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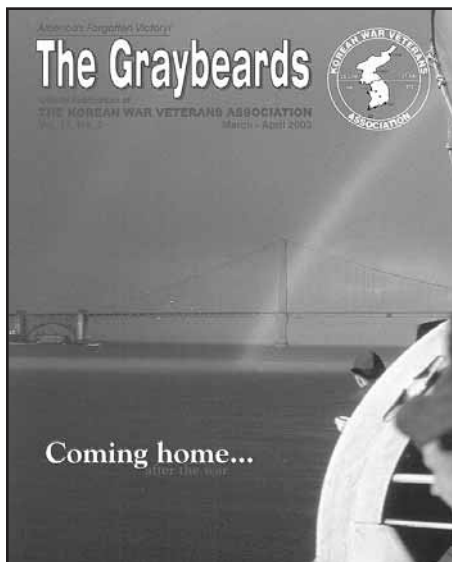
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On the cover...



Coming Home from Korea after the Armistice

I took this picture coming back from Korea in February, 1954. We just went under the Golden Gate Bridge. What a welcome sight!

I'm sorry but I absolutely cannot remember which ship that was. All I know, it was part of MSTs??? a group of ships for transporting troops. We left Pusan harbor in late January, 1954. Arrived in San Francisco after 17 days. I was drafted in February 1952 at the age of 24.

Took basic infantry and medical aideman training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was sent to Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas for 4 months school in X-ray technician. I was assigned to FECOM and sent to the 618th

Medical Clearing Company in January, 1953. We were a part of 52 Medical Battalion, I Corps, 618th Medical Clearing Co.

I was stationed at Chun'chon, about one mile north of the 38th Parallel. We were on a railroad siding and our responsibility was to hold the wounded overnight and load them on a hospital train for a trip to the 101st Evacuation Hospital in Seoul. We also had sick call for 32 outfits. As is peculiar to the Army, I was assigned to drive a duce and a half truck, never saw an X-ray machine.

The reason that it is so dark is because we arrived in Frisco very early in the morning in the rain (yeah, I know, it's obvious because of the rainbow.)

(Thank you Wayne Doenges for photos. I hope to print some of the others in a later issue. I know many experienced this beautiful sight when coming home. A super photo, rainbow and all and I hope others will enjoy seeing this view once more. We are about to enter the time period when thousands of our Korean War Veterans came home to our great country. I only wish more of our country men, women and children could understand how proud we were to have served and helped to defend our and others freedom.

Our Servicemen/women and government need everyone's support more then ever in this troubled world today. We all love peace but most times without a war or a strong defense, peace is only a distant hope. Many will have died in vain if we do not defend freedom even if it takes a war to do so. Editor)

KOREAN ARMISTICE CEREMONY – WISCONSIN

Harley J. Coon, National KWVA President, will be the keynote speaker on June 1, 2003 at a special program to be held at the Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the June 27, 1953 signing of the Armistice and ceasefire at Panmunjom.

KWVA Director "Dot" Schilling is president of the association which established the Wisconsin memorial and maintains it in perpetuity. The June 1 program will be held at the Memorial site located off I-39/US 51 (Exit 153) at Plover, south of Stevens Point, Wisconsin starting at 11 a.m. following a half-hour VFW band concert. For more information, contact Cliff Borden 608-2227806.

**Register Now for the
Korean War Veteran's 2003 Reunion!**
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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

We are on the threshold of celebrating the 50th commemoration of the signing of the armistice to cease fire in Korea. Many of our friends that survived the war have since passed on and will be in our thoughts. We mourn the losses of the Heroes that gave their all and give condolence to their families and loved ones. We remember the armed forces from other countries that joined with America and South Korea to stop the spread of communism. Today the world is almost free of communism and South Korea is a free nation.

Washington Reunion

Because of the anticipated turnout we must have some guidelines.

1. To receive the discount prices you must be a member of KWVA in good standing.
2. The KWVA members will have first choice. (Put your membership number on the registration form)
3. The KWVA has 200 rooms blocked at the Doubletree hotel.
4. There is a capacity of 600 for the banquet.
5. We must limit to a KWVA member and spouse or friend (2) Max.

We do not want to slight any Korean War Veteran however the space is limited.

The Tiger Survivors Story

Capture and Beyond as described by Shorty Estrabrook and other Tiger Survivors

On 29 June 1950, the first Tigers arrested/captured were American civilians.

On 5 July 1950, the first American soldiers (part of Task Force Smith from the 24th Div.) were captured.

Capture is such a horrible and terrifying event. You don't know what will happen to you. We had already seen men

with their hands tied behind them and shot in the back of the head. You think that you, too, will be shot after being tortured. All of us were beaten soundly. And, as we moved back through their front lines, attempts were made by the front line troops to hit or stab you.

It was very hot and humid the summer of 1950. The smell of battle and flesh was all-around. We were fed twice a day with millet and maize grains, a little rice, and a thin soup of Chinese cabbage and egg plant. But the worst thing was being thirsty. We drank from highly polluted sources such as rice paddies and, soon, we were all sick with stomach pains. Thirst can drive a man crazy.

We were marched from the various battlefields and snowballed into a larger group in the capital of Seoul, South Korea. This is where the Tiger Survivors became a group.

Medical treatment was primitive and lacking. The poor men who had been severely wounded were between a rock and a hard place. No one had died at this point. The smell of the wounded was everywhere.

We departed Seoul in August 1950 and traveled by rail to Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. We traveled at night to avoid our planes. Conditions were beginning to worsen and food, especially water, was in short supply. Those badly wounded were between a rock and a hard place. No medicine was available and the injured only wore the bandages they already had on. Some of the men started to die at this point. The weather was turning cold as winter comes early in North Korea.

We arrived in Pyongyang on 24 August 1950 and were housed in a school on the outskirts of the city. We watched as our planes destroyed the city. We were still in

the same clothing we were captured in. Some were bare chested and some without shoes. I had no shoes because my size fits all North Koreans and they were taken when I was captured.

On 5 September 1950, in the middle of the night, we were suddenly ordered to move to the train station. Later, we learned that our forces were fast approaching. At the train station, we got our first look at the group of 79 civilians who would join our group. We boarded a train composed of animal cars and coal gondolas. There was only one coach and the civilians were put in there. All the windows had been broken. Again, we moved by night to avoid our planes. Several died during that trip. Many had lost a lot of weight and had little energy but had to go on or be shot.

On 11 September 1950, we arrived in the frontier town of Manpo-Jin, North Korea. We were housed in the center of the town in an old Japanese Army building. Almost all Koreans spoke Japanese then as the Japanese had banned the Korean language and it had gone underground. Now, the weather was starting to turn into late fall, but we didn't mind it much because we were inside. A few died there. Our diet did not improve at all nor did the medical care which was primitive and lacking.

The Chinese Army about 400,000 plus or minus of them, joined the war and

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Tampa, Florida, January, 2003 (see 50th Korea Commemorative Events, pg 36) From the left, Jack Edwards, KWVA 1st Vice President; Harley Coon, KWVA President; and Larry Hanneken, Manasota Chapter 199 Committee Chairman.

Military Shop - 4 color

Korean War Veterans Association ♦ ♦ 19th Annual Reunion July 23 through July 28

*T*he Reunion Committee are pleased to announce the site selected for our 19th Annual Reunion.

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

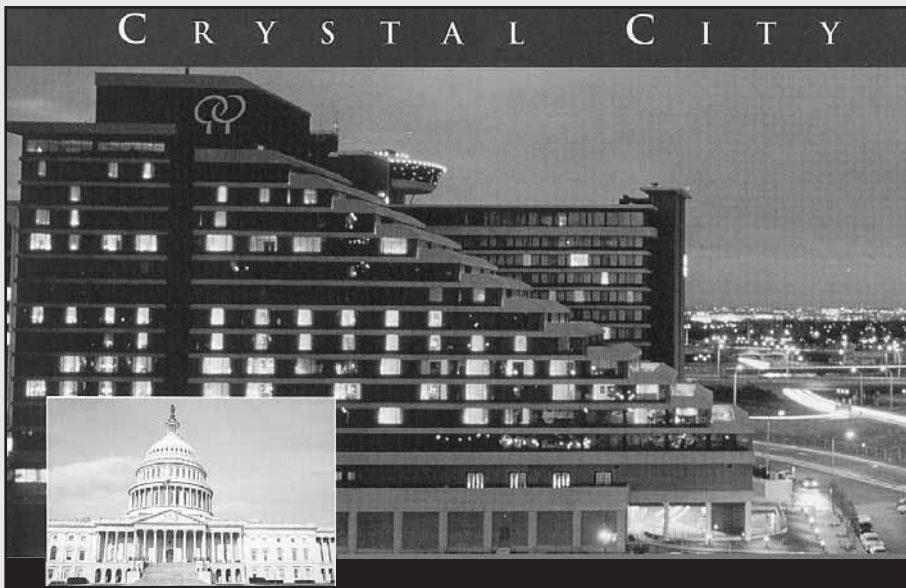
will be pleased with our selection.

As we move forward in the upcoming weeks we will be publishing more on this location, the activities, registration forms and many other important details. We hope you will start your planning to join your fellow veterans and friends in July 2003 at our 19th Annual Reunion. We expect all will be in the March-April issue of *The Graybeards*.

Thank You.

Reunion Committee Members

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The Doubletree Hotel Crystal City-National Airport is located at 300 Army/Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. The hotel is ideally situated in the Crystal City corridor just minutes from the nation's capital.

§ Hotel vans will shuttle you to the nearby Pentagon City Fashion Mall or nearest Metro stop. The Metro provides transportation into the city to visit any of Washington's many world-famous museums and monuments. If you are driving, please contact the hotel directly for directions.

§ The Doubletree offers 630 deluxe guest rooms. Each guest room features cable TV, Spectravision, and Spectradyme (in-room check out.) They offer same-day valet service and a fully equipped health club. Treat yourself to a swim in the enclosed rooftop pool and then the sauna. The hotel's gift shop is located in the lobby. Best of all, Doubletree's famous homemade chocolate chip cookies will be waiting for you the night you arrive!

§ Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation. Parking is available in the hotel's garage for the current fee of \$5 per day. Check-in time is 3pm, and check-out is 12noon.

§ The Café, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the charming atmosphere of an outdoor bistro.

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

spectacular view.

§ Skydome, a revolving rooftop lounge, well known as one of the city's most popular nightspots.

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

§ The Doubletree Hotel provides free shuttle to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport. Call the hotel from the courtesy phone in the Baggage Claim area for service. No advance reservations. You may want to consider other transportation services, as space is always limited on complimentary services.

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

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

KWVA National has reserved 200 rooms for national members only by the earliest date of reservation.

Room rate is \$89 + tax and the cutoff date for this special rate is June 23, 2003

See pages 14 – 16 for Reunion Information and Registration Form.

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

Rate: \$89 +tax (currently 9.75%) for 1-2 people in room (\$20/night for extra person(s) in room (max 4 in room).

Cutoff Date: 6/23/03. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

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By Blair Cross

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

As I start this column it is with anticipation of getting the Charter approved during this the 50th Anniversary of the Truce signing in Korea.

On Thursday, February 27th Senator Paul Sarbanes re-introduced legislation in the Senate for a Federal Charter to be given to the Korean War Veterans Association.

Mr. Sarbanes had quite a few strong political figures to co-sponsor the Bill which is S478. As most of you know we have been successful in the Senate and I look for that to continue.

On the House side, Congressman Hoyer stepped aside and Congressman Walsh from New York took the role as lead sponsor. I am told this was done for two reasons:

#1 - Mr. Walsh is a republican which is to our advantage, as a republican he is introducing a Bill that is supported by the

Majority Party. He is also the Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and is attaching it to a Bill in his Committee. That Bill number is HR1043.

#2 - It is also my understanding that the new Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Immigration and Claims is John Hostetter - a Republican from Indiana who has supported our Bill in the past as a co-sponsor.

Let's all of us get to our representatives and insist they support our effort so that Mr. McGrath has help while he is lobbying Washington.

As I stated before - if we don't get the Charter during the 108th Congress we probably won't get it. I also note that as I write this, things do not look good in Korea and we could very well be back there very soon.

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair

Book Review



Moving Target

By Ron Arias

Moving Target is the memoir of journalist Ron Arias. It is an exploration of his childhood, the search for his father, and the fruit of his desire for a connection between his past and present. Arias's father was a career army man who was held as a POW during the Second World War and the Korean War. After his return to the United States, he rules his family with an iron hand. Eventually, his marriage unravels. Arias's mother subsequently dies and his father abruptly severs all ties with his son and disappears. Propelled by this and other tragedies in his life, Arias becomes a reporter who covers earthquakes, bombings, and other disasters. During the next fourteen years, he searches for his father only to find that he has died. Arias sets out to learn as much as he can about his father and his experiences in the war, interviewing numerous people who knew him; and in the process, he learns that his father was actually a spy. His father becomes an elusive moving target that he seems to chase throughout his life. Through his extensive research and his job as a reporter of death and destruction, Arias's connection to his parents intensifies and he begins to understand them in a way that he could not when they were alive.

"Moving, tough, tender, a mystery; a work that opens for the reader a world of pain and wonder... I couldn't put it down." -Rolando Hinojosa-Smith, author of Estampas del Valle and Dear Rafe.

Lt. Arias wife keeps him alive for the children's sake

I wasn't really aware of it then, says Ron but she was facing her own greatest hurdle. She was desperately trying to resurrect our father, Army Second Lieutenant Armando Arias. As a reservist in the infantry, he had been called up to fight in Korea, and in early November of 1950-five weeks after joining his unit as a platoon leader-Chinese troops overran his position. He was either captured or killed, and the army classified him as "missing in action." Later, we would learn that captured American troops were forced to march hundreds of miles north through a

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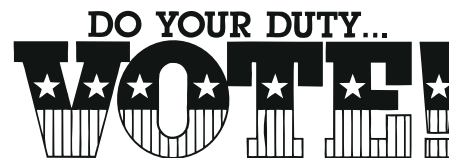
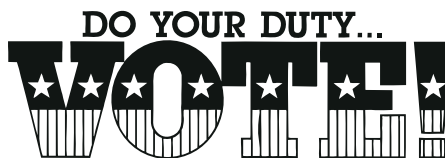
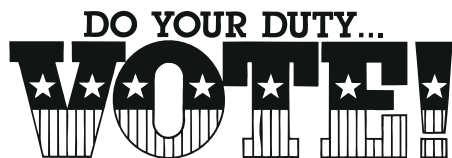
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2003 Election of Directors

Date: February 24, 2003

To: The KWVA Membership and Nominees.

Subject: Certification of Nominees for the 2003 Election.

The Nominating and Election Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been Certified to seek the positions available in the 2003 Election.

A majority of the Nominating and Election Committee used the following for approval or rejection:

Approval or rejection of 2003 candidates was based on the current approved by-laws dated July 27, 2001, and notarized on August 15, 2001.

BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE

James E. Ferris



I am a charter member of the national organization, a charter member of the Central New York Chapter, (a life member of each). I served as a board member in my chapter for six years. I was elect-

ed Commander of the chapter for two consecutive terms. I now hold the position of President of the New York Department, reelected four terms. I served with the United States Marine Corps from 1952 thru 1955 and served 17 years in the New York Guard.

I was employed for 35 years with American Telephone and Telegraph Company, where I held a managerial position. I retired in 1989 as Area Manager. During that time, I was involved in many facets of the business, including the divestiture of the bell system. I served on the corporate staff for several years and supervised the operations of my department throughout all of New York State and the New England States.

I have been married to my wife Felice for 45 years. We have three daughters and five grandsons. A family I am extremely proud of

If I am elected, I will do my utmost to use my managerial skills to ensure that all tasks presented to me will be dealt with in a fair, unbiased, and competent manner. The desires of the membership will be the number one consideration behind any decisions I make. I shall be guided by only sound logic and intelligent advice. I will work hard to bring the National organization and the Chapters closer together. I will advocate for a national recruiting policy to hopefully help the chapters recruit younger members. I will work to have a complete financial statement issued to our national directors and in turn they will issue it to the department heads for eventual membership information. The financial statement we receive in the Graybeards is fine for that publication, and our national Treasurer does a splendid job on it. However I feel the members should from time to time be completely informed on where their money is being spent. I will also work for a chain of command down to the Chapters, ie. the President, through the Directors to the Department heads to the Chapter

For the Three Year Term 2003 2006

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Presidents and Commanders. I will also work to have most or all of the decisions and especially when funds are involved to be published in the Graybeards or special mailing for a vote by the membership. I have many more ideas but space will not allow me to share them with you. Please give me your vote and I promise I will be an honest, hardworking and resourceful Director.

Respectfully submitted

James E. Ferris, LC00436
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Stanley J. Grogan



Proof of honorable service is established by the notarized true copy of my wartime DD214 enclosed. I flew two night combat tours in Korea in the F-94B and RB-29A type aircraft. I release my

DD214 for verification by the nominating committee.

The current photograph shown is me leading a parade in Santa Barbara, CA, as

a member of the California State Military Reserve from which I received an honorable discharge.

Past leadership positions as a regular USAF officer, president of my consulting firm, and a variety of offices in veteran's organizations have given me a background which can effectively serve the interests of the KWVA. I am a past commander of the Military Order and Emergency Resources, ANDER. I am listed in the Who's Who in America and other reference works outlining in detail other facets of my background to include Life membership in KWVA, and historian of the newly formed Concord, CA, Chapter.

As a life member, my dues are fully paid. I intend to be present at all called meetings of the Executive Council and understand that two unexcused absences could constitute grounds for removal from office.

Cordially,

Stanley J. Grogan, CPP
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Larry G. McKinniss



I am currently serving the remainder of a term by appointment to fill a vacancy and was approved and sworn in in Tuscola, IL in 2001.

I am chapter president of Chapter # 151 Logan, OH.

Enlisted in 1952 age 17 served in 7th. Div., 32nd Inf. Regt., Hq. Co. AT & M Plat 1953-54

Born December 30, 1934, 1934 Water St., Jackson, OH

I live at 31478 Harsh Rd. Logan, OH. 43138. Phone 740-380-0181

KWVA 15874 life member. I am also a life member of VFW Post 6854, AMVETS Post 1776 and annual member of American Legion at large

I will attend all legally called meetings of the National KWVA and understand that 2 unexcused absences are grounds for removal.

Larry G. McKinniss
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Thomas Nuzzo



I feel honored to be allowed to seek the office of Director in the KWVA. I have been a member since 1988, and pledge to abide by the bylaws of our association and will try in all my actions strive

for the good of the order in the spirit of our founder Bill Norris.

I intend to follow the association's current fiscal policies which have taken us from near bankruptcy to solvency and a treasury of \$600,000, some of which I will propose we use to subsidize some of our activities to make it easier for our members to participate.

I will support our President, Harley J. Coon in his continuing efforts in the betterment of our association.

We need more timely communication of association information to our members. The constraints of the "Graybeards" publication schedule indicate the need for a separate "Monthly Bulletin", small in size but devoted entirely to association information and issues of interest to the membership.

Member representation on the National level needs to be enlarged and encouraged. We must explore some formats that will invite heads of Departments and chapters to become more directly involved on the National level. There exists an enormous wealth of talent and experience in our membership which has not really been tapped.

A national organization such as ours should have a presence in Washington, D.C.; size and budget to be determined after due discussion.

I was privileged to serve in the 101st Division, 10th Corps, and Eighth Army.

I am a retired Educator who has devised, implemented and supervised district wide school programs. I have served as a Director in the Fordham University Alumni Association. I am a past Vice-President of the Empire Chapter, New York. I was on the committee which erected the Korean War

Monument in New York City, I have served as President of my children's PTA, and as Head of my church's parish Council.

I hope you will give me the honor of serving you.

Fraternally Yours,

Thomas Nuzzo
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Joseph Pirrello



I have been a Director of the KWVA for the past three years and have been a member of the Finance Committee for the past three years. I have supported Treasurer Tom Gregory and

the Chairman of the Finance Committee Dot Shilling. During the past three years I have seen the Treasury go from bankrupt and in debt to over \$600,000. I have supported the President and have fought against all who attempt to discredit the K.W.V.A. including some past officers.

Together with Congressmen Meehan and McGovern of Massachusetts and Congressman King of New York, working with the Irish Echo an Irish newspaper, I led the KWVA fight to pass HR2623 a bill that passed, to have citizenship granted to all non-citizen soldiers who were killed while serving in the armed services of the U.S.

