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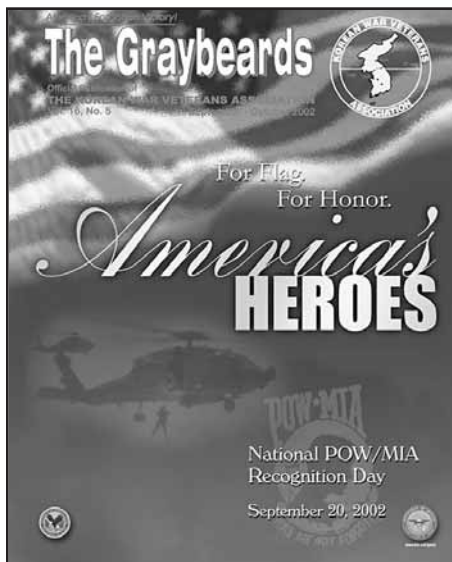
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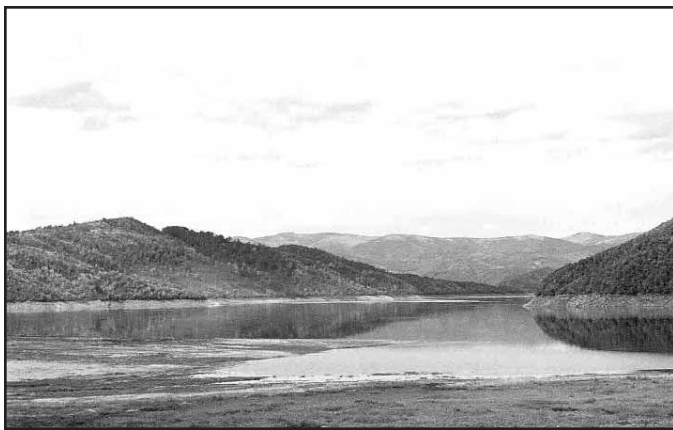
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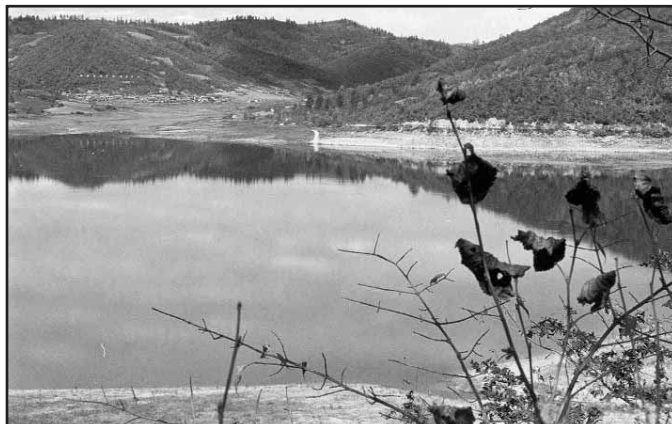
#### 2002 Poster

The poster depicts a proud America, committed to accounting for its missing in action servicemen and women. Historically, that commitment is symbolized by the somber, black POW/MIA flag, remembering those who never returned from the field of battle from all conflicts.



**ABOVE:** Chosin Reservoir survey site on east side.

**RIGHT:** Chosin Reservoir, east side near village.



Yet, young warriors are today serving their nation in harm's way. In all corners of the globe, the fighting spirit of a united America is seen every day on the battlefield. While we must seek a full accounting of those missing from previous conflicts, we must also look to the future. Americans serving in harm's way know that the full might and power of the United States will be employed to bring them home. A battlefield rescue, in today's images, is shown to symbolize the nation's commitment to today's warriors.

The dominant theme is clear. We all serve a great nation, and the red, white and blue symbolizes a history and a dedication that inspires heroes to carry that banner forward.

"For Flag. For Honor. America's Heroes." This nation must never forget. Friday, September 20, 2002 is the day each of us must pause to honor those who have gone before us, those who never returned, and those who today serve on foreign battlefields.

*(See Recovery Photos on back page #72 and DPMO Update on Page # 13.)*

### Remains Accounting:

■ During Operation Glory in 1954, North Korea returned over 2,900 remains and identified. Over 25,000 identified from remains recoveries in South Korea during and following the war years. Those that could not be identified from all recoveries were 848 buried in 1956 at the Punchbowl in Hawaii as unknowns.

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

50 years ago many of us were waiting for the Korean War to end. The peace talks at Panmunjom had been slow and had difficulty with the POW issue.

The front line had been going back and fourth. It became a political war and not a soldier war. I will never understand how over 33,000 KIA, 100,000 wounded and 7,500 POWs can be called a Conflict or a Police Action. Have you ever seen a cop driving a Russian built Tank with a 90-mm cannon? Or had a conflict with your wife, girlfriend, or other friends. It took from

1950 until 1999 for Korea to be declared a war. Then it was by presidential action.

Now we have waited over 10 years to get a National Charter. It is now time for the Korean War Veterans to get their National Charter. The 50th Commemoration Committee commissioned by the Congress to Commemorate the Korean War has done an outstanding job of bringing recognition to the Korean War Veterans. There are many more events planned.

There were seven sets of remains returned (See DPMO Updates) that were located near the Chosin and Unsan. They will be sent to CLHI in Hawaii for identification. Lets hope they can be identified and bring a closure for some family members.

By the time you read this message I will have returned from North Korea where we observed the searching of remains at the Chosin Reservoir and Unsan area on the West Coast. That is the area where I was captured. I know that it will be tough and emotional but I feel we still owe a sacrifice to the families that lost loved ones and do not know what happened to them.

Till next time  
Harley



July 26, 2002, National President Harley J. Coon and wife Sylvia was invited to a reception at the home of General James L. Jones, 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. Photo by USMC Sgt. Paull.



Coon shown with North Korean guide with Taedong River in background. Harley is the first Ex-POW to return to the North.

## Korean Dolls Offered to Vets



Hand carved dolls, from left, Kimche Lady, Papasan, Mamasan and Holy man. See Ad on page 28 and story below. A great gift to a Korean War Veteran during the upcoming holidays.

Some 52 years ago Walter Andrews between Christmas and New Years in 1950 was with the 3rd TMRs. As the Chinese was approaching everything was heading south. Walter saw a elderly man having a hard time keeping up with others that was retreating. Walter told the old man that he was getting a train ready to pull out of the station and that if he waited he would pick him up and ride him south.

Walter did pick up the old man and when he had time he asked the man where he was from and what he did. The old man turned out to be a wood carver and had a small shop in Pusan. He was in Seoul to see relatives.

The old man was so grateful to Walter that he showed him how he carved and gave him a set of hand carved dolls shown in photo. Walter never saw the old man again.

Walter pulled out those dolls and decided to make them available to other Korean War Veterans or who would want a set. See ad on page 28—Editor.

### GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later then the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: Sept-Oct 2002 articles must be received by editor no later then Sept 13. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

Military Shop - 4 color



## 10th Annual POW/MIA Week Planned

Preparation for the 10th annual POW/MIA week sponsored by the American EX-POW Hawaii Chapter and the Office of Veterans Affairs will begin on Sunday April 6, 2003 thru April 13, 2003. Wednesday April 9th, Prisoner of War Recognition Day will be observed at 10:00 AM in Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific.

This program is open to all POW's, widows, MIA families, friends, and Veterans. A collection of \$5 or \$10 will be taken to purchase wreaths to honor all living and deceased Prisoners of War, and the families of the Missing in Action. If you are coming, plan on your flights early and make your reservations at Hale Koa (military hotel) 1-800-367-6027, the other hotel nearby is the Outrigger (Ohana) Royal Islander.

Our Banquet Dinner will be on Saturday, April 12, 2003 at the Hale Koa Waikiki Ballroom starting at 5:30 PM with no host cocktail hour.

Request that the banquet dinner check for \$31.00 be made to EX-POW, Hawaii Chapter and mail to me. Aloha wear or casual clothing is the dress code for the week. Please bring your POW Service Cap. Your flight will bring you into Honolulu and it is only a 30-minute ride if the traffic is normal. Please take the shuttle bus to your hotel located outside of the baggage area. Hale Koa (Military) 1-800-367-6027 or fax 1-800-425-3329. Military ID card or sponsor with card must be at the hotel with you. The rate varies with rank and please make your reservation for Hale Koa as soon

as possible, you can always cancel later. Outrigger Islander please contact Doris Flath for your reservation.

I have talked to the manager Mr. Craig Richter and he and I requested that Doris call in for your reservation to the Big Island of Hawaii. Several years ago after our POW week, about 15 people were interested in taking a side trip to the Big Island so we made it a three day trip. I am not a travel agent or care to be one but Hawaii is my home island and I was happy to get this group for our safari — and now some of the last group is interested again for this return trip so I will try to accommodate them providing I have at least 15 people so we can rent 3 vans for comfort and control.

Monday, April 14, 2003 take the morning flight to Hilo and drive up to Volcano National Park staying at the Kilauea Military Camp for one night.

Tuesday, Apr. 15th drive to Kona and stay at one of the hotels in Kailua with visit to the old Hawaiian village and Coffee Mill.

Wednesday Apr. 16th drive to Hilo and visit a lot of places, possibly spend two nights in town. I will do most of the set up arrangement so with group travel we get a better rate. Air fare, hotel rooms and the vans will have to be reserved early so we can stay together and not get lost.

Nick Nishimoto,  
2344 Ahakuka Pl.  
Pearl City, HI. 96782  
Tel: (808) 455-5088.

## National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

At present I am getting ready the report forms for the past six months, the chapter representatives should have them in the next few days. Also at this time, I would like for all the chapters to send in the names of their VAVS people. As stated before, YOU MUST BELONG TO THE ORGANIZATION, TO BE COUNTED.

The VAVS program is still going in the right direction, but the only problem I am encountering is the request of the Chapters for Representatives and Deputies. The proper way is that you notify me with the name,

address and phone number of whom you want to place. I will check them out at the hospital and then certify them. The VAVS is not to certify them.

The address is:

Korean War Veterans Assn.  
National VAVS Representative  
35 East Chestnut St., 4th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you wish to reach me by phone, the number is 614-225-0540

God Bless and Keep Up the Good Work!  
Mike

### COVER from page 3

▪ Later 19 more were buried as unknowns. One was interred at Tomb of Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery for the Korean War.

▪ 1954 to 1990, North Korea was asked by the U.N. to search for and return more MIAs.

▪ From 1990 to 1994, North Korea returned 208 sets of remains. Due to improper recovery only 9 sets of remains have been identified.

▪ From July 1996 through November 2000, with an improved joint recovery efforts in place, this resulted in 107 sets of remains returned. 8 sets have been identified.

▪ In 2001, five joint recovery missions were scheduled. This was the largest remains recovery for one year. 45 sets of remains were recovered.

▪ In 2002, disagreements with North Korea resulted in cutback of recoveries. Only three joint recoveries were scheduled with two completed and one ongoing. These missions resulted in 15 sets of remains recovered.

*(The above came from DPMO references and was reviewed by same by e-mail and telephone on 9-16-02. There is still over 8,000 MIAs. With efforts like those described above and improved efforts by all, we hope to see thousands more come home. — Vincent A. Krepps, KWVA POW/MIA Co-Chairman and Editor)*

### REVISIT KOREA

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THOMAS JIN  
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LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

July 25, 2002 at 8:30 AM

### Opening Ceremonies

- Welcome to all by President Harley Coon
- Invocation by the Assistant National Chaplain Howard W. Camp.
- Pledge of allegiance by Director Richard "Dick" Adams.

### Roll Call

Present were Pres. Harley J. Coon, 1st Vice Pres. seat is vacant, 2nd Vice Dorothy Schilling and the Board of Directors: Warren Weidhahn, James F. Jones, P.G. Bob Morga, Theodore Trousdale, Dick Adams, Kenneth Cook, Larry McKinniss, Joseph Pirrello, Don Byers, John J. Edwards, Jerry Lake, Michael Mahoney

President Coon asked that there should be unity among those present for the good of the organization.

Reading of minutes from the Las Vegas meeting was accepted with corrections. Director Trousdale presented a list of corrections for those minutes. Please see appendage "A" for corrections. *Motion by Jerry Lake 2nd by Jack Edwards. Passed*

Treasurer's Report by Thomas Gregory was presented, Total assets as of June 30, 2002 is \$642,054.64 *A motion by Larry McKinniss to accept report and seconded by Bob Morga. Motion carried.*

Financial Report given by Mr. Gregory.

*A motion by Jerry Lake and 2nd by Larry McKinniss to present the budget report at the mid winter meeting to allow for the new members to vote on same. Passed.*

*A motion by Jerry Lake and 2nd by Larry McKinniss to continue business meeting in absence of those that departed but no business was to be acted upon. Passed.* At this point in time four board members had to leave the meeting and meet with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi. Reports given during that period of absences were from as follows: Judy Baird Murphy presented a report on the facilities at Branson Mo.

The report contained all facts concerning holding some future meetings at Branson.

Mike Glazzy from California propose holding annual reunion meeting outside of D.C. starting in 2004.

Col. Bill Neal of the 50th

Commemoration committee explained how their personnel are at work in promoting the upcoming events for the 50th anniversary of the signing of the truce in 2003.

Meeting recessed until the hour of 3:30 PM

### The meeting reconvened at 3:30 PM

Roll call was given and all were present. The finance committee presented some items for consideration by the board

*A motion by Don Byers and 2nd by Kenneth Cook to donate \$500 dollars to Joseph House of Cincinnati Ohio for the aid and comfort of homeless veterans. Passed seven to six.*

*A motion by Kenneth Cook and 2nd by Jack Edwards to donate an amount of \$5400 to the "Mission To Amerasian Children Of Korea. Passed.*

*A motion to donate \$10,000 to the scholarship fund was tabled*

*A motion by Jack Edwards and 2nd by James F. Jones Jr. to donate \$10,000 to the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation. Passed* Warren Weidhahn explained the functioning of the foundation.

A request by the finance committee to set aside \$45,000 for the 2003 Fiftieth Commemoration.

*A motion by Jerry Lake and 2nd by Larry McKinniss to allow this request.. Passed*

*A motion by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by Kenneth Cook to send all Resolutions pertaining to changing of the dues and giving refunds to the states to the By-Laws committee for consideration. Passed*

*A motion on the request to repay the Dept of Florida for the reimbursement of \$1195.88 was made by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by Dick Adams and a stipulation was made that substantiation of proof be presented at the Mid-winter meeting for payment. Passed*

*A motion by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by James F. Jones Jr. to table a Resolution by Santa Clara County Chapter #6 of California concerning the Myrda lawsuit and the alleged embezzlement of funds by former treasurer John Maison. Passed*

*A motion by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by Jerry Lake to reappoint Thomas Gregory as Treasurer; Howard W. Camp as Secretary, Asst Treasurer; and Asst, National Chaplain, James F. Jones Jr.,*

*Joseph Pirrello and Dorothy Schilling to the financial committee. Passed*

*A motion to reduce the needed quorum of 100 to 75 was tabled.* This is Article 4 Section 6.

Vincent Krepps presented a detailed report of the *Graybeards* Magazine for the past five years. It explains the financial growth i.e., income and reduction of the cost of producing the best magazine for veterans that there is. *Well done Vince.*

Michael Mahoney as VAVS Chairman presented a good report on the KWVA doings at VA facilities. A total of over \$1,000,000 in time, monies, and services. *Well done Mike*

A report on plans to establish a National Headquarters in the D.C. area and that of hiring a National Executive Director was presented by Warren Weidhahn and Don Byers. Discussion followed. Approximate cost per year was \$98,200. *Well done gentlemen.*

President Coon apologized for the inconvenience caused by some of the members having to leave during the morning hour.

President Coon read a letter from Kenneth Cook concerning Richard Wainwright contacting the CPA in regards to the elections being held. Richard Wainwright said a violation resulted in that both CPA and election chairman resided in the same town.

The meeting was recessed until 5:40PM after the general membership on the 26th of July the next day.

The executive council meeting resumed at 5:40PM. July 26, 2002

*A motion by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by Jerry Lake whether or not to change the By-laws allowing the quorum for meetings to be changed from 100 members to 75 members. Passed 12 yeas-1 abs.*

*A motion by Larry McKinniss and 2nd by Michael Mahoney to reduce the necessary number of 100 for a quorum to 75. Passed*

*A motion to adjourn the executive council meeting by Dorothy Schilling and 2nd by Jerry Lake. Passed*

Any additions or corrections of these minutes can be made at the October meeting in Branson Mo. October 5 thru 9, 2002

Submitted by:

Howard W. Camp, National Secretary

**Pieces of History Ad-- 4 color**





# Listen Up

Official KWVA Notices and Announcements

KWVA Members;

I must tell you the distinct honor of being allowed to serve you as your National First Vice President almost overwhelmed me. You have inspired me to great heights and I know with your support I can not fail. This year we enter into an era of change. Change is not for the sake of change, but rather change that is necessary for the Good of the Order.

We must take advantage of those tools which will enable us to be more professional and allow us to streamline our operations and therefore help our members. Sometimes we allow ourselves to operate in a comfort zone, an attitude which resists change and in so doing we invite failure. We can not afford that. Considering these thoughts, I now challenge each of you to support those you have elected. Remember, through the democratic process of majority rule, you elected those officers. It is now your solemn duty to support them. I will not bore you with membership and how vital it is to KWVA survival.

However, just think, if each one of our members recruited just one member this year, and we could you know, we would be the largest Korean War Veterans organization in U. S. "What a thought." Our veterans rights would be enhanced and we would truly be Veterans helping Veterans. "Let's have a great year!" I invite all of you to join me in the challenges which the next year promises, especially in the area of increased awareness of our image and involvement in the community. At times, the effort expended may seem a bit overwhelming, but I assure you the reward will compensate. There will be times when criticism and a

seeming lack of support may tend to veer us away from our goals. However, we were elected to our positions because our members believe in our abilities and dedication and we must not disappoint them. It is our leadership which must demonstrate a "Thumbs Up" positive attitude, an attitude which spells success.

I invite you to put a true effort into our activities in the community in which we live. I ask you to cross the racial and ethnic lines which sometimes limit our thoughts and activities. I ask you to especially involve your chapter membership in the volunteerism program which encompasses the "Mentor Program." While membership must always be of the up most importance, I am convinced true involvement in the community will be richly rewarding and will provide us with the vehicle to success in our membership enhancement. Let us do the things we need to do. Let us enjoy doing these things in team effort, involving the total membership. Let us forget to criticize and remember to help.

Here, in KWVA, we are a breed apart. Here, when the challenge is presented to us, we as a team will demonstrate to all Americans that we indeed have "Courage Under Fire". "Then, Now and Always".

Jack Edwards  
Membership Chairman,  
Chapter Formation  
David MacDonald  
KWVA Membership Committee  
Sam Naomi  
KWVA Membership Committee  
[See addresses on page 2]

## Book Review



### Hills Of Sacrifice

By Michael Slater

#### About the Author

Malcolm Calhau who was KIA on 23 March 1951 leading 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Fox Company, 5th RCT up Hill 814 in the ROK. Slater has interviewed numerous veterans ranging from riflemen to battalion commanders.

Slater is a graduate of The Citadel and American Military University. His passion in life is visiting WWII and Korean War era battlefields.

#### The Book

This is a moving account of a premier Army unit during one of the Nation's most costly, yet least remembered, wars. Battle action is seen through the eyes of the men who endured those horrors.

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Foreword written by LTGEN Alpha Bowser, G-3, 1st Marine Division, Korea 1950-1951.

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# Images of Korea



Becher, Bob, Sgt, Tex, Gray, Hampton, Spiece.  
Christmas Night 1952 Army Tent, Korea.



Our sign by the Pond



Tex, Spiece, Hale, Wiendery, Bob Gibson(Army)  
Shimmel, Judge, Swift Christmas 1952, Korea



Barnes, Morgan, Milleton, Bob Judge. Christmas Night  
1952 - Army Tent, Korea



Jim Hines, AL, Paul Hampton, NC,  
Spiece, PA., Don Lucas, Conn.  
December 25, 1952



Left is Marine bakery. Right is water trailer and  
wash board. Hoszer, Army, I call him "Ike".  
Putting gas in our tent light. Christmas 1952.



Bob Judge, the ball player, on the  
field in back of the track in our area  
for shows.

**Photos by Bob Judge, 5 Harvey Ave.  
Edison, NJ 08820-3823 Tel: 732-494-2093**

*(Thank you Bob Judge for the great photos and letter. I hope some of these veterans will contact you. You should also put a looking for on our internet web page [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and others linked to us.)*

There are a few pictures of me, a few Marines and Army men all together in our area. Mostly Christmas day and night 1952 spent together. We were Marines with the Salvage & Grave Registration. and the Army men were with Army Graves Registration. A lot of the men I forgot their names until I read the back of the pictures. It has been about 49 years ago. We had a good time with these guys and we all got along pretty good together. So if anyone sees their picture in these photos, please call or write to me. (See address and telephone number above.



**Photos by Eileen Goetz - 2710  
Walnut St. Hays, Kansas 67601**

Left, Vernon Goetz working at  
his desk in the morning. Vernon  
wrote his wife stating "It isn't  
too often I work.. On right, in  
Korea with 82nd AAA Bn. Hdq.  
Btry, 2nd Inf Div., 1950-51.



*Vernon passed away on May 7, 2002. Eileen, his wife said he always enjoyed the Graybeards and planning and spending time with the 82nd AAA reunions. (Thank you Eileen for photos and letter. I remember the reunion at Ft. Smith, Arkansas and the great time spent with Vernon and you. He will be missed. I know what he went through in Korea and the many friends he lost. A true hero among many heroes. He will be missed by all. -Vince Krepps, 82nd AAA)*





I believe this helicopter was used for reconnaissance.

*(Thank you Jacques Doyle for photos and letter. Great photos but quality not the best. Hope they will print well. I did not have room for map. -Editor.)*



Hill "418" was on our MLR overlooking the Yokkok-Chon Valley



Old Baldy Hill 275. 45th Div. 179th Regt. Co. A. Cpl. Jacques K. Doyle handling the communications while other soldiers watch the Chinese on Hill 223.

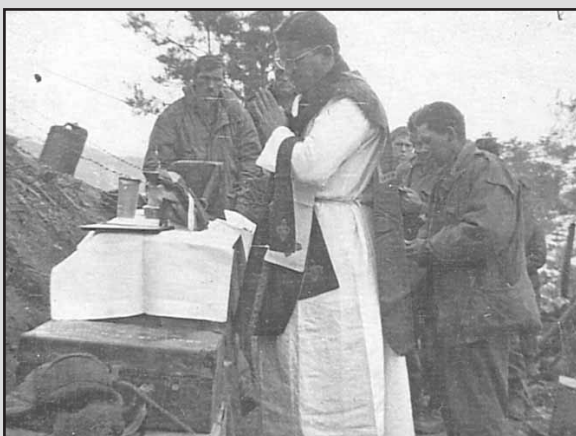


Photos J. K. Doyle,  
128 Hancock Road,  
Port Crane, NY 13833

"Old Baldy"



The searchlight was played over the Chinese lines on dark nights - worked very well.



179th, Co A Patrol  
the back "Old  
Baldy."



Mass being said for Co. A, 179th Regt. in early January 1952.  
Left to right Giordano, Bob O'Brien, Priest, Jack Wittman and  
Philip Petry (Serving Mass). Sgt. Wittman was killed on 1-23-52  
on left of Baldy. Philip Petry was killed on 6-1-52 near Hill 191.

Old Baldy, January  
- February 1952.  
John "Jack"  
Jamieson and his  
60 MM mortar  
team. Jamieson,  
Giordano & ?.



More .....➤



# Images of Korea



"Killer" Keller, M Co., 19th Regt., 24 Div. March 1951 - Taking a break.



Sgt. Wright, Cpl. Hammond and Cpl. Stacy. M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. Spring 1951.



M.Sgt. Earl, (Pete) Vowell, M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. March 1951.



Photos by Lewis Wright, 14528 Wiley Street, San Leandro, CA 94579  
Tel: 510-351- 5893

Sgt. Lewis Wright, M Co., 19th Regt., 24th Div. March 1951 Well Armed 38 Cal Pistol.

*(Thank you Lewis for the great photos. I hope some of your buddies will write to you or see the photos.)*

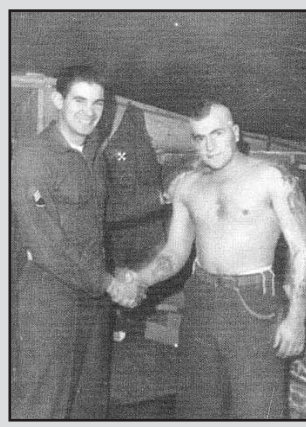


Dec. 18, 1950 Chicago Daily News or Herald American. Photo of Pfc. Marvin Nigg with Burp Gun of Chinese soldier. By Fred Sparks War Correspondent AP News



1952 (L to R) Santopietro, John Jannaccio, and Joe Ferracci.

*(Thank you John for photos. Would have been better if we had more detail on photos. I hope some of your buddies named will contact you. No detail on the Pfc. Nigg photo. Also location of photos shown would help. Too late now but others sending in photos take heed. - Editor.)*



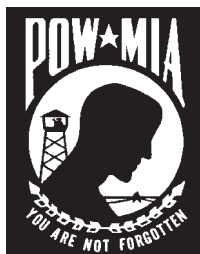
Eighth Army - 568th Ordnance HM Co, Korea - 1952. Person on left not named. John A. Jannaccio on right.

Photos by John Jannaccio  
500 Woodside Ave., Apt. 236,  
Middlebury, CT 06762

Joe Ferracci, (left) John A. Jannaccio, (center), and no name for person on right. Korea 1952.



**Veterans, I have many photos from the past to print, so do not send me old stateside photos. If you want them back I need a self addressed envelope with proper postage to return them. If you have not done so and you wish old photos shown in past issues returned, I also need the issue photos were shown. I can not return recent photos. Do not have the time. -Editor.**



# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR  
DOCUMENT FAMI-  
LY RESEARCH

August 19, 2002

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

Remains believed to be those of seven American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War will be repatriated in formal ceremonies on Tuesday in Korea.

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

A joint team operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea recovered six sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces November-December 1950. Additionally, a second team recovered one set of remains in the area along the Chong Chon River near the junction of Unsan and Kujang counties, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The area was the site of battles between Communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

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

The Defense Department's Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) negotiated terms with the North Koreans in June, which led to the scheduling of three operations this year. This repatriation marks the end of the first of this year's three operations. The remaining two operations are set for Aug. 24-Sept. 24 and Sept. 28-Oct. 29.

Twenty-three individual joint operations have been conducted since 1996 in North Korea, during which 159 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers have been recovered. Thirteen have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with military honors. Another 12 are in the final stages of the forensic identification

process.

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

## Family Updates

Direct Accessibility and Personal Attention for the Greatest Number of Family Members: The Family Support team puts together "Family Updates" presented by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office.

These meetings help to resolve uncertainties by illuminating the facts and informing the family members of American missing. We conduct meetings monthly in different geographical areas throughout the United States selected to provide direct accessibility, enhanced communication and personal attention for the greatest number of family members. We present information in a straightforward and open manner to assist families in understanding the U.S. Government effort to achieve the fullest possible accounting of our missing in action – from all wars.

To participate in this program, contact your respective service casualty office. Please view the current schedule for family update meetings.

### Design of the Meetings:

We design these meetings for POW/MIA family members using comments from family members who have participated in previous family updates. Additionally, we present new information as it becomes available.

### Determine Sites Best Suited or Direct Accessibility:

We post the home location of all the "primary next of kin" for POW/MIAs on a map of the US. The respective casualty offices provide the addresses. Based on the posted home locations we identify concentrations of family members and select large cities within those concentrations. Our reasoning is to ensure lodging and transporting availability. Then we draw three hundred-mile radii around the identified cities. This takes into consideration same day travel requirements by family members. We then divide the country into geographic areas (i.e., East, South, Midwest, West and other) to ensure we cover all areas. Next, we select a location from a geographic area while attempting to minimize overlapping radii. Finally, we send

out invitations to family members to attend our meetings. These invitations go through the respective service casualty offices.

### Tailor Government Briefing Team to Enhanced Communication:

To provide the best possible speakers, the respective service casualty office provides DPMO with a list of family members who wish to attend. This allows DPMO an opportunity to research those particular family cases to ensure the government officials most familiar with their issues attend the meeting. Our "Research and Analysis" directorate provides informational packages on those cases represented by the attendees. Additionally, DPMO ensures a representative attends from the respective service casualty office.

### Results and Successes:

Since the onset of this program DPMO has met with thousands of family members representing hundreds of cases. Each meeting averages close to one hundred family members representing dozens of cases. Approximately 30% of the cases represent Vietnam-Era, while 60% represent Korean War era, and 10% represent World War II and Cold War eras. Our efforts have heightened the public's awareness of Government accounting efforts. Representative family comments point to the fact that these meetings are very informative and helpful.

### Closing Thoughts:

"Family Updates," help to open communications, lessen uncertainty, save families money and time, create networking, and allow access for families to US Government officials involved in the POW/MIA issue.

### 2002 Family Update Schedule

| Date         | Location           |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Oct 26 ..... | Salt Lake City, UT |
| Nov 16 ..... | Tampa, FL          |

### 2003 Family Update Schedule

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Jan 18 .....     | San Francisco, CA |
| Feb 22 .....     | Birmingham, AL    |
| Mar 22 .....     | Houston, TX       |
| Apr 26 .....     | Detroit, MI       |
| Jun 18-21 .....  | Washington, DC*   |
| July 25-26 ..... | Washington, DC**  |
| Aug 23 .....     | Seattle, WA       |
| Sept 20 .....    | St. Louis, MO     |
| Oct 18 .....     | Jacksonville, FL  |
| Nov 22 .....     | Phoenix, AZ       |

\*Annual Southeast Asia Government Briefing

\*\*Annual Korea/Cold War Government Briefing



## Monuments and Memories

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

## Alabama Remembers



Photo of our Alabama Korean War memorial, located at Battleship Alabama Memorial Park in Mobile Alabama. U.S. 90 Hwy.

*(Thank you Walter Ballard for photo of your super memorial.)*

## Kentucky Remembers



Olon Patterson (L) and Paul E. Riley of Alabama Chapter #2 stand in front of etching on clock tower showing Korean War veterans. This memorial is a Clock Tower in Kentucky

*(Thank you Paul Riley for corrections. See page 16 July-August issue. I normally do not make corrections. I also do not return current photos. Space and time is very limited. Editor.)*

## 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

## Mississippi Remembers



The 31st Inf. Div. did not go to Korea but sent 200 officers and 4,469 enlisted men. Sign is for WWI, WW2 and Korean War.

*(Thank you George Ellis for photo and letter. Great sign.)*

## South Dakota Remembers



**TOP:** Front of memorial at National Cemetery in Black Hills, SD. Veterans, wives and children at memorial on May 27, 2002.

**BOTTOM:** Back side of memorial with Chapter #160 members shown.

*(Thank you Elmer Trautman for photos and notes. Great memorial. Please send extra actual photos, not color copies, that I do not have to return.)*

## KWVA Members and Friends

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



## Ohio Remembers



Above, Korean War and Vietnam War Memorial in the City Park of Bellaire, Ohio. Korea on left, Vietnam on right. At left, James Wagenseller, (now deceased) addressing those attending .

*(Thank you Arthur D. Piatt for photos and letter. A beautiful memorial.)*

## Indiana Remembers



This parade truck honors KIA's from Whitley County: David Debolt, Glen Kimery, William Joy, John Wasson and Gene Ruby.



Memorial at Whitley County Court House in Columbia City, IN.

*(Thank you John Slabaugh for photos and letter. A great way to remember your KIA's and the Korean War.)*

## Florida Remembers

### The Villages, FL



Ceremonies held July 27, 2002 at The Villages, FL. honoring K WVA. Lake County, FL. Chapter, # 169, Color Guard (l - r) Paul Russell - Ray Wilkerson - Art Dube - Rev. Charles Marcelle.

### Ocala, FL



At left, Ray Wilkerson, member of Lake County, FL. Chapter 169 in front of his Ocala, FL. home where he created a Korean War Veterans Memorial. Ray a former MSgt with the 2nd Inf. Div. was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze star for valor and the Purple Heart for his actions in Korea. On right, Korean War Veterans Memorial created by Lake County, FL. Chapter #169 in front of Ray Wilkerson Ocala home.

*(Thank you Joe Turner for photos. A fine project to remember our veterans.)*

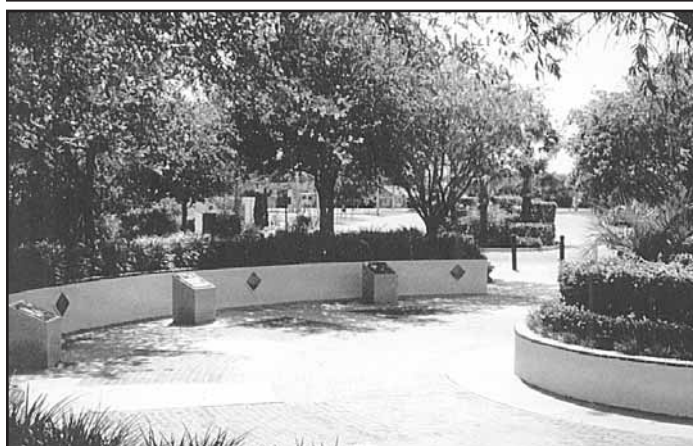
### Pinellas Park, FL



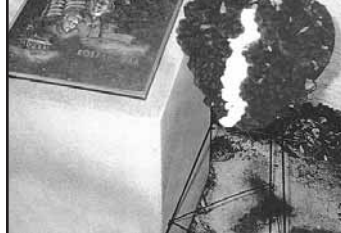
Future site of the Korean War Memorial at a ceremony on June 25, 2002 at Freedom Lake Park, Pinellas Park, FL. Dedication will take place on July 27, 2003. The Suncoast Chapter (Chapter #14) thanks all for their support of this patriotic endeavor.. Shown (l to r) Thomas Sunseri, James Paek, Jacob Feaster and Sam Farina.

*(Thank you Joan Arcand for photo and letter. Hope to get photo when memorial is dedicated.)*





Memorial honoring all veterans of all wars from the Revolutionary thru Desert Storm. All branches, units and honorably discharged Veterans can have a remembrance brick placed there.



A group of 44th Engrs. "The Broken Heart Bat." gather at the Korean pedestal and Plaque. They installed a brick in the walk to commemorate their visit. Shown (l-r) are Frank Harris, Clifton Thompson, Charles Doby, Web Compton, Bob Heishman and Ernest Caldwell.

(Thank you Ernie Caldwell for photos and letter. A great group of veterans, super memorial and special veterans.)

## Missouri Remembers

All of America's Veterans are being honored in two ways in Missouri. The Missouri General Assembly (legislature) agreed last year that Interstate 270, as it circles the City of St. Louis through surrounding communities, is to be known as the "American Veterans Memorial Highway." A new bridge over the Missouri River connecting St. Louis and St. Charles Counties will be named the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."



Veterans Memorial Bridge under construction.

Honoring Veterans was part of a two-year intense lobbying effort by the KWVA, the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) and other individual Veterans groups.

The Missouri Department of Transportation erected appropriate signs along I-270. Some 17 miles of highway.

The Missouri River bridge is scheduled for completion and opening by late summer 2003. When open to traffic next year, the new route will cover some 28 miles and also connect with I-270.

(Thank you John Morris for photo and letter. Great events to remember your veterans. I wish I could print all you sent but I think the above gets the point across that Missouri cares about its veterans and all of the veterans did a super job to make sure.)

## Minnesota Remembers



Veterans Memorial Highway sign located on Route 15.



Memorial located in downtown Fairmont.

(Thank you James Olinger for photos and letter. Super memorials. Sorry I can not use copied photos from printers and I can not read your handwriting. Your printing is good. Secretary is not needed, just print next time.)



## Massachusetts Remembers



Korean War Memorial in Charleston Navy Yard in Boston adds a new bench in memory to those that served and died at the DMZ.

*(Thank you V. Tarbassian for photo and letter. A great way to remember all that served in Korea to keep them a free country. All veterans that served in Korea want to be remembered.)*

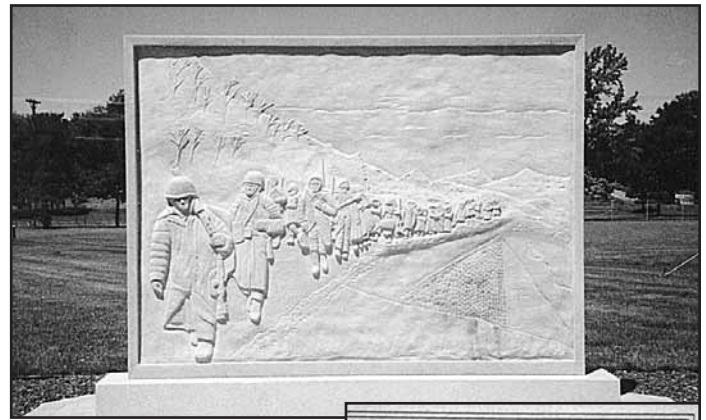
## Illinois Remembers



Pictured above is Korean War Memorial located in Oglesby Memorial Park. Stanley Urban and other local Veterans and friends are named on this memorial. Below, Stanley G. Urban, pointing to his name.

*(Thank you Rebecca Tesar (proud daughter of Stanley) for photos and letter. A great looking memorial and father. See story on page 6 July-August Graybeards.)*

## Springfield, IL

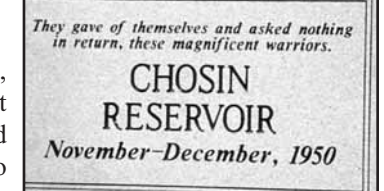


"The March Out Of The Chosin"

In 1999, Tom Green, owner of Arnold Monument Co., Springfield, IL, wanted to do something special to augment the Illinois Korean War Memorial. A Korean veteran himself, Tom elected to produce a sculpture of "The March Out Of The Chosin". The sculpture is 6' high, 8' long and weighs over 4,000 pounds. It was over two years in the making. The Illinois Korean Memorial Assn. paid for the base and footing. The children of the American Revolution raised \$1,600 toward the cost of the granite. The Riverton Hawk Pride and Shirley Bianco, wife of Korean veteran, Dominic also donated funds for this project. Tom Green and Arnold Monument Company provided the remainder of the cost and labor.

On 16th of June a ceremony was held at the State Memorial in Springfield to honor those serving in the Chosin Campaign late 1950. *(Thank you Hershall Lee for photos and data describing this ceremony. Great additions to a beautiful memorial. A lot of pride shown here for your Illinois veterans and I am sure they are grateful.)*

Wreath was part of ceremony held in Springfield honoring those in the Chosin campaign.



Remembering those that served at the Chosin. (Army & Marines)



## New York Remembers



This monument is positioned on the lawn at the Northwest corner of the Broome County, NY Courthouse, which is located on Court Street in Binghamton, NY. The stone itself is a highly polished black marble. On each end of the monument are



plaques inscribed with the names of the county residents who lost their lives in the Korean War. Mounted on each side of the monument is a 50 Cal. machine gun. To the rear of the monument are three flagpoles. The flag of the United States is permanently flown on one and the flag of the United Nations is permanently flown on the second. The third pole flies the colors, rotated daily, of the other countries that were part of the United Nations Command in Korea.

The driving force in making the monument a reality were three or four dedicated Korean Veterans obtaining the support of the Broome County Executive and the Mayor of the City of Binghamton and then soliciting funds from private individuals and businesses in the County.

*(Thank you Vincent McCormic for photo and letter. A special honor to local KIA's)*

## Pennsylvania Remembers

The following photos show the beautiful Philadelphia Korean War Memorial located at Penns Landing dedicated to 608 men from nearby counties that lost their lives in the Korean War. It was dedicated June 22, 2002. More was shown on page 17 and 18 of May-June Graybeards. Bottom right photo on page 17 and bottom left photo on page 18 were interchanged, thus text does not match photo.

*(Thank you Louis D'Ambrasio for photos and letter. Great memorial. Sorry for the error in the May-June issue. Editor.)*

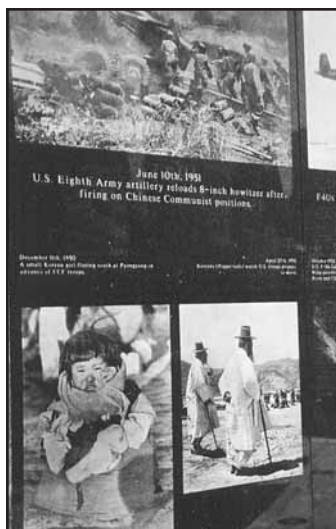


## Grandpops and American Cutie



Karl W. Sharples, past president of Chapter #38 of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) and granddaughter Chanel J. Ganues at dedication ceremony of new memorial.

*(Thank you Karl for photos. Please send extra originals next time. These look good but may not print well and that would be a shame.)*



### US. Veterans Friendship Tour of Turkey

Date: Oct. 27-Nov. 8, 2002.  
Cost is \$1,545 per person. A discount price of \$1,495 per person if you are a member of the Turkish Veterans Association.

Contact William Edward Alli, PO Box 1147, Bowie, MD 20718-1147. Tel: 301-464-5664 or e-mail at <wealli@erols.com>. Membership for American and Turkish Veterans Assn. "ATVA" is \$35.00 yearly. Forward your information and branch of service to William Alli at address shown above.

On the U.S. Veterans Friendship Tour of Turkey-2002 you will see fascinating and exotic historical sites in a land where Americans are welcomed and appreciated. Turkey is the site of great civilizations - Hittite, Hellenic/Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and others. Turkey is the home of fine cuisine, including outstanding wines and luscious desserts. You will enjoy these amidst pleasant weather and warm hospitality.

Beyond just the above, we - as Korean War veterans - will be commemorating the Korean War and having special people-to-people contacts. This aspect begins in Ankara, on October 29, as we veterans take our seats in

the VIP section of the reviewing stands, along with high government officials and various international guests, to see Turkey's National Republic Day parade. What an impressive sight - a real military parade.

We will lay a wreath at the Korean War Monument and also at the Mausoleum of the Founder of the Republic, Kemal Ataturk - the Hero of the Gallipoli Campaign, and the Great Reformer whose success in modernizing Turkey inspired leaders in other developing nations.

As honored guests, we will visit the military and naval academies. There we will meet with the cadets and staff. In addition to learning about them, we will talk about our own Korean War experiences, including contacts with our ally - the valiant soldiers of the Turkish Brigade.

We plan to meet active duty military personnel of Turkey and the U.S., because America and Turkey - as NATO allies - are again involved in a war. It is the War Against Terrorism.

There is an extension tour for \$645. Membership cost is \$595. Again contact William Alli for details.

### Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul

After the attack on America and during our country's current state of war, there is no better time to turn to those who have experienced such troubled times for comfort and guidance. Now the legacies and stories of veterans are living on in the New York Times best-seller, *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul*, a select collection of inspiring and gripping stories of heroism, bravery,

comradery, laughter and patriotism.

Tales of Gettysburg, Iwo Jima, Anzio, Guadalcanal, Omaha Beach, the Chosin Reservoir and Hamburger Hill are places woven into our national psyche because we all know someone who selflessly served their country in far-away places like these, defending the freedom we all share.

Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul celebrates these extraordinary men and women who changed the course of history.

You will be overcome with emotion from these powerful true stories of veterans and their families, many of whom are sharing their experiences for the first time. Whether they were Prisoners of War, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, USO volunteers, loved ones who waited at home, or GIs who battled daily in the trenches, they all put

their dreams on hold, held fast to their faith and overcame their fears in the name of freedom.

Whether you are a veteran yourself, are related to one or simply enjoy the rights that they fought so hard to defend, this remarkable book will leave you with a heightened admiration for our nation's best. For more info call: 888-387-6373, fax: 641-472-0719, e-mail: remember@vetstories.com Write: Veterans Stories, Inc., PO Box 1537, Fairfield, IA 52556.

Order personalized autographed copies of *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul* For every book you purchase 10% will be donated to The Korean War Veterans Assn. or its Chapters

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### Army Vet sentenced for Government Fraud

Associated Press Newswires  
Friday, September 13, 2002

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - An Army veteran who figured in the exposure of the refugee killings at No Gun Ri, South Korea, in 1950 was sentenced to nearly two

years in prison for defrauding the government, authorities said Thursday. Edward Lee Daily of Clarksville must spend 21 months in prison and three years of supervised release, and repay

Continued on page 55



*This story is reproduced from a story written by 1st Lieutenant Raymond M (Mike) Dowe, Jr. Lt. Dowe and Father Emil J Kapaun were taken prisoner when the Chinese Army overran the 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. on Nov. 2, 1950. Father Kapaun died in a Korean prison camp in May 1951 at the age of thirty five. For his exploits while serving as a Chaplain of the 8th Cav. Regt., he was awarded the Bronze Star with the "V" Device for Valor. For his heroism at the time of his capture, he was awarded, posthumously, the Distinguished Service Cross. Lt. Dowe's story follows:*

**H**e wore the cross of the Corps of Chaplains instead of the crossed rifles of the infantry, but he was, I think, the best foot soldier I ever knew, and the bravest man, and the kindest. His name was Emil Joseph Kapaun and he was a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. But the men he served in the prison camps of Korea didn't care whether he was Catholic or Baptist, Lutheran, or Presbyterian. To all of them, Catholic, Protestant and Jew alike, and to men who professed no formal faith at all, he was simply "Father" and each of them, when trouble came, drew courage and hope and strength from him.

He's dead now, murdered by the Red Chinese, and his body lies in an unmarked grave somewhere along the Yalu. But the hundreds of men who knew and loved him have not forgotten him. And I write this so that the folks at home can know what kind of man he was, and what he did for us and how he died.

The first thing I want to make clear is this: He was a priest of the Church and a man of great piety, but there was nothing ethereal about him, nothing soft or unctuous or holier-than-thou. He wore his piety in his heart. Outwardly he was all GI, tough of body, rough of speech, sometimes, full of the wry humor of the combat soldier. In a camp where men had to steal or starve, he was the most accomplished food thief of them all. In a prison whose inmates hated their communist captors with a bone-deep hate, he was the most unbending enemy of communism, and when they tried to brainwash him, he had the guts to tell them to their faces that they lied. He pitied the Reds for their delusions, but he preached no doctrine of turn-the-other cheek. I came upon him once sitting in the sunshine by the road. There was a smile on his face and a look of

# The Ordeal of Chaplain Kapaun

Submitted by Jack Edwards

his meditations, but I needed cheering, so I asked him "What are thinking of, Father?" "Of that happy day", he said, "when the first American tank rolls down that road. Then I'm going to catch that little so-and-so, Comrade Sun, and kick his butt right over the compound fence".

Such plain, blunt speech was typical of him. He always spoke in phrases that the moss unlettered soldier could understand, for he was the son of a Kansas farmer and he had a farmer's flair for down-to-earth, homely talk. In his religious services, which he doggedly held even though the Chinese threatened him, his brief sermons were deep, but every point he made struck home. Even the great mysteries of the Christian faith, which no man can fully comprehend,

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became clearer to us as he talked of them. He always spoke in parallels, relating the sufferings that Christ endured to those that we were forced to bear. As he spoke, the agony in the garden, the road to Calvary, the Crucifixion, became very real to us, who ourselves lived daily under the threat of death, and who bore our own crosses of blows, and cold, and illness, and starvation. But Christ endured, he told us, and we too, must endure, for the day of our own resurrection from the tomb of the prison camp would surely come, as surely as the stone was rolled away from the sepulchre. And because of these sermons, which gave us hope and courage, and the food he stole for us, and the care he gave us when we were sick, many of us came back who, never would have survived our long ordeal without him.

He had become a legend among the troops long before the Chinese captured him. When his outfit, the 8th Cav. Regt. of the 1st Cav. Div. was fighting along the Nakdong, his jeep was blown up by enemy fire and his driver was wounded. So he commandeered a ramshackle bicycle. Helmet jammed down over his ears, pockets stuffed with apples and peaches he had scrounged from Korean orchards, he'd ride this bone-shaker over the rocky roads and the paths through the paddy fields until he came to the forward posts. There he'd drop in a shallow hole beside a nervous rifleman, crack a joke or two, say a little prayer with him and move on to the next hole. He always stayed close to the fighting. Even before the blood had dried on the dusty slopes after the Cav. had taken a hill, he'd set up his altar on a litter stretched across two ammunition boxes. There on the battlefield, with mortar fire coming in and the enemy massing for a counterattack, he'd hear confessions and celebrate the Mass and administer Holy Communion to men who in another hour would be in battle again. His parish was the front and the battalion aid station close behind the lines. There he'd cheer and comfort the wounded all he could. He'd joke and kid with the lightly wounded and over the dying men, whatever their faith, he'd say the last prayers of the Church. He seemed to have no fear that he himself might be killed. At Kumchon early in the war, when word came that there was a wounded man on the left flank of the first battalion, in a position so exposed that the



litter men could not reach him, Father and another officer went after him and brought him back, crawling and ducking from rock to rock through fire so thick his pipe was shot out of his mouth.

It was his devotion to the wounded which finally cost him his freedom and his life. It was at Unsan, on the second of Nov. 1950. For thirty-six hours the 8th Cav. fighting a perimeter defense, beat off a fanatical attack. Early in the morning the breakthrough came, and all day hand-to-hand fighting swirled around the command post and the aid station where the wounded lay. Finally, at dusk, the order came for every man who could still walk to try a breakout through the surrounding enemy. Father, who was unwounded, might have escaped with them. He refused to go. Of his own free will he stayed on, helping Captain Clarence L. Anderson, the regimental surgeon, take care of the wounded. And there, just at dark, the Chinese took him as he said the last prayers over a dying man.

I'll never forget the night I finally met him. It was at Pyoktong, on a backwater of the Yalu, a village where prisoners from many American units were being assembled. With the survivors of my outfit, C Co. of the 19th Inf. of the 24th Div. I had been brought there from near Anju, where we had been overrun. The men of the 8th Cav. who had broken out of the perimeter and had been later captured by twos and threes as they scattered to the south, were already there. As we came in, they crowded around us, asking for word of Father Kapaun. We had none.

That afternoon Pyoktong was bombed. A B-26 swept over, dropping fire bombs and more than half the city went up in flames. The Chinese panicked. They broke all the prisoners out and, shooting at the feet of the walking wounded to hurry them along, they herded us up onto a hill above the town. All that afternoon and into the night we sat there on the icy slope, cold and miserable, smoking cigarettes made of dried oak leaves and watching the burning town. That night they brought us down to where the wounded from another group lay along a road on litters made out of straw sacks stretched on rough pine poles. We shouldered their stretchers and set off over a frozen road to the southwest.

I was on the right-hand pole, at the front. We carried them on our shoulders and as the

shoulder began to ache with the pressure of the pole against the muscle, we'd stop and change around. It was during these breaks that I noticed the man who was carrying behind me. He was a short man, thick-shouldered, with wide-set gray eyes and a strong jaw with a deep cleft in it. He wore a thin, red-brown beard with a little tuft of goat whiskers at the chin. "I'm Mike Dowe," I said. "Kapaun," he said, and put out his hand. "Father"! I said, feeling as if I'd met an old friend. "I've heard about you". He smiled. "Don't pass it along", he said. "It might get back to the Chief of Chaplains". It was a feeble joke but it cheered us all.

Hour after hour we stumbled on. It was hard enough to walk by yourself in the dark on that slippery footing but carrying a litter was agony. Father never ordered a man to carry. After a rest he'd just call "Let's pick 'em up" and all down the line the guys would bend and lift and follow him. Far in the night we came to a village of huts scattered along a narrow valley. The Chinese went ahead of us, driving the people out of the houses. We dropped all the wounded off at one house and the rest of us were moved on to other houses farther up the valley. Father and Doctor Anderson refused to leave the wounded, but the Chinese threatened them and made them move on with the rest of us. The next morning they came around and pulled all the officers out and put us together in a compound at the north end of the valley. Father squawked about being separated from the enlisted men. But the Chinese poked him with gun butts and made him move along. In the first week of our stay in the valley the Chinese allowed us a food ration of 500 grams of millet or cracked corn per man per day. It was a starvation ration to begin with and then they cut it down to 450 grams. It was obvious, Father said, that we must either steal food or slowly starve. And in that dangerous enterprise we must have the help of some power beyond ourselves. So, standing before us all, he said a prayer to St. Dismas, the Good Thief who was crucified at the right hand of Jesus, asking for his aid.

I'll never doubt the power of prayer again. Father, it seemed, could not fail. At the risk of being shot by the guards, he'd sneak at night into the little fields around the compound and prow through the shocked corn and find where the Koreans had hidden

potatoes and grain beneath the corn shocks. He moved out of the crowded room where nineteen of us slept, spoon-fashion on the dirt floor, to sleep in an open shed in the compound and found that the shed backed up to a crib full of Korean corn which he stole, surreptitiously, ear by ear.

His riskiest thefts were carried out by daylight under the noses of the Chinese. The POWs cooked their own food, which was drawn from an open supply shed some two miles down the valley. When men were called out to make the ration run, Father would slip in at the end of the line. Before the ration detail reached the supply shed, he'd slide off into the bushes. Creeping and crawling, he'd come up behind the shed, and while the rest of us started a row with the guards and the Chinese doling out the rations, he'd sneak in, snatch up a sack of cracked corn and scurry off into the bushes with it. There were other men stealing too and some of them squirreled their stolen food away to eat themselves. Father tossed his into the common pot. He never said a word to the men who hid and hoarded food. But at night after a successful foray, he'd say a prayer of thanks to God for providing food "which all can equally share". That seemed to shame them and soon the private hoarding stopped.

His one great failure had overtones of humor which served to relieve what at the moment was black tragedy. Once, after we'd been moved back to Pyoktong, a little black pig wandered into the compound. Men who had tasted no meat in months felt themselves drooling as Father, a big rock in his hand, cautiously stalked the pig. While a dozen silent prayers went up, he raised the stone high and brought it down. It struck the pig but only a glancing blow. The pig set up a horrible squealing, the Chinese guard came running, slamming a cartridge into his rifle and shouting "Huh"? "Huh"? "Huh"?

Soon after we reached the valley, the wounded in the sick house - only the Chinese called it the hospital - began to die by dozens, poisoned by their untended wounds. Finally the Chinese allowed Doctor Anderson to go to their aid though he had nothing but the skill of his hands to help them. Encouraged by this concession, Father asked permission to go with the doctor. It was refused. "What these men need is medicine, not prayer," the Chinese told him. "Since they aren't getting any medicine,"

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Father answered, "a little prayer won't hurt". "No", the Chinese said, "you will not be permitted to spread your poisonous Christian propaganda here".

Then began Father's most hazardous exploits. On days when there was a ration run, he'd stop and steal food at the warehouse. Then, with his pockets full of cracked corn or millet, dodging the Chinese roving patrols that watched the trail, he'd move on to the house where the wounded were. On days when there was no ration run or wood carrying detail, he'd sneak there down the creek that ran through the valley, ducking under the bushes to keep out of sight of the guards along the road. He scrounged cotton undershirts to make bandages. He took their old bandages, foul with corruption, and sneaked them out and washed them and sneaked them back again. He picked the lice from their bodies, an inestimable service, for a man so weak he cannot pick his own lice soon will die. He let them smoke his pipe, loaded with dry cotton leaves, and he joked with them, and said prayers for them, and held them in his arms like children as delirium came upon them. But the main thing he did for them was to put into their hearts the will to live. For when you are wounded and sick, and starving, it's easy to give up and quietly die.

Somehow, as it says in the Testament, "Power went forth from him and healed them". In Father Kapaun's valley the conditions were the same as the camp known as Death Valley. But in Death Valley the death rate was ten times higher. Even when they died he did not abandon them. The POWs buried their own dead, carrying the bodies up the adjacent mountain sides and later, in Pyoktong, across the frozen Yalu backwater to a little island where they dug the graves in the stony, frozen ground. Men dodged this detail whenever they could. But Father always volunteered. And at the grave as the earth covered the naked body - for the clothing of the dead was saved to warm the living - he would utter for them the last great

plea: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him".

When he had done all he could at the house of the wounded he would slip out into the houses where the enlisted men were kept. He would step in quickly and quietly, saying "The Lord be with you". and the starving, torpid men lying on the straw mats would sit up and respond, as he had taught them, "And with Thy Spirit". Then he would say a quick general service, beginning with a prayer for the men who had died in Korea, both in battle and in prison, and for the sick and wounded, and for the folks back home. Then he would say a prayer of thanks to God for the favors he had granted us, whether we knew about them or not, "for the food and wood and water we have received at the hands of our enemies". Then he'd speak, very briefly, a short, simple sermon, urging them to hold on and not lose hope of freedom. And above all, he urged them to not fall for the lying doctrines the Reds were trying to pound into our heads. "Be not afraid of them who will kill the body", he'd say, quoting from the Scriptures. "Fear ye him, who after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell". To Father's stubborn faith, the man who bought the communist teachings - and a very small group did, out of ignorance or opportunism, was selling his immortal soul.

In his soiled and ragged fatigues, with his scraggly beard and his queer woolen cap, made of the sleeve of an old GI sweater, pulled down over his ears, he looked like any other half-starved, prisoner. But there was something in his voice and bearing that was different - a dignity, a composure, a serenity that radiated from him like a light. Wherever he stood was holy ground, and the spirit within him - a spirit of reverence and abiding faith - went out to the silent listening men and gave them hope and courage and a sense of peace. By his very presence, somehow, he could turn a stinking louse-ridden mud hut, for a little while, into a cathedral.

He did a thousand little things to keep us going. He gathered and washed the foul undergarments of the dead and distributed them to men so weak from dysentery they could not move, and he washed and tended these men as if they were little babies. He traded his watch for a blanket and cut it up to make warm socks for helpless men whose feet were freezing. One day, in a freezing wind, with a sharp stick and his bare hands, he cut steps in the steep, ice-covered path that led down to the stream so that the men carrying water would not fall. The most dreaded housekeeping chore of all was cleaning the latrines, and men argued bitterly over whose time it was to carry out this loathsome task. And while they argued, he'd slip out quietly and do the job.

In mid-January, in subzero cold, they marched us eight miles back to Pyoklong, into houses still shattered by the bombing and the fire. Nine of the sick and wounded died that day, and many of the rest of us, sick, half-starved and despairing, were on the point of giving up. But Father led scrounging parties out, to prowl through the ruins to find nails and tin and broken boards to patch the houses and make them livable. In the yard of the officer's compound he built a little fireplace with bricks he had stolen. On it, with wood he had stolen - once they caught him stealing pickets from a fence and made him stand for hours, stripped of his outer garments, in the bitter cold - he would heat water in pans made from tin he had stolen and pounded into shape with a rock. Every morning he'd bring in this pan full of hot water, calling cheerfully, "Coffee, everybody," and pour a little into every man's bowl. And though there was no coffee in it, somehow this sip of hot water in the morning gave each man the heart to rise and pick off his lice and choke down his bowl of soupy millet, and face, if not with cheerfulness, at least without despair, another day of captivity and abuse.

He was always telling us we'd soon be free, and he was always dreaming up fancy menus - ten course meals we'd eat when we got home. At night we'd hear the roar and see the flash of great explosions to the south. It was our bombers, working over the roads and bridges on the Reds' supply routes to the front. But we thought it was our artillery. "The guns sound closer tonight", Father would say. "They're com-



ing. They'll be here soon. The moon is full tonight. By the time it's full again, we'll be free".

As the weeks and months passed, robbed of all strength by pellagra and beriberi, men grew weaker. The unbroken diet of millet and corn became nauseating. We could hardly choke it down. By mid-March we were in desperate condition, boiling green weeds in our hunt for vitamins. The hideous swelling of the body that is the first mark of approaching death by starvation was showing up on more and more of us. The night before Saint Patrick's day, Father called us together and prayed to Saint Patrick, asking to help us in our misery. The next day the Chinese brought us a case of liver - the first meat we had had - and issued us golian instead of millet. The liver was spoiled and golian is sorghum seed, used as cattle feed in the States, but to us they were like manna. Later he prayed for tobacco, and that night a guard walked by and tossed a little bag of dry, strawlike Korean tobacco into our room.

As our bodies weakened, the Reds stepped up the pace of their propaganda assault upon our minds. Hour after hour we sat in lectures while Comrade Sun, a fanatic little Chinese who hated Americans with an insane hatred, assailed our rotten, capitalistic Wall Street civilization. Then we'd have to comment upon the great truths revealed by Comrade Sun. A few bold men commented in unprintable words of contempt and were thrown into a freezing hole or subjected to other severe tortures sometimes resulting in death. Some veiled their ridicule. "According to the great doctrines taught us by the noble Stalin, Lenin, Marx, Engels, Amos and Andy - - -" they would read aloud in the classes.

Father was not openly arrogant nor did he use subterfuge. Without losing his temper or raising his voice, he'd answer the lecturer point by point with a calm logic that set Comrade Sun screaming and leaping on the platform like an angry ape. "When our Lord told us to love our enemies", he said once, "I'm sure He did not have Comrade Sun in mind".

Strangely, they never punished him, except by threats and ominous warnings. Two officers who knew him well were taken away and tortured. With their hands tied behind them, they were lifted by ropes until their wrist joints pulled apart. They

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then were brought back to accuse him publicly. They charged him with slandering the Chinese, which was true - if you call the real truth slander, as they did. They said he advocated resistance to the Red's study program, and that he displayed a hostile attitude toward his captors, all of which was also true. They said he threatened men with courts-martial on their return if they went along with the Chinese, which was not true. Father never threatened anybody. When the two men came back after their ordeal, unsure of their welcome, Father was the first to greet them. Looking at their twisted hands, he told them "You never should suffered a moment, trying to protect me".

We expected that the public accusation would bring on a farcial trial in which Father would be convicted and taken out and never returned. Instead, they merely called him in and bullied him and threatened him. We realized then what we had half known all along. They were afraid of him. They recognized in him a strength they could not break, a spirit they could not quell. Above all things, they feared a mass rebellion, and they knew that if Father was maltreated, the whole camp of 4000 men would mutiny.

On Easter Sunday, 1951, he hurled at them his boldest challenge, openly flouting

their law against religious services. In the yard of a burned-out church in the officers' compound, just at sunrise, he read the Easter service. He could not celebrate the Easter Mass for all his Mass equipment had been lost at the time of his capture. All he had were the things he used when administering the last rites to the dying - the purple ribbon, called a stole, which he wore round his neck as a badge of his priesthood, the gold ciborium, now empty, in which the Host had been carried when he had administered Holy Communion, and the little bottles of holy oil used to administer the last sacraments. But he fashioned a cross out of two pieces of wood, and, from a borrowed missal he read the stations of the Cross to the scarecrow men sitting on the rubble steps of the burned church. He told the story of Christ's suffering and death, and then, holding in his hand a rosary made of bent barbed wire cut from the prison fence, he recited the glorious mysteries of Christ risen from the tomb and ascended into Heaven.

As we watched him it was clear to us that Father himself at last had begun to fail in strength. On the starvation diet we were allowed, a man could not miss a single day's meals without growing too weak to walk, and for months Father had been sharing his meager rations with sick and dying

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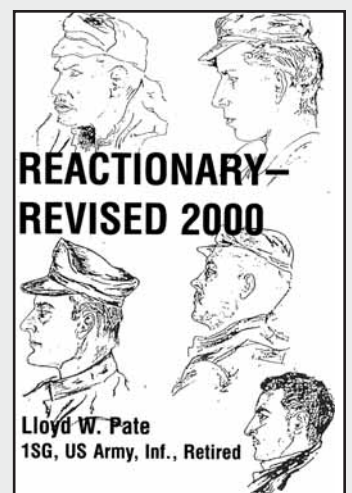
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men. The week after Easter he began to limp, hobbling along on a crooked stick. The next Sunday, as he read the services for the first Sunday after Easter, as he reached the line in the Epistle: "And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our Faith", his voice faltered and we caught him as he fell.

Beneath his tattered uniform his right leg was dreadfully swollen and discolored. For weeks we knew he had been suffering terrible bone aches, a by-product of hunger, that came upon men at night with such fearful pain that they would scream and beat the ground in agony. Father, when awake, had never whimpered, though tears of pain filled his eyes. When he slept, though, his iron will broke and he would moan pitifully. Finally, the pain had went away, but the leg continued to swell until it was one great mass of purple, blue and yellow flesh. The communist "doctor", a brainwasher posing as a medical man, pronounced the usual diagnosis by which they sought to convince us - or themselves - that we were an evil, immoral and decaying race. Father, he said, had syphilis. Doctor Anderson, and his medical companion, Captain Sidney Esensten, knew it for what it was - a blood clot choking circulation to the leg.

They applied hot packs, and slowly the swelling began to subside. Soon Father could walk again, though he was so weak and shaky he would often fall. Then a fearful dysentery seized him, and as he so often had done for us, we cared for him as best as we could. And he beat that and got on his feet again. Then, one raw, cold day he arose, a walking ghost, to give the last sacrament to a dying man. The next day his eyes were bright with fever and his breath came in a hoarse rattle. He had taken pneumonia and soon was in delirium. Thinking back upon it, I believe that period of semi consciousness was the only happy time he knew dur-

ing his captivity. Around him there seemed to gather all the people he had known in his boyhood on the farm in Kansas and in his school days. Babbling happily, sometimes laughing, he spoke to his mother and father, and to the priests he'd known in the seminary. Even in his delirium, his unbreakable spirit manifested itself in sallies of humor. Finally he sank into a deep and quiet sleep and when he awoke he was completely rational. The crisis had passed. He was getting well.

But the Chinese did not intend that he should live. He was sitting up, eating and cracking jokes when the guards came with a litter to take him to the hospital. We knew then that he was doomed, for the hospital was no hospital at all but a death house so dreadful I will make no attempt to describe it here. In the room where he was placed, men in extremis were left to lie untended in filth and freezing cold, until merciful death took them. The doctors protested violently against his being taken there, but the Chinese cursed them and forbade them to go along and care for him. The rest of us protested. All they answered was "He goes! He goes!"

Father himself made no protest. He looked around the room at all of us standing there and smiled. He held in his hands the ciborium, the little covered cup in which, long ago, he had carried the blessed bread. "Tell them back home that I died a happy death", he said, and smiled again.

As they loaded him on the litter he turned to Lieutenant Nardella, from whose missal he had read the services. He put the little book in Nardella's hand. "You know the prayers, Ralph", he said, "Keep holding the services. Don't let them make you stop". He turned to another officer, who before his capture, had been having trouble at home. "When you get back to Jersey you get that marriage straightened out", he told him, "or

I'll come down from heaven and kick you in the tail". Then he turned to me. "Don't take it so hard, Mike", he said. "I'm going where I've always wanted to go. And when I get up there, I'll say a prayer for all of you".

I stood there, crying unashamed, as they took him down the road, the little golden cup still shining in his hand. Beside me stood Fezi Gurgin, a Turkish lieutenant, a Mohammedan. "To Allah, who is my God", said Fezi Bey, "I will say a prayer for him." A few days later he was dead.

Not long afterward the little daughter of the Chinese camp commander walked past the compound gate. She was tossing up and catching something that glittered in the sun. It was Father's little gold cup. On the demands of the POWs, it was returned at Big Switch. We brought it back to commemorate his deeds and the deeds of all who died at the hands of the communists. It is to be placed on a memorial in his home town.

A year later, on the anniversary of his death, Ralph Nardella asked the communists for permission to hold a service in his memory. They refused. I was glad they did. For it told me that even though he was dead, his body lost forever in a mass grave, they still were afraid of him. They feared him because he was the symbol of something they knew they could not kill - the unconquerable spirit of a free man, owing final allegiance only to his God. And in that sense I know he and the things he believed in can never die."

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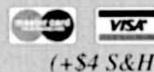
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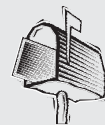
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# Letters



## Where are Korean War Defectors Now?

In the current *Graybeards*, the article about the Korean War defectors brought back memories of a special detail in which I served early 1955 (I had returned from Korea in October 1954) at the Presidio of San Francisco. The first three defectors, Otho Bell, William Cowart and Lewis Griggs, had been taken into custody by the Provost Marshal of the Presidio and placed in a cell at one of the smaller subposts across the bay. Several military police officers from the Presidio, myself among them, were detailed to guard duty over the three men until their status was decided. They refused to act as soldiers (refused to stand at attention, march in step, etc.), reasoning, as the Courts eventually did, that they were no longer soldiers and that the Army had no jurisdiction over them.

I suspect they were poor soldiers even before their capture, but I noted similar characteristics: all were young (as were most American soldiers in the Korean War), none were well-educated, and they came from poor families. (I think I have my facts straight; it has been 45 years!). But, my overwhelming impression was that they were cocky and unrepentant. I have often wondered what became of them. Now I know. Thanks for the article.

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618-346-8187 or e-mail <CWO9999@aol.com>.

## Norwegian Korean War Veterans Association

I have once again read your fine magazine, *The Graybeards*, which I am fortunate to receive six times a year. Your many fine articles, photos and orientations gives me the fine feeling of belonging to a big veteran family who are fond of Korea and the Korean people.

The Norwegian Korean War veterans are preparing a 50 years book (or a magazine if the financial situation is not improving) on the NORMASH and especially our veteran contact with Korea after the War until 2003. This publication will contain articles, reports, drawings and many photos. The text will mainly be in Norwegian and some in English because the publication will be dedicated to the Korean People. I don't think any nation, in pure gratitude, has given so much back to us after the UN has come to help them in their trial times. This gratitude is an example for other nations in the same situation. It is not the amount, but the will who counts.

I have some questions to your readers which I kindly ask you to forward. Besides the NORMASH serving directly under the US 1st Corps. Norway had three maritime ships taking part in the Korean War: M/S Reinholt, M/S Beljuanne and M/S Belocan. Can some of your readers help us with details or "eye witness report" on M/S Reinholt who evacuated 600 Americans and Koreans from Inchon in the very beginning of the war? M/S Beljuanne and M/S Belocan who, among other operations, took part in the evacuation of Hungnam from 15th December 1950 under the fire carpet from your "Missouri". As our ships had some of the biggest cranes available in the world, they took many tanks and heavy guns besides hundreds of soldiers. Can some of you tell

us anything from this evacuation? We could also perhaps use something in connection with the NORMASH.

One of our sailors was interviewed after the War and asked if he had got any medals for serving that long time in this war. He answered: "No, but we were only sailors!"

Best wishes to your veterans and thank you for a very fine magazine!

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## I Remember Ted Williams

The death on July 5th of baseball star Ted Williams brought to mind his wartime duty in the US Marine Corps with considerable loss to his baseball career and nearly the loss of his life. While his World War II service was stateside as a flight school instructor, his recall for the Korean conflict was in action in Korea flying Marine Corps F9F's. He did not want to be recalled but made no serious attempt to evade it and, as in baseball, put great effort into his combat flying.

When I was being processed out of active duty in the Navy in July '53 I had lunch one day at what was the Nimitz Officers Club at Treasure Island. Since the room was crowded, a Marine warrant officer looking for a table asked if he could join me. During the course of conversation, he remarked that he had served in the same squadron as Williams and was struck by his apparent utter fearlessness. In returning from a mission that had encountered severe "flak," Williams' F9 was holed so badly that it could barely fly. Williams coaxed it back to the air base, landed, jumped out and nonchalantly walked away as it exploded behind him. The same nerve that he showed when at the plate. Substantially the same story was published in another veteran magazine about a year ago.

To me, Ted Williams was a hero. A hero not because he was a great baseball player, but because when duty called, he went. He went at great cost to his civilian career and risk to and nearly loss of his life.

Robert C. Whitten  
Santa Clara County Chapter, KWVA

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# A Tribute to the Company Aidman

In the shining halls of brave men.  
Stand statues of mighty warriors,  
Famed statesmen and great saints.  
These carved rocks of imperishable memories.  
Make vivid to the eyes and souls of men. The unforgettable lives and deeds they represent.

In this illustrious assembly.  
We submit that another statue be erected.  
Of a man sometimes forgotten by many.  
But the mention of whose nickname "Doc"  
Thrills the heart of the infantry soldier.

He is the company Aidman.  
The "Doc" of the front line rifle platoon. The man who rushes first to the smashed body.  
Of the fallen soldier.  
And gently lifts him from the pool of his own blood.

Amidst the crash and thunder of battle.  
Or in the horrible silence that follows.  
The thudding explosion of a mortar shell.  
Comes the cry of mercy.  
The terror stricken, confident echo "Medic."

From his foxhole or sandbagged position. This boy who engulfed in the awfulness of war has



L-R Joe Elko, Eddy Howard, and Sam Gann. Back L-R Bill Jaroski, Doc. Tally, Doc Matherly, David Wright and un- named medic.



John McLain. Aid Station in rear.



Denver M. "Bill" Hoatson

become a man.  
Leans to the aid of his wounded comrade. He knows only that he is needed.  
He goes.

He realizes that another burst may follow. He understands that the injured may be already dead. He knows not what color, race nor creed. The wounded and dying await him.  
He goes.

And when he has done his all.  
He is saddened that he can do no more.  
The troubled furrows in his brow. Recall to mind the Man of Sorrows.  
Who grieved for such as he.

The banner of this courageous man.  
Is not the flash of steel nor the furl of flags. Though his heart is trice to both.  
Rather it is the poled litter.  
And the simple aidbag.

In those shining halls.  
Upon this statue.  
Let there be inscribed in bold and enduring letters.  
The words his actions have made immortal.  
"This brave soldier loved his fellowman."

Heartbreak Ridge. Korea, 1953  
By 1st Lt. John H. Landrum

(Thank you Sam for photos, letter and poem. A special tribute to those that served on Heartbreak Ridge and Queens Outpost in 1953. Sam's e-mail address is <magsg2@aol.com>. I ask that you mail a copy to John Landrum. See text about extra issues in this Graybeards. I have enough work just editing this magazine. A great poem honoring our medics who were everyone's true heroes.—Ed)

# El Paso Newspaper Organizes New KWVA Chapter

By Sam Naomi KWVA

## Short history of SGM Erwin H. (Butch) Koehler.

After 27 years of service in the U.S. Army, in June 1985, while assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, SGM Erwin H. (Butch) Koehler, retired and immediately became very involved in several veterans organizations and many local veterans projects and activities in El Paso, Texas. He became very frustrated at the poor, almost non-existence support of the local news media in the coverage of veterans related events in the community. Koehler said, "For many years, the local news media had shunned the veteran population of El Paso County. It was almost as though the 50,000+ veterans in El Paso County did not exist, or the veterans were not important." That is why in March of 1995, he began publishing *The El Paso Veteran*, which he had published every month since. He is proud to say that with his March (2002) edition, he will begin his 8th year of publication.

During the seven years of publication, Koehler provided veterans of El Paso with important veterans orientated information that concerns them, at the city, county, state and national level.

Koehler stated that annual subscriptions to *The El Paso Veteran* are available and that he has subscribers all over the country.

Koehler, who calls himself "a military history nut," wrote and published a number of military history articles. The most notable was a complete series on the Korean War, which appeared in each month's edition for five years. Although he never served in Korea—he served two combat tours in Vietnam—he felt that the full story of the Korean War, "The Forgotten War" had to be written.

## Starting a Chapter

When a number of Korean War veterans in the El Paso area expressed a desire to form a local chapter, which they felt was something that was way over due, it was recommended that I enlist the assistance of Koehler, who was also the chairman of the El Paso 50th Anniversary of The Korean War Commemorative Community Program.

When I contacted Koehler, by telephone, he quickly agreed to help organize the KWVA Chapter in El Paso. He agreed with the recommendations I had received from the El Paso Korean War veterans that the Chapter be named the "Colonel Joseph C. Rodriguez Chapter." Colonel Rodriguez is a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life during the Korean War, near Munye-ri, Korea on 21 May 1951. At the time he was a Pfc. in Co. F, 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div.

Within a month, temporary Chapter officers were named and the recruiting effort began. Assisting Koehler in the organizational effort was CW3 Delmer E. Davis (USA-Ret), who is the current Chapter chairman, and Colonel Rodriguez.

In the April 2001 edition of *The El Paso Veteran*, Koehler wrote and published an article titled, "El Paso Korean War Veterans Organizing Local Chapter."

During the next five months he printed a membership application on the back page of each edition. Thirty-five members joined the chapter using the applications. Approximately a half-dozen veterans telephoned or e-mailed Koehler, and requested application forms.

To keep up the interest in the organizational effort, during those five months, Koehler published progress reports and information articles on the KWVA and the local chapter. This was a contributing factor for the continuous receipt of an average of seven of eight applications per month, and the fact that the required number of members in order to obtain a chapter charter was accomplished in less than five months.

The efforts of Butch Koehler in publicizing the KWVA in his newspaper is proof how effective advertisement can be. Although The El Paso veteran is owned by Butch, and the extensive publicity was done, free of charge, most local newspapers will print public service information, upon request.

Butch Koehler has assured me that he will provide any assistance the KWVA requests in order to help us in our mission to insure that the Korean War does not remain The Forgotten War.

He said he would be honored if KWVA veterans and/or chapters contact him for information and/or assistance. Butch can be contacted by telephoning 915-759-8387, His Fax number is 915-587-3028, and his e-mail address is: [erwinkoehler@netscape.net](mailto:erwinkoehler@netscape.net).

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# Medic aids Dying Brother

## Incident on Heartbreak Ridge

While serving as 1st Platoon Leader, Fox Co., 160th Regt on Heartbreak Ridge, I was witness to an incident that will forever be etched in my mind. Twin soldiers were assigned to my platoon and an adjacent platoon. Irwin and Edward Rietz of Rock Island, Illinois were conscience objectors and were assigned as Medics. It was not unusual for twins to spend time together in my area or that of Lt. Charles B. Morris who was Edwin's Platoon Leader.

One afternoon Lt. Morris called my Platoon CP and asked "Have you seen my Doc, I have a man down and need a Medic." I sent Irwin to assist Lt. Morris. Later I learned that upon reaching the scene that Irwin rolled the casualty over and discovered his twin brother, Edwin. A National news magazine called this incident "Encounter of the Week"

Lt. Col. Robert Douglas. Ret.  
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## Encounter of the Week

On a hillside in Korea, Pvt. Irwin Rietz (above), 21, a combat medic from Rock Island, Ill., rushed to the side of a soldier hit by enemy shrapnel. He ripped open the G.I.'s shirt and bandaged the chest wound. Then, lifting the wounded man onto a jeep, Rietz saw his face. It was his twin brother, Edwin, with whom he'd come to Korea last November.



Irwin (left) and Edwin Rietz

Following down in another jeep, Irwin reached the field hospital too late. His brother was dead. "I know, at least," sobbed the stunned Rietz later, "that I did everything possible for him on the hill."

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## Brother Waits for Permission

Reprinted from the Marion, Indiana Leader-Tribune, Jan 17, 1953

EASTERN FRONT, Korea (UP) -An Army medic who gave first aid to his dying twin brother Saturday awaited permission to accompany the body to the United States.

Division officers requested eight days ago that Pvt. Irwin Reitz, Rock Island, Ill., be permitted to go home with the body of his brother.

They had served together since they were drafted a year ago.

A request was forwarded Jan. 8 asking that Irwin be assigned as military escort for the body.

"The request must go through 8th Army headquarters to the Far East commander (Gen. Mark Clark) in Tokyo," a division officer said.

If the request is approved, Irwin will be flown to Camp Drake, Japan, then go by ship or plane to the U. S.

Bodies of Korean War dead usually are shipped aboard military transport vessels. Escorts meet the ships at West Coast ports.

Division officers said Irwin might have to return to Korea, as he has served here only two months.

However, the Army usually shortens war duty for men whose brothers have been killed in action, to prevent a family from losing more than one son. Irwin has been puttering around a rear area.

"We didn't expect him to do any work," an officer said, "but we finally gave him some odd jobs to keep him from going crazy." A third brother, Pfc. Ronald Reitz, left Korea on rotation to the U. S. on December 15.

*(Thank you Col. Douglas and George Zaiger for story. Many Americans do not believe brothers served in Korea together; let alone twins, due to the Sullivans in WWII. I, and others, know better.)*

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Jan-Feb 2003 .....Jan 10

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# Reunion Showplace.....

## 865th AAA AW SP Reunion



Attendees at May 2002 reunion in Branson, MO. Next years reunion will be in Cadillac, MI on May 14-16. Contact Don McBrian at 231-824-3227.

*(Thank you for photo and note. Sorry no names given. A great looking group of proud veterans.)*

## 8226th Army Group Reunion



Last October members of the 8226 Army Unit held their annual reunion in Las Vegas. This unit consists of Co's 1, 2, Detachment 3 and the 518th Radio Relay Co. of GHQ, FEC, and KCOMZ Long Line Signal Group.

This year the reunion was held in Pigeon Forge, TN on October 7-9. For further information contact Wm. Martin Dill, 127 Mjidstate Road, Felton, DE 19943. Phone 302-284-4359.

Last years attendees shown are; Front row: Bob Gray, Gerald Super, Bill Shelley and Arnie D'Amico. Back row, l to r Dominic Arnone, Dick Johnston, Bob Brimecombe, Jack Lang, Roger Pettinger, Martin Dill, Bill Perry and Fred Knowles.

Those attending but not shown were: Bob Cardwell, Art Moorman, and Ray Kryzak.

*(Thank you Richard L. Johnston for photo and letter. A fine looking group of veterans.)*

# Proud Korean War Vets Display Tags



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## He is not forgotten

Dick Adams left and Tom Clawson visit former KWVA Director Col. Lloyd "Scooter" Burke (MOH) grave in Arlington, VA.

*(Thank you Dick Adams for the photo)*



# Return to Chosin



Clockwise from above:

- ♦ Ex-POW Coon in North Korea. Hill in background is Ipsop where he was captured near Kunu ri, north of Pyongyang;
- ♦ Veterans, Family Member, DPMO, & recovery team at site in Unsan County, North Korea about 60 miles north of Pyongyang;
- ♦ Donna Knox daughter of MIA father that was shot down in area in background. She is holding photo of her dad;
- ♦ On eastern side of Chosin Reservoir left to right are Gen. Davis, Coon, Magill and Knox.

## The First Korean War Veterans to Return to the Chosin Reservoir

Those who went:

- ♦ Mr. Ashton Omes, DPMO, Senior Director, Research and Analysis, Head of Delegation.
- ♦ Dr. Kaye Whitley, DPMO, Senior Director, Communications.
- ♦ General Raymond G. Davis, Sr., USMC (Ret.), Chairman Emeritus of the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc.
- ♦ Mr. Harley J. Coon, President, Korean War Veterans Association.
- ♦ Ms. Donna D. Knox, President, Coalition of Korea and Cold War Families.
- ♦ Col. Edward L. Magill, USA (Ret.), Past President, the Chosin Few.
- ♦ Ron Maynard, DPMO
- ♦ Maj. Hong K. (Peter) Chung, USA, DPMO, Korean Language Support.

- ♦ At east side of Chosin Reservoir are (l to r) Magill, Omes, Maynard, Knox, Davis, Whitley, Coon, & Chung.



# Chapter Affairs

## Northwest Ohio Chapter #131



Chapter #131 KWVA, Toledo, Ohio, held their annual picnic and pig roast at Power Train Park on Aug 14, 2002. Officers are left to right: Father John McClure, Chaplain; Dan Draheim, President; Joel Davis, Treasurer; Ralph Diefenbach, 2nd Vice; Lou Streb, Secretary. Missing from picture is Bob Darr, 1st Vice.



At the annual Aug. picnic in Toledo, President Dan Draheim is presenting a certificate of appreciation to State Representative Jeanine Perry for her efforts and success in sponsoring the bill naming I-280 (from the Ohio Turnpike to the Wood-Lucas County line) the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Formal dedication will be in November. Photos by KWVA member Richard Converse.

*(Thank you Richard Converse for photos and letter. A great event and special people make a good mixture.)*

## Orange County Chapter #202 of New York

Samuel Tucker President of Chapter 202 and Henry Sosa Vice President along with Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee visited Korea to help orphans in Korea, especially in the city Hwaseong, Kyunggi-do near Seoul on May 23 to May 30, 2002. Korean War Veterans had received a very warm reception from Korean Assemblyman, Myunghwan Park, chairman of Unification, Diplomacy and Trade of the Korean National Assembly. The Korean War Veterans Association of Orange County NY chapter decided to



Shown (l to r) are Henry Sosa, Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee, and Sam Tucker at Samcheong Palace near Blue House in South Korea.

help poor orphans in Korea by fund-raising. Because of their honorable cause to help orphans, five Korean daily news papers covered their visit in Korea. Assemblyman Myunghwan Park designated those Korean War Veterans as Chairmen of the Committee on the day they visited him.

*(Thank you Dr. Lee for photo and letter. KWVA applauds your efforts to raise funds for the orphans of South Korea.)*

## Cpl Clair Goodblood Chapter #2 of Maine



HQ 2nd Inf. Div. Color Guard marches past Goodblood Hall. A flag bearer from each division unit fronts the building

On May 21, 2002, at Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, South Korea, half of a new enlisted barracks (building #456) was dedicated in honor of the valor and legacy of Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Clair Goodblood of Burnham, Maine - after whom our CPL Clair Goodblood [MOH] Chapter in Augusta, Maine is named. Goodblood Hall, the section currently houses a company of the 102d Military Intelligence Battalion.

CPL Goodblood was a member of Company D, 7th Infantry

Regiment, 3d Infantry Division who was killed near Popsu-dong, Korea, on 25 April 1951. Popsu-dong is about 10 miles northeast of Uijongbu.

Camp Red Cloud is named after MOH recipient CPL Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr., Co E, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division who was KIA on November 5, 1950 near Chonghyon, Korea.

It took several years of effort by the Goodblood chapter to get an installation in Korea named after Corporal Goodblood. Then, George Gardner of the Western Massachusetts Chapter 2000, KWVA, put past chapter commander Marty O'Brien, in touch with Brigadier David P. Valcourt of Chicopee, Massachusetts, who at the time was assistant division commander of the Second Inf. Div. at Camp Red Cloud.

Major Hugh Mullaly of MG Russel L. Honore's "Second To None" staff organized the event. His chief of staff, Colonel John MacDonald was the main speaker. KWVA life member Major Curley Knepp, USA, retired, who lives in Korea, graciously consented to represent our chapter and was the guest speaker.

Their remarks included sentiments from Ruel Goodblood (KWVA); Harriet Goodblood Scott; Kelly Goodblood, family members; and Phil Tiemann, our chapter commander.

A number of Korean dignitaries attended the ceremony including a retired governor and several heads of the Korean American Friendship Association from Tongdukchon, which hosts Camp Casey, and Uijongbu, which hosts Camp Red Cloud.

On 21 May, the other half of the barracks also was dedicated - in honor of the valor and legacy of Private First Class Herbert Pililaau of Oahu, Hawaii. PFC Pililaau was a member of Company C, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2nd Inf. Div. who was killed near Pia-ri, Korea on 17 September 1951.

Pililaau Hall is now the home of Company A, 122d Signal Battalion. That information came as a pleasant surprise to Curley Knepp who commanded Company A when they were at Camp Howze from mid 1968 through March 1969.

*(Thank you Marty O'Brien for photos and letter. KWVA and all veterans of Korea thank all named for remembering the heroes of the Korean War. A great event and a super chapter with a great name. It would be great if more chapters had better names similar to yours.)*



Bronze plaque which will be permanently placed in Goodblood Hall. Left to right, Curley Knepp and COL John MacDonald. A similar plaque was placed in Pililaau Hall.

## Northern Chapter #3 of Rhode Island



First anniversary of our chapter and shown in photo are our officers: Pete Roberts Treasurer, John Ramieri Secretary, Walter Bienieki, Sr. Vice Cmdr., Frank Meo Commander, Eugene Pezzullo, Jr. Vice Cmdr., Ernest Silvia Chaplain and Ernest Lincourt Master of Arms.

*(Thank you Frank Meo for photo and letter. A super new chapter and great looking veterans.)*

## Nebraska Chapter 1



Chapter Veterans at the 4th of July, 2002 parade in Ralston, Nebraska. Pictured are (standing l-r) Sam Kellogg, Sam Wall, Lyle Cave, Glenn Krabbenhoff, John Fifer, Jesse Brown (kneeling) Willard Hailey.

*(Thank you James W. Anderson for photo and letter. A nice looking jeep and better looking veterans. Stay well.)*

## Turlock (War Dogs) Chapter 203 of California

Members of our 'War Dogs' Chapter #203 marched in the Sonora California parade on May 11, 2002. We were presented a plaque that stated that we took first place in the Military Group category.

Most of our members attended the Korean Appreciation Ceremonies held at various venues in California in July. Our members were presented with Korean Appreciation Medallions and were treated to an artistic performance by the Koreans.

We are completing our first year in existence with a project

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Shown Larry Johnson, Walter Herbert, Neal Creedon, Mike Stavrakakis, Richard Barboza, Earnest Gonzales, William Hoyle, Tony Pontes, Russell Gross, Melvin Evenson, and Sal Regalado.

commemorating all war dogs. Our Chapter has purchased a Granite Stone Memorial honoring these war dogs. We propose to place this Monument in a large public park in a children's playground area, presently pending action by the City Council of Turlock, California.

*(Thank you William E. Hoyle for photo and letter. Great name for Chapter and super looking veterans.)*

## Buckeye Chapter #81 of Ohio



Our Chapter is getting involved in Canton, Ohio patriotic activities. Marching in Canton's All-City Memorial Day parade and leading the chapter in the march were five chapter members. Pictured with our banner are, Left to Right, Charles Freday, Harvey McMillan, John Forte, Ivor Peters and Huey Baer.

The Chapter is now in the process of forming a Color Guard and it is expected that they will participate in future civic activities.

The Chapter will participate at Canton's All Veterans Memorial on June 25. At that time a special plaque will be presented in honor of the late Fred Walsh who was a charter member of the Chapter and the first serviceman from Stark County, Ohio, to be wounded in Korea. Later the plaque will be ensconced at the Ohio Society of Military History in

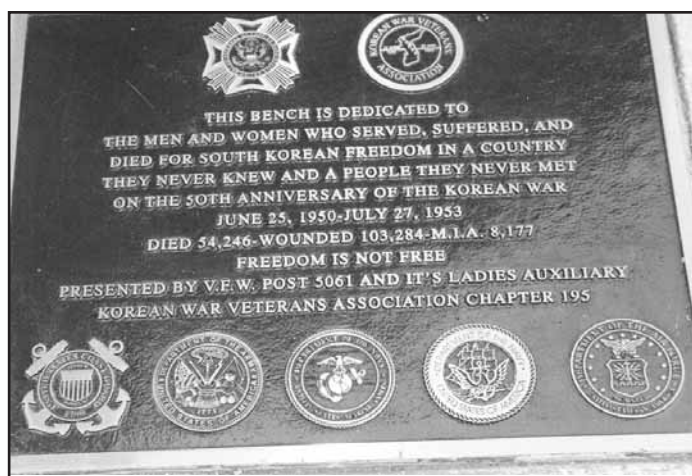
Massillon, Ohio, where Fred and his brother were volunteers.

*(Thank you Robert Steffy for photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter and its members for all they do and remembering Fred Welsh. (See July-August Graybeards page 47.)*

## Denver Metro Chapter #195 of Colorado



Members KWVA Chapter 195 and many others attended the ceremony. Our Chapter provided the color guard composed of the following shown in photo Left to right are Calvin Keil, Secretary; Bob Graham, member; Joe Brown, Judge Advocate; Charles Kammerer, President; Kenneth Camell, Vice President.



On 27 July 2002, Members for the KWVA Denver Metro Chapter 195 in cooperation with the VFW Post 5061 dedicated a Park Bench and Plaque to the Korean War Veterans. The Bench and Plaque are located adjacent to the picnic pavilion in Bear Creek Park. Bear Creek Park is next to Fort Logan National Cemetery and is used extensively by veterans and others.



The dedication ceremony was followed by a picnic and games, which were enjoyed by all.

*(Thank you Kenneth E Camell for photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter for all you do remembering and honoring our veterans.)*



# KWVA National 18th Annual Re



Beautiful Korean/American ladies play music to entertain crowd prior to start of Commemorative Ceremony at National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D. C. on July 27, 2002.



President Harley Coon opens the Executive Board meeting on July 25. Secretary, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Directors shown in photo.



Guest speakers, (left) South Korean Ambassador Yang, Sung Chul to United States His many words of thanks to United States and the Korean War Veterans present were very moving; (center) Four Star General (Ret.) Raymond Davis MOH USMC and KWVA Life Honorary President relates to the attending crowd the history and valor of those that fought in the Korean War; and (right) Deputy Assistant Secretary Of Defense Mr. Jerry D. Jennings (DPMO) was guest speaker and addressed our Executive Board and members present during meeting.



Maryland Chapter Honor Guard



Gen. (Ret) Ray Davis swears in new officers and directors after ceremony at the Korean War Memorial.

Washington, D.C. Richard Myers, Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave a free concert "A Korean War Daughters of Revolution (DAWR)" on July 27 at the Korean War Memorial. Defense 50th Anniversary Committee today.

"We are pleased to host the event and honor all Korean War Veterans," said Col. Annette Commemorative Director of Support a great opportunity



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part of the attendees that were at ceremony on July 27, 2002.



Our National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.



present colors during taps.



Honored VIP's present wreath at Korean War Memorial.



Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of Unknowns. President Harley Coon shown on left with active duty Generals. Event took place on July 26 before KWVA membership meeting.

## Joint Chiefs Chairman to Host Concert

D.C. -Air Force Gen. [Name], Chairman of the [Name] Staff will host the "A Musical Tribute to Veterans" at the [Name] of the American (R) Constitution Hall at 7 p.m., said a [Name] the Department of [Name] Anniversary of the [Name] Commemoration [Name].

ed that Gen. Myers [Name] ent and help us thank [Name] Korean War veterans," [Name] ta Minniefield, the [Name] n Committee's [Name] port. "This concert is [Name] unity for our country

to thank and honor all Korean War veterans and their families, on the 49th Anniversary of the end of hostilities."

The Korean War ended on July 27, 1953 when United Nations and Communist forces signed an Armistice at Panmunjom, Korea.

Myers joins Korean War veteran and TV celebrity, Ed McMahon who will emcee the free show, highlighted by the president's official military band, "The United States Marine Band, "President's Own," and award winning singer Rita Coolidge. The concert is part of the official U.S. commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War,

which started June 25, 2000 and ends Nov. 11, 2003. The concert also features Korean War Medal of Honor recipient retired Army Col. Lewis L. Millett.

Besides commemorating the Korean War the concert will be a special night for veterans.

"It is not everyday that Korean War Veterans will be able to see a top-notch musical program with major celebrities, so it will be an even sweeter 'thank you' to them," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, executive director of the Commemoration Committee. (A great event enjoyed by all.-Ed.)

## Events not Shown

U.S. Army Military District of Washington Twilight Tattoo on July 24, Spirit of Washington Lunch Cruise on July 25, Marine Parade at the Marine Barracks on July 26, Visit to Arlington House (Home of General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee and President John F. Kennedy, wife Jacqueline and brother Robert graves on July 26, Historic Union Station (Railroad), Concert at D.A.R. Constitution Hall on July 27, National Cathedral and Annunciation Catholic Church in Georgetown.

Hopefully someone next year will mail something on all events.

(We thank Jack Edwards Col (Ret.) John C. Chapman for photos shown.)



## Central Indiana Chapter # 259



At our May 30th meeting, our speaker was the former Congressman of Indiana, Andy Jacobs, Jr. Our officers at that time were as shown in photo are: (back row-left to right) Tine P. Martin, Ernie Condra, Don Duncan, Amos Board, Donald Seib. Front row: (left to right) Don Ellwood (Pres.), Everett McFarland (Sec/Tres.), and Don Hall (Historian).

Former Congressman of Indiana, Andy Jacobs, Jr. is speaking to our membership. In the photo with Mr. Jacobs to the far left is Ernie Condra (MIA/POW Chairman) next is Amos Board (Chaplain) next is Don Ellwood (Chapter President) and far right is Charles Layton (2nd V.P.).



Mr. Frank Littleton, State KWVA President, swore in the newly elected officers shortly after the election. As of June 17th, 2002 the new officers are: President: George A. "Don" Ellwood, 1st Vice; Tine Martin, 2nd Vice; Robert C. Sanders and Sec/Treasurer: Everett J. McFarland

*(Thank you George "Don" Ellwood for the photos and letter. Good luck and best wishes for you chapter and its new officers.)*

## Northern Nevada Chapter 198



Dan Halloran, former vice-president of Motorola's Human Resources, Seoul.

On April 4, 2002, the Korean War Veteran's Association of Northern Nevada, Chapter 198, had as its guest speaker, formerly vice-president of Motorola's Human Resources, located in Seoul, Korea, Mr. Dan Halloran. He gave a very interesting talk on the Korea of today. Artifacts and pictures made the talk much appreciated, as Korean war veterans contrasted their remembrance

of Korea in the 1950's. Following the business meeting a nice luncheon was served by the ladies of the chapter.

*(Thank you Arnold Wetzstein for photo and letter. A first from this chapter. We hope to see more.)*

## Eagle Chapter of New York



This Korean Flag was presented to the Korean Presbyterian Church by our Chapter. Standing l to r are. President William Laufenberg, Rev. Byungmo Kim, Arthur (doc) Goldman, Rocco Marcarelli, and our Liaison officer to the Korean Community Yong Soon Hahn. We were then invited to a Korean Brunch. *(Thank you Rocco Marcarelli for photo and letter. Our Korean friends never forget us. We should always remember them.)*

## Greater Richmond Chapter 143 of Virginia



Members of my chapter who came up by bus on July 27 for the memorial service. Their names are as follows: Front row: Donald C. Nelson, Carmine Bricchi, Lloyd R. Davis, Jr., Back row: James A. Jamison, Phillip B. Taggart, Sr., Finis H. Garret, Ned E. Jones, Ervin P. Sacra, Donald L. Dalton and Vaden L. Wilburn.



Chief of Staff of The Army Shinseki (l) and Col. (Ret.) John C. Chapman.





Brigadier General Harry Mott, (l) from Hempstead, NY. He was with the 27th Inf. Regt., 25th Div in Korea and Col. (Ret.) John C. Chapman with the 64th FA Bn. and Hq. Div Arty. The picture was taken at the ROA National Convention in Philadelphia in June.

*(Thank you John for the photos and letter. I will print the KWVA Reunion photos also in another section.)*

## Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



Members of the Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg, FL.

Member Bill Allen and Commander of The Gulf Coast Chapter American Ex-Prisoners Of War Assn., was invited to speak at The Admiral Farragut Academy, in St. Petersburg FL. The school is the first preparatory school for the Military Academies. The scholastic requirements are so high that when a student graduated from the school they have the credits to attend almost any college of their choice. I spoke to three different groups during the morning. Each group was dressed in the uniform of the day including the spit, and polish, that goes with it. It made me have a good feeling spending time with young men and women of this level. They knew about the Korean War, and we had a very good question and answer period after I finished talking to them.

Members of our Honor Guard attend an Awards Night dinner honoring the McDill AFB Honor Guard personnel. Chapter 14 is the First Group in Pinellas County to meet the requirements for performing funeral honor guard services under the authorized Provider Program administered by McDill AFB personnel.



Pictured with Lt Gregory Kuzma the Officer-in-Charge of the McDill Honor Guard contingent are Steve Hoerner, Joan Arcand, Lt. Kuzma, Bill Miller, John Gracia, Dick Arcand and Clarence Dadswell.

A festive occasion was held to honor the Flag and the 109th birthday of Mrs. Lena Dionne. Mrs. Dionne lives at the Colonial Care Center in Kenneth City, Florida.

Mrs. Dionne was born in Canada on June 14, 1893. She is an active member of the Center, cares for herself, socializes with the residents and reads "three books a day".

*(Thank you Bill Allen and Joan Arcand for photos and letters. Great events by special veterans.)*



Shown (l to r) are Ralph Beezhold, Carl Bitzer and Bill Miller with Lena Dionne.



On June 14, 2002, three members presented Mrs. Dionne with a new flag which they then raised in her honor. Shown (l to r) are B. Miller, C. Bitzer and saluting is Ralph Beezhold.

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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.**

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

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

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## Imjin Chapter of Illinois



Chapter officers: Front row (l to r) Russ Klein President, Jack McKean Director, Billy D. Gray Director, Harry Reime Treasurer. Back row (l to r) Kermit Holtgrewe 1st VP, Ed Musser Director, Jim Fishbein Secretary, & Coy Baker 2nd VP.

*(Thank you Harry Reime for photo and letter. Per your letter we are taking a chance in printing these "Grumpy Old Men" and foul up the magazine. All kidding aside we are proud to print this photo of super veterans. Good luck to all and your chapter.)*

## Chapter #178 of York, Pennsylvania



Sunday June 23, 2002 Korean War Veterans, families and seven members of the Blue Mountain waves traveled to Camp Hill, PA to attend a special Church Service. The invitation was extended by the Harrisburg Korean Presbyterian Church. After the service a brunch was served. A Welcome Home sign, singing and gifts were given to all attending veterans. Together we will all attend many upcoming events locally and out of state.

*(Thank You Ronald Busser for photo and letter. A great event given by the kindest and most grateful people. We Korean War Veterans have experienced this all over America and in South Korea. We have not been forgotten and they will always be remembered by us.)*

Visit the  
Korean War Veterans Association Website:  
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## North West Alabama Chapter III



North West Alabama Chapter II

New Officers for Chapter shown left to right are Millard Liverett Treasurer, Ralph C. Dula President, Bobby N. Bray Vice President and Paul E. Riley Treasurer.

*(Thank you Paul Riley for photo and letter. Good luck to your chapter and officers.)*

## Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio



Displaying items at the Canfield Fair this year are (top-left to right) 2nd Vice President, Don Brown, Leo Taillon, John Pariza, Milton Delawder and Rocky Anobile, Parade Chairman (bottom- left to right) Milton Delawder, Rocky Anobile Parade Chairman, Dean McClain Past President, Don Brown 2nd Vice President and Leo Taillon.

*(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter. Good luck to your chapter with its events. They are doing a super job.)*



## Brevard County Chapter #210 of Florida

At an annual reunion member Richard M. Williamson met with several veterans he served with in Korea with Co. E, 2nd Bn., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. In 1950-51. Shown front row left to



right are James Curry, Bill Gordon, Elton Plaisance, Richard Williamson and Andy Connor. Back row left to right are Bart Smith, Al Olsousky, Joe Breen, Paul Pless, Edwin Seith and Charles Leavitt.

*(Thank you Richard Williamson for photo and letter. So nice to be able to spend time again with your brother veterans)*

## Finger Lakes Chapter # 1 of New York



Shown left to right are Dave Smith VA Director, Jim Lewis NY State Dept. Trustee KWVA, Rep. Amory Houghton, Jr. R., 31st Dist. from Corning, NY, Ralph Calabrese, Jr. Vice Commander of our chapter, and Don Bray City of Canandaigua, NY, Councilman At Large. We were invited to discuss any problems at the Hospital.

*(Thank you Thomas Jim Lewis for photo and letter. Sounds like a great way to solve problems and help veterans.)*

## Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado Springs, CO

Photos below were taken at the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade. This year the parade honored the Korean War Veterans, and as you can see, I was selected to be one of the Grand Marshals — an honor I never expected would happen to me.

It was a bitterly cold and snowy day. None the less we had a good turn-out, both in that all the marching units showed up, and also in that thousands showed up to watch and honor our Veterans. The wind-chill factor was eleven degrees.

I am being accompanied by an "Honor Escort" of Fifth Grade students from the Skyway Elementary School. Notice my proud Guidon Bearer.

*(Thank you Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen for photos and letter. Sorry for the late printing. Please send originals next time.)*



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# KWV 50th Commemorative Partner Events

Commemoration Event at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 3, 2002

## Sooner State Shares Common Ground with DOD in Honoring Korean War Veterans

By TSgt Michael Dorsey

Oklahoma City and the Nation's Capital will have more in common than acts of terror on federal employees. The two cities honored the nation's Korean War Veterans for their service and sacrifice in a commemoration ceremony in downtown Oklahoma City on Aug. 3.

At the Coca-Cola building in Bricktown, the city's entertainment district, military displays, a

wreath laying ceremony and the presentation of the Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medals to five veterans representing each branch of service will highlight the commemoration. The guest speaker will be fellow Oklahoman and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral William J. Crowe.

When a hijacked aircraft crashed into the west side of the Pentagon on Sept. 11, the DoD fell victim to terrorism as Oklahoma City did

seven years earlier, when an explosion destroyed the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people. Oklahoma City and Committee officials are hoping that with the commemoration event, the two cities will share something more positive in common.

"Our effort to engage Oklahoma City in a Commemoration Event is representative of the grass roots campaign we stress to reach as many Korean War veterans and

families as we can," Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, executive director for the Committee, said. "Oklahoma is home to one of only two Army National Guard divisions in the Korean War: the 45th Infantry Division. Additionally, the Oklahoma area is home to a large population of American Indian tribes. We hope to make contact with many Native American veterans and the families of those we have lost."



Members of the Joint Service Color Guard march the colors into the Coca Cola Building during the Joint Service Regional Korean War Commemoration Ceremony



A member of the Korean American Cultural Foundation dances a traditional Korean dance before an American flag made of balloons.

## Joint Regional Commemoration Event at San Diego on September 11, 2002



On left, the Friendship Memorial on San Diego Harbor overlooks the AARP Republic of Korea - Korean War Service Medal presentation ceremony Sept. 11. The ceremony took place before AARP's annual Life @ 50+ National Event.

Above, Jean Arnett, pins the Republic of Korea - Korean War Service Medal on her husband Korean War veteran Don Arnett during the AARP Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal presentation ceremony in San Diego Sept. 11. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey)

(Thank you TSgt Dorsey and SSG Robert K. Timmons for photos and text for above events.)



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## Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

January 25, 2002, new officers for the years 2002-2003 were installed. The event was held at the VFW, Saddle Brook, New Jersey. A large gathering of Korean War Veterans and their wives, plus guests attended. KWVA New Jersey State Commander Robert B. Kenney administered the oath of office.



Dr. Richard E. Onorevole was installed as the 4th Chapter Commander, William McGuinness as Senior Vice Commander and George Bruzgis as Jr. Vice Commander. Commandeer Onorevole presented Past Commander John Meuser a plaque affixed with a gravel for his outstanding service to Taejon Chapter through the years 2000-2001.

Other Post Officers awarded a certificate of appreciation for the years 2000-2001 were Past Sr. Vice Commander Henry Ferrarini and Past Jr. Vice Commander John DiLonardo.

Commander Onorevole presented "the Commander's Medal" to Taejon Chapter member and New Jersey State Senator Louis Kosco. Senator Kosco has been active in bringing an awareness of the Korean War to the American people.

Major Karen Chamberlain of Saddle Brook, New Jersey was guest speaker. Master of Ceremonies and member of Taejon Chapter was Mike Prelee, long time radio announcer for WVNJ. Opening prayer was given by Edward Messina, Chaplain. Posting and Retiring of Colors by Col. Jack O'Neil, Adjutant and Color Guard Captain James Lomauro. Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt. at Arms, Salvatore Altomare. National Anthem, God Bless America and taps were played by Vincent Cupo with the harmonica. Presenting the MIA placement was George Job.

After the closing remarks, food and beverage were available for members and guests.

*(Names not on back of all photos. There may be some order if I printed all photos. KWVA National is proud of your chapter but we have over 200 chapters hoping to see their events also. This page is dedicated to your chapter. At least 4 photos not printed. Thank you Louis Quagliero for all the photos and letter.)*



Chapter Members on April 27, 2002, attended a memorial service remembering the 4th anniversary of the death of their First Commander Sergeant Walter E. Bray. Walter Bray was the recipient of three purple hearts. Highway 287 that runs through Bergen County, New Jersey of the Korean War Memorial Highway honor his name with plaques along the highway.

The highway was the first in the county to honor Korean War Veterans. *(A great American-Ed)*



Robert Henry painted a new view of the Korean War and presented it to our Chapter. On May 14, 2002, at a regular meeting the chapter donated a large photo of Robert Henry's painting. It was presented for shipment to "Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library" in Tuscola, Illinois.

*(A great looking painting. I am sure the Museum and Library will welcome your donation.)*



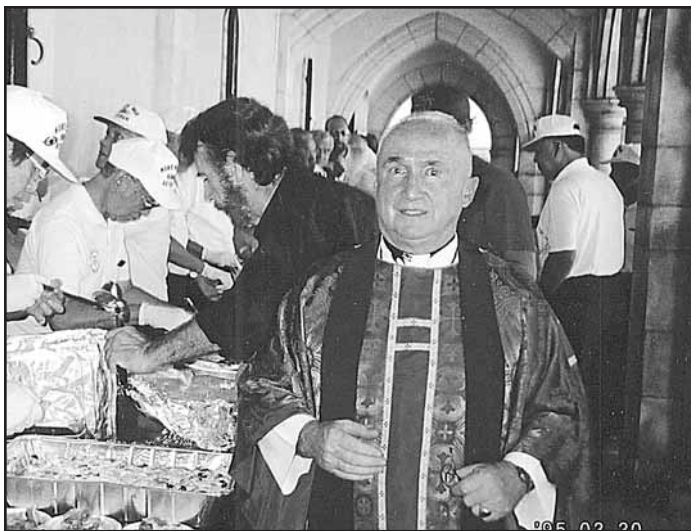
On May 11, 2002, our Chapter members stood before the "A & P" Store in Saddle Brook, New Jersey to raise money for veterans and other charity organizations. Fifteen members took part in the event.

On the left George Job, Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and Chaplain Edward Messina.

## Hawaii Chapter #1



Behind their serving dishes and waiting for the line to form are, from left, Louis Baldovi, Francis Yasutake, James Kamehiro, Thomas Tanaka, Jack Hirai, Fred Wakugawa, Harry Takane and Robert Hamakawa.



Father Richard Rubie of the Chosin Few, Aloha Chapter, leads the homeless through the lunch line as chapter members serve the food.



From the left are Alice and Treasurer Richard Higa, Secretary Harry and Sumako Kumabe, Vice-President Cas and Glory Castillo and President Robert and Evelyn Hamakawa.

*(Thank you Louis Baldovi for photos and letter. A great chapter and super events, There are 4 or 5 chapters in Hawaii.)*



Shown in photo with the Korean War Anniversary Commemoration flag fluttering in the Hawaiian breeze are members of Hawaii Chapter #1 and KWVA Aloha Chapter members. They march in perfect step.



Shown in photo is team member Thomas Tanaka as he takes some interesting questions from Niu Valley Middle School students on the Korean War.

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## Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



President Richard Teike presenting a plaque to the Maroa-Forsyth High School principal honoring Charles Parlier, a former student and for whom the chapter is named, on the 49th anniversary of his death. KIA 12-3-52.



A Tell America Program was held at Mattoon High School, Mattoon, Illinois on March 7, 2002. Picture shows Floyd Cooper, Wilbur Roosevelt, Gene Baker, Richard Fishback, and Joe Matthews before the program got under way.



Members answer questions at the "show and tell" table.



At the 2002 Memorial Day Program held at our Memorial in Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois, from left, R. Teike, D. Mayberry, W. Neal, W. Roosevelt, F. Cooper and W. Williams, and part of the Macon County Honor Guard.



Wreath laying by one of the veterans organizations present at the 2002 Memorial Day Program held at our Memorial in Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, IL.

*Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letter. Super events held by a great chapter. We are proud to show your events.*

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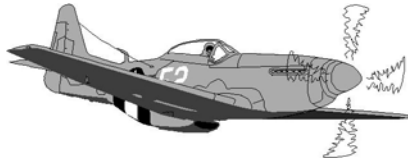
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# INCHON ELATION



## *Home by Christmas* Korea – October, 1950

On 15 September, 1950, our Army, Navy and Marines conducted an audacious but highly successful seaborne invasion through the 18 foot tides at the Port of Inchon ... far, far behind the enemy's then-current front lines.

We were cheered to hear that Kimpoo airfield was recaptured on the first day of the offensive and the troops were moving to retake the city of Seoul. On the following morning, I was elated as I took off from our newly-reactivated Pusan air base (designated: 'K-9') with a flight of four, into the morning scud which remained from the recent passage of Typhoon 'Kezia', searching for likely targets along the perimeter area west and north of our beleaguered Taegu base.

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

Our flight ranged northwesterly, following the Nakdong River to Sonsan, just west of Taegu, where, as we topped the crest of the near bank, I absolutely could not believe what I found ... a panic-stricken Red Army was running headlong, trying

to wade across the summer-shallow river... out in the open, in broad daylight. And, for the time being at least, few slowed to shoot at us.

I maneuvered our four Mustangs northward a short distance, to a flat, level area where we could swing around while remaining at low level, to position ourselves to release the eight napalm bombs onto the river upstream of the massed North Korean troops, allowing the flaming, floating jellied-gasoline to spread and engulf the full width of the shallow river.

We separated into pairs for subsequent attacks, which we flew repeatedly back and forth along the river banks, strafing as we went, taking turns to keep from interfering with each others' gunnery patterns. The Nakdong River was soon 'flowing red'; literally, with the blood of a thousand routed enemy troops.

Working my way still further north, into a narrow canyon between two steep hills, I found a group of Red soldiers trying to pull a truck across the river on a small raft attached to a long cable stretched to the west shore. I was able to take a bead on the truck by simply turning a few degrees, then launched all six of my big 5" rockets at one time.

With but a short "Whoooooosh" the rockets hit the water several yards short of the raft, the exploding water tipping the truck onto its side into the river, rather than destroying it, while sending up a massive

wall of water to about 100 feet in the air.

The narrow canyon walls, rising sharply from the river, prevented my making any kind of evasive turn that would enable me to miss the sudden watery barrier which was directly in my path of flight.

I had never before flown into a watery barricade, of any size, and had absolutely no idea what the impact force of my 325 mph speed would have on the structure of my airplane... even had I been allowed more than a short instant of time to think about it before running head-on into my self-induced hazard.

My instantaneous reaction to the problem was an immediate exclamation of "Oooooooh Sheeee-it ...I've done it now!!" while I pulled back on the control stick as I ran head-on into the massive muddy-green wall of water.

With a great "Splat," the windscreen was covered, and for a brief micro-second I was reminded of taking a car through an automatic car wash, then, just as quickly, I was through it and into the clear air on the other side ... none the worse for the experience, except for a few more grey hairs than I'd had just a few moments before.

The slaughter of the retreating North Koreans continued all along the former battle lines; small pockets of temporary resistance in the vicinity of Chinju and Kumchon, were quickly eliminated by the focus of our air attacks, after which they, too, broke out into the open, trying to escape to the north, making themselves all the more vulnerable to our strafing runs.

The Red Army was suddenly being decimated ... leaving all of their artillery, trucks, tanks and supplies in their wake as they tried to save themselves by running into the hills.

Our troops tried to chase them, capturing many thousands in the process, but many were able to simply remove their uniforms and blend into the masses of South Korean refugees struggling toward the south.

The complexion of the war had completely reversed itself in just a few short days. There was not much question about which side would "win," it was becoming just a matter of "how long will it take to wipe up the stragglers?"

We began to have flights coming back with their bombs and rockets because they could not find any worthwhile targets.

### Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

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## "One of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots...."



**Bud Biteman**

Over four years ago I made a request to this airman that I wanted to print something in The Graybeards about our brave airmen just like I wish to do about all or different branches of service. Little did I know that I would be sent 45 stories and many photos. I did not print the first four because it was before the Korean War.

I did print Bud Biteman's bio and some history on his unit the 18th Fighter Wing. Bud also was President of this association, did their web page [fightertown.org](http://fightertown.org), organize reunions and edited their newsletter. He also joined the KWVA National. His only request for printing the stories was to honor his unit and those he served with.

I am telling you all of this now because I just received a letter from Joseph L. Krakovsky telling me Bud Biteman passed away on September 23, 2002. So far we have printed 24 stories. I have 17 more stories to go and this time they will be printed not only to honor his unit and those he served with, they will also be printed to remember a hero that always signed off his stories with "One of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots...."

We all feel safer as we did in Korea knowing you are soaring in the sky watching over us. God Bless you Bud and your family. We will miss you.

*May The Wind Always Be Beneath Your Wings.*

—Vince Krepps, Editor

Instead, they would have to carry their loads out over the Sea of Japan and jettison the bombs in the "safe" mode, returning to base with their rockets and machine gun ammunition.

Captain Joe Lane "captured" twenty-five enemy troops trying to escape from our advancing Army north of Taejon. He simply flew low over them, fired a burst from his machine guns, and they immediately whipped out a white cloth, then turned and started marching south toward our advancing troops, with their hands in the air. Joe continued to circle them until they came to one of our tanks, who stopped long enough to accept their surrender.

Strange, unexpected happenings...But all was not over, by any means.

Even though our troops were approaching the 38th parallel all along the front, there was still a strong resistance along the east coast, near Wonsan, and around the North Korean capital city of Pyongyang.

While the Army's General Walker was being quoted in the newspapers, saying "The War is Over," our Captain Don Flentke was knocked down over the hills southwest of Wonsan, and died in the crash of his Mustang on September 29th, 1950. Mike David had to ditch in the sea off Wonsan about the same time; he never came up.

We didn't dare let our optimism make us complacent about the enemy's remaining battle capabilities. It was becoming quite obvious that they were trying to regroup for a last-ditch stand in the mountains ... on a line stretching from Pyongyang, in the west, to Hamhung on the east coast. Their desperation made the survivors all the more dangerous to us.

The remaining Reds became more wily and, if I must say, more brave. Instead of ducking for cover the instant we came into sight, they began to remain at their guns... trading round-for-round as we pressed our attacks.

The chilly fall weather and our primitive, unheated tents at Pusan contributed to a near-epidemic of head colds amongst our pilots and ground crews. Fortunately, our ground support and attack missions allowed us to remain at comparatively low altitudes ... usually under 5000 feet, so the head-colds did not seriously impede our combat capability; they just made each

mission more uncomfortable, and increased the risk of punctured ear drums.

On 2 October, 1950, I flew a long haul of four hours and forty-five minutes from Pusan to the coastal area north of Hungnam, my 52nd mission... with a cold the likes of which the Flight Surgeon would have grounded me in peacetime. It was a long, tiring mission, where I really had to search before I finally found an operational switch engine to knock out. I was sorely tempted to start a few forest fires in the beautiful, dry crimson colors of the fall's foliage, but thought better of it; after all, "the war's over" and our troops will be taking that countryside in just a few days...

When I landed I was told that my assistant, Don Bolt had been knocked down near Pyongyang, and that they were trying to get a helicopter up from Seoul to pick him out. My heart became suddenly very, very heavy, for Don had become a close and special friend in the past few weeks that we had been working together. I consciously prayed that the good Lord would give him just a little special consideration ... he really needed it!

Then, on the same day, October 2, 1950, we lost Ramon Davis in the Wonsan area, then another, a Major Murritt Davis ... a new arrival in the squadron, went down, and we received word that Alex Padilla had been captured while serving with the Army as a Forward Air Controller in the central sector. Within the next couple of days, Ed Hodges had his controls shot out and Owen Brewer had his engine shot up; both were forced to bail out ... which they did successfully, and both were picked up by our forces and returned to duty.

Intelligence reports indicated that the Chinese had eighteen Army divisions in Manchuria ... 450,000 troops, up from just 116,000 in July. And they had 300 planes. General MacArthur said their entry into the war was "*possible, but not probable*"!

On Sunday, October 8th, 1950, First Lieutenant Ray Carter took an afternoon flight of two up the east coast to the very northeast corner of North Korea ... where Korea, Manchuria and Russia join borders. Finding a multitude of targets on the roads near *Kyongwon*, on the Korean side, he wasn't aware when *he crossed the border with Russia, heading northeast... into for-*

*bidden territory.*

Continuing through the sparse valleys of the coastal range, he led his flight onto an open plain and discovered a "secret airfield" with dozens of airplanes on the parking apron. However, because he was getting low on fuel, and the anti-aircraft fire was heavier than what Ray had been used to, he led just one wild strafing pass down the long line of 'enemy' aircraft, then turned out to sea and followed the winding coastline back to Pusan, arriving long after dark.

Ray Carter felt terrible about attracting so much adverse high-level attention to the Squadron. I consoled him by telling him that he was getting his wrist slapped for his error in navigation ...he was grounded for a week, sent to Tokyo for high echelon interrogation, then placed on R & R Leave until things cooled down ...but, as I told him before he left for Tokyo...

*"...he'd probably be awarded the Air Force Cross for having carried out the very first American air raid against Russia!"*

with emphasis added by Gen. Stratemyer, the Far East Air Force Commander:

*"Who in the bloody hell's been shooting up the Russian airplanes on the very outskirts of Vladivostok?!"*

That "secret airfield" they'd strafed was at Sukhaya Rechka .sixty miles inside Soviet Siberia, and the Hotlines from Moscow to Washington were buzzing with indignation.

Two hours before Ray's flight returned, to Pusan's K-9 base, we had been alerted to a problem by a Top Secret message from Far East Air Force Headquarters. The steaming message came straight from General MacArthur, Washington was very apologetic, assuring the Soviets that it was a simple, understandable navigation error on the part of our pilots, and that they would be severely disciplined. Our government even offered to pay the Russians monetary damages for the loss of their equipment destroyed in the raid. They finally allowed the matter to drop, and a possible provocation of World War Three was allowed to pass almost unnoticed.

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

Next Issue: **Korean Birthday Bash**

Biteman celebrated his 27th birthday with 3 vivid missions.

## Photo file...



**3rd Platoon, C Company, 1st Bn., 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division – February 1951.**

Submitted by 2LT Robert H. Masterson, USMCR (ret.), 21270 Edgecliff Dr., Euclid, OH 44123



Robert "Bobby" Guthrie shown in Korea after August 1950. He was in the 82nd AAA AW Bn., B Battery, 2nd Inf. Div. Which supported the 9th, 23rd and the 38th Inf. Regts on the front lines. Usually the M16's (Half-Tracks) and M19s (Light Tank) were dug in as shown to protect to tracks. Bobby was KIA on hill 1062 March 28, 1952. Photo By George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Park Rd., Florence, AL 35630-3352

*(Thank you George for photos and letter. See page 16, July-August 2002 issue.)*



This photo is how it appeared in the July 28th Times Standard, our major newspaper in CA, formerly (Eureka) North Coast.

Leo Backen (left) and Lyle Backen Photo By William O'Donnell

*(Thank you Bill for photo, do not know story.)*



## "Where Are My Pals"

We shared the same tent, we wore our Nation's uniform with lots of G.I. pride, we ate the same kind of chow.

Our habits were not the same, but still we were one.

Where are my Pals ? the test of friendship came to pass on the battle-hills and cities of South Korea, and some of the brave did stay.

Where are my Pals ? I think of them day and night, the day's dawning reminds me of sleepy eyed foxhole brother warriors. The edge of night, I hear their tired sighs.

Noel, my foxhole buddy, a tall handsome man with red hair and blue eyes plus the brave heart of a roaring Lion. His heart felt loyalty belonged to the Red, White, and Blue and Ruth.

Years, yes scores of years have become history, and still that one freezing day of December 1, 1950 refuses to disappear from my confused mind.

I have lived through the "Plus and Minus" days of my life since then, and those happy or sad days of my existence I barely recall.

Where are my Pals ? that freezing day of December 1, 1950 won't leave my thoughts. I curse the men of greed, who were responsible for all the human blood shed on the white icy snow.

Where are my Pals ? was it their yankee blood that colored the white snow red ? Was it they whose yankee bodies laid prone without life ? The burning bullets, buzz pass my ice cold ears, as I attack.

My foxhole buddy was hit by enemy fire, and the M.G. he dropped, I dropped myself by his side, he was alive. I picked up the M.G. and continued to attack the Foe, but in vain. The morrow would find me wounded with no Medic's aid.

Where are my Pals ? I saw them not die, were they wounded ? Were they captured as I ? by uncaring slant-eyed foes, who only smile as we bleed. Where are my Pals...?

Author unknown

## To MIA-Harold Adkinson, Korea and all MIA's

*You left home, hardly more than a boy,  
Yet man enough to be called a Ranger.  
Your duty took you to a distant land  
With gun and guts to face the danger.*

*Like the legions marching through centuries,  
You took your place in battle and time.  
We cannot know the outcome of your fight  
Nor pay honor due with simple rhyme.*

*With hearts as heavy as this memorial stone  
Upon which we have carved your name  
We ask ourselves "Where is he now?"  
We wonder still, "Who is to blame?"*

*Is your dear body an empty shell,  
Lost and abandoned on Korean soil?  
Have they taken you to China or beyond?  
Your shackles loosened just to toil?*

*We'll meet again in God's own time  
Where there will be no tears or strife.  
Answers will be given then  
That we do not have in mortal life.*

*"Til then, somehow," We hope you know  
You're in our constant thoughts and prayer.  
It matters not who's taken first.  
Just know that we will meet you there.*

By Judith Knight

## THE COMBAT MEDIC

He was a soldier, an aid man, for the front line GI's.  
His job was to give first aid and try to save lives.

In Korea, there was a lot for the Medic to do,  
check his men for frost bite and give first aid too.

The Aid man or Medic, most knew him by name  
The men looked out for him, and he did the same.

Everyone liked the Medic, most called him "Doc,"  
he would check on all his men when the fighting would stop.

On the front line, for the medic, his job was very tough  
to give first aid and stay alive on the battlefield was very rough.

When the shelling was heavy, the firing real,  
the Medic was always there on the battlefield.

He would be with the wounded men he found,  
as the shells came in and hit all around.

These men, the combat Medics, we cannot forget.  
They helped save many that were close to death.

Some of our Medics gave their lives for other men,  
while they were trying to carry them in.

The Medic or Doc, as he was sometime called,  
was always on duty, always on call.

There were Medics I knew so very well,  
some were killed or wounded by incoming shells.

A good friend of mine, I remember well,  
I was there when he died, I was there when he fell.

These combat Medics, these number one guys,  
because of their help many survived.

A wounded combat infantry man had this to say,  
"The Medics were hero's, " one had saved his life that day.

The Medic will be remembered by many GI's.  
Because of his help, they are alive.

By an old Korean Vet - Boyed H. Burnley

**Previews**

"Hills of Sacrifice is a magnificent history of 'Hawaii's own', the 5th RCT during the Korean War. It will be widely read, and deserves to be." Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano, State of Hawaii.

"At last, after 49 years, the best and most definitive book on infantry combat at the bayonet level in Korea. It grips the reader into the firestorm, fury, terror and grief of it all.

Hills of Sacrifice is deeply researched, grimly detailed, personalized historiography of battlefield infantry action by American 'grunts' fighting determined North Korean and Chinese soldiers.

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"A hell of a read! Hills of Sacrifice, explodes like a hand grenade and is riveting combat reportage. It's the most detailed account of the bloody Korean War that I have read.

The reader is there in the trenches, with the Grunts, stopping massed attacks or storming enemy held hills. The 5th RCT was a great regiment, with top leaders, brave warriors, and this remarkable book captures their gallantry and sacrifice dead on target. A must read for anyone wanting to know the Grunt's heroic story from the Korean War and how a gallant regiment became the Fire Brigade of the Korean War." COL David H. Hackworth

*(The above gives you a very good idea what the book is about. 288 plus pages of text and photos describing the history in the Korean War of the 5th RCT. Great reading for any veteran. The 5th RCT was assigned to many units. Published by Turner Publishers. I see nothing on cost. Contact Michael P. Slater, 7871 Unbridled CT., Manassas, VA 20112. Tel: 703-791-4626. E-mail slater55@msn.com or Web page hillsofsacrifice.com. Michael is hard at work on his second book on the Korean War. Its subject is the Battle of Outpost Harry fought in June 1953. I look forward to doing a review on your new book.)*

**Wild Goose**

*By Colin Baker*

Wild Goose is the name given to the many thousands of Irishmen who left their native land and, like the wild birds, migrated to other countries, to fight as mercenaries in foreign armies after the Battle of Aughrim and the Surrender of Limerick in 1691. The Wild Goose was adopted in the 1960s as the symbol, flag and shoulder flash of members of 5 Commando fighting in the Congo. One of the 5 Commando mercenaries was Hugh van Oppen

**About the Author**

Colin Baker, Professor Emeritus in the University of Glamorgan, specializes in the post-war political history of Central Africa, primarily Nyasaland-Malawi and is the author of eight books in this field, including the biographies of Nyasaland's last three Governors. He is currently working on the biography of Sir Richard Turnbull, the last Governor of Tanganyika. His earlier posts included Principal of the Institute of Public Administration in the University of Malawi, Director of the Institute of Administration in the University of Ife, Nigeria, and founder Director of the University of Glamorgan Business School.

In this biography of Hugh van Oppen, Colin Baker examines the extraordinary life - and death - of a remarkable and extremely colorful man. After schooling at Oakham, and a year as a trainee tobacco planter in Rhodesia, van Oppen joined the army. He was court martialled at Sandhurst and sent to Korea and later Egypt. Leaving the army in 1956, he joined the Northern Rhodesia Police, where he again came unstuck and resigned just before being dismissed. He then served with the Royal Rhodesia Regiment during the 1959 state of emergency in Nyasaland, and played the key role in quelling the most serious riot there. Following a precarious and unsuccessful period in business in Rhodesia, which he combined with clandestine intelligence gathering work in Katanga for the federal government, he returned

to England, where he found life distinctly uncongenial. He went to Holland and worked in the Rotterdam docks for six months and then went back to South Africa where he took up trawler fishing with an incompetent crew and in an unseaworthy boat. He then spent several sponsored months in the USA, lecturing on the evils of communism in Africa and lobbying politicians to do something about it. Virtually penniless on his return to South Africa, he joined Colonel Mike Hoare's mercenary 5 Commando in the Congo. He proved himself a gifted leader and military commander, but was killed just before he was due to take over as commanding officer of 5 Commando. The author examines in detail each of these phases in van Oppen's fascinating life and concludes with an analysis of his constant search to prove himself, his relationships with women, his right wing political stance, his tendency to embroider many aspects of his life and career, and, finally, his death.

(A book for those interested in history. Book cost and information on Colin Baker misplaced or never sent to me. Contact your local book store. I am sure they can obtain book and cost.)

**Patton's Bulldog**  
**The life and Service of General**  
**Walton H. Walker**

*By Wilson A. Heefner*

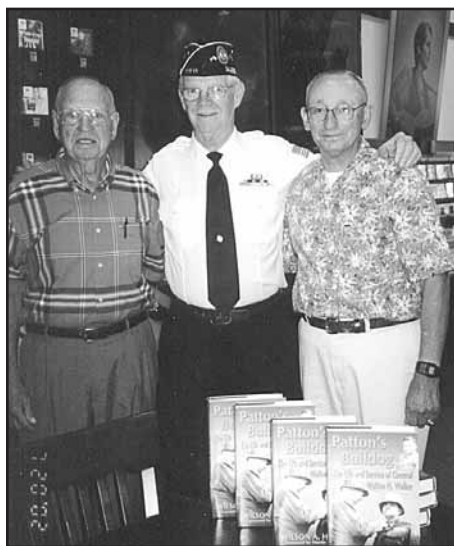
**The Author**

Wilson A. Heefner is a retired physician who has begun a second career as military historian. A native of Pennsylvania, Heefner holds degrees from Gettysburg College, the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the University of Hawaii. He retired from

**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.



the U.S. Army in the grade of colonel after 41 years of service as an enlisted man, infantry officer, and medical officer, and served as a private first class in Walker's Eighth Army in 1950. Heefner is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. His broad civilian and military education and experience provide him with unique qualifications to write this first critical biography of General Walton H. Walker. He is also the author of *Twentieth Century Warrior: The Life and Service of Major General Edwin D. Patrick*.



Patton's Bulldog book signing. Shown left to right are Gen. Sam Walker USA (Ret), Dick Predmore and Dr. Wilson Heefner Col. USA (Ret)



Gen. Sam Walker USA (Ret.) signs book for KWVA veteran Bill MacSwain. Louis Holmes waits his turn.

## Foreword

Gen. Walton H. Walker is often called a bulldog because of his physical appearance: his short stature, solid frame, and pugnacious look. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. thought those attributes to be hardly helpful to anyone who aspired to military leadership. Walker's performance on the battlefield changed Patton's mind.

One of Patton's illustrious subordinates, staying with Patton's Third Army throughout the last eight months of World War II, General Walker commanded the XX Corps in the 1944-1945 campaign of northwest Europe. He accepted without question or complaint all missions assigned to him and fulfilled his duties with enthusiasm and dispatch. By driving forward with slashing speed, Walker surprised his adversaries to such an extent that his organization became known as the "Ghost Corps." By his determination and skill, Walker accomplished the seemingly impossible task of capturing the city of Metz, which was protected by half a hundred formidable forts. All these activities gained Patton's admiration and cemented their friendship.

Despite Walker's immense contributions to victory in the Second World War, his fame rests on his exceptional action in the Korean Conflict, specifically, his miraculous defense of the

Pusan Perimeter in 1950. In command of the Eighth Army, he demonstrated great professional competence and courage in a deadly contest of utmost importance. In the blazing heat of summer, during a struggle that was touch and go for several months, Walker shifted units of his scant forces to parry the thrusts of a far stronger opponent who came close to overwhelm-

ing his positions. Had Walker failed to preserve his foothold, the American and Allied forces, joined under the United Nations banner, would have had to abandon Korea and retire to Japan—a crushing defeat. The commitment of the Free World to save the Republic of Korea from being overrun by Communist aggression would have then come to naught. Instead, Walker's triumph ensured eventual success.

Dr. Wilson Heefner's full-length portrait follows General Walker from his birth and early years in Texas, through his West Point and post-academy days, to his significant participation in World War I, when he commanded a machine gun battalion in France with distinction. Marked for high rank in the army, Walker pursued learning, education, and experience during the interwar period. His attainments led to his wartime excellence in Europe and Korea.

Heefner's biography is sensitive and telling. For example, with a few deft strokes he makes clear Walker's relationships with his two principal superior officers, Patton in Europe and Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Far East. Walker's feelings toward them were altogether different; yet, in accordance with traditional military behavior, he showed the same responses to their instructions and gave both his best.

The picture of General Walker emerging from Dr. Heefner's pages shows not only the pugnacious bulldog but also a dedicated soldier who embodied in his service and in his life the most worthy qualities of American military leaders.

*By Martin Blumenson*

*(A special book about a dedicated soldier that fought a great battle with many of us in the early years of the Korean War with less than adequate equipment and training. A 348 page book with maps photos and text. This book will be available in bookstores or can be obtained by calling toll free 1-888-948-6263 or e-mailing <marketing@white-mane.com>. White Mane Publishing Co., 63 West Burd Street, Shippensburg, PA 17257. Cost \$29.95)*

# Korean Battlefield Tours - 2003

## Spring 2003 Special Commemoration Schedule

In 2003 - last year of the 2000 - 2003 50th Anniversary Commemoration - there will be several major Korea-Based Commemorations:

### **US Forces, Korea (USFK): "Veterans Appreciation Day"**

**April 23 - 30, 2003**

Sponsored by the Central Florida Veterans Association, this tour attends the last USFK "Veterans Appreciation Day" Commemoration, held at Knight Field on Yongsan Army Post. All participants are welcome on this tour, which will continue on to tour Northern battlefields in the Chorwon and Kumwha Valleys, and in the Punchbowl.

### **40th Infantry Division: Chorwon, Kumwha, Kapyong, Heartbreak**

**May 16 - 24, 2003**

Veterans of the US 40th Infantry Division have not yet had the opportunity to return to Korea as a group. Organized and led by author Frank Pruitt ("Reminiscence of a Forgotten War - Korean War Service with the 40th Division") this tour will visit 40ID battlesites in the Chorwon and Kumwha Valleys and the Punchbowl, and Kenneth Kaiser High School in Kapyong, built by the Division in 1952. By special permission of the ROK Army, this tour will also visit ROKA positions on Heartbreak Ridge - off limits since the end of the War.

### **US Naval Forces, Korea (USNFK): "Sea Power Commemoration"**

**May 25 - June 3, 2003**

USNFK "Sea Power" is the only Naval Commemoration in 2000 - 2003. This Tour will attend the "Sea Power" Event at Pusan, including International Ship Visits, and visit the ROK Naval Academy at Chinhae. The tour will also cover major Naval sites of interest, including the Pohang and Incheon amphibious landing sites, and cover the ground battles of the first 90 days, which led up to the Incheon operation.

### **Mt. Do Sol Battle Festival: The Punchbowl and Heartbreak Ridge**

**June 17 - 25, 2003**

In July of 1950, the Korean Marine Regiment fought a two-week battle at Do Sol San (Hill 1148) in the Punchbowl - a formative battle of the KMC. The battle is commemorated by the "Do Sol San Battle Festival", a week-long folk festival held in the Punchbowl every year. Our participants will attend the Festival as honored guests, and tour Punchbowl battlesites. By special permission, this program will also visit ROK Army positions on Heartbreak Ridge - off-limits since the end of the War. All participants are welcome on this tour, which will be of special interest to all Punchbowl Vets, as well as 2nd, 40th and 45th Division Vets who fought on Heartbreak Ridge.

### **50th Anniversary of the Korean Armistice**

**July 24 - August 2, 2003**

July 27, 2003 - the 50th Anniversary of the Korean Armistice. This day will mark the end of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration, and large public ceremonies have been planned by the ROK Government and US Forces Korea. This tour will attend these ceremonies, and continue on to tour Northern battlefields in the Chorwon and Kumwha Valleys, and in the Punchbowl.

## Fall 2003 Divisional Association Tour Programs

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## 1st Korean War Casualties Monument at Osan AB

On the 27, 1950 the 8th was called on to aid in the Korean police action from their TDY location at Ashiya, Japan. The first combat mission of the 3rd Bomb Group was flown by the 8th on June 27, 1950 against the rail yards at Munsan. The first losses were due to adverse weather conditions rather than to enemy action. On the 28th of June, the 3rd Bomb Wing had recorded the first Korean war combat casualties, a crew from the 13th Bomb Squadron was killed when their B-26 crashed on landing at Ashiya, Japan. Lost were 1st Lt Remer Harding, and SSgt William J. Goodwin. On the same day, the 8th lost two men south of Seoul, 1st Lt Raymond J. Cyborski and SSgt Jose C. Campos.

In addition, 1st Lt Vernon A. Lindvig and 1st Lt Derrell B. Sayre of the 339th Fighter Squadron (All Weather) from Yokota AB, Japan were lost. These six men were the first casualties of the Korean Conflict. The 7th Air Force erected a stone monument outside the Osan AB Chapel in their honor in June of 2000.

### "IN REMEMBRANCE"

The First American Losses of the Korean War On 28 June 1950, six air-men became the first Americans to lose their lives in defense of the Republic of Korea. They flew B-26 Invader light bombers assigned to the 3rd Bombardment Wing, and F-82G "Twin-Mustangs" from the 339th Fighter Squadron (All Weather), 5th Air Force, operating from Japan. In terrible weather, 5th Air Force launched heavily laden B-26s to attack the Munsan rail yards and F-82s to protect the freighter Reinhold evacuating non-combatants. Two B-26s and one F-82 were lost during the mission, killing six crewmembers aboard. They are named above.

They were the first of 1,200 USAF combat deaths for the war. They, along with 116,355 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines of 22 nations, gave their lives so that peace, democracy and prosperity could flourish south of the 38th Parallel. Their courage and sacrifice is a continuing reminder that freedom is not free.

On June 30, 1950, President Truman ordered ground troops into action at Osan. As the first American soldiers of Task Force Smith encountered the enemy, overhead were the 8th Bombardment Squadron's B-26 attack bombers. From Yokota Air Base, Japan they hit the North Korean forces with napalm, high explosives, rockets and incendiaries.



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS from page 19

\$412,839 to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Justice Department officials said. Daily falsely claimed he was a first lieutenant and a prisoner of war who was wounded by shrapnel. He pleaded guilty in March to defrauding the government. From February 1986 through the end of 2001, Daily received compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs and its predecessor, the Veterans Administration, based on an application he filed listing an injury and claiming prisoner of war status, the Justice Department said. Benefits included \$324,911 in payments wired to his bank and \$87,928 in medical care for his claimed service-related disabilities. Investigators said they became suspicious of Daily after he claimed involvement in the No Gun Ri killings. Daily was one of a dozen Army veterans cited by The Associated Press in 1999 as witnesses corroborating the accounts of South

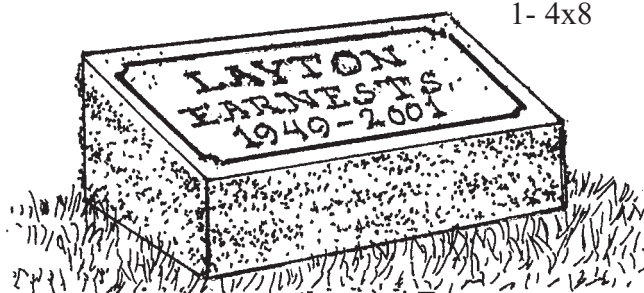
Korean survivors who said the 7th Cavalry Regiment killed a large number of refugees at No Gun Ri. Daily later acknowledged he could not have been there at the time, and had learned about the killings secondhand. Sumter Camp, Daily's public defender, declined to comment on the sentencing.

A Pentagon investigation last year confirmed that U.S. troops killed the refugees at No Gun Ri. At least 35 ex-GIs have described the events to the AP or Pentagon investigators or both. The killings were first reported by a team of AP reporters who won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

*(It makes you wonder how many more imposters we have out there telling equal lies if not bigger. My suggestion is to ask questions of story tellers. Most Korean War veterans can spot a liar quickly. Trust is earned by deeds and records. Editor.)*

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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 <renegade06@earthlink.net>



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.



I am writing a book about the battle of **Triangle Hill (Operation Showdown)** and the U. S. soldiers engaged in that and related battles along the MLR in Korea during 1952 and 1953. My father, now deceased, was in the 31st Regt. and fought and was wounded in the battle. I have been working on the book for the past 18 months. In addition to extensive documentary research in the US and Korea, I have been interviewing veterans of the battle and those who were in the service during that period. To date, I have interviewed or corre-

sponded with over 100 veterans of the battle. The battle was fought by elements of the 7th US Inf. Div. and the 5th USAF. I encourage any veterans who have knowledge of this battle and the other hill battles during Oct.-Nov., 1952 to contact Kevin Quinn, 310 Sportsmans Hall Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658. Work: (410) 267-8811, Fax (410) 267-8235, Mobile (410) 456-2376 or email <kquinn@wyeriver.net>.



My father **Max Roger Westbrook** was a veteran of the Korean War. He died on July 25, 2002. I’m trying to help my mother notify people who were important in his life and we are looking for some way to notify people who knew him during the War. Contact Lynn Westbrook at E-mail address <Jlwnew@aol.com>



My dad is a veteran of the Korean war. During his time in Korea, he spent some of his service in the special services department. While at the **K-2 AFB in Taegu, Korea**, my dad helped to open the first hobby shop in Korea, located on the base. One of the popular magazines in America did a story about it, and my dad was part of the picture on the cover. Being only 19 years old at the time, he wasn’t all that impressed with his new popularity, and bought one copy of the magazine, sent it to his mother, and hasn’t really thought about it since - in fact, he doesn’t even remember which magazine it was. My grandmother has long since passed away, and I’ve never seen the magazine. I’ve tried to locate it through several libraries, without luck. I’ve contacted a local VA representative, but he was not able to help me. I was hoping that since the hobby shop was on the base, and my dad was in the service when the story was written, that the magazine would have had to get permission from the Air Force to do the story, and their would be some kind of paperwork for it somewhere. Contact Kristen McTigue at e-mail address <smctigue@nc.rr.com>



I am a new member of the KWVA and served in Korea. I have been searching for a buddy of mine **Robert E Carlson**. He was from Rockford, IL. He served with me in the 67th Communications Sqdn. K14 Kimpo in 1954. Contact Don Christine, Tel: 727-859-0336 or e-mail <donshirl(@gte.net>.



I would like to hear from those who served with me in **Headquarters Company, 32d Quartermaster Group**, in Pusan, Korea in 1953 and 1954. Some names include Sgt. Maj. Ken Garland, Bill Lockwood, Floyd May, Dwight Rhamy, Earl Booth, Marland Armstrong, Jack Roth, Joseph Yuhas, and T.J. Simons. Contact Gerald Washburn, 2986 Emerald Chase Drive, Herndon, VA 20171. or e-mail <Geraldw318@aol.com>.



I am looking for information on my company that I was with in Korea. My unit was **Co. K, 32nd Regt., 7th Inf. Div.** The dates would be April 1953, Pork Chop Hill battle. Contact Dan Lucas at E-mail address <LukeIIA@aol.com>.



I’m trying to help a friend find someone he was in Korea with. His name is **William R. Luke**, maybe from Muscogee Co., Ga.



Would you be able to help us or maybe tell us where we can go for help? Contact Patty Luke at e-mail <pattyluke4@aol.com>.

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I am looking for **William Caughey**. He served with the 45th Div., Co. B, 180th Inf. Regt. Where would his name be listed in the Casualties, Korean War? Contact Chuck Herring at e-mail address <lv2write@whidbey.com>.

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Looking for **John Cordone** whose last known address was: 1361 Bronx River Ave., Bronx, NY. John was the brother of Carmine (Mike) Cordone who was killed in action, Korea - 1952. The person looking for John or sister Josephine is Joanne Cellura (Maiden name; Married name is Joanne Friend) Joanne resides at 7063 Westchester Road, Westchester, OH 45069-Tel: 513-777-0706 E-Mail: <JTTF1011@AOL.com>. E-mail sent in by "Herb Dareff" <hdareff@hotmail.com>.

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Charles Riley, 2871 Shields Ln., Fortuna, Ca. 95540, wants to buy two (2) U. S. Navy Rating **Badges for Petty Officer First Class Pipefitter** (Crossed Pipe Wrenches) Contact me at e-mail <rile@humboldtl.com>. Tel: 707-725-2730.

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I am looking for an army buddy, **Ray D. Henderson**, who served in Korea in 1951. Ray was originally from Texas and trained in Co. B, 122 Armored Ord. Maint. Bn., 3rd Armored Div., Ft. Knox Ky. Contact Norman J. Dean at e-mail address <DEAN PLTM@aol.com>. Zora-Miles Farm. Fallston MD

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Looking for **Billy W. Ashley** from 309 Glover St. Albertsville, Ala. He was in Korea 1952-1953. 3rd. Div., 15th Reg. D Co. Contact Joseph G. Hampton, at 735 S Spring Rd., Vineland NJ 0836. Tel: 856-692 -8050. E-mail <KVetFamily@cs.com>.

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Looking for buddies that served in the **160th inf. Regt., 40th Inf. Div.** Contact Jim Harrison at e-mail address <JFH02@MSN.COM>.

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I am writing on behalf of my father, Jack Hallman, who served in the Korean War. He has a friend, Bill Puchi, who has been asking around for ways to find someone who served with him in the Korean War from 1950-51 in the 8th Army - his name is **William Walter Wallack**. I've been unable to locate any information in all the searches I've done on the internet, and am asking for your guidance. How can I get an address or phone number for Mr. Wallack? I greatly appreciate any help you can offer. If you'd like to contact my father by phone, his number is 724-873-1929 (Pittsburgh, PA). Sincerely, Susan (Hallman) Wuenstel at e-mail address JRHallman@msn.com.

*(Susan after doing an internet search we found that William W. Wallack is a KIA. Your latest request was where he was buried and if a family member can be contacted.)*

William W. Wallack 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., KIA 04-05-51.

It also looks like a family member is looking for more detail. It says he is buried in Harwick, Pa. I can do a looking for with the info I now have and I hope someone will respond from PA or CT. Maybe your

father can help his sister by responding through you to this e-mail address, and person. Timothy G. (Elsa) Howard EMAIL: <Stoli@AOL.Com>, Timothy G. (Elsa) Howard, 124 Bagburn Rd. (P.O. Box 528) Monroe, Ct. 06468. Tim's wife is Williams sister. I hope this helps and you contact his sister.

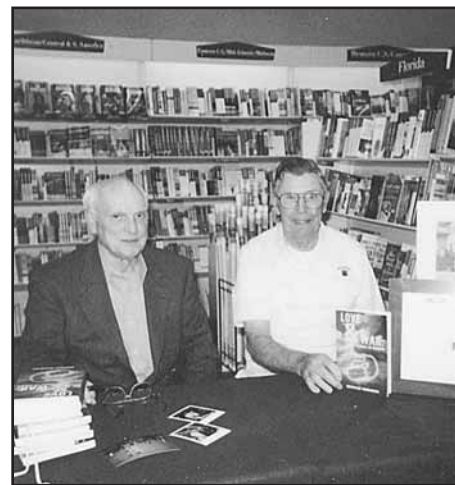
Thanks, Vincent Krepps

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Would like to hear from any personnel stationed at the **44th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH)** from July, 1953 to August, 1954. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave. Rockaway, New Jersey 07866

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Enclosed photo is of Sam Spivey and Reginald Neighbors, having a joint book-signing of our books written about the Korean War. We served together in 1950-1951, in the 703rd Ordnance Maintenance Co. of the 3rd Inf. Div. Both of us have our books for sale at many Books-a-Million stores throughout the Southeast. I am currently searching for two other men I



Sam Spivey (right) and Reginald Neighbors, having a joint book-signing of their books written about the Korean War.

served with in Korea, **PFC Gee** and **Corporal Eddie Young**. PFC Gee was possibly from Georgia and was badly burned in a small fire in Korea. Corporal Eddie Young was from Yazoo, Mississippi. Contact Reginald Neighbors, 8301 Twin Lakes Drive, Mobile, AL 36695. Tel: 251-633-6770 or e-mail <www.regneighbors@cs.com>.

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Looking for **Raymond Desjardins** 1st platoon, A Co., 14th Regt., 25th Inf. Div., Korea 53-54. Contact Frank Oddo at 389 Jersey Street, Buffalo, NY 14213 or telephone at 716-882-0590 or 727-391-7350.

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I was in G Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., Korea 1950-51. I am looking for **Al Fields** (MA) and Greenfeather (OK) or anyone that served with me. Contact Roland Hill, 121 Crestline Drive, Viroqua, WI 54665-1823. Tel: 608-637- 3067.

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I am looking for **Richard Peterson**. We served together in Suwon AFB in Korea 1951-52. Contact Howard V. Alston, 1900 W. Quinn Road #4, Pocatello, ID 83202. Tel: 208-237-2038.

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Looking for information on my brother **Robert D. Quatier**, Co. A, 19 Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div. who became MIA at the Kom River near Taejon, South Korea on July 16, 1950. Contact Richard L.




Looking for **Natale Dalla Santa** who served with me on the USS Sicily CVE-118 in the Korean War. Contact Edward L. Belbin, 699-C Church Ave., Apt. 106, Warwick, RI 02889. Tel: 401-739-4526.



I am a prisoner down in Texas and I would like to know if anyone may have known my father during the Korean War. My fathers name was **Rex Leroy Starr** and as far as I know he was stationed in Okinawa during the war. I have no idea what years he was in or when he was discharged. He passed away from a heart attack when I was only 7 yrs. old. He was 33 yrs. old at the time and we had lived in Jackson, Michigan at that time. He died on February 19th, 1965 and was buried in a cemetery somewhere outside of, I think, Sturgis, Michigan with full Military honors. If any of your readers knew my father and or served with him I would like to hear from them. I cannot promise that I will be able to answer all of the letters that I may receive since I have no source of income and must rely on the prisons indigent postage system and am only able to send out 5 letters per week. I will try to do my best in answering even if it may take some time. If anyone does write please do not try to send me a stamp or a stamped envelope because the prison will not let me have them. Thank you very much for your time and may God bless you for your patience with me. Douglas L. Starr #641646, P.O. Box 4500, Tennessee Colony, Texas 75886-4500.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

### September 11, 2001 Remembrance

After he was informed of the surprise bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated, "This day will go down in infamy".

Sixty years later, on a fateful morning in September - another day in infamy - individuals who were employed at the World Trade Centers and Pentagon were stirring and preparing for their daily activities. Confronting each morning is the usual challenge we all face daily. Fire fighters, police, medical and emergency personnel were all going about their usual activities. Individuals, like us, all over the world were also facing a new day.

Then the incomprehensible happened! In our living rooms, as we watched our televisions, petrified, events occurred that were inconceivable. Two airplanes and passengers crashing into the World Trade Centers, the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of the plane with passengers in Pennsylvania.

Foremost in our minds is the question, what provokes men and countries to plan and execute such horrible acts of terror where so many innocent peoples' lives are taken away? In the name of religion countless evil acts are released upon this world.

Some leaders have so much self esteem that they forget about the opinions and wishes of their own people. Countries and groups feel that they can take matters into their own hands, in the name of religion. This happened on September 11, 2001, in the mass destruction of over 3,000 precious lives and millions of dollars in property. To these beliefs I will, if I may, make these comments: In God's blessed Word, He says, "If my people that are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14 NIV.

There is an overabundance of evil hatred in the world. We must learn to rise above these feelings and replace them with a higher calling. Ideally, we should be able to communicate and express our concerns with one another, nation to nation, group to group, individual to individual without destructive force. We have great need for more love and concern for others at home and abroad.

Love, compassion and understanding are the qualities we must strive for God is ready to take us to a higher level. But we must allow Him into our everyday lives and actions.

The senseless deaths of that great magnitude of persons will never be forgotten. We pray that God will comfort those survivors and the families who suffered the loss of their loved ones. No more assassinations of our presidents and leaders, no more Korean Wars, no more Vietnam Wars, no more USS *Cole* incidents, no more World Wars.

We can and **MUST** become teachers of love and honesty, understanding and kindness, goodness and empathy, concern and pity. We must return to the basics that this country was founded upon - "In God We Trust". Then we shall become a beacon, to other countries, of truth, hope, and courage to do that which is right and just.

We earnestly pray that, with God's blessings, such tragedies as 9/11 and the Oklahoma bombing will never again occur.



# Mortuary Affairs

## ■ Taking Care of People Who Fight for Freedom

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21, 2002 — When a hijacked airliner forced the evacuation of the Pentagon Sept. 11, thousands of personal items were left behind in offices that were damaged or destroyed.

Since then, soldiers a long way from home have labored to return those items to people forced out and to the family members of those killed.

Members of the 311th Quartermaster Company, an Army Reserve mortuary affairs unit from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, first arrived at the Pentagon Sept. 15 to care for the remains of victims recovered in the airliner crash site. Ever since, they have been cataloging, cleaning, identifying and returning recovered personal effects out of a former stable on Fort Myer, Va.

Items found in the impact area and adjacent offices were considered evidence in the criminal investigation and were claimed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Items in other offices to which workers couldn't return were delivered to Fort Myer for the 311th to handle, Lt. Col. Cortez Puryear explained.

Puryear, a metro Washington area Army reservist, was activated to run the personnel effects depot. The island unit sent 85 soldiers immediately after the attack, and they served in round-the-clock operations through the height of the personal-effects recovery effort, he said. Currently, he directs the activities of 49 members of the 311th.

Items arrived at the personnel effects depot loose and in all manner of containers — bags, boxes, cartons, chests. Each container or separate item was assigned a lot number.

From there, items were separated in a certain hierarchy. All items associated with a particular person were grouped into what the soldiers called a "box." Items associated with rooms rather than persons were also grouped into boxes. Like items were grouped to boxes if they couldn't be placed with rooms or persons.

"Even if something was too large to fit in a box, we called it a box for identification purposes," Puryear said. "A box could be one item or 100 items depending on how we associated the item or items."

By early December, the team had processed all the recovered items and was ready to start returning them to Pentagon staff and to family members of victims. So far, about half the items have been returned.

After processing, the soldiers found they couldn't return at least 1,100 items because they no clue who owned them. It wouldn't be practical to have everyone who lost an item during the attack to visit and browse through the depot, Puryear said, the 311th created several copies of a registry with photos and descriptions of unclaimed items.

Spc. Jessica Mendez was one of the troops who walked a book through the Pentagon for survivors to look through. Mendez, just 18 and a few months out of high school when she deployed here

***"If you're a father and you're going through the wallet of a deceased victim and you see photos of little children, that impacts you a little"***

**Sgt. Elmer Feliciano**

last September, said her experiences since have changed her forever.

"It really helped me grow. I came in the Army a little girl," she said. "This was a reality check that you should appreciate the little things that you have because you never know when someone's going to take them away from you."

Mendez said seeing the effects of the attacks was devastating to her, but she prefers to focus on the positive. "You saw a lot of people helping each other," she said. She also said she is pleased how much more the American flag means to people now. "It's sad that something like this had to happen for people to open their eyes," she said.

Showing the personal effects registry around the Pentagon has allowed Mendez to connect with some of the people whose belongings she'd been handling for so many months. "Some were excited; some were sad they didn't find anything. There were a lot of different feelings," she said. "Some would cry; some would laugh; some would be devastated. It all depended on the person."

Designated casualty assistance officers took copies of the registry to family members of those killed in the attacks. A copy has gone as far as California, said Sgt. Elmer Feliciano, who was in charge of creating the registry.

Feliciano also spent time in the Pentagon soon after the attacks. He said the sights and smells of the destruction will always be with him. But he, too, prefers to focus on the positive.

"It was a whole team effort, and those were long 12-hour shifts," he said, noting that many people worked even longer shifts.

He said working at the personal effects depot has been rewarding for him because the work is done out of respect for family members. Feliciano said he's learned through feedback from casualty assistance officers that many family members believed they'd never recover certain items.

For him, the hardest part of the job has been looking at photographs that had been carried by the deceased victims. Feliciano has four children ages 8, 7, 6, and 1 at home in Puerto Rico.

"If you're a father and you're going through the wallet of a deceased victim and you see photos of little children, that impacts you a little," he said.

Spc. Julio Rosado said handling victims' clothing was the most emotional aspect of the mission for him, but added he wouldn't trade his job for another. He's seen time and again how important his work has been to the families.

"Mortuary affairs is a good job because you're taking care of people who fight for our freedom," he said. "It's noble work."

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## Texas Lone Star Chapter #76

The Houston, Texas Korean-American Assn. and. Korean Chamber of Commerce gave the TLSC/KWVA Veterans a special dinner party on June 22, 2002 and surprised each attending veteran with a beautiful awards plaque engraved with their name, in appreciation of their service during the Korean War. Lt. Col. William Leary, Commanding Officer of First Calvary Black Hawk Air Group from Fort Hood, Texas and Mr. Won Bae Park of San Antonio, Texas, gave congratulatory remarks.

*(Thank you Carlos Ballard for photos and letter. Super events.)*



From left Carlos Ballard, President of Lone Star Chapter, Houston Texas. Middle Charles W. Laird receiving Inchon Medal from Walter Ballard during reception held after dedication ceremony.



Shown left to right: Helen Goung, Young Man Kim, President of Korean-American Association Houston, Mi Sun Song, President of Korean C of C, David Kim and Mr. Lee.



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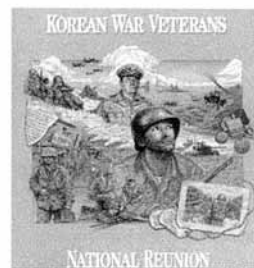
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## KAPAUN from page 24

ber of Medical Company and also volunteered to remain behind and care for the wounded and thus shared Father Kapaun's ordeal. In addition the listing of the members of the company reported as missing in action at Unsan, Korea, on November 2, 1950 and later dropped from rolls contains 26 names. Of those 26 men, only 2, Dr Clarence Anderson and SFC Charles McDaniel, both now deceased, are accounted for in the information that I have on file. I believe it must be assumed that the remaining 24 men were either killed or shared the horrors of the prison camps.

*(I print this story to honor all our MIAs and those that were POWs. I have a book on Father Kapaun which was hard to scan and maybe not allowed by copy write. This printed version sent to me by Jack Edwards was hard not to print. Sept. 20, 2002 is POW/MIA Recognition Day and just a little late because most of you will not see it until October.*

*This special day is on Sept. 20th every year. Being a twin brother of a MIA, it took me 48 years to learn about his fate from someone that was with him at one of these Death Houses the Chinese called hospitals. Family members do not know much about our MIA/POWS and their fate. Most of us do not know if our loved ones had a friend that comforted them. I pray that Father Kapaun was with my brother during his living POW days.*

*My Father Kapaun is Ron Lovejoy who helped my brother while he was at the death house. Just maybe Richard was buried near Father Kapaun. As usual, some are just wishful thoughts but no one but a close loved one of the MIAs will understand how important these meaningful small wishes are when there is little hope of ever seeing them again until we join them in Heaven. Father Kapaun knew. Thanks again Jack for the families and me. Vincent Krepps - Editor.)*

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



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. (Deaths which occurred over 6 months ago are not listed.)

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★ LCol Duane "Bud" Biteman  
USAF (Ret)

### Wisconsin

★ Charles J. Mitchell

### Unknown State \*

★ Gen. John N. McLaughlin

\* Please give name of State on forms. I do not always get the envelope.—Editor

## Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library

## Update

### Korea Revisit

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

As I write this report, the largest group of veterans and their families we have taken to Korea have just returned from the September tour. There were 90 total with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, George O'Brien and his wife, with them. As usual, the KVA Seoul "wined and dined" them and they all had a marvelous and historical experience! About 30 of them went on the China to do their early Christmas shopping!

The next and final group for 2002 will depart on 28 October. There will be 80 in that group. We will take a break and get ready for the big 50th Anniversary of the Armistice signing next year, 2003. We sincerely hope that we will have the same 200 quotas that we received this year.

Don't wait! Please don't wait until the last minute to get your 2003 and 2004 applications in. We were recently informed that the Korean government is going to sponsor these popular Revisit Korea Tours for at least the next two years. Since we date stamp the applications, its vitally important to get yours on file if you want to go in 2003. This will be a very popular year with all the events that they have scheduled to commemorate the end of the war, and the release of the POW's.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, President/CEO  
Military Historical Tours, Alexandria, VA  
(See page 71 for Revisit Application. Also call Military Historical Tours at 703-212-0695 or Fax 703-212-8567. Check [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) for application and revisit rules.)



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### Progress Report: Sept. - Oct. 2002 We Need New Members

There are approximately 4,000,000 Korean War Veterans living today and more veterans who have preserved the armistice.

1,000,000 veterans are needed as members of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library to fund this project and establish an endowment fund to perpetuate for the next 100 years. This can be accomplished if 1,000,000 veterans buy a \$25 Individual or Spouse membership each for 2 years.

The six states with the most Korean War Era veterans are California (431,000); Florida (294,000); Texas (243,000); New York (220,000); Pennsylvania (201,000) and Illinois (154,000) as of mid year 2000. The total is 1,543,000. This is the group that could be the one to help us fund the project.

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# LETTERS HOME

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

Oct. 5, 1950

Dear Family:

Things have happened very rapidly lately and now we are way up to Chuchowan (below Suwan). What the big picture is we don't know. All we know is that MacArthur issued an ultimatum of 72 hours. It was up several days ago but we still don't know what is happening. All we get is rumors. The biggest fear is that Communist China will move across. Morale is bad enough having to go into North Korea, not alone having to fight the Chinese. We are moving slowly North toward the parallel but with one road and loads of troops moving we can only go short distances.

It was quite a trip from Yong-dong (between Kumchon and Taegue) and here. I have never seen so many wrecked vehicles and tanks. The sides of the roads were littered with them. Between Yong-dong and here I alone counted 65 knocked out North Korean tanks. The Air Corps did just about all of it. Outside Taejon I saw 13 tanks on one hill, all dug in and concealed, that had been knocked out. The Air Corps uses Napalm (gasoline) on all and just burns them out.

You could trace the entire battle that the 24th Division put up in July. There was a lot of U.S. equipment knocked out along the roads. We saw several light tanks and 155 guns. At spots the road was covered with U.S. vehicles that had run into a road block in the rear, they are still finding bodies of U.S. troops overrun on hills around and trying to identify them. In Taejon we saw the three tanks knocked out by Gen. Dean. Taejon is mostly rubble. It reminded me of pictures I'd seen of Berlin and Rotterdam and London where you can look across huge open areas of rubble right in the heart of the huge city.

The fight at Taejon was a tribute to the infantry. They were told to hold 3 days and they held 7. Five North Korean Divisions tried to force them out but they fought from building to building.

In the river beds you could see where artillery had set up and been ambushed. All bridges were out and at the fords on Kum River you could see where U.S. light tanks had been over-run.

The Air Corps has been the key figure. Every house along the road had been destroyed (tanks were concealed in them).

It's rare to see a town along this route not in ashes. The B-29 pattern bombing is terrific. Around Wegwam we walked through acres and acres of bombed out area that had turned all vegetation gray from its effect.

We've had a semi-rest ever since Kumchon. We've had fires at night but have been on road blocks and must set out security and patrols. The North Koreans active fighting has ceased and must have broke into small groups and are working North. They still set ambushes for lone vehicles however, and snipe at us. Thus we still must be alert.

Yesterday we found near a lone farm building a printing press, auto park, tires, ammo, and \$30,000 worth of Korean money. We had to turn it in. It was some sort of Hq. Enclosed is cartoon from Commie newspaper. Took a life of Joe Stalin in Korean as a souvenir.

Disillusioned a little because chances of promotion in this Bn. are slim. All the '47 West Point men in Regt. have been juggled around in jobs so

they can make Capt. My Bn. is frozen. Am afraid National Guard and Reserve will get all the jobs in the States. War is the only chance for rapid promotion, so don't ever let anybody tell you West Pointers get the breaks. I am in the same boat as the rest and there are loads of Reserve 1st Lts senior to me.

Love

R.



12 Oct. 1950

Dear Family:

This short line is devoted to the men. You couldn't find a better bunch of men. The North Koreans could Banzai us all day and I doubt if a single man would pull out. That shows how much confidence we have in them. They are all young and have plenty of zip. You can't break their spirit. At the moment morale is very high and yet from where you are you'd wonder why. We sleep on the ground, it rains, they pull guard, eat some rations each day and yet morale is high. I guess part of it is being alive and part of it is due to relaxing after all that tension. We train each day as we did at Schofield but they enter it with a far different spirit.

It's hard to explain why we have this confidence in them. One reason is that they are not afraid to shoot. A week or so ago even my mortar men got pinned down in a stream. They fired all 60 rounds of mortar at a large group of North Koreans on a hill and then when the ammo ran out picked up their rifles and fired and hit 12 of them. Most of our casualties have been from men who are too rash. They just walk right up a hill under fire and wonder why they got hit. Only one man has refused to go forward since I've been here and that was back on the Mason front.

The key to most of it is our N.C.O.s, All of our platoon Sgts. were Sgt. platoon leaders in WWII and know how to handle men. They are older and mature. Several were only corporals when this began but are now Master Sgts. They are the type that can't master garrison duty and get drunk etc, and yet out here are tops. That's why K Company has never frozen and bogged down. L Company which had it's two officers crack up and it's C. O. killed, froze on a hill and wouldn't budge. The leaders make a difference.

My platoon Sgt, is M/Sgt Storms who was with me in 2nd platoon. After 1st month his legs gave out and he switched to 4th platoon (he was a mortar man anyway) and M/Sgt. Cabral came to 2nd. Then a few weeks ago I switched to 4th platoon and so have Storms again. He is as steady as the Rock of Gibraltar, 34 years old and has had plenty of combat as well as being a prisoner of war of the Germans. He did much to steady me down during the early days and the Chungu drive.

Cabral came to me without having actually had too much time under fire. He had no previous combat. He was the bully type, - football player and all that, - and the men hated him. So he had to prove to me and the men that he was not afraid. He did that and definitely proved his mettle even if he tended towards the audacious extreme. On taking OP #1 he went up with the lead squad and when on Sept, 3 (the big North Korean offensive) we, my platoon, was ordered to retake an O.P. and we ran head on at dusk into a Bn. of North Koreans moving in to hit our main line, and we had to make a strategic withdrawal, he grabbed a B.A.R. and

was the last man to pull out. But his luck couldn't hold.

After I left the platoon to go to the 4th he was badly wounded on hill 268, near Waegwan. His platoon was merely giving overhead fire but he saw the company in front pinned down so he leaped up, -got mad, he had a temper, and rushed forward with a grenade to knock out a North Korean emplacement. A "gook" leaped up from a hole and "burped" him. One man was killed and Cabral badly wounded.

He'll lose his arm I'm afraid. I put him in for a Silver Star.

The 1st Platoon has M/Sgt. Kermit Jackson, who was my Sgt. at Schofield when I had 4th platoon. He won several Silver Stars at Anzio and here in Korea is always the first up on the objective. He's pure "guts" and has been lucky having twice side stepped grenades and only gotten minor fragments in him. He won't go to the aid station. Hope you get an idea of men fighting this war They, the E.M. are all heroes and people should give them the credit and not the brass.

Love to all,

R.

P.S. We are going to have fried chicken tonight. We've sent out expeditions all over the country and finally got about 25 chickens and three rabbits. (white).

We bought 10 chickens for .75 this morning. Eggs are about the same as in States. I had a chicken for lunch but unfortunately it was an old rooster and I couldn't even get my teeth into him.

We have 65 South Korean soldiers in the company, ROK's and had about 20 Wegi bearers to carry things. A lot of these Wegi bearers stay long enough to get several meals and G.I. clothes and then take off. They eat our food but prefer rice. They fix all kinds of meals which we eat for variety. They take rice and then throw in turnips, onions, peppers, etc. They also eat Kim-chi which is like lettuce. Saki is the local liquor but it's very strong from what I seen, makes soldiers go half crazy.

Don't forget to send the films. Also send a container to put a tooth brush in. It must be short enough to fit in my pocket and dust proof.

Hope this war is about over. Guess we'll have to occupy for a while.

Love to all,

R.

P.P.S. Still 10 miles north of Seoul.



16 Oct. 1950

Dear Marraine;

Thank you ever so much for the candy. It was delicious We all enjoyed it very much. Every one commented on it and I had to fight to got some myself. Candy like that, of course, is non-existant over here.

We all hope this thing is about over. The 5th, (my outfit) is part of the 24th Division which you will remember was the first unit to reach Korea. We joined the 25th before this recent offensive. The papers are full of what the Marines are doing. Actually until this invasion of Seoul there was only one Regiment of them here and they were being pulled out to rest and then pushed back in. I'm not discrediting their ability but not one Marine has had 75 days of continuous combat like we have had, with no real rest. Also whether the papers say it or not our Regiment, the 5th, took Wegwan and Kumchon and opened the gap in the perimeter around

Pusan through which the 1st Cavalry Division rushed and got all the glory.

We have just completed a week's rest 10 miles North of Seoul. We needed it. The Regiment, however has earned it. In two and one half months of fighting we have had in a company of 160 men, 8 men killed and 65 wounded. This is the best record of any company in the Regiment because in the Regiment, we left Hawaii with 3,600 and we've had 2,000 casualties. This is just to give you a rough idea of what is happening behind the headlines.

I am now sitting in a Korean farm house. This is the first time in fighting that we've been fortunate enough to be at a village at night. My only problem is sharing a room with a pig and two white rabbits. The Koreans like the French, keep all the animals in the house and treat them better than themselves.

Everything is very crude (thatched roof, dirt floor, etc) and yet you'll find on one wall a large clock that ticks away and rings every hour. The bedrooms, next to the pig pen, are like cubbyholes and have mats (full of fleas) on the floor. Orientals remove their shoes before entering but Americans just tramp mud over everything. Instead of papering the walls, they just stick old newspapers on it. For heating they build a fire-place under the bedroom floor. Flies are, of course, terrific and the whole place smells like a barn with a touch of garlic sprinkled around.

Thanks, also, for all your letters and the cash. You really shouldn't break yourself to send me cash, what with income takes etc. Thanks anyway. Give my love to all the family.

Love,

R.

P.S. Patsey must really be a little devil.

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|--------------|---|---|--|
| 4 September  | 17th/452nd Bomb Wing Reunion                                  | Kansas City, KS   | MSgt Valerie Phelps, 703-617-0867/8                                  |
| 5 September  | Korean War Veterans Association of Canada National Convention | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada                                   | COL Anita Minniefield, 703-604-0818                                  |
| 11 September | AARP National Convention                                      | San Diego, CA   | LTC Diane Varhola, 703-604-0822                                      |
| 14 September | Air Power Commemoration                                       | Osan AFB, Korea   | 7th Air Force  |
| 18 September | Full Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony with Ambassador of Belgium  | Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC                  | Mr. Rolf Bergmann, 703-602-6828                                      |
| 20 September | POW/MIA Commemoration Ceremony                                | Punchbowl Cemetery, Honolulu, HI                            | LTC Diane Varhola, 703-604-0822 or Lt Gary Jones, 703-602-6713       |
| 28 September | Boshers Fly-In Salute to Korean War Veterans                  | Augusta, GA   | COL Anita Minniefield, 703-604-0818 or Maj Trish Welch, 703-604-0819 |
| 12 October   | Fleet Week San Francisco/ Korean War Commemoration Ceremony   | San Francisco, CA   | LTC Diane Waters, 703-604-0822, diane.waters@hqda.army.mil           |
| 11 November  | Veterans Day Memorial Service                                 | Seoul, Korea  | Eighth U.S. Army (EUSA)  |
| 11 November  | Veterans Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying                      | White House and Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC | Veterans Administration (VA)   |

(To be updated each issue as required)





# Reunion Calendar

## October 2002

**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 IAirport 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 Jopprne. Tel: 301-662-0752 or Bo Green. Tel: 912-264-2721

**2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regt 1st Marine Div.** "Korea 1950-1955" Oct 23-27 in Scottsdale, AZ. To join and or attend the reunion contact Daniel M Savino 11 Enright Ave Freehold, NJ 07728. E-mail <PDDDan141@aol.com

**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.

**H-3-1 Korea** New Orleans Oct. 30-Nov. 2 Contact Jack Dedrick, 10 Donna St. Peabody, MA 01960-1208. Tel: 978-535-5451 or e-mail <jdedrick@aol.com>

## November 2002

**40th Inf. Div, 160th Regt., Co. E** 1950 1953 Cal., Japan, Korea Nov. 3-5 in Laughlin, Nev. Contract: 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.

## March 2003

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## April 2003

**76th Engr. Const. Bn.** April 24-27 at Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Thomas KY. Contact Roy F. Miller 6115 Roe Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Tel: 523-272-3451. E-mail <roy4@fuse.net>.

## May 2003

**USS Kenneth Whitting (AV 14)** May 5-9 in Portland, Oregon. Contact: Al Moreno, 15311 Birch Street, Long Beach, WA 98631. Tel: 360-642-3247 or e-mail <alrom@pacifier.com>.

**5th Regimental Combat Team Association** May 14-17 at the Radisson Hotel Jacksonville, FL. Room Rate \$85.00 per night including tax. Contact Bill Kane, Reunion Chairman, 1591 Birmingham, Avenue, Holly Hill, FL 32117. Tel: 407-275-7450.

## June 2003

**AP TRANSPORT GROUP-** USS Generals Mitchell-AP114; Randall-AP115 Gordon-AP117; Richardson-AP118; Weigel-AP119; Hodges-AP144; Breckinridge-AP176 and Admirals Benson-AP120; Capps-AP121; Eberle-AP123; Hughes-AP124 and Mayo-AP125. June 5-8 in Palm Springs, CA. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Tel: 516-747-7426.

**The USS Buck (DD-761)** June 5-8 at the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort and Spa in Tucson, AZ. Contact John Connolly for further information. Tel: 501-922-3969 or e-mail: <joncon@a-cox-internet.com> or mailing address at; 7 Tenerife Way, Hot Springs Village, AR. 71909

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

## Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

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

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

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

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**Only 1 each available in back issues, current (2002) and last issue can be ordered in multiple quantities.**

These issues are limited so get your order in early. \$1 per copy plus \$3.85 postage Make your check to KWVA National and state in message or note on check "For Back Issues." I suggest minimum orders of 7 issues. Mix your issues as you want. Send your orders to Editor. See address on page 2. Response has been very good for back-issue orders and has necessitated revising this message. Please check above listing for availability before ordering.

## APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

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

Please check year of desired revisit tour:   **Month:**   ☐ April   ☐ June   ☐ Sept.   ☐ Nov                      **Year:**   ☐ 2002   ☐ 2003

### VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family member and relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Soc Sec # \_\_\_\_\_ Family member's Soc Sec # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you received the medal elsewhere? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service in Korean War, from: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year Arrived) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year Departed)

Unit Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Achieved in Korea: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Military Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am requesting my name be submitted for a waiver to participate in the 50th Anniversary Revisit Tours in the years 2002-2003.

Veteran's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and mail, with deposit of \$250 per person, (check or money order), made out to Military Historical Tours. (This deposit is fully refundable at anytime and for any reason, since there are more applicants than the limited amount of Revisit space available.) KWVA Revisit Program, c/o Military Historical Tours, Inc., 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-212-0695 Fax 703-212-8567.

## Background and Eligibility - Official Korean Veterans Association KVA (Seoul) Revisit Program

### Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA, Seoul) in 1975, the 25th Anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the Korean War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

### KVA Eligibility

A. Korean War veterans and/or war correspondents of the 21 nations which came to the assistant of the Republic of Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953.

B. Immediate family member of those killed in action in the Korean War.

*Note: You are eligible to take a spouse or one immediate descendant with you. (Not a sister, brother, companion or friend.)*

The family member must be housed in the same hotel room with you in Seoul. (Descendants must be over 18).

### Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

A. Hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation while in Korea for 6 days and 5 nights.

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary

includes visits of Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korean War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum, plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. (Other tours of battles sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide).

C. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korean War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran. (Who have not received it before!).

### Miscellaneous

A. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

B. Participants are required to be in possession of a valid passport. (A visa is not required for visits to Korea of 15 days or less.)

C. KVA (Seoul) is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip insurance is available and recommended.

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

E. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, First-serve" basis.

*Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group) - you are not currently eligible to participate again. The reason for this is obvious; there are many veterans that have not gone before so, they get their "first right of return!" KVA Seoul now has all former revisit returnees in a computer database, so please don't try and beat the system. We may not know it, and submit your name to KVA (Seoul), only to have it rejected. This could cause embarrassment for all of us, as well as, create a delay that could cause a bonafide Korean War veteran to miss the opportunity.*

F. Those desiring to use frequent flier miles (or other means of "Free" air transportation) will be required to pay a \$ 100.00 (per person) administrative processing fee. Caution: Not traveling with the KWVA group air contract, can result in much higher Post Tour costs to China and other Pacific locations!





## DPMO Recoveries in North Korea and Return of Our POW/MIA Heros

A: First Repatriation made at DMZ in 1996.  
B: At Yakota, Japan. Veterans & Honor Guard.  
C: Remains arrive by C-17 at Hickam AFB, HI  
D: CILHI (l) KPA (r) buckets taken to screeners.

E KPA soldiers sifting, CILHI member center.  
F Trenching burial site in Unsan, North Korea.  
G: Recovery site in flat areas like rice patty's.  
H: Chosin Reservoir - Village and hill markings.

"Keeping the Promise" is the motto of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO). It refers to the efforts of the U.S. Government to recover and account for missing Americans. It requires a worldwide effort to ensure progress towards achieving the ultimate goal: "Fullest Possible Accounting."

The DPMO works to limit the loss of those Americans placed in danger of isolation, and to bring home those captured or killed while serving our country. The public families, veterans, and professional groups demand that no stone be left unturned in POW/MIA accounting efforts. To the loved ones of those Americans who have sacrificed so much in service to the United States, the DPMO offers this pledge:

"To do the utmost to ensure proper resources and training for American recovery forces and to keep seeking those who remain missing."

### KOREAN WAR

Despite a long period of denied access to North Korea that has frustrated our post-war accounting efforts, the Korean War accounting effort is a high priority for the U.S. Government. The USG negotiates with the North Koreans for access into North Korea to conduct Joint Recovery Operations (JROs) to search for missing service members. These operations are resulting in recoveries and accounting of Korean War losses. The DPMO also updates files to assist in refining the investigative work. DPMO and CILHI officials talk regularly with their North Korean counterparts. Once remains are recovered and returned to the U.S., CILHI initiates work to identify them. More than 8,100 Americans remain unaccounted for from this war.

*(The first recovery in 1996 was Cpl. Lebouef. Many thanks to DPMO and especially to Larry Greer, Public Affairs for photos and text. KWVA's veterans are proud of DPMO and all the team, including those from CILHI for your efforts to bring our MIA's home. May God Bless all of you.)*

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