African-Americans had served in the military.

(Some of this news release was edited due to it being repetitive to Sgt. Dorsey's release. Editor.)

Air Force Brothers Receive Medal

WASHINGTON — Donald and Herb Greer officially received the Republic of Korea War Service Medal May 5 in Anderson, Calif., the brothers will remember that to serve their country, their mother — not the newly-formed Air Force — called the shots.

Nellie Greer gave the thumbs up for her two sons to fly together more than 50 years ago during the Korean War. The two had flown three missions together during World War II, but the Air Force, in its first war since it stood up in 1947, was reluctant to allow family members to serve on the same crew.

"I went to my commander and told him that I'd volunteer (to serve in the Korean War) if I could be on the same crew with my brother," said the 77-year-old Donald, a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who lives in Savannah, Ga.

The brothers petitioned the Air Force and the Air Force turned to a higher authority in Nellie Greer.

Greer, now 98, approved the request and the rest is history. The tandem flew 31 B-29 missions in Korea as part of the same aircrew. The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee's executive director, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, will present the foreign service medal to the Greer brothers with their mother by their side at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Anderson.

Donald and 79-year-old Herb, who lives near Little Rock, Ark., traveled to California for the awards ceremony. They knew that their will to fight for their country stemmed from the confidence and blessing of their mother and was truly a family affair.

"There's a feeling of security knowing that you're with family during war," Donald Greer said.

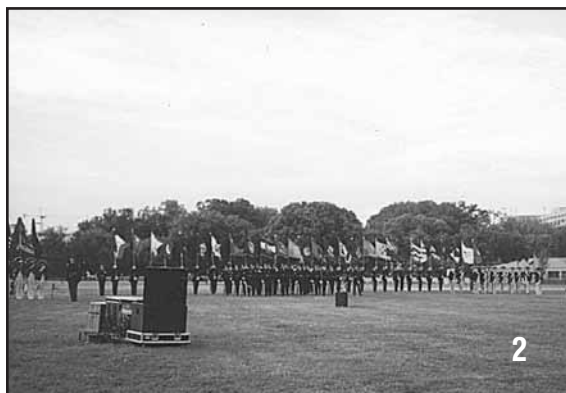
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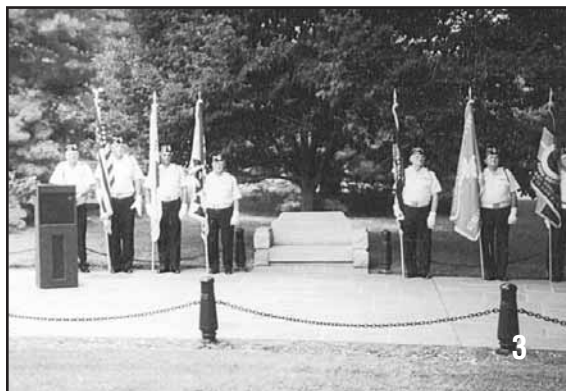
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Korean War Battlefield Tours for 2001

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 Nakdong 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 / Nakdong River Bulge area; we then explore Chorwon and Iron Triangle battlesites, Incheon / Panmunjom.

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Chapter Affairs

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

Chapter members (Korean War Veterans) visited West Point to attend the annual retiree open house luncheon. After the parade 800 guests were invited to eat at the mess hall with the cadets. 4,000 cadets eat daily at this mess hall. Each visitors table was assigned two cadets. Many questions were asked by visitors and cadets. After lunch we toured all the historical locations on campus.

There was also a presentation of the Korean War history for the veterans and the Korean visitors. One woman was only 5 years old during the war. It was a great day.

(Thanks you Louis Quagliero for the photos and the letter. This must have been a special event for all that attended.)



Taejon Chapter #170 members who attended the West Point annual retiree open house luncheon.



West Point Cadets marching on parade grounds for attending visitors.



Veterans and visitors viewing parade from stands.

Quad Cities Chapter #168 of Illinois



Chapter Banner in the Colona, IL. Memorial Day Parade. Shown (l to r) Gene Bleuer, Joe Gomez, Bill Weber, Tom Moore.



Robert Fitts Chapter president driving his restored 1945 Jeep in the Colona, IL. Memorial Day Parade.

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."



Chapter Color Guard at ceremony to Honor Native American Veterans, at Shadow Lake Camp Grounds near Joslin, IL. (l to r) Gene Bleuer, Ron Sears, Cliff Coon, Bill Weber and Robert Fitts.



Chapter members at Brat Frey fund raiser at store front in Moline, IL. (l to r) Gene Bleuer, Bob Fitts, Roal Gomez, Bill Weber, Tom Moore and Norm Neely

(Thank you Jerry for photos and letter. Great veterans and events.)

Thousands Island Chapter #113 of New York



Chapter members gathered for a Memorial Service at Post 1400 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building in Watertown NY on July 21, 2001. The ceremony included a rifle salute by the Marine Color Guard and the laying of a wreath in remembrance of deceased comrades.

(Thank you Robert J. Hodkinson for photo and letter. We also thank all for remembering.)

Greater Chicago Chapter of Illinois



Display prepared by Mr. Albin Billinski and donated to the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, IL. The display stands just inside the entrance to the temporary Museum in the Mall. Mr. Bilinski served with the 159th FA Bn. in Korea and is a member of the chapter. The gentleman in the striped shirt is Mr. Black of the KWNM&L

(Thank you Niels Larsen, President for the photo and letter. Mr. Albin is a super veteran for remembering our war and those we left behind.)

Western Massachusetts, Chapter 2000



Western Mass members Kenneth Usher, Commander; Lionel Mettey, Past Commander; George Gardner, Sr. Vice Commander; Frank Pasternak, Chaplain/Sgt. At Arms; and Emile Rattell with service awards and certificates presented by Governor and State Legislature.

The Governor and State Legislature of Massachusetts have been issuing service awards and certificates to Massachusetts' Korean War veterans.

On May 10, 2001, State Rep. Josenh Wagner, City of Chicopee Mayor Richard Kos, and Emile Rattelle, City Veterans' Service Agent, presented the documents to 76 men and women, residents of Chicopee, who served during the Korean War.

(Thank you Edwin Pajak for photo and letter. A great honor paid to great veterans by a great state.)

Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida



New chapter officers. (L to R) Clarence Dadswell, Suncoast Chapter #14, installed the officers: Gene Gillette 1st Vice, Bill Field President, Fred Weinmann Treasurer and Bill Gilkerson (not shown), 2nd Vice.

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



Our Chapter recently conducted its annual Korean War POW/MIA remembrance ceremony: (l to r) Chapter Vice President Gene Gillette and Chapter President Bill Field pause during a break in ceremonies.



Many guest speakers joined our Chapter in honoring the Korean War POW/MIAs. Manatee County, Veterans Chairman Larry Hustle addresses the audience.

(Thank you George Staudt for photos & letter. Great program. Your POW article is covered in our many printed stories.)

Miami-Dade County Chapter #110 of Florida



On August 1, 2001 the Miami Vet Center saluted Korean Veterans and Chapter members. Participating among those pictured are: (front row fomm right) Chapter President Ainslee R. Ferdie, Commander Master Sgt. A.J. Camosesas Chapter Education Chair, and Sgt. Tibbs. Tibbs and Camosesas were speakers.

(Thank you Ainslee R.. Ferdie for photo and letter. Thanks to all.)

Nature Coast Chapter #174 of Florida



John McMillan (left), poses with Mr. and Mrs. Birt. Mrs. Birt, sister of Sgt. Dalton Libby, MOH, was presented a special Congressional Recognition.

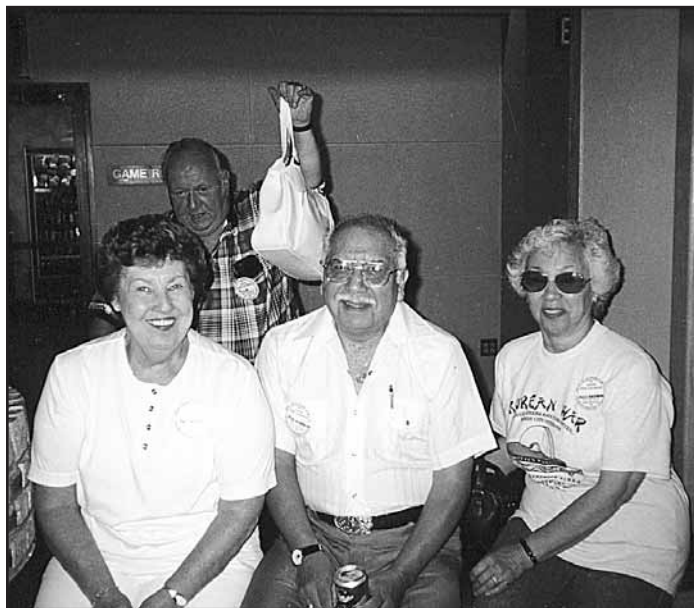
During a Memorial Day service on May 30, 2001 our Chapter President John McMillan had the honor of presenting a special Congressional Recognition to Mrs. Madelyn Birt, the sister of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. George Dalton Libby. He was the first recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

(Thank you John for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter for honoring the family of a Korean War hero.)

Notice

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

South Suburban Chapter #23 of Illinois



Shown left to right are chapter members and their wives. Jane Pritchett, Paul Guerrero, Mary Guerrero and in back is Richard Pawelek.

(Thank you Paul for photos and letter. We also thank you for your donation. Other photos were shown in past issues. We hope you will send in photos pertaining to chapter events and its veterans.)

MG Lloyd R. Moses Chapter 194 of South Dakota

This new chapter of the KWVA, was named after a most distinguish and most honorable man, officer and command general. Our chapter after many months of delay was organized on the 26th of May 2001, at the VFW Post 2750, in Mitchell, South Dakota.

At our first organizing meeting we had 34 members present and many chapter member's wives in attendance. I would like to report to you that now we have a chapter membership of 74 members and are still getting requests for National and chapter membership.

Many of us chapter members have been visiting our schools and giving talks on and about the Korean War and our service during the war years and we have found that the kids are most inquisitive and are much interested in what we have to tell them about the Korean War. In addition to this we also have been giving talks to the different civic organizations where we are always most welcome.

Our members come from all parts of Eastern South Dakota and of all the branches of the military Armed Forces. In addition we have three members from one family, the father, son and daughter-in-law (I don't know if this is a record in the KWVA) and one member who was a POW during the war.

I want to give full credit to the person for this chapter getting started. That person is Sam Namoi, one of the most dedicated, loyal, ever working man, who has always given much of his time and his own funds to bring a great many of the Korean War veterans into the National KWVA and who has been responsible for having created many chapters including ours.

At the present time I can not furnish any photographs of our chapter officers but hope to do so in the near future .

The chapter officers are:

Fred A. Duve Jr. President, Clayton J. Speiser 1st Vice President, Luther Dappan 2nd Vice President, Nicholas Schleich Sec/Treasurer, Jim Wagner Judge Advocate, James A. Melgaard POW/MIA Officer and Elden Lawrence Historian.

(Thank you Fred A. Duve Jr. for the letter about one of our newest chapters. We look forward to printing your chapter events in photos. We also thank Sam Namoi for his efforts in creating new chapters and KWVA National members. Without this growth and support of our members The Graybeards would not exist nor would the quality over the past years be possible.)

Brevard County Chapter #210 of Florida



Members of the Brevard County Chapter (left to right) Jim Appleton, 1st Vice President; John Howard, Chaplin; Richard William; George Rosenfeld; and Paul Spescia, President.

The chapter recently held a membership drive. The Chapter set up a booth at the Annual Reunion of the Vietnam Veterans Assn of Brevard County Moving Wall, an annual event which draws more veterans than any other reunion in the country. The event is a three day gathering focused around one of three traveling half-size replicas of the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C. which includes many patriotic events, a Sunday morning chapel service, and music by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, as well as a large gathering of military oriented vendors. This year's reunion took place in Wickham Park, Melbourne, FL.