I have supported and will continue to support the Amerasian children of Korea, the Korean War Museum and Library and I am presently working to have a monument on Ellis Island to recognize those non-citizen soldiers who fought in the armed forces of the U.S.

I am the only officer of the KWVA to have attended all called meetings in the last three years and will continue to do so. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

I am a life member so my dues are paid for my term of office.

Joseph Pirrello
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Paul W. Sutphin



I am a Life member of KWVA, Central Illinois Chapter #243, (presently serving as President and 2nd Vice President of State of Illinois.)

I served in Korea from 1951 -1953 aboard L.S.M. #456 and L.S.M. Ron #1 (1951 -1952), and then in the Amphibious Construction Battalion #1 (1953), serving in the U.S. Navy for 4 years, 1951 -1955.

I have served the Navy Seabee Veterans of America as Island Commander (2002-2004), State Commander (1991-1994), and National Commander for two years from 1994-1996. I am a former member of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, and the Board of Trustees of CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, Inc, a member of Toastmaster International, and the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, IL. Currently, I am serving my Naval Beach Group 1 as President and planner for the reunions. I am a life member of the American Legion, VFW, and NSVA. I have been elected to the Board of Education for our local grade school, and organized Athletic Booster groups in schools at the High School conference level.

I was an employee of Caterpillar, Inc for 53 years in the Electrical Department of Plant Engineering. My wife Madelyn and I have been married for 44 years. We have two children and three grandchildren.

I believe I have the experience to work on committees, and aid and assist all Korean Veterans. I believe that common sense can solve most of our problems. We should be able to make this Association stronger in numbers and gain clout in our American

Government. The Executive Council should assist the Departments and Chapters in any way they can.

I understand the Bylaws of the Korean War Veterans Association and will work to make sure they are followed. Also, I

understand that two unexcused absences can be used for removal of office.

Paul W. Sutphin, LR 24322
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Charles R. Wells



Proof of Service: My DD 214 was destroyed by fire during the loss of my home in Dawsonville, GA in 1987. Enclosed is a copy of my discharge, Certificate of Eligibility issued November 29,

1956. (these two documents were in a safe deposit box); copy of Appreciation from the VFW Post 4301; copy of my DAV Life Membership; copies of my VFW Life Card, my KWVA Life Card, my DAV Life Card and my Veterans Medical Card. I served with the 8th Army in Korea, the 59th Ord- Group, 74th Ord. Battalion, 195th Ord Company. My CO was Lt. Jureck, my first Sgt. was M/Sgt. Hansen, my Battalion Commander was Maj. Umphries. I am the Commander of the Charles B. Thacker, Chapter 250, of Korean War Veterans, Norton, VA. I organized the first and only KWVA Chapter 250, in Southwest, VA. and I am presently working towards organizing a Chapter in Eastern Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky. I have tried to get my DD 214 restored but they tell me it was destroyed in a fire in Birmingham, Alabama.

Experience:

President and Chairman of the Board of the Greater West Melbourne Athletic Association, Melbourne, FL. I was one of the original organizers. 10 years. President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Optimists International, Dawsonville, GA. Vice Chairman of the Dawson County School Board, four years. Property Claim Manager with major Insurance Company. 30 years. Master's Degree in Insurance. Board of Directors of "The Lonesome

Pine Arts and Crafts", Big Stone Gap, VA. Chairman and Director of the State Youth Board of Free Will Baptist, Florida for 10 years. Board of Directors and Finance/Budget Committee, the Church of God, Norton, VA. five years. Past and present substitute High School teacher. President/Owner of Abet Emblem, Uniform and Cap Company, Norton, VA. Senior Adult Minister of the Freedom of Worship Church, Norton, VA. Emcee for the National Governors Convention Macon, GA. 1989. Emcee for numerous activities in the region including the well known Virginia Sugarcane Cloggers.

My goal is to make the National KWVA a desirable organization for all Korea service veterans. I believe my experience serving over the years on numerous boards that included conducting and organizing meetings, quorums, and establishing goals would be an asset to the Korean War Veterans Organization. I am an excellent communicator, and I possess the knowledge and ability to motivate others in keeping peace and harmony. I believe the road to success lies within the leadership of all officers and directors of any organization. Goals and accomplishments must be set and completed with the utmost respect for our fellow comrades. I believe in growth and the pursuit of recognition for all Korean War veterans from 1945 to present day. We must abide by and respect our bylaws and the use of them as our guide to a respectable government within our organization. Changes need to be made for the better for our general meetings to have a quorum to conduct our business. The Board and our committee people must work toward making our organization one of the most respectable in the Nation.

I promise to attend all called meetings and I understand that (2) un-excused absences can be used for removal of office. I am a life member and I do not allow members into my Chapter without first being a National member.

Charles R. Wells, LR 16607

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS As of 12 Months Ended December 31, 2002

ASSETS		OPERATING EXPENSES (Continued)	3 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2002	12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2002
CURRENT ASSETS				
CASH IN BANKBANK ONECKNG	\$ 8,443.48	POSTAGE	288.95	1,743.78
CASHBANK ONESAVINGS	34,912.89	PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	(309.92)	8,756.03
BANK ONE SVGS-1578460451	<u>562,618.36</u>	SPECIAL DONATION	10,400.28	10,400.28
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>605,974.73</u>	2003 MEETING	2,336.00	2,336.00
		CHAPTER EXPENSE	1,264.75	3,261.93
		WASHINGTON DC REP	110.92	284.69
FIXED ASSETS		MEMBERSHIP	6,494.72	27,769.74
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS	<u>3,000.00</u>	GOODWILL #1 *	1,117.90	3,258.40
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>3,000.00</u>	GOODWILL #2 *	0.00	20,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 608,974.73</u>	GOODWILL #3 *	0.00	100.00
		GOODWILL #4 *	0.00	300.00
		GOODWILL #5 *	0.00	500.00
		GOODWILL #6 *	9,000.00	9,000.00
		GOODWILL #7 *	0.00	5,400.00
		GOODWILL #8 *	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>91,253.72</u>	<u>301,866.48</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ (7,337.51)	\$ 25,070.46
FUND BALANCES				
GENERAL FUND	489,764.67			
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60			
CURRENT EARNINGS	<u>25,070.46</u>			
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	608,974.73			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 608,974.73</u>			

*GOODWILL #1 FLAG PINS, NAME TAGS, ETC. – #2 US KOREA 2000 FOUNDATION – #3 ARIZONIA MEMORIAL WREATH – #4 MIAMI VALLEY EXPRESS ADVERTISEMENT – #5 JOSEPH HOUSE – #6 SCHOLARSHIPS – #7 MACK CHILDREN – #8 GOLD STAR MOTHER

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS For the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2002

	3 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2002	12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2002
INCOME		
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 42,908.00	\$ 251,462.95
DONATIONS - GRAYBEARDS	2,000.47	9,244.92
REUNION	0.00	531.00
INTEREST	3,996.04	21,470.47
ADVERTISING	1,320.00	10,535.90
SPECIAL DONATION	<u>33,691.70</u>	<u>33,691.70</u>
TOTAL INCOME	83,916.21	326,936.94
OPERATING EXPENSES		
TELEPHONE	1,346.37	4,933.10
OFFICE SUPPLIES	456.26	5,002.45
INSURANCE	0.00	10,983.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	1,068.58
GRAYBEARDS	42,539.48	129,266.02
ACCOUNTING FEES	690.00	3,330.00
LEGAL FEES	5.00	5,165.30
VA/VS REP	288.60	1,363.60
MEETING EXPENSE	11,003.94	34,223.14
REUNION	2,474.47	6,261.47
ELECTION	0.00	2,644.08
CONTRACT LABOR	150.00	300.00
RENT	1,500.00	1,500.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	96.00	714.89

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Activity Registration Form

KWVA Reunion July 23-28, 2003
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. **KWVA members and 1 guest qualify for the reduced prices. All other attendees must pay the full price.** Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 23, 2003. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. *Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.*

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS JUNE 23, 2003

REGISTRATION, TOUR, & MEAL PRICES FOR MEMBERS & UP TO 1 GUEST

	Price/person	# Persons	Total
Tours/Trips			
Thursday: Annapolis US Naval Academy (includes bus and Academy guide)	\$16	_____	\$ _____
Friday: Shear Madness Show includes bus and show ticket	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Saturday: Arlington National Cemetery (cost covers transportation)	\$5	_____	\$ _____
Saturday: Special Show at the MCI Center (cost covers transportation)	\$5	_____	\$ _____
Sunday: Memorial Service at KWM (cost covers transportation)	\$5	_____	\$ _____
Meals			
Thursday: Welcome Reception for KWVA Members and up to 1 guest	Free		
Saturday and Sunday Breakfast Package (cost covers both days)	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Sunday: Banquet (Please select your entree below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> London Broil (w/ mushroom gravy)	\$15	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Breast of Chicken (w/ lemon caper sauce)	\$15	_____	\$ _____

Mandatory Registration Fee

Registration Fee for Member and up to 1 guest (amount covers both people)\$10 (total) _____ \$ _____
Registration Fee for Member only\$5 _____ \$ _____

REGISTRATION, TOUR, & MEAL PRICES FOR NONMEMBERS & ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Tours/Trips			
Thursday: Annapolis - US Naval Academy (includes bus and Academy guide)	\$42	_____	\$ _____
Friday: Shear Madness Show (includes bus and show ticket)	\$60	_____	\$ _____
Saturday: Arlington National Cemetery (cost covers transportation)	\$18	_____	\$ _____
Saturday: Special Show at the MCI Center (cost covers transportation)	\$18	_____	\$ _____
Sunday: Memorial Service at KWM (cost covers transportation)	\$18	_____	\$ _____
Meals			
Saturday and Sunday Breakfast Package (cost covers both days)	\$28	_____	\$ _____
Sunday: Banquet (Please select your entree below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> London Broil (w/ mushroom gravy)	\$40	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Breast of Chicken (w/ lemon caper sauce)	\$40	_____	\$ _____

Mandatory Registration Fee

Per Person Registration Fee for Non-members and/or additional guests\$5 _____ \$ _____
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.\$ _____

Please Print Name (For Nametags) _____ KWVA Member# _____

Military Service: Branch _____ Unit _____ POW? _____

Spouse/Guest Names _____

Street Address _____

City/ St/ Zip _____ Ph. Number (____) _____

Disability/dietary Restrictions _____

Emergency Contact _____ Ph. Number (____) _____

Mail to: **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., ATTN: KWVA, 242 W. 22nd St., Norfolk, VA 23517**

Schedule

KWVA Reunion July 23-28, 2003
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

Wednesday, July 23

9:00am - Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion

1:00pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

Thursday, July 24

8:30am - 9:30am **Reunion Registration open**

9:45am - 4:30 **Annapolis – US.Naval Academy**
(description follows)

1:30pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration open.**
Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.

5:30pm - 6:30pm **Welcome Reception. Dinner on your own**

Friday, July 25

8:00am - 11:30am **Board Meeting**

12:30pm - 4:30pm **General Membership Meeting**

2:00pm - 3:00pm **Ladies Coffee and entertainment**

5:00pm - 5:30pm **Banquet table reservation sheets will be collected.**

8:00pm - 11:30pm **Shear Madness Show** *(description follows)*

Saturday, July 26

7:00am - 8:30am **Breakfast Buffet**

9:15am - 11:15am **Arlington National Cemetary**
(description follows)

3:00pm - 4:00pm **Musical entertainment at the hotel**

6 :00pm - 10:00pm **MCI Center Special Program**
(description follows)

Sunday, July 27

7:00am - 8:30am **Breakfast Buffet**

9:00am - 12:00pm **Korean War Veterans Memorial**
(description follows)

5:30pm - 7:00pm **Cocktail Reception (open bar)**

7:00pm - **Banquet begins with entertainment, followed by guest speaker**

Monday, July 28

Farewells & Departures

Tours

KWVA Reunion July 23-28, 2003
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

ANNAPOLIS - U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Thursday, July 24

Board bus for a trip to Annapolis. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many dockside restaurants and browse in the quaint shops along the waterfront area. Once at the Naval Academy, stop at the Naval Academy Visitors Center for an official welcome and slide presentation. Then enjoy a personalized walking guided tour of the Academy grounds and learn the customs of the "plebes" and midshipmen. See the chapel, John Paul Jones Crypt, and Bancroft Hall. Learn the history of the Maryland State House, where the present state legislature assembles, and the site where George Washington resigned his commission as General to become the President of the United States. Please note: The walking portion of the tour covers about a mile. In addition, a photo ID is required for entrance onto the Academy grounds.

9:45am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel. Price for Members & up to 1 guest: \$16 per Person includes bus, escort, and Academy guide. Lunch on your own. Price for Non-Members & additional guests: \$42 per Person includes bus, escort, and Academy guide. Lunch on your own.

SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Friday, July 25

After dinner on your own, board bus for the John F. Kennedy Center. Upon arrival, proceed to the Theatre Lab on the Roof Terrace Level. Enjoy the performance, Shear Madness, Washington's hilarious whodunit -celebrating twelve years of laughs at the Kennedy Center, and the longest-running play in American history! Someone's been murdered in the apartment

above a Georgetown hairstyling salon, and the police haven't got a clue... take a stab at catching the killer. It's a riotous, improvisational plot with topical humor where you spot the clues, you question the suspects, and you solve the crime! The ending is different every night so you'll never see the same show twice. If DC critic Arch Campbell says Shear Madness is "the most fun he ever had at the Kennedy Center!" You are guaranteed to have a great time! Please Note: The dress code is casual. Amphitheatre-style seating and a cash bar will be available.

8:00pm board bus, 11:30pm back at the hotel. Price for Members & up to 1 guest: \$20 per Person includes bus, escort, and show. Price for Non-Members & additional guests: \$60 per Person includes bus, escort, and show.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Saturday, July 26

Board bus for Arlington National Cemetery. The 1,000 acres of the cemetery were once part of the Lee Estate. Visit the Tomb of the Unknowns where you will see the changing of the guard, followed by a wreath laying ceremony.

9:15am board bus, 11:15am back at the hotel. Price for Members & up to 1 guest: \$5 per Person includes bus and escort.

Price for Non-Members & additional guests: \$18 per Person includes bus and escort.

MCI CENTER SPECIAL PROGRAM

Saturday, July 26

Board bus for the MCI Center, home of the Washington Wizards Basketball team and location of many concerts and special events. Enjoy a two-hour show, which pays tribute to our Korean

War Veterans with music, special appearances, and a rousing salute to the colors representing all branches of our military.

6:00pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel. Price for Members & up to 1 guest: \$5 per Person includes bus and escort.

Price for Non-Members & additional guests: \$18 per Person includes bus and escort.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Sunday, July 27

Board bus for a memorial service at the Korean War Veterans

Memorial. As you approach the memorial, you will see the group of nineteen stainless-steel statues that depict a squad on patrol, evoking the experience of American ground troops in Korea. The adjacent Pool of Remembrance, black granite wall, and murals depict the extraordinary acts of heroism of those Americans who proved that "Freedom Is Not Free."

9:00am board bus, 12:00pm back at the hotel. Price for Members & up to 1 guest: \$5 per Person includes bus and escort.

Price for Non-Members & additional guests: \$18 per Person includes bus and escort.

Notes

Discounted prices are for KWVA Members and up to one guest (spouse for example). Non-Members and additional guests must pay the full price shown. Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

Cancellation and Refund Policy for Armed Forces Reunions

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

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Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Home of record _____

☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

Other _____

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all Korean War and DMZ Veterans

Nation to salute Korean War veterans during armistice commemoration in July



News Release
Department of Defense
50th Anniversary of the Korean War
Commemoration Committee



For more information contact:
Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert, PH: (703)
602-5295, FAX: (703) 604-0833.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On July 27, 50 years ago, the United States, along with 21 other United Nations members signed the armistice to end the Korean War. After returning home, many service members never talked about their experiences and the world seemed to forget the war happened, or at least, did not realize the impact this war had on communist aggression.

The United States will honor these heroes during the National Salute to Korean War Veterans July 25-27 in Washington D.C. with a star-studded event at the MCI Center, a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery and a wreath-laying and memorial ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on The Mall.

The event at the MCI Center will include musical performances by military and nationally-recognized artists, guest speakers and a parade of unit colors from all five branches of the U.S. military and the 21 other nations that participated under the United Nations Command during the war. This parade of colors will mark the first time all the colors of the major units from the Korean War have been brought together.

The Department of Defense has been sponsoring events across the country to honor and thank Korean War veterans and family members for their sacri-

fice and service to their country. The DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee kicked off their events with a ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial June 25, 2000, marking the 50th anniversary of the day North Korean military forces crossed the 38th Parallel in an attempt to take the freedom of South Koreans.

Since the opening ceremony, the committee has sponsored more than 100 commemoration events in every region of the United States. There have also been hundreds of smaller, local events sponsored by the committee's commemorations partners, which include more than 10,000 cities, states, schools, businesses and other organizations nationwide.

"The support the people of this country have provided us to thank and honor Korean War veterans has been tremendous," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, executive director of the DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. "This three-day event in Washington D.C. will be a great opportunity for the nation to take the time to recognize the 1.8 million Korean War veterans who stopped communist aggression in its tracks and preserved the freedom of the Republic of South Korea."

All Korean War veterans, family members, next of kin and the public are invited to attend the events to honor these American

heroes and let them know their sacrifices during the Korean War have not been forgotten.

Listed below are upcoming commemoration events leading up to the July commemoration events. (Edited by removing March events due to issue of March-April Graybeards being mailed in mid April. Editor.)

The DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will host a joint service wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Korean War veterans at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on The Mall in Washington D.C., May 26.

Korean War veterans will be the special guests of the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson, for the Twilight Tattoo June 25 at the Ellipse in Washington D.C. at 7 p.m. A Korean War veteran will be the reviewing official for the parade of the troops during the event.

For more information about the Korean War or any of the upcoming events, call the DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee toll-free 1-866-KOREA50 or visit the official Web site at www.korea50.mil.

New Commemorative Stamp

Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., recognizes the sacrifices of those who served during that conflict. The year 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the hostilities.



Stamp depicting Korean War Veterans Memorial. Issue date: July 2003

KWVA National Membership/Awards Program

All chapter and/or department membership inquires by mail or phone will be to the membership chairman or committee members only as listed below. The KWVA Executive Board approved the following Membership/Awards Program at the Branson, MO. meeting in October 2002.

Membership/Awards Program

Three top members that recruit most new members in fiscal year (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004).

Awards:

- 1st Place: \$1,000.00
- 2nd Place: \$500.00
- 3rd Place: \$250.00

Awards to be presented at annual reunion convention.

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National KWVA President

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poured into North Korea from Manchuria. They said they were all volunteers. They commandeered our buildings and then we became street people, out in the cold.

On 9 October 1950, we departed Manpo and slept beside the road or in fields. And, when it started snowing, we were in dire straits and the death rate began soaring. We moved around that area through the towns of Kosan and Donakhon.

On October 25 1950, we went to a place we now call the "Corn Field" which is just a short distance from Manpo. The winter wind was blowing which made the chill factor very high. We would get in groups of about five guys and dig as best we could or, rather, scrape a shallow hole in the earth where we could get below the force of the wind and lie down side by side, sharing body heat.

We thought this was as bad as it would ever get but IT GOT WORSE. On 31 October 1950 (Halloween), a North Korean Major from the Security Forces took over our group. He was later given the nickname of "The Tiger" because he was so brutal and enjoyed killing. We departed the corn field that day and our death march (the "Tiger Death March") began.

We were not in any shape for marching. We did not have proper foot gear nor winter clothing to protect us from the cold. "The Tiger" started us marching toward the distant snow-capped mountains of the Kosan Pass.

Before long, on 1 November 1950, the line of POWs and civilians was stretched out and The Tiger, now at the head of the column, looked back and spied several POWs sitting beside the road. He had given the order that no one was to fall out of the march and the sick and the dead were to be carried.

We were in 13 sections with an American Officer and a Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of each group. The men beside the road were too weak to proceed and the North Korean guards told them to stay beside the road and transport would be provided. Then,

The Tiger went ballistic and asked his guards about what happened and they denied they had given any such order. The Tiger then ordered Major Dunn, our Commanding Officer, to come to the front. He then ordered officers from each of the sections having men who dropped out to come forward. Now, there were six officers standing at attention on a knoll beside the road.

