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# On the cover...



## Incheon (Inchon) International Airport

As one of the world's most rapidly developed economies, Korea has struggled in recent years to keep its infrastructure development up to speed with ever-increasing demand.

Long-term planners have often failed to foresee just how much demand would outgrow their calculations.

A case in point was Gimpo International Airport (formerly Kimpo). In 1989, just two years after opening a second international terminal, authorities realized that the country's main gateway would soon reach over-capacity. They began to look for an alternative site for a new international airport.

They found their answer in the sea between two sparsely populated islands lying off the port of Incheon, west of Seoul. What followed was a major reclamation project, which formed the basis of one of the largest construction projects in Asia. With construction and full-scale testing complete, Incheon International Airport is now ready for its opening in March this year.

This independent report on Incheon International Airport by the publishers of Airport World magazine takes an in-depth look at Asia's newest airport and examines the challenges that lie ahead.

As the report explains, our vision at Incheon is that we are not just an airport. Our facilities make us more of a community, a metropolis of sorts, to serve not only Korea, but the entire region of Northeast Asia. We call this community The Winged City.

## Incheon International Airport

### "Built from the Sea"

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Like any other city, The Winged City will operate 24 hours a day. It will serve as a hub for commerce, as a transit point for travelers, and as a place for people to conduct business and enjoy leisure time. As an airport, it aims to be the best in the world.

Upon opening, Incheon will inherit the international passenger and cargo business as Gimpo becomes a domestic airport. (Incheon will also handle a limited number of domestic trunk line services for connection purposes). In terms of cargo volume, Gimpo is already the world's sixth largest and is a semi-hub. Incheon's plan is to increase the number of transit passengers from 14/o to 25-30%. The major targets for this traffic are China and Japan.

The state-of-the-art facility has two independent parallel runways able to handle 170,000 flight movements a year, carrying 27 million passengers and 1.7 million tons of cargo. The plan is for the airport to grow in phases over the next two decades to 100 million passengers.

A unique feature at Incheon will be a totally integrated communications system, which will monitor, coordinate and control overall airport operations. All systems will be integrated through a central database. The airport has been designed with future large aircraft in mind. To ensure the highest levels of safety and efficiency, state-of-the-art navigational aids of the CAT-IIIa (and in the later phase CAT-IIIb) category will be installed.

Access to the airport, which is further from Seoul than Gimpo, has always been a concern. However, the new dedicated airport expressway, which opened last November, makes it only a 50 minute journey from downtown Seoul. A 61.5 km double-track railway to Gimpo will open in 2005 and a direct high-speed service to downtown Seoul Station will be operational from 2007.



Kang, Dong-suk,  
Chairman  
Incheon International  
Airport Corporation

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

On page 129 of the book *Disaster in Korea* by: Lt. Col. Roy E. Appleton AUS (Ret.) the details of "B" Co. 35th Regt. 25th Inf. Div. of what happened on the night of Nov. 26, 1950.

It is written that "B" Co. held hill 234.

At about midnight the Chinese kept up an unrelenting assault on "B" Co. Despite heavy casualties "B" company had only 26 able-bodied men left out of more than 200, but its remnants still held the hill. Details of the "B" Co. fight were not recorded in the official records or in personal recollections and interviews afterward, but its stand on the Task-Force right front after midnight of November 26-27 was a sacrificial one and helped save the entire force from being overwhelmed.

...we have over \$600,000.00 cash in the savings and checking to keep the KWVA on solid financial ground.

One of the men in "B" Co was CPL. Ramon Mendoza Frescas. The last time I saw Mendoza (as we called him) was shortly before dawn when he came to my fox-hole looking for ammo. He was killed that night. We were surrounded and couldn't get the dead out. A farmer buried his body on a hillside in North Korea. After 50 years CPL. Frescas remains were recovered. His remains were returned to his home. Now after 50 years of his family being in darkness they now have their brother in his final resting



ABOVE: Door to Korean War Veteran Assn. Office.

LEFT: Korean War Veterans National Headquarters, 4120 Industrial Ln., Beavercreek, OH



Work Station #2—Computer, Printer, TV, VCR for review of video taped meetings



Work Station #1 - Lap top computer, Fax machine, copier, computer, Work desk with answering machine, calculator and office supplies.

place in the United States of America.

## Membership

We had Nancy Munson have her computer programmed so she could sort by chapter. The chapter Presidents or Treasurer will have the responsibility of making sure every chapter member knows his/her chapter number. If a member does not know his/her chapter number, they will be listed as an at large member. In view of the fact some chapters collect National Dues it is important that Nancy gets accurate information. It would be a big help if the chapter Presidents or Treasurer wait until April to ask for a Chapter roster, because Nancy has thousands of dues and new members to record. You may find that a member has paid his dues but Nancy may not have had chance to record them. These chapter rosters depend on you the Chapter Presidents and members, make sure Nancy gets the right information.

## April 9, '02 Prisoner of War Day

At the Punchbowl, National Memorial Cemetery Of The Pacific there are over 900 graves with the markers "Unknown Soldier Korea." These markers were donated by the "Chosin Few"

It was quite an honor to place a wreath to honor all those killed in Korea that are buried in the Punchbowl. Music was provided by the 25th Inf., Division Band. Brig. Gen Jerry C. McAbee USMC and Brig. Gen. Steven J. Redmann USAF personally welcomed each former Prisoner of War. MC was Col. Gene Castagnetti, USMC (Ret.). The Korean War Veterans Association and The American EX-Prisoners were the National Veterans organization officers in attendance.

## Election

All of you should have received your March/April *Graybeards* by now some of you have already voted. It is your right as a member of the KWVA to select whom you want to lead into the 50th Commemoration year, the ending of the Korean War.

When I took office 3 years ago we had only 12,000 members today we are approaching 18,000 members. A little history for some of the new members, three (3) years ago it seemed that no one wanted to run for President.

*(Space and everything noted is donated by Harley Coon, National President, for use of KWVA. Photos requested by the Editor, The Graybeards to show our members we are a 1st class association.)*

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**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES**  
**CASH BASIS**  
**December 31, 2001**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH IN BANK-BANK ONE-CKNG	2,424.96
CASH-BANK ONE-SAVINGS	29,926.86
BANK ONE -SVGS-1578460451	<u>548,552.45</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$580,904.27

**FIXED ASSETS**

COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS-WEAPONS 3,000.00

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 3,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$583,904.27

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

**FUND BALANCES**

GENERAL FUND	473,513.39
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60
CURRENT EARNINGS	<u>16,251.28</u>

TOTAL FUND BALANCES 583,904.27

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

ND FUND BALANCES \$583,904.27

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS**  
**FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	CURRENT PERIOD AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE AMOUNT
<b>INCOME</b>		
MEMBERSHIP	24,163.00	203,099.90
DONATION	1,671.75	19,931.20
REUNION	0.00	24,054.28
INTEREST	6,726.35	53,060.46
ADVERTISING	418.32	12,218.19
TOTAL INCOME	32,979.42	312,364.03
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
TELEPHONE	1,674.50	10,777.34
OFFICE SUPPLIES	333.82	3,202.61
INSURANCE	0.00	9,683.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	0.00	94.99
GRAYBEARDS	42,262.51	126,337.17
ACCOUNTING-LEGAL	150.00	4,495.00
VA/VS REP.	202.30	1,612.67
JUDGE ADVOCATE	46.07	46.07
BOARD MEETINGS	1,006.42	25,824.17
REUNION	0.00	25,234.28
ELECTION	0.00	3,400.00
RENT	0.00	1,500.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	118.61	552.51
POSTAGE	390.85	3,570.52
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	538.91	5,665.49
RAFFLE	0.00	5,250.00

CHAPTER EXPENSE	846.52	4,635.94
WASHINGTON DC REP.	308.88	1,294.25
MEMBERSHIP	3,570.75	32,968.52
GOODWILL-TUSCOLA SCL DIST	0.00	250.00
GOODWILL-GIFTS/FLOWERS	459.40	770.22
GOODWILL-BADGES	0.00	48.00
GOODWILL-SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000.00	10,000.00
GOODWILL-MACK-CHILDREN	0.00	5,400.00
GOODWILL-2000 KWVA FDTN	0.00	5,000.00
GOODWILL-KWVA MUSEUM	0.00	3,500.00
GOODWILL-GOLD STAR MOTHERS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	52,909.54	296,112.75
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	<u>\$ (19,930.12)</u>	<u>\$16,251.28</u>

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS**  
**As of 3 Months ended March 31, 2002**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH IN BANK-BANK ONE-CKNG	5,298.72
CASH-BANK ONE-SAVINGS	68,638.96
BANK ONE -SVGS-1578460451	<u>554,525.38</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 628,463.06

**FIXED ASSETS**

COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS-WEAPONS 3,000.00

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 3,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 631,463.06

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS**  
**For the 3 Months Ended March 31, 2002**

<b>INCOME</b>	
MEMBERSHIP	98,124.10
DONATION	3,134.60
INTEREST	6,691.88
ADVERTISING	<u>4,142.45</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$112,093.03
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
TELEPHONE	1,801.92
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,356.21
GRAYBEARDS	25,548.16
ACCOUNTING-LEGAL	842.28
MEETING EXPENSE	11,380.84
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	221.94
POSTAGE	355.29
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	1,182.68
CHAPTER EXPENSE	570.81
MEMBERSHIP	10,014.11
GOODWILL-FLAG PINS	160.00
GOODWILL-US KOREA 2000 FOUNDATION	10,000.00
GOODWILL-ARIZONIA MEMORIAL WREATH	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 64,534.24
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	<u>\$47,558.79</u>



**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS  
FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDED March 31, 2002**

	<b>3 months Ended March 31, 2002 Actual</b>	<b>3 months Ended March 31, 2002 Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
MEMBERSHIP	98,124.10	57,500.00
DONATION	3,134.60	5,000.00
REUNION	0.00	7,500.00
INTEREST	6,691.88	10,000.00
ADVERTISING	<u>4,142.45</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$112,093.03</b>	<b>\$82,500.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
TELEPHONE	1,801.92	1,250.00
BY-LAW COMMITTEE	0.00	250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,356.21	925.00
INSURANCE	0.00	2,000.00
CHAPLAIN	0.00	125.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	0.00	250.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	0.00	250.00
GRAYBEARDS	25,548.16	30,000.00
ACCOUNTING-LEGAL	842.28	1,750.00
VA/VS REP.	0.00	625.00
JUDGE ADVOCATE	0.00	250.00
MEETING EXPENSE	11,380.84	6,250.00
REUNION	0.00	7,500.00
ELECTION	0.00	1,250.00
CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	350.00
EQUIPMENT	0.00	500.00
RENT	0.00	375.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	221.94	125.00
POSTAGE	355.29	1,250.00
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	1,182.68	1,250.00
CHAPTER EXPENSE	570.81	1,625.00
WASHINGTON DC REP.	0.00	500.00
MEMBERSHIP	10,014.11	6,250.00
GOODWILL-FLAG PINS	160.00	160.00
GOODWILL-US KOREAN 2000 FDTN	10,000.00	10,000.00
GOODWILL-ARIZONIA MEMORIAL WREATH	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$64,534.24</u></b>	<b><u>75,160.00</u></b>
<b>REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$47,558.79</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,340.00</u></b>

### By-Law Change

The membership voted to eliminate "the term limits" from the by-laws at the July 26, 2001, general membership meeting. With this change the people that are doing the best job could be reelected to office. With the 50th Commemoration in 2003 these current officers have been working very close with the 50th Commemoration Committee to make this event the greatest. When this election is over then membership has spoken. You will decide by casting your vote what is best for the KWVA and who will get the job done to commemorate our veterans.

Harley J. Coon, President



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**Medal of Honor Korea - 1950**

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April 15, 2002

Dear Fellow Korean War Veterans and Friends,

Almost my entire adult life I have been urging veterans to VOTE! You should vote in your local state elections; you should vote in national elections; you should vote in your fraternal organizations and you should vote in your Military Associations. Voting in America is not just a right, it's a responsibility! It's a responsibility on all of us to ensure that our democratic way of life continues. If we vote, our children vote; if our children vote, then our grandchildren will vote. It's as simple as that!

We have recently received the March - April issue of The Graybeards which, incidentally, is one of the finest military association news magazines that I read. It's calling for us to vote for our National Officers and Directors. I want to STRONGLY encourage you to fill out the enclosed Ballot and return it just as soon as possible.

I don't personally know all the names on the ballot but I do know that since they are Veterans, and have submitted their names to stand for election to serve KWVA, they must be good, God fearing, loyal, patriotic Americans. They are, undoubtedly, ready, willing and able to serve this fine Association.

My primary intention is to strongly encourage you to VOTE for those you feel will lead us well during the final years of the 50th Anniversary Commemorations. My secondary reason is to tell you that I am personally voting for Harley Coon and Jack Edwards to assume the titles of President and Vice President.

Friends and fellow veterans, we have been through a lot in the past few years in KWVA. In my personal opinion, Harley Coon, and his highly professional staff and committee chairmen, have restored the respect and confidence in the association that you and I so justly deserve. I have no intention of casting aspersions on the others running for office. However, we need continuity and stability for a minimum of two more years in order to fully restore the financial and administrative respect of KWVA. Harley Coon and "Jack" Edwards is the team, in my opinion, that will provide us this respect, especially in Washington, where we are still attempting to obtain our National Charter.

My most sincere best wishes to you and your families.

/s/ Raymond G. Davis  
Honorary Life President, KWVA

# **Pieces of History**

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# Korean War Veterans Association ♦ ♦ 18th Annual Reunion

## July 24 through July 28

*T*he Reunion Committee are pleased to announce the site selected for our 18th Annual Reunion.

After review of several hotels, their locations, costs, etc the reunion committee members selected The DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City. The address is 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. There were many reasons for choosing this hotel but the most important one was location. It is very near to our National Memorial in D. C., major airports, great shopping and eateries. This and other locations were visited and we all feel you

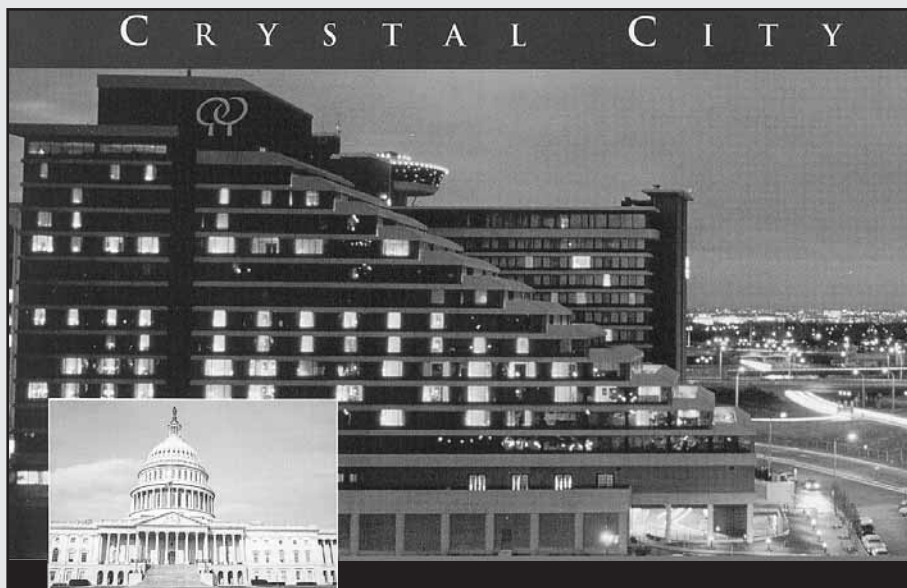
will be pleased with our selection.

As we move forward in the upcoming weeks we will be publishing more on this location, the activities, registration forms and many other important details. We hope you will start your planning to join your fellow veterans and friends in July 2002 at our 18th Annual Reunion. We expect all will be in the March-April issue of *The Graybeards*.

Thank You.

Reunion Committee Members

### DOUBLETREE HOTEL



The DoubleTree Crystal City boasts 630 rooms, including 152 spacious suites, many offering breathtaking views of D.C., as well as private balconies and spas. Every room features ample amenities including two-line phones with data port, cable TV with movie-viewing options, video check-out, free USA Today newspaper, in-suite coffee maker and more.

Windows over Washington. The Skydome Lounge is the area's only revolving rooftop restaurant. Breakfast and lunch buffets, as well as carryout are offered each day in our Lobby Café. Lobby Bar with big-screen TV.

The Doubletree Crystal City puts you on the doorstep of the world's most important city. Just across the Potomac from Washington, D.C., the Doubletree Crystal City offers incredible convenience and exemplary service for much less than

you would expect to pay just a few miles to the north. Their free shuttle will whisk you quickly to the neighboring Pentagon, Crystal City offices, Ronald Reagan National Airport or the nearby Metro. Whether by Metro or shuttle, you're just minutes from the White House and Congress and all the monuments and museums of the Mall in between. Nearby is the Kennedy Center and Washington's lively theater district. Georgetown's famed shopping, dining and nightlife are equally accessible.

At Doubletree Crystal City, you're close to everything except a high price.



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§ Window's Over Washington Restaurant, serves dinner only, Friday and Saturday. Continental and New American cuisine plus a spectacular view.

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§ The Lobby Bar, which serves drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Room service is available.

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§ The hotel provides a RV parking lot behind the hotel, which is currently \$9 per day. For full hookup service, the Pohick Bay Park on the Potomac River is the closest park to the hotel. Call (703) 339-6104 for information, reservations, and directions.

§ Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL

### KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SHARING ROOM W/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

No. of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ No. of people in room \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Handicap access ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking

☐ King Bed ☐ 2 Beds If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

**Rate:** \$85 +tax (currently 9.75%) single/double occupancy.

**Cutoff Date:** 6/24/02. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

**Cancellation Policy:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 4pm (EST) on your arrival day. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

☐ AMEX ☐ DINERS ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ CARTE BLANCHE ☐ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Doubletree Hotel, ATTN: Reservations, 300 Army Navy Dr., Arlington VA 22202**

# Activity Registration Form

KWVA Reunion July 24-29, 2002  
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **Armed Forces Reunions Inc.** in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before JUNE 21, 2002. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

## Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

242 West 22nd St  
Norfolk, VA 23517  
Attn: KWVA

CUT-OFF DATE IS JUNE 21, 2002

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Price Per                      No. of People                      Total

## Registration Fee

Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses.

Registration, husband and wife (total fee for both) .....	\$40 .....	Couple .....	\$ .....
Registration, Individual .....	\$25 .....	.....	\$ .....
Registration, Children (15-18 years old) .....	\$20 .....	.....	\$ .....

## Tours

Wednesday: U.S. Army Military Twilight Tattoo .....	\$18 .....	.....	\$ .....
Thursday: Spirit of Washington Lunch Cruise.....	\$48 .....	.....	\$ .....
Friday: Arlington National Cemetery.....	\$25 .....	.....	\$ .....
Friday: Marine Parade .....	\$16 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Korean War Memorial/Union Station .....	\$20 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Concert at D.A.R. Constitution Hall .....	\$10 .....	.....	\$ .....

*Please choose onre of the following two tours*

Sunday: National Cathedral/Georgetown.....	\$30 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Annunciation Catholic Church/Georgetown .....	\$30 .....	.....	\$ .....

## Meals

Friday: Breakfast buffet .....	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Breakfast buffet .....	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Breakfast buffet .....	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Banquet ( <i>Please select your entree</i> )			
Prime Rib of Beef .....	\$28 .....	.....	\$ .....
Chicken Piccata.....	\$26 .....	.....	\$ .....

**Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. .... \$ .....**

Please do not staple or tape your payment

Please Print Name (For Nametags) \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service: Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Are You Confined to a Wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disability/dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Staying at the Hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No      Are You Flying? ☐      Driving ☐      RV? ☐

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **Cancellations Will Only Be Taken Monday-friday 9:00am-5:00pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

## U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TWILIGHT TATTOO

**Wednesday, July 24**

Board bus for the Twilight Tattoo at the Ellipse. This colorful sun-set parade and ceremony traces the Army's rich 227-year history from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts. This outdoor performance features specialty units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band.

*5:30pm board bus, 9:00pm back at the hotel*  
*\$18/Person includes bus and escort.*

## SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE

**Thursday, July 25**

Board bus for the Spirit of Washington. Enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise with live entertainment, narration, and a bountiful lunch buffet. While you relax on one of the three fully enclosed, climate-controlled decks, you will cruise the historic water of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Your captain will point out landmarks - the Washington Monument, Ft. McNair, Washington National Airport, General's Row, and Old Towne Alexandria. After lunch enjoy a stroll and the fresh air on the outdoor decks.

*11:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at the hotel*  
*\$48/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.*

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

**Friday, July 26**

Board bus for Arlington National Cemetery. Once there you will board Park Service trams that will take you to Arlington House, home of General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee. The 1,000 acres of the cemetery were once part of the Lee Estate. Visit the Tomb of the Unknowns where you will see the changing of the guard, followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Next, you will visit the gravesites of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, lit by the eternal flame.

*9:00am board bus, 12:00pm back at the hotel*  
*\$25/Person includes bus, escort, tram, and admission.*

## MARINE PARADE

**Friday, July 26**

Board bus for the Marine Parade. Arrive at the Marine Barracks and be directed to your reserved bleacher seating. Marines from the Barracks will give a history of the Barracks and a preview of what is to take place during the parade. Once the parade begins, observe the ceremonies that have been the tradition of Presidents and past Commandants of the Marine Corp, which will include ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team, the US Marine Band, and the Marine Corp mascot "bulldog."

*Note: You will walk approximately three blocks to your seats. Please wear comfortable shoes.*

*7:00pm board bus, 10:30pm back at the hotel*  
*\$16/Person includes bus and escort.*

## KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL / UNION STATION

**Saturday, July 27**

Board bus for a memorial service at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. As you approach the memorial, you will see the group of

nineteen stainless-steel statues that depict a squad on patrol, evoking the experience of American ground troops in Korea. This symbolic patrol brings together members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy. The adjacent Pool of Remembrance, black granite wall, and murals depict the extraordinary acts of heroism of those Americans who proved that "Freedom Is Not Free." Following the memorial, reboard bus to Union Station for free time for lunch on your own or shopping.

*9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel*  
*\$20/Person includes bus and escort.*

## CONCERT AT D.A.R. CONSTITUTION HALL

**Saturday, July 27**

Buses will shuttle (each bus will make two trips to transport everyone over at staggered times) the group to the Pentagon Parking Area. Board bus to the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. The theme of the performance is a Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans, featuring musical hits from the 1950's. Featured guests include the United States Marine Band, as well as, special guest star performances, a prominent Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker. Following the performance, reboard bus, which will return you to the hotel directly.

*5:00pm buses begin shuttling, 9:30 pm back at hotel*  
*\$10/Person includes shuttle bus and escort.*

## NATIONAL CATHEDRAL / GEORGETOWN

**Sunday, July 28**

Board bus for the 11:00am service, and subsequent tour of Washington National Cathedral. An Episcopal Cathedral welcoming visitors of all faiths, the Cathedral is the sixth largest cathedral in the world and possibly the last purely Gothic building to be constructed. The Cathedral towers above the city from its 57-acre site high on Mt. St. Alban. Reboard bus for Union Station for free time and lunch on your own or shopping. Following lunch, continue on a driving tour of Georgetown and Embassy Row. Drive by Georgetown's most famous address, which is Wisconsin and M. It is old guard and a'vant-garde, with many restored feudal and federal homes. Embassy Row reflects the international flavor of the nation's capital. Graceful mansions and modern buildings fly the colors of many countries and distinctive seals emblazoned with national symbols. These homes house 150 international embassies and chancelleries.

*10:15am board bus, 4:15pm back at hotel*  
*\$30/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.*

## ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH / GEORGETOWN

**Sunday, July 28**

Board bus for the 11:30am service at Annunciation Catholic Church. Following the service, reboard bus to tour the Washington National Cathedral and continue the day as is described above.

*11:00am board bus, 5:00pm back at hotel*  
*\$30/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own. Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.*

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.



# Schedule

**KWVA Reunion July 24-29, 2002**  
**Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA**

## Wednesday, July 24

- 9:00am— Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion
- 1:00pm–5:00pm Reunion Registration open
- 5:30pm –9:00pm U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TWILIGHT TATTOO (description on page 12)

## Thursday, July 25

- 8:30am–10:30am Board Meeting
- 9:30am–10:30am Reunion Registration open
- 11:00am–3:00pm SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE (description on page 12)
- 3:30–5pm Board Meeting reconvenes
- 3:00pm–6:00pm Reunion Registration open
- 5:30pm–7:00pm Welcome Reception (must be registered and have reunion badge to attend)
- Dinner on your own

## Friday, July 26

- 7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
- 7:30am–8:30am Reunion Registration open
- 9:00am - 12:00pm ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (description on page 12)
- 1:00pm–3:00pm Ladies Meeting
- 1:00pm–5:00pm Membership Meeting followed by dinner on your own.
- 3:30pm–5:30pm Reunion Registration open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
- 5:30pm–6:30pm Banquet table reservation sheets will be collected.
- 7:00pm–10:30pm MARINE PARADE (description on page 12)

## Saturday, July 27

- 7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00am–2:00pm KOREAN MEMORIAL / UNION STATION (description on page 12)
- 5:00pm - 9:30pm CONCERT AT D.A.R. - CONSTITUTION HALL (description on page 12)

## Sunday, July 28

- 7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
- 10:15am–4:15pm NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SERVICE/ GEORGETOWN (description on page 12)
- 10:45am–4:45pm ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE/ GEORGETOWN (description on page 12)
- 6:00pm –7:00pm Cocktail Reception
- 7:00pm– Banquet

## Monday, July 29

Farewells & Departures

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

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### Reunion Book Ad

#### 2002 REUNION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISEMENTS

Front cover inside.....	\$100.00
Back page .....	\$100.00
Back page inside .....	\$ 75.00
Full page.....	\$ 50.00
Half page .....	\$ 25.00
1/4 page .....	\$ 15.00
Business card size .....	\$ 10.00
List a Name .....	\$ 5.00

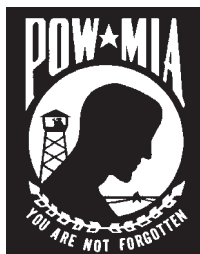
The program book will help sponsor the reunion.

Send Checks to: **KWVA Headquarters, 4120 Industrial Lane,  
 Beavercreek, Ohio 45430**

**Korean War Veterans  
 Association Website:  
[www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)**

#### **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.



# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD  
WAR DOCUMENT FAMI-  
LY RESEARCH

## Progress in Korea as of November 28, 2001

### Background

**1950** – North Korea Invades South Korea with 130,000 men, initiating the Korean War.

**1953** – The United States, North Korea, and China sign armistice that ends the war, but fails to bring permanent peace.

**1951-1955** – American Graves Registration Teams search South Korean Battlefields for remains. North Koreans return several thousand sets of remains in Operation GLORY in 1954; approximately 854 remains were declared unknown.

**1990-1991** - North Korea unilaterally recovers and turns over 16 sets of remains to Senator Robert Smith and Representative G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery.

**1992** – 30 sets of remains repatriated through the United Nations Command (UNC).

**1993** – 162 sets of remains returned following the signing of an UNC-North Korean People's Army (KPA) remains repatriation agreement.

**1994** – Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) President Kim Il Sung unexpectedly accepts former President Carter's proposal to conduct Joint Recovery Operations (JROs) to search for U.S. remains. Political differences postpone implementation.

**1996** – US-DPRK talks in New York agree to initiate JROs. First JRO conducted in July results in one set of remains recovered. Second JRO cancelled due to tensions generated by a North Korean submarine infiltration incident.

**1997** – May US-DPRK talks in New York discuss restarting joint recoveries, initiating archival reviews, and establishing contact with a reported group of American defectors. North Korea agrees to 3 JROs.

**1997** – December meetings in New

York agree on five JROs and one joint archival review for 1998.

**1998** – Both sides agree in New York to increase the number of JROs (6) and archival reviews (2) for 1999.

**1999** – In June North Koreans refuse to repatriate four sets of remains from second JRO through Panmunjom. The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) cancels third, fourth, and fifth JROs. North Koreans agree to talks in New York in October to discuss new repatriation procedures. As a result of those talks, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs led a delegation to Pyongyang on October 25 to repatriate the four sets of remains from the second JRO and to oversee resumption of the final operation of the year as scheduled.

**1999** – December: both sides meet in Berlin to discuss operations for 2000. KPA explicitly links conduct of future JROs in the DPRK to the USG willingness to provide a large-scale assistance package. DoD rejects such linkage. The talks end without an agreement.

**2000** – North Koreans return to the negotiating table in Malaysia without preconditions. The two sides agreed to 5 JROs for 2000. Upon the completion of JRO #5 65 sets of remains were recovered this year. Secretary of State Albright met with the DPRK Vice Minister, Marshal Jo Myong Nok when he visited the US in early October and she also met DPRK Chairman Kim Jong Il on her visit to Pyongyang later in October. During both meetings she emphasized the importance of gaining the fullest possible accounting for all missing American servicemen from the Korean War. She also pointed out with pride that our efforts and hard work were the bright spot in US-DPRK bilateral relations.

**2000** – December: both sides meet again in Malaysia to discuss future operations in 2001. This was the most successful meeting between DPMO and the KPA to date. The two sides agreed to conduct JROs during five separate time periods at two separate locations concurrently. One CILHI team will continue work in the

Kujang area during this entire year's schedule. Another team will conduct operations in the Kae'chon City area (known as "The Gauntlet" during the Korean War) during the May, June, July/August operations and then move to the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir for the operations in September and October.

**2001**- November: CILHI completes final JRO, bring the total sets of remains recovered for the year to 45.

### Statistics

■ 33,651 Service members killed in action (KIA)

- ◆ 27,709 U.S. Army
- ◆ 4,269 U.S. Marines
- ◆ 1,198 U.S. Air Force
- ◆ 475 U.S. Navy

■ 7,140 Service members became prisoners of war

■ Over 8,100 remain unaccounted for.

■ To date, US Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) has identified eight of the total 208 remains recovered unilaterally by the North Koreans between 1990 and 1994.

■ 152 sets of remains have been recovered during 21 recovery operations from 1996 to the present. Eight have been identified.

### Accounting Efforts on the Korean Peninsula

■ There are three main pillars of the Korean War accounting program: live-sighting resolution; archival and oral history research efforts; and remains recovery operations in both the north and south.

■ DPMO, with the full support of the intelligence community, aggressively investigates all reports and sightings of alleged American survivors of the Korean War living in North Korea. There have been no credible reports to date other than those that pertain to four known US defectors living in North Korea.

■ Archival research and oral history programs are underway in the US, North and South Korea, and in China. These

programs are designed to determine the circumstances of loss for missing service men; build our knowledge base on Korean War battle incidents; gain eye-witness accounts of prison camp life and prisoner movements; and gain access to materials and maps germane to POW/missing personnel matters.

- The US pays fair and reasonable expenses associated with the efforts to recover remains, but will not pay ransom for the remains themselves.

#### Associated Developments with China

- The US continues negotiations aimed at access to archives in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Focus is on working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to find avenues for engaging the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which controls access to archival materials and witnesses.

- Over the past decade, the USG has presented official requests for information on almost 200 individual Korean War unaccounted for cases. China has yet to respond to any of these.

- During his July 2000 visit to Beijing, SECDEF highlighted importance of increased cooperation on Korean War accounting.

- DPMO conducted an oral history program (OHP) in September 2000 focused on interviews with four Chinese Korean War veterans involved in POW camp operations.

- In January, 2001 six US Korean War veterans met with Chinese veterans in Beijing. This was the first Korean War veterans-to-veterans exchange between the US and China and laid the ground work for more oral history and archival research efforts.

#### Veterans' Update Program:

*Thomas E. Erstfeld, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF*

In 1995 the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) began the Family Update Program. This is a series of briefings held throughout the United States to inform the family members of America's unaccounted-for service members of the government's efforts to find and repatriate these missing persons or to determine their fates. DPMO established the program to inform family

members who are unable to visit its offices in Washington, D.C. to review their loved ones' case files. The program evolved into a day-long event in which the family members can discuss their particular cases with specialists from DPMO, the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI), Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTFFA), the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL), and the casualty offices of the military services. These meetings are held monthly (except December) on a Saturday in cities located near large concentrations of family members of those who are still missing in action (MIA). Due to the confidentiality of the personal information discussed about the missing service members, attendance at the family updates is restricted to family members only.

At the same time the Family Update Program was maturing into its present format, several veterans, especially members of veterans' service organizations, were also inquiring about the government's effort to achieve the fullest possible accounting of its missing service members. As a result of these veterans' grassroots efforts, the leaders of several VSOs requested the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs to establish a program to inform veterans around the country of the government's efforts. In 1998 DPMO established the Veterans' Update Program.

The DPMO Veterans' Update is held in conjunction with the DPMO Family Update. The reason these two updates are held together is to make maximum use of

the government specialists who have to travel to the area. It is held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on the Friday evening prior to the family update in the same hotel in which the family update is held. The program consists of informal briefings on DPMO's mission and current activities by one of its senior managers, plus informal briefings by CILHI and JTF-FA personnel that highlight those units' current operations. The work they describe pertains to accounting for the missing from the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Korean War, and World War II. The attendees are also shown a videotape presentation of recent excavations and repatriation ceremonies. During the second hour the attendees have the opportunity to ask their questions about the government's POW/MIA accounting activities. Respecting the privacy of affected families, the government will not discuss any specific cases. In addition to the briefers, experts from AFDIL and DPMO analysts are also available to answer questions. Finally, the attendees are provided with literature concerning DPMO and the POW/MIA accounting issue.

#### 2002 Family Update Schedule

Date	Location
Jun 20-22 ....	Washington, DC *
Jul 26 .....	Washington, DC *
Aug 17 .....	Kansas City, MO
Sep 21 .....	New York City
Oct 26.....	Salt Lake City, UT
Nov 16 .....	Tampa, FL

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

#### The Graybeards

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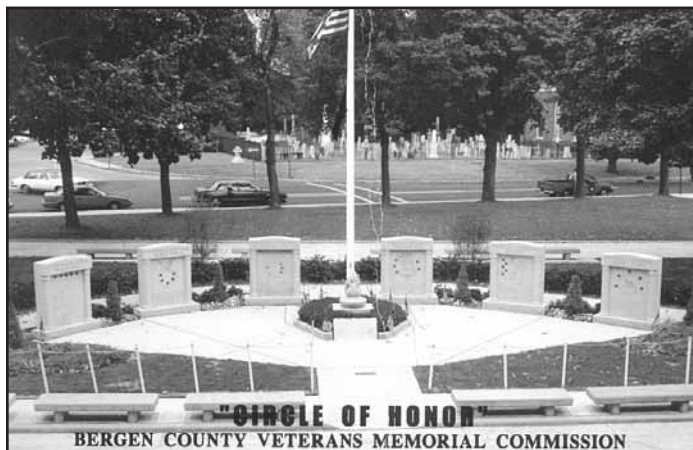
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# Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

## New Jersey Remembers



Memorial is located in Hackensack, NJ. (1 to r) WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Granada-Panama-Beirut and Desert Storm. It has an Eternal Light on 24 hours a day and is called Circle of Honor.

*(Thank you Bart Mupo for photo and letter. A super memorial.)*

## Connecticut Remembers

Korean War Memorial Dedicated July 1993 on Memorial Drive, Rogers Park in Danbury, Ct. Erected by the Greater Danbury Area Korean War Veterans Chapter #11. This July will be the 9th Anniversary of the Memorial.

*(Thank you Bernie Rotunda for photo and letter. A beautiful memorial honoring our fallen veterans of the Korean War by the veterans that came home.)*



## Montana Remembers

The fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Montana Korean War Memorial will be on June 14 at Rose Memorial Park in Missoula, MT at 10 AM with a special commemorative ceremony. Highlighting the event will be presentations by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in the United States, Sung Chul Yang, and Maj.



Montana Korean War Memorial, Missoula, MT.

Gen. Nels Running, US Air Force Retired, Executive Director of the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. General Running was born and raised in Frenchtown, MT

The World Affairs Council of Montana is sponsoring the visit of Ambassador Yang and General Running to Missoula "Korean War 50th Anniversary celebrations are going on all over America this year and we wanted to make sure the 138 Montanans whose names are on the memorial and who gave their lives in Korea are never forgotten," said Charlie Crookshanks, Montana commemoration committee chair. "We have one of the most beautiful Korean War Memorials in the country, standing as a symbol that all veterans can look upon and know that we recognize and honor their service, sense of duty and sacrifice to this great nation," he added

Commemorative partners for this special celebration at the Korean War Memorial are: The Montana Korean War Memorial Committee, Missoula Vet Center, Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History and Grizzly Battalion ROTC at the University of Montana. "We encourage people to come to this event and honor those who made the greatest sacrifice for their country, as well as veterans and men and women now serving in the Armed Forces," Crookshanks said.

*(Thank you Gary Sorensen. We have shown this memorial in past Graybeards and I hope we are not too late to help in getting attendees. A great looking memorial.)*

## "Mayfield" Hotel to open in Seoul

Mayfield Hotel, which is gearing up to be a "countryside hotel in metropolitan Seoul," will open on May 20. Mayfield Hotel, the only top-class hotel in Gangseo-gu and Yangcheon-gu area in the western part of Seoul, is likely to be popular among airport users and airline crews as it is situated in close proximity to Incheon International Airport and Gimpo Airport.

Mayfield Hotel is also seen as a resort hotel, as the for outdoor facilities such as an outdoor golf range, outdoor wedding place, a botanic garden and a shooting range.



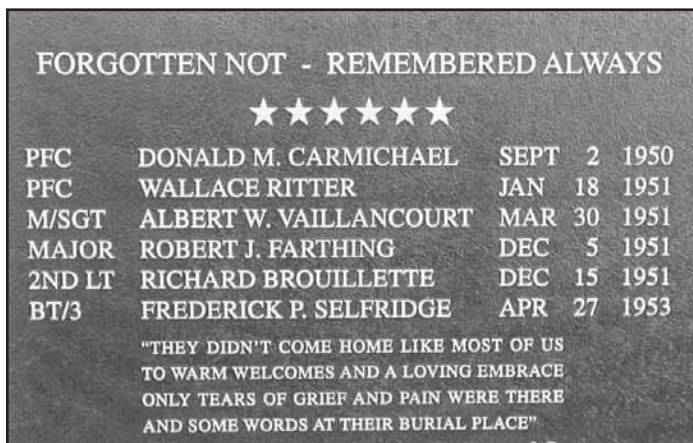
## Massachusetts Remembers

### "The Korean War. No Longer Forgotten In Billerica"

The photos below are of the Billerica Massachusetts Korean War Memorial and Park that was dedicated Sunday, June 24, 2001.

The Billerica Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee is very proud of this Memorial that was three (3) years in the making. It has been well received by the residence. Approximately four hundred people showed up for the dedication, plus many color guards, and organizations. The Commissioner of Veteran Services, Thomas G. Kelly, USN (Ret.) Medal of Honor Recipient and the Korean Consulate General, Honorable Jayson Park were the two guest speakers.

This Park was the former site of the Asa Pollard School. Asa



Pollard was a Billerica Revolutionary War Veteran and first soldier killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. His Memorial is in the front right of the walkway with the flag in front of it.

All of the committee are members of the Korean War Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. or the Greater Lowell KWVA.

*(Thank you Thomas H. Conway for photos and letter: A great looking memorial located in a very historical area.)*

## Pennsylvania Remembers



On June 22, 2002 this new Korean War Memorial will dedicated at Penns Landing in Philadelphia. (More details Later.)

*(Thank you for photo and letter. All I Have is Historian #1509 and Commander A. L. Post #211. Misplaced envelope. Sorry.)*

Shown below are John Plenskofski, Richard Donnelly, Louie Giacomelli, and Jack Green, Veterans from two area chapters and "Mike." from the John J. White Construction Co. We raised the four flags at the memorial site on March 21, 2002, at 10 a.m.

*(Thank you John for photos and letter. I hope to print other photos from the dedication and give more detail about the memorial. Good luck to all you deserving Philadelphia Veterans for a job well done. I know you all went through a lot to get this far. Sorry I could not print all photos and text sent.)*



### GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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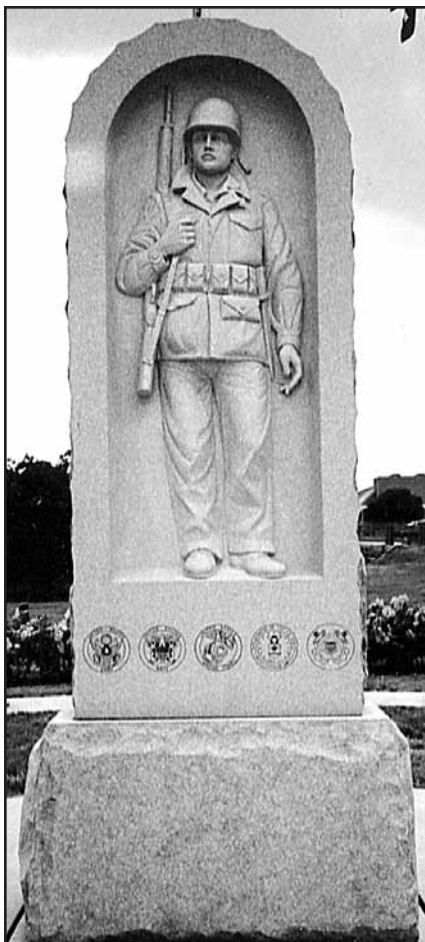
## Ohio Remembers

These pictures were taken at the Korean War Memorial and All Veterans Walkway located at 130 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

It has a well lighted 475 foot All Veterans Walkway which leads to the main memorial shown.

On the right side of the walkway are the names of the 8,182 missing in action. These names are etched in granite and listed by state.

Also at the main memorial are two huge long granite slabs listing the names by county of the 1,726 Ohio veterans killed during the Korean War.



Shown at Memorial panel are former Marines who fought in the Chosin Reservoir (l to r) Arthur W. Laslo, Arthur V. Dickard, and Edward M. Szymciak

*(Thank you Edward for photos and letter. I have shown this memorial in past Graybeards but not in this much detail. A super memorial honoring all lost and missing in The Korean War.)*

**Visit the  
Korean War Veterans Association  
Website: [www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)**

## Oregon remembers



Korean War Memorial located in Portland National Cemetery.



Main panel showing bronze plaque and service branch emblems. Looks like poem under Korea and War dates.



Plaque showing the members of The Chosen Few Chapter of Oregon who raised funds and erected this memorial.

*(Thank you Donald Hammond for photos and letter. A beautiful memorial provided by special veterans.)*

### Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial in the last 2 years please send in a photo. Please identify the memorial and all persons in it. Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe the memorial in detail and give us the location.

I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned and please no newspaper clippings. —Editor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## For all Korean War Veterans

### Korean War Children's Book

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

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

If you are interested in sending your story for possible inclusion,

please send it to Linda Granfield, 40 Hardwick Court, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 4G6 Canada (in case you're wondering: I'm a U.S. citizen living in Canada), or e-mail it to <gransmil @interlog.com>.

Any photographs you send will be scanned and the originals sent back to you. If you would prefer to pass along the names of those who are unable to write and would like to be interviewed by telephone, please do send the contacts. Telephone interviews will take place in the fall of 2002, but please feel free to send written stories earlier. We will aim towards a 2003 publication date, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the war's end.

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

Sincerely,  
Linda Granfield,  
Toronto, Canada

### Catch the Spirit

#### Spirit of America to perform in Columbus, Ohio and Washington, DC

Come see Spirit of America at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, from September 20-21, and in Washington, DC, at the MCI Center from September 25-29. Through narration, pageantry and music, audiences will see firsthand the vital role the U.S. Army played in shaping the nation.

You will not want to miss this fiery two-hour performance that

features the United States Army's premier ceremonial units, The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own" and the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment, known as The Old Guard.

Spirit of America, presented by the United States Army Military District of Washington, is free and open to the public. For tickets and show times (Washington, DC) call toll-free 1-866-239-9425; for the Ohio show, call Nationwide Arena at

614-246-2000 or visit our Web site at [www.mdw.army.mil](http://www.mdw.army.mil).

#### Columbus, Ohio

Friday, Sept. 20 - 10 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 20 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26 - 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 27 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29 - 2 p.m.

The show is free to the public but you must have a ticket in

order to attend. There is general admission on a first-come-first-served basis. The tickets also are not good for any of the other performances, only the specific show noted on the ticket. Tickets will be available on June 14th, 2002. Tour and school groups may reserve tickets in advance by calling 1-866-239-9425.

*(I will print more of this event in following issues. Your editor has seen several of these shows and it gets better every time. A must see for all veterans. No war is forgotten. Get tickets early.-Ed)*

### JAKWV Planning Cruise

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) are planning a 10 night, 4-island luxury liner cruise, departing on September 26, 2002. The Royal Caribbean liner, "Vision of the Seas" will depart from Honolulu and stop at Lahaina, Maui; Nawiliwili, Kauai; Kailua Kona, Hawaii; Hilo, Hawaii; docking in Ensenada, Mexico on October 6. From there, chartered buses will take passengers to San Diego and Los Angeles for connecting flights.

The JAKWV Tour and Cruise Committee recommends that participants arrive in Honolulu on September 23 for planned activities prior to the cruise, from September 24 to 26, including the opening of the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit at the Japanese Cultural Center in Honolulu (JCCH), focus event of the trip.

In addition to the opening cere-

mony and reception at the JCCH honoring the 247 Japanese Americans killed or missing in action in the Korean War and their families, a ceremony will be held at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial at the Hawaii Capitol Grounds, where Lieutenant General (Ret.) Alan Ono and Hershey Miyamura, Medal of Honor awardee, will speak.

Other events planned include a luau, golf and optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, Punch Bowl, the Polynesian Cultural Center as well as activities, including golf and tours on the other islands.

For more information write JAKWV, 22587 Waterbury Street Woodland Hills, California 91364-4924 or call Tel (818) 591-1269 or Fax (818) 591-8815 or Email <tonaim@pacbell.net>

### The Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation

Last summer William Van Ort, President and one of the founders of KWVEGC, stepped down. During the interim, it fell to me as Secretary to function

as Acting President and I can assure you Bill left behind a large set of shoes I have been struggling to fill.

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## Korean War Ex-POW

■ Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW March 2002 Newsletter.

I Am sure that all of you know, that the ladies are the backbone of any organization. Ours is no different. Ladies, we wish you continued health and happiness, and god bless you for all that you do for us men. Without all of your patience and help we would be nothing but a motley group of guys. Thanks again.

I had a chance to go to Oklahoma City recently, and got a first hand look at the hotel. The hotel is located at I-40 & Meridian. The hotel is situated in an area where there are many restaurants within walking distance. The area for our open house is very well placed, and looks great. Every thing is coming along very well, thanks to Joe and Louann Gomez, and to all the others that are helping them. We hope to see most of you there. If you have any small gifts that we can use for door prizes we would sure appreciate the donation. I am sure we will have a great reunion, and thanks again to Joe and his wife for all their hard work.

Sincerely,

Ernie Contreas.

The address is 401 S. Meridian. Oklahoma city, OK 73108. Phone (405) 947-7681. Or toll free (800) 522-6620.

"Joes" Motel Notes: 5 miles west of downtown on I-40 and Meridian. If you are flying into OKC, after picking up your luggage go to the courtesy phone in the luggage area and call the Biltmore Hotel for transportation. The number for the Hotel will be beside the phone.

For Hotel registration call 1-800-522-6620 and tell them you are with the POW

group. Please try to get meal requests and registrations in as soon as possible. If you need to add more names to the registration form please use a separate sheet of paper. Registration for the tours must be made two (2) weeks before the reunion.

The hotel will allow R.V. parking, but *no* hook-ups, it is against the law. The Rockwell RV park is located at 720 South Rockwell, 3 miles west of the Hotel. The current rate is \$19.50 w/o cable \$21.50 with cable. The phone number is (405) 787-5992

Thanks, Joe.

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### TAPS

Otho G. Bell

Fred Brown

MG Andrew J. Evans

Sam Ferrow

Ray Hudson

John A. Molitor

Larance V. Sullivan

Richard R. Tenneson

Stephan Gavula (See note below)

*Note: Steve was captured on 8 December 1950 and was with B Company, 32nd Regiment of the 7th Division. He was captured after the Chosin Reservoir fighting and taken with the others into Manchuria to a Chinese Army Hospital. That group was sent to us in December 1950 at Hanjang-ni, North Korea. Steve and I worked at a so called hospital in Hanjang-ni which was more of a place to die than to get well. Steve worked endlessly to give some dying comfort, and he would clean their bodies and kill the lice. On sunny days he would carry them outside so they could get some sun. I can still see that youthful face and hear that laugh. Steve was my best buddy, and he will be missed so very much. He leaves behind, wife Jean and two sons. One is a Marine Master Sergeant and the other is an Officer in the Army.*

*So long Steve, we love ya.*

*Shorly Estabrook*

## Book Review



### Come Along And See

By Dan Rasmussen, Jr.

About the Author: Dan Rasmussen, Jr. spent approximately one year fighting on the front line in Korea. Returning from the war, Rasmussen proceeded to earn his associate degree in Radio and Television from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Following college, Rasmussen worked for General Electric and Westinghouse at the Hanford Nuclear Complex in Washington, State. Now retired, Rasmussen thought it was time to tell the story of the Korean War and explore the ideologies that helped to shape him and his memoir, *Come Along and See*. Mr. Rasmussen's book coincides with the 50th Anniversary and the three-year remembrance of the Korean War.

A historical memoir recounting his life before and during the Korean War, *Come Along and See What Some Young Men Did in '48, '49, '50, '51, '52*, is the eye-opening account of author Dan Rasmussen's time spent in war-time Korea.

### Mid 1951

My morning for going to the front line came. I was headed for Fox Company of the Second Battalion of the Thirty-fifth Infantry Division. I think the whole Second Battalion was back in reserve at this time. The Second Battalion is made up of four companies: Easy, Fox, George, and Howe. (Howe Company is a heavy weapons company) It seemed odd, but I was the only guy getting on the truck to go to Fox Company that morning. Guess they only needed one more man to bring it up to full strength. Anyway, the truck driver told me to ride up front with him. We were headed to somewhere outside Seoul and had been on this dirt road about fifteen minutes, when WHAM, this artillery round makes the dirt fly to our front left, short of the road. The driver slammed on the brakes and hollered at me at the same time, "Get under the truck!" My introduction to war had started.

Ordering Information: *Come Along and See* ISBN # 1-57197-287-0 • \$14.95 • 192 pages • 11"x 8.5" • Currently Available • Shipping & Handling charges may apply. Available through: Baker & Taylor (1-800-

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## PRESIDENT from page 4

The KWVA was in deep financial trouble, the membership was falling off and we almost didn't have enough money to produce the *Graybeards* for the balance of the year. Ken Cook and I talked with other board members, some thought I should give it a try.

My first action was to get a Treasurer close to my hometown so we would have better financial control. Dan Nicholas was appointed Treasurer and he died after 2 months in office. I then asked a very good friend if he would take the Treasurer position. Tom Gregory was accepted by the Executive Council along with Howard Camp as Asst. Treasurer and National Secretary. Tom Gregory has invested our money in safe CD's and money market accounts and we have received \$70,000.00 interest money in the past three years.

We then set up a Financial Committee to establish a workable and realistic budget. There were some truly dedicated board members elected such as James Jones Jr., Joe Pirrello joined the Finance Committee, Dorothy Schilling was already on the board. We stopped all fast and free spending. As a result we have over \$600,000.00 cash in the savings and checking to keep the KWVA on solid financial ground.

The editor of *Graybeards*, Vince Krepps has made great improvements to make the *Graybeards* the best veterans publication.

Jack Edwards and James Jones along with Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt are working to revise the bylaws to better understand them.

Warren Weidhahn has made sure the Korean war veterans had a chance to revisit South Korea.

This election is not about leadership but, about a small group of members that want to gain control of the \$600,000.00 plus.

As long as I am President your money will be used for the benefit of KWVA members.

The membership voted to do away with term limits in order that the current administration could continue with the celebration of the 50th Commemoration.

Till next time,

## D.C. Affairs

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

As I sit here writing my memo, I truly wish that I could write on a subject other than trying to get a National Charter for the KWVA.

However, as long as we are no closer to getting one than we were two months ago I guess I have to keep pushing the members to help out with getting co-sponsors. The members who care have done what they can do and it is time for more members to make a move.

Since the article in the March/April issue of *The Graybeards* we have picked up five new co-sponsors, that brings us up to fifty one. If some of the persons who spend time sending out insulting e-mails would spend some of that time working on their members of congress maybe we

**Blair Cross, National Director for D.C. Affairs**

could make a stronger showing.

Just to give an overview of what is paramount is to consider that the 4 largest states have a total of 143 members in the House. Only 13 of them have signed on as co-sponsors. The 51 we now have on record represents 14 other states, and this means that 36 states have done nothing.

I keep being told to write to the members of the House and tell them certain things. Well, believe me this has been done on several occasions, and I feel it is time I get some help from the membership by urging their representatives to get on board. You are their constituents and only you can make them understand what we need and how important it is.

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair

## National VA/VS Representative Report

**By Michael Mahoney**

### Voluntary Service Report

As outlined in my last report, each Chapter needs to furnish a roster of their National KWVA members. These are the members that we receive credit for. The veteran who come from other states, non affiliated Korean Veterans, and students are considered Associate members. As for the Rep's and Deputy's at the various facilities, your attendance at the quarterly meeting is important. When you accepted this service, you since my appointment to office received a letter telling of your appointment. This letter told you that you are required to attend all meeting and that if you missed 3 consecutive meeting that you would be terminated from membership in the VA/VS Program. Lets get to those meetings. I receive from every VA a attendance record, 216 of them every three months.

Each VA that we are involved with is kept in file by facility.

If you do not think that I read them, just ask some of the Volunteer program managers when I find appointments that have not be certified. In the past 3 months, I have called 4 facilities concerning appointments I did not make.

On the 15th of May, I will be attending the NEC in Portland. OR. and I have a few question that need answers.

On certifications, you must submit to me the following information:

The name, address, city, state and telephone number of the person you recommend along with the position and facility. Please follow these guidelines.

God Bless and Keep Up the Good Work!

Mike

### GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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**Jul-Aug, 2002 .....July 12**  
**Sep-Oct, 2002 .....Sep 12**

**Nov-Dec, 2002 .....Nov 8**

# Built from the Sea

Seoul's new aviation gateway is a fantastic feat of engineering constructed at a cost of 5.6 billion over 8 years

**K**orea's biggest ever civil engineering project, the construction of Incheon International Airport, began in November 1992 with the start of work to reclaim 4,743 hectares of land from the sea between Yongjong and Yongyu islands.

Phase one involved building huge 7.3 and 6.2 kilometre long dikes between the two sparsely populated islands to block off the sea and create the actual airport site itself.

Critical phase two concerned dredging the tidal site and transforming the former seabed - essentially a five metre thick layer of silt clay - into a solid surface capable of withstanding major building work.

Phase three involved the construction of the gateway's infrastructure -namely its massive 496,000m<sup>2</sup> terminal building, runways, ATC tower and other facilities necessary for a major international airport.

The dikes, which today form the airport's boundary with the sea, are monumental in size each measuring a height of nine metres and ranging in width from 90 to 120 metres at the bottom to 20 metres at the top.

The combination of their size, the airport's sheltered location and shallow one-metre water depth around the former islands, ensures that Incheon International Airport can easily withstand the highest tides mother nature can throw at it.

Such calm, shallow waters are in stark contrast to the traditional high tides of the Korean west coast where water levels, including at neighboring Incheon itself, often rise 30 feet plus.

The airport's ideal natural setting also benefited phase two of its construction as the low tide meant that it was only necessary to fill a soil depth of five metres, a key factor in keeping the airport's construction costs down.

The complicated process of creating a surface suitable for construction involved dredging and draining the tidal site and

adding landfill, principally taken from the rocky terrain on and around the airport site.

## STEEL

A mixture of sand and paper drains were initially driven into the ground at an average depth of 13m to absorb any remaining water below the surface. Five to six metres of soft soil was then added to stabilize the ground and force 50cm of deep subsidence that effectively squeezed out the last of the tidal water.

The dredged site was then triple hammered with a 10-ton weight to force it down another 40-50cm and additional earth added as part of the 'soft soil' technique designed to reduce future subsidence to less than 2.5cm over the next 20 years.

Nearly 100 cubic metres of fill, mostly taken from the top of hills and mountains surrounding the airport or dredged from the bottom of the sea, has so far been used to reclaim the tidal land which accounts for 84% of the total airport site of 5,617 hectares.

The size of task ensured that from 1992 until recently, 21 rock crushing plants and seven concrete mixing factories operated around the clock to create the landfill required.

It is estimated that another 80 million cubic metres of land fill will be needed in the future to allow the airport to reclaim all the tidal land and enhance its facilities to complete what is already one of Asia's largest ever construction projects.

Phase three construction of the airport's infrastructure began in earnest in January 1996, more than three years after land reclamation began, with excavation work for the passenger

terminal.

More than 15,000 steel piles with an average length of 36m were driven into the bedrock base below the soil to provide a solid foundation for the giant complex and ensure its ability to withstand an earthquake.

If placed end-to-end the steel piles or rods - each of which was specifically made 2mm thicker than normal to combat corrosion - would cover a distance of more than 1,700 kilometres.

The importance of the 496,000m<sup>2</sup> complex, Korea's biggest single building, ensured that nothing was left to chance and a series of high-tech aids were utilized to aid construction.

They included the 3-D computer-aided design (CAD) system and scale models developed to simulate different stages of the construction process and avoid any mistakes.

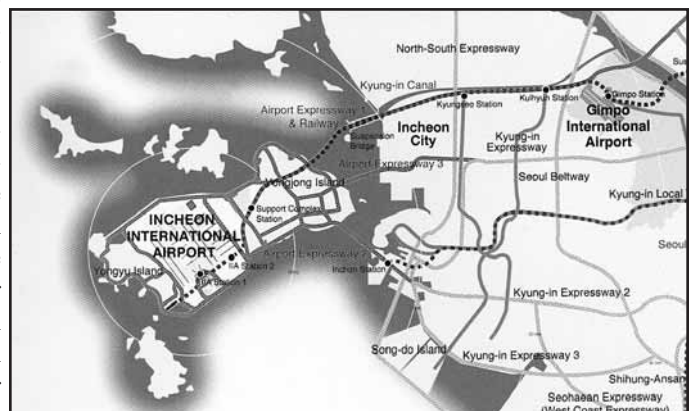
The specialized 3-D computer interface software was used to co-ordinate the on-site activities of more than 1,200 design, engineering and construction companies.

All construction materials - including the specially made saline-resistant concrete used on the recommendation of Seoul National University's Technology Institute - and the entire construction process itself was carried out in accordance with ISO 9001 quality assurance standards.

The fact that the airport was built on reclaimed land means that it is more than aware of the dangers of flooding.

## TUNNEL

Sheet pile around the terminal building and a dewatering system, which automatically activates upon detection of a rise in water level, are a guarantee against the state-of-the-art complex flooding.



In addition to other on-site drainage systems the entire airport is protected from flooding by a 75 kilometre long system of storm drainage channels surrounding the airfield. Each channel is made of high strength, pre-cast concrete and designed to handle up to 103mm of rain per hour.

Incheon also boasts two re-enforced road tunnels under the runway for airport vehicles crossing the airfield.

Each tunnel - expected to be mainly used by freight vehicles transporting shipments between the cargo base and passenger terminal - has four-lanes and is 20m wide, 7.5m high and built from 110cm thick concrete that is capable of withstanding an aircraft weight of up to 600 tonnes.

Both Incheon's 3,750m runways are covered with a thick asphalt-concrete surface equipping them to accommodate around 1,500 daily flights by aircraft weighing in excess of 600 tonnes - 200 tonnes heavier than today's biggest jumbo.

Similarly the aprons are covered with a 95cm thick rigid pavement to withstand jet blast heat.

A specially designed trailer, designed to simulate a 395 tonne 747-400, made the equivalent of 45,000 aircraft landings on an on-site test runway to check the quality of the paving used on Incheon's airfield.

The airport is linked to the mainland by the \$250m Yongjong Grand Bridge. The 4.4km double deck suspension bridge was built by a consortium lead by Hyundai Engineering.

Sang-Ho Lee, executive director of IIAC's Construction Management Division, said: "Nothing has been left to chance. We spent seven years amending the design of the passenger terminal and five years building it.

## Action Book

### *A Platoon Sergeant's Diary*

During the Korean War (Sept. 1950-Sept. 1951), by B.R. Spiroff, 1stSgt-E8, USA (Ret). A realistic and detailed account of an infantry platoon's front line action.

Send \$10.95 plus \$1.50 (s&h) to:

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524 Old Annapolis Rd.  
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# North Korean pilot realizes American dream

**Former North Korean fighter pilot No Kum Sok, who defect-  
ed in his MiG-15 in 1953 after  
years of fighting against the  
United States, has quietly lived  
a unique version of the  
American dream.**

Changing his name to Ken Rowe, he become a U.S. citizen and recently even joined the Central Florida East Coast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. He shared his story with 50 fellow veterans last week.

"This is probably the only country where you can come in here and have many choices to learn, earn money and gain stability," Rowe said. "There's a permanency."

Rowe, now 68, moved to the United States after landing his MiG in South Korea, earned a degree in engineering, worked for several defense contractors and taught college courses before retiring this year in Daytona Beach.

As a child, Rowe dreamt of becoming an American citizen. At age 18, when he was chosen to enter the North Korean Naval Academy, he began thinking about his escape.

"In 1945, Korea was divided in half at the 38th Parallel, with the north in the strict control of the Soviet Union. It made Koreans unhappy forever, including me," Rowe said. "In 1949, I was in the naval academy. I wanted to get fully educated, and I was thinking of escaping by ship as a naval officer someday."

### When the war started.

"One day the Russians came in and interviewed us to begin flying jet planes," he said. "I knew the one thing I could not do was flunk the flight training, because once I was a pilot I could defect."

Rowe thought his opportunity had come when he was selected among eight pilots to strafe an airfield in South Korea, but that mission was canceled. He thought he had another chance when he took part in an air

parade in August 1953, a month after the war ended, but he saw no opportunity.

Finally, on the morning of Sept. 21,

he was the first of the MiGs to take off from a North Korean base and saw his chance to defect. He landed at the military airfield in Kimpo, near Seoul.

Rowe said he knew only one English word, "motorcar," which he shouted.

"They brought me a jeep and drove me away to a doctor," he said. He marveled at getting a full physical examination with all the best equipment and then being brought to a news conference.

Later, he was taken to Okinawa, where he was questioned and three American pilots tested his plane. They included Chuck Yeager, famous for being the first pilot to break the sound barrier in 1947.

Rowe told his interrogators he wanted to go to America and become a citizen.

"They turned me over to the CIA, who didn't know what to do with me," Rowe said. "They said, 'Why don't you go to school?' So I learned English and customs how to live in this country. I went to the University of Delaware and got a job with DuPont."

Rowe traveled to all 50 states. He worked for Boeing, General Dynamics, General Motors, General Electric, Lockheed, Grumman and Westinghouse. He taught engineering at the University of North Dakota and most recently at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach.

In 1996, Rowe and Roger Osterholm, a fellow professor at Embry-Riddle, wrote a book of his experiences, titled "A MiG-15 to Freedom."

*(I do not recall how I got this story. It may have been sent to me by the Florida Chapter or I read it in the paper. Either way it is a great story and I hope you will feel that way too.)*



Former MiG-15 pilot, Ken Rowe.



# Return to Korea

## Rhode Islanders Return

For most soldiers, war is an experience that creates memories that may endure a lifetime. Strangely, human nature allows us to remember our buddies and whatever good times we experienced. The horror of war is locked down deep inside and is very rarely spoken of. Kurt Vonnegut once wrote that the nicest people he ever met were combat veterans. They were kind and laughed a lot and never discussed the war. Why do soldiers re-visit the battlefields they once fought on? Perhaps to remind themselves and others not to let history repeat itself and to try to let the young know that there is no real glory in war, only sacrifice. On Sept. 5th through the 11th, 2001, thirty Rhode Island Korean Veterans and their families returned to the Korean peninsula, many for the first time in fifty years.



Camp Red Cloud , South Korea. Kneeling (1 to r) Bill Cheu, Bernie Eaton, Bob Cushing, and Doug Gammach. Standing (1 to r) Chuck Deming, Mel Tomosso, Norman Derosier, Bob Hartley, Steve Anderson, Ted Inman, Jr. Stew Chapman and Ted Lou. (Some are in photo below)



Rhode Island Korean War Veterans on a revisit trip pose on steps to Inchon Landing Memorial, South Korea 9 Sept 2001.

The trip was hosted and organized by Major General Reginald Centracchio, the Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard. Designed as a Commemorative Event, the trip found the veterans visiting the DMZ and the invasion beaches of Inchon.



Battle of Outposts - Camp Casey, South Korea, (1 to r) are Bill Cheu, Bob Hartley and unknown veteran. 50th Anniversary Cake.

At Camp Casey, the current home of the U.S. Army's 2nd Inf. Div., the veterans were honored for their sacrifices during the Korean War. At the National Cemetery and the Korean National War Memorial they were able to stop and reflect on their brave friends and colleagues who did not return. They spoke quietly, in small groups, so as not to disturb the rest of their fallen comrades. Often, they were heard praying for the salvation of past warriors and preservation for present warriors embarking on future journeys into harms way.

Most of all, the trip allowed these veterans to witness first hand the democratic country their sacrifices helped to create. All were amazed at how far South Korea has progressed. In addition, the Korean people have never forgotten. On their last evening in Seoul the veterans were honored by the South Korean Government with a formal dinner party and commemorative medals. *(Thank you Sgt John Cervone for photos and letter.)*

## New Yorkers Return

After approximately eight months, Salvatore Scarlato and Bob Morga, working with Mr. Park of the Bible Korean United Methodist Church of New York, arranged the trip to Korea. Mr. Park worked with Pastor Kim of the Immanuel Methodist Church of Seoul, Korea in the final arrangements. *(Thank you John Gaugaran for photos and great letter. Sorry it took so long and that I did not print your great revisit story.)*



Shown in photo at White Horse Mountain are (1 to r) Fred Delisle, John Gaugaran, Pastor Kim, Bob Morga, Bernie Philips, Lou Caligiui, Kyu Park and Bill Mach. Seated are Sal Scarlato and Anthony Dipierro.



## DoD Honors Neville-Lien Post 1287, Winona, MN

In early 2000, the Neville-Lien Post 1287, in Winona, MN., was one of several posts selected throughout the state by the Department of Defense to become a 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community. A group of nine veterans are committee members.

### The anniversary is promoted through several functions per year...

The anniversary is promoted through several functions per year which began on June 25, 2000 and will continue through July 27, 2003. Several of the veterans have made appearances at schools and civic groups discussing their experiences and perspective on the war. They're also visible at parades with the 50th Anniversary Flag, TV appearances and various other functions, including a special appearance at the Federal Medical Center at Rochester, MN.



With flag are Mel Bailey (left) and Ted Gierok

Standing L-R are Neil Hinkley, Frank Chapiewski, Jim Miller, Ted Gierok and Mel Bailey. Not shown Don Elliott and Lawrence Indra.



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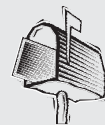
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## Our photo is now in a book

I have found *The Graybeards* to be very educational about what happened in the Korean War. Since coming home from there in September 1952, seems no one really was interested in what might have been going on. Even if you have anything to say about MLR or combat – well it has become known now - but many still don't care – but keep it coming. Veterans and grass roots movements have had a different front in USA to fight on just to get some recognition for the sacrifice that so many of our sons made in that land. Thanks for publishing the poem "Thank You" by Barb Whitmarsh. If possible in time to come could you insert the following.

Attention – men of the 140th Tank Bn. in Support of the 40th Inf. Div. & probably other units. I have still photos of your squad on what I called "Shoot Up Charlie" Kumsong Valley – Mid May – June 1952. Moved up dry river bed – past 2 or 3 box cars on siding – on across main railroad tracks. Gave Charlie Chink one bad time. Had one tank disabled – escaped by hatch to another tank - pulled out – orderly withdrawal in clouds of dust out of the North, while phosphorous shells were shielding you from Charlie – came back after dark – disabled gun on tank. Photos are available very soon. Used in upcoming book "Korea, Second Round The Red Dragon." Don Gardner, 26 West Pearl Street, Aurora, Missouri 65605-1744

## A letter from one of our "Heroes in the Air"

*USAF Aircraft During the Korean War.*

I flew in the F-94 (Starfire) all-weather jet nightfighter. Many of us were stationed on Okinawa to provide Air Defense from the Chinese when they came



F-94 Starfire, 1952.

into the war and to provide cover for the many B-29's which flew Korean bombing missions from Kadena AFB on Okinawa. Many but not all of our squadron spent 3 month TDY's in Korea in addition to the Air Defense duties in Okinawa.

The F-94 had an afterburner, flew routinely at 35,000 ft, and was a two seater, pilot in front and radar observer with radar scope in the back. Some in our squadron during the earlier days of the Korean War flew an earlier non jet nightfighter in Korea. This was an aircraft which joined two fuselages from a World War II fighter (single seater) with the pilot seated in one fuselage and the radar observer with radar scope in the other. Herb Hughes, 7112 Lantern Road, NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109-2915

## Airman proud of his duty in Korea

I am a long time member of the KWVA. My thoughts go back

in time to 50 years ago. It was November 1952 that I graduated from the School Aviation Medicine at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. I knew I was going to the Far East. My MOS was that of an oral and dental surgeon with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. I was married and Gerda (a teacher in the N.Y. School System) my wife, and I were looking forward to be stationed in Japan. It was not until I was flown to Japan via - Hawaii, Wake Island and then Tachikawa AFB that I and other medical officers were sent to the Repo Depo in Fuclin, Japan. A day or so later we were bussed to Air Force Headquarters in Tokyo. The officers in charge read out our destinations - Okwana, Guam, Japan, etc. Last but not least, I was assigned to 5th Air Force. As long as I was heading to Korea, I wished for a combat wing.

After arriving in Teague (K-2), three of us were assigned to the 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Osan. The base was not completely finished at the time by "SCARWAF" - the air-base engineers. The runway was over a mile long. We had 3 squadrons at the time, the 12th, 67th and the 2nd South African Air Force, the "Flying Cheetahs" The first of the aircraft in 1950, 1951 and part of 1952 were the F-51 Mustangs and then the F-86 Saber Jets. I was proud to wear the uniform and serve our Country. Morton A. A. Gross, 15 Bond Street, Great Neck, New York 11021-2002.

## The little boy

Thanks for encouraging me to tell the story of the little boy. He thinks he is from the Chunchon (central Korea) area. He was about 4 or 5 years old when picked up on the roadside by the U.S. troops from an ammunition supply company. The ammunition company moved from Japan to the Pusan area in July 1950 and followed the battles northward to Seoul, Kaesong and then north of the North Korean capital Pyongyang in November 1950.

The company moved ammo with the fighting units forward and in retreat from North Korea. When the push to the north started again in Spring 1951, the unit operated more than one ASP (Ammo Supply Point) at a time. The nearest the company was to Chunchon may have been when an ASP was set up north of Uijonbu. I joined the unit there in July 1953 as 2nd Lt. Ammo supply officer and discovered the little boy living with our outfit. When other men rotated home it fell to me to care for him. I was assigned to support the 1st Marine Div. from ASP 63 near Munsan-ni in the western area of Korea in January 1954. I rotated home in September 1954. An American Christian missionary family arrived in the Seoul area, Spring 1954, saw "Chocum" arranged to adopt him with agreement from all concerned. "Chocum" I think is a nickname for "little". His Korean name is Chun Chay Yung. His adopted name is Jack Richeson. Jack met, married an Okinawa lady he met in University of Hawaii. They have a son 22 years old. His adopted family raised him in Honolulu. His father after serving missionary duty in Korea worked as a journalist for the Honolulu Star Bulletin newspaper.

I see Jack about every two years - he is a successful businessman in real estate and import business in Honolulu. He is about 54 or 55 years old. I myself returned to the States (New Mexico),

married, completed college, organized an Army Reserve Unit (Transportation Co.), entered the Sand and Gravel business with my father and brother at Carlsbad, New Mexico. I sold out, retired and moved to Albuquerque in 1991. Now I am helping re-organize our KWVA chapter. Joe Rose, New Mexico State Director of Volunteers, Tel: 505-856-1803

### **A hero that must be remembered**

On January 8, 2001, I lost a great friend who passed away. We grew up together when we were small kids in the wonderful ethnic neighborhood in Kalamazoo, Michigan. On January 11, 2001, Ronald D. Underly was laid to rest at the Fort Custer National Cemetery. Ron was a prisoner of war in Korea for thirty three (33) months. I am also a Korean veteran myself.

About a year ago Ron and I met one day at the VA Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan for our doctor's appointment. It happened that we both had the same doctor. We started to talk about Korea, and it led to his experiences in the confinement in the POW camp.

Ron's daughter and sister were totally surprised that he told me all about his capture and his confinement. I hope you would be kind enough to publish his article in the Graybeards for me and the late Ronald D. Underly.

In my closing I want to say "In honor of all who served in Korea and the EX-POW's and the MIA's. They must never be forgotten. I have two articles on him if you want to publish them both or just one, that's OK with me. Paul A. Csingar.

### **Imprisoned during the 'forgotten' war**

Ronald Underly and his captured buddies should always be remembered.

Prison in the conventional sense is a draconian experience at best. But it's especially gruesome for people who were dutifully serving their country but happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

That was the fate of Ronald D. Underly of Gobles. Underly 69, a Kalamazoo native, died in Allegan Monday after a long struggle against cancer.

Long ago, Underly fought other battles - against Communist enemies during the Korean War in the early 1950s. He was wounded in the leg, evacuated to Japan for treatment and recovery, then sent back to the front lines north of Seoul.

Only 20 years old, he was captured Jan. 31, 1951, when his rifleman's position was overrun. He survived under beastly conditions in prison camps for 2 1/2 years. When he was freed following the cease-fire in the summer of 1953, he became a very special statistic. Underly was the first Korean War prisoner from the Kalamazoo area to be released. The Kalamazoo Gazette was proud to play a special role in his homecoming. We hired a private aircraft, on which retired Gazette publisher Dan Ryan and retired Gazette photographer Robert Maxwell were aboard, to pick up Underly in Chicago and bring him home. There was a lot of well-deserved fanfare at the airport, and a parade was held downtown.

Ron Underly of course, is only one of countless thousands of American military people who were prisoners of war. Nevertheless, he's a wonderful symbol of their bravery, their sac-

rifices and their devotion to their country. They must never be forgotten.

### **I Walk Among Heros**

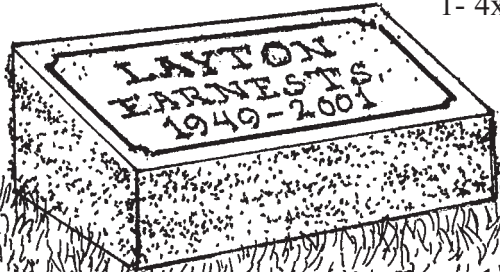
I have participated in veterans' organizations for many years; for the past nine years, I've been an active member of the Dutch Nelsen Chapter of the Korean War Veteran's Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As the current president of the Chapter, I recently presided over a meeting that was particularly touching.

It is not unusual to have one of our members stand and relate his combat experiences. Often, his stories have never been told before. But at this meeting, we were all especially touched when a man stood with tears in his eyes and, all the while choking back sobs, related how in Korea he had seen a mass grave of South Korean soldiers slaughtered by the enemy, and learned that under their bodies lay those of American GI's. Some fifty two years later our veteran still agonizes over this horrific image of senseless loss.

Our Chapter members have heard how their comrades won the Silver Star, how a buddy saved a life, how one whose tank took a direct hit and whose officer deserted his men lived to tell how it happened. We've been reminded of how the Marines at "Frozen Chosen" fought the cold as much as they fought the enemy, and how a sailor worked around the clock when his ship fired support for ground troops. We've been reminded of how the long flights from Okinawa ended in bombing runs over enemy targets, and how a Coast Guardsman took great risks while protecting areas where ships were to dock.

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Several of our members were Prisoners of War, one for thirty-three months in a Chinese camp. Another POW was imprisoned for only six days; he says he was a fast runner and he escaped. One of our members, a "Chopper" pilot, is credited with the evacuation of 700 wounded to a MASH. In the hospitals, on flight evacuation planes and on board ships, doctors, nurses and enlisted medics were in attendance working so many hours that at times their feet swelled and they had to have someone help them pull off their shoes or boots. One officer was ordered to Korea from Japan with five artillery pieces, four of which had to be taken off the "deadline" without being serviced or repaired.

Ours has long been called "The Forgotten War". After the ceremonies on July 27th 2003 marking the fiftieth anniversary of the end of that war, it may continue to be forgotten by the public. I sincerely hope not. I do know that as long as there is a Korean War veterans' meeting I can attend, the war will not be forgotten

Why? Because I am convinced that I walk among heroes.

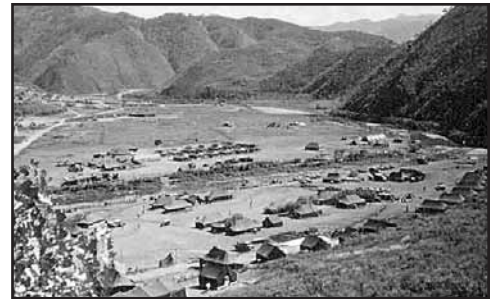
Lt. Col. Scott L. Defebaugh, MSC AUS (ret), 24 Med Bn., 24th Inf. Div. 13 Aug 51 - 3 Mar 53

## The Lost Story

Recently one of our members donated to our Association close to 300 35MM slides. First thing that came to mind was the beautiful shots I have received from my buddy who I gave these too. He is our photo editor for our web site and plans to show them as he goes along. Now our Historian has an additional 1000 in the archives and has been sorting through these for a NY firm who is going to do a story on Korea. He now wants our 300 for the Air Force Museum. I and the photo editor feel that we still have a lot of people who are alive that should view these and to be hung up in the museum would be a shame. So my friend is putting them all on disk to make distribution.

The first thing I thought about was the front cover of *Graybeards*. These would be a gigantic display of all we have. If you desire will send you disc when time comes for your use. I will attach one here to let you know what I mean. Some we will have to go back to the owner and get info to its meaning. Most that I have seen were morning shots with low hanging clouds.

I am the locator for my association the 6147th Tac Con Gp, Mosquito Association and since 1997 I have contributed over 1000 to its rolls. We are thinning out like all other organizations because of illness, but we carry on every year to our reunion. This year South Carolina and the year 2003 in Dayton, OH (we hope) to celebrate the Korea 2003. We unveiled of our Mosquito aircraft the T6 (restored) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. Along with it and the dedication ceremonies will be our Radio Jeep that toured the front lines with the T6 in the air to put in air strikes against the enemy. We were the pests of the Reds and to see the T6 in the air they knew Hell was coming as fighters were to fol-



Both photos above are believed to have been taken at the entrance to Cremation Pass. If you note bottom left of right photo there appears to be a tree trunk with dried branches off the top. Closer look on blow-up indicates they are trails leading to all points of the hill side that contain numerous crates of supplies. Now whether the name derives from maybe a supply destruction depot area is not known. I have been trying to get word on this one, but it is a tricky photo. What a grab this could have been if enemy forces overran this valley.

This is a morning shot of what many may recognize as the Hwachon River Valley.



low. All of us had rewards on our heads and a few encounters along peace talks gave us a leery eye when they found out the jeep bumper insignias gave away unit designators. The 6147th TCGp were not welcoming sights or any other squadron that belong with it. Such as ours the 6150th Tac Con Sq. But anyway thr force is with us and we will have our happy reunion (the 25th) to talk about old times.

Thank you sir for listening to a long winded, proud, Korean Vet.

Dick Souza

## ANNOUNCEMENTS from page 19

The Scholarship Program nonetheless is alive and well and applications are coming in. 2003 application materials must be completed and received in our office no later than 30 April 2003. The necessary forms can be obtained either by writing me at 1040 Woodman Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085-2965 or by downloading them from a search on the Internet using Google as the search engine and "Korean War scholarships" as the site. I can be reached with questions at (614) 846-0326 or

by e-mail: <ccole2@columbus.rr.com>. Twenty \$1,000 scholarships were offered last July, ten funded directly by KWVEGC and ten by KWVA. As always, individuals or Chapters wishing to make direct contributions to KWVEGC can do so with the understanding that because KWVEGC is a 501c(3) charity, those contributions would be fully tax-deductible. Consult your tax advisor for details.

CDR Charles F. Cole, USNR (Ret) Sec. and Acting President

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The soft, clicking sounds from the keyboard had finally ceased. Reflected in the monitor of the computer, two very blue, very tired eyes scanned over the paper for the last time. The printer came to life, with the sounds that only printers make, and systematically spit out page after page of several hours' worth of work. The eyes shifted to the clock in the corner of the computer screen. 11:52 PM. A thought wandered absently through the mind of the person seated in front of the computer, I wonder if anyone else has finished yet. The printer, silent again, patiently held pages 4 to 1 of the recently completed poetry analysis. A sluggish hand reached out to retrieve and put into order the papers that were valued at approximately 2 hours of sleep.

The figure slowly rose from the chair, brushing long hair away from her tired eyes. Her face was illuminated for a moment by the glow of the computer screen, but then she reached back and turned off the switch on the power strip. As she stumbled into the bathroom to wash up, she began to think once more. Band practice tomorrow. Hairy legs. Need to shave in the morning. What should I wear? Cute skirt. Look pretty for your boyfriend. Her eyes stared blankly at her reflection in the mirror as she pulled back her long hair and smeared Noxzema on her face. The cold water removed the residue of the day's stress, and her worries swirled down the drain.



Unseen, the red block numbers of the digital clock changed instantaneously to 6:00. There was a soft click, followed by an explosion of sound. With a rustle, a head emerged from the mass of pillows and bedclothes, the eyes squinted begrudgingly at the irksome red numbers. A cheesy 80's tune sputtered to an end. Snooze? No. Need to shave.

Stiff muscles protesting with each move, she made her way toward the bathroom, undressed, and stepped into the shower. She braced herself against the wall as she pulled the shower knob, for the first shock of water was always cold; then, she relaxed as her back was pelted with gentle warmth. Morning drenched her, and slowly she began to absorb it. Shampoo, soap, rinse. Tuesday, paper due, band practice. Conditioner, face soap, rinse. Maybe spaghetti straps with sweater. Shave.

Dry, clothed, and made-up, the girl clomped outside, feeling tall in her platform shoes. The mini-van was quickly out of the driveway and down the street. She didn't care about what kind of car she drove. The thoughts and judgments of others were far from her; she was secure in her own little unshakable world.



It was strange how time always seemed to

# America Crying



Beth Murff

**The girl watched as the flame was transferred to her own candle. Its light shone in her eyes, and soon on the tears running down her cheeks.**

*Beth Murff and Kay Hames  
12th grade  
Boiling Springs High School*

stop in Calculus class—ironic how the clock on the wall was forever motionless at 5:16. A restless sigh hung frozen in the over-cooled air, and from under heavy eyelids, impatient eyes interrogated the hands of the clock, likewise frozen in place. If this class does not end soon, I am going to fall asleep. The girl shifted in her seat. It was like this everyday. They came in for class, went over homework, listened to her teach about something, and started more work, all the while trying desperately to keep their eyes open. It was not that the course was poorly taught—the girl learned much more math than she had ever wanted to know—it was just that the environment was so... sleep-inducing. Okay, so I could have gotten more sleep if I didn't shave. But still... Okay, so the shaving didn't do any good since I've got such bad goose-bumps. Another sigh. Oh well.

She sat up, alert, when the intercom clicked on. It was a little early for the morning announcements, but maybe this mishap would be her salvation. She glanced at her watch: 9:22. The principal's voice startled her thoughts and commanded her attention. "Teachers and students, pardon the interruption. There has been a national..." He paused. "...situation that I want to make you aware of. Two planes have crashed into both of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York. If you want more information, turn on your TVs to channel 3."

The television screen formed various images, which it shone down on the pale faces, the gaping jaws, the wide eyes of the class. They watched the plane crash into the already smoking building, but they did not

comprehend exactly what had happened. They had first to believe it before they could attempt to understand it. A bell sounded, and the class spilled numbly into the hallway. The girl found her boyfriend; with hands clasped, they solemnly trekked outdoors toward the English wing. The silent presence was comforting.

This disappeared as a friend approached them. "The Pentagon's on fire!"

"No, it's the World Trade Center," she said.

"No! The Pentagon is too!" the friend answered.

Their steps hastened toward class. When she arrived, the girl stopped directly under the television and stared, open-mouthed. The Pentagon was on fire. The CNN headline had changed to "ATTACK ON AMERICA." What...? There were no words her mind could piece together to express how she felt. Why... How? The English class gathered in silence, staring motionless at the television.

Another bell sounded. The teacher closed the door and called out, "Papers on the stool! Sources! Everything! On the stool!" Like zombies, the

Beth's photo by Tim Kimsey of the Spartanburg Herald Journal



students pulled out their poetry analyses, no doubt written only the night before, and piled them on the stool. The television pulled the students back like a magnet.

The rest of the day passed in a blur of empty faces and CNN. Productive work was unheard of; every classroom had the television on. Even students in the cafeteria ate their lunch while staring blankly at CNN projected on a large overhead screen. There was no music in band class that day; there were no obnoxious trumpet players misbehaving for attention, and there was no marching about under the harsh glare of the sun. The band room was dark, and before the television sat a solemn crowd of teenagers. Tired and overwhelmed, the girl fell asleep, curled up against the cold, dirty tile floor.



It seemed that the nightmare would never end, even when she was awake. She found that she could not concentrate on anything unless it involved the latest news. Band practice that day was a disaster; no one could focus on the task before them. Calculus was downright painful for the poor girl. How on earth could she be expected to work insane math problems when there were so many insane real problems to be dealt with?

Fortunately, the students at this high school all felt the need to do something, so they held a candlelight vigil on the Thursday following the attack. She was there, of course. The band had been asked to play the National Anthem and the school's Alma Mater, a performance that was typically routine for the group, but tonight it was different. A feeling of solemnity permeated through the cool night air, and steadily increased as Bible verses were shared and prayers were led aloud. Then, the stadium lights were shut off, and darkness swallowed the people gathered there. Just as suddenly, small beacons appeared, multiplying rapidly as the flame was passed throughout the stands.

The girl watched as the flame was transferred to her own candle. Its light shone in her eyes, and soon on the tears running down her cheeks. This fire, she thought, this tiny, beautiful thing I hold in my own hand... This... THIS was the cause of death and suffering of so many people. As I gaze on this flame, how many more people took in their last breath, their eyes full of terror, their

**As I gaze on this flame, how many more people took in their last breath, their eyes full of terror, their lungs full of smoke, surrounded by this very thing I hold before me, knowing that there was no way out?**

lungs full of smoke, surrounded by this very thing I hold before me, knowing that there was no way out? She tried to imagine these people, and she wept. She wept for all of those who had perished, for those who loved them, for those who had hated what they represented. Hot wax dripped down her hand, a momentary burning sensation; she accepted the pain, a tiny way in which to try and comprehend the agony, the death. The wax then hardened and crumbled away at her touch, and the moment was gone.

The girl opened her eyes again and was aware of her surroundings once again. A faint but persistent clicking sound assaulted her ears. Great, the photographer is over here. Next to her, someone else was sobbing, her best friend. She embraced her friend with her one free hand, still holding the candle carefully with the other, and they wept together while the light of the candles danced on their faces. Click, click, click.

Then it was over. The bright stadium lights were back on; the candles were extinguished. The girl sat and comforted her friend as two other figures approached. One was her boyfriend, whose presence and words served to reassure them both. The other figure was none other than the photographer. Oh no, what does he want? He only wanted their names; their picture might be run in the local newspaper. Fine. But now it's time to head home, and to wait and see what tomorrow will bring.



The typing paused for a moment. Beth bit her lip and glanced up thoughtfully. Now how to finish this paper? She glanced at the clock in the corner of the screen. 9:27 PM. The typing resumed; clickety, click, click. Almost like the sound that camera made, but not quite.

Down the hall, on her bedroom desk, there sat a pile of laminated newspapers. She recalled the sequence of events. First it was the picture of Michelle and me in the local paper. Then, the shot of just me some-

how found its way to the home-page of the Washington Post. Next was the email from the Polish guy, and the newspaper he mailed to me. That was really incredible. My picture took up half of the front page, and a huge headline beneath it read, "America Crying," in Polish, of course. There was also the letter from the Indian guy, who sent word that my photo was in a newspaper there. Weird stuff, but an awesome experience.

Beth paused again. How could she sum this up? I don't want this to be just another English paper, and I certainly don't want to be up all night again. She looked at her reflection in the computer screen, studying her eyes, reading all of her own concerns by the expression on her face and the look in her eyes. Yes, a picture is worth a thousand words. It's amazing how people around the world connected with how I felt just by looking at my picture. It seems like, to them, I would be just another nameless face. I realize now, that we are all one in the same, no matter what country we live in or what faith we belong to. We must unify and stand together for what is right, because of all the people in the world, none are immune to the trials and hardships life brings about. There are no nameless faces, for we all share one name—that of the human race.

The typing stopped. Beth's eyes looked tiredly at the computer screen, scanning her story one last time. Satisfied, she clicked a button, and the printer came to life. She looked at the clock again. 9:59 PM. Maybe I'll get to bed at a decent hour tonight. Her hand reached out and retrieved the paper that was the product of one life that would never be quite the same.

*(In May-June 2000 issue I printed after my story "My Search Is OVER" a lovely story Beth wrote that expressed the feelings of losing a loved one in the Korean War. I printed that story for I could see a great talent in a very young teenager. Since I have Beth's e-mail address I thought I would just say hello again and see if Beth has written any more stories with her special talent. Beth then told me about her experiences after 9/11. I asked her to email the story and photo. After reading the above I knew it must be printed. Like all of you, I have seen many beautiful stories because of 9/11 and none more meaningful than Beth's. Thank you Beth for your contributions to the Graybeards and its readers. You are truly special. Stay in touch..*

# Chapter Affairs

## Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

### The Parade

It was a gray day for a parade but it was a great day for the Irish. Taejon members met at the VFW and journeyed by bus to Pearl River, New York to march in the "40th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade," sponsored by the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Taejon Chapter was assigned to the lead Honor Battalion followed



In front of banner is Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole. Holding banner (l to r) Gerald Van Brunt, Dr. Frank Holt and Past Commander William McGuinness

by five battalion's that numbered in many hundreds of marchers. The Iona College Pipes & Drums were in front of us and the Manhattan College Pipes & Drums were directly behind us. They looked sharp and so did the Taejon Chapter.

Color Guard Captain James Lomauro composed the color and rifle guards with a short drill and they continued their precision march under the direction of Lt. Hank Ferrarini. Our Taejon banner preceded the Color Corps and Sgt. Vincent Cupo added to the cheers of the crowd with his drum beat and cadence call. At one point, Vinny had the spectators join us in a chorus of "God Bless America."



**TOP:** Chapter Comander Dr. Richard Onorevole on left with Harold Dinzes and John Dilonardo, right.

**BOTTOM:** From left, Murray Cohen, John DiLonardo, and Past Commander John Meuser



Chapter members (l to r) William Burns, Harry Ferrarini, Vince Cupo, Erwin Burkert and Historian Lou Quagliero.

The crowd was enormous and they cheered as we marched by. Thanks to all Taejon members that marched to display the colors of our country and our chapter banner to demonstrate our service to the veterans of the Korean War. Commander Richard E. Onorevole led our chapter along with Past Commanders William J. McGuinness and John Meuser, Erwin Burkert, George Job, John DiLonardo, Bill Burns, John Ottina, Jim Lomauro, Henry Ferrarini, Vincent Cupo, Harold Dinzes, Robert Domanoski, Murray Cohen, Lou Quagliero, Morty Rushfield. Gerald VanBrunt, Dr. Frank Holt, Dominick DiPaolo and Hank Leonard. Our members looked sharp in their blue jackets.



Ready to go, (l to r) John Ottina, Robert Domanoski and George Job.

After the parade, Taejon member Dr. Frank Holt invited us to his home for refreshments. Frank had his family working in the kitchen while we were at the parade. Thanks to his wife Patricia, his daughters Mary Holt and Eileen (Holt) with her husband Richard Ciero, a tasty buffet was served. Of course we enjoyed our group singing old Irish songs. Taejon members extend their appreciation to the Holt Family for their warm generosity. A great time was had by all. (Thank you Louis for photos and letter: Great veterans and event)



## Nassau County Chapter #1 of New York

Port Washington, NY: The Korean Parents Association of Port Washington honored Korean War Veterans on , April 12th, 2002 at the High School in Port Washington.

Mrs. Seung -Won Vabulas, President of the Korean Parents Assn. said, "As a way of thanking the American servicemen who fought alongside Republic of Korea troops half a century ago, we thought it would be nice to get together and honor the Korean veterans among us." Ms. Anne Mingorance, teacher-coordinator said, "these parents want their children to know that their freedom came at a terrible cost in human life."



Planners of Korean War Veteran's Night: L to R: Seung Won Vabulas, President of the Korean Parents Assn., Irwin Braun Chapter Tell-America, Co-Chairman and Ann Mingorance, Schreiber High School teacher.

Irwin Braun, Chapter Tell-America Co-Chairman who served as a sergeant with the 7th Inf. Div. spoke as a guest for the veterans. His topic: "What your grandparents never told you about the Korean War."

Also speaking was Duk Ho Moon, Korean Consul General who spoke of his deep appreciation for the American support of his country in the last half century. A string chamber group consisting of Arum Chun, Seong Won Vabulas and Eun Ah Kong played popular American songs. There was also Korean dancing and a drum dance. A Taekwondo demonstration proved to be very entertaining. Finally, the Korean parents in traditional costume sang American and Korean songs concluding with Arirang.

*(Thank you Irwin for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and members. A super event with special people who remembers.*



Korean parents sing popular American and Korean Songs.

## St Charles Chapter #186 of Missouri



Above, Chapter members proudly show their new banner. This new chapter has now grown to 27 members.

Newest Commander is Curtis J. Farley, Jr.

At right, Elmer Austerman left first commander of Chapter 6 accepts charter from Stu Ballou, State Commander.



*(Thank you Curtis for photo and letter. You are off to a super start and we all wish you the best.)*

## Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio



Recently "The Korean Association" of Youngstown, Ohio held their New Years Gala Ball at the Metroplex. Invited as their guests were as pictured: Chapter President Zeno Foley, his wife Pat, Associate Captain Joann Onstott and Sr. Vice Sam Morton. Korean games, singing and dancing rounded out the evening. The new President of the "Korean Association" for 2002 is Mr. Jung Min Kim.

*(Thank you Joann Onstott for photo and letter. Sure is nice to have special friends like our Korean Americans that continue to honor us at their special events.)*



## Chapter #142 of Maryland



Shown with drawing of WWII Memorial for which Chapter donated \$2000 are (left to right) MG John Herrling, Chapter President Ken Davis, Bick Wisner and Chapter Secretary Bob Miles.

On April 9, 2002 our Chapter's Officers, President Ken Davis, Past President Charles "Buck" Wisner and Secretary Bob Miles made a presentation of \$2,000 to the American Battle Monuments Commission. This was for The World War Two Memorial, to be located on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

This money was collected from the public at The Frederick Maryland Air Show last August and the majority was donated by the members of our chapter. Many Korean War Veterans are also World War Two veterans and many World War Two veterans, trained and guided the Korean veterans. In our commemoration of the fifty years passed, we haven't forgotten them and the great example they set.

Mr. Robert W. Patrick, Development & Special Programs assistant introduced us to Major General John Herrling who graciously accepted our check and posed in pictures with our group.

On behalf of our members here in Frederick County Maryland, we would like to say it was our pleasure.

*(Thank you Bob Miles for photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter and its members and officers for remembering our World War II Veterans. )*

## Harry S. Truman Chapter #135 of Missouri

Forsyth Police Chief Mike Womack, a Vietnam War veteran, suggested to the city council several months ago that the renaming be done to honor the Korean veterans. He noted that the 50th anniversary of the Korean War is being observed.

"Everybody knows a lot about other wars, but they don't know a lot about the Korean War," Womack said. "I think all veterans deserve recognition, however, I think the Korean War veterans have been overlooked. This is Forsyth's small way to recognize those veterans."

The city council passed a resolution requesting the new name and presented it to the Missouri Department of Transportation. The department not only approved the request, but erected signs at each end of the stretch of highway. The segment was officially dedicated May 5, 2001.

At that ceremony, special tribute was paid to four Taney County, Mo., soldiers who were killed in the Korean War: PFC Robert A. Black, PFC Dalton R. Hughey, PFC George S. Kellett



A plaque honoring the City of Forsyth, MO, for renaming the portion of U.S. Highway 160 within the city limits as Korean War Veterans Highway is presented to Forsyth Mayor Jim Berry, left, by Neil Hurley, commander of Harry S. Truman Chapter of Branson-Hollister. The suggestion to rename the highway section was made to the city council by Mike Womack, Forsyth police chief and a Vietnam War veteran.

and Pvt. Jackie J. White. Forsyth is the Taney County seat.

The plaque, with an eagle and an American flag, bears the inscription: " Korean War Veterans Highway-With grateful appreciation to the people of Forsyth, Mo., for honoring those valiant men and women who served America in the 'Forgotten War' (Korea 1950-1953)-Korean War Veterans Association, Harry S. Truman Chapter."

*(Thank you Neil Hurley and Joseph Bryant for photo and letter. A great way to remember those that remembered your veterans. I think a few chapters need to take your cue including mine.)*

## Texas Lone Star Chapter #76



Texas Lone Star Chapter members: (top row) Henry Martinez, Tom Campion, Howard Nathan, Don Napp and "Stoney" Stone (lower row) Charles Laird, Lee Henderson, Carlos Ballard, Sal Gambino, and Vito Susca.

Chapter Officers: President Carlos Ballard; 1st Vice President Lee Henderson; 2nd Vice President Sal Gambino; Secretary Vito Susca; Treasurer Charles Laird; Directors: Henry Martinez, Howard Nathan, and Z. E. Stone.

*(Thank you Carlos Ballard for the photo and letter. Great looking veterans. Looking forward to more event photos.)*

## Central Massachusetts Chapter #36



Chapter members were awarded Commanders' Certificates at the Chapter's annual dinner April 6. (1 to r) Joe Bianculli, Earl Bellville, Bob Rutter and George Montville. Also receiving a certificate but not shown was Joe Genduso.

*(Thank you Bob Rutter for photo and letter. A very deserved recognition of members' efforts to keep our chapters active and 'Telling America'.)*

## San Diego County Chapter #179 of California



The San Diego Chapter was represented in the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 16, 2002, San Diego CA. presented by the Irish Congress of Southern California. Pictured from L to R, Sam Salazar Vice President, Delmar Miller POW and Don Donnelly Secretary.

*(Thank you James Whelan for photo and letter. Great honor for your veterans and members.)*

## South Lake Chapter #188 of Florida

On the evening of March 1, 2002 Chapter 188 honored its fellow member Bob Barfield who was selected by the KWVA as "Korean Veteran Member of the Year". The ceremony honoring Sgt. Barfield was held in downtown Clermont, Florida. Chapter 188 President Bob Beasley conducted the ceremony and Department of Florida President Thomas Gaffney was the keynote speaker and presented an inscribed plaque made from the same marble used for the Mural Wall at the Korean Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. His heroic and unselfish deeds in the face of fierce combat while in Korea has earned Sgt. Barfield national recognition. With complete disregard for his own life and safety against overwhelming odds he performed above and

beyond what would be expected of anyone. His comrades in battle referred to him as "another Audie Murphy".

Bob Barfield enlisted in the army at the age of seventeen and after basic training he was assigned to the 5th Regimental Combat Team. In June 1952 while serving as a sniper in Korea he was shot by a North Korean soldier. After spending six weeks in a hospital in Japan he requested to be sent back to Korea where he had a score to settle with the North Koreans.

In April 1953, Barfield and the rest of his platoon were assigned to defend a strategic outpost on Boomerang Hill #250 in the Iron Triangle. On June 14th and 15th Boomerang was attacked by two reinforced regiments of enemy on three occasions. His platoon received 17,500 rounds of artillery fire prior to the enemy's ground assault. Lt. Hotelling, Bob's Platoon Leader, had his right foot and leg partially blown off by enemy fire. The Lieutenant ordered Bob Barfield to "take his men back and leave the dead and wounded until the next day.... that the enemy was too numerous to continue their defense of Boomerang". Bob Barfield refused the order. As described by Lt. Hotelling, a river of enemy soldiers came at them shouting and killing amidst complete chaos. Barfield picked up a BAR from a dead GI and began firing at the enemy at close range. Bob Barfield was able to kill the entire enemy who were surrounding Lt. Hotelling. While Hotelling was down on the ground, Barfield used an empty bandoleer as a tourniquet around Hotelling's leg to stop the bleeding.

The enemy had advanced and was fighting in the same trenches with the Americans. Sgt. Barfield was firing his weapon and occasionally had to use his bayonet in hand-to-hand combat.

Barfield, with the Lt. on his back, started for the aid station; however, he soon realized that in his path were enemy soldiers who began firing at them. Barfield put the Lt. down and placed himself over the Lt. to shield him from enemy fire and began



Sgt. Bob Barfield holds framed citation and National Memorial Wall marble plaque.



Sgt. Barfield and Chapter President Bob Beasley

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# KWV 50th Commemo

## Regional Commemoration Events in Savannah, Ga. on April 6, 2002



A 21-gun salute was fired artillery style using 75mm Howitzer

Helicopter fly-bys from the Army and Coast guard and C-130 fly-by too.



Coast Guard ship was on display.

The cannon photo and the photo of the Korean singers was shot by SMSgt. Ron Jetton from the 165th Georgia Air National Guard. All other photos are by TSgt. Michael Dorsey.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee and The City of Savannah co-hosted a commemoration event at 10 a.m. on April 6, at the Waving Girl Park in Savannah, Ga. “This is but the first of many events that will thank and honor Korean War Veterans in the various regions of the country,” retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, Executive Director of the Commemoration Committee said, “At this event Korean War veterans from Georgia, Florida, and the Carolinas will be honored for the sacrifices they made in defending the Republic of Korea 50 years ago.” Events take place throughout the United States,

Republic of Korea and the Pacific region, reflecting the U.S. military, its allies and the United Nations’ concerted efforts during the Korean War. Throughout 2002 and 2003, events are to be targeted at specific regions of the country highlighting the efforts

servicemembers from that region gave a half century ago. Almost eight percent who gave their lives in South Korea’s defense came from the Southeastern region of the United States,” Running said.

## Department of Defense and Arizona

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, in partnership with the city of Phoenix, today announced that a free Korean War Commemoration Ceremony honoring the men and women who served in the Korean theater during the war, will be held at 9 a.m. on May 4 at Steele Indian School Park.

Along with Korean War veterans from Arizona, the Department of Defense hopes that veterans from California,

Nevada, New Mexico and Utah will attend. “We want to show all Korean War veterans in this region how much their nation thanks them for their service and sacrifices during the Korean War,” said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, Executive Director of the Commemoration Committee. “This event is an important part of America’s remembrance of the fight to save Korea, and will bring the five armed services together to show our Korean War heroes that they are not forgotten.”

The Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee plans or assists with events throughout the United States, Republic of Korea and the Pacific. The events often correspond to the concerted efforts of the U.S. military, its allies, and the United Nations’ efforts during the Korean War. Throughout 2002 and 2003, events will be targeted at specific regions of the country highlighting the efforts service members from that region gave a half-century ago.



Korean War display at the Air Victory Center in Jersey. Thomas W Daley Jr. Chapter and veterans available to talk to the public. The display is set up at malls, community centers and more. More and more Americans are learning about the Korean War.



# rative Partner Events

Ar right, Gen. Ray Davis, MOH (Ret.) Korean War Veteran was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Below, Gen. Ray Davis received keys to the city from Savannah Mayor Floyd Adams.



George Zettler receives the Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal from Korean Consul Kim Dong-Yern on April 6 at Waving Girl Park in Savannah, Ga., on the waterfront. A 26-year veteran, Zettler represented the Marine Corps



Korean singers at the reception following the ceremony at the Marriott Hotel on the Savannah, Ga. waterfront.

Veterans looked and listened amongst the crowd at Waving Girl Park on April 6

The five honorary recipients of the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. From left to right are USCG Ed Burke, USAF George Worthy, USMC George Zettler, USN James Naismith, and USA Albert Cook.



Albert Cook represented the Army.



## ona to honor Korean War Veterans



ry Museum in Medford, New r provides posters, flags, models e museum attendees. The display ers, etc. all throughout the year. ning about the war in Korea.!

"More than 11 percent, or 3,237 service members of the 36,570 American Korean War casualties, came from the Southwestern United States," Running added. "I would like to also point out that 100 percent of Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters in Arizona have signed up as Commemoration Partners. Recognizing our veterans is something that this region is very familiar with and today, more than ever, we should honor such service to our country." The primary objective of the commemora-

tion, authorized by Congress and conducted by DoD, is to thank and honor Korean War veterans and their families; especially those who lost loved ones. The three-year commemoration period began on June 25, 2000 and ends Nov. 11, 2003.

Actor, author and 24th Infantry Regiment veteran James McEachin, who stars along with fellow Korean War veteran James Garner, on the prime time television drama, "First Monday," is one of the speakers scheduled to address

the audience. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will participate in the event with static displays, a color guard, a band and a military free-fall parachute exhibition. The day will culminate with a fly-over by military aircraft.

Next Event is in Oklahoma City, OK in August, Contact the Committee at 1-866-KOREA50 for information.

*(I hope to have photos of these events for the July-August issue—Editor, The Graybeards)*

shooting at the enemy killing 15 - 20 of them. Barfield was then able to continue toward the aid station where Lt. Hotelling received treatment for his wounds. Lt. Hotelling later wrote that he would not have made it if it were not for Barfield. He stated that "I would have died that night".

By the time Barfield returned to the battlefield the enemy had advanced and was fighting in the same trenches with the Americans. Sgt. Barfield began firing his weapon and occasionally had to use his bayonet in hand-to-hand combat. During the remainder of that night, Barfield rescued and saved the lives of four more of his wounded platoon buddies as well as continuing his assault on the enemy, killing many more before the night was over. The enemy retreated and never again tried to take Boomerang Hill. The ferocity of this battle was evidenced by enemy dead which were stacked several feet high in a ravine.

There are many more heroic stories to tell about this battle and Sgt. Barfield. Statistics as documented by US Government Documents show that the US and South Korean casualties were 25 killed in action, 79 wounded in action, and 1 missing in action. The enemy suffered 1,225 confirmed killed, 865 wounded, and 3 prisoners.

Sgt. Barfield has been reviewed and is still being considered for the Congressional Medal of Honor. He has received the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Valor and numerous other medals.

*(Thank you Anthony R. Ricigliano for photos and letter. Bob is one of our many heroes that do not get proper recognition for their deeds in the Korean War. Many thanks to your chapter for remembering )*

## Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida



The United States Military Academy Band appeared recently in Bradenton, FL. Among the 5,000 in attendance were members of Manasota Chapter 199, (Bradenton-Palmetto). With the bandmaster (top) is Larry Hanneken. Other Korean War vets are (L) Dan Kennedy, (center) George Staudt and (R) Chapter President Bill Field.

*(Thank you for the photos and letter. Great chapter events for all. KWVA salutes your officers and members.)*

## Brevard County Chapter #210 of Florida

On 23rd March, at the National Guard Armory, Fisk Blvd, Cocoa, FL we took part in a "Stand DownEvent" to assist all homeless vet's located in Brevard County. Thirty-six percent of Chapter #210 assisted the Brevard County Veterans Council (BVC) who was in charge of the event. All members of 210 were used as guides to insure homeless vets went to the right stations.

*(Thank you Paul S. Spescia for photos and letter: Great veterans remembering all our brothers.)*



**TOP:** Opening ceremony with the singing of the National Anthem. Shown in the upper left (L-R) Nelson Ruiz & George Rosenfield.

**LEFT:** Shown (L-R) James Christiansen, former Chapter President (left) and Nick Beninate.

**RIGHT:** Nick Beninate (left) and Paul S. Spescia, President of Chapter #210

## Central Long Island Chapter of NY

On Thursday, December 20, 2001, fourteen members of the Central Long Chapter of KWVA went to the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook, New York (we've been doing this for the past 11 years) and presented 350 gifts to the veterans for the holidays.

In attendance, besides our members, were our dear good Korean-American friends from The Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification. Young In Chung, President, Lila Kim, 1st Vice President (who wore a traditional Korean gown), Hyeong No Lee, Secretary, Kyu Ho Park, Director and members, Byung Sook Lee, Joung Pyo Jyoung and Jung Sook Koh took the time to come and

### 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."





On the bottom row, left to right: Louis Valverde, Anthony Melecca, John Purificato, Woong Kil Song, President, Pastor Rev. Koog Do Kim from Seoul, Korea. Above him is Mrs. Kim, Bob Morga, President, Sal Scarlato, 1st Vice President, Bill Puls, David Klapow, Joe Horton, Kyu Ho Park (standing), Director. All others in photo are from Seoul, Korea, and are part of Pastor Rev. Koog Do Kim congregation (choir)



From left to right above – Hyeong No Lee, Bob Morga, Young In Chung, Eugene Kaweski (patient), Mrs. Kaweski, Ms. Byung Soo Lee, Ms. Lila Kim (in her traditional Korean gown) and Sal Scarlato.

help us distribute all the gifts to the veterans.

The Korean War Veterans were especially pleased, as well as one of our members, Eugene Kaweski, who is a patient at the Veterans Home, received special attention. The veterans and the hospital staff were very impressed that our good friends, the Korean-Americans, took the time to speak to them and give them gifts.

*(Thank you Salvatore for photos and letter of a great event.)*

**RIGHT:** Bottom row, left to right: Kyu Ho Park (Director), Lila Kim (1st Vice President), Sal Scarlato (1st Vice President), Young In Chung (President), Bob Morga (President), Bill Beatty (2nd Vice President). Second Row Left to Right - Bob Snider, James McCabe, Anthony Melecca, Ms. Byung Sook Lee, Bill Puls, John Bowie, John Gaughran, Sr. Top Row Left to Right - Arthur Adinolfi, Jeff Quarles, Ms. Jung Sook Koh, Daniel Wolfert, Ms. Young Pyu Jyoung, Louis Valverde, Joe Horton.



Above – Pastor Rev. Koog Do Kim, his lovely wife, and 37 females from Immanuel Methodist Church Chorus in Seoul, Korea came to New York. Eight of our members met them at JFK International Airport with bouquets of flowers. Pastor Kim, Mrs. Kim and all the ladies were very impressed and happy that we were there to greet them upon their arrival. We all went to a Korean Restaurant in Flushing, NY for lunch. Some of our members sat with some of the lovely ladies that were our escorts when the Pastor Koog Do Kim and his congregation sponsored our revisit program to Korea for our organization. It was a great feeling and a great time.

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

## Official Licensed Gifts



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

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

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

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

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

**D. Limited Edition Fine Silver Commemorative Coin:** Struck in .999 pure fine silver, each coin is preserved in a custom card package with interpretive text. **\$39.95 ea.**

**E. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leather Coaster/Paperweight:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary seal is presented in die-struck antique brass and recessed in rich burgundy leather. **\$12.95 ea.**

**F. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medallion:** 3" medallion in antique brass with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary seal in color on 1 side and a marvelously hand-sculptured depiction of an American soldier on reverse. **\$24.99 ea.**

**G. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin:** Gold-plated lapel pin bearing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary color seal of the Korean War. **\$7.99 ea.**

**H. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Key Fob:** Die-struck antique brass with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary set in color and attached to a key ring by a brown leather fob. **\$9.50 ea.**

**I. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medallion Gift Set:** In custom, hand-crafted and flock-lined cherrywood keepsake box. Gift box included. **\$99.00 ea.**

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# 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.

A special certificate is available to family members of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Korean War or who died of wounds received. The individual request should have the date of death and place and be certified by the requester.

Veterans who want to have a certificate made up for the spouse or descendant of a fallen buddy and can certify to the event, may do so. Multiple copies of the same certificate can be ordered if you have a number of children/grand-children. You may order certificates to give to members of your unit or provide them with an order form.



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

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

## Certificate Order Form

- ☐ 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:**

Rank (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

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



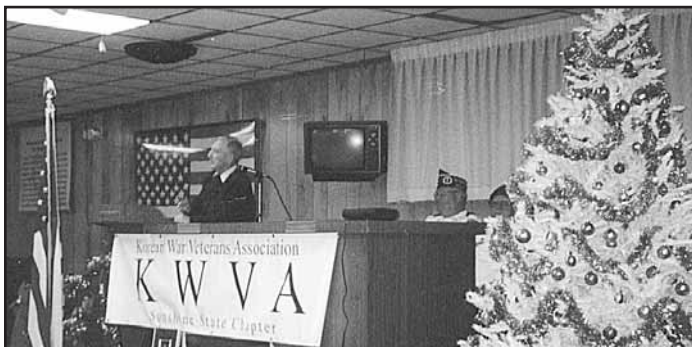
## Rockford Chapter #272 of Illinois



Treasurer, Chuck Fiduccia on the left, vice President Earl Null in the center and Retired Lt. Col. Ron Harris presenting two checks to the KWVA Chapter 272. One check for \$1000. for two memorial scholarships to grandchildren of the Korean War Veterans in memory of his wife Liz Harris. The second check for \$500. for two scholarships to two children or grandchildren of members of St. Ambrogia Society which has done so much to help Chapter 272 form to include providing a meeting facility without charge. Both checks to be used for memorial scholarships in Liz's memory. She was a life time supporter of better education for youth.

*(Thank you Jack Philbrick for photo and letter. This may be the first photo and event I printed from this chapter but you sure are off to a great start. Super veterans and chapter.)*

## Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida



Chapter meeting. Guest Speaker David Sharp Ex-POW British Forces.

*(I said I have a backlog but I wish you a late Merry Christmas anyway. Editor)*

President Jack Edwards (center) presenting 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin to Ex-Pow Richard Owen USMC



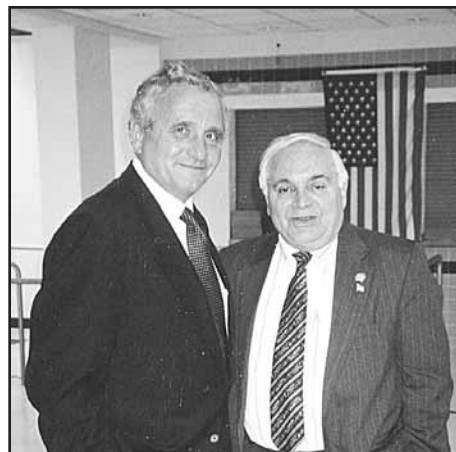
Tom Carrick (left) and David Sharp. Ex-POWs at same Camp #2. 50 year reunion.



Ex-POWs (1 to r) Richard Owen USMC, Arnold Siebert Hq. 38th F. A. Bn. and Darrel Krenz 24th I. D.



Town Hall meeting held in Tarpon Springs, Fl. Shown (1 to r) are Gene Peebles Army, Tony Lemons Air Force, Ray McGuire Marines, Michael Bilirakis Air Force Hon. Congressman KWVA National Charter Signature and Jack Edwards Air Force Chapter President/National Director.



Sec. V.A. Anthony Principi (left) and Congressman Michael Bilirakis. Signatures to KWVA National Charter.

Sec. V.A. Anthony Principi receiving 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoratives from National Director Edwards.

*(Thank you Jack Edwards for photos and letter. Two great events with super people, Government and Veterans. I am sorry for the delay in showing all Chapter events and many other items but with the space and time we do our best. Vincent Krepps, Editor)*







Guest speaker, Mrs. Kang M. Lee addresses attendees at Commemorative event, Mansfield-Lahm Airport, Ohio.

# Words of Appreciation

## ■ An address by Mrs. Kang M. Lee

I am standing here, at Mansfield-Lahm Airport, in Mansfield, Ohio in the United States of America, on the 4th of July, a day commemorating independence and freedom, to try to convey the gratitude and

thanks of the Korean community for the heroism of the Korean War Veterans whom we are honoring today.

When I was first asked to share my feelings with you, I felt very honored and overwhelmed with emotions. Picture this: a young 15 year old girl fleeing to a temple in the mountains with her family, with only a few belongings, to seek refuge from the Communists, who were indiscriminately arresting and killing anyone they considered a capitalist. That young girl and her family would live a lonely, hungry, fear-filled existence in those mountains, until the Americans swept in and pushed back the Communists. That young girl was me, and now, 50 years later, I can remember the horror and chaos when the North Koreans came sweeping down on June 25, 1950, taking city after city in a seemingly unstoppable flood.

And yet, this torrent was stopped by the force of some 1.5 million valiant and brave American GI's nurses, clerks, and support personnel who left home and homeland in the struggle against aggression. Many of you endured sweltering heat; bone chilling cold; paralyzing fear; and heart-breaking sadness in places like Pyongyang, Chosin Reservoir, Pusan, Inchon, and Pork Chop Hill. This was a foreign land you had never heard of, and this was a cause you didn't understand. Yet you were there because you believed in serving your country, and your commitment to freedom surpassed your fears and doubts. Your sacrifices and brave actions laid the cornerstone for democracy and freedom for 45 million South Koreans. Without your selfless and courageous acts, South Korea could not have achieved the level of prosperity, success and accomplishment that it enjoys today.

Recently Korea has been in the news again. The leaders of North and South Korea met to heal decades long wounds and suspicions, and to potentially start building the bridge to reunifying the two countries. Yet, that bridge will be a long and arduous one. North Korea is one of the most reclusive and oppressive societies in the world. Citizens are not allowed to travel the country without government permission. They have also endured several years of horrendous famine with deaths estimated in the millions. Still, we are hopeful that change may occur for North Korea so that they to, can experience the same freedoms and prosperity that you have help bring to South Korea.

People today seem to believe that freedom comes for free. But these veterans and their wives and their families know better. Freedom is NOT free, and always extracts a price. The

price may have been sustained injuries that are still with you today, from impersonal bombs and bullets. Or the price may have been harrowing times as POWs with nameless and faceless captors. And for others, the price was holding the hand of an injured, dying soldier. Too many of you, 21 from Richland County, Ohio alone, paid the ultimate price, and they are not here to remember, but they are, remembered. History has labeled the Korean War, "The Forgotten War" - as if to forget the price that all of you paid. I am here as a representative of the Korean community to assure you that you are not forgotten and that your sacrifices were not in vain.

I would like to read you a quote from William Sessions, former FBI Director and a veteran of the Korean War, that accurately expresses the depth of our feelings for your sacrifice. It goes:

*"They went, not for conquest and not for gain, but only to protect the anguished and the innocent. They suffered greatly and by their heroism in a thousand battles they added a luster to the codes we hold most dear: Duty, Honor, Country, Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity"*

On behalf of the Korean community in America and those in Korea, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Korean War Veterans, their fallen comrades, and their families. God Bless You and God Bless America.



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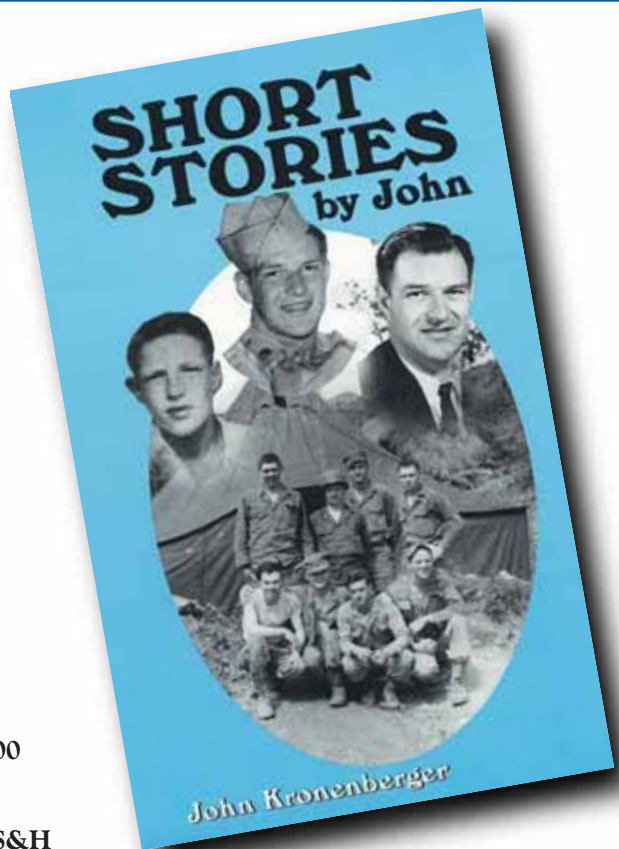
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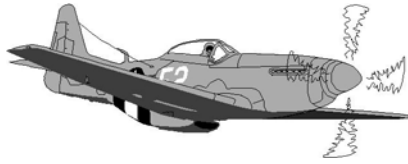
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# TOKYO RESPITE



## *Theater Medical Clearance* Tokyo Japan – September, 1950

On 15 September, 1950, we were ordered to confine all of our attack missions to the eastern and southern sectors of the frontlines ... avoiding completely the entire western coastline and all areas around Seoul.

The reason for such avoidance was not revealed until much later in the day: our Army, Navy and Marines were conducting a seaborne invasion through the 18 foot tides at the Port of Inchon ... far, far behind the enemy's current front lines. If successful, and they were able to fight thru to the central ridge of mountains, it would mean that all of the Red's fighting forces in the South would be cut off.

It was extremely tempting to run my flight to the northwest, just to see what was taking place in our old, familiar target areas around Kimpo airfield and Seoul, but it would also have been damned dangerous; we would undoubtedly have been shot at by our own gunners, because the Navy and Marines had been told there would be no friendly Mustangs in the air in their vicinity. The ban on our flights to the northwest sector lasted for several days ... until the beachhead was securely established by MacArthur's troops.

We were cheered to hear that Kimpo airfield was recaptured on the first day of the invasion so, the following morning, I was elated as I took off from our Ashiya, Japan base with a flight of four, into the

morning scud which remained from the recent passage of Typhoon 'Kezia', searching for likely targets in the perimeter west and north of our beleaguered base at aegu.

Official reports from the Seoul area indicated that the Inchon invasion was succeeding; Kimpo airport was safely back in our hands, and the troops were moving to retake the city of Seoul.

But with the continuing pressure by the Red troops in the south, taking more and more of our territory as they flanked us along the south coast, we couldn't help but wonder if the results of the Inchon landings might turn out to be just a few days too late... that we would be forced to evacuate our newly-opened base at Pusan before the results of the Inchon pressure could be felt.

However, because the rains from the fringes of the typhoon had severely limited our sortie rate, and had given me an opportunity to make a big dent in my stacked paperwork, I decided that it would be an opportune time to cash in the Raincheck previously offered by Major Dow, to finally take a few days Rest & Recuperation leave in Tokyo.

Lieutenants Jack Crawford, Harlan Ball and I hitched a ride on a medical Air-Evac C-54 flying directly from Pusan to Haneda airport at Tokyo, thereby bypassing the nuisance of finding a short hop to Ashiya,

then having to get another flight from Ashiya to Tokyo. Our luck was holding when we reached Haneda, and Crawford ran into an old friend who could arrange a staff car ride for us into downtown Tokyo.

We thoroughly enjoyed the deluxe accommodations, fine restaurants, the civilized shopping in the many department stores along the Ginza, the many nice Officer's Clubs in the Tokyo-Yokohama area, but especially the opportunity to relax the taut nerves, which had been getting progressively tighter during the many long weeks since July 7th ... the day we last saw our wives as they pulled out of Manila Bay on the USS *Gaffey*.

With optimism amplified by the good news coming from the Inchon-Seoul front, Jack, Harlan and I spent a few hours in Tokyo ordering new blue uniforms to replace the traditional 'pinks and greens' Officer uniforms which had become outdated since the middle of the year .... we felt it was time that we joined the new, blue image of the newly-separated, independent U.S. Air Force, even though we would have very little opportunity to wear them until we eventually headed back to the 'States. We wouldn't even be able to wear them if we went back to the Philippines ... summer tans are worn year 'round in that tropical climate.

After three delightfully-relaxing days, we started checking on availability of airplane passenger space for our reluctant return to the rigors of combat in Korea.

We began with a call to the passenger terminal at Haneda airport, where we were told, on 20 September, that we would have only a "2-D" priority for the flight back to Pusan, so if we had to be back at our base by midnight on the 21st, we'd have to be waiting in line at Haneda prior to midnight on the 20th ... for a two and one-half hour flight from Tokyo to Pusan!

Harlan Ball had made the first reservation call, asking that all three of our names be placed on the Manifest, but when we arrived at the airport terminal ... at midnight on the 20th, we found that only Harlan's name had been placed on the list. Crawford and I would have to get in line for the next flight.

It was becoming very difficult to contain our infinite, deep-seated lack of enthusiasm to get back to living in tents and

### Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

allowing strange, angry men to shoot guns at us each day ....!

How typical it was of the "Don't bother me with facts; we have our rules to go by" mentality of so many people in their remote Tokyo surroundings. They were not really bothered by the hundreds and thousands of young casualties coming thru their facility from the war zone ....

However, rather than say "to hell with it", and head back to the pleasant night life of the big city, as we were sorely tempted to do, we searched the flight line until we found another medical Air-Evac flight heading out to pick up another load of casualties from Korea, and, by coincidence, it had the same pilot we'd hitched a ride with coming into Tokyo.

He was ready to head out, and would be more than happy to take us along.

All we had to do, he said, was to go into his Operations Office, get our names on their Passenger and Crew list, show our "TMC," Theater Medical Clearance and climb aboard the waiting C-54.

"What in the hell," we asked, "is a Theater Medical Clearance?"

The "TMC", we found out, was nothing more than local verification of the standard

Army medical shot record; showing that we were current and up-to-date on all of the many, many vaccinations required in the Far East theater of operations: Typhus, Tetanus, Smallpox, Plague, etc., etc.

Naturally, none of us had carried our Shot Records with us we didn't even have them with our gear in Korea.

But one thing was for sure, we weren't about to let them pepper us with a whole new series of immunizations, just so we could get a seat on an airplane to take us back into the combat zone! (... where we really didn't want to be in the first place...)

Finally, we trudged reluctantly over to the nearby medical clinic to talk to the Medical Officer of the Day; maybe we could tell him enough lies to get him to clear us for the flight... with the promise that we'd get our shot records brought up to date as soon as we got back to our base at Pusan. It didn't work; he wouldn't buy our promises for a minute.

We finally had to pick up new shot record forms in the Administrative Section, where a young medical technician patiently listed all of the many shots we would have to take, then told us to go to the building next-door, where we would receive the actual vaccinations.

As we went through the door onto the dark, deserted street, the three of us ... as of one mind, all honorable Officers and Gentlemen, of course, by an Act of Congress, simultaneously pulled out our fountain pens, entered fictitious dates and signatures alongside each immunization entry on each others shot record forms, and headed back to the Flight Operations Office with our forged papers. There we were able to get our "approved" Theater Medical Clearance, and permission to climb on the C-54 for our flight back to the War Zone ... where we 'really didn't want to go in the first place!

My combat missions resumed immediately on the day following our return from R & R in Tokyo. I had thought that I might be able to relax and stay on the ground after I had completed my fiftieth mission but, to our dismay, there was still no word from FEAF Headquarters and a mission "tour" of any kind seemed to be the last thing on their minds.

*Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret  
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**I**t has now been over forty-nine years since as a seventeen year old boy I landed at a place called Inchon with the 92nd AFA BN SP. Soon it will be forty-eight years since I departed the unit from somewhere in Korea, and I have yet to forget.

It is true that now at age sixty-seven my sight is much dimmer, my recall is not what it was, my walk is not as swift, and there are some things that I have forgotten—like the actual day of my birthday on September 26, 1950, a few days after landing in Korea. And then, when I turned nineteen in 1951, I have forgotten just where in Korea I was. But there are some things burned into my memory about the Korean War that I will never forget, even though there are some I wish I could.

I shall never forget when the reality of being in a war really hit me. The landing on the beach, the planes making bomb runs and the battle ships firing the big guns didn't do it. It came a few days after we were in Korea and our 155MM Howitzers arrived. We were in our first firing positions at Suwon at the end of the airfield. In one of the first few fire missions, a man in Battery "B" was killed. We all heard the news but we did not see the blood. The next day or so we got word that some enemy heavy tanks were approaching our position. "C" Battery of which I was a member was called on to pull two of our 155MM howitzers out of position and move forward a few miles, set up a road block, and stop the enemy tanks should they appear. I was a member of one of the howitzer crews chosen for the task.

We moved into position with one howitzer on each side of the road, aimed the howitzers in on a spot in the road and waited. Part of each crew was to stay on the howitzer awake and ready to fire, while part of the crew was to get some sleep. Sometime in the early hours before dawn I was given permission to bed down, which I did in a small building near the road. Daylight came, but no enemy tanks. Then someone called my name and instructed me to get up and wake the other men with me. With my eyes not ready to open, and my body not yet ready to wake up, I tried as best I could to follow orders. The first person I tried to wake was dead, and so was the second. They were sol-

# KOREA

## The Forgotten War I Can't Forget

By Clyde F Hancock

diers killed in the battle for Seoul. Unknown to me and the men with me, we had bedded down where the KIA's had been collected for removal from the battlefield. When I saw American blood brought by weapons of war from an enemy, the reality of war set in.

Sometime in early October 1950 my unit was pulled out of the front lines and given orders to prepare for an invasion with the 1st Marine Division somewhere on the West Coast of North Korea. We moved toward the Port of Inchon and finally we were loaded on the landing crafts. Battery "C" men and equipment were aboard LST Q074, a US Navy Vessel with a Japanese crew. Bunks were in short supply and large demand, so three men were assigned to each bunk in eight hour shifts. I made friends with some of the crew and was allowed to eat in the crew's #2 mess and sleep in their lounge.

After fourteen days aboard Q074, we sailed into Pusan Harbor and were transferred to a navy ship for the sea voyage north by way of the Sea of Japan to a place called Iwon. It is now November, and the weather has already turned bitter cold. We supported the Mariners for about three weeks, and then we were told the war was all but over, and that we would

be getting ready to leave Korea and would be home in the good old US of A by Christmas. However, we didn't know about the plans the Chinese had made that included us.

Thanksgiving Day 1950 until Christmas Eve 1950 will forever remain in this old soldier's mind as one continuous nightmare. Either Thanksgiving or the day after we were given orders to load up lock, stock and barrel, and be ready to move with gas tanks full and weapons at the ready. The weather was bitter cold, snow was falling, and we were headed in the wrong direction to be going home. When the orders came down we headed out for a place we would later refer to as the Frozen Chosen. After all these years, I cannot recall just how long it took us to make the move, but I can still see the narrow snow covered roads, the hairpin curves and steep mountainsides in my mind. After much weary travel fighting sleep and the cold, we arrived at our assigned position and began to take the enemy under fire sometime around the last of November or the first of December, 1950.

As time went on, things turned for the worst. The weather turned colder each day until it reached 30 degrees below 0. Just a short time after our arrival in the Frozen Chosen, we were surrounded and cut off by the enemy. Ammunition and food ran dangerously low and warm clothing was not to be had. I was afraid to go to sleep thinking I might freeze to death, and afraid to go on guard duty for fear of being killed by the enemy. After a while, I didn't much care because I thought I would die one way or the other.

One cold day while we were engaging the enemy in all directions we were told that help, food and supplies were on the way. The overcast skies then turned gray with blowing snow and the air drops would be at least hindered, if not prevented altogether. We then heard the roar of aircraft engines which we couldn't see. It seemed they had missed us altogether as they were flying north and the sound of the aircraft began to fade. Then, all of a sudden three or four flying box cars approached from the north at what appeared to be less than a thousand feet and dropped cargo in various colored chutes. It appeared that Christmas had

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come early for the 92nd AFA BN, but it was not to be.

As we rushed to get the much needed food and supplies, we found much to our dismay that it was not for us. As I recall, it was all 30 caliber ammo for M1's — no food. A day or so later, some soldiers that had been trapped just to the north of us broke out and began their march to the sea and safety. I watched as the column went by. Some of the men had burlap sacks tied around their feet for warmth. Many of them never made it to the waiting ships at Hungnam.

Soon it was time to start our march to the sea and the waiting ships. It was a fight all the way, and I shall never forget that day and some of the things I saw. We approached a place on the road where the enemy had held until early that morning, and a place where much US equipment had been destroyed and many US service men had been slaughtered. As our column slowed to work our way around the dead and through the wreckage, I looked down from the ring mount of the half track on which I was riding, and there by the road lay a soldier that I had remembered seeing pass by our position a few days before.

The young man had been killed by the enemy just a few miles from the waiting ships and safety. He had fallen to the cold ground on his back, his right hand still holding his weapon and near his left hand was his wallet with the wind turning the pictures. I still see him in my mind and still wonder if he died looking at pictures of his loved ones.

I shall never forget the planes from the carriers that flew so close to us dropping napalm on the enemy — so close to us that we could feel the heat. We finally arrived at the sea port of Hungnam and took up firing positions. We fired our 155MM howitzers until the very last minute before they had to be loaded on the ships. When the howitzers were gone we more or less fought as a rear guard until we were given orders to load on the landing crafts that would take us out to the waiting ship.

I was sick when I got to the ship on Christmas Eve, but was so glad to be there I did not mention it. I was placed on kitchen duty for the cruise to Pusan.

When we arrived in Pusan, I had a temperature of 106 and was placed in the aid station and given penicillin every four hours for a few days. When the orders came down for us to start our march back toward the north, my temperature was down to 102 and I was declared fit to man a 50 caliber machine gun mounted on a half track for the trip to once again engage the enemy.

Christmas 1950 is now history. We are in a new year and still going the wrong direction to be going home. The weather, though not as cold as it was in the Frozen Chosen, is still a problem. We worry about freezing to death and even more so after two men went to sleep in a fox hole and froze to death one bitter cold night. We are moving a lot, and this helps in fighting the cold and time on our hands. Each new position requires us to dig personal fox holes, powder and ammo pits which is both time consuming and tiring, but helped us to sleep better when we did get to bed down.

January 1951, and the snow turned into February 1951 with more snow and cold. Finally it's March and spring is just around the corner, but no word about the end of the war and going home.

The last of March 1951, and replacements start arriving. One of those replacements is Pfc. Calvin C. Grant, who receives word after his arrival that his wife Mary has given birth to their daughter, Patricia, in Danville, Virginia. I shall never forget the joy that Calvin expressed to all of us, and the joy we had for him and his family at the announcement of Patricia's birth. We did not know at that time that Calvin C. Grant would never see his daughter, and Patricia would never see her daddy. Calvin C. Grant was killed in action defending our position against enemy soldiers trying to overrun and destroy the 155MM howitzers of "C" Battery on April 24, 1951.

April, 1951 came with the arrival of replacements and talk of a truce. A program called rotation would allow some men to leave for home very soon. Also with April came the rain, but no Mayflowers -just mud. I had hopes every day that I might be told to pack up and go home. But the rains, mud, and extreme heat kept coming. I kept hoping, however, May turned to June, and June to July

and on into September, and a few of us that left Fort Hood, Texas with the unit are still with it.

Two things stand out in my mind about September 1951. The first was that I was promoted to SFC(E6) in the early part of the month. The second was that I turned nineteen on September 26.

October and cool weather came, and I was thinking that winter is not far off and not sure that I can survive another winter in Korea. November and the snow came, and I am wondering will I even make it home for Christmas, 1951.

December found me still in Korea fighting a fight that I didn't start and wanting very much to go home. Then the day came, the list was read and my name was on it, and I said goodbye to the best group of soldiers that ever put a pair of combat boots on. A few days later I departed Korea from the same place that I had entered the country, and on the same ship that I had left the US. And yes, I did make it home for that Christmas.

I was discharged on January 18, 1952, but could not get over the war and readjust to civilian life. I had a serious drinking problem, but even that wouldn't let me forget and put the war behind me. I held several jobs and even went back to school for a while. But all this time I was like an old man to my peer group and just could not fit in nor cope. On November 11, 1952, I reenlisted in the Army, and would pull one more tour in Korea before the war ended.

At war's end I wore a battle star for every major campaign fought in Korea. I stayed with the Army until I retired on December 1, 1969. I was a heavy drinker until the Lord saved me in the Winter of 1968. But all the drinking still did not let me forget. The years have come and gone, but I have not forgotten. My wife and children have helped to ease the pain, my work helping others has also helped, but I have not forgotten. I still find myself crying from time to time when November and December rolls around each year. It is not as bad as it once was, but it is still there. Yes, I still remember the Korean war and many of the brave young men that fought there. Some of the names I remember I can't put a face with now, but I do remember.

In the Summer of 1999, at the encouragement of my daughter, after almost forty-eight years since I had last spoken to a member of my combat unit, I began an Internet search for my war buddies, in the hope that if I made contact with some of them it would be a healing for me.

I recalled a best friend had been from South Carolina, and I found his address and phone number and called. I left a message on an answering machine and waited. That evening my phone rang and at the other end a young lady informed me that the man I was seeking was indeed my friend and her granddaddy, but that he had passed away in 1997. I was saddened at the news and angry at myself for procrastinating. It was a setback for a while.

A few days later I received a call from my sister-in-law informing me of an ad in the DAV for that month about the 92nd AFA BN having a reunion at Columbus, Georgia in October. She gave me a phone number to call for information. My heart was beating fast as I dialed the number and waited for the voice on the other end. When the phone was answered I told the person who I was and the reason for the call. He told me his name was Guy McMenemy and that he had been my gun-

## **Forty-eight years is a long time, but not long enough to make me forget. I can still today see some of the scenes of the Korean War as if it had only been yesterday.**

ner in Korea. My heart filled with unspeakable joy at the sound of his voice. We talked for a while and he said he would send me information about the reunion and a roster of names of all the members that they had been able to locate. The list included names, addresses and phone numbers. I set out to contact as many of them as I could put names and faces together. I was able to contact several of the men that I had fought with and the healing seem to began almost at once.

I was excited about making the plans to attend the reunion, and my family shared that excitement with me. My daughter took time off from work and she, my wife and I attended the reunion. What a joy it was to see so many of those that had shared the sacrifices, hardships of war, cold, mud, heat, rain, sorrow and pain of being in a far away place that was so distant from family, friends and the comforts of home.

As a result of the unit reunion and the encouragement of my dear daughter, I endeavored to find the family of Calvin C. Grant. My daughter located two families with the last name of Grant, but they had a North Carolina address and Grant had been from the State of

Virginia.

The first number I called did not answer. I called the only other number I had and the lady that answered the phone was a sister-in-law to Calvin. She informed me that Calvin's wife had remarried and that she and the daughter were still living in Virginia. She stated that she would contact them for me and find out if it would be okay for me to get in touch with them. She called back in a few days and told me it would be okay to call, and I did. Once again I felt a little more healing and a closing to a chapter in my life that was long overdue.

Forty-eight years is a long time, but not long enough to make me forget. I can still today see some of the scenes of the Korean War as if it had only been yesterday. Once in a while it seems I can hear Lt. Turner saying "fire mission" and hear SFC David Cowan saying into the EE8 telephone "Number 3 is ready Sir." Sometimes I wake in the middle of the night thinking someone has given CSMO (close stations march order).

Now I am at a place in my life, in the army of the Captain of my salvation, and I will no doubt soon hear the last CSMO in this life. This old tent will be folded up and I will make my last move. I will then never hear, fire mission, number three is ready, nor the blast of the howitzer again. But until then, and only then will I be able to forget Korea, the forgotten war that I can't forget.



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## WE WILL NOT FORGET

Fought in the fifties and forgotten since those times  
 The Korean War in history books is given few lines.  
 But to they who served and to they who lost kin  
 It is never forgotten and the memories do not dim.  
 We went willingly along with our friends  
 Not knowing what waited or where it would end.  
 Some did not return from the hills over there  
 It is they we wish to honor and to keep in our prayers.  
 They will be forever young as they were when they fell  
 Never to grow old with war stories to tell.  
 In the blazing heat and bitter cold of the night  
 Through mountains and valleys they carried the fight.  
 Their honor and glory shines brighter each day  
 And we ask you to remember them with us today

*By Jack Hegarty*

## "BIRDS EYE VIEW OF KOREA"

Just below the Manchurian Border  
 Korea is the spot,  
 Why we are doomed to spend our time  
 In the land that God forgot.

Down with the snakes and buzzards  
 Down where a man gets blue,  
 Right in the middle of nowhere,  
 And 10,000 miles from you.

We sweat, we freeze, we shiver,  
 It's more than a man can stand,  
 We're not suppose to be convicts,  
 We're defenders of our land.

Few people know that we're living  
 Few people give a damn,  
 Although we're not forgotten,  
 Because we belong to Uncle Sam.

We are soldiers of the 1092nd,  
 And earn a measly pay,  
 Guarding people with millions,  
 For only three bucks a day.

Living with our memories  
 Waiting to see our gals,  
 Hoping while we spend our time,  
 They haven't married our pals.

The time we spend in the Army,  
 It's time that we will miss,  
 Boys! Don't let the draft board get you,  
 And for God's sake don't enlist.

When we get to heaven,  
 Saint Peter will stand and yell,  
 They're the boys from Korea Lord,  
 They have served their hitch in hell

Submitted by Dale W. Kember, Pfc.,  
 Able Co., 3rd Platoon, 1092nd Combat Eng.

## We are the Engineers

*We are called upon to clear the way for the Infantry.*

*We are called upon when tankers break through the bridge.*

*We are called upon when a road slides down a mountain.*

*We are called upon as Infantry.*

*We are called upon when perimeter defense is necessary.*

*We are called upon to plant mine fields.  
 and to clear mine fields*

*We build bridges, we blow bridges, |  
 and sometimes we almost walk on water.*

*We are leaders, we are patriots, and we are riflemen.*

*We serve the flag, we salute the flag, and when killed in battle,  
 our bodies are draped with the flag.*

*We are the Combat Engineers.*

*By Lenoise Bowman*

## K O R E A

*C-ration cans knee deep on the floor...*

*A dirty old blanket that serves as a door...*

*If Mom could see me now, I wonder what she would say.*

*Sand bags and logs with dirt sifting through*

*Isn't so neat, but its what we got for a home.*

*If Mom could see me now, I wonder what she would say.*

*The mail call may come in the middle of the night*

*With a trusty M-1 at our side.*

*If Mom could see me now, I wonder what she would say.*

*Love letters by candle light are not so neat;*

*But it's all we fighting men have got to go on with.*

*If Mom could see me now, I wonder what she would say.*

*But if this is what it takes to keep America free,*

*We will last it till eternity.*

*By Cpl Charles L. Daily, some place in Korea,  
 where it's mighty cold. November 26, 1950*

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

# “TALES FROM THE BONNIE DICK”

■ A diary of the first Korean cruise of the U.S.S. *BON HOMME*  
*RICHARD CV- 31, May/Dec 1951*

By Leonard J. Suligowski

## Korea Revisited

The Korean War dubbed the “Forgotten War”, will be 51 years old on June 25th, 2001. A war sometimes spoken of euphemistically as a “Police Action”, that technically, is still not over. It has become a moot point of discussion and subject of many articles, books and movies even to this day. All of the above notwithstanding I can recall reading many of the accounts of this conflict and in almost all instances, the subjects covered regarding the navy’s participation dealt with a number of ships of the line, primarily the “aircraft carrier”

The tales often related, credited such prominent names as *Valley Forge*; *Princeton*; *Essex* and *Boxer*. All these action accounts sounded exciting and full of adventurous events, yet, little was ever written about one of the most envied ships of the Navy ....the “U.S.S. *Bon Homme Richard* (CV-31). She was one of the elite few that could boast participation in three major conflicts: WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

The newer more modernistic ships with their gargantuan canted flight decks and massive interior structures can thank the breed of “Essex” Class Carriers for what they have now. The innovations that became evident as a result of the evolutionary changes in carrier warfare today, all began with the “Essex” class.

The use of steam catapults and angling of the flight deck can be traced to the experimentation involving these earlier breed of ships long before the hostilities began in Korea and contin-

ued beyond the Vietnam War. The *Bon Homme Richard*, affectionately termed “The Bonnie Dick”, carries a historical name in naval history dating as far back as the Revolutionary War.

She was built at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and commissioned there on November 26, 1944. The 14th Ship of the subsequent 24 “Essex Class”, and the last to be completed in time to participate in WWII. After her noted launching on April 29th 1944. She began to accumulate a most prestigious and impressive war record that extended up to the announcement of V.J. Day. Later on two additional occasions she was recalled by the U.S. Navy to assist once more, in the Korean Conflict, (while still operating under WWII configurations) and the Vietnam War. But this time in a more modernized configuration in order to meet the extreme high standards of all the newer and more advanced technology.

At the conclusion of WWII, the Navy saw no reason to have a large array of ships just sitting idle, therefore, all those classified as “too old, or obsolete”, were sent to the scrap heap, with the remainder to be decommissioned, then placed in the reserve mothball fleet. On January 9th, 1947 at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Washington, the *Bonnie Dick* was retired, and began the unknown fate of her quiet hibernation where she found herself in good company, with all the other veterans of the Pacific Campaigns, the *New Yorktown*, *Lexington*, *Bunker Hill* and *Essex*, with nothing more to look forward to than just collect the rust of inactivity, and the shame of such bureaucratic waste.

In June 1950 the newspaper headlines around the world proclaimed that

North Korea had invaded the South, and the short lived peace of just five years dissolved and became just a memory. Since the *Bonnie Dick* was one of the last to enter the mothball fleet, and, taking into consideration her age, she was one of the first ships to be reactivated. At the re-commissioning ceremonies on January 15, 1951, Admiral Chester Nimitz handed her over to her new skipper, Captain Cecil B. Gill. Captain Gill recalled his acceptance speech with memories of the historical accounts of the first *Bon Homme Richard*, during the Revolutionary War, and thought it fitting that the motto of the *Bonnie Dick* should be the phrase declared by Captain John Paul Jones “I have not yet begun to fight.” Captain Gill, Annapolis Class of 1925 was not a stranger to aircraft carriers. During his naval career he served aboard the original *Lexington* (CV-2), *Ranger* (CV-4), *Vella Gulf* (CVE-111), *Rendova* (CVE-114) and finally the most eminent *Enterprise* (CV-6).

After assuming command, Capt. Gill started a most expeditious and comprehensive re-activation procedure to combat the four years of parasitical corrosion that had accumulated while old *Bonnie Dick* “slept.” Everything from stem to stern had to be cleansed, primed, painted and shined within a deadline of 30 days!! As a result, the crew would never experience the ease of moving into a newly built ship, but the hard work of rebuilding and reconditioning would make the men “one” with her in a particularly unique way and much more appreciative of what their enthusiasm and initiative had bonded into.

During the month of shipyard activity, the old equipment was replaced with updated material to meet the high standards of contemporary specifications. Now, ready for her shakedown and sea trials with a great sense of satisfaction and pride that the men watched the *Bonnie Dick* spring into life once more... Her bow splitting the waves under full steam, and she answering all maneuvers from the helm with the ease and accuracy of a

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## BOOKS from page 20

775-1100) and Midpoint Trade Books (1-913-831-2233)

*(The above is only a small section and adventures in this 192 page book. Life on the MLR while living in bunkers and trenches. Attempting to write letters home, endless days of cold rations, sleepless nights. endless attacks under extreme weather of cold rain and snow. Reading this book puts you there and in the boots of Dan Rasmussen, Jr. Many photos and great stories of youth... to being wounded in action...to coming home.)*



## Korea - Tour of Duty and Beyond

By William B. Stedman

### About the Author:

WILLIAM B. STEDMAN is now retired from his manufacturing and industrial pursuits at Boeing, where he worked as a manufacturing engineer. He relocated from Seattle in 1970, back to his native region of New York State, and volunteered at a Veterans Hospital until his vision failed in December 1999.

### December 1951 Assignment in Korea

January 1, 1952, we had been in Korea about two weeks and were just now being assigned. The 936th Armored Field Artillery HQ Battery. There was Dave Ferris, Duane Edwards, later known as Ed, myself, and Kimbrough. Kimbrough was from Kentucky, Edwards from Mechanics Falls, Maine. Dave was from my home state, New York. I lived in Poughkeepsie and he was from Peekskill. I got the nickname "Pete" because I could imitate Peter Lorre pretty well.

### Action

The firing batteries were laying down a barrage; all guns fired so fast that it sounded like automatics. You could hear above the noise our guns were making, the eight inch guns ahead of us. Eight-inchers are almost twice the size of our 155s.

The North Koreans had been laying out this attack for quite some time. That was why it had been so quiet. They kept us firing so that they could pinpoint our guns and our FDC. Plus the fact they had civilian spies in the area. This was my guess, but what the hell and why not?

They were walking their guns yard by yard right down the valley. Batteries "A and

B" were almost lined up. "A" first then "B." "C" Battery was about one thousand yards directly across the valley located in somewhat of a draw protected by a series of hills. The three exposed batteries were being hit hard, all their guns but one or two were still firing. The men left in "A" and "B" Batteries fell back.

Now the only firing battery was "C," but there was so much incoming that communications were being shot out, and without coordinates, the gun batteries were firing blindly. All of our vehicles were useless after our motor pool was hit, and the fuel supply exploded and set everything on fire. The barrels of fuel oil lay in the fire from the gas, and when they exploded, it was like more incoming artillery, only like Greek fire. The fire and heavy black acrid smoke were blinding and could be seen for miles.

The exploding incoming artillery rounds smashing in our area, sent out the screaming bits and pieces of shrapnel that tore into anyone in their way. Some were big enough to cut a man in half, or rip off some part of his body, like one continuous roar. Rocks and all kinds of debris constantly fell on us or slammed against us hard enough sometimes to make us think we had been shot.

Some of the guys were hit hard enough to suffer serious wounds. From the absolute terror in the eyes of some of the men, and the tears on their faces, they were already in shock. How could this be happening? We're going to be killed. We hadn't been prepared for this, basic training was a scam. Why didn't they tell us like it really is?

*(Just a taste of the interesting and vivid history of William B. Stedman from enlistment to returning stateside. 146 pages of great reading. The book can be purchased at Vantage Press ordering department at 1-800-882-3273. Barnes and Noble Booksellers or Amazon.com. Bill can be reached at e-mail address <Bshhia@aol.com>.)*

Note from the Editor. I have gotten so many books. The space in our magazine is limited, so I ask those of you that have not seen your review to be patient. We will print all as space allows. We print these reviews to let our veterans know there are many new books on the Korean War and on subjects of veterans interest. We all know at one time books on these subjects, mainly the Korean War were few and far in between.

## Update

# Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman,  
KWVA Revisit Program  
Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950  
Dear friends and fellow veterans,

We were very fortunate this year to receive a one hundred percent increase in the quotas for 2002 from KVA, Seoul. The tour dates are in June, September and October. We have notified the June participants of the Revisit details and by the time you read this article, the September participants will also have been notified. We still have a few spaces available in October but not many. If you are interested in Revisiting Korea 27 October - 2 November 2002, please mail or fax your application in ASAP. First come first served!

It is still too early to predict the quotas for 2003 but since it's the 50th Anniversary year of the Truce signing in July 1953, we know that the commemorations will be many. If you were in Korea in 1953, and would like to return, please fill out the application contained in this publication and return it to our office just as soon as possible. As most of you know, we date stamp the applications and go right down the list religiously once the quotas are received in January. The only deviations to this list are made by the President of KWVA. We simply administer the program for the Association!

A reminder: Military Historical Tours also offers a five day extension of the Revisit Korea program to Beijing, China. This is very popular and, for example, on this years June Revisit, over 70% of the veterans and their families will journey on to China after the Seoul commemorations.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn,  
President/CEO  
Military Historical Tours

*(See page 62 March-April 2002 Graybeards for Revisit Application. Also call Military Historical Tours at 703-212-0695 or Fax 703-212-8567. Check WWW.KWVA.ORG for application and revisit rules. I will print application when I have space-Editor.)*



# Korean Battlefield Tours for 2002

## Society of the 3rd Infantry Division: *Korean Battlefield Tour*

September 20 - 27, 2002



The third battlefield tour sponsored by the Society of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, this tour will visit Incheon, Seoul, and the Uijongbu Corridor, and spend two nights in the Chorwon Valley, viewing White Horse, Jackson Heights, the Boomerang, OP Harry, Chorwon and Kumwha, etc. All participants are welcome on this tour.

## The 7th Division Association: *Korean Battlefield Tour*

October 12 - 20, 2002



The 7th Division Association is sponsoring its second Battlefield Tour of Korea; all participants are welcome on this tour, which will visit the Incheon landing sites, Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, the Chorwon Valley (T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, "Papasan" and Triangle Hill, etc.) and the Hwachon Reservoir and Punchbowl (one night in the Iron Triangle and two nights in the Punchbowl).

## 1st Cavalry / 24th Infantry Division Associations: *Joint Tour*

October 18 - 27, 2002



In 2001, Veterans from both Associations joined a tour of the southern battlefields of Korea, where both Divisions fought in July and August of 1950. The Associations are again sponsoring a joint tour covering the area from TF Smith, through Pyongtaek, Chonan and the Kum River crossing sites at Kongju and Taepyong, through Taejon to Waegwan, Yuhak Mountain, the Bowling Alley, Taegu and into the Naktong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



An added point of interest: this tour will also visit ROK Army positions along the DMZ near Yonchon, including Hill 346 (known to the Cavalry as "Old Baldy"). All participants are welcome on this tour, which will spend two nights in Taegu and one night in the Chorwon Valley.

## 1st Marine Division Tour: *East and West Fronts, 1952*

November 9 - 17, 2002



Our previous Marine Tours have commemorated events of 1950 (Inchon Landing & Battle for Seoul) and 1951 (Punchbowl battles). In Spring 1951 the 1st Marine Division fought its way up through the Hwachon Reservoir area, arriving in the Punchbowl that Summer and wintering over. In March 1952, the Division moved to the Western Front for the rest of the War. Our 2002 Marine Corps tour will therefore visit both areas, along with Incheon and Seoul.

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## 2003 Tour Schedule

**Southern Battlefield Tour** - from TF Smith to the Naktong Perimeter - battlesites of 1950: *March 22 - 30, 2003*

**Northern Battlefield Tour** - Incheon, Seoul, the Chorwon Valley and the Punchbowl: *April 19 - 27, 2003*

**50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice ending the Korean War:** *July 27, 2003*

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# Reunion Showplace.....

## 72nd Engineers Combat Company Reunion

The 72nd Engineers Combat Company 2002 Reunion will be held Oct. 28 through Oct. 31, 2002 at the Hershey Farm Inn, Strausburg, PA. Come and socialize with those who served in the Korean war with you.

For more information contact Bob Mount, 6518 Fish Hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Telephone 301 898 7952 - Fax 301 898 5549.

(Thank you Robert C. Mount for photo and letter. A great looking group of veterans.)

We need more reunion photos. This one is all I have for this issue. We know more will occur in the months ahead so take some photos and send them in—Editor.



Attendees at the 72nd Engineers Combat Co. reunion in 2001 are pictured left to right. Seated Fred Lembke, Alex J. Zukus, Jr., Ray Bluey. Standing are Frank Williams, Joseph P. Bridges, Lunie H. Prim, J. D. Bolt, Bob Mount, Victor H. Smart, James C. Murphy, George L. Gilcrest, George D. Stewart, Bob Ferrier, and Dave Zimmerman.

### DMZ to be re-vamped for the 2002 FIFA World Cup

Paju City located in Gyeonggi-do is stepping up its efforts to develop the DMZ area to attract foreign tourists during the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

To kick-start this program, the renovation of the Third Tunnel will be completed before the opening of the 2002 FIFA World Cup. The Third Tunnel will be equipped with a 300-meter escalator as well as an exhibition hall, a theater, and a souvenir shop and resting area. Of special interest, the DMZ theater will vividly depict the reality of the national division through its three-dimensional filming facilities. Meanwhile, the Dora Observatory will be equipped with new telescope devices and sculptures symbolizing peace.

#### ■ "Thanks for telling it like it was."

*Bob Jones Camps 5,3*

#### ■ The best on Korean POWs I have read yet.

*AM Norris Camps 5,3*

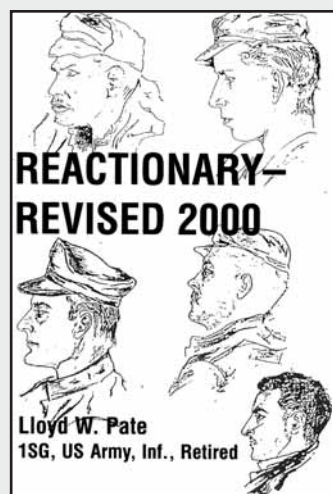
#### ■ It was as though Bill was talking me through it.

*Lois Carter, wife of Gale, "Bill", Carter, deceased ex-pow*

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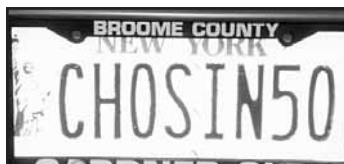
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# Looking for...



## Tell us about your plans

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



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 <rene-gade06@earthlink.net>



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



I’m looking for **news reels of the Korean War**. My uncle was said to be in one. He was in Seoul, Korea from July of 1950 until he was a POW in October of that year. He was supposed to have died in a POW camp. Could you please help me find what I’m looking for. Contact Veronica Benner at e-mail address <grantmudder@deepnet.com>.



I’m an author who’s currently working on a **project about the Korean War** (you can look up my books on Amazon; I write as Marie G. Lee). I am amazed at how much of a “forgotten war” it really is, especially considering all the attention given to WWII recently. I was wondering if there might be a

way to get in touch w/vets willing to let me ask a few questions about their war experiences. My father is also a vet, he was a liaison officer with the ROKA, in Pusan and Seoul, and through some contacts he made with his US Army colleagues, he was able to immigrate to the US after the war. I’m a second generation, but I have an almost obsessive urge to understand this war that turned my parents’ country upside down. Contact marie lee <marie\_g\_lee@yahoo.com>



I am a researcher for The Diversity Channel, an organization dedicated to furthering peace and understanding. I am writing you in hopes that you might be able to assist me in my research. What I am looking for is a personal account from a **disabled veterans who might have visited Korea** within the past three years. Specifically, we want to find out if his/her trip to Korea was a pleasant one, and find out if there were cultural or physical barriers that had negative impact during his/her stay. Your help would be most appreciated. Thank you very much, Raina Kim, The Diversity, Channel at e-mail <rainaraina@yahoo.com>



Trying to locate anyone listed below that served in the **91st Military Police Bn.**, Pusan, Korea 1952-1954. Joseph J. O’Brien, Robert D. Vaughn, Billy R. Goodman, Pasqually Vasconcellos, Capt. Prosper DeBrabander, Lt. John Prosper, Ben Pittel, Joe Varela, Bobby Wiseman, Cliff Wheeler, Billy McCain, “Rocky” Marcelros, McIntyre, Drany, Hughes, Morris D. Palan, Homer L. Mathis, Kenneth Sullivan, Gerald Gierzak, Lt. John Willis, Chico Reyes Cruz, Lyle McKay or McCain, Charles Newmons, Pasqually Falzarano, Billy Hill, Cpl. Finch, Cpl. Mahalik, Palma and Zonca. Contact Bob Simon, 2420 N. Raucholz Rd., Hemlock, MI. 48626-8467. Tel: (989-642-5387 or e-mail: <Robsimonfarms@aol.com>



I would like to get my dad’s information on being a Korea vet listed with you.? Unfortunately, he passed away in October 1994, but I have a story he published in the Lawton Constitution about his service in Korea. He was in Korea from October 1952 to 1959. He was, **Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Wolfe** and was with the C1 section, 772d Railroad Security Bn. If anyone remembers my dad, I would love to hear from them. Thank you, Kaye Jonas at e-mail <ktjonas@msn.com>.



My name is Diane Hayes. My Father was **Arthur Lincoln Hayes**. He was call Nappy Hayes also. I know he fought in the war I am not sure of the year. The only this I have is a letter he wrote to his home town paper. He states that his company C54th is the best Battalion. He mentions the infantry. I ask my mother about his service she can only remember him talking about Pork Chop Hill. Any help will be a blessing. Contact me at <DBRANDHAY@email.msn.com>.



My name is Jeffrey D. Gallagher I am trying to help my



girlfriend find people that may have served with her father. The late **Fredrick B. Stanley** of Lynn MA. He served with G Co., 17th Inf., 7th Inf. Div. or any information on this unit. Contact me at e-mail <Huianzj@aol.com>.

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Trying to trace **Gordon Lee Clark**. Last heard from April 1953 at AKKN radio station Kilroy. Contact Keith D. Tubby old school friend from Norwich, England at e-mail <a7kdt@cwctv.net>.

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Looking for anyone that recalls a **Sgt. Madina** from either Montana or Wyoming. He served in Co E, 31st Inf. Regt. He was seriously wounded in June 1952. Please contact Mr. Lloyd Pitman, PO Box 128, Preble, New York 13141.

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Looking for members of **2nd Plt., A Co., 1st Engr. Bn., 1st Marine Div.**, who served in Korea 1952-1953, especially those selective service "Volunteers" from the Pittsburgh, Southern Ohio and Northern West Virginia areas. Please contact Milton D. Drummond, Jr., 1701 Bramsford Court, Richmond, VA 23233-4446.

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I am trying to locate a **Gale Doty**. We were in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Valley Forge Please contact A1 Florentine, 46 Robles Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95828. Tel: 916-689-0910.

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Looking for newspaper article printed in a California newspaper of the ship, The **Aiken Victory** which docked in California in October 1952 with troops from Korea, or the name of the newspaper. Please contact Gordon H. Schultz, P.O. Box 726, Howells, New York 10932-0726. Tel: 845-386-5517.

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I am trying to locate an army buddy I have not heard from in many years. His name is **Neil J. McLellan**, he entered the service in 1952 and discharged in 1954. He entered the service from Los Angeles, Ca. He was stationed at Camp Roberts, Ca. 1952 -1953 and Ft. Ord, CA. 1953-1954. Last known address Buena Park, CA. Please contact Leslie Kenneth Loyd, 393 San Julian Creek Road, Bandera, Texas 78003, Tel: 830-796-4318.

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I would like to get in touch with anyone who knows of **M/Sgt. Donald Inks** from Uniontown, PA. who was 1st Sgt. of L Co., 3rd Bn., 27th Wolfhound Inf. Regt. who was in Compound "62" Kojedo Island on Feb. 17th or 18th the night of the riot. Also the Cpl. Don King who wrote the article in the Stars and Stripes paper on Sgt. Donald Inks after this incident. As a member of the "M" Company I was also present on this skirmish line referred to by Sgt. Inks. Any information from other troops from L Co. and M Co. that were present at this time would also be appreciated. Contact Russell Buechler, 917 Hillcrest Drive, Columbia, IL 62236. Tel: 618-281-5357.

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I have been a member of the KWVA for a number of years

now and after seeing pictures of many memorials in different states would like to share our "**Living Memorial at Sampson State Park**" near Geneva, New York.

Sampson was first a Naval base during World War II, then reopened in 1950 for A.F. training base for Korean War. Over 300,000.00 men took their basic there, all females took basic in Texas. That was me and then to Lowry AFB in Colorado, then permanent party in photo lab at Sampson.

Several years ago the Navy ask if we would like to open part of the building to honor the Korean War A.F. Veterans who served as permanent party and basics. The museum is in the old Navy brig. - only building still sound enough with large court yard. All work has been done with volunteers; they formed a Sampson AFB Association and with wives started out. As membership grew we slowly acquired money to move along. In another year or so it will be complete. No work can be done in winter months because of climate

Our Government turned over Sampson to State and it is in a beautiful State Park now with many visitors all spring, summer and fall as it is located on Seneca Lake, the deepest of all the finger lakes.

We need to locate more of the men and women who were stationed here. We have a reunion at the State Park every September. New members will help us grow and educate the young public that there was a Korean War when they visit our museum at Sampson. Contact Janet I. Robinson, 4528 Bimini Drive, Bradenton, FL 34210-2007

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The Northeast NY Chapter is continuing its efforts to identify particulars about casualties from our area. (Page 54 of the Nov. 01 *Graybeards* has an ad for a book resulting from the efforts of some of our members.) Currently, we are seeking information about the circumstances of death and the company unit of the following soldiers who died in Korea. The local newspapers and the families were informed at the time that they were "killed in action." However, the DoD lists all three men as "non-hostile casualties." Two are known to be 7th Inf. Div. members. They are: **Douglas Blankschen** (SFC - 06903657) died 10 Oct. 1950 - 32nd Inf., **Darwin E. Woodcock** (Pvt. 511227353) died 11 Aug. 1952 - 48 FA Bn.

The third soldier: **Goodbread** (PFC - 51045464) died 22 July 1951 unit unknown. Contact Robert Hall Jr., 6 Vine Street, Scotia, New York 12302-9190. Tel: 518-377-9190 or e-mail <fhughes@nycap.rr.com>.

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I would like to have the address of the **7th Reg. Assn.** and the 7th Div. Assn. Contact John Morris, 3455 Street RD, Apt. Jefferson 6, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020.

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My husband was killed in Korea 8/27/54. I was told he and another soldier were having a contest on who could draw the fastest. The other soldier's gun accidentally fired, killing my husband. Some of the men promised to come and see me after they got home, but no one has contacted me in all these years. I would love to talk to someone who was there and knew my husband. I have a lot of last names and I know they sailed to

Korea on the USNS Collins Sept. 1953. My husband's name is **Cpl. James L. Scherrer**. My husband was born in Flint, MI. I would appreciate any information or who to contact. I don't have a computer. I was told that they would return his body the most expedient way possible. It didn't arrive until the end of Sept. I suspect it was sent on the same ship he would have returned on if he had lived, as his time was almost up. I am praying for some answers. My list of the names are Al Simmons, J. Heckman, G. Romano, J. Burns, F. Scaley, R. Williams, J. Harrison, D. Thornbury, J. Walker, C. Trent, Rodel, Roy or Ray Campbell, Mel Wieland and Jim Wagner. Contact Isabelle Ravary, 5249 Ottawa River Road, Toledo, Ohio 43611

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**Battery A, 31st F.A. Bn. 7th Div.** Chitose Japan and Korea 1950-1951. Would like to find a SFC Charles "Chuck" Foreman. He was from the State of Louisiana. Contact Lloyd Pitman, P.O. Box 128, Preble, New York 13141.

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I am trying to locate **Lawrence Patrick Nixon**, home State was Washington. We served together (1950-1951) Med Co. 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Division. Last known profession - Sheriff's Deputy (Highway Patrol) in Washington State. Anyone knowing him or his present location, contact Charles DeYoung, 21 Rufus Street, Brockton, MA. 02301. Tel: 508-587-9570. E-mail <ADZ1@GIS.COM>.

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I would like to hear from anyone who might have know my brother-in-law, **Pfc. James E. Canyock**. He was from Portage, Pa., he was in the 17th Regt. of the 7th Inf. Div. James was listed as MIA July 9, 1953. He was in Korea from October 1952. I would like to hear from anyone who might have known him or was possibly a POW with him. Any information would be appreciated. Please contact Joseph Mikonsky, 1671 Dennis Drive, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

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My brother, **Cpl Richard H. Todd** was declared missing in action Feb. 15, 1951 near Kokchon, South Korea. He was a member of a reinforced company whose mission was to relieve the 23rd Inf. Regt. of pressure from heavy assault with an armored task force. He was with Co. L, 5th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. I would like to locate anyone who served with him, knew him, etc. I am his only living kin. I am 70 years old. I want to find about his last days. I am also a Korean veteran who served with the 2nd Div. Contact John E. Todd, 127 Marion Lane, Mankato, MN. 56001-4703. Tel: 507-388-4102

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Looking for any members of **8119 Engineers at Inchon**, Korea and 8132 Support Command "B" 1953-1954. Some of the names I remember: Capt. Edmondson "Commander", W/O MR. Fields, Sgt. F.L. Kayo, Giest from Tenn., Nordyke from Iowa, Davis from Maine, Knerr from PA, J.R. Taylor from MO. and others. Contact Robert Brandi, 211 Crenshaw Road, Pocahontas, AR. 72455-9325. Tel: 870-892-8962. (you can call me collect). I was Squad Leader 3rd Platoon, I am originally from Wisconsin, but now retired here in Arkansas.

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Looking for anyone that was with us **C. Company 65th. Engr. Combat Bn., 25th Inf. Div.** When we left Japan first week of July 1950 headed for Korea. D.K. Morgan daughter Becky found 12 of us so far, Thanks Becky we all owe you a big hand. Six of us met in Arlington Va. last July and we had a wonderful time after 51 yrs. We would like to meet again this year but I do not know the date or what state. Any one out there please e-mail or call me <mck4832@webtv.net> Tel: 304-467 8091. Bob McKinney, Rt. 1 Box 2, Matoaka, WVA 24736.

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I would like to hear from anyone who served in the **Crypto and Message Center** groups with the 7th signal, 7th inf. Div around May 51 to March 52. Contact James E. Jean, 123 Castleton Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791-9707. Tel 1- 828-692-9148 or e-mail <jejjr@juno.com>.

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KWVA member Jerry Keohane, 15 Hidalgo Ln., Port St. Lucie, FL. 34952 wants to buy any **shoulder patches from the WW2 Japanese War Trails**. Especially need Sugamo Prison Patch or Tab, and the 555th. MP Company shoulder patch.

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Looking for **Cpl. Stan Nadel**, 40th Div., 224 Regt., Co. K. The location was in the Punch Bowl, Heartbreak Ridge, Sandbag Castle, and No Name Hill. We did several patrols. One particular one was that we went into Sandbag Castle looking for a Chinese bunker to capture prisoners. I am looking for men that volunteered for the 3 night patrols during January 27th, 28th, and the 29th of 1953. I was in Korea around September of 1952 and 1953. The special mission consisted 3 night patrols due to the fact that the 40th Div. was leaving the position of frontlines and proceeding to reserves. I would like to contact the men that volunteered to stay behind for the special mission. My fax number is 516- 944-8722. E-mail is <Stsmiths@aol.com. Tel: 516-883-8640.

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I am writing this on behalf of Mr. Denis McMahan. He has asked my help. We are looking for information about **Pfc. Fred G. Smack**, brother of Dennis McMahan. He was declared MIA, then dead, after an action on July 22, 1950. Pfc. Smack was a member of Co. F, 35th Inf. at the time. He, and a number of other men from Co. F, became casualties as the unit attempted to withdraw across a river in Korea. This action is described on page 90 of Fighting on the Brink: Defense of the Pusan Perimeter. The 2/35th was deployed on a hill south of Mungyong along the south bank of a stream flowing past Sangju and emptying into the Naktong. Over the strenuous objections of both the regimental and battalion commanders, Co. F was inserted into a forward defensive position manned by a ROK battalion. (This would be the company's first battle.) The ROK battalion collapsed under attack, and the men of Co. F had to pull back and attempt to cross the river behind them, now a raging torrent from heavy rains. Many men were killed and others missing, including Pfc. Fred



G. Smack. The account in *Fighting on the Brink* includes the recollections of this action by Jack Gates and William F. McCafferty, both from Co. F. Contact Uzal W. Ent, 37 Golfview Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or e-mail: <ENT27@CS.com>



My father-in-law, **Fred Peck**, served in the Korean War in 1950, out in 1952, discharged in 1957. He was in the 3rd platoon, 7th Cav. Regt. He is looking for information on members of that platoon, specifically Joseph Sebben. Contact Peggy Schmitz at <peggy\_schmitz@atk.com>.



Looking for information about my great uncle, **Carlis E. High** who served in the Korean War. He served in E Co. 19th Inf. in 1950. He was reported to my family MIA in Aug. of 1950, and in 1953 declared Died While Missing. If you have any records about him, can you tell me anything about him? Do you know what happened to him? Any information you have would be greatly appreciated. If anyone knew him, or served along side of him, they can contact me at Mobius\_122@hotmail.com.



**2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. Assn.**, is looking for veterans who served in our Bn. before or during WW II (1935-46) and before or during the Korean War (1949-53). Our Assn. includes those who served with our Bn's successor unit - the 461st Inf. Bn. (Heavy Mortar). The next annual reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn in New London, CT, September 26-

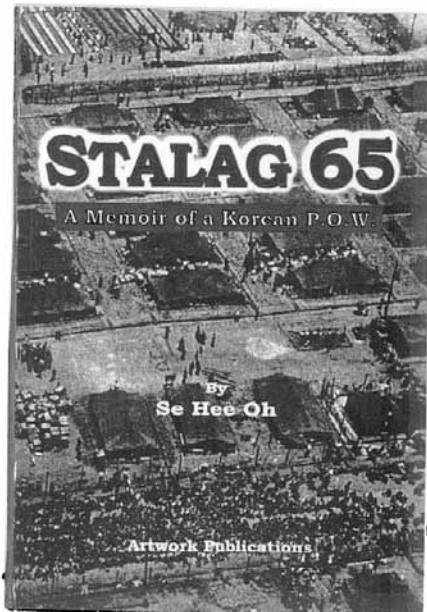
29, 2002. Enlist today by phone or mail, providing your full name, address, phone number, unit and dates of service. You will then receive a current roster and future newsletters. No dues. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75254; 972-387-1247.



I am Shorty Estabrook, Founder of the Tiger Survivors, a group of former POWs in Korea. I was with B/19/24 from June 1948 until 16 July 1950 when I was captured. I saw freedom on 29 August 1953. Anyone who was with the 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Div. and who was awarded the **Army Occupation Medal, Japan**, are requested to send a copy of your orders to Shorty Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murrieta California 92562. The next-of-kin of Ralph McKinley, K/21/24 who was in Japan and then went to Korea and was captured and died as a Prisoner of War has requested his medals but Department of the Army said he was not authorized the Occupation medal. In fact the letter says that the 21st Regt., 24th Div. was never authorized that medal. This is not true as you know but now we have to build a case so this family can get the long overdue medal.



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



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Swiss watch. With the experienced eyes of both Capt. Gill and his executive officer, Commander Leeman missed nothing. They had taken on the task of converting a ship built for WWII, into the modern era of electronics and jet powered weaponry with a satisfaction that comes with a job well done. Capt. Gill officially took acceptance of what he considered the most battle efficient ship the navy could ever hope to see resurrected on such short notice.

During the next two weeks of intensive training off the shores of California, he watched and noted the men as they practiced the drills that would serve them well in combat. Honing themselves into a perfect operating entity with the ship. With each repetition, all hands were at their respective duty stations in less time than previously and fully prepared for what might lay ahead. On March 7, the ship and crew performed smartly as the commander fleet training group observed all movements and activities with a most critical eye as the unification of men and ship underwent its first battle problem., afterwards, receiving a most satisfactory "well done!". The *Bonnie Dick* then headed for Alameda where more detailed training began on March 13th.

She went through her paces once more, performing in a most outstanding manner, especially during the launch and recovery exercises. The first "trap", aircraft landed on her deck March 15th, almost 90 days after her commissioning and the aircraft making that initial landing was an AD4Q, a modified Skyraider, piloted by Cmdr. Harold N. Funk, the carrier air group commander nicknamed "Cag". The first F-9-F panther jet made its initial trap just 15 days later on the *Bonnie Dick's* teakwood deck. This event marked the 1000th aircraft recovered since training had begun. Preliminary qualifications were secured on April 6th, and the *Bonnie Dick* made its return to Puget Sound for the post shakedown repairs. On May 6th, she docked at N.A.S. North

Island in San Diego. It was at this point that my squadron, VC-11 reported aboard. I had been assigned to this group in the mid 50's and it was my first sea going composite unit utilizing various type of aircraft. Here I learned the requirements of familiarizing myself with the workings of a full fledged battle carrier. My previous sea experience was obtained aboard three smaller, lighter type carriers, the *Monterey* (CVL-26) the *Bataan* (CVL-29) and the *Wright* (CVL-49), [aboard the *Wright* I had briefly met and spoke with Julius La Rosa, the singer]. Time on these carriers qualified me to serve aboard the large ships of the "CV Essex Class". Coming aboard the *Bonnie Dick* for the first time is an experience in itself. This immense floating city displaced 27,000 tons and boasted a flight deck over 800 feet long, with room for more than 90 aircraft .... It was enough to take your breath away and I was truly impressed and filled with anxiety... For the next few weeks I tried to familiarize myself with the locations of my berthing compartment, chow hall, work and G.Q. (general quarters) stations. Once all of the important sites were committed to memory, exploring the remainder of the ship during off hours became a secondary requirement. During these jaunts I was able to locate the "Gedunk Stand" (ice cream/soda fountain) and the ship's store where one might obtain the other important amenities of life such as candy, cigarettes, soap and "foo foo,(aftershave). With all of this locked away in my memory banks, I began to feel like an old salt.

As mentioned earlier, our squadron designation was VS-11, or by its technical appellation, "Compron Eleven", and we were involved in airborne early warning operations using the (then) state-of-the-art radar systems (APS-40) enclosed in a re-designed Douglas Skyraider aircraft with the model designation "AD4-W" and nicknamed "The Guppy", as it took on the appearance silhouette of a very pregnant frog with wings. She carried a crew of three, the pilot, and two electronic

technicians in a very tightly cramped compartment in the rear of the fuselage. A large rotating antenna housed within a bulbous fiberglass enclosure below the fuselage and between the landing gear, thus giving the plane its "guppy silhouette". We had three such aircraft in our team detachment and after a while the names of "dragnet", "miss carriage" and "pleasure bent" had been added on the engine cowls as the standard nose art identities. It is interesting to recall that each time we had to make adjustments to the antenna rotor, the large tub-like enclosure had to be removed, and at that time it would evoke the curiosity of the ship's personnel who would gather round to see just what was in the "belly thing". Some speculated it housed another crewman, or, was it an additional fuel tank???

As the crowd grew and the circle got tighter, a technician would hop into the rear compartment, turn on the radar and start the antenna spinning with an almost inaudible hum. It then began to emit microwaves and as the antenna made its sweep the microwaves emitted a burst of heat that (strangely) could only be felt in the genital area. We could see the effect it was having on the crowd, so, we would announce very loudly, "Warning !!, stay well back, otherwise you might become sterile !!!". Within seconds the technicians would find themselves very much alone when the curious onlookers would panic and scatter like a bunch of frightened Sparrows...

Our planes would normally be the first ones launched and the last to be recovered during all flight operations. Once airborne, we would take up a station at the outer most perimeter of the ship's radar range and turn on our equipment, thus, extending the ship's perimeter range another 200 miles. This maneuver was called "operation bellhop". Because of the amount of complex radar equipment and special aircraft design there were no provisions made for any armament & the only ordinance we carried were .38 caliber revolvers loaded with tracer



ammunition in case a ditching had to be made at night. Therefore, each time we flew a sortie, we were accompanied by a similar type Skyraider, from either VC-35 or VA-923 squadrons, who were not only equipped with a smaller radar unit, but had the added protection of wing cannons. This two plane element was designated as a "hunter/killer" unit. On many occasions our planes would vector either a picket ship or helicopter to a downed aircraft. (During the Vietnam war, our squadron flew a different type aircraft, usually an E-1-B, a better designed craft with a more advanced electronics package.)

The sorties were normally of 20-25 days duration, then back to port for some R & R... we usually replenished our stores and ordinance at sea just prior to entering port, with the extra added attraction of "mail from home!!!". From the time we left San Diego until reaching the Hawaiian shores four days later, every passing moment was filled with flight operations and other shipboard training for members of the air groups not yet fully adept as was ship's company. With general quarters sounding at all hours of the day and night, we honed our movements to a keen edge and became a fighting machine.

During flight quarters, all the air groups working hand in glove with flight deck crews managed to have their aircraft take off and land at a maximum, of 30 seconds each... The gun crews became most proficient at knocking out the plane- towed target sleeves as quickly as they could be replaced... battle stations and damage control became simple but accurate routines... the air group personnel could repair and load fuel and ordinance with such precision, they seemed to outdo themselves at each subsequent opportunity. During replenishment days we were always entertained by the great sounds of the ships band playing their hearts out under the most adverse and windy conditions on one of the starboard side gun sponsons. They made the loading of supplies much easier and a little more of an enjoyable chore.

...to be continued



# Taps

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

## Arkansas

- ★ Robert J. Burns
- ★ Frank Troutman
- ★ James R. Wilson

## California

- ★ Marvin Kraft

## Connecticut

- ★ Arnold Hilton

## Florida

- ★ Edward L. Hess
- ★ Benjamin A. Reed
- ★ Bernice R. Rudy
- ★ Ronald D. Winn

## Kentucky

- ★ Roy Freeman

## Louisiana

- ★ Preston G. Richard

## Mississippi

- ★ James David Spears

## Missouri

- ★ Richard W. Dean
- ★ Robert L. Jacobs
- ★ Wallace L. Matthews
- ★ John T. Spires

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- ★ William T. Rodes

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- ★ G. Kemp Melton
- ★ Robert Ramsey

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Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Home of record \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Unit of service during Korean War

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

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# Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

For Christians, one of the greatest celebrations is the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died on the cross for all men, that they might have the tight to the Tree of Life. And certainly if they do believe, they will have that precious privilege.

Let us continue our prayers for those comrades who are experiencing difficulties in life. We lift our petitions for our Board of Directors and for improved health for George Bingham and Edward Grygier.

It was very rewarding to meet those from the West Coast at our last National meeting. I was also delighted to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Epinoza of Reseda, CA.

### Thought for the Month

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes, we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:4-6 NKJ

Our Heavenly Father

We do humbly thank you for sending your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ to rescue us from eternal destruction.

We pray, as we seek day by day to be worthy of your loving

kindness, that the Holy Spirit will work vigorously within us.

Put your arms of protection around over military who are facing the extreme dangers and challenges of warfare.

We will always give you the praise and glory. Amen

### KWVA Members and Friends

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Veterans,

The following answer is to a question that is asked many times. *Why Tuscola, Illinois?*

### Site Selection and Considerations

Tuscola, IL is located in the heartland and crossroads of Illinois—as well as that of the continental United States, and it best reflects the population of the Korean War Veterans—90% of the 298,000 in Illinois reside outside the major metropolitan areas, such as Chicago.

• Tuscola, IL, is located adjacent to I-57. I-57 intersects with I-74, I-70 and I-55.

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tional airports in Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

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# Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Video



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Every day, as many as ten thousand people flock to the KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL in Washington, D.C. to see this long-awaited national tribute to our Korean War veterans. The Memorial honors America's sons and daughters who were wounded and missing in action or captured and those who gave their lives protecting freedom in a land far away.



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Three years in the making, this *ten-part* Video memento is dedicated to all Korean War veterans.

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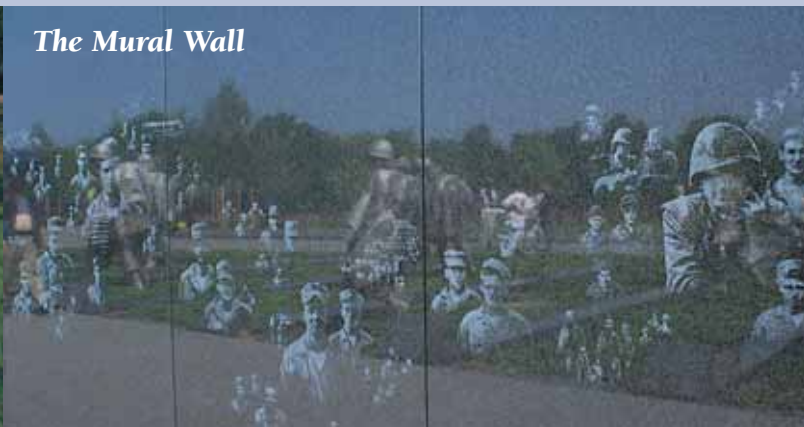


*U.S. Army Chorus*



*The Advance Party*

### The Mural Wall





# Reunion Calendar

## July 2002

**8th Engineers** will meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield Illinois, 3000 Dirksen Parkway on July 21st. Contact Keenneth Smith at 309-526-7460.

**U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS** (DD-887) Seventeenth Annual Reunion, 31 July through 4 August in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leeside St., Glendora, CA 91741. Tel: 626-335-4034.

## August 2002

**Sandbag Castle Wolfhounds** are planning a 50th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY on Aug. 9th. This ceremony will honor 1st Lt. John L. Weaver- KIA on Sandbag Castle on Sept. 6th 1952 and was buried at the West Point Cemetery. For details contact Jim Kenefick (781) 449-1469, email J.Kenefick@aol.com, or Ron Engelhardt (201) 567-2073 or George Langdale (706) 549-8980 Fax (706) 546-8417.

**USS BON HOMME RICHARD** (CV/CVA-31 & LHD-6) Ships Company and Air Groups, Aug. 9, 10 in Charleston, SC. Contact Ron Edlund, 2299 Madalene, Muskegon, MI 49442. Tel: 231-773-0441.

143rd FA (Korea 1951 - 1953) August 15-17 at Holiday Inn in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Contact Jim Griffin, Rainbow Village #512, 11911 66th St. N, Largo, FL 33773. Tel: (727) 524-4114

**MCB#4 All Eras.** Aug. 22-25, at Lawrence Welk Resort, Branson, MO. Contact: Nick "Mush" Marschhauser, 364 Fortsville Rd., Gansevoort, NY 12831-1500. Tel: 1-800-313-3672 or E-mail <nick@nickstents.com>.

**The Korean War Veterans Association, State of Nebraska,** Aug. 23-25 at the Crown Plaza, (Tel: 1-800-663-4574 or 1-402-496-0850 for reservations) located in Omaha, NE. Contact Bob Lundhorst, 3804 Lakeview Lane, Columbus, NE 68601. Tel: 402-563-1430 or Marion Charron at 402-398-1179.

**999th AFA Bn. Korea** 1950-54, Aug. 23-25 at Best Western Inn in Little Rock, AR. Contact Aubrey Davidson, 14807 Cedar Heights Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72116.

**40th Inf. Div, 160th Regt., Co. E** 1950 1953 Cal., Japan, Korea Aug. 23-25 in Omaha, Neb. Contact: Jim Bork, Tel: 928-567 6334 or e mail <jobork@msn.com>

**45th Infantry Division Assn.,** (Thunderbirds) Aug. 29-31. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander Rd., San Antonio, TX 78251-2954. Tel: 210-681-9134, Fax: 210-543-7313

**USS WALDRON** (DD-699) 13th Reunion in Seattle, WA. Aug. 28 - Sept. 1. Contact: Jack Atkinson, 2807 217th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-7102. Tel: 425-391-4343.

**2nd Inf. Div., Korean War Veterans Alliance,** Aug. 30-Sept 2, at Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN (joint reunion with 2nd Inf. Div. Assoc) Contact Chuck Hayward, P.O. Box 165, Orlean, VA 20128-0165 Tel: 540-364-2691 Fax: 540-3644430 e-mail <Index-green6@juno.com>

**The 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion Assn.,** 30 Aug. - 2 Sept. in Nashville in conjunction with the 2ID Assn. and the 2ID Korean War Veterans Alliance. Contact Sec. Larry Streeby, 20870 NW Chiloquin Ct., Portland, OR 97229-2704. Tel: 503-645-3933; e-mail <engrbn2@aol.com> 2nd Eng. website: <www.greenfielddailynews.com/2ndwengineer/index.htm>

## September 2002

**25th Inf. Div., 8th F. A. Bn.,** Korea 1950-53, Sept. 3-8 in Branson, MO. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN. 55412-2512, Tel: 612-529-4567.

**61st F.A. Bn. Chitose-Younguns,** Sept. 5-7 at The Best Western Motel, Pueblo West, CO 81007. Tel: 1-800-528-1234. Contact Rich Weakley, 149 S. Golfwood Dr., Pueblo West, CO 81007. Tel: 719-547-0686, or e-mail <raawea@rmi.net>

**USS WISCONSIN BB-64,** Sept. 5-8 in Norfolk, VA. Contact Carl Capestrain, 5830 Glyn Dr. N/W, North Canton, OH. 44720. Tel: 330-494-6636 or e-mail <carlbb64@neo.rr.com>.

**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 City with The World's Largest Mall, The City of Champions, The Klondike City, The City Hosting the Greatest Reunion in the new millennium, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. All Veterans from the 21 Countries who served in the Korean War or subsequent to the Cease-Fire are welcome to attend, as well as spouses, other family members and interested friends (KVA membership not required). It will be a great opportunity to meet old comrades and make new friends with whom we share a common Bond. Further information will be available soon. Contact Lee Power, Co-Chairman, 15803-129 Street, Edmonton AB. T6V 1A2, Tel: 780-457-3992 or Jean Pierre Van Eck, Chairman 2002 Convention, Tel: 780- 488-5845 or Fax: 780-488-6490 or E-Mail: <jpve@ecn.ab.ca>

**151st Combat Engineer** Looking for veterans who served during the Korean War. We are having a reunion Sept. 5-8 in Lebanon, TN. A11 veterans and families welcome to join us. Contact Jack Cato, tel: 615-444-5225 or e-mail <rmcato@concentric.net> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>.

**300th Armored Field Artillery Bn. Assn.** is seeking members who served in Korea War 1950-1953. We have over 400 members located and our Assn. is active with "COWBOY

CANNONEER" news letters and Reunions every other year. Join us in Cheyenne, WY, Sept. 6-8, reunion hosted by Wyoming Chapter—United States Field Artillery Association. Contact Bob Halliwell 6069 Halliwell-Lyda Rd, Bryan, TX 77803, 979-589-2002 or Dick Thune 10802 Sunset Bay, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, 218-543-4672 or Bill Day 4019 Prestwick Pl, Riverton, WY 82501, 307-856-6546.

**USS OKANOGAN** APA-220 Sept. 8-11, in San Diego, CA. Contact Ed Collins 5847 N Harlem Ave Chicago, IL 60631. Tel 773-631-5568 or mail <Edtopcopl@aol.com>.

**6147th Tac Con Gp, Mosquitoes** of Korea will be having their 26th Reunion from Sept. 9-15 at Charleston, SC. Headquarters for this reunion will be at the Holiday Inn of Mt Pleasant, SC. Anyone desiring information please contact Dick Souza, 978-453-3887 or Ted Ridgeway at 706-743-5646.

**51st Signal Battalion,** Sept. 10-12, at Utica, N.Y. Korean Vets and all former members are welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr., Wapakoneta, OH 45895. Tel: 419-738-3369, e-mail <ICORP@bright.net>

**The U.S.S. Davison** DD618/DMS37, will hold her annual reunion Sept. 10-15 at Portland's Holiday Inn, Convention Center Hotel in Portland, OR. All past crew members and family are welcome. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Dr., El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-Mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>.

**Naval Cryptologic Veterans Assn.,** Sept 11-15, at Chattanooga Marriott, Chattanooga, TN. Contact Dave Fiehtner, Tel: 865-379- 4367, E-mail: <DaveFiehtner@chartertn.net>, Web site: www.USNCVA.org.

**Society of the Third Infantry Division** and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 83rd reunion Sept. 12-15 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, NY 14202. (800-444-2326). Room rates are \$83 per night plus tax. (Single, double, or triple.) Parking is \$3 per day. The airport shuttle is free. For additional reunion information, contact: Joseph M. Poggi, reunion chairman, 610 Poplar Rd., River Vale, NJ 07675-6431. (201) 573-0515. E-mail: <iggop@optonline.net>. A wide choice of activities are planned. Visit our Web site at: <http://members.home.net/3rdiv/>

**H & S Co, 120th Engineers (C) Bn.,** (WWII & Korea) Sept. 12-14, in Columbus, IN at the Ramada Inn. Contact: Woody Harris, 26 Preston Circle, Stillwater, OK 74075. Tel: 405-372-4098, e-mail <wgharr@hotmail.com>

**USS FRED T. BERRY** (DD/DDE-858). Sept. 12-15 at Niagara Falls, New York. Contact: John Titsworth, 6 Guilford Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831. Tel: 203-531-6618.

**13TH ENGINEER (C) BN.** (Army), Sept. 12 - 15 at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky (Cincinnati, Ohio.) Drawbridge Inn. Contact Levi O. Haire, Tel: 404-366-9891 or e-mail: <Rabbit713e@aol.com>. Web Site: <http://13thEngineerBn.homestead.com>

**44TH ENGINEER BN. ASSN.** (KOREA) The Broken Heart Bn. - Sept. 17-21, at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Contact Bernie Resnick 603- 434-6406, Ken Cox 314-423-5483, or Joe Sophor 740-465-5015.

**32nd Infantry Regiment Association** "The Queen's Own" will be holding their annual reunion Sept. 18-22, at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, HI, 1-800-367-6025. Room rates are \$99 + tax per night and will be available 3 days before and 3 days after. For further information contact Andrew Dyckson, Reunion Chairman, 352-597-5912, or e-mail <hdyckson@earthlink.net>.

**U.S.S. Abnokia** A.T.F. 96, Sept. 18-22 in Charleston, S.C. Contact Mike Holland, 8 Cobia St. Ponte Vedra, FL 32082-2010. Tel: 904-285-9345 or e-mail <bmcmsun@aol.com>.

**U.S.S. Haven** AH-12, Sept. 18-22 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact Clyde Landis, 1409 Coronado, Ponca City, OK 74604 or Email <korene@poncacitynews.com> Tel: 580-762-5289.

**US Army 14th Combat Engineer Bn.,** 2nd Bn., 36th Combat Engineer Regt., 2827th Combat Engineer Bn., Sept 19-21 in Kansas City, KS. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Rd., Mount Sterling, KY 40353. Tel: 859-498 -4567 or e-mail <shs313@mis.ne>

**Anti-Tank Co. 5th Marines** Sept. 19-21 in Kansas City, Mo. at Holiday Inn Northeast. Contact Chuck Batherson, Tel: 231-839-5476, e-mail <crbath@voyager.net> or Bill White, Tel: 405-323-9497 or e-mail <billwhite1@msn.com>.

**U.S.S. ROWE** DD-564, Sept. 19-22 in Reno, NV. Contact Bob Wood, 10785 Summit Ave. NE, Rockford, MI 49341-9732. Tel: 616-866-9483.

The United States **Armed Forces Nuclear Energy Association** Sept., 19-23 in Charleston, SC. We were Army, Navy and Air Force personnel that operated the military's nuclear power plants in the 50's and 60's. We are trying to find our lost comrades and would appreciate any help you may render. Contact Edward R. Fedol, 308 Upshur Court, Summerville, SC. 29485-8057 or e-mail <gully@knology.net>.

**474th Fighter Bomber Wing** - 428th, 429th and 430th Fighter Bomber Squadrons - Misawa, Japan - Kunsan, Korea (K-8) - Taegu, Korea (K-2) - Sept. 22-24 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Neil Buckwald, 5000 N. Valadez St., Las Vegas, NV 89149-5247. Tel: 702-645-4078 or e-mail <neilbuckwald@gte.net>.

**712th Transportation Railway Operating Bn.,** Sept. 22-26, at the Best Western Biltmore West Hotel in Asheville, NC. All Korean War railroad related veterans are welcome, as are their families. We'll have 3 full days of fun activities, sight seeing, including a ride on the Great Smokey Mt Railroad and the like. Good hotel rate (\$52+tax) with free parking. For further details contact Robert G Shannon, Chairman, 17 Sandpiper Dr, Whispering Pines, NC 28327-9393. Tel: 910-949-3920 or email <rshannon@ac.net>

**765th T.R.S.B., Korea, 8th Army** Reunion, Sept., 23-26 at Jackson Hole, WY. Contact Ken or Norma Miller at 1585 S.E. 3rd St., Cedaredge, CO 81413. Tel: 970-856-4862.

CARRIER AIR GROUP TWO (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-63, VF-64, VA-65 or VC/VT/HU Detachments during the Korean War (1950-1952), Sept. 24-28, in Orlando, FL. Contact Ray Slanda, 47 Davis Road, East Hartford, CT 06118. Tel: 860-569-2683 or Tim Timidaiski, P.O. Box 337, Issaquah, WA 98027. Tel: 425-392-7787, or Email: <timedna@worldnet.att.net>.

**98th Bomb Group Veterans Assn.**, Sept. 24-28 in Dayton Ohio at Crown Plaza Hotel. Contact Ken Lanigna at 616-751-8231 or Dennis Posey at 770-509-7734 or e-mail <dennisposey@mindspring.com>

**4th Infantry (IVY) Division Assn.** National Reunion, Sept. 25-29. Contact: Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-1), Walkersville, MD 21793, Toll Free 1-888-845-4040. Web Page <www.4thininfantry.org>

**Tenth Corps (X)** and attached Units Korean War 1950-53, Sept. 26-28 at Quincy, IL. Contact Norbert Bentele, 711 S. 16th St., Quincy, IL 62301. Tel: 217-222-1525 or e-mail <koreavetsqcyil@webtv.net>.

**Army Security Agency** - Korea - All years, Reunion Sept. 26-28 in Frankenmuth, Michigan. (Frankenmuth has been designated as a "Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community") Contact Cathy Strite, All-In-One-Tours & Cruises, toll free at 1-888-681-5333, 1530 Commerce Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. P.O.C Host Bob Rudolph Tel: 616-789-2860.

**568th Ordnance HM Co.**, 1950-53, Sept. 26-29, Norfolk, VA. Contact Herb Peppers, 612, Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076. Tel: 615-883-1417, e-mail <hpeppers@aol.com>

**U.S.S. John R Craig** DD885, Sept. 26-29, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact James E. Barrett, 7 Hickory Court, Bamegat, N.J. 08005-2226, Tel: 609-698-2109 or E-Mail: <JirnBarDD885@aol.com>.

**8221st Army Unit Assn.** (Korean War Service 1950-1954), Sept. 26-30 at the Hilton Suites in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Contact Michael C.J. and Irene Kaminski, 2912 South 10th Ave. Broadview, IL 60155-4830. Tel: 708-345-8244. E-mail <michael0642@ameritech.net>

**11th Engineer (C) Bn. Assn.** Sept. 26-30 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Dr. Moonachie, NJ 07074-1239. Tel: 201-641-5828.

**26th Inf. Scout Dog Plt.**, Sept. 27-29, Contact Robert E. Fickbohm, RR 1, Box 119, Newell, SD 57760-9620

**Baker Co., 15th Regt.**, 3rd Inf. Div. Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 at Fort Bragg, NC. Contact Dr. Don Sonalla, Tel: 651-429-1634, e-mail <donsonalla@aol.com> or Bill Fortier, Tel: 845-758-2240.

**Heavy Mortar Co., 224th Regt., 40th Inf. Div.** Sept. 29-Oct. 3 in Las Vegas NV at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. Room rates are \$45.00, Sunday through Thursday. Bring the entire family and enjoy fabulous Las Vegas and visit nearby Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. The reunion is for all veterans that served anytime from 1950-1953. Contact Bob Humble, 305 Cedar Drive, Covina, CA 91723, Phone 626-966-6897, e-mail rih1930@aol.com.

**USS SATYR ASSN.** ARL 23, World War II - Korea - Vietnam, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, in San Antonio, TX, at the Howard Johnson Inn & Suites. For further information call Bill Janosco, President, AZ - Tel: 928- 453-6755, e-mail: <foojanosco@msn.com>. or Mel Bennett, Secretary, CA. Tel: 210-326-5091 email <mbennett3@socal.rr.com>

**USS ESSEX CV, CVA, CVS-9, LHD-2** Sept. 30 - Oct. 6 in Metairie, LA (New Orleans). Contact C. Leonard Schlamp, 2911 Rugby Ave., Evansville, IN 47711-3653. Tel: 1-812-437-9485, Web Site: <http://www.ussexscv9.org> or E-mail <clschlamp@Juno.com>

## October 2002

**1st Ordnance MM Co.**, 328 Ord, 60th Ord Gp., All members, Oct. 2-4, in Perryville, MD. Contact Bill Bourque, Tel: 508-822- 6965.

**USS VALLEY FORGE CV45, CVA45, CVS45, LPH8, CG50** All hands including air groups and Marines, Oct. 2-6 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Gordon Wilcher, 1241 N. El Prado Dr. Ridgcrest Ca. 93555

**C-1-7 1st. Mar. Div.** Korea 50-53, Oct. 3-7 in Pittsburgh Pa. Contact Bill Farrell, 19 Centre Village Dr., Madison, Ct. 06443. Tel: 203-318-1889 or e-mail <willydoro@aol.com>

**To all Division Artillery Battalion Members** (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7. Join Corps Artillery Alliance reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net>

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**11th Evac. Hospital - Won-Ju**, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 4-6 at the Morings Hotel in Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306-4100. Tel: 1-718-987-3557.

**5th Comm Grp/934th Sig. Bn.** Oct. 9-13 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn, Kissimmee, FL. We invite all who served in these units from 1950-1954 to join us for our 14th reunion. For information contact Don Colthart 1290 Walton Av. Deltona, FL 32738. Tel: 386- 574-0409.

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**U.S. S. Oglethorpe** AKA 100, October 10-13 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Ron Williamson 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823. Tel: 908-475-4435 or E-mail at <mistyl@epix.net>

**The 28th General Hospital Service**, 1951- 1954 Croix Chapeau, France, Oct. 10-13 in Taos, New Mexico at the Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte Taos, New Mexico. Contact Vernon N. Kerr, P.O. Box 1228, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Tel: 505- 661-6123 or E-mail <Kerrisma@msn.com>

**Navy Fighter Squadron VF-54** Oct. 10-13 at Norfolk Best Western Center Inn (1-800-237-5517), Norfolk, Virginia. Contact: Glenn W. Ward, 2240 N. Trenton, Arlington, VA 22207-4039, Tel: 703-527-7315, or e-mail <wardgw@erols.com>.

**44th INF. DIV. IL GUARD**, (Active duty 1952-1954 Korean War). All units Division former members. Oct. 11-13 in Peoria, IL. Contact Duane F. Heward, 505 W Merle Ln. Peoria, IL. 61604. Tel: 1-309-682-6519. Or e-mail <dfheward1@aol.com>

**1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn.**, Oct. 11-13, at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC. All veterans who served in the Battalion are invited. Contact Warren Rehfeldt, 509 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098. Tel: 920-262-2955. E-mail: <jar-wrr@execpc.com>.

**New Zealand Korea Veterans Assn.** We invite you and all other Korean Veterans to share in our Reunion in Oct. 11-13. Why not plan a holiday in New Zealand. See Hawke's Bay and Napier. Hawke's Bay is on the East Coast of the North Island. Napier is on the sea coast with a port and an airport with link lines to main international airports. Napier is a small city. It is Wine Country, an Art Deco World, the largest Gannet Colony in the world, the fruit Bowl of New Zealand, Timber Exports, a vast Processing Plant for fruit and vegetables, a National Aquarium in the making, and an Equable Climate. We would love to have you visit and share not only in our Korean celebrations, but in the beauty and vigor of our community if there is any further information that you need, contact NZ Korea Veterans Assn. 55 Tanner Street, Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, NZ or call Ray Perry at (06) 878 6942 or Peter Grover at (06) 877 4060 Fax: (06) 877 0391 or e-mail at <petergrover@xtra.co.nz>. See Website: [www.rsanapier.co.nz](http://www.rsanapier.co.nz).

**The USS Furse Association** DD/DDR 882 is looking for shipmates who served between 1945 and 1972 for a reunion to be held Oct. 16-20 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Contact Maurice C. "TUT" Tuttle at e-mail <ussfurse@aol.com> or tel 631-749-0274 or P. O. Box 890, Shelter Island, NY 11964.

**224th Inf. Regt. Assn.**, (Korea), Oct. 16-20 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. San Antonio, TX, 1-800-288-3927. Contact Arnold Muniz, 214 Vivian Ln., San Antonio TX 78201. Tel: 1-210-736-4770.

**279th Inf. Regt. Assn. of the 45th Inf. Div.** Oct. 18 20 at Western Hills Guest Ranch near Wagoner, OK. Contact Lee E. Fry, 804 N. Main St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Tel: 918-251 8842. Transportation from Tulsa Airport to Western Hills furnished by 279th Assn.

**86th Ordnance Company Association**, Oct. 22-24 at the Holiday Inn in Denver, PA. Contact: Richard Schildbach, 101 So. Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

**Veterans of the Korean War**, Oct. 23-26 at VA. Beach, VA. All branches welcome. Contact, Floyd Newkirk, 608 Kingston Dr. VA. Beach, VA. 23452. Tel: 757-340-9801 or e-mail <fnewkirk@cox.net> Web Site, VKWR.org

**75th F.I.S. (early 50's), Presque Isle, Maine and Suffolk County, NY** Oct. 23-27 in Jekyll Island, GA. Contact Richard Jopprrne. Tel: 301-662-0752 or Bo Green. Tel: 912-264-2721

**72nd Engineers Combat Co.**, Korea, Oct. 28-31 at the Hershey Farm Inn, Strausburg, PA. Contact Bob Mount, 6518 Fish hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Tel: 301-898-7952, Fax: 301-898-5549.

## November 2001

**40th Inf. Div, 160th Regt., Co. E** 1950 1953 Cal., Japan, Korea Nov. 3-5 in Laughlin, Nev. Contact: Jim Bork, Tel: 928-567 6334 or e mail <jobork@msn.com>

**The USS WASP CV/CVA/CVS-18** Association is seeking any members of Ship's Company, Air Groups and Marines who served aboard the ship between 1943 and 1972, for both membership and information about it's Cruise Reunion which is scheduled for Nov. 9 - 15, 2002 out of Miami, FL. Contact PH1 Richard G. VanOver, USNR (Ret), 6584 Bunting Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127-3635 Tel: 716-649-905.





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

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### Planned Events 2002

Date	Event	Location	Lead
15 March (12:00-3:00 p.m.)	Media and The Korean War Conference	San Francisco State University	Antonio Montanari, Jr (415-206-1821)
6 April (10:00-11:00 a.m.)	Regional Joint Service Commemoration Ceremony (Southeastern US)	Risaukus Plaza, Savannah Riverway, Savannah, GA	Lt Gary Jones (703-602-6713)
11 April (10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)	Korean War Commemorative Events	Camp Lejeune, NC .	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
4 May (9:00-10:00 a.m.)	Regional Joint Service Commemoration Ceremony (Western US)	Steele Indian School Park Phoenix, AZ	CPT Ed Hooks (703-604-0821)
9 May (8:45 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.)	Symposium '02	Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Pensacola, FL	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
10 May (7:30 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.)	Symposium '02	Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Pensacola, FL	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
27 May (3 p.m.)	Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony	Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
25 June (9:00 a.m.)	Wreath laying Ceremony	Arlington National Cemetery	Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
26-27 June	50th Anniversary of the Korean War Symposium	Old Dominion University Norfolk, VA	Mary Denyes (757-441-2965)
23-28 July	KWVA National Convention	Washington, DC	Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
27 July (7:00-8:15 p.m.)	Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans Concert	DAR Constitution Hall Washington, DC	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822) Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
9-14 Aug	DAV National Convention	Dallas, TX	Lt Gary Jones (703-602-6713)
10-17 Aug	AMVETS National Convention	Louisville, KY	CPT Edward Hooks (703-604-0821)
23-29 Aug	American Legion National Convention	Charlotte, NC	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
24-30 Aug	VFW National Convention	Nashville, TN	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822)
September	Regional Joint Serv. Commemoration Ceremony	Oklahoma City, OK	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
September	POW MIA Commemoration Ceremony	Punchbowl Cemetery	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822)

(To be updated each issue as required)



# Images of Korea



**Photos by James J. Husak, H Co. 160th Inf. Regt. 40th Inf. Div. 1953**

James states, some pictures are on Heartbreak Ridge, Custel Rock or Commies Nose. We were Heavy Water Cooled Thirty (I assume 30 cal Machine guns???) next to Tanks and Forward Observers. So the 40th was there. (Thanks Jim, but more detail on photos would help. Editor.)

**Photos by Richard Fastenau - 338 Village Blv'**



Picture of the front page of the New York Times with photo taken in Seoul in 1960, when the Army took over. Note city hall building in background..



Trucks with U N Troops returning. ( hope someone is able to recognize himself )



Casualty entering receiving of 8055 MASH; Spring 1952. for triage.



Dr. Stan Haberek doing triage at 8055 MASH, Spring 1952.



Casualty evacuation by helicopter from 2nd BN, 279th Inf. Regt. 45th Inf. Div, (Poison White Aid Station) Feb. 1952. Chorwon Valley. (

I was 'Bn Surgeon' for 2nd Bn., 279 Inf. Regt., 45 Inf. Div, from Sept. 1951 until Dec. 1952 being almost 12 months on the line in North Korea with the Bn.' An interesting comment at this time,- when I was in blocking in Nov. 1952 I flew back to Surgeon General's office in Seoul to ask why I was still on the line with almost 1 year in combat and to be discharged in 4-5 weeks to get home to New York, -after much delay searching for my records, I was told that I was recorded as 'stateside' several months previously!! Another interesting fact which I never reported, - is that I was sent to the Bn Aid Stat without any basic training which eventually got me into trouble not knowing procedures, saluting, etc. to the officers in Korea. (as well as OK. & CA). Alfred M. Beyer, M.D. (Thank you Dr. Beyer for photos and titles)





National Police, ROK Soldiers and ROK Vets are marching in demonstrating against the signing of a truce back in July of '53. City hall building is in background, Seoul. This was my picture, but I found it hard to take when our troops were still up front.



Students demonstrating against truce in Seoul.



Entrance at "Operation Little Switch" Aug. 20-26. POW exchange of most sickest UN prisoners. Big switch came Sept. 6.



More trucks with U N Troops returning. ( hope someone is able to recognize himself )



More troops coming out after they are checked thru. (This looks more like "Operation Big Switch.")



Photos By Dr. Alfred M. Beyer - 285 W Shore Dr. Massapequa, NY 11758-8225



Landing 2 Bn, 279th Inf. Regt., 45 Inf. Div. Inchon harbor, Dec. 28, 1951. onto beaches by LST (?)



MASH 8055 - Spring, 1952, located north of Seoul towards Chorwon valley.



Actress Betty Hutton at show for troops, 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. - Spring 1952.



## Korea – 50 years Ago (In Color)



**Debarking 2 Bn, 279 Inf Regt, 45 Div Inchon harbor, Dec. 28, 1951.**



**Debarking 45 Div. Inchon, harbor Dec. 28, 1951 - (replacing 1st Cav.)**



**Navy hospital ship, Inchon harbor, Dec. 28, 1951. (Repose or Comfort.)**



**Actor Mickey Rooney following show for 45 Div. Spring, 1952.**



**View of "Old Baldy" to the Northeast, Aug. 31, 1951. 1st Bn. 17th Inf. attacked on this day and this is the section taken by 1st Bn. Red air panel on peak placed by point.**

Many thanks to Dr. Alfred M. Beyer, (Inchon, Mickey Rooney) photos - and Peter Doyle, Jr. ("Old Baldy") photos. They sent others that were color and B & W and I will print them on this page and other sections in future issues.— V. Krepps Editor.



**Machine Gunner, Sgt. Harry (Stewart, Jr.) Stepp from Kentucky on "Old Baldy" D Co. 17th Regt., 7th Inf. Div. August 31, 1951, same day of attack.**

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