At our first meeting in September 2000 we had 35 members. At our booth approximately 30 veterans took membership applications. We meet every first Wednesday of each month at 13:00 hours at the Sykes Creek Veterans Memorial and Museum, at 400 S. Sykes Creek Blvd., Merritt Island, FL. *(Thank you Paul Spescia, President for photos and letter. We look forward to see more of your chapter events in The Graybeards.)*

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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

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Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia



This past Memorial Day the city of Roswell, Georgia (an Atlanta suburb) held its annual celebration and parade. This year honoring the D-Day veterans. Pictured left to right: Mr. Daniel McDonald who was with General Patton's forces from Normandy to the conclusion of the European War. General (Ret.) Raymond G. Davis., veteran of three wars, Medal of Honor recipient (Korea) and Life Honorary President of the Korean War Veterans Assn.

(Two great veterans that we are very proud of and respect.)

PFC Stanley A. Gogoj Chapter #38 of Pennsylvania



Photo above is from July 27, 2001, the 48th anniversary of the fire agreement supposedly to end the Korean War?? Chapter No. 38. Inc. honor guard members. John Plenskofski, President, Chapter No. 38. Inc. Philadelphia & Vicinity Korean War Veterans Association. Founders, Philadelphia Korean War Memorial 1989/1992.

Honor Guard members. Left to right as follows. John Mitchell, Jr. coordinator, John Gallagher, Edward Corbeil, Antonio Romero, holding banner. Frank Chiavaroli, other end of the banner and John Plenskofski, President, Chapter No. 38. Inc. by the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial marker we dedicated on June 30, 1992. To honor the first man from Philadelphia reported killed in action on June 30, 1950. Pfc. Stanley A. Gogoj, from Philadelphia.

Korean War Veterans Association Website:
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Our honor guard members (left to right): John Varallo, Warminster, PA Robert Baxter, Philadelphia, PA Jack Green, Philadelphia. Edward Corbeil, Rockledge, PA and John Rdesinski, Philadelphia. Taken on 8/8/2001 groundbreaking ceremonies at memorial site.



Memorial construction now going on which is to be completed on November 11, 2001. The Philadelphia Korean War Memorial, will then be dedicated by the Honorable John F. Street, Mayor, City of Philadelphia, who at the 50th Anniversary Ceremonies that Chapter No. 38. Inc. had arranged on June 25, 2000. did pledge he would raise \$655,000 to get the memorial built and he did so as he had promised us.

Finally are starting to construct The Philadelphia Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia, PA that will honor the known 605 men from Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties who were reported killed in action, missing in action, died while in captivity or who are unaccounted for from the Korean War, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, and then those men who were later killed in action in the DMZ.

(Thank you John Plenskofski for photos and letter. Your chapter is doing a super job in helping this memorial to be built. KWVA and I are proud of all our Philadelphia Veterans. We hope to see photos from dedication day.)

Notice

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

William R. Charette MOH Chapter #158 of Florida



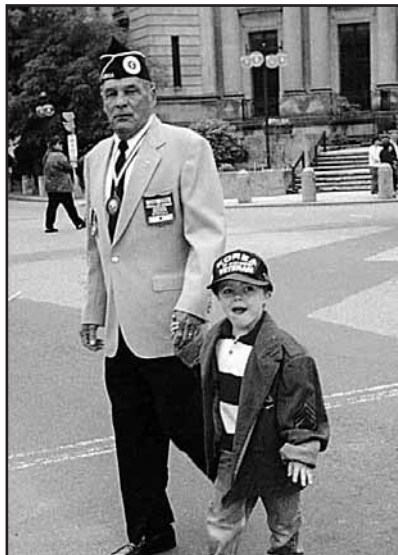
Congressman Adam Putnam, right (the youngest person to ever be elected to the United States House of Representatives), assisted in the process to have this oversight corrected and also presented the award to Mr. Black (left). Congressman Putnam, who has demonstrated a keen interest in the Korean War and the lives of its veterans, chose the anniversary of the start of the Korean War June 25, to present this long overdue recognition to this soldier. Donald's wife (center) Louise Black shows her pride by being dressed in purple.

(Thank you William P. McCraney for the photo and letter. I read the complete newspaper article and I wish I had the space to scan and print the three column article. We are equally proud that a deserving veteran at long last received his Purple Heart.)

Chapter 1 of Connecticut

Ray Green, Korean War Veteran served with H Company, 160th Regt., 40th Infantry Division marched in the Stamford, CT. Memorial Day Parade with his grandson Steven Green who proudly wears his grandfathers 1952 issued jacket.

(Thank you Dody Green for sending photo and note. It warms all veterans hearts when we see someone so young showing pride in our country and those that served. Please let Steven know all veterans are very proud of him equally as his family.)



Pfc. Robert H. Young MOH Chapter #220 of California

Pfc. Robert H. Young Co. E, 8th Calvary Regt. 1st Cav. Div. Born March 4, 1929, in Oroville, CA., entered service at Vallejo, CA, Oct. 9, 1950: killed Aug. 2, 1951. Young's company was spearheading a drive of battalion size deep in enemy territory, suddenly they came under devastating barrage of mortar and automatic fire which inflicted heavy casualties and wounding

him in the face and shoulder, refusing evacuation, he remained in place and continued to fire until wounded a second time, as he waited for aid, the enemy attempted an enveloping movement. Disregarding medical treatment, he took an exposed position and firing with deadly accuracy killing five of the enemy; during this action, he was hit again by hostile fire and was knocked to the ground destroying his helmet.

Later when supporting tanks moved forward, Young, his wounds still unattended, directed fire which destroyed three enemy gun positions and enabled the company to move forward. Wounded again by enemy mortar burst and while aiding several of his comrades, he demanded that all the wounded be attended to first. For Young's action, he was nominated and received the Medal of Honor.

"Johnnie" Johnson Chapter #115 of Lima, Ohio

Our Chapter was named after Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson. On April 11, 2001 a street in the Shawnee suburb of Lima has also been dedicated to him. After being in the Army he lived on this street, he now lives in Arizona..

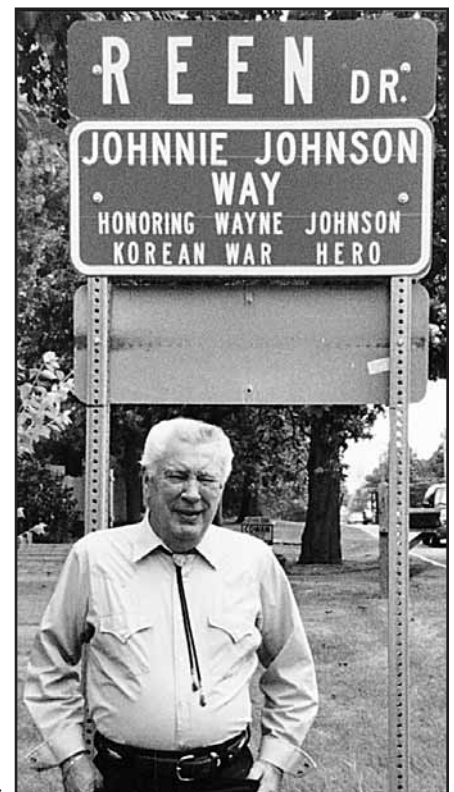
On July 11, 1950, less than 3 weeks into the Korean War, he was captured. In August 1953 he was repatriated with a list of 496 men that were killed or died in the POW camp. The record of Johnson's list slipped into bureaucratic oblivion after being sneaked out in a toothpaste tube.

In the summer of 1991 the names were finally compared against official records. Still, they couldn't contact the next of kin because of the Privacy Act preventing the Pentagon from releasing their addresses.

On August 3, 1996, America finally thanked him, by giving him the Silver Star, for his "exemplary courage and selfless determination to provide a record of deceased soldiers, even in the face of death by a hostile enemy".

For more information on "Johnson's List" see article by Malcolm McDonnell in the January 1997 Readers Digest.

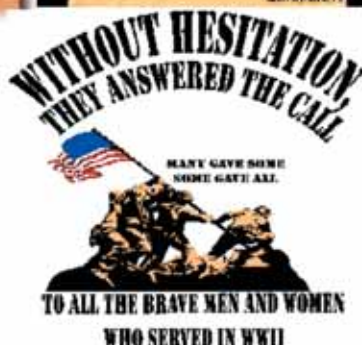
(Thank you Wilbur L. Hurd for photo and letter of a true Hero.)



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Western Ohio Chapter #108



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Charles L. Gilliland Chapter #22 of Arkansas

Newly elected officers for the term of June 2001 to June 2002:

Commander	Bob Rudder
Vice-Commander	Alex Oliz
Secretary	Jessie Milford
Treasurer	Sam Harrell

Appointed Officers:

Chaplain	Charles Thom
MIA/POW	Joe O'Halloran
Historian	Ray Miller
Service	Ed Pierce

We invite all Korean War veterans to join our chapter and the growing national association. The important part this war served in protecting the world from communist domination is finally being recognized -it should never have been "forgotten".

(Thanks Bob for letter. I lost or misplaced your newspaper.)

Remains of U.S Servicemen Recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of 17 American soldiers, missing in action from the Korean War will be repatriated in formal ceremonies Tuesday, Korea time. This is the largest number of remains recovered in a single joint recovery operation since U.S. teams began their work in North Korea in 1996.

The remains will be flown

on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, North Korea, under escort of a uniformed U.S. honor guard to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where a United Nations Command repatriation ceremony will be held.

The 28-person U.S. teams are composed primarily of specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI).

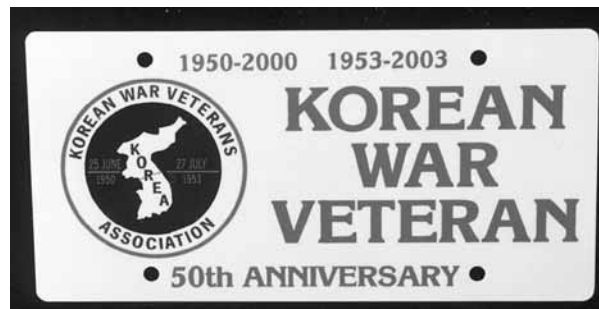
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and Vietnam, he is the author of four books on military affairs. Braim resides in Daytona Beach, Florida, during the cold months and hides in the woods of central Pennsylvania the rest of the year.

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The Retreads

By Robert Leland Athey

The "Retreads" is a story of U.S. Marine Corps veterans of World War II who enlisted in the Marine Corps Volunteer Reserve Force. Five years later they would become involved in a cold war which developed into the United Nations Korean War. At the time of enlistment they were told that Marines serving in the inactive reserve without pay or promotions would only be subject to active duty in time of a declared war.

On June 19, 1950, U. S. Ambassador John Foster Dulles spoke to a disturbed audience, the Korean National Assembly. 'The American people give you their support, both moral and material . . . You are not alone you will never be alone.' Six days later on June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea with 135,000 men, initiating the Korean War. The South Korean Army estimated at 100,000 men, with 50,000 armed police was demoralized and unable to mount any semblance of defense against the invading forces.

In four days, the city of Seoul was in the hands of the well-trained communist armies from the north. The invaders would have swept to Pusan if US. Army ground forces stationed in Japan had not

been sent by President Truman on his own authority to fight a delaying action.

General Douglas MacArthur, the U. S. Army Commander in the Far East, was named Commander in Chief of the United Nations Ground Forces consisting of elements from nineteen nations.

The cold war became a hot war. South Korea, after less than five years of independence from the Japanese Empire was fighting for its life and freedom. On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered air and sea support for South Korea. On June 30, 1950, he followed with orders and authorization to use U.S. Army ground troops (many with no combat experience) against the invaders.

The scope of the war expanded and U.S. casualties mounted as experience troops fought against a well-trained enemy. Replacement and reinforcement troops were needed, however trained drafted men were not available as the selective service had only been asked to furnish 20,000 troops.

Meanwhile in other far east events Chinese Reds threatened to fight against the U.S. 7th Fleet that President Truman had ordered to defend Formosa and Communists in Japan were rioting against Japanese authority.

General MacArthur asked the U.S. Marine Corps to augment hard pressed Army forces. The Marine Corps 500,000 men strong in WWII, now 74,000 men, formed the 1st Provisional Brigade to send to Korea, called up its organized reserve forces, and committed the entire 1st Marine Division for Korean service within six weeks.

With the start of the Korean War a Presidential Order was issued to extend all military enlistments. On July 26, 1950, U.S. Armed Services stated that it will try to get along without draftees. On July 29, 1950, Draft officials said that thousands failed to respond to their draft notices . . . almost 42%. On August 8, 1950, the Marine Corps with its sights set on a mobilized strength of 174,000 by October 31, 1950 began writing orders to duty for 50,000 officers and men of the 80,000 Volunteer Reserve Force.

The recalled reserve Marines, now with families, had established themselves in all walks of civilian life. Now accountants, merchants, firemen, policemen,

teachers, lawyers, etc. they would have their lives totally disrupted. Faced with financial hardships due to recall at a rank and pay scale held four to five years ago, many would be unable to make home and automobile payments.

On October 2, 1950, Technical Sergeant Robert L. Mason reported for duty at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, USMC and was assigned as a Platoon Sergeant to process recalled reserves back into the military life.

During the fall months of 1950 Camp Pendleton was the site where thousands of U. S. Marine Corps reserves would be retreaded and processed back into ranks. Their initial training cycle

was seven to ten days followed by two weeks of combat field training. With training completed they would be transferred by replacement drafts to the 1st Marine Division in Korea or any billet to fill the needs of the Corps.

Technical Sergeant Mason, his assignment completed, received orders to Marine Ground Control Squadron 3, AirFMFPC, MCAS El Toro, California to join other retreads preparing the squadron for deployment to Korea.

"Retreads," lived three lives: Duty in the Korean War; the families they left behind and memories of World War II. Their story begins on June 25, 1950 and ends on July 27, 1953. It is not a tale of grim combat as experience by the ground troops, but a story of life and innermost feelings viewed and lived by Marines serving in Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadrons One & Three in Korea. The story is based on true events, places and persons (with some variance in names and dates), as told by Master Sergeant Mason.

Life for Marines in the squadrons consisted of danger, long hours of work, tragedy, hardships, humor, a whiskey barter system, an R&R trip to Japan and Esprit de Corps. Interwoven in the story is a lost love story from the past and a love story from the present. Master Sergeant Mason who served in both squadrons never ordered any Marine to a duty or task that he would not do himself. He lost three of his friends killed in two separate enemy infiltration attacks at 11:45 p.m.

Their tour of duty completed with honor, the "Retreads" based on a point

system individually rotated back to the United States to return to inactive duty status. Home from a now forgotten war they had to put their life back together again.

On July 21, 1953, Master Sergeant Mason now a happily married career Marine, was the Officer of the Day for Marine Transport Squadron VMR-352, MCAS El Toro, California. During his tour of duty he acted on orders which directed a secret nuclear special weapon's flight to the far east. The flight of five four-engine transport aircraft on the night of July 21, 1953 went on to their destinations (without recall) to influence a North Korean and Chinese decision for an armistice at the 38th parallel. The story ends with an armistice but without a peace agreement. Now forty-seven years later, a state of war technically still exists between South and North Korea and approximately 40,000 U. S. servicemen are still stationed in South Korea.

The Author

Master Gunnery Sergeant Robert Leland Athey, UCMC Retired, enlisted July 13, 1942. Served in World War II, The Korean War, The Cuban Missile Crisis and at many duty stations. Retired from active duty at the Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia on July 14, 1969. A native son of Kings County, CA., he is active in the preservation of local history. Lives with his wife Nadine in the attractive city of Hanford, CA.

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An Unbroken Chain

*By Jeremiah Henry Holleman,
M.D., F.A.C.S.*

The origin or genesis of this dissertation began with the landing of the English immigrant, Christopher Hollyman at Jamestown, Virginia on 22 May 1650. The reading of his Will implies significant achievements in acquiring assets and propagation of scions. His descendent,

Moody Holleman, fought against his British cousins in the Battle of New Orleans. Moody later established the Holleman lineage in the State of Mississippi. Moody was my Father—Jeremiah Holleman's great, great grandfather.

As the writing continues, it reveals the courage and dedication of my maiden Mother, as she married my Father and assumed motherhood of six small motherless children. Jeremiah Henry Holleman was the first born of this marriage and was to be followed by six siblings. Strong family ties and the adventure of growing up in a large family in a rural setting are described I hope the reader will sense the dedication and caring of my parents as they strived to meet the tangible and intangible needs of the family.

When the time came for me to fly the nest and begin the quest for a meaningful future, the depth of the great depression was still lingering. It was my good fortune to be the recipient of many fine and unexpected opportunities to achieve an education that in the beginning seemed to be an impossible dream. It was as though the hand of Providence and lady luck were leading me to receive the Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1943.

The degree in medicine opened the door to a fascinating endeavor in continuing my education in the field of surgery. It was my privilege to serve as a medical officer in World War II and the Korean War and to have a gratifying practice in the field of general surgery in Columbus, Mississippi. There was also time for a strong commitment to my family and community service.

Excerpts from the book.

There were some unique and very interesting cases seen in the MASH. For example, an American lieutenant had sustained a small shell fragment wound of the left chest. On admission to the MASH he was having severe pain in the right leg and no other symptoms. X-ray of his chest was normal, x-ray of the right groin revealed a small metallic object. Pulses in the right leg and foot were diminished. A small piece of shrapnel had entered his chest and left heart chamber. It was pumped from the heart, through the aorta, then into the right femoral artery. The shell fragment was successfully removed

by Dr. Kellum.

I did the surgery on a British soldier with an extensive and bizarre wound resulting from an exploding artillery shell. There were multiple chest and abdomen wounds, plus an extensive rend in the diaphragm. A loop of small bowel had passed through the tear in the diaphragm and was protruding through a hole in the chest wall. He had multiple perforations of the small bowel and a ruptured spleen. I repaired all wounds, including the tear in the diaphragm and removed the spleen. He made a routine recovery.

One day I was in the receiving and triage area when two litter bearers literally came running from the helicopter pad with a patient on a stretcher. A young American soldier had received a smashing wound to the chin and lower jaws. Most of the chin had been blown away. The remaining bone fragments and soft tissue were a bloody, jellied mass. The soldier was ashen and blue. His chest was straining for breath, but the jellied mass had totally blocked his airway. With no sterile prep, I grabbed a scalpel and tracheotomy tube. With a quick slit below his Adam's apple, the tube was in the trachea. The soldier took some deep breaths and his skin color turned to normal. Two months later, I visited him in the Tokyo General Army Hospital, where he was undergoing plastic surgery.

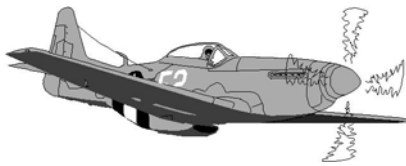
There were many very serious and tragic injuries. A young Greek soldier stepped on a land mine and both feet and lower legs were blown away. A French soldier had his abdominal wall blown away by a grenade.

(310 pages of family history, WWII and Korean War history, 8055 MASH history (many more as those noted above) as seen by a hero among heroes, he and his fellow doctors, surgeons and nurses saved many hundreds of lives including the enemy. The book also describes life after the Korean war:

An amazing book and a must read for all veterans especially those that had their lives given back to them by our special heroes, the Medical Corps. I see no indication of where to purchase the book other than in your local book store.

If you wish to contact the Doctor, or to purchase the book contact Graybeards Editor at 410-828-8978 and I will give further information.)

LUCK'S THIN THREAD



Close only counts in horseshoes...

August, 1950

On August 29th, 1950, while our ground troops were still locked in the battles around the "Pusan Perimeter" I was assigned to fly another long five and one-half hour 'ass-buster' from Ashiya, Japan, to the area north of Pyongyang, the heavily-protected capital city of North Korea, but despite the tedious, long hours in the cramped little cockpit of the F-51 Mustang, it turned out to be an exceptionally good mission; I was able to destroy two locomotives, one howitzer on a flatcar, several boxcars, four trucks, and about twenty enemy troops. But the troops almost got to me in the process.

It happened near Chorwon as I flew south looking for targets of opportunity. I'd found the four trucks heading out of Pyongyang and was able to destroy them all with just my machine guns, saving my rockets for something more lucrative. And a prize it was... a locomotive with a half dozen boxcars about to enter a short mountain tunnel. There was little room to maneuver in the narrow canyon, but as I dove to intercept I knew that I could get a fairly straight shot into the tunnel from the far side, by flying down the railroad approach, then pulling up at the last instant, to just clear the hills above ...and that's just what I did.

I got a beautiful six rocket launch right into the tunnel to destroy the locomotive, but as I pulled up I could see a machine

gunner on the ridge above, peppering away at me the whole time I was coming down over the track. I didn't feel any hits however, and, since I was almost out of ammunition and fuel, decided to head back to Taegu, rather than challenge the machine gunner on the spot.

The thirty minute flight back to our staging base at Taegu was uneventful, and upon taxiing up to the rearm-refuel parking area, the line crewman chocked my wheels as I shut down, then climbed up to help me unstrap and climb stiffly out of the cockpit.

Our 'old time, old reliable', line chief met me and was already starting to remove the engine cowling on the left side of the nose. I promptly told him not to bother... that the airplane was in good shape; that it was ... "running like a fine Swiss watch."

With a friendly, knowing smile, he motioned me to come down by the nose to take a look at my "fine Swiss watch", and when I'd stepped down from the leading edge of the left wing onto the tire, I could then see a very long, narrow-angle slit in the cowling, which when projected by the angle of its penetration, was found to be aimed just slightly forward of the cockpit.

With the cowling panel removed, we could see where the slug, a steel armor piercing fifty caliber bullet, had missed my coolant line by a scant fraction of an inch, but had gone through and shattered a large section of the heavy aluminum "I" beam

bracing which supported the left side of the engine, then had struck the engine block and penetrated to a depth of almost a quarter of an inch, before stopping to drop into the cowling below.

We found two of three shattered pieces of the enemy's projectile still resting in the lower cowling. We never did find the third piece, the tip. We assumed it must have shattered into several smaller bits when it hit the engine block.

I had been very, very lucky. Had my speed been just a fraction faster as I pressed my attack against the locomotive, that single bullet would have come into the cockpit at an angle that would have hit my chest. Had it's angle been a bit steeper, it would have probably had force enough to penetrate and destroy my engine. And, if it had been but a fraction of an inch lower, it would have gone through my coolant line, causing the engine to quit before I could reach friendly lines, or it could have destroyed the engine mount "I" beam... any of which would have put me down behind enemy lines in short order!

Since there was no way to make a permanent repair to the engine mount at Taegu, the maintenance people riveted a steel brace to cover the hole in the structural beam, and I flew very carefully, at low power settings back to Ashiya.

I have saved those two broken pieces of that .50 caliber armor piercing bullet, 'had them mounted on a key chain ...they serve as a constant reminder to me of just how thin and fragile is the thread of "Luck", and just how close I came to using my entire allotment on that day near Chorwon.

Upon returning to Ashiya with my 'wounded' Mustang, I found that we had 'adopted' a squadron of Marine F4U Corsair fighters ...twenty planes and pilots, from an aircraft carrier which had put into port for fuel and supplies. It meant that our little Intelligence office would take on a 30% increased workload, and that I'd have to spend a few more days on the ground helping with their mission briefing and post flight interrogations.

I stood-down from flying on August 30th, making good use of the opportunity to meet the pilots of the Marine squadron during their briefings and critiques, and to compare notes on combat tactics, equipment and the policy differences of our two services.

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

A basic advantage to the Marine pilots was their Service's policy of supporting their own ground troops; we wished that we could have been so selective. But for us to confine our aerial support to just one Army Division would have meant that several other Divisions would have been without tactical aerial support of any kind.

Another item of interest to our USAF pilots, was the fact that the Navy and Marines issued their air crews .38 caliber revolvers for personal service weapons, a much lighter and more accurate handgun than the ancient, heavy .45 caliber Colt automatic which was then issued by the Air Force.

Although completely illegal and against regulations of both services, and despite the fact that Air Force supply channels had no .38 cal. ammunition, nor did the Navy stock .45 caliber rounds, the pilots of both services made it a point to swap pistols and as much ammunition as the traders had in their possession... usually plenty enough to carry them through the war.

My personal view of the transactions was one of complete disinterest.

I had carried my big .45 automatic on several missions, in an uncomfortable shoulder holster, pressed against my right ribcage by the tight harness straps of my parachute.

Later I decided to try a hip holster in the hopes that it might work a little better in the tight confines of the Mustang's little cockpit. But that wasn't much better, because the straps and seat bucket just weren't built to carry such a large, hard, inflexible piece of personal equipment.

It was necessary, each time I climbed into the cockpit, to lift the holster, attached to a three-inch wide web belt, until it hung outside the seat bucket, between the seat and the map case, which, in turn made it almost impossible to reach the forms or maps in the case. Finally, I found it necessary to thoughtfully analyze the reasons

for my carrying the big pistol in the first place, and came to realize that handguns were, truthfully, just psychological "pacifiers", basically nothing more than "adult security blankets", for the pilots!

I carried the big, heavy handgun in my cockpit only to prepare for the remote chance that I might be shot down and, as that would most likely occur behind enemy lines, then I would have two choices: I could shoot myself, or I could shoot at any enemy who might be trying to capture me.

Since I certainly had no intention of shooting myself, I then carefully considered the second option. I reached an interesting conclusion: namely, if I used the weapon to threaten someone close enough to see the tremendous size of the .45 caliber barrel ...provided they were unarmed, or I caught them unawares, as they do in the movies, the gun might be somewhat useful.

More realistically though, if I were to use my pistol against an enemy soldier ...a highly inaccurate weapon, even in the best of circumstances, I would simply expose myself to very precise rifle fire from their side. My longevity would be reduced in direct proportion to the number of enemy riflemen exposed to the erratic muzzle blast of my seven-shot, barn-door accurate .45 automatic.

At that point I decided that it was a waste of my time and precious cockpit space to carry the pistol on my person while flying combat missions, and reserved it's use for those few times when our base might be exposed to guerrilla activity ...or when newsreel cameras were in the area and I wanted to convey the expected macho look of the true fighter pilot.

Carrying the service automatic was, to me, sort of like the World War II practice of wearing the Chinese 'blood chit flags' on the backs of the pilot's leather flying jackets ...wearing it thusly allowed the

Japanese or other enemy to confirm that he was one of the "bad guys" without having to stop and ask questions first ...they could then shoot the pilot in the back before he even knew there was anyone in the area.

On the other hand, by wearing the "blood chit" flags stitched to the inside of the jacket flap, the pilot could be more selective in who he showed it to, and be facing the questioner at the time of disclosure. The wartime flying movies never did figure that one out; but those of us who flew in China during the war didn't have any trouble deciding where to wear them!

NOTE: During 1952 the Air Force finally 'saw the light' and issued smaller and much lighter 38 caliber pistols to aircrews ...much more practical and convenient than the old 1917 issue Colt .45 automatics.

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

Next Issue: Quad 50's are on you.
 Going in on flak emplacements near Kigye.

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KATUSA CASUALTIES

(Korean Augmentation To United States Army)

By Bill Weber

It is not by accident that a KATUSA is included in the line of sculptures in the Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. That decision was a deliberate one by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, albeit one that had to be fought hard to obtain approval.

Few Americans know, and sadly, some Korean War Era veterans fail to remember little, of the blood shed by those Korean nationals who were assigned to US units during the Korean War. Many may say, "So what!" It was a war we were fighting to help them—it was their country—and that's what war is all about!

But, lost in that kind of reasoning is why Koreans were assigned to US units! And, that is where this issue becomes one that ought to be acknowledged by America for there are at least 30 plus thousand American families that should say, "Thank you KATUSAs!"

Many do not realize that the US chose to meet maintaining our front line strength by using KATUSAs instead of U.S. replacements. We did that for several reason: (a). We needed the bulk of our available manpower to build our NATO forces because we feared Soviet aggression in Europe; (b). We wanted to reduce U.S. casualties in Korea because we feared losing public support; (c). We misjudged the ferocious nature of the war and could not train sufficient replacements to meet needs; and, (d). Our political leadership chose not to declare a National Emergency to put the US on a war foot-

ing.

In simple truth, every KATUSA killed, wounded, captured or missing would have meant that a U.S. soldier could have been killed, wounded, captured or missing if we had kept our units at TO&E strength with US replacements! Thus, when considering our Korean War casualties, this nation ought to add the KATUSAs to the total-for in their place could have been an American!!

Are the numbers significant? Yes! Between 16% to 24% of our front line infantry strength in U.S. units were KATUSAs and somewhat higher in support units! And, the best available data suggests that their casualty rate not only equaled U.S. rates, but exceeded them by 10% in our Infantry Divisions.

Why? Because the KATUSAs were many times in the forefront of heavy engagements. Was this deliberate or happenstance? Or was it because they were untrained or poorly trained when assigned and knew little of front line combat and thus were victims of the "new guy" syndrome! Or, was it a language and "buddy" barrier? Sadly, we'll never know the full reasons. But, we do know that every KATUSA that took a "hit" meant one less American taking that "hit"!

The figures are startling! Using the median of 20% and evaluating a then U.S. 12 man Rifle Squad that meant that between 2 to 3 were KATUSAs (and many times, as much as 4 or more since so called "filler" personnel in rifle companies were KATUSAs. Extrapolating casualties, and using as a basis U.S. casualties, (factoring 10% for the KATUSA higher ratio), the chart below computes the impact of KATUSA casualties if added to US casualties. The figures are rounded off. (Note: MIA are included in KIA)

We'll never know the actual figures, for KATUSA casualties are included in ROK Army casualties and thus, can only be estimated as was done above. In actuality, it is highly possible that KATUSA casualties were even higher than shown above. But, short of checking the Morning Reports of every company/battery US unit, we'll never know the exact figures if, in fact, these Morning Reports all listed KATUSA casualties!

It is interesting to note that CCF PVA historical documents overstate US casualties by the same number as they understate ROK casualties! This is because the CCF PVA battle reports counted KATUSA casualties as US casualties in their after action reports of engagement with US units.

Not counted in the foregoing are the losses from the Korean Service Corps (KSC). Had we not had the KSC the U.S. would have had to deploy seven each additional Transportation, QM, Engineer Battalions with the attendant losses that would have resulted within these battalions.

It is not by accident that a KATUSA is included in the line of sculptures in the Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. That decision was a deliberate one by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, albeit one that had to be fought hard to obtain approval. There were those who objected!

Their reasons are not germane but they stem from the same misguided mentality that caused some in our country during the war to define our Korean brothers-in-arms as "Gooks"! One can only pity such prejudiced mentality and be thankful that the mass of our people and those who fought alongside the ROKs now know better!

	KIA	WIA	TOTAL	MIA	POW
U.S.	33629	103248	136877	8178	7120
KATUSA	7471	22843	30314	1799	1566
TOTAL	41100	126091	167191	9977	8686
MONTHLY	1370	4203	5573	333	290

If one attends the fraternal unit reunions of those US units that served in the Korean War you will note many Koreans among the attendees. These are past KATUSAs that served in those units have since chosen to become American citizens. And, more so, if you attend a reunion of ROK Army veterans whether here in the US or in the ROK you will see many KATUSAs who proudly wear the unit insignia and patch of the US unit to which they were assigned.

Why is this so? Not too hard to understand! Men who hear "rounds fired in anger" become bonded to the outfit they are serving in and the men they served with, when in combat. This is true of all armies and all nations. Thus, it is not hard to understand and discern the pride KATUSAs have in "their" outfit. Nor is it difficult to understand the comradeship they are deservedly due by those US personnel who served with them. For these Americans know full well what KATUSAs contributed and that the fallen KATUSAs took a "hit" for an American soldier. You'll not hear the term "Gook" at these reunions for woe betide he who utters it!

Would that our people have the same appreciation for the KATUSAs. Well over 150,000 US soldiers did not have to serve in Korea because of KATUSAs and, as pointed out above, over 30,000 American families were saved the pain of having a son, brother, husband or relative KIA, WIA, MIA or POW because of the KATUSAs!

KATUSAs saved American lives! It is time their service be acknowledged!

(Author's Footnote: The reader must understand that the figures are extrapolations and are subject to revision if more definitive data ever becomes available. Also, I full recognize that Navy, Marine and AF casualties are included in the US casualty figures, and that KATUSAs were not normally assigned to the other services, though ROKs did serve with them.

However, I have also under-estimated KATUSA casualties to compensate. ROK data, albeit only estimated, puts KATUSA total casualties at over 55,000 and CCF PVA data at over 75,000! The purpose of this article is to make a point, not to get involved in a numeric exercise! I'm hoping you'll use the essence of this to educate our people about KATUSAs!)

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



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



2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. Assn. 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 461th Inf. Bn. (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; Tel: 972-387-1247.



Looking for personnel who served in the **62d Engineer Topo Company**. Contact John Hopkins, 16003 Rose Wreath Lane, Florissant, MO 63034-3437. Tel: 314-921-5399.



I am looking for the group "**Westeraires**" which was formed in Camp Chitosi, Hokkaido, Japan. We played in the Army USO shows in 1953 and 1954. We toured Korea, Japan, Phillipines and Okinawa. James W. Bevens, Co A, 5th Calvary Regiment from Fayetteville, Arkansas, Roy W. Adkins, Co A, 5th Calvary Regiment from Logan, West Virginia, Joseph Vincenzotti, Hq & Hq Co. 5th Calvary Regiment, Bronx, New York and Jack F.

Woodbury, Co I, 5th Cavalry Regiment from Maine. If anyone knows of their whereabouts or if you were part of this group, contact Albert P. Viola, 310 Steeplechase Drive, Elverson, PA 19520 or E-Mail: <alnan.viola@gateway.net>, Tel: 610-286-8963



Looking for **M/Sgt. James Barbour** who served with me in K Co. 5th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., during the Korean War (1950-1951). He was from Barboursville, W. VA. Contact D. C. Hall - Tel. 540-639-9324/ or write to me at 10 Grandview Drive, Radford, VA. 24141.



Corporal Robert G. Goerlich,
MIA, Korea, Feb. 1951

The person who sent in this photo of **Corporal Robert G. Goerlich**, MIA, Korea, February 1951 please contact Vincent Krepps (*Graybeards* Editor, see page 2). I have been sent photos by a former friend (Richard Hanafin, 2nd Inf Div) of Corporal Goerlich. Anyone that knows the family please contact them and see if they want the photos or to talk to his friend Richard.



I am looking for information on the **USS Bremerton, CA 130**. There was a battle in which the USS Bremerton relieved the USS Missouri and it got hit. All the windows were blown out off the bridge. My Father-In-Law Donald J Worthington was injured on that ship and we are trying to find out more about it because he was supposed to receive a The Purple Heart and never did. The paperwork got lost. He was stationed in the fan tail area. He was hit with shrapnel while manning one of the guns on the deck. Contact Donald Worthington at <zada038@aol.com or Rachel Pierce at <RD1922@aol.com>.



I am the son of **M/Sgt. William G. Farmer**. He was KIA September 01, 1950, during operations along the Naktong River in Korea (2ID, 38 Inf. Regt., "I" Company). He was a veteran of WWII also. Served in the C.B.I. theater. He was either with Merrill's Marauders or the Mars Task Force. I am trying to find anyone who may have known him. He was sixteen when he enlisted in the Army. He was twenty five when he was killed. I was three when he was killed. I was nine when I was adopted. Do you have any suggestions of how I might obtain his military service records. Contact William G. Crandell Sr. at e-mail <wood@dynasty.net>



PFC. Jack Harry Molin, a Marine was killed in Korea in 1971. We grew up together, attended grammar school and high school together. I was on the USS Kenneth Whiting AV14 sea-plane tender at the time he was killed. Would like to hear from anyone who was with Jack in Korea. Ron Haun at e-mail <rg442@aol.com> from Orchard Park NY.



Sharon Bertrang sister of **Frederick Walter "Junior" Bertrang** who was MIA July 20, 1950 in Taejon, Korea. He served with Hq. Btn., 63rd Field Art., 24th Inf. Div. In December 1953, the government reported him M.I.A., and his body not recovered. I am looking for anyone who knew Frederick Walter "Junior" Bertrang. Contact Sharon R. Bertrang, his sister at 2215 Melanie LN., Eau Claire, WI 54703-6404.



I would like to hear from anyone who served with the **987th HVSP Headquarters Battery** from late August 1952-August 1953 in Korea that were either a Radio Operator or Field Wireman, or anyone who stayed in the Commo Bunker. Contact Tony Cirincione, 3112 James Run Rd., Aberdeen, Md. 21001. Tel: 410-989-0550



Daughter is looking for her father **Glenn Newton McDonald** only for medical reasons and if he is alive or not. He was in the Army in 1952. His wife at that time was Betty J. Ash. He is around 67 years old. My wife was born in Chattooga County, Ga. Sept. 8, 1952. Any information would be appreciated. Contact W. L. Ely at e-mail <vstarcapt@aol.com>



My father is **Grover Franklin Ramey**, was in the Army between 1953 and 1956. In Germany with the 4th infantry division. He trained at Fort Jackson Georgia. He enlisted at age sixteen and is alive living with me. He has asked me, his daughter to help him locate some of the buddies he was in the Army with. He has had cancer, and would like to say hello while he can. We live in St. Petersburg, FL. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated. Alesia Ramey at e-mail <Banyonart2@aol.com>



I am an active-duty infantry officer currently pursuing a Ph.D. in military history. I'm researching the training activities conducted by **Eighth Army in Japan** from mid-1949 until the outbreak of war, and would like to hear from veterans of the Occupation and early weeks of the war regarding their opinion of training in Japan—was it realistic, did it prepare them individually or as a unit for combat, etc. My intent in writing is to correct the distortions that have arisen over the years regarding the American soldier in 1950. My research thus far indicates that the average soldier spent the majority of his time training on his wartime mission—a conclusion backed up by several veteran interviews. I would welcome information from any veteran who served in the Eighth Army at any time between 1948 and 1950. Contact Thomas Hanson, Captain, United States Army at e-mail address <renegade06@earthlink.net>



My father **Richard B. Hunter** attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant U.S. Army, Battalion Surgeon and served in a special MASH unit dedicated to treating soldiers who had contracted the deadly hemorrhagic fever (MASH 8228). He talked about his MASH reunions a lot and attended them frequently throughout the 70's and 80's. Interestingly, he had conversations with the producer of the show, MASH (Burt Metcalf), and related many

of his stories regarding life in a MASH unit. I do not know if any of these incidents were ever featured in the episodes. If you knew my father contact Richard B. Hunter, Jr., 2801 W. Sunset, A-2, Orange, TX 77630.



Looking for information about my uncle, **Pfc. John Train Jr.** who was killed in action in Korea in 1953. He trained with 1st Platoon, P Co., 3rd Bn., 2nd Inf. Training Regt, Camp Pendleton, California. He left Feb. 20, 1953 from San Diego to Inchon, Korea. The troop ship had about 3,000 people. This is his address in Korea from a letter dated March 14, 1953: Pfc. John Train Jr. USMC Fox Co. 2nd BN., 7th Marines, 1st Mar Div. F.M.F. C/O F.P.O. San Francisco, CA. If you knew him please contact Edmond Murphy at e-mail <edmond.murphy@yahoo.com>



My great-uncle, **Cpl. Harvey M. Pardee** served with the 2nd Inf. Div., 37th FA C battery. He became missing in action on November 30, 1950 at Kunu-ri when the 2nd Infantry Division suffered heavy losses of men. His body was never recovered. I have begun the search for information related to my great-uncle and his service in the US Army during the Korean War. In particular, I have been searching for men who served with my uncle and might remember him. Contact Shelley Belgard, at e-mail <SBe1411600@aol.com>.



I was with the **7th Div., 17th Inf. Reg. HQ Co. 1st Bn.** I am looking for another soldier who I often thought about because of the experience we shared together on that retreat. Retreat from the Yalu River, Hysanjin; Late 1950. Looking for soldier straggler like myself on the 20 mile retreat from the Hysanjin Yalu River. Just the 2 of us fell completely behind and slept that night in a little hut off the road to keep warm, on the side of the mountain.

The next morning there was no one in sight. We continued on the trail and came to a clearing. There we saw a freight car and an officer who was told to wait for stragglers. He informed us that he was getting ready to leave and we would have been left behind. There was no one behind us, and we were the last ones out. Contact me if you are that person at e-mail <IlzeEd299@cs.com> or call 610 783-5768.



I am looking for the **57th Field Artillery, 7th Div., C Battery** or any information concerning or relating to the group that served in Korea during the time of April 51 to July 53. Sgt. First Class Ralph Butler is wanting to locate some of his field men that served with him. His unit was the 105th division. Contact Suni McManus at e-mail <sunim@ipa.net>



This note is to anyone who can assist our family with information about the **17th Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div.** with its commanders of Company F on Sept. 01, 1951. We are trying to contact these people to assist us in getting more information on the action that killed our family member Anthony T. Kahooanohano at Chupa-ri. He was awarded the DSC for his actions and from what we have found out, thus far, is that we feel it should have been the Medal of Honor.

We are asking for your help in locating anyone who was at the battle and saw what happened to Contact me at <GKahooahano@aol.com> or <gkahooahano2000@yahoo.com> 2723 Kamelani Loop, Pukalani, Maui, Hawaii 96768-8744. Tel: 808-572-6680 (H), 808-877-9044 (B), 808-893-0016 (F). (No name given in e-mail.)

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Need info about **4076 MASH** Hospital during 52-53. As a pharmacy mate I helped exchange the prisoners of North Korea. I would like to know about other friends during 52-53. Contact Marcus Cameron at e-mail <Marcopolonmn@aol.com>.

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I would like information about the **7th Inf. Division** and the 17 Inf. Regt. Assn. or members of King Company, 1953. Contact Dave A. Haettich, 23 Lenox Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. Tel: 716- 822-8722 or e-mail <thomas067@aol.com>.

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My name is Herbert Boedeker and I am trying to find anyone who was in **Co. C, 64th Tank Bn., 3rd Inf. Div.** in Korea from Nov. 52 to Nov. 53. I was in the 3rd. Platoon. I lost my address book on the way home and have been looking for anyone who remembers me. Contact Herbert C. Boedeker, 3817 Hwy. B, Elsberry MO. 63343 or e-mail <ds793@aol.com>

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A relative of mine who served in Korea and is a retired **Ethiopian Army General** residing in Ethiopia is looking for someone to collaborate with in writing a book about the war. I am asking for your help in announcing this notice to Korean War Vets that might be interested in working with him on the project. My relative's name is Maj. Gen. Mereid Gizaw (Ret.) of the Ethiopian Army he lives in Addis Abeba, the Ethiopian Capital. I can arrange for e-mail or phone communication with him. Contact Kebede Daniel Gashaw PO Box 221606, Sacramento CA. 95822-8606. Tel: 916-683-4873. E-mail address: <kdgashaw@home.com>

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My grandfather **Paul N. Jones** is trying to locate an old friend Neely O. Ward, Co I, 5th RCT who served with him in the Korean war. Contact Dan Jones at email <drj7902d1@aol.com>.

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I am a Korea veteran who served with **I Btry., 3rd Bn., 11th Mar., 1st Mar. Div.** from 12 Jan 51 to 31 Dec 51. I would sure like to hear from any one who remembers me. Contact Jesse Ogaz, 2801 Devendale Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico. 88005 or e-mail <jesseogazsr@webtv.net>.

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I would like to converse with someone involved with the **Fire Direction Center 213 FAB, 7th Inf. Div.** My tour of duty in Korea was Oct. 51 thru Aug. 52. Contact Guy C. Miller, Woodside Dr., State College, PA. 16801-8039 or e-mail <guy.c.miller@worldnet.att.net>

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The pilot of an Army L-17 airplane was **1st Lt John B. Stanton** and Lt Watkins was on board as an observer. They were flying near Haejue, Korea on 16 Oct 50. They were direct-

ing a flight of P-51 Mustangs from the 35 Fighter-Intercept Wing against an enemy truck convoy. A P-51 piloted by 2nd Lt Wayne J. Rabun was pulling off the target. The L-17 and P-51 collided and both planes went down. All three men were killed. Lt. Stanton is my Father. Only two days ago was I able to obtain Lt. Watkins name and, incredibly, Lt. Rabun's name. Now I am beginning a search to locate anything about Watkins and Rabun. Contact Greg Stanton, 1987 Stratsman Lane, Cave Springs, AR 72718. Tel: 501-248-2707 voice, 501-248-1657 voice and fax, 501-621-3323 cell or 501-640-7787 cell. E-mail <skylolipop@aol.com>.

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I am trying to locate the members of my father **Arsen Poochigian's crew** when he flew in Korea in 1953. He was a Radio Operator, and ECM, and flew with AC Lt Col Gene Oholendt, and 1st Lt Jake Goldberg. I do know he was in the 307th, based in Okinawa, and flew 13 missions from May 53 - July 53He flew with Powers Crew, and Howard's crew for a mission also ...his friend, whom I have many pictures with him, was James Wilkinson, who was the Engineer on William Carney's crew during the same time. He trained with that crew before switching (we think). Any information would be helpful ...He flew on the B29. Contact Rene Pochop at e-mail <Pochop2@aol.com>.

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I would appreciate information about Pvt. or Pfc. **Thomas McGuire** or his brother "**Red,**" or **Robert W. Boulanger**, or **Vernon Maanum**. We all served in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, in Fort Lawton, WA years 1948-1950. E-mail <federicoserna@yahoo.com> or <fserna@yahoo.com>.

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My uncle is **William Winton Strickland** of Collenton County SC. Co. B, 38th Inf. Captured 2/12/51 and died 5/7/51 in the hands of the enemy. Died of malnutrition on a train north of Sunchon, NK which was reported by a Captain Bernard H. Radozewski, a repatriated POW. He was reported missing in action after an attack in the vicinity of Chanbong-ni, South Korea. Any information contact Jason Goings, c/o KWVA #255 P.O Box 205, Bath, SC. 29816.

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SFC, then **SGT. Homer I May** was with the 17th Inf. Reg., 7th Inf. Div. Love Company on hill 851, North Korea near Chup a-ri. On Sept. 1, 1951 there was a battle which resulted in an award of the DSC to May. At about 3 a.m. the Chinese overran the hill and May was reported MIA following that battle. We would like to hear from anyone who knew him or know what happened to him. Contact Judith Knight, niece. c/o KWVA #255, P.O. Box 205, Bath, SC. 29816 or <jknight593@aol.com>.

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I am researching the details of my father **Ralph Lourie Davis** service record during the Korean War in 1950 through 1952. I believe he was attached to 4077 MASH unit. I know he received the Silver Star Medal and a citation for rescuing a downed pilot behind enemy lines. I would like to know if anyone can help me learn the details of what happened, dates, peoples names, location, etc. My father died in 1996 and I am recording family his-

tory information for my son to pass on to his children. Can you help me? Contact Glenn Davis at e-mail <glennDavis@hotmail.com>.



First of all I am a veteran of the Korean War being there 1952/4, I was with the First Commonwealth Div (British), and made many friends with the American forces, but there is one of The GI's I would love to trace. We were the very best of pals. His name is **William Kennison**, (Bill) he was in Korea in 1952.

He was in a military band and played the tuba. He came from Maine and I do believe his father at the time owned a fishing vessel. Contact Victor Chapman. I now live in Portadown N. Ireland. E-mail me at <vic@vchapman.fslife.co.uk>



Looking for anyone who remembers **Pfc. Gerard R. Leone** (Jerry), whose hometown was Brooklyn, NY. We met at the end of basic and advanced training with the newly reactivated 2nd Armored Div., Fort Hood, TX, in June, 1951. We then transferred to Indiantown Gap Mil. Reservation, PA, to attend "Leaders" course as perquisite to O.C.S. At the time Jerry had a brother Len Leone who was on the staff of *True* magazine in NYC.

My last contact with Jerry was in Oct. 1951 there at IGMR, PA, but, another Army buddy George Chandler (now deceased), saw Jerry boarding ship heading to FECOM, Japan/Korea, in the Fall of 1952. Contact or write to: Les Fuhrman, 17715 U.S. Hwy. 59N, Inez, TX 77968. Tel: 361-575-3397.



If anyone knows what happened to the **6th Infantry Div.** I was in the 1st Regt, 6th Div. in Korea 1946-47. Contact Gilbert Newman 1000 Van Buren Walk, Ambler, PA 19002-3750.



Looking for members of **U.S.N. Patrol Squadron #29** (VP-29) from 1952 to 1955. Contact Fred Felzer, 5114 Pawnee Drive, Toledo, OH 43613. Tel: 419-475-2092.



Looking for classmates of **Finance School, US Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana**, Finance Procedures Course, Class #44, graduation Oct. 21, 1954. Contact Paul Pintel, 23Garwood Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Tel: 201-791-7870.



Looking for members and history of **3rd Bn. 8th Cav.** during Korean War 1-6 Nov. 1950. Contact Paladin, 140 Airport Road, Clarksville, TN 37042-4821. Tel: 931-431-4710



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Just as he said this three grenades came sailing through the air from that direction. Sgt. Kermit Jackson dove head first into a galley and some of the others ducked too. Unfortunately Adams, Finn and the R.O.K. were not quick enough.

so that “boom” and then the whistle is enough to make every man instinctively take cover. Simultaneously our own artillery was working Hill 268 over. Before long we began to drop our 60 mortars on 1 (See Map 3) where we could observe the enemy. I laid behind a rock watching. Somebody called me from behind the hill and I got up and left while Lt. Dover, F.A. forward observer crawled to the position I had left. When I got back I found he had just got “a million dollar wound” in the leg. A “million dollar wound” is a simple fracture that isn’t serious; yet, due to long healing; it gets a man to the States. Maybe I was lucky, and maybe I wasn’t.

When the three rifle platoons of “K” Company got half way up Hill 268 they came under intense fire, heavy machine guns playing over the area. Our mortars were not able to do much damage to the enemy at 1 because he was too well dug in, so more artillery was called for. While waiting for the artillery the mail, which had not been passed out earlier due to our hasty departure, was distributed. What a contrast; Here in the middle of a battle were men calmly reading their letters.

Finally the men started moving forward again, though heavy enemy fire continued. The 3rd Platoon slowly worked its way up a saddle but took ten casualties in doing it. Directly above them was a pillbox and in it a Russian Maxim heavy machine gun. Sgt. McCrane, the platoon sergeant, and Cpl. Caen, a squad leader, worked their way up towards the left of it. When they were up almost beneath it they tossed in several grenades and then dumped into the position after the explosions. They at once shot all the North Koreans left alive in the hole. Then the rest of the platoon moved up and began the slow process of

mopping up one hole after another.

The 1st and 2nd Platoons tried to work straight up but were taking too many casualties. Meanwhile, Sgt. James Jackson, Sgt. Adams and Moran, Finn and

Henderson started up the hill after Sgt. Kermit Jackson established a skirmish line and coaxed them into moving forward. Nearby Cpl. Gay, a B.A.R. man, and a R.O.K. came running down, Gay reporting that he had seen three North Koreans in a hole and tried to fire at them but his gun jammed. Just as he said this three grenades came sailing through the air from that direction. Sgt. Kermit Jackson dove head first into a galley and some of the others ducked too. Unfortunately Adams, Finn and the R.O.K. were not quick enough. The grenades went over Jackson’s head landed in front of Finn who received a nasty jaw wound. We later heard they built him a new plastic jaw. Adams was hit in the legs and an arm, but not too seriously. The R.O.K. had a minor face wound.

Sgt. Kermit Jackson (who by the way was a platoon sergeant of the 1st Platoon and also my platoon sergeant at Schofield and was wounded and heavily decorated in World War II) wasted no time in leaping to his feet and throwing three grenades back. All three landed in the enemy hole. Then the four of them closed in on the hole and finished off the enemy. To do this they had to cross a barbed wire entanglement but, fortunately, it offered little impediment.

When the hole was knocked out a gap was made in the enemy position. Taking advantage of the thick foliage of the trees for concealment Sergeant Jackson and the other three men slipped in behind the enemy line. Catching sight of a man firing down the hill in the opposite direction Jackson yelled, “Turn around, you dirty S.O.B.” The North Korean jumped up, turned and revealed a very astonished face, but not long. Jackson blew the side of his head off with one round from his M-1.

The party worked its way to the position marked P on Map 3, where there were several unoccupied holes. A group of the enemy started running down a path from 1 to P. As they rounded the corner of the knob Sgt. James Jackson knocked them off with his M-1, waiting until each of them got within 5 yards before shooting. In this way he killed eight in a row. The rest at last got wise and ran down the back slope of Hill 268.

Meanwhile Sgt. Kermit Jackson was on Knob 2 hurling North Korean grenades down on the line of enemy trenches. He would just bend off the caps and throw them. Moran and Henderson were down near P shooting whatever they saw. Moran wasted most of his ammo chasing a North Korean mortar ammo bearer, loaded with ammo, down the hill. He finally got him, but unfortunately the ammo did not go off and send the bearer up in a blazer of glory.

Shortly the rest of the 2nd Platoon arrived on top of Knob 2. The enemy that had been at 1 withdrew down the back side of 268 and 1st and 3rd Platoons moved up and completely occupied 1. Had a greater force gotten on 2 sooner the battle might have ended that day. As it was a great many of the enemy were able to withdraw behind the hill and move up to positions 3, 4 and 5 where holes had already been prepared.

Because of his part in the attack Sgt. Kermit Jackson was put in for the D.S.C. “K” Company suffered 40 casualties in the assault. The enemy was estimated at one battalion, or about 600 men. Enemy casualties, or rather deaths, during this phase were about 30 on the “K” Company position. The number of enemy wounded was great as we later found out.

After all of “K” Company had moved up on 1 and 2, “I” left 160 and assaulted Knob 3 on 268. “K” spent the time reorganizing and digging in for a counter-attack. The 4th Platoon arrived and went into position at 2 to give support to “I” Company. The wounded were gathered up and soon litters arrived. A shortcut was found at the bottom of 268 by which the wounded could be evacuated more easily. Those men able to walk worked their way to the rear to find litter jeeps. The seri-

ously wounded were carried down by Korean laborers or any headquarters personnel available. I carried 5 gallons of water up 268 on my back because no one else was available to do it.

Along the finger below 1 was a steady stream of traffic with the wounded going down and the wire crews and supply coming up. As the day wore on there were so many wounded that 2 1/2-ton trucks were loaded up and driven directly to Taegue. Quite a number of company medics had been hit, so volunteers administered the morphine and gave first aid. Sgt. Dorian, of the 2nd Platoon, patched up 32 men by himself. In the many cases of the wounded he had to administer plasma on the spot. There was a shortage of this vital item for a while but finally it arrived.

Meanwhile I Company secured 3 and, after suffering heavy casualties, took 4. From here on they ran into trouble because 5 was heavily defended, as can be seen from the map. The lead platoon tried to assault but was thrown back by a heavy barrage of grenades and "burp" gunfire. It pulled back to 4 and called for artillery to work over 5. The artillery at last arrived along with our own 60 mortars, but neither had too much effect. The enemy was very heavily dug in over the entire hill and each hole was covered with a roof several feet thick. Only direct artillery would have any effect.

From 2, I observed our mortar fire. After all support fire lifted, I Company moved forward again. From 2 we could clearly see the enemy 5,700 yards away. In the trench in the top of 5 (See Map III) were about 10 North Korean die-hards. We could see them stand up and throw grenades or use their "burp" guns and then squat down. It was like a shooting gallery with targets popping up and down. We all began to snipe at them but it was difficult to tell whether we hit them or whether they just squatted down. We could see our bullets hit the dirt in front or behind. Of course each of us claimed we got this or that one "with the white shirt" only to have him pop up later and toss out several grenades.

I Company got within 25 yards of this position but just couldn't go closer. Ten of their men lay dead out there already and anybody who stuck his head up was

hit.

As all of this was going on a round of enemy mortar fire came in on top of our position. It caught a group of our men as rations were being distributed. Five men were wounded on this single round. Then another came in to the left of where I lay and landed directly in a hole. It killed Cpl. Johnson and an R.O.K. outright and wounded two men. A third came in but fell a little short of us. We didn't need anybody to tell us to dig deeper. Lt. Burk and I were together and you never saw such busy ants. He used his bayonet and I a shovel and the race was against time. Fifteen minutes later we both fell exhausted into a fairly secure hole. Fortunately, however, no more enemy rounds fell.

Most of the wounded received pieces of shrapnel in their backs. Johnson and the R.O.K. never knew what hit them; both were struck by shrapnel which went right through their helmets. In the standard way blankets were put over their heads. As is always the case in any group there are inquisitive persons who lift up one corner, take a peek and, upon recognition, silently walk off with an expression on their faces half of fear and half of bewilderment.

During all this day the indirect fire from the tank was whistling over and hitting on Hill 160. We could hear it go over us and then see it land. A man came up and said an enemy tank had been seen moving down the road (Map III) Capt. Lukisch called for our 57 R.R. gun. Sgt. Rushing brought up his gun and put it in position at K. He fired several rounds and we watched them hit the road nearby. Why he fired it I don't know because it could do little damage. Perhaps he thought he might at least frighten the tank and make it "button up". We were all probably suffering from that inner frustration that impelled us to fight back with anything, just for the sake of fighting, in retaliation for all this incoming

mail. Finally one round bounced off the tank which turned off the road into a ditch to take cover. There it sat and didn't try to move again. Maybe it was caught between the fires of our own tanks coming down the road, or maybe it became stuck and was abandoned. At any rate gun 57 section had its pride built up by claim-

ing the tank as its conquest.

Meanwhile after several attempts with heavy casualties I Company gave up trying to take 5 on this day and was ordered to withdraw to 2 for the night. Knob 2 was the only good defensive position since 3 and 4 were covered by fire from 5. I Company had a great many wounded left on positions 3, 4 and 5 and no one to get them in. Capt. Lukish asked me to collect 20 men and go out and help I Company. Enemy fire was very heavy over the open area and we had to move through the trees up to 4. I saw two men lying on their backs behind a little knoll. They were protected from enemy fire; but, if they were moved, they and the men carrying them would be exposed. I crawled up to them pushing a litter in front of me. One man was shot through the foot and another through the shoulder. The man with the wounded shoulder was suffering from shock and both of them had been given morphine and patched up. I rolled one on to the litter and then slid it back to where several of my men grabbed it and pulled it in. The other man and I worked our way on our stomachs back to our men in a gully.

Meanwhile Sgt. MacEnrue, of my detail, ran across the crest of 4 and, picking up a man, carried him in his arms back across the crest while enemy bullets kicked around his feet. Four other men did the same and carried two more in a shelter half over the same route. But our problems were just beginning because I Company was pulling back rapidly and the enemy was close behind. The sun had set, it was getting dark and we had to lift and carry or drag these wounded men from 4 back to 2. We used the woods on the right for concealment but enemy automatic fire still hit nearby. Without litters it is difficult to carry men and you are constantly giving them pain. Finally I picked up the man shot in the foot and carried him in my arms the last 100 yards. All the wounded eventually were gotten out and into our own lines.

That night digging in was the primary object. The 75 platoon and 81 mortar platoon at last came up. Thus the entire battalion, minus the commander, staff and headquarters was squeezed into the area 1 and 2. We were so close together that we were fearful of mortar fire or an enemy

counter-attack. Sgt. Storms and I dug in together. After putting pine boughs on the bottom to keep the cold dampness out we both crawled into the hole, pulled his poncho over us and fell fast asleep, I neglected to mention that throughout the day we watched B-29's dropping bombs on Waegwan from our position on Hill 268. We could see both the planes and the bursting bombs. When so many bombs are dropped together all you hear is a rumble. After that so much smoke and dust rise it is almost impossible to see. The concussion is terrific and the earth trembles many miles away. Later we discovered that both sides of the Naktong River had been hit, a bomb having been dropped every few feet. The entire area was gray and all vegetation dead. They call it "saturation" bombing and it is definitely effective

That night was very quiet. Not a round of mortar came in nor a round of tank fire passed overhead. As the sun broke across the horizon the men gave a sigh of relief. The only sign of war was occasional sniping from 5. The enemy rifles, like the birds, started "chirping" at sunrise, I left my hole while Sgts. Storms and Smith crawled out nearby and began fixing a nice hot cup of coffee. The smoke curled up as the coffee bubbled and the sergeants licked their chops in anticipation. Suddenly there was a sharp "snap" by Sgt. Storms's ear and both sergeants dove into the hole. An eagle-eyed North Korean had zeroed in on the smoke and was determined to have his fun. Both sergeants, it so happens, were veterans of the last war and acquainted with the German and his 88 mm gun. So they were well versed in the art of drinking coffee in a prone position in a hole.

Other men in the battalion were less fortunate. Two machine gunners, who were sitting in the hole I dug on 2 the day before, were hit in the head (the only part of the body exposed) and killed. Another man was hit in the shoulder and died of shock. His name was Rodriguez. At Schofield Barracks (Hawaii) he had a reputation as a comedian. A New York Puerto Rican he delighted in putting on a cowboy suit and acting before an audience. Another man was hit in the stomach and died of shock. All these men were killed by a single sniper. He later was

found, about 75 yards from his targets. He used a telescopic sight on his rifle and, after sneaking in close at night, got himself well camouflaged in a hole.

Before I Company jumped off again an air strike was called on objective 5. Six jets arrived and worked it over heavily with napalm. After this our artillery worked it over. Then our 81 mortars behind 2 worked it over along with the 75 recoilless-rifles which provided direct fire. I Company asked for one of our platoons to help them and give overhead support. The 2nd platoon was picked though it had only 18 men left. So then the 1st and 2nd combined into one platoon of 35 men and went to the help of I Company.

With all that support I Company should not have had trouble but we were fighting a die-hard outfit that kept on to the last man. Many holes on 4 and 5 were still occupied. Elements of I Company became pinned down on 4. At this Sgt. Cabral, the platoon sergeant of K's 2nd platoon and formerly my platoon sergeant both at Schofield and in Korea, leaped up from his support position and rushed forward. Being an old football player he used the old "pep talk" and got the men moving. Having the tendency of being hot-headed in a football game and forget himself, so too he became negligent in this "game." A North Korean with a burp gun leaped out of a hole and, with one blast, severely wounded Cabral and killed the man behind him.

Cabral was a big man and they had difficulty getting him out. When he was brought to safety a number of men came near and recognized him. He had a hole in his right arm big enough to get a whole hand in. The white tendons in the arm were showing. He was bleeding heavily even with a tourniquet on his arm. His leg also had several bullets in it and left a dark reddish spot on his fatigues. All of us thought he was going to die and I believe he thought so too. He asked me to come close, then grabbed my hand in a strong clammy grasp. "Lieutenant," he said.

"I was no good at Schofield. I caused you a lot of trouble." Then his voice weakened and, almost in a whisper, he said, "Tell them I was a good soldier, Sir." Cabral was given blood plasma on the spot and this saved his life, he was carried down the mountain and they say he smiled on the way. We later learned that doctors even saved his arm.

By noon I Company had cleared up the remaining enemy resistance. What few of the enemy had decided not to stay and fight had taken off down the mountain-side. Position 5 was simply covered with enemy holes. The top of the knoll was completely black from napalm. About 50 burned bodies lay on and around that black spot. Some were in holes while others looked as though they had been caught in the open while running. Outside the burned area were many bodies of men that had probably been killed by artillery, mortar or grenades. In many cases the body was in several pieces or perhaps half a head was shot away and all you saw was a bright crimson mass that a doctor would probably call a brain. Weapons were scattered about in all directions. Many of the enemy even left their civilian whites behind. The whole hill was full of shell holes; yet there were many fox holes left untouched by our heavy support fire.

Our own weapons and dead lay around. Most of our dead were immediately covered. Those who had been killed the day before and left over night had been stripped of much clothing. As one glanced about he could see piles of enemy weapons and piles of our own ammunition. A 3.5 rocket launcher lay near a path. Farther on was an M-1. Helmets with bullet holes and empty mortar boxes were everywhere. The fight was over and it was now time to police

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up. But there was no time for sentimentality. Perhaps if there had been, one might have gazed at the youth lying there, his blond hair blowing in the mountain breeze just like the blades of grass nearby, and thoughts of the kid's family, his past and what his girl might say. But soldiers usually are too busy and too tired. They must move on to another hill. So they would just pass by this kid and think to themselves, "Tough luck, old boy. Perhaps you're better off. Thank God it wasn't me any way. Damn, my feet hurt; When do we eat?"

Thus another battle was won, another hill was taken. The gate to Waegwan had been opened. But to the soldier it was just "another damned hill." There were no flag raisings, no bands playing a dough-boy hymn.

The American public, opening its morning newspapers, no doubt read the heading "Elements of the 1st Cavalry Division Move 1,000 Yards Towards The Naktong;" and turned to something more exciting. But what a 1,000 yards!

(I have a series of letters Lt. Beirne wrote home. We will print them in future issues. Ed.)

Busan Orvukdo United Nations Festival

Nam-gu District, where Oryukdo is located, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Busan, is the site of the UN Memorial Cemetery the only one of its kind in the world. Around United Nations day (October 24) the Busan Oryukdo UN Festival is held here every year. The United Nations Memorial Cemetery was established to commemorate the spirit, courage and sacrifice of the UN troops who died during the Korean War (1950 to 1953). A total of 36,772 soldiers from 16 nations died during the Korean War. Of those, 2,300 soldiers from 11 nations are buried in the 145,000 square meter cemetery. They include 281 soldiers from Australia, 378 from Canada, 44 from France, 117 from the Netherlands, 34 from New Zealand, 1 from Norway, 36 from Korea, 11 from the Republic of South Africa, 462 from Turkey, 885 from Britain,

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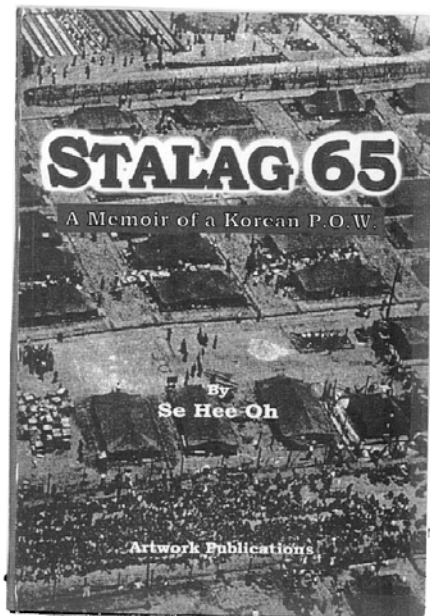
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A Lonely Outpost manned by 279th Rgt, of 45th Div. In June 1952. Outpost faces T-Bone Hill Complex.



Knocked out U.S. Hvy Tank by Wood Box Mine - Crew lost (No history on tank or crew.



Yorkok-Chon Valley - Pork Chop to far left - T-Bone to right - Both out of photo from front line trenches. April 1952

(Thank you Glenn Ed White for the great photos. Many more to be show in future issues. Our veterans really enjoy your photos. I have many photos from others that I hope to show also. Please mark photos with your name if you wish them returned.)

Christian Services on Front Line. Note barbed wire separating lines form no-man's land. June 1952



Loading up and moving out, Front Lines or Rear Echelon? Soldier at far right edge is Sgt, Robert L. Ariens, wounded and captured on patrol in enemy territory and was a POW from April 16, 1952 until August 7, 1953. Came home ok. February 1952.



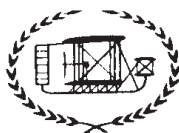
Chow Time and Mail Time - L Co, 279th Regt. Men sitting atop bunker eating and reading mail from home - wonderful break - Down Hill from Front Line! June 1952



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The purpose of this letter is to advise you of The Air Force Historical Foundation, its purpose and programs and our biennial symposium on the Korean War October 17-18, 2001 at the Andrews AFB, MD Officers Open Mess.

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In conjunction with the Air Force History Office and the history offices and historical foundations of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, The Air Force Historical Foundation will present its biennial symposium October 17-18, 2001 at the Andrews AFB Officers Open Mess. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, this symposium is entitled *Coalition Air Warfare in the Korean War*. Panels of experts from all the U.S. military departments and our Korean Allies will discuss Planning and Operations, Air Superiority, Air Support of Ground Forces, Air Interdiction and Bombardment, Air Reconnaissance and Intelligence, and Logistical Support of Air Operations. Interested personnel may read about and register for the symposium at www.afhistoricalfoundation.com.

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APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

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

Please check year of desired revisit tour: ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003

VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)

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

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

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VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

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

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., 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!



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.

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Department/Chapter _____

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Update

Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn, Chairman

KWVA Revisit Program

Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950

Dear friends and fellow veterans,

If you will pardon my French, this has been the week from Hell! As I write this from Washington, almost within sight of the gaping hole in the Pentagon, I am reminded on how fragile peace truly is. We are also reminded of where we were when, as Korean War veterans, we first heard that the attack had begun in June 1950. Some scholar once said that if we live long enough we'll probably see history repeating itself. As we gear up for another "War" as President Bush has called it, we old War Horses would like to be even a small part of it. Unfortunately, it will be our grandchildren who may now have to answer the call to protect our way of life from the terrorist who would try and destroy our Freedom.

Enough on that subject. The first group of sixty veterans and their families were "wined and dined" in Korea by the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul. The President of KVA, Chairman Lee, Sang Hoon and his able and supportive staff, were responsible to every need of the Veterans. We don't thank them enough for the support that they have shown to all Korean War veterans during the over twenty-five years that the "Revisit Korea" program as been in effect.

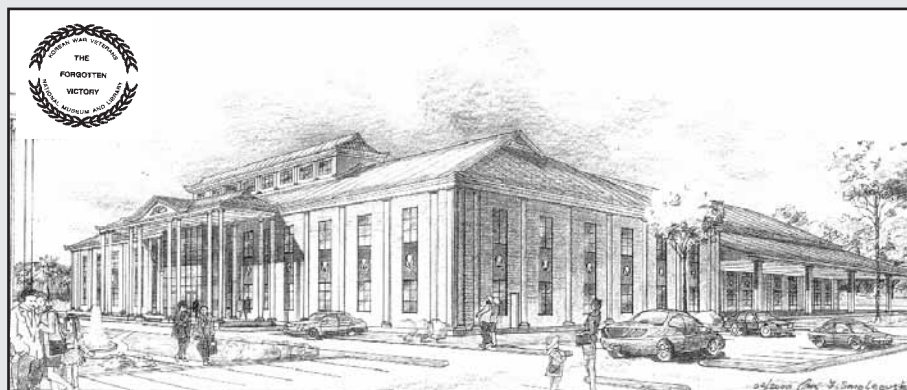
General Lee has recently told General Ray Davis and President Harley Coon that they are going to give future quotas for KWVA a good look and see if they can't increase them for the remainder of 2001, as well as 2002 and 2003. This is a good sign and we look forward to hearing the results of their effort.

You are reminded to get your registrations in ASAP for 2002 and 2003. Assuming we receive an increase in quotas for these years, we need to have the registrations in hand so we can inform KVA Seoul how many veterans and their families are seriously interested in returning to Korea. (See elsewhere in *Graybeards for the Revisit Application Form*)

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, President/CEO Military Historical Tours USA, KWVA Revisit Coordinator Alexandria, Virginia

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library



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Progress Report – September 2001

We have taken another step forward. On June 1, 2001 we were able to open the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in temporary space provided by the Factor Stores Mall in Tuscola.

The mall provided a 3000 sq. ft. store front. This allowed us to move our office from the Community center and have space for exhibits and our library. We were able to purchase 15 glass display cases and the mall helped by providing two large shelf units for books and papers. We also have more office space and storage space.

We have already seen the benefits of moving into the mall location. The daily traffic coming into the museum and library has been very good. There have been visitors locally, but also from states as far away as Texas, New York, and Oregon. Contributions from visitors have been very generous and help with the added costs of the museum and library.

On August 25 members of the Chosin Few organization were in Tuscola to present a painting of 7th Infantry 105 howitzer gun position at the Chosin Reservoir. Chuck Brasfield of Lubbock, Texas had recognized himself in the picture at a reunion in 1999. He was present for the presentation.

Also presented that day was the last American flag that flew over Hungnam, North Korea harbor until two hours before the harbor was blown up by U.S. Troops. It was donated by Bert Kingsley of Kell, IL. Other pictures and books were presented to us that day, including the "Faces of War" by

Arthur Wilson and "They Called It War" by Denzil Batson. We also received an oil painting by artist Norma Strickbine (which is the cover of "They Called It War") and a charcoal drawing called "Task Force Faith" by artist Jack Stiles. Approximately 150 chairs had been set up for the presentations, and it was standing room only.

I want to thank the Chosin Few and all that helped on the August 24th and 25th. I also want to thank all that have worked so hard to set up our temporary location. Executive Secretary Sharon Corum and her husband Jack, Rosie and Joe Matthews have led a group of volunteers especially members of the Charles Parlier Chapter KWVA of Decatur in cleaning, painting and setting up displays. Vietnam veterans who are members of the museum and library, Paul Wisovaty, Treasurer and Richard Willowby, former Trustee have helped in the move to the new location.

I also want to thank the National KWVA President, Harley Coon for financial support by purchasing the display cases and also attending

the August 24th and 25th activities. We appreciate his squeezing this event into his busy schedule.

We now are able to accept artifacts and military equipment, pictures and mementos of the Korean War. We are open seven days a week. Our hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We are open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. We need volunteers, especially on the weekends. It is always nice to have a veterans present on other days also. Sharon is always willing to talk to anyone, but some veterans would like to talk to other veterans. It is a great experience, several of our Charles Parlier Chapter do this and find it very worthwhile.

We owe a great deal to the City of Tuscola, Mayor Kleiss, City Manager Drew Hoel, and especially Moery Mendenhall, Manager and Karen Dukeman, Marketing Director of the Factory Stores of Tuscola for all their help in setting up this deal for the space in the mall. We also have a lighted sign with our logo on the front of the building, a donation by the City of Tuscola. We urge all of you to come see what we have and help us make our permanent home a reality

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25th Div., 8th FA. Bn. Korea 1950-53, Oct. 3-7 with 25th Assn. in Hawaii. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412. Tel: 612-529-4567

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>

700th Ordnance Maintenance Co., 45th Infantry Division, Japan-Korea, 1950-53, will conduct their Ninth Annual Reunion at the Settle Inn, Branson, MO on Oct. 6-10. Contact George Buhr, 1173 Maynard Road, Cheboygan, MI 49721, Tel. 231-627-7458.

98th Bomb Group Veterans Assn., Oct. 9-13 in Tucson, AZ at Holiday Inn (Palo Verde) Resv. 520-746-1161 or Contact: Lee Taube 714- 546-0956.

Korean War Recon Marines, USMC Oct. 10-13, San Antonio, Texas at the Howard Johnson Inn & Suites - Medical Center 7401 Wurzbach (800) 468-3507. Contact Morris L. Estess, 12242 Ecksmminster Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. Tel: 210-494-7870, E-mail <lonestarhotels@aol.com>

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.

USS Valley Forge (CV/CVA/CVS-45; LPH-8; CG-50) Oct. 10-14 at Daytona Beach, FL. All ship's company, air group, flag and marines. Contact Don Whitman at 386-761-0355 or E-mail at <donrita@webtv.net>

USS Cotton (DD669), Oct. 10-14 in Pittsburgh, PA. Contact Red Hayes, 10244 Quail Run Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128. Tel: 314-849- 7517

Korean War Veterans Reunion, Oct. 10-14 at Surfside Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Richard R. Gallmeyer, 808 Oldham Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23464-3024. Tel: 1-800-523-4715.

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>

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Engr OCS, all classes, all alumni 1941-2001, Arlington and Fort Belvoir, VA, 12 - 15 OCT. Contact: TEOCSA, ATTN: E. T. Mealing, PO Box 14847, Atlanta, GA 30324-4847. Tel: 404-231-3402. email: <ENOCESA@earthlink.net>

17, 75, 145, 96, 159, 176, 204, 213, 555, 623, 625, 632, 636, 937, 955, 976, 984, and 987 FA. Battalions, Korea 1950-1954, Oct. 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>

78th Engineer Combat Battalion, Oct. 14-15 at Columbus, Georgia (Ft. Benning). All former members. Contact Leon Tate, 6607 Abbeville Hwy., Anderson, SC 29624-7602. Tel: 864-296-3804, or e-mail at <ltate7@webtv.net>

279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. Oct. 17-21 at Days Inn (Crystal City, VA.) Contact James B. Bowman, P.O. Box 792, Mount Ida, AR 71957 Tel: 870-334-2040. E-mail jbbowman@ipa.net

USS Samuel N. Moore DD 747 Assn., Oct. 17-21 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Bob Culver, 5910 Brookview Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506-3534 or Tel: 402-489-5910 or E-Mail <Torpedoman@navix.net>

USS Ozbourn (DD846), Oct. 17-21 at Ramada Inn in Seakonk, MA. Contact W. D.

Minter 903-794-4748 for details.

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USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249, October 18-21 in San Antonio, TX. Tel: 781-665-9222, E-mail: tinman6l@juno.com Mailing Address: USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249 c/o Bob Martin 16 Staples St. Melrose, MA 02176

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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>

A-1-1 USMC, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 25-27 at Honeysuckle Inn in Branson, MO. Contact Ellis Reynolds, P.O. Box 152, Earleton. FL 32631. Tel: 352-468-3834, Fax: 352-468-3833, E-mail <ellisr5@aol.com>.

USS John R. Pierce (DD753), Oct. 25-27 in San Antonio, TX. Contact Eugene R. Slavin, 24 Colonial Court, Queensbury, NY 12804. Tel: 518-793-2358 or e-mail at <slavin@localnet.com>.

USS Passumpsic AO/TAO-107, Oct. 25-27 in San Diego, CA. Contact Don Bowles 316-722-8704 or e-mail <Dbo7265479@cs.com>

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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>

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29th Radio Squadron Mobile, USAF (1952-1954) Nov. 11-12 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Contact Bob Rennick, 127 Oak Leaf Dr. Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Tel: 704-435-0555 or email: <Rennick@vnet.net>

January 2002

Technical Research ships - AGTR/AGER: USS Oxford, Jamestown, Liberty, Belmont, Georgetown, Banner, Palm Beach, Pueblo; USNS PVT. J. T. Valdez & J. E. Muller, Jan. 6-13 At sea aboard Holland American's ms MAASDAM in the western Caribbean. Contact George Cassidy. 127 Ann Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355. Tel: 860-536-6848. E-mail: <gcassidy@snet.net>. Website: www.members.tripod.com/~USS-OXFORD.

April 2002

67th Tac Recon Wing April 26-28, in Nashville Tenn. Contact Edward C. Rice, 315 Gun Club Road, Nashville, TN 37205-3205 Tel: 615-352-8304 or E-mail <mildred03@juno.com>.

United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Assn. April 28 - May 3, at Raddisson Hotel in Annapolis, MD. Former crewmembers of USS Fresno CLAA-121 and USS Fall River CA-131, are cordially invited to join us. Contact Edward J. August, 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, MA 02769. Tel/Fax: 1-508-252-3524, email <usncsa@aol.com>

June 2002

AP Transport Group- USS Generals Mitchell AP114; Radall AP115; Gordon AP117; Richardson AP118; Weigel AP119; Hodges AP144; Breckinridge AP176 and USS Admirals Benson AP120; Capps AP121; Eberle AP123; Hughes AP124 & Mayo AP125. All services, June 6-9. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY. Tel: 516-747-7426.

September 2002

Dear Fellow Korea War Veterans: Come one, come all, to the Greatest ever **Canadian Korea Veterans Assn's** 10th Biennial Convention and Reunion Hosted in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 5-8 year 2002. Plan yourselves a fantastic Canadian/Alberta holiday around this Reunion. Visit the Magnificent Canadian Rockies, the Columbia Ice Fields, visit the world famous Resorts of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. Plan a trip north to Alaska or a Pacific Coast Cruise up to Alaska, then please return to the

Korean War Veterans Certificate

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.

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- ☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat/support of the Korean War: 6/25/50- 7/27/53.
☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in Korea (9/3/45 to present - if not during above period.)

I served in: ☐ Army ☐ Air Force ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Other

I would like the following information on the certificate:

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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.

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



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

"The Forgotten War, Forgotten NO MORE!"



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Battle of the
Outposts
Bloody Ridge,
Heartbreak Ridge
and more

★ September 17-
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USN, USMC &
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"USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration"



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Criteria for Membership in The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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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America's greatest generation,
Gave strength to our nation.
The children of the depression,
Were called upon to stop aggression.
Defense plants hummed night and day,
America would make its enemies pay,
Factories on the home front, everyone pitching in,
Our country united making sure America would win.
Across the Atlantic and Pacific,
Our military power was terrific.
From Anzio to Normandy, the Bulge to Utah Beach,
Generals like Ike and Patton put victory within reach.
Victories at Guadalcanal, Midway, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the deal was almost done,
Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we knew that we had won.
All over the Pacific we had set the Rising Sun,
Across the USA citizens cheered the GI's, God bless and well done.
MacArthur had returned to the Philippines and then on to Tokyo Bay,
In Asia, as in Europe, America's military ruled the day.

In 1950 our greatest generation was five years older,
Communists in the Soviet Union, China, and North Korea were getting bolder.
The democracy of South Korea was the next country slated to fall,
But the United States and twenty other countries answered freedom's call.
North Korea struck south and Seoul the capital fell,
But at Inchon, General MacArthur's plans went extremely well.
The Army and Marines moved rapidly north, Navy planes ruled the air,
MacArthur said by Thanksgiving, the Yalu River, we would be there.
On Thanksgiving night all hell broke loose,
Blue green flares, bugles, whistles and guns, all part of a Chinese noose.
A half million screaming Chinese, the Americans outnumbered ten to one,
It looked to some that perhaps the Chinese had won.
The red tide rolled south and Seoul the capital again fell,
The vast hordes attacking and minus forty degrees made it a living hell.
MacArthur was fired and Ridgeway was now in command,
Better rations, more weapons, higher morale, now in demand.
The United States recaptured Seoul and moved into North Korea to stay,
Peace talks began and dragged on day after day.
Over five million people dead, many mothers tears were shed,
Our military passed the test, the whole world knows they are the best.
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