Commissioner Lord of the Salvation Army of England, who was The Tiger's interpreter, announced that The Tiger would execute all six for disobeying orders. Then, the Commissioner started to beg for their lives and The Tiger threatened to shoot him as well. Finally, The Tiger said he would shoot one officer. He said the section that had the most men beside the road would determine who would be shot and that was Lt. Cordus Thornton.

Lt. Thorton was the officer in charge of the 7th Section. The Tiger asked Thornton if he had anything to say and the gallant lieutenant replied that, in the American Army, there would be a court martial to determine guilt or innocence. The Tiger asked his guards if the Lieutenant was guilty and the guards said "Yes ... kill him ... kill them all." The Tiger then shot Lt. Thornton or I should say executed him in front of all of us. He shot him once through the back of the head. The lieutenant did not beg and he did not flinch or cry. He stood like a man and showed us all how to die. He was the first atrocity of the Korean War that was so witnessed. Lt. Thornton is our hero and we have dedicated our work and rosters to his memory.

The Tiger Death March ended on 9 November 1950 at Chung-Gang-jin, North Korea. We left 89 persons behind who were shot to death by The Tiger and his men. One was a helpless French Nun and an elderly White Russian woman. The only sin committed by these people was that they were too tired to go on or they tried to seek privacy to relieve themselves. Strong men became weak because they had to carry the sick and dying, as well as the dead, until they were told to leave them beside the road.

At Chung-Gang-jin, we could see the war across a field just to the south. We were hoping to be rescued but that was as far north as the United Nations forces came. I really think that if they had come across that field, we would have all been killed.

On 16 November 1950, we were suddenly ordered to move out in the middle of the night. It was here that my best buddy, Jack Samms, was brutally beaten to death. I was powerless to do anything about it and had a terrible sinking feeling in my gut.

The next morning, we came to a place that was to become our home until 29 March 1951. It was a small place called Hanjang-ni, North Korea. There was a large school building of one story with several outbuildings and a central well. We thought that things would improve now but we were dead wrong.

I won't go into the terrible description of life there. Suffice it to say that 222 brave people were promoted to Glory at that hell hole of all hell holes.

The dead were stripped of clothing, such as it was, and carried to a nearby hill. The clothing was for the living. We had no other choice. We were not allowed to dig a grave nor did we have the energy or tools with which to dig. We all weighed less than 100 pounds and were sick and consumed by lice. We were mental basket cases. The dead were left in shallow indentations in the earth. "God, please take care of our brothers," we would say.

Spring came even to that ungodly place and the warm sunshine was most welcome. And things were really going to get better now that the Tiger was replaced by a kinder North Korean Major. But we were still starving to death and there was little food even for the North Koreans. We would catch frogs to eat as well as other things that I won't mention.

On 29 March 1951, we moved from Hanjang-ni and started to move to Andong to an old Japanese Army Camp. As we approached ChungGang-jin, the sky became full of our B-29 bombers, the first we had seen since Pyongyang.

We were happy to see them when suddenly their bellies opened up and the bombs started to fall. Now, we were not so happy. Miraculously, only one POW was wounded.

Summer passed at Andong and 50 more died there. In October of 1951, we were ordered to move again. The civilians went to a different place and we did not see them again. We were put on river barges and moved down river to Chang-Song, North Korea and turned over to the Chinese Army Prisoner of War Camp system, also known as Camp #3.

The Chinese took us to a parade field of sorts and brought out huge amounts of rice and steamed bread. We couldn't believe our eyes. What a meal! We were in the "tall cotton," so to speak. The next day was the same. More food! We were given new clothing ... the first since our capture. Some tobacco was also issued, along with sugar. From then on, we started to gain weight.

Ten more of our brothers died at Chang-Song. They died as a result of the treatment under the North Koreans. All of them were returned to our side and sent home to their loved ones. Life became boring and the Chinese tried to make Communists out of us by using the so-called brain-washing method but they did not have any luck. In August 1953, we came to freedom but it was not a quick plane ride to the states for most of us. We were put on ships that took 16 days to get to Frisco, and we were treated on-ship as if we were still in prison.

Then, we were sent home which was a mistake. We should have been taken to hospitals and given thorough mental and physical examinations such as having the worms removed from our systems. The rest is history and I hope that I have explained how it really was.

Sixty-six percent of the Tiger Survivors died in captivity. It was a terrible price to pay when a simple medication could have saved many of our brothers and sisters. In memory of all the people who did not make it out of that terrible place, I dedicate my life and the ongoing work that I do.

Here are some statistics on the Tigers: Still living, 151. Of that amount, 6 are



Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation

By Charles F. Cole, KWVA National Liaison

The Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation (KWVEGC), a 501c(3) charity, provides scholarships to the descendants of Korean War Veterans and we rely on individual donations to make this happen. For the current academic year, we have already provided eleven \$1,000 scholarships and each went to help young people whose grandfathers are the people we knew fifty years ago as young fellow infantrymen, Marines, sailors and airmen. In addition this year, KWVA National also provided additional funds for another eight students whose living ancestors are current KWVA National members.

As a retired professor at The Ohio State University, I daily encounter OSU students working in Columbus who spend long hours at several jobs as they try to meet their own college expenses. Too often they are also working at the expense of better grades and are foregoing other college experiences that might better prepare them for productive lives in society. Each of us also talks to our own sons and daughters and we know that college tuition and other expenses for our own grandchildren continue to rise faster than inflation. This is our personal insight into the current cost of a college education for which both stu-

dents and their parents are often mortgaging their own lives far into the future. Those of us able, help our own when we can. Those of us fortunate enough to have survived the war; those who took advantage of the Korean War GI Bill; and others just plain fortunate enough to have lived successfully through the past fifty years have an additional opportunity to help others through a donation to the KWVEGC. The students we help will become our next generation of national leaders.

A contribution to the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation is a donation to a charity for income tax purposes. Additionally, should you wish it, you can also include in your will a bequest for the future by designating our endowment fund at the Columbus Foundation, Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. No better memorial to our own efforts in the Korean War exists than the chance each of us has to contribute long after our own deaths to students on their way to these leadership roles in America.

Please contact me for additional details at: KWVEGC, 1040 Woodman Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085-2965. (614) 846-0326. No donation is ever too small and your help will be most appreciated.

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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officers and 19 are civilians. from 1st Cav., 3 from 25th Div., and 127 from the 24th who were captured between 4 July 1950 and 26 July 1950.

There were 79 multi-national civilians with our group, there was a 1 year old baby and a 83 year old man. The youngest American Soldier was only 13 when he joined the army and only 14 when he died as a Prisoner of War February 1951 His name was William

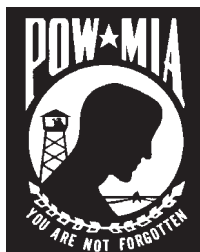
Holand from KY.

(Notice: Shorty will have the annual Tiger Survivors Chop Chop at the Hilton Valley Forge Hotel on August 1 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$30.50 per person, Children under 12 1/2 price, Make check payable to Shorty Estrabrook. Send to : 23816 Muirlands # 46, Matador, CA 92562)

May God Bless America!

Until next time I remain

Harley



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

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Former 'Hanoi Hilton' Resident Keynotes DoD POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast

*By Rudi Williams American Forces
Press Service. Photos by Rudi Williams.*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 2003 Orson G. Swindle III, who spent six years and four months as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, told the audience at DoD's 9th annual POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast about the horrors of prison camp and that the nation "must get it right" during such troubled times.



This year's prayer breakfast here was the largest ever. More than 230 people attended, including 13 former POWs and three Medal of Honor recipients.

Orson G. Swindle III "This morning we speak about the power of prayer in our lives," said Swindle, a Federal Trade Commission commissioner and retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel. He holds 20 decorations, including two Silver Stars and two Bronze Star Medals for valor in combat and two Purple Hearts.

He said he was sharing some of his personal experiences "reluctantly because it's difficult." Held in North Vietnam's "Hanoi Hilton," Swindle said prisoners in the north were treated harshly, but those held prisoner in South Vietnam suffered "even more gross deprivation, harshness and suffering."

"We don't consider ourselves heroes," he noted. "We're survivors and we survived through mutual support, wit, cunning, prayer and just a helluva lot of luck. Many didn't survive. I had a couple of cellmates who didn't make it home. It's

From left, Medal of Honor recipients retired Marine Corps Col. Barney Barnum, former Army 1st Lt. Brian Thacker and retired Marine Corps Gen. Ray Davis were among the more than 230 people at DoD's 9th annual POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast.

to their memory that each of us, when asked to tell our stories, ask that we not forget.

"I was shot down on my very last mission — that's pretty bad," Swindle said. "I was immediately captured, taken down into a hole and beaten all night. The next morning, on Nov. 12, it was raining. I was in a terrible state of shock. I was taken out to a hut for interrogation."

Swindle told the audience about the North Vietnamese cutting off the circulation in his arms by cinching them behind his back in a painful position. They pulled his arms so his forearms went up his spine and his elbows touched in back, he said.

"Then they started beating me," he said. "The pain creates almost an insanity. You strain to get loose, but you're not going to get loose. But the strains block out the pain and you're just hanging there. You come to the realization that you're not in control of your destiny."

Being a POW was a life of not knowing how your family was, Swindle said. "I didn't get a letter for about four years," he said. "Some were fortunate enough to get a letter once in a while. Some never received letters. Some families never (realized) their husbands or sons were alive."

"We came home to a country torn by the war to a degree difficult to fathom and to a cynicism and distrust of political leadership that is still with us," Swindle said. "I can't describe to you the difficulty of coping with what we were hearing while we were POWs, but we coped."



"I don't believe our country can go through this again," he said.

Swindle said he agrees with those who declare Saddam Hussein a tyrant and a threat to peace in his region, but, he asked, removing him from power would come "at what price?"

"Will it ignite a generations-long war with religious and ethnic underpinnings?" Swindle asked. He said the nation needs to "be right" for all the right reasons, and revenge is not necessarily one of them.

"Level with the American people and those young men and women sent into harm's way about the sacrifices to come and the risks we're to experience. Don't betray our support, our sacrifice and our trust as was done in Vietnam," Swindle said.

"Lead with conviction, be bold and be tough as hell," he urged. "Without fail, have a strategy to win not only the short war, but the end-game, too!"

Swindle said the nation should pray for the men and women in harm's way, the American people and for political leaders.

Air Force Chief Performs Special Missing Man Table Ceremony

*By Rudi Williams American Forces
Press Service. Photos by Rudi Williams*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 2003 — Chief Master Sgt. David L. Hamel delighted the audience with his rendition of the "Missing Person Table" ceremony

Former Vietnam War POW retired Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin McManus (left) chats with Peggy Marish-Boos, program director of DoD's 9th annual POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast, and Adrian Cronauer of "Good Morning Vietnam" fame. He is special assistant to the director of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office



Chief Master Sgt. David L. Hamel performs ceremony.

during DoD's 9th annual POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast here today.

Hamel said he got involved with prisoner of war and missing in action ceremonies a few years ago and started wondering what former POWs would say about the empty chair at the Missing Man Table.

"Who is in that empty chair?" asked Hamel, who spent about 18 years working on aircraft ejection seats and canopies. Hamel, who has two master's degrees, is now director of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute,



College for Enlisted Professional Military Education at Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Ala.

"That bugged me for a while, and when I heard the song, 'Some Gave All,' by Billy Ray Cyrus, I said that's what it's about. I took the song and incorporated a few things. I built a hat rack to represent each of the services," he said.

In part, the words to the song are: "All gave some and some gave all "And some stood through for the red, white and blue "And some had to fall "And if you ever think of me Think of all your liberties and recall "Some gave all..."

Backed up by recorded music, Hamel sang his rendition of the song to the delight of the audience.

A member of the audience was overheard saying, "That was the best Missing Man Table ceremony I've ever seen."

Former POW retired Army Capt.

Holding his special display of caps representing each service, Air Force Chief Master Sgt. David L. Hamel chats with former Vietnam POW retired Army Capt. Luis G. Chirichigno during DoD's 9th annual POW/MIA Prayer Breakfast.

Luis G. Chirichigno, a former enlisted man, said it was "a wonderful feeling to see that people who are missing are remembered, because I was missing in action. My name was never released as a POW. I refused to do things for them, and they refused to give me the opportunity to let my family know I was alive."

Chirichigno, a former Cobra gunship pilot, was shot down in November 1969 while trying to rescue another pilot. He spent three-and-a-half years as an MIA in Cambodia and North Vietnam. His wife and mother thought he was dead. His daughter was a year old when he became missing in action.

"I've been doing this for about a year now," Hamel noted. "We need to keep perpetuating the memory of those who are missing. We tend to forget as the years go by, but accounting for our folks is very important."

2003 Family & Veteran Update Schedule

Mar 22	Houston, TX
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Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW newsletter.

(Since the KWVA Presidents message covers a great story and a reunion. I will only print the taps listing. Editor.)

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Images of Korea

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Tank 45 L to R standing, Bob Porvaznik, Tank Commander, Jim Kessleer, Driver, Vince Holly, Gunner, Ray Civatello. Bog, Bill Oakley, Loader, Woo - ROK Relief Bog, Roland Raska, Relief Loader, August 1953. After the war we moved off line to the Yonchon Area.



Lobo Co Garage, Tank Co. 14th Inf. Reg. 25th Inf. Div. March 1953.



Hill 107 looking across No Man's land near Outpost Carson May 1953.



Ungok Hill "The Dike" looking across No Man's land at Chinese positions from Outpost Carson, May 1953.



VT fuzes exploding at Ungok on Chinese positions taken near Outpost Carson, May 1953.



Looking east toward Outposts Carson, Reno, Vegas. East Berlin over hill to right, May 1953.



Hill 107 (Little Peak on left) Red Hill and Star Hill to the right looking across No Man's Land 1953.



Tank 45 - Their Bunker at Outpost Carson, Early July 1953.



L to R, Bob Porvaznik, Driver, Andy Anderson, Tk Comm., Tom Wescott, Loader, Outpost Carson at our Bunker May 1953.



Tank 45 firing position Outpost Carson early July 1953.



S/Sgt Robert L. Porvaznik, Tank Commander August 1953 Yonchon area.

The Battle for Triangle Hill

By Irwin Braun Irwin (Braun served as the 32nd Inf. Regt's intelligence draftsman/artist in 1952 and 1953.)

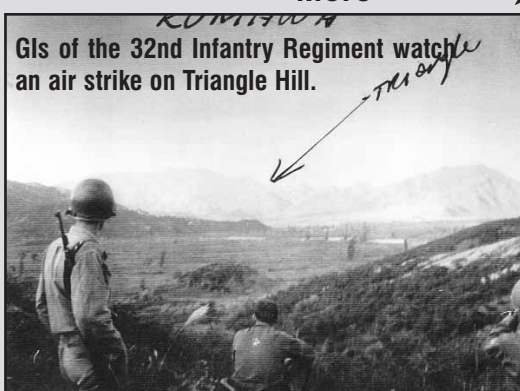
In October of 1952, as the Korean War dragged on, the top brass of the 8th Army decided that a Chinese hill complex that had a commanding view of our MLR supply roads should be taken. They thought it would be a piece of cake. Boy, were they wrong. If there is anything that is true about the Korean War it is the miscalculations and mistakes made by both sides during the war cost thousands and thousands of lives.

The hill that we had to take was 598---later called, "Triangle Hill" for the media. There were additional ridges that encompassed the area: Sniper Ridge, Sandy Ridge, Pike's Peak and Jane Russell Hill. It would turn out to be

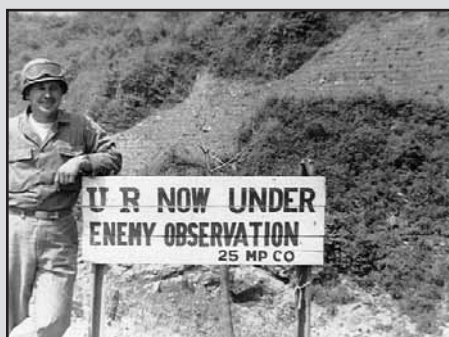
the last United Nations offensive of the Korean War.

The mission to capture the hill was given to Col. Lloyd Moses' 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. They attacked on October 14, 1952 after a massive artillery barrage. The air force was also called in and the jets bombed and strafed the hill in the early morning. The attacking American battalions were driven back by the Chinese defenders after very bitter and bloody fighting. The next day, the 32nd Infantry took up the attack and captured the hill. The Chinese counterattacked and were driven back. After 12 days of heavy fighting and suffering 2,000 casualties, the 7th Inf. Div. turned over the hill to the 2nd R.O.K. Division. The Chinese forced the South Koreans off the hill on October 30th.

This writer was ordered to go to the crest of



Triangle Hill just after we captured it to sketch the Chinese fortifications. What I found and sketched were the Chinese living quarters. They had large chambers carved deep into the hill that could only be reached by angled tunnels. It is no wonder that they could withstand all the shelling and bombing we could offer.



Photos by Harry Dietrick, PO Box 111, Eagle Point, Or. 97524-0111

When I was first browsing through my Mar-Apr copy of The Graybeards on Page 70 is SFC Lenier leaning on the Chinatown Turnpike. I am sure that sign looks familiar so I got out some of my own photos and there it is. I also put in quite a bit of time in that area and snapped a few pictures and one buddy I was working with at the time was leaning on that same sign. As near as I can recall I was in that area quite a bit of the time from April 1 till about Sept 1 of 1952, and a lot of my memories are from that period of time. Just around the next few turns are a few more signs I snapped.

The one that declares you are now under observation has me leaning on it. Shortly after I arrived in Korea it seems there was some pretty heavy rotation happening and I had a chance to grab on to a good job, I was part of a crew of a 4 man wire crew and I got to drive their jeep. This means I have transportation whenever we move and we do move around, it seems there was several of these crews and we had to cover a lot of area wherever phones were needed. We worked closely with the A T

M squad who we depended on to keep areas cleared of trip wires, mines, etc.

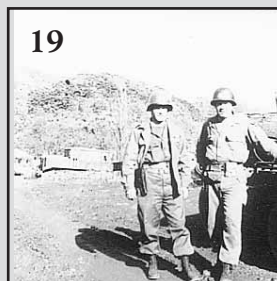
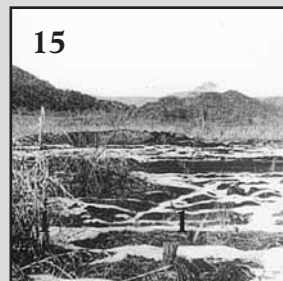
Most of the memories that creep through my mind now are things that happened in the areas near and around Heartbreak ridge. I know that the most spectacular sights I ever witnessed in my life were there and until you sit in a forward O P and watch a hot and heavy air strike, you aint seen nothin at all. And as I have thought about it since, I remember what a strange trip I made out of that area one day as we worked in that area and someone approached me to ask if that jeep nearby was "mine" and I say it is, so whomever it was told me to take a couple of prisoners back to regiment HQ where the interrogators were. Sure so they jumped in the jeep and down the road we go, thinking no more about it I drove them back to the "war tent" and I stuck around while they were being interrogated and could hardly believe they were saying that the air strikes didn't bother them a whole lot because they had many tunnels in the mountain where they could come out and fire, back in, come out a different opening and fire some more.



Obviously, they liked our cigarettes and candy bars, and they were very happy to get out of that hell hole, especially after that air strike.

That rotation system using "points" according to where your duty took place didn't seem to operate very smoothly. When you got 24 points you would very soon get to go home to the states, but since all my duty kept me in a 4 points per month area and I was there 11 months and 14 days I had accumulated 44 points before I got out of there. Oh well, I am thankful I did get out of there. I am hoping some other old "Wolfhound" (27th Regt., 25th Div.) will see it and drop me a line or two.

Images of Korea



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- #1. Powder Magazine - Korea 1951
- #2. Getting ready for lunch - Korea 1951
- #3. Firing over a Mountain - Korea 1952
- #4. My 155 Howitzer - Korea 1951
- #5. Captured bunker - Korea early 1951
- #6. 155 Howitzer with part of crew & ROK Soldier - Korea 1951
- #7. Gun Crew at the ready - Korea Fall 1951
- #8. My Howitzer in action - Korea 1951
- #9. My living accommodations - Korea 1951
- #10. Ammo pile at the ready 155 Howitzer Shells - Korea 1951
- #11. Standby by for fire mission Korea -1951

- #12. Ammo truck with 50 Cal Machine Gun - Korea 1951
- #13. Ready for action - Korea 1951
- #14. In action - Korea 1951
- #15. Is this what we were fighting for??? - Korea 1951
- #16. Trying our new 4 inch Bazooka - Korea 1951
- #17. Winter clothing - Korea December 1951
- #18. Home sweet home - Korea September 1951
- #19. Frank Hinich and Bill Goss (r) - Korea October 1951
- #20. Murl Cahn, Bill Goss (r) and Youth Unknown in Seoul Korea -December 1951

Reunion Showplace.....

Fifty Year Reunion – 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Div. – Korea



Pictured are veterans of Company L, (Love) at the 50th year anniversary, October 18-20, 2002 at Western Hills Guest Ranch near Wagoner, Ok. The Reg. meets here every two years. We had great attendance with many spouses present and lots of combat stories. Members present 50th Year Reunion of Co. L 279th Regt.: Gene Dennis, Duane Helms, Bob Zimet, John Sleeper, Gerald McCuan, Clifford Rogers, Norbert Robben, Don Pouk, Edward Singh, Gene Piontkowski, Lou Tirone, Frank Zielinski, Al Sylvester, Daryl Hook, Jack Rose, Glen Ed White, Charles Klenklen, Lowell B. Miller, Dean R. Popp, Ralph Zerwas and Paul Elkins.

Reunion: 45th Division



Three Kansan's of the Korean War from the 45th Division got together at Olson's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Shown in photo are LaVern Karst (Hoisington, KS) LaRue Olson (Marquette, KS) and Francis Castor (Haysville, KS)

398th AAA AWBN – Korea Reunion



ABOVE:

Members of the 398th AAA AWBN - Korea at a Recent Reunion:

1st Row - Bill Brassfield, Orvil Roberts, Lawrence Lockard, Earl Bell, Ben Luebbert;

2nd Row - Norman Dwyer, Norman Shale, Onis Tillmann, Larry Beilsmith, Chuck Irvin;

3rd Row - Clem Zaborowski, Don Dougherty, Arlie Schemmer, Bill Hendrix and Carey Roberts

Send in Your Reunion Photos

Members and friends of 90th FA Bn, 25th Division, take Caribbean cruise together

BELOW:

Korean veterans of the 90th FA Bn., 25th Div. Celebrated their 2002 reunions aboard the ship Sensation as they took a Caribbean cruise together in September. The president of the 9th, Raymond Haski is on the right kneeling with Harold Huston on his right. Since there were ninety-two husbands and wives in attendance it is difficult to name all of the others in the picture.





The Forming of the Korean War Veterans Association

By William T. Norris, Founder (Deceased)

After Bill Norris attended a reunion in July 1984 the seed was planted. Bill attended a reunion of the South Atlantic Chapter of the 25th Inf. Div. Assn. He had gone to try to locate his Medic from the 1st Plt., Fox Company, 27th Inf. Regt. Attending this gathering were over 180 men who had served with the 25th Div. during WW II, Korea and Vietnam. During the banquet dinner those veterans were requested to stand and be recognized for the war they participated in. During this part of the program Bill was amazed that only 8 men stood up that had served during the Korean War. The President of the 25th Div. National Association was Ralph Melcher, Col. (Ret.). Bill was introduced to Col. Melcher. During their talks it was discovered that Bill had volunteered for duty in Korea from Germany. Col. Melcher was assigned duty in Germany upon his return from Korea. The common bond had been made. Bill presented the idea to form a "Korean War Veterans" Chapter within the 25th Div. Assn. This had been accomplished by those 25th Div. men who served in Vietnam.

Upon return from this reunion Bill started to contact 25th Div. men who served during the Korean War. After 6 months no interest was shown. Col. Melcher put Bill in contact with Joseph McCallion of Mass. Joe had been trying to organize Korean War Veterans for recognition in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Both Bill and Joe started to seek recognition for Korean War Veterans within their respective home states.

That Fall Bills daughter Virginia (Ginny) took the topic of the Korean War for a school term paper. This term paper carried additional points for grading due to the degree of difficulty. One important factor turned out to be the necessity of a bibliography (list of researched books) be included. Ginny went to her school library seeking the required books on this subject, there were none. A check of the town library resulted in the same result. Ginny contacted her teacher to report the lack of written material. She requested that she be allowed to interview her father who had fought in Korea. Ginny's teacher said this would not be acceptable as all term papers require bibliography. This was to insure that students read books to broaden their knowledge on subject through reputable documentation.

Due to the lack of written sources and unable to interview her father the term paper seemed a disaster. The easier topics had all been taken by her classmates. Ginny had heard her father talk about Korea and intended to surprise him. She had already written her dedication: To my father, "Sgt. William T. Norris, F Co, 27th Inf. (Wolfhounds) Regt., 25th Inf. Div. who served during the Korean War 1950-1953".

When Ginny came home one day and related the problem of lack of books and her intentions, Bill decided to do something to rectify the situation. With the help of 7 local Korean War Veterans Bill started to incorporate the "Korean War Veterans Association" in the State of New York.

Now we must back up a bit to trying to start a chapter of "Korean War Veterans" within the 25th Div. Assn. Remember Joe McCallion. Well when Bill and Joe could not generate enough enthusiasm among the 25th Div. Assn. this dropped by the wayside. They both started to plan the first gathering of "Korean War Veterans" to be held at Arlington Virginia on 25, 26 and 27 July 1985. They would go there to pay honor to those who stayed behind (MIAs) and the ones who gave their lives during the Korean War.

Joe continued to work for those Korean War Veterans for the Commonwealth of Mass. He was seeking a proclamation designating the week that included 25th of June, the invasion of South Korea to honor those Veterans of Massachusetts. The signing of this proclamation was on 19 June 1985. A larger recognition ceremony for Korean War Veterans was to take place on 25 June 1985 in the Massachusetts State House Hall of Flags. Joe had given Bill a Massachusetts State Flag to raise at the United Nations Cemetery at Pusan, South Korea. Bill had plan to do this with Flags of the United States that had flown over this nations capital. This country's flag along with those State Flags were raised on the United States Flag pole honoring those of this country and the men of Massachusetts/New York who gave their lives. Bill had done this during his revisit to Korea in March 1985.

It was during the signing of the Massachusetts proclamation on 19 June 1985 the Governor inquired of Bill how he was doing in his efforts in New York. Unknown to Bill the New York state governor had signed his. proclamation on 18 June 1985 honoring those who served during the Korean War.

During Bill's visit he informed Joe that he had filed for the "Korean War Veterans Association" charter with the Secretary of the State of New York. Bill did not receive notification of approval for another week. At that time he noted that the approval of application was while attending the ceremony on 25 June 1985. As he had not requested consideration of this important date it was thought to be a good omen.

As. Bill and Joe were working on the reunion of Korean War Veterans for July, he thought it would be appropriate to see if those attending were interested. Bill then placed the Charter on the back burner to wait the thoughts of those Korean War Veterans at Arlington, Virginia.

During their gathering the United States Post Office issued a Commemorative Stamp honoring the Korean War Veterans on 26 July 1985.

On the afternoon of 26 July 1985 those attending this first reunion of Korean War Veterans held a meeting at 2PM. This meeting was to listen to the by-laws of the New York State Charter of the Korean War Veterans Association. Following a discussion all were asked what they thought and would they be interested in becoming members of this State Association. The voiced opinion was why not form a National Association. They not only wanted to join an Association they wanted to become a "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Korean War Veterans".

Each member attending this meeting signed up and paid the

\$10.00 assessment for dues. Those 39 men are now considered the founding fathers of this Association. (See part 2)

As the misnomer of Police Action had been placed on the Korean War by President Truman, it has taken years to correct.

The referral to the 39 Men who signed up and paid \$10.00 dues is another of the many misnomers attached to the Korean War. During the discussion of the by-laws of the Charter registered in New York State was amended during this meeting:

“That any Prisoner of War (Korea) wishing to become a member would become a member upon making known his intentions upon submitting a membership application to the Korean War Veterans Association. That said applicant be charged no dues assessment and be entitled to all rights and benefits due regular members”.

Mr. Ralph E. Butler former Prisoner of War was attending this reunion, and became the first POW member. Ralph is KWVA POW/0001. As a POW was interned 27 April 1951 to 12 August 1953 being confined in POW camps #1,2 and 5.

Using the original sign up roster of those who paid the initial \$10.00 (dues) in verification of founding fathers Ralph Butler has been omitted. Because of the amendment to the original Charter relieving dues assessment to former POWs (Korea) he has been overlooked. Those attending the first reunion will always remember Ralph. There were many sound ideas presented and this Association has grown beyond the imagination of those present.

During the Memorial Service held on 27 July 1985 all members carried a flower (mum). This was symbolic of the Korean War Veteran. The definition from Webster's Dictionary:

mum - adj- "prop imit. of a sound made with closed lips": silent (keep) - often used interjectorally.

Floral meaning of mum (chrysanthemum) sign of Sorrow. This flower truly signifies the true feelings of those Veterans, who served during the Korean War. They served their country when asked returned and did not complain. Their true inward feelings is they have never forgotten those we left behind or those who gave their lives.

The Korean War Veteran has much to be proud of. They were part of the first use of United Nations Forces to prevent the takeover of a member country. The last United Nations Force to serve under this Nations 48 Star Flag. The only group of United States Veterans of a major War not recognized by a National Monument or Memorial in this Nations Capital, Washington, D.C. The survivors of the *"Most Brutal and Bloody Foreign War that the United States Has Ever Fought In."*

This National Association was made possible by those Korean War Veterans who applied for that Charter in New York State. This Association would never have resulted had it not been for their belief. Some of these men could not attend the first gathering but were definitely instrumental.

During the first reunion of Korean War Veterans the ideal and goals were discussed. This was molded into the following:

"Statement of Principles"

1. To support the ideals this Great Country was founded on.
2. To maintain the dignity and pride of the Korean War Veterans who served this Country when asked to.

3. To work towards the recognition of those who did not return from the Korean War.

4. To maintain and foster the comradeship between the men and women who served during the Korean War.

5. To perpetuate the memory and reason which required our service during the Korean War.

On the morning of 27 July 1985 it was raining. Ms. Kerri Childress Historian and Director of Services offered to cover articles during the planned memorial service. I informed Ms. Childress this would not be necessary as it would not rain on Korean War Veterans. Just prior to this service the raining stated to diminish, it began to get humid.

As the Korean War Veterans took their place before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the rain stopped. The Veterans looked out towards Washington the nations capital over the Tomb. They stood there silently and watched the mist rise and all reminiscenced of those mornings long ago in the paddies of Korea.

Ms. Kerrie Childress later stated she would never doubt the Korean War Veterans. It has not rained on the 27th of July when this Associations has held their Memorial Service.

As I was reluctant to become aggressive due to the lack of enthusiasm by other Korean War Veterans attitudes, this changed. It was due to my daughter not being able to read or understand why we had fought in Korea. The lack of written documentation and those in educational positions (teachers) who were unfamiliar with such a pivotal point in world history.

We as survivors of this War should never let the world forget. It is only the Korean War Veterans who would be able to put things into true perspective. It is our obligation to insure history never forget the efforts of those veterans of the Korean War put forth. As we have never forgotten those we served with no one should ever forget those we left behind.....

Virginia, received an A+ on her term paper.

Korean War Veterans Association Inc. was chartered on 25 June 1985 in the State of New York. On 25, 26 and 27 July 1985 the first national reunion of Korean War Veterans gathered in Arlington, Virginia. On 26 July 1985 a Commemorative Stamp was issued by the Postal Service of the United States to honor Korean War Veterans. 26 July 1985, 40 Surviving Veterans of the Korean War held a meeting to form this National Association. From those 40 Veterans including 1 Former POW this Association will reach approximately 10,000 this year.

Roster of the original 39 founding members. 7-26-85

Mr. Dale W. Riggs	Mr. Richard Winterstein
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(Thank you Michael P. Keenan, Sr. and John J. Dowd for the above text. We will be forever grateful to Bill Norris, Col. Melcher, Joseph McCallion and the original 39 for their dedication to form our association to remember our war and our veterans. The KWVA has come a long way over the past 18 plus years. It was not easy then, nor is it easy today to follow those five (5) Statement of Principles. All that have followed Bill Norris have attempted to do so.

They have had their ups and downs due to many reasons. We are in our last commemorative year and membership growth over the years has almost doubled per Bills projection in 1985. With 1.7 million veterans serving in the Korean War (In Country) and another 2.3 million serving during the war in other countries, including those that served in Korea after the war, one would think our membership would be much larger. In closing we are proud of our association, all officers past and present, chapters and our members. You have accomplished much. Our War and all its Veterans are no longer Forgotten.)

Korean War Vets To Be Honored

The Adirondack Chapter #60 in co-operation with the Elks Lodge #161 of Saratoga Springs, New York, will hold a special Flag Day Parade on June 14, 2003 to honor Korean War Veterans on the 50th anniversary of the Armistice, ending the Korean War.

While we realize that the end of the war was July 27th, we decided that more Korean veterans would be able to attend so as not to conflict with other parades planned for July.

Saratoga Elks Lodge #161, which has been holding Flag Day parades for more than 30 years, held a major Medal of Honor Flag Day Parade in 1998 in conjunction with a convention for Medal of Honor recipients that year in Saratoga Springs. Elk officials are hoping to host something in that scale for the Korean vets. They said at a news conference that the Korean War vets aren't giving the recognition they deserve. That parade attracted thousands of spectators to downtown Saratoga. Also in the early 1990's the elks held a special parade in honor of the USS Saratoga and their crews.

The Adirondack Chapter is now spreading the word, and inviting all of the state's KWVA chapters to attend. Invitations are also going out to all Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts and all other military organizations.

If any chapter, or any Korean veteran that would like to participate in this affair the person to contact is:

Eugene R. Slavin, 24 Colonial Court, Queensbury, NY 12804
Tel. (518) 793-2358 or E-Mail <slavingp@aol.com>.

We have lost a special member, mans best friend



Sgt. Elmo, Lake County, Fl

Harold Sievers, President of Lake County, Fl. Chapter # 169 of the Korean War Veterans Association announced the passing of the Chapter's Mascot – Sgt. Elmo.

Sgt. Elmo, resided in Ocala with Arthur Dube, a Korean War Veteran who served with the Second Infantry Division and recipient of the Silver Star Medal.

Attendees of various veteran functions all knew Sgt. Elmo, especially his favorite people – children. It was not unusual to hear young and old alike asking Chapter members, "Where is Sgt. Elmo?"

Jackie Gleason, former Chapter President, Mary Lum, Chapter Secretary and the Rev. Charles Marselles, Chapter Chaplain were charged with the burial of the mascot and the obtaining of a headstone.

Sgt. Elmo is buried at Bellevue Veterinary Pet Cemetery, 10725 SE 36 Avenue, Bellevue, Fl. The Rev. Marselles will conduct a headstone dedication at the pet cemetery at 11:00 A.M. February 15th. The Chapter's Honor Guard will also take part in the ceremony.

Past and present photos

I am enclosing "then and now" pictures of my husband, and some of his buddies in Charlie C. Co., 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 2nd (Indianhead) Division. They were in the Korean War in 1952 -1953. Fellmer and Burks had been in touch previously, but it was the first time all three of them had been together in 51 years. The wives were present, too, and we all had a wonderful time. Fellmer's daughter had posted a query on the KWVA web site, so that is how we got in touch.

Coppersmith, first on the left in the upper picture, could



(TOP) L to R: Darwin Coppersmith, Harry Fellmer, Leonard Burks, John R. (Bob) Spencer, Company C., 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment, 2nd (Indianhead) Division, Korea 1952

(BOTTOM) L to R: Bob Spencer, Leonard Burks, and Harry Fellmer Reunited after 51 years at Spencer's home in Lakeland, Florida January 24, 2003



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not be present, but called my husband the next day and they had a long visit on the phone. A mini reunion is being planned for some time later.

Fellmer and Burks left Korea in early July 1953. They heard about the armistice aboard the ship on the way home. Coppersmith apparently left about the same time. Spencer was there to the end. He was a mortar platoon sergeant at Outpost Harry when the armistice became effective. He returned to the States in September 1953.

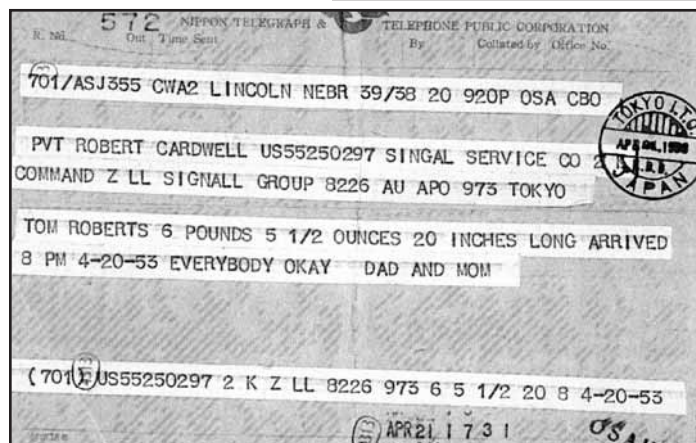
We are hoping other buddies will see the photos and get in touch. Contact Mary Eleanor Spencer, 824 Bonnie Drive, Lakeland, FL 33803. Email: <mameme@juno.com> Tel: 863-683-4213.

Good News Telegram to Soldier in the Korean War

I received a telegram from home telling me my first son Tom was born. He was 10 months old before I was able to see and hold him. I wonder how many Korean veterans had this same experience.



On right, Pfc. Robert Cardwell in Korea in 1953. K. Com. Z. Longlines Signal Corps, Osan, Korea. Below, Telegram to Robert Cardwell telling him his son was born and all was well.



Main text of message on Telegram "Tom Roberts 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces 20 inches long arrived 8 PM 4-20-53 Everybody Okay Dad and Mom."

Robert Cardwell,
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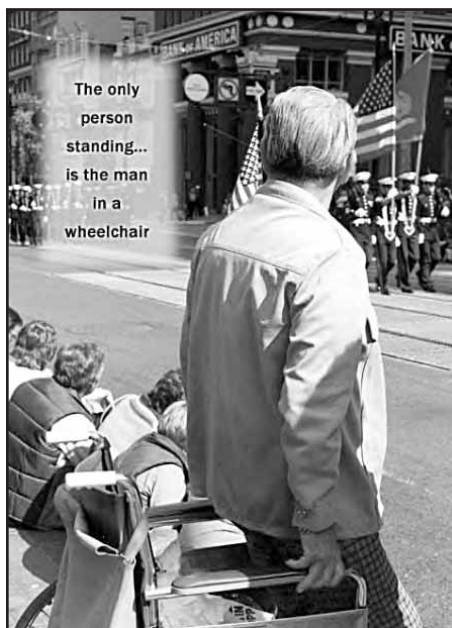
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Note from the Editor. I have received an overwhelming number of books and the space in our magazine is limited, so I ask those of you that have not seen your review to be patient. We will print as space allows. We print these reviews to let our veterans know there are many new books on the Korean War and subjects of veterans interest.

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

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

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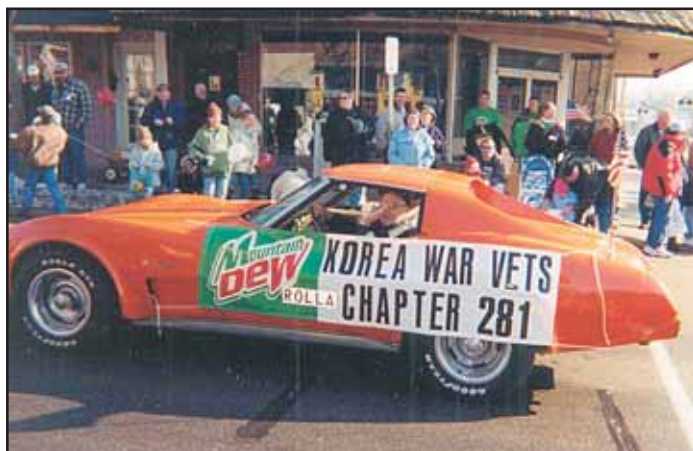
The Mural Wall

Chapter Affairs

Rolla Chapter #281 of Missouri

Rolla has become the ninth chapter of the KWVA in state of Missouri. Assuming temporary offices are Commander Leslie Burris of Rolla; first Vice Commander Herman Mebruer, Rich Fountain; second Vice Commander Austin Vogler, Rolla; Secretary Mary Hamel, Dixon; Treasurer Forest O'Neal, St. James; Historian Clarence Mebruer, Freeburg and MIA/POW James Vitali, Cuba.

(Thank you Leslie Burris for newspaper article and photos.)



Second Vice-Commander Austin Vogler drove this car in Christmas Parade in Rolla and St. James.



Commander Leslie Burns drove this mower and trailer in the Christmas Parade in Rolla and St. James.

St. Charles County #186 of Missouri



Original group of Korean War Veterans Association January 1999 St. Charles County Chapter #186 of Missouri



Members of Chapter #186 of Charles County at St. Peters Complex, December 7, 2002. Left to right Bob Peitz, Frank Williams, Darrel Woodcock, Don Neff, Homer Scott, Gene Stark. Kneeling Left to right Wendel Prather, Curt Farley.

Harry S. Truman Chapter #135 of Missouri



Veterans Day 2002 in Branson, Missouri



Dedication of Korean War Memorial in Branson, Missouri, Commander Stu Ballovand.



Members of KWVA at Branson, Missouri during Armed Forces May 2002.

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

Bergen County annual senior citizen picnic.



Left to right front row, Louis Quagliero, Henry Ferrarini, John DeLonardo, John Meuser. Left to right back row, Commander Richard Onorevole, Salvatore Altomare, Murray Cohen, Anthony DeCondo, George Bruzgis, Edward Sabol.



Left to right ,Past Commander William McGuinness, Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and Past Commander John Meuser

Bergen County annual senior citizen picnic.

RIGHT: Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole.

BELOW: Left to right, Past Commander William McGuinness, Mrs. Forrester, who's husband is a candidate for the U.S. Senate (New Jersey), Taejon Chapter Commander Dr, Richard Onorevole, N.

J.Assemblywoman Rose Maria Heck and Sgt. At Arms Salvatore Altomare.



(Thank You Louis Quagliero for photos and letter Please give the other chapters a chance. Hold off mailing more for at least 6 months. I have 9 other sets to print.)

East Hanover Memorial Service



The East Hanover Memorial Service honored all Korean War Veterans who were killed in the Korean War. Left to right - Donald Di Paolo, Master of Ceremonies, Richard Loehwing, Alex Atheras, Lou Quagliero, George Bruzgis, Jerry Van Brunt and James Lomauro.



Color Guard Captain James Lomauro, Jr., George Bruzgis, Donald Di Paolo, Robert B. Kenny, Louis Quagliero, Gerald Van Brunt and Alex Atheras
(Thank You Louis Quagliero for photos and letter.)

St. Philip Church



Memorial mass honoring all Korean War Veterans killed in Korea and Taejon Chapter members who died since 1994 held at St. Philip the Apostle RC Church . Rev. Robert G. McBride (middle center), Dr. Richard Onorevole(second row left), chapter members and guests. (Thank You Louis Quagliero for photos and letter.)

Central Long Island Chapter #64 of New York

Gold Star Mother Event

May 5, 2002, we were invited to attend the Gold Star Mother Breakfast to escort some of the Korean War Gold Star mothers to their proper seating and awards. One of the Gold Star mothers, Emma Bosch is the oldest Gold Star mother (96 years old) on the Eastern Coast. She was presented with a special award by Bob Morga, President of the Chapter. This Gold Star mother lost a son KIA in WWII and another son MIA in Korea. Both of them were Marines. This event is always sponsored by our brother Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #11 of Suffolk County.



ABOVE: Some of the Gold Star mothers, fathers and brothers that attended this big event.

RIGHT: Bob Morga, President of Central Long Island Chapter #64 presenting a special award to Emma Bosch (Oldest Gold Star Mother)



BELOW: Members of Central Long Island Chapter #64 that attended this special day. Seated, left to right Sal Scarlato, Emma Bosch our Gold Star Mother, Bob Morga. Standing, left to right, John Forte, Bill Beatty and Joe Horton. (Thank you Sal Scarlato for letter and photos).



LEFT Left to right Bob Morga, President, Sal Scarlato, first Vice President, Central Long Island Chapter #64, Robert Gaffney, Suffolk County executive and Gold Star mother, Emma Bosch.

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Freedom Medallion presented to Korean War Veterans



Veterans stand and salute the American flag as the national anthems of the United States and the Republic of Korea are played during the commemoration ceremony.



Anna Park, 5, presents Korean War Veteran John P. McMillan with the Freedom Medallion during a Korean War commemoration ceremony Jan. 18 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla.



Korean War Veteran Bill McCraney receives his Freedom Medallion from Hanna Park Jan. 18 at Tampa, Fla. McCraney also represented the U.S. Army, receiving the Korean War Service Medal on behalf of all soldiers during the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee's ceremony. The Freedom Medallion presentation ceremony followed the DoD event.



Korean War Veteran Rich Mellinger, president of KWVA Chapter 174, receives a kiss from Hanna Park, 7, after she presented him with his Freedom Medallion. The medallion is a gift from the People of the Republic of Korea, thanking them for defending their country against North Korean communist aggression during the Korean War. The Korean American Association of West Florida sponsored the group of girls who presented flowers to the Korean War Service Medal recipients and the Freedom Medallion to the Korean War veterans who attended the event.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (January 18, 2003) Specially minted bronze Freedom Medallions from the people of South Korea will be presented to all eligible Korean War veterans during a commemoration ceremony in Tampa, Fla.

The Korean War Commemoration Ceremony will be at the Tampa Convention Center Jan. 18, 2003. The event began at 11 a.m. After the commemoration ceremony

ends, Korean War veterans received their Freedom Medallions.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart sponsored the medallion presentation to the veterans and next of kin of those killed or missing action on behalf of the people of South Korea, said Ed Sitton, commander of the Tampa chapter of the MOPH.

"This is a gift from the people of South Korea to show their appreci-

ation for those who fought to give South Koreans their freedom," Sitton said.

This gift is a special way for the people of South Korea and for our organization to show the Korean War veterans that what they did was not forgotten, and it is especially fitting to do this during the Korean War commemoration period, he said.

"Not only have the Korean people remembered what they have done,

their fellow veterans remember as well," Sitton added.

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, executive director for the Korean War Commemoration Committee said this type of recognition by other groups shows the Korean War veterans that they are not forgotten and that the communities they live in know the importance of the sacrifices they made for their country.

ive Partner Events

Korean War soldiers honored with Pentagon Exhibit



Clockwise from top left:

- Korean War and World War II Veteran Eric Orsini, current Special Assistant to the Army G4, joins the group of veterans and family members singing the national anthem during the Korean War exhibit ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday.
- From left, Republic of Korea Ambassador Sung Chul Yang, the Honorable Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and retired Army Gen. Edward C. Meyer cut the ribbon to officially open the Korean War exhibit in the Pentagon Wednesday. More than 100 Korean War veterans and family members attended the event.
- Retired Army Gen. Edward C. Meyer receives the Korean War Service Medal from Republic of Korea Ambassador Sung Chul Yang. Meyer received the medal during the opening ceremony for the Army's Korean War exhibit in the Pentagon Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (February 2, 2003) Before the candles on the cake for his 17th birthday could cool, Charles Lojewski found himself in the middle of the Korean War as a private. Before he could celebrate number 18, he was a sergeant first class leading South Korean soldiers in the fight for freedom against North Korean forces.

Although he could laugh about the quick rise in rank, which he attributed to being the lone American soldier leading a group of South Korean men, the humor in the situation quickly faded behind tears streaming down his face as he remembered the harsh reality of what he was doing in Korea 60 years ago.

Wednesday, Lojewski and his wife Catherine were among a group of about 100 veterans and family members attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Pentagon to unveil a new exhibit honoring the Army's role in the

Korean War.

The exhibit, which is located on the A Ring in the Pentagon, on the second floor between corridors six and seven, is an educational display that not only pays tribute to the soldiers of the Korean War, but also serves as a visual history lesson for today's fighting men and women, said Walter H. Bradford, curator for the Center of Military History.

"It's real important for people in the Pentagon to see the history of what they do because they need some sort of perspective for their job," Bradford said. "It's great for the veterans to see it because it shows that the Army recognizes their service and the fact that they were the predecessors for today's generation."

As the guest speakers talked about the war and the impact it had on the world, Lojewski wiped away tears as

he was reminded of his quick transition from teenage boy to combat-hardened soldier.

Others sat silently, motionless, as if reliving the events that shaped their young lives more than 50 years ago.

"It brings back memories," said Eric Orsini, special assistant to the Army G4 and veteran of both Korea and World War II. "It brings back memories, some of which you would rather have not brought back."

"The exhibit also educates those who view it to the fact that the Korean War veterans fought the first real battle against communism," said the Honorable Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "In the summer of 1950, most Americans were only just beginning to understand the threat posed by communism in that era."

Republic of Korea Ambassador

Sung Chul Yang said this ceremony was a great moment for him to witness because the exhibit focused on the men and women who helped save his country.

"Korean people will not and must not forget the sacrifice and contribution of those great soldiers from the United States," Yang said. "All the contributions, service and sacrifice America has rendered to my country throughout the years have not been in vain."

While viewing the exhibit will mean different things to those who walk that hallway in the Pentagon and stare into the eyes of those soldiers who fought into the Korean War, Orsini said one fact would remain long after the photos fade.

"The American people did a great deal of good in Korea," he said. "I don't think it will ever be forgotten."

Certificate Ceremony



Shown left to right Joe Horton, Sal Scarlato, Bob Morgia and Bill Beatty. Bob Morgia received certificate of appreciation for serving on KWVA National Board



Group of Chapter members that attended certificate ceremony .
(Thank you Bob Morgia for photos.)

Immanuel Methodist Church Chorus & School, Seoul, Korea

Pastor Rev. Koog Do Kim and 100 children plus their escorts from Immanuel Methodist Church Chorus and School in Seoul Korea came to Long Island, New York. Seven of our members met them at JFK International Airport with bouquets of flowers and banner.

Pastor Kim and all the children and escort were very much impressed and happy that we were there to greet them upon their arrival. We all went to a Korean restaurant in Flushing, New York. The purpose of this visit by Pastor Kim and the children's chorus is because they were doing a concert through Long Island Westchester County, New York and also three other states in the USA. Pastor Koog Do Kim and his congregation sponsored our revisit program to Korea for our organization for the past 4 years.



Left to right Joe Horton, John Yandor, Bob Morgia (President), Pastor Rev. Koog Do Kim, Anthony Melecca, John Gaughran and Lou Caligiuri.



Left to right Mr. Jung Ho Lee, Anthony Melecca, John Yandor, Bob Morgia, (President), Lou Caligiuri, Joe Horton, John Gaughran, Sal Scarlato and Mrs. Jean Lee.



Immanuel Methodist Children's chorus at JFK International Airport.
(Thank you Sal Scarlato for letter and photos.)

Greater Rockford KWVA Chapter #272 of Illinois

An Honors Ceremony on Saturday, February 15, 2003 honored Mrs. Viola Thorne the oldest living Gold Star mother in Illinois. She will be 95 on November 12, 2003. Her son, Pvt. Harold Thorne who was killed in action on July 15, 1953 ten days before the cease fire.

Viola was presented the National Defense Service Ribbon, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and the new Korean Service Medal during the ceremony. Her son merited these additional honors however, Mrs. Thorne had not seen them. The chapter presented her with an American flag afghan, a dozen roses and her life membership in Chapter 272.



The photograph shows the invited guests and the chapter members that attended the program honoring Mrs. Viola Thorne the oldest living Gold Star mother in Illinois. (Thank You Jack Philbrick for photo and text.)

Brooklyn Korean War Veterans Association Chapter #171 of New York

Below are three photos taken on Veterans Day November 11, 2002 in New York City. Our chapter had the pleasure of marching with many of our buddies.

(Thank you Stan Biesky for letter and photos).



Central Indiana Chapter #259 of Indiana



The photo above taken of our Central Indiana Chapter Board members with our speaker for the month of October. His name is Rene Defourneaux, a retired U.S. Army Intelligence officer in WWII, who operated/trained French Resistance fighters. From the left, Amos Board, Chaplain, Ernie Condra, MIA-POW chairman, Don Hall, Historian, Rene Defourneaux, Speaker, Don Seib, Judge Advocate, Don Sander, 2nd Vice President, Everett McFarland, Sec/Treas., Don Ellwood, President, Tine Martin, 1st Vice President.

(Thank you Don Ellwood for letter and photo.)

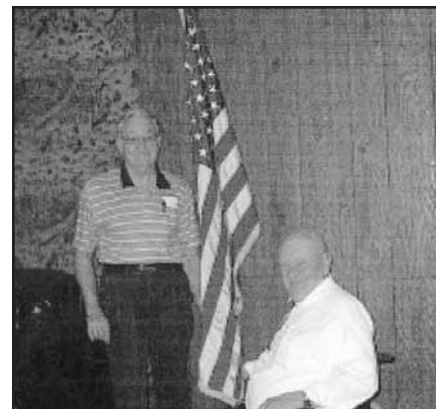
Quad Cities KWVA Chapter #168 of Illinois



Art Holevoet and Bill Freddy hold up portions of a window display honoring Belgium's involvement in the Korean War. The display is part of an ongoing remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the war and of its area veterans.

(Thank you Arthur J. Holevoet for photo and letter)

Northern KWVA Chapter #5 of California



Standing: LeRoy Neuenfeld Chapter #1 Pres. Seated, Jack Tolbert outgoing President

50th Anniversary of the Korean War:

Official Licensed Gifts



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

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

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

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



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

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

Certificate Order Form

☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat/support of the Korean War: 6/25/50- 7/27/53.

☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in Korea (9/3/45 to present - if not during above period.)

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

I would like the following information on the certificate:

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

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

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

Mailing Information:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Street Address _____ Apt No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 Code _____

Signature and date _____

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

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Back row: Bill McKinney, Historian; Jim Beeson, Chaplain, LeRoy Neuenfeld, Chapter President; Gladys Tolbert, Secretary & Jack Westfall, Vice President. Front row: Bobbie Kidwell, Treas. & Jack Tolbert, out-going President. Photo's by Paul Chamberlain.

(Thank you Leroy Neuenfeld for photos and letter.)



Nassau County Chapter KWVA # 55 of New York

Exhibit of Korean Artist Gary Kim

The photos below were taken at The Syosset Library, Long Island, New York. This exhibit of Korean Artist Gary Kim's work was to honor the veterans of Nassau County for their help in keeping Korea a democracy.

Mr. Kim who was born in Seoul, South Korea in 1958 is a well known portrait artist who is donating his time and painting skill to show his appreciation and that of the Korean people to the service men and women of Chapter 1, Nassau County, New York.

The exhibit was a huge success and attended by many veterans. It would be wonderful if any of these photos could appear in *The Graybeards*.

(Thank you Joseph Carco for photos and letter.)



Mr. Edward Fenton founder of the Nassau County Chapter #1 and his portrait



Portraits of four Nassau County Chapter I members. Thomas Reilly, President of the Chapter. Joseph Carco, member of the Board of Directors. Charles Bours, First Vice President. Founder Edward Fenton.

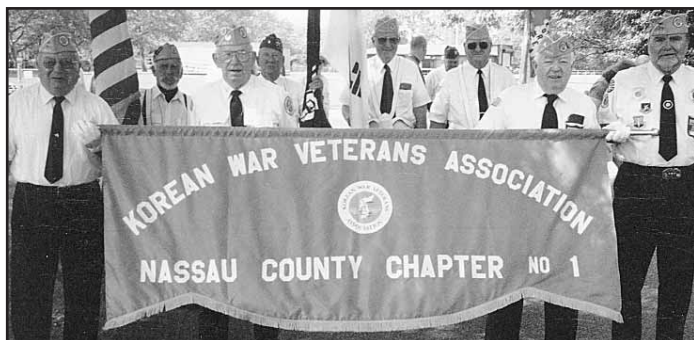


Joseph Carco, Board of Directors and Founder Edward Fenton with four of the portraits.

Wall of Honor: Eisenhower Park, Nassau County, NY

Rudy DeCristina-Board Member, Edward Fenton-Founder of Chapter #1, Joseph Carco-Board Member & Jack Leff-Color Guard Leader. standing in front of the Korean War Monument in Eisenhower Park.

(Thank you Joseph Carco for photos and letter.)



Chapter Members holding our Banner



Sheldon Swirsky - Board Member, Larry O'Leary - Quartermaster, Edward Fenton - Founder, Hank Nowicki - 2nd Vice President, Rudy DeCristina Board Member, Howard Plattner - Newsletter Editor, William Troise - Board Member, and Thomas Riley - President standing in front of the inscription on the Korean War Monument in Eisenhower Park.

Minnesota #1 KWVA #40 Chapter

Photo shows our December visit to the Minneapolis V.A. Medical Center. While on this visit the Chapter Members wished all the Veterans Seasons Greetings and handed out Christmas cards. Every month of the year between 12 to 18 Members Visit Veterans at the Minneapolis V.A. Medical Center.



Every September Chapter #1 conducts a Picnic for the residents at the Minnesota State Veterans Home in South Minneapolis. The Veterans of all ages look forward to Chapter #1 Members grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. With Chapter #1 Members' wives, wid-

ows and friends bringing casseroles (the famous Minnesota hot dishes) to show all the Veterans at the Home that this Picnic is a reminder of a happier time, and that they are not forgotten.. (Thank you Don Swanson for letter and photo.)

Pineville Crossroads KWVA #205 Chapter of Louisiana



CAMP BEAUREGARD, PINEVILLE, LA. SEPT. 2002. Shown are veterans of our chapter on the grounds next to the Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum. The museum is an old converted army barracks housing history and relics of the huge military exercises in central and south La. in 1940-41. Thousands of soldiers who fought in WWII and also Korea received their advanced training in this great expanse of over 500,000 acres. Generals Eisenhower, Patton, Bradley and Marshall were here to lead the training. (Thank you Glen White for photo and text.)

Tri-County KWVA Chapter #2 of Alabama

On January 12, 2003 the City of Florence Police Department held it's annual meeting to recognize, individuals employees, local businesses, volunteers, community members and review successes during the year. The officers also took the annual Law Enforcement Oath Of Honor during this meeting. The Korean War Veterans and their families were also honored at the meeting. It was announced that The Florence Police Department had applied to the Department of Defense to be part of the Commemorative Partners Program to honor Korean War Veterans, and their families, during the third year of the 50th Anniversary. The Department of Defense was honored to

include this outstanding department in their nation wide program. Each Commemorative Partner receives an official certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense, an official Korean War commemorative flag, and access to a catalog of commemorative memorabilia and education products, which are designed to support commemoration efforts. Ralph Dula, President of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 2, and representative of the Commemorative Programs, was selected to present the official certificate to the Police Department representative, Rick Singleton, Chief of Police Florence, Alabama.

(Thank you Paul E. Riley for photo and letter.)



Shown in photo are Rick Singleton, Chief of Police, showing him receiving the certificate from Ralph C. Dula, Chapter President.

Submissions to The Graybeards

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to *The Graybeards*. Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness. Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. Official opinions of the Korean War Veterans Association appear under "Official Announcements."

Nebraska KWVA #183 Chapter



he photo was taken at our fund-raising project selling "Rose Of Sharon", the National KWVA Fund-raiser Flower. Proceeds from this will go to a KWVA display at the Strategic Air & Space Museum, west of Omaha. Pictured are (1-r) Bernie Wienike, John Fifer, Jim Anderson and Dale Griffith. (Thank you James Anderson for Photo and letter.)

General Raymond G. Davis KWVA # 19 Chapter of Georgia



A surprise 88th birthday celebration was held for Gen. (Ret.) Raymond G. Davis USMC MOH at The National Museum of Patriotism in Atlanta, Georgia. Speeches, entertainment, presentation of colors and special presentations, were the order of the day.

(Thank you James Conway for photo and letter.)

Manasota KWVA #199 Chapter of Florida

Vintage aircraft as well as those flown during the Korean War were on display recently at the Bradenton/Sarasota International Airport during the annual *Airfest Festival*. Featured was a Fifth Air Force (Korea) display prepared by Manasota Chapter 199. Over 5,000 visitors attended the 2-day event.



The chapter honor guard.



Chapter president Bill Field is shown in the chapter booth with a photo display of B-26 Invader light bombers.



Crew members of a T-43 Gator training aircraft are shown with (L to R) George Staudt, Bill Field and Gene Gillette. (Thank you for photo and letter.)

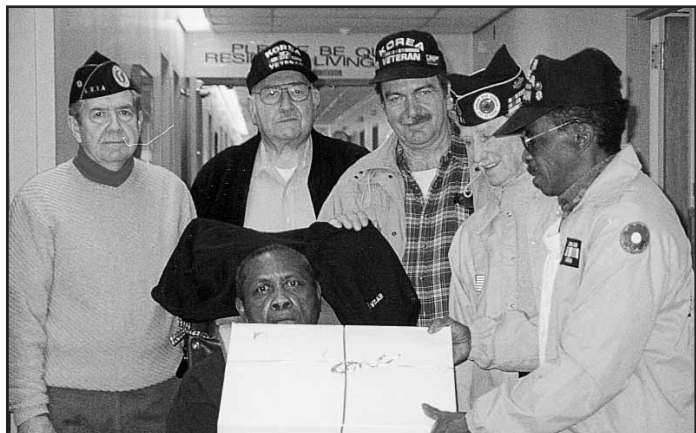
Dear members and readers:

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

Chorwon KWVA Chapter #48 of New Jersey

Paramus Veterans Home

On December 16, 2002 our Chapter distributed Christmas gifts at the Paramus Veterans Home in Paramus NJ, as we do annually.



TOP: Left to right, John Valerio, Walter Stubs, Gil Nersesian (commander), Bob Bramley, Warren Dartell, and Walter Bilz. **BOTTOM:** Left to right, Walter Bilz, Gil Nersesian, Warren Dartell, Bob Bramley, and Walter Stubs. Sitting in wheelchair receiving gift is Harvest Kent, also a Korean War Vet. (Thank you Warren Dartell for photos and letter.)

Circle of Honor, Hackensack, New Jersey

Our Chapter placed a wreath at the Circle of Honor in Hackensack, New Jersey in honor of Veterans Day. The Circle of Honor has memorials to all Veterans from World War I to the present. We placed the wreath in the center by the American Flag in order to honor Veterans of all eras. We also served Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of the Paramus Veterans Home in Paramus, New Jersey, which we have been doing annually.



Wreath placing ceremony at the Circle of Honor: Shown Left to right: Commander Gilbert Nersesian, Homer Martelli, Robert Bramley, Walter Bilz, Homer Vanidies, Warren Dartell and Don Kuehn.

Special event



Special awards were presented to Past Commander Edward Halvey (top photo) in recognition his leadership and efforts for the Chorwon Chapter from 2001 to 2002, and as Financial Officer during 2000 to 2001 and to the Past Adjutant, Joan Warmbrand, (bottom photo in recognition of her dedicated service in that role from 1997 to 2002.

Insatllation of Officers

The Chorwon Chapter had its installation of new officers for the 2002-2003 year on October 4, 2002. The installation was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6192 in Washington Township. The oath of office was administered by New Jersey State Assemblyman Gordon Johnson (37th District), who is also the Undersheriff at the Bergen County Jail in Hackensack. (Thank you Gilbert Nersesian and Warren Dartell for photo and letter.)

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



The new officers for Chorwon Chapter #48 of New Jersey shown left to right are: Gilbert Nersesian, Commander; Frank Decesare, Senior Vice Commander; Walter Bilz, Junior Vice Commander; Gordan Johnson, Assemblyman; Donald Kuehn, Financial Officer; Robert Bramley, Sergeant at Arms; and Homer Martelli, Chaplain. Doris Martelli, the new Adjutant, (not shown) was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Department of Delaware

The first meeting of the KWVA - Delaware Department, with President Dave Gillan presiding, was held at the American Legion Fox Post in Dover DE on December 20. In early January, the Council will be meeting to review state monument drawings so that work on the monument will be completed by the end of summer. Also, we will be girding ourselves for the political effort required to get enabling legislation to build a veterans home.

The Feds have already committed their portion. Now it's up to the State. We will be incorporating our Honor Guard into the ceremonial rotation at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery in New Castle County. Officers of the Delaware Department for the coming year are: Dave Gillan, Commander; George Goss, Vice Commander; Dick O'Neal, Treasurer; and Dave Hitchcock, Adjutant/Chaplain. The Chapter Commanders are: Chapter #1, Russ Cunningham; Chapter #2, Jim Lister; and Chapter #3, Dick Schwalb. *(Thank you William Noll for photos and letter.)*



Gene Rose and Dave Gillan following Dover Days parade.



Carl Weik at Governor's reception for veterans.

Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



Glen Thompson, Director, hands a \$4,000.00 check to Linda Schmidt and Administrator M.D. Hutmacher of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, Illinois. Left to right are members Floyd Cooper, Frank Delgado, Duane Borrif, and Richard Teike. The check was for Christmas gifts and the activity fund of the Home.



Bill Neal and Richard Parrish taking donations for "Forget Me Nots" The Chapters annual Fund Riser.



Director Glen Thompson ringing bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle. Our annual Christmas project. Note youthful givers.



Director Wayne Sample volunteers his time as a host at the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library making sure all visitors sign the Guest Register. (Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letter.)

Central New York Chapter #105

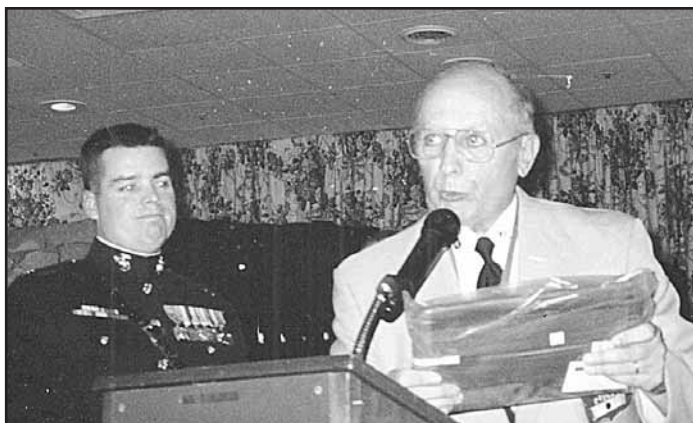
Commander Anthony Vaquero, K.W.V.A. Inc., C.N.Y. Chapter presenting a Plaque of Appreciation to the Naval Reserve Training Center for their help during the Korean War. Lt. Commander John Wilshusen is accepting the award during the Navy Birthday Ball held at LeMoyne Manor, Syracuse, NY on October 19, 2002.



First Vice Commander, Bruce Ackerman, K.W.V.A. Inc., C.N.Y. Chapter is presenting an Appreciation Plaque to the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Oswego, NY October 30, 2002. In staying with the tradition of the U.S. Coast Guard, the youngest enlisted personnel aboard receives the Award.

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.



Commander Anthony Vaquero, K.W.V.A. Inc. C.N.Y. Chapter presenting Plaque of Appreciation to U. S. Marine Corp. Major Patrick Cox for everything the Corps did during the Korean War. The presentation was made November 11-9-2002 during the Marine Birthday Ball at the LeMoyne Manor, Syracuse, NY. (Thank you Mrs. Bruce Ackerman for photos and letter.)

Proud Korean War Vets Display Tags



Billy A. Sloop



Robert L. Porvaznik



Ken Arrow



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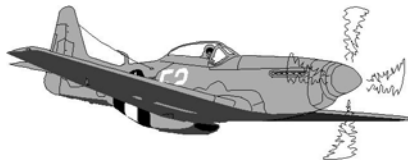


Johnny M. Balamoti



Harold L. Spicer

Second Lieutenant Mike David



F-51 Mustangs Won't Float

Wonsan, Korea, October 1950

Those who have experienced the painful loss of dear friends in battle already know the feeling. Those who have not shall probably never know; for it is impossible to truly describe such heartfelt feelings.

But I will try to relate some of the circumstances which enabled me, personally, to endure some of those feelings.

Because of the men I was privileged to be associated with during my Korean air war experiences, I am firmly convinced that valor and courage are not inborn, they are not hereditary; instead, they are the result of their then-current environment:

Undeniably, to me, 1950 and 1951 were vintage years for Courage, Valor and Heroism.

And, while I was serving with the 18th Fighter Group pilots of those old derelict F-51 Mustangs, I can proudly state that:

I ate with heroes, I drank with heroes, and to a certain extent, part of me died with many of those heroes..

Perhaps the personal experiences which I describe here will help to explain what I mean

Following the North Korean invasion of South Korea on Sunday morning, June 25, 1950, I had gone into Korea in

mid-July 1950 with the first increment of volunteer fighter pilots from the US Air Force's 18th Fighter-Bomber Group, then stationed at Clark Field in the Philippine Islands.

Initially we were code-named the 'Dallas Project', then became the '51st Provisional Squadron, ultimately being re-designated the 12th Fighter-Bomber Squadron. As the full-time Squadron Intelligence Officer and part-time Combat Pilot, it didn't take me long to realize that our gallant, but feeble efforts, flying ten weary F-51 Mustangs from the dirt airstrip at Taegu, South Korea, were having little effect in slowing the North Korean's relentless offensive drive toward Pusan.

Second Lieutenant Mike David, and flying school classmate of Lt. Billie Crabtree, our Squadron's first wartime fatality, were close friends ...even their officer serial numbers were just one digit apart. They'd flown together during training, graduated at the same time, and had requested overseas assignments together... arriving at Clark Field in 1949.

Mike was devastated by Billie's death from hitting the ridge top in southwest Korea in late July, 1950, but he bravely continued flying his combat missions as if nothing was churning inside him. Who could know ... he never

voiced his opinion to us about the fairness or unfairness of life, or the degree of his hatred for the North Koreans who were responsible for the death of his good friend.

But Mike was turning out to be an aggressive young fighter pilot, and a good one. He wouldn't hesitate to go in on heavily-defended targets, and he consistently got good hits with his bombs and rockets.

By mid-October, 1950, Mike was leading elements, with newer Captains and Majors flying wing position on the young, 'hot' Second Lieutenant. It was quite an honor for him, but he deserved it. It wouldn't be long before he would have a promotion to First Lieutenant.

During the third week of October, just before the Marines were to make an amphibious landing on the east coast, near Wonsan, Mike was attacking targets along the coast near Hungnam when his airplane was hit in the engine by ground fire. He knew he had been hit, because he could see oil streaming up through the top of the cowlings, and even though it was still running, he knew it would not be for long. He couldn't know how long the prop would continue to turn and, being a hundred miles behind enemy lines, he reasoned that his best chance for pick-up would be with the Navy flotilla known to be steaming north; but it was still some fifty miles south and east of Wonsan ... with a lot of the Sea of Japan in between.

Mike headed out over the sea to intercept them, nursing his crippled Mustang as it gradually lost power and altitude. Mellow Control was alerted by radio, and they, in turn, notified the Navy, who were to arrange for a helicopter to be prepared for rescue.

If Mike could keep his F-51 airborne for another 15 minutes, the helicopter could meet him and be ready to pick him out of the water the instant that he ditched.

Despite the tenseness of the situation, things were beginning to fall into place; there was hope, after all. Seas were almost calm ...just very gentle, long swells; the skies were clear, and even the water temperature was a mild 57 degrees.

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

Mike David could see the Navy formation off on the distant horizon, as his engine finally sputtered and froze, but the helicopter was just four or five miles from a rendezvous. Since Mike still had almost five thousand feet of altitude remaining, he'd have an easy glide down to the smooth surface of the sea, and the helicopter could by then be overhead; a few more minutes and he'd "have it made..."

The sun was beating in thru the Mustang's clear plastic canopy, and with the silence of the dead engine Mike was undoubtedly reminded more of the quiet sensation of gliding with a jet engine.

But his dead-stick glide brought him closer and closer to the vast watery expanse. Finally, turning slightly left to head more directly into the wind, he raised his nose ever-so-slightly, as if to flare for landing on a long paved runway.

Then, while the helicopter hovered several hundred yards off to the side, Mike touched gently onto the placid surface of the Sea of Japan.

Instantaneously there was a great splash and spray of water as first the propeller hit, then the belly airscoop. Then, as if in slow motion, the Mustang's nose dipped under the surface, and with the continuing momentum of his landing speed, the entire airplane slid immediately under the water.

From the air above, Mike could be seen trying vainly, and belatedly, to jettison his canopy. It was, by then, being held forcefully on by water pressure, and could not be budged. As the airplane settled deeper into the sea, it's silvery outline was quickly changed to a darker and darker tone of blue-green.

Soon it was gone from sight, and all that remained on the surface was an oil-slick to mark it's passing.

Mike David died that day in late October, just as his good friend Billie Crabtree had died three months earlier.

He was the 18th Group's sixteenth pilot fatality in just those three short months.

Mike's death served as a belated reminder of some things we "old timers" had heard 'way back when', but had perhaps neglected to emphasize to the newer pilots:

"Don't ever attempt to ditch a Mustang, except as a last desperate resort!"

The position and depth of the belly scoop causes it to 'snag' the water early, causing the nose to pitch down before the craft has a chance to slow down.

If there is no alternative, and ditching is absolutely necessary, then the theoretical (but unproved) "factory solution" was to dip a wing into the water and hit full opposite rudder at the exact instant that the plane touches the water. This, they hoped, would cause the ship to slip-slide sideways and have the water strike the slab-sided fuselage long enough to stop forward motion and allow the pilot to evacuate before the airplane sank ...just a matter of brief seconds.

In all cases, however, it was vital to cinch seat belts and shoulder harness and jettison the canopy before hitting the water.

So, was Mike David a Hero "?

He died before his 24th birthday, doing his dangerous duty the best way he knew how and, right up to that last instant, he'd done one helluva fine job.

'Damn but we were proud of the way that young fellow could hit the targets, and wasn't afraid to tackle the tough ones!'

Why in the hell did he have to 'screw up' during the trauma of his first-ever crash-landing into the ocean, and neglect to jettison his canopy before he hit?

There will never be an Air Force Base named after Second Lieutenant Mike David, nor will there ever be a street dedicated in his honor, because Mike was just one of the multitude of every-day "buck pilot fighter jocks" who went off to do his duty for his country on some unknown, far away shore, and didn't make it back.

He, too, deserved much, much more! Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret "...one of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots..." (Col. Biteman passed away on September 23, 2002. I will honor him and his unit by printing all of his stories. Editor.)

Next Issue: **Splash Two Yaks**
Major 'Moon' Mullins could wait just so long to take them both.



WEEKEND WARRIORS by Paul L. Cooper. Churchill called them "twice a citizen" — the military Reservists. This account of their contribution in the Korean War is written from a citizen/sailor viewpoint as part of the Reserve fighter squadron VF-871 aboard the USS *Princeton* **\$23.95 pb**

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Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Alabama Remembers



This memorial was erected in honor of the 252nd Transportation Truck Company of the Alabama National Guard. We landed in Korea on Christmas Day 1950. The memorial was bought by the men and was dedicated o August 31, 2002 at the National Guard Armory grounds in Hamilton, Alabama. (Thank you Robert Bruce Yielding for photo and letter).



Color Guard with Richard Coate in front.



Plaque: The silhouette on the plaque is of Richard Coate. This same image is engraved on the marble monument in Troy NY that honors Rensselaer County veterans of the Korean War and lists the 22 men who gave their lives in Korea. Richard traveled from his home in Brooklyn, NY to be present for both dedications.

Inscription:

**FORGOTTEN WAR
FORGOTTEN WARRIORS
IN TIME OF DANGER AND NOT BEFORE
GOD AND SOLDIER ALL MEN ADORE.
DANGER PAST AND ALL IS RIGHTED
GOD IS FORGOTTEN AND THE SOLDIER SLIGHTED.**

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South Korea Remembers



Monument in Pusan, Korea for all United Nations troops that were in Korea for the war. Photo was taken September 12, 2002 when I returned for the Pusan Perimeter Break-Out. Around the upright in center there is a life size statue of a soldier of each nation holding their flag. (Thank you Bernard Richardson for photo and letter.)

New York Remembers

In addition to the three plaques shown on page 18 of the Nov-Dec issue of the graybeards, another plaque was dedicated on the memorial walkway at the Saratoga National Cemetery on Nov. 2, 2002. This plaque was donated by the Northeast Chapter KWVA.

The description two of the previous plaques pictured says they "relate to the Marine Corps." actually only one of them relates exclusively to the marines - the 1st Marine Div. The other is dedicated to all who served at the Chosin Reservoir. Donated by the northeast chapter of The Chosin Few, it rightfully pays tribute to all branches of our military.

Contrary to popular belief the marines were not the only unit involved in the Nov-Dec disaster in northeast Korea, and the Chosin Few is not just a marine club.

During this period - 27 Nov. to 20 Dec. - the 7th Inf. Div. sustained 2,505 MIA's, or better than 30% of all branches of our armed forces, total MIA's during the three-year long war. Surely 7th Div. survivors of this campaign along with those units that assisted in the evacuation of the Marines should be included in the Chosin Few! The 7th Divisions losses exceeded those of any unit at the Chosin.

The 1st Marine Division was the first unit to evacuate Hungnam (15 Dec.) while the 7th Division, along with the 3rd Inf. Div. held the defense perimeter at Hungnam. The 65th



NENY Chapter KWVA color guard. Shown L to R.; Ray Bucci, John Herbert, Robert Bentley, and John Drescher.

Regiment and units of the 10th Engineer Bn. - charged with The task of destroying the supplies and equipment left on the beaches - were the Last to leave. (Christmas eve)

Of the 22 Rensselaer County, NY KIA's listed on the county Korean War Memorial in Troy, NY, three of them were members of the 7th Inf. Div. and their deaths occurred in December 1950 - "near Hungnam".

(Thank you Harry C. Van Zant for photos and letter.)

California Remembers



Photo of monument U.S. Veterans, Korea 1950-1953, KWVA Ventura County, Chapter #56, Santa Paula, California. (Thank you Chapter #56, Santa Paula, California for photo.)

Massachusetts Remembers

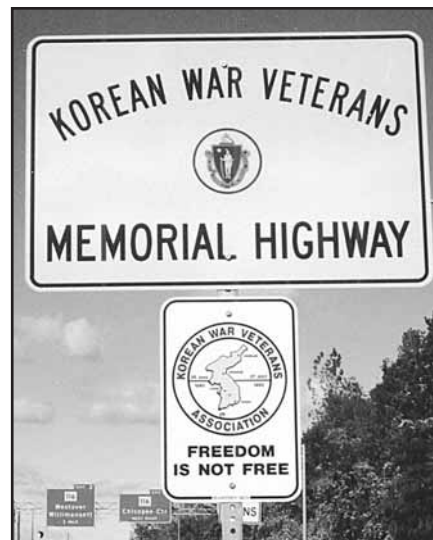
Our Chapter and members were honored for their service and courage during the Korean War, with the renaming of Interstate 391 to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. The ceremony took place, July 19, at an entrance ramp to the highway and was attended by State and Local officials, as well as 300 onlookers, including 100+ veterans.

Emceed by SVC John V. Sasso, the introduced speakers addressed the bravely and sacrifices of those who served to preserve our freedom. Past Commanders, Kenneth Usher and Lionel Mettey, were praised for their efforts in initiating the action to

These signs have been posted at both ends of the interstate highway 391

have the highway renamed and were presented with a plaque from State Senator Michael R. Knapik. Signs have been posted at both ends of the highway.

(Thank you John V. Sasso for photos and letter.)



John V. Sasso addresses the audience prior to unveiling of sign.



John V. Sasso, Lionel Mettey, Kenneth Usher, Kenneth Doyle and Leo Cote proudly display sign.

Hawaii Remembers

The construction of Hawaii's Korean War Memorial was completed in July 1994 and dedicated on July 27, 1994 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hawaii, perhaps, has one of the most unique Korean War Memorials in America. Its design is a serpentine, blocked, stepped wall about 5 feet high and 80 feet long. It is made of black, polished granite stone. An identical memorial, the Vietnam



Above, Hawaii's Korean War Memorial entrance, and below, a full view of this beautiful memorial.



Veterans that joined in the cleaning of the memorial.

War Memorial (not shown in the photo) lies along side the Korean War Memorial.

The Korean War Memorial bears the name of 456 Hawaii men killed and missing in action. Etched on each block is the name of Hawaii's men who died in the war. This design gives each name a very private place yet, at the same, sharing the memorial with other men who made the supreme sacrifice.

Spaced apart below the memorial on the pavement are the years of the Korean War depicting the year in which each Hawaii soldier died.

Every Thursday morning since 1996 veterans from various

veterans organizations meet at the memorial to voluntarily maintain the memorial by washing and polishing the wall and clearing the ground of weeds and leaves. The Korean War Veterans Association, Hawaii Chapter #1, provides most of the man hours to make the memorial the best maintained veterans memorial in the state of Hawaii.

(Thank you Louis Baldovi for photo and letter.)

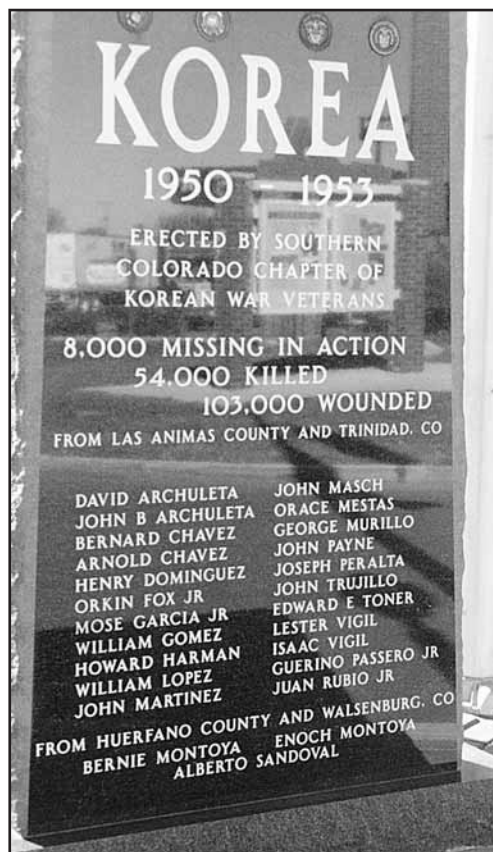
Kansas Remembers



This memorial is located in Veterans Memorial Park at Second St. & Greenway Boulevard on the east bank of the Arkansas River near downtown Wichita. The sculptor was Richard Bergan of Sauna, Kansas.

(Thank you Ervin C. Vogel for photo and letter.)

Colorado Remembers



(Sorry no detail on location of memorial or who submitted photo.)

Korean Battlefield Tours: 2003 & 2004

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division:

September 26 - October 3, 2003



Sponsored by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, this tour will visit Incheon, Seoul, and the Uijongbu Corridor, and spend two nights in the Chorwon Valley, viewing White Horse, Jackson Heights, the Boomerang, OP Harry, Chorwon and Kumwha, etc. All are welcome on this tour.

The 7th Division Association:

October 3 - 10, 2003



Sponsored by the 7th Division Association, all are welcome on this tour, which will visit the Incheon landing sites, Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, the Chorwon Valley (T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, "Papasan" and Triangle Hill, etc.) the Hwachon Reservoir and the Punchbowl.

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

October 15 - 24, 2003



These two Associations again sponsor a joint tour covering the southern battlefields of Korea, where both Divisions fought in July and August of 1950. Beginning at the TF Smith battlesite, travel through Pyongtaek, Chonan and the Kum River crossing sites at Kongju and Taepyeong, through Taejon to Waegwan, Yuhak Mountain, the Bowling Alley, Taegu and along the Naktong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



An added point of interest: this tour will also visit ROK Army positions along the DMZ near Yonchon, including Hill 346 (known to the Cavalry as "Old Baldy", not be confused with Hill 266, near Pork Chop Hill, also known as "Baldy"). All are welcome on this tour, which is the only tour to concentrate on the battlesites of the first 90 days of the Korean War.

1st Marine Division Tour:

September 13 - 20, 2003



Our 1st Marine Division Tour will place us in Incheon on September 15, the Anniversary of 1950's Incheon Landing. We will also tour sites of the Battle for Seoul, the Hwachon Reservoir - Punchbowl battles and the Panmunjom "Western Front" Area. All are welcome on this tour.

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40th and 45th Infantry Division Tour:

April 14 - 22, 2004

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frozen countryside to the Chinese border. The few who survived the ordeal were imprisoned in camps in a place that came to be known as The Valley of Death.

Around Christmas, we heard on the radio that if missing troops were not listed as prisoners of war, then they were probably dead. But my mother would have none of that. To her our father was very much alive.

In late December the Chinese government released a list of their prisoners of war. The newspapers and television reports put First Lieutenant Armando Arias near the top of the list, and again a reporter and photographer came over to take pictures and ask questions. That afternoon we bought a Christmas tree and decorated it with bulbs, tinsel, and cotton. Then Bobby and I put together our Lionel train set, plugged in the transformer, and ran the engine and four freight cars around and around the tree until junior sat on the track and let the Southern Pacific pile up in his lap.

After the list of prisoners came out and the army officially confirmed our father as a POW, he managed to convey a brief Christmas greeting to us through an Associated Press photographer who was allowed to visit the officers' camp. My mother called the AP, and they verified the message.

Armistice signed, Dad coming home

I remember very little about the homecoming event itself. We left the hotel and were driven to a covered dock at the Embarcadero. As the long gray hull of the ship eased closer, the shrieks from my mother must have been continuous. But was I there? Were there thousands of other families cheering and shouting? I don't hear them. And were we brought to the front of the crowd, ahead of everyone, where the generals and admirals were? Was the military band playing? Tugboats blasting their whistles? And were there jet planes overhead? I don't know, but I have the Daily News story. Nation's ace POW now back with L.A. family.

What I do remember is when he bent down and embraced me. He was wearing his khaki tan uniform, and the shirt felt stiff from the starch. Suddenly I was smelling cologne or deodorant, and I was kissing his cheek, clinging, crying, laughing, buried in

his smell, his voice, the touch of his moustache. Bobby says he talked to all of us, but my memory hears nothing of his words, only his chuckling when he held me tightly against his chest. It seemed for forever and all I could do was breathe the good smell and not want it to go away.

The newspaper picture shows my father holding junior with his left arm. My mother leads the way. In another picture taken at the Embarcadero he's embracing her while a rear admiral and a major general, both with big smiles, look on.

After mother, then dad died I learned more about dad's service years in WWII and Korea.

Then the army's military archives office sent me a bombshell – a registered package that soon had me doubting my father was a spy for the good guys. With the help of Senator Christopher Dodd, I had requested whatever was in my father's army file. I was told that part or all of it had been destroyed by a massive fire at the archives storage facility in St. Louis. So I hadn't expected much, certainly not fifty-two declassified pages of an investigation I didn't know had taken place. On the cover page was the following explanation:

INVESTIGATION of

Irregularities in connection with 2d Lt
Armando (n) Arias, Company "K", 137th
Infantry, being Missing-In-Action 3-times and
twice returning to duty.

Investigations of dad's POW days in North Korea

Thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, I finally received a transcript of my father's elimination hearing. After I read the 215 pages, at last I felt as if I had spotted the ultimate buoy in my quest for truth. Filled with allegations, witness statements, and testimonies the written record of his behavior in Korea gave me direction. On the important points, there were almost no ambiguities, omissions, conjectures, blank spots, or rumors.

(Above are bits and pieces of a book properly titled by a son trying to find answers to a history full of questions and doubts. Being the editor of The Graybeards and I am sure you as readers and veterans of war, we see many similar stories from family members hoping to learn more about us after we have passed. We tend to keep things to ourselves.

Some of us just do not want to remember.

You can also see in our book review section that many now realize how important it is to put our memories in print. Ron had to get his dad's story the hard way. We may not all be able to write a book but surely our magazine does its best to tell America the stories large or small in every issue.

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And the Wind Blew Cold

*By Richard M. Bassett
with Lewis H. Carlson*

Forward (Edited for space by Graybeards Editor.)

I first met and interviewed Richard Bassett in 1998 while working on an oral history of Korean War POWs. Richard had spent twenty-two months as a prisoner in what was to become known as "The Forgotten War." Like so many of the men I interviewed, Richard was reserved, somewhat reticent, and not a little distrustful of those claiming they wanted to hear his story. Former Korean War prisoners have reason to be suspicious. They remain the most maligned victims of all American wars. For almost half a century, the media, general public, and even scholars have, at best, described literally hundreds of these prisoners as "brainwashed" victims of a malevolent enemy or, even worse, as traitors who betrayed their country. In either case, these boys apparently lacked the "right stuff" Americans expected of their brave sons.

No American prisoners in any war suffered worse conditions than those incarcerated in Korea. Many Americans are familiar with the harsh treatment the Japanese meted out to their captives in World War II, especially during the Bataan Death March, where fatality rates reached 40 percent. However, the 7,245 Americans captured in Korea suffered approximately the same overall death rate as did the Bataan prisoners, and the mortality rate among those cap-

tured during the first months in Korea exceeded 50 percent.

So it was no great surprise that Richard was hesitant to trust me. At the time of our interview, he mentioned that during a sixty-day convalescent leave in 1953, he had written a long memoir. His father and one of his brothers had looked at it, but no one else had, not even his wife, and he was not sure he wanted to show it to me. Nevertheless, several weeks later his personal story arrived in the mail.

What immediately impressed me about Richard's narrative was his scrupulous attention to detail and his ability to recall almost every day of his captivity. I asked him if he had a photographic memory. He laughed and said a college professor had once posed the same question. His story is of crucial importance because his comprehensive descriptions of Camp 5, which held more prisoners than any other Chinese or North Korean camp, cannot be found elsewhere.

Richard's narrative accurately describes the shock of the initial capture and the ensuing long march when so many prisoners died of unhealed combat wounds, disease, hunger, paralyzing cold, and brutal mistreatment. Even after arriving in a permanent camp, the trauma continued, especially when the Chinese attempted mentally to break down prisoners in the hopes of exploiting them for propaganda purposes. When conditions become so horrifying that survival itself becomes the sole operating instinct, men do break, as they have in all wars. Richard is candid about such behavior and condemns those who betrayed their fellow prisoners; however, he also understands that the behavior of most POWs reflects the conditions surrounding their captivity more than it does any personal shortcoming.

Besides such basic needs as food, clothing, and shelter, the greatest burden for most prisoners was simply boredom. Richard takes the reader through a typical day in a prisoner's life, including work, food, religious, social, and recreational diversions, and even those moments of terror when all hope seemed lost. Arguably, the most dramatic element of his story is the impact incarceration has had on his subsequent life. Richard wrote this part of his narrative almost a half century after his internment, and the reader will undoubtedly notice a very different tone from those sections writ-

ten immediately after his repatriation.

After interviewing close to two hundred former World War II and Korean War POWs, I know the aftermath is the least understood consequence of having been a prisoner – and the most enduring. I also know that former prisoners are rarely ever again the same human beings. In this, Richard was typical. In 1978, he spent eighty-eight days in a Veterans Administration hospital for a wide variety of physical and mental ailments, including what would later be labeled Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, all of which he candidly describes. To make matters worse, Richard, like so many of his fellow prisoners, was hounded for years by agents of his own government that wanted him to report on fellow POWs who might have done something wrong. Such harassment was a product of the McCarthy witch hunts and the paranoia of the Cold War, but its effect was to continue the victimization of the former prisoners. Richard also fought a long battle with the Veterans Administration to prove he deserved disability payments for his myriad physical and mental problems.

Introduction

Why did Korea happen to me and thousands of other American boys? What were we doing some 9,000 miles from home in a prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea? These two questions occupied my mind for the seemingly endless days and fretful nights I spent in captivity. In my case the story started January 3, 1951, when I was drafted into the U.S. Army. I was one of the lucky ones because I missed that first terrible winter when so many of our men died on those blood-soaked hills and in North

Korean POW camps.

We take for granted our many blessings and our high standard of living. But do we realize that, when the chips are down, we are soft? Do we really know what real poverty is? Do we understand that three quarters of the world's population lives under horrible conditions that we Americans have never known? How many of us have any idea what it is like to be hungry and have no possible way to satisfy that hunger? Do we who bathe daily comprehend what it is like to be without soap? We sometimes complain of crowded living quarters without realizing that millions and millions of families get by in a single room much smaller than the average American kitchen. When at war, with our enemies existing under such conditions, how do we measure up when also confronted by such hardships? It has been almost 140 years since our own Civil War, when brother fought brother and their blood stained America's hallowed ground. How would we react if, once again, we had to fight on our own soil, either against each other or some invading army? Pray God it never happens.

(A special book about true heroes of the Korean War that wanted America to remember our war and their experiences as POWs. 117 pages of text and photos. The above text will give you great insight of events experienced by Richard and many of our Ex-POWs. This book can be purchased for \$19.00. ISBN 0-87338-750-3. Contact The Kent State University Press, 307 Lowry Hall, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001. Book orders by phone 1-800-247-6553. Visit online at www.kentstateuniversitypress.com)

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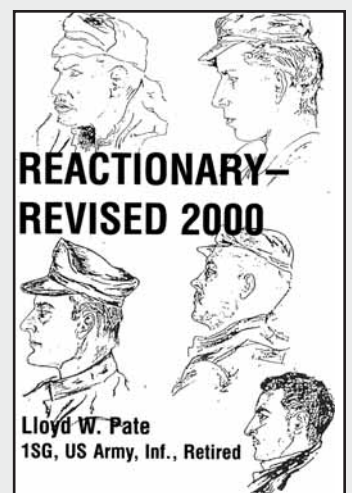
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April 2003

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3rd. AAA AW Bn. (SP), April 23-25 at Pigeon Forge, TN. All Korean War Veterans of this unit are invited. Contact Jim Goff 500 Jefferson Ave. Hopewell, VA 23860. Tel: 804-541-7667 e-mail j.w.goff@worldnet.att.net

USS Washburn -(AKA-108) April 24-26 at the Holiday Inn in San Diego Bay. Contact E.L. Swensen, 109 Manzanita Drive, Vallejo, CA. Tel: 707-554-8011.

AAA OCS Fort Bliss, Texas, 1952-1953 All Classes, April 24 - 27 at Columbus/Fort Benning, GA. Contact: Robert L. Manson, 26 Cygnet Ct., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. Tel: 843-681-2512. E-mail <AAAOCS5253@aol.com>

1st Battalion, 7th Marines (Korea 1950-1953), April 22-27 at Hilton Head, South Carolina. Contact Ed Orford. Tel: 843-525-0955

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>.

68th FIS (1946-2001) April 24-27 in Branson Missouri. Contact James R. Johnson, 54943 CSAH#16, Grove City, MN 56243. Phone: 320-857-2480 E-mail <jjohn@hutchtel.net>.

USS RANGER (CVA/CV 61) All Air Groups and RANGER Alumni are invited. April 27-30 at Newport Marriott Hotel in Newport, RI. Contact Wayne Lacy, 12 Gardner Ave., North Providence, RI 02911. Tel: 401-353-2603 or George Meoli at e-mail <gmeoli@erols.com>.

May 2003

772nd MP Bn. Korea and All members. May 1-3 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 7701 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN. Contact William McDonald Tel: 708-422-3892 or e-mail <billmcdonald@attnbi.com>.

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>.

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1955) Korea, May 6-9 Brotherhood & Survivors Association at the Grand Country Inn in Branson, Missouri. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct. Seminole, FL 33772 (727)392-2886 e-mail to: jarheadh37@ij.net

73rd Tank Battalion, May 8-11 at Independence, Missouri. Contact Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940. Phone or Fax 518-643-2302 or E Mail: <dmbankercurtis@northnet.org>

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.

40th Div., 40th MP Co. (Korea) May 18-20 at Branson, Missouri. Contact: Innis H. Wood, Jr., P.O. Box 411, Wicomico Church, VA 22579. Tel: 804-580-3001

40th Inf. Div., 223rd Inf. Regt. May 18-21, at Hotel San Remo (1-800-522-7366) Las Vegas, NV. Contact Norm Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326. Tel: 281-444-5279.

Co. "L" 160 Inf. 40th Div. in early May at Branson, Missouri. Contact: Richard Deyo, 744 Conifer Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 Tel: 1-843-497-6458 or email <irdeyo@verizon.net>.

Ascom City, 74th Ordnance Bn. Korea 1956-1957, 1957-1958, May in Pocono Mountains, PA. All welcomed including 181st Signal Co. 8th Army Aircraft Compound, 55th Quartermaster 8057th, 121st Evac., 44th Engineer Construction Bn., 728th M.P., etc. Contact Jim Foley, 224 Sanderson Ave., Olyphant, PA 18447. Tel: 570-489-7474.

June 2003

Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial June 1, 50th Anniversary Commemoration special program will be held at the Memorial site located off I-39/US 51 (Exit 153) at Plover, south of Stevens Point, Wisconsin starting at 11 a.m. following a half-hour VFW band concert. For more information, contact Cliff Borden 608-222-7806.

USS Hawkins DD/DDR 873, June 1-5 in Mystic, Conn. Contact Pauline

Butterworth, 4260 Jones Road, Macon, Georgia 31206-6144, Tel: 478-788-9339.

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

The KWVA, State of Missouri, June 9-11, 7th State Reunion at Settle Inn, Green Mountain Drive, Branson, MO. The State will be assisted by the Harry S Truman Chapter, KWVA. Contact Harry S Truman Chapter, KWVA, P.O. Box 1397, Hollister, MO., 65673 or call 417-335-5871.

84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Bn's, Korea 1950-1954, June 12-15 in Spokane, WA. Contact Ted Anbuhl, 7255 Oakbriar Dr., Mobil, AL 36619. Tel: 251-666-5521 or e-mail <tanbuhl@gulfnet.com>.

Illinois State Convention, June 20-22 at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. Reservations are to be made by May 20. Call 1-866-577-7900 or 217-523-7900 to make reservations.

728 M.P. Bn. and Satellite Units, June 26-29 in Springfield, MO 65706. Contact Robert Jean, 3558 Meyer Hollow Road, Marshfield, MO. Tel: 417-859-6518) or e-mail <RJean18205@aol.com>.

July 2003

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1955) Korea, July 9-13 at the Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa Ranch Las Palms - Palm Desert, CA. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct. Seminole, FL 33772 727-392-2886 e-mail to <jarheadh37@ij.net>

8th Engineers, July 20 will meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL, 3000 Oirksen Parkway. For information please call: Kenneth Smith at 309-526-7460.

Korean War Veterans SW Region July 24-26. To be held at the Ramada Express Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada. Contact C.A. Stewart, 1346 W. Clear Spring Dr., Gilbert, AZ. 85233. Tel: 480-813-2186, E-mail <pete6730@aol.com>.

2nd Battalion 1st Marines Regt, 1st Marine Div. Korean War Era 1950/55 July 24-28 will be holding a reunion in Washington, DC Any Marines or Navy personal who were attached to 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment in Korea from 1950 to 1955 are invited to join us in Washington, DC. Contact George T. Coyle, Sr., 54 Price St, Sayreville, NJ 08872-1644. Tel: 732-254-6646 by E-mail <aceGTC1528@worldnet.att.net>

91st M.P. Bn., Pusan, Korea 1952-54, July 25-27 in Birch Run, MI at Best Western Hotel. (1-989-624-9395). Contact Manuel Sanchez, 4160 Burnham Street, Saginaw, MI 48603. Tel: 989-793-4277.

1st Marine Division (Korea) July 24-31 in Seoul, South Korea. For veterans who served with 1st Marine Division or support groups; others also are invited. Contact Eugene O. Richter, Korea Task Force 2000, 11245 Manchester Road, Kirkwood MO 63122-1122. Tel: 314- 821-6729, Fax: 636-456-0154 or E-mail <R1137993@aol.com>.

91st Military Police Bn. (289th/560th and 563rd M.P. Co's) Pusan, Korea, 1952-54. July 25-27 at Birch Run, MI. Contact Manuel Sanchez, 4160 Burnham, Saginaw, MI., 48603. Tel: 989-793-4277 or Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI. 48603-1684. Tel: 989- 792-3718. E-mail: <Robsimonfarms@aol.com>. All M. P.'s welcome.

Korean EX-Prisoners of War, July 27-August 3 at Hilton Valley Forge, 251 W. DeKalb Pike, Kin of Prussia, PA. 19406 For Reservations call 1-800-879-8372. Contact James L. Ball 2nd Vice Korean EX-POW Association at E-mail <jamlball@qtm.net>.

U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887), July 29-August 4 in San Francisco, CA. Contact Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leaside St., Glendora, CA 91741. Tel: 626-335-4034

August 2003

USS Essex CV,CVA,CVS-9, LHD-2 Inc., August 4-9 at the Marriott Hotel 123 N St. Joseph Street in South Bend, IN. Contact H. Bruce Sims, 581 Conkle Rd.,

Hampton, GA 30228-2702. Tel. 770-707-1812

U.S.S. Abnaki A.T.F. 96, Aug. 6-10 in San Diego, CA, 92123. Contact Jeff Stanley, 5666 Birkdale Way, San Diego, CA, 92117. Tel: 858-277-3233 or E-mail <jstanley@ucsd.edu>.

1092d Engineer Combat Battalion, West Virginia Army National Guard, All who served with Battalion in Korea. August 15-17 in Parkersburg, WV. Contact Ray Williams, 88 Smitherman Rd., Washington, WV 26181. Tel: 304-863-6104 or E-mail <rayandjudyw@charter.net>. Further information and registration forms on the web at www.1092ecbreunion.com.

Nebraska Korean Veterans (anyone who served in any branch of service between June 1950-1956.) August 22-24th at New World Inn, Columbus NE. Tel: 1-800-433-1492. Contact Bob Lindhorst, Tel: 402-563-1430

2nd Infantry Division Korean War Veterans Alliance (joint with 2nd Indianhead Div Association), Aug. 29-Sept. 2 in Kansas City, MO. Contact: Ralph Hockley, 10027 Pine Forest, Houston, TX 77042. Tel: 713-334-0271 or E-mail: <cghrmh@sprintmail.com>

64th FA Battalion Association, August in Louisville, KY. Contact KH Bailey. Tel: 919-787-1643 or e-mail <eeekh@earthlink.net>.

USS OXFORD (AG-159/AGTR-1) and sister ships. Reunion-at-sea on a cruise/tour to Alaska with Holland America Line. August 2003. Contact ex-crewmember George Cassidy: 800-572-0855, ext 114 on weekdays; 860-535-1171 on evening/weekends. E-mail: <gacassidy@earthlink.net>

September 2003

98th Bomb Group/Wing Veterans Assn., Sept. 2-6 in Riverside, CA. Contact Dennis Posey at 770-509-7734, E-mail <dennispsey@mindspring.com> or Ken Laninga at 616-751-8231, E-mail <kglan@juno.com>

987 A.F.A. Bn., Sept. 4-5 in Canton, OH. Contact John Luther, 3101 Willowrow NE, Canton, OH. 44705. Tel: 330-452-2522, or John Quick at 910-496-0084.

151st Combat Engineers -Korea Seeking-men who served in Korea 1950-54, Sept. 4-6 in Marianna, FL at Microtel Inn (888-771-7171. Contact Robert Ringer, 3058 Fifth Street, Marianna, FL 32446 Tel: 850-482-3319 or e-mail <jessiestewart@webtv.net>.

25th MP Co., 25th Inf. Div. (Korea) Sept. 4-7 at the Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. Contact William Huston Tel: 201-391-7730 or write to 25th MP Co., P.O. Box 8523, Woodcliff Lake, N.J. 07677.

6th Photo Tech/548th Recon Tech Sqdns. FEAF YOKOTA AFB JAPAN (1947-1954), Sept. 5-8 at Pittsburgh, PA. Contact Guy Dille, 691 Ryland Dr., Pittsburgh PA. 15237-4279. Tel: 412-366-2094. E-mail <gddrd5k@attbi.com>.

32nd Infantry Regiment Assn., "The Queen's Own" Sept. 7-10 at the Settle Inn, Branson, MO. Contact: Helen Dyckson, P. O. Box 5930, Spring Hill, FL 34611-5930. Tel: 352-597-5912, E-mail <hdyckson@earthlink.net>.

14th Combat Engineer Battalion, Sept 11-13 in Branson MO. Contact: Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling, KY 40353. Tel: 859-498-4567.

7th Infantry Division Assn. Sept. 11-14 at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, NV Contact Gene Peebles, 8048 Rose Terr., Largo, FL 33777-3020. Tel: 727-397-8801. E-mail: <fpeebles@tampabayrr.com>.

U.S.S. Okanogan APA 220, All Years All Troops All Ships Company, Sept 14-17 in Chicago, IL. Contact ED Collins, Tel: 773-631-5568 or E-mail <EDTOP-COP1@AOL.COM>.

USS Wasp CV/CVA/CVS-18 Assn, Ship's Co., Air Groups and Marines who served aboard the ship between 1943 and 1972. Sept. 14 -18 in Fremont, CA, (San Francisco area). Contact Richard G. VanOver, 6584 Bunting Rd., Orchard Park, NY 14127-3635. Tel: 716-64.9-9053

58th Engineers Treadway or Float Bridge Co. Korea 1950-54, Sept. 16-18 at Pigeon Forge, TN. Contact Carl Welker, 17 HWY E Steelville, MO 65565. Tel: 573-775-5147, E-mail <welkers3@misn.com>.

50th AAA AW Bn. (SP), Sept. 16-18 in Branson MO. Contact Bob Matis 352-686-0550 or <bob50aaa@netzero.com> or Nelson Ruiz 321-267-1106 or <amynel@695online.com>.

25th Div., 8th F.A. Bn. Korea, (with 25th Div. Assn) Sept. 16-20 at Holiday Inn in Hampton, VA. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. N. Minneapolis, MN 55412. Tel: 612-529-4567

532nd Engr. Boat and Shore Reg. Sept. 17-19 in Rendlake, IL. Contact Charles Brown, 15769 North Woodlawn, Woodlawn, IL. Tel: 618-735-2981.

82nd AAA AW Bn. (SP), September 17-20 at Hampton Inn in Wichita Falls off

I-44 near Sheppard Air Force Base. Contact Truman Davis, 615 Royal Road, Wichita Falls, TX 76308-5748. Tel: 940-692-1880.

USS Colonial, LSD 18, in Gaithersburg, MD, Sept 17-21. Contact Jim Roberts, at 615-833-1863 or e-mail at <lzd18@netscape.net>.

45th Inf. Div. Assn., (Thunderbirds), Sept. 18-20, in Oklahoma City, OR. Contact Raul Trevino, 2145 NE Street Oklahoma City, OR 73111. Tel: 210-681-9134. Fax: 210-543-7313

USS Witter DE 636, Sept. 18-20 in Albany, NY. Contact Joseph Ogrodnik, 26 Lagadia St., Chicopee, MA 01020. Tel: 413-598-8595 or E-mail: <jjogrodnik@rcn.com>

Army Security Agency Korea. Sept. 18-21 in Buffalo, NY. Contact: Jackie Rishell, c/o All-In-One Tours, 1530 Commerce Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601

The Society of the Third Infantry Division and attached units in war and in peace-time. September 18-21 at Airport Marriott Hotel, Interstate 70 at Lambert International Airport, St. Louis, MO 63134. Tel: 314-423-9700 or 800-228-9280. Contact Roger Lochmann, 1616 Frederick St., Collinsville, IL 62234. Tel: 618-345-1067. Visit Web site at: <www.warfoto.com/3rdiv.htm>

26th Inf. Scout Dog Sept. 26-28 at Caruthersville, MO, Contact Bob Fickohm at 605-456-2636 or Buck Ferrell at 573-333-1871.

USS Renville APA 227 mid-September at Philadelphia, PA contact: Don Wright, 4289 Alex Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45211-5348. Tel: 513- 481-8317 or E-mail <jdwrightstuff@cs.com>.

October 2003

A-1-7 Marine Corps. Assn., Korea, Oct 1-5 at the Holiday Inn, Airport in Oklahoma City, OK. All Men, Navy Corpsmen, Doctors and Chaplains, who served, in Korea, with "A" Co. 1st Bn. 7th. Reg. 1st. Marine Div., between 25 June 1950 to July 27th. 1953. Contact H. L. Mulhausen, 6405 S. Douglas Ave., Oklahoma City, OK. 73139. Tel: 405-632-7351 or E-Mail: <hmulley@aol.com>

Carrier Air Group Two (CVG-2 Korea), Oct. 7-11 at Santa Rosa, CA. Contact Ray "Andy" Andrews, P.O. Box 750474, Petaluma, CA 94975-0474.

USS SOLEY (DD 707) Oct. 8-12 in Louisville, KY. Contact: Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741, Tel: 714- 527-4925. E-Mail: <eblum3@juno.com>.

USS OZBOURN (DD846), Oct. 8-12 at Holiday Inn Select, San Antonio, TX. Contact W. D. Minter 903-794-4748.

USS VALLEY FORGE CV45, CVA45, CVS45, LPH8, CG50 All hands, embarked Air groups and Marines. Oct. 8-12 at Corpus Christie TX. Contact Tom Kocurek, 317 Chase Oaks Pl. Fredricksburg, TX 78624 Tel: 830-997-6061

1st Field Artillery Observation Bn., Assn., Oct. 9-12 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Englewood OH. Men who trained at Fort Sill OK., FARTC Training center Sept.-Dec. 1951 are also invited. Contact Don Dust, Tel: 352-799-2426

USS Saratoga CV3/CVA/CV60 .Ships Company/Air Wings/All Officers USMC/TAD/ Magic Carpet, October in Dearborn, MI. Contact John D. Brandman. Tel: 1-877-360-7272. E-Mail <cva360@aol.com> Web pages www.uss-saratoga.com or www.usssaratoga.org

45th Inf. Div., 279th Inf. Reg., Co. L (Thunderbirds), Oct 14 -16 at College Station, TX, Contact: Jack Rose 979-693-4656, e-mail <jrose24@juno.com>.

USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249, Oct. 16-19 at Norfolk, VA. Contact Bob Martin, 16 Staples St., Melrose, MA 02176. Tel: 781-665-9222 or E-mail <tinman61@juno.com>.

USS Newman K. Perry DD/DDR-883, Oct. 23-26 in Branson, MO. Contact Walt Steffes, 218 E. North Ave., Stockton, IL 61085-1204. Tel: 815-947-3624 or E-mail <milkshake@blkhawk.net>

72nd Engineer Combat Company, Oct. 27-31 at the Hershey Farm Inn and Restaurant, in Strasburg, PA (800)-827-8635. Special room rate for our group is \$75. Contact person is Bob Mount, 6518 Fish Hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Tel: 301-898-7952, E-mail <taxpreper@aol.com>.

November 2003

Army - 398th AAA. AW. BN. - Korea, November 9-12 in Branson, MO. Contact Arie Schemmer, 4195 Cappeln-Osage Rd., Marthasville, MO 63357-2039. Tel: 636-228-4474.

Looking for...



I would like to talk with several infantrymen that were sent from Japan to Korea and were in combat there in the earliest months after Pres. Truman ordered the US military to defend South Korea. If possible, I would like to exchange e-mails or letters with those that are far from **Norcross, Georgia**, where I live, and to meet and talk with several that live in this general area. The information I gather from them will be used in the early part of a short novel (or long short story) I began, but have not been able to complete, because I do not know the actual situations US combat infantrymen experienced insofar as unit organizations, unit strengths, equipment, etc., are concerned. Korean War veterans of the pre-Ridgway months, that are interested in talking with me may contact me at <npblack@hotmail.com>; Tel: 770-242-9137 or write to me at 5532 Knox Place, Norcross, GA 30092.



The attached list of nine Korean War casualties all attended **Omaha Central High School**. We have made a plaque of the names and want to invite the families. We been able to locate only one family (Vincent Paul Dougherty). Do you have any suggestions on how we could locate the families of the other eight? Max C. Kennedy Tel: 402-398-1536) Omaha, NE <kenad@concentric.net>

Anderson, First Lt. Gerald Phillips – Class of 1940, SN 041115, C Co AMPH TRAC Bn. 1 AMPH TRAC Bn. 1st Marine Div, Born Oct. 22, 1922. Killed in Action Nov. 7, 1950.

Clegg, CPL Edward L. – Attended CHS in 1939 and 1941, RA 17148968, 5th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav Div., Army. Born Nov. 14, 1925. Killed in Action Sept. 12, 1950.

Dougherty Jr., PFC Vincent Paul "Vin" – Class of 1951, SN 1065799, C Co., 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div. Born Feb. 4, 1932, Killed in Action May 22, 1952.

Goll, PFC William Robert – Class of 1948, SN 1065780, WPNS Co., 1st Bn., 5 Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., Killed in Action June 2, 1951.

Mc Grew, MSGT James R. – Attended CHS 1931 and 1932, RA 06575834, 2nd ENGR C Bn., 2nd Inf. Div., Army. Died while captured, Nov. 30, 1950.

Minikus, PFC Edward W. – Class of 1945, US 55010035, 7th Inf. Regt., - 3rd Inf. Div., Army. Born July 24, 1927 Died while missing on Dec. 3, 1950.

Rosenblatt, PFC Norman Meyer – Attended CHS in 1948, SN 651166, I Co., 3 Bn. 5th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., Born Feb. 25, 1932 Killed in Action Sept. 26, 1950.

Smith, CPL Myron James (Bud) – Class of 1947, SN 1084719, ANGLICO Bn., 1 ANGLICO, 1st Marine Div., Born Nov. 14, 1929 Died while missing Nov. 30, 1950

Swanson, First Lt. William – Class of 1942, SN 047409, I Co., 3rd Bn., 1 Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div. Born Feb. 24, 1924 Killed in Action May 15, 1951.



Looking for **J. M. Brown** from Texas. Served in Korean War from approximately Jan. 1952 to April 1953 as tank driver along with Dotson, assistant driver and Stewart. Contact James R. Rabourn (Cpl.) KY near Kumwah Valley and Chorwon Valley. E-mail at

<RABOURN1932@aol.com>



Missing dog tag

At the POW camps in North Korea where I was held for almost 2 1/2 years, when a persons illness or wounds were so severe that all hope for survival seemed lost, the individuals were sent to the death house to wait for the expected to occur. It was a practice to leave some identification with a fellow POW in hopes it would reach our forces or perhaps even a family member, as this was the only hope of documenting the individual's fate.

In late 1951 my condition deteriorated to the point that I was not expected to survive and I was placed in the death house to wait my fate, along with many other POWs in a similar condition.

Prior to leaving the hut I left one of my dog tags with a fellow POW who promised that if he did manage to survive he would return my dog tag to my family and explain the circumstances in which I died.

Well, to everyone's surprise, including myself, it is obvious that I did survive, but upon returning to the compound I was placed in a different hut and could not recall who had my dog tag.

I simply dismissed the matter until early 1990 at which time I received a letter from an EX-POW informing me that he still had my dog tag in his possession – even stated the serial number, ER 57315035.

Well, I made a foolish mistake and lost the letter before making contact with the person and now I am back in the same predicament I was at the POW camp, I can't recall the person's name or the state in which he resides

I would be most interested in re-establishing contact with the person in question, not only to recover my dog tag for sentimental reasons, but also to renew our acquaintance.

If the person in question should happen to read this article, please contact me again. I promise not to loose contact another time. Contact William K. (Bill) Norwood, 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN. 37312. Tel: 423-476-3628.



Seeking to locate following members of the **US Army 8240th TLO (Tactical Liaison Office)**, then attached to the 25th Infantry Div. LT. William H. Mallett, SFC Walter W. Fischer, PFC. Richard L. Keller. Contact Col. Cliff Borden, AUS (Ret.), 4304 Drexel Ave., Madison, WI 53716 or E-mail at <csborden@chorus.net>.



K Co. and/or Hq Co., 3rd Bn, 17th Inf.. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. between Feb. 1953 and March, 1954. Contact Al St. Clair, 21 Saint Charles Place, Daphne, AL 36526. Tel: 251-626-2208 or E-mail: <iudisaint@aol.com>



Looking for Korean Veterans that served in **Kumwha Sector**, May '53 thru '54. Contact Jim Loftus 1950 Avoncrest Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309



6th or the 13th Helicopter Co. that served in Korea during the

war. Contact Bob Lefkowitz, 1715 Whitehall Dr. #104, Ft. Lauderdale FL 33324. Tel: 954-473-5493, Fax: 954-424-2627 or E-mail <lesubo@webtv.net>



I'm looking for **Ralph Cochran** who served with the 1st Tank Bn. in Korea in 1951 after the Chosin. I last saw him when I was giving a class on placing flares in early 1951. Call George Duncan at 417-282-6269 or E-mail <silverhrlll@yahoo.com>



Trying to locate **Jack J Mafara, Arthur H Marty, Charles R. Newman, and Harvey L Persons** who served with C Btry., 92nd AFA (RED DEVILS) in Korea. Contact Pete Taormina, 1011 SW 16th Street, FL 33326. Tel: 561-732-8881 or E-mail <taorminap@yahoo.com>



Do you know if we have any members that served in **Graves Registration in Korea** during 1050 through 1951? During my tour of duty in Korea, late 1950 through 1951, I saw many dead American soldiers being transported to Graves Registration in the back of 6X6 trucks. And once when I visited Quartermaster for supplies I entered a tent that was changed from POL to the holding area for our dead. My question is this: What was used for body bags? What appeared to me, was the use of "Mattress Covers" am I correct? I don't recall the term Body Bags used until I heard it during the Vietnam War. Until that time I was convinced of the use of mattress covers, however after hearing the term body bags, I was less certain. Does anyone have an answer for me? Contact JoeCappella at E-mail <JAC618@AOL.com>/



After 51 years **George Kestel** Sgt. 1st class of Dema, Ky., formerly of New York City, was reunited with one of his Korean War buddies. On June 8, 2002, George was in New York under saddening circumstances, with the death of his brother. He met up with Sgt. Patrick Filidoro. The two last saw each other on Sept. 29, 1951, when Sgt. Filidoro pulled Sgt. 1st class Kestel from the line of fire, after that Sgt. Kestel had been wounded. This is not an every day occurrence that after so many years two military pals, can once again meet to say thanks for the helping hand. Patrick and George are now keeping in touch almost daily. George Kestel is also a vet of WWII and Vietnam. I would also like to ask that if anyone having information on individuals whom served in the Army in E. Company 3rd Division in the Korean War please contact George Kestel at 606-447-2852 or E-mail me at <gkmk@tgtel.com> or Patrick Filidoro, 25511 87th Dr., Floral Park, NY 11001 or E-mail at <529@webTV.net>.



I am looking for **Joe E. Dawn**, 66 Army Postal Unit, APO 973, 1951. He used to live in Gastonia, North Carolina, Route 1. I visited North Carolina 5 years ago, could not find him. Route #1 is no longer there. Contact James Krysztoforski, 10 Bittersweet Place, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054. E-mail Terry Kriss@comcast.net. telephone 856-222-4626



I am trying to locate survivors of the sinking of the **U.S.S. SARSI ATF-111**. Ship sunk 8/27/52 in Korea. Contact Jim O'Connell, 16505 Hicks Lane, Onancock, Virginia 23417, Telephone 751-787-

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

As we involve ourselves in the events of 2003 we always should be mindful to support the Korean War Veterans Association, its president, Harley Coon, and all those in leadership within this great association.

Most gracious and all wise God, we offer our sincere thanks and praise for your great mercies. We continue to pray for our national leaders, all mankind, and countries to achieve peace and coexistence.

We also pray for all who dedicate their lives for the freedom that we share, and that You will be with those brave service persons who put themselves in harm's way to protect that freedom. The MIA's are in our constant thoughts. Into your hands of loving kindness we commit ourselves. Amen.

For edification, please read Psalm 27

Thought for the Month

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22

9428. This ship had 97 crew members on her when it hit a submerged mine and sunk. We lost five men that night. We have located all but eleven people thus far. Hopefully someone may read the add and respond. I was in touch with a man in California named Grizzly (last name) and then wrote to him with the eleven names hoping he might come up with some information. To date I have not heard anything from him.



Looking for **Marine Corp Engineer Veterans** to join their fellow "survivors" by becoming members of the Marine Corps Engineer Association (MCEA), P.O. Box 566, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28541. Annual reunions are normally held in September at various locations. Contact Milton D. Drummond, Jr., 1701 Bramsford Court, Richmond, Virginia 23233-4446, Telephone 804-346-0996.



40th ID 160th Inf. Regt. HQ & HQ Korea, January 1952 to July 1953. Kumsong and Heartbreak Ridge. Commo Plt. members are looking for their Plt. Leader, A **Lt. Rodgers**, and all other Plt. members for a reunion. Contact Dick Dopheide, 24533 66th Avenue, Mattawan, Michigan 49071.



I am looking for a buddy of mine by the name of **Charles (Chuck) Earlywine** who lived or was from Palatine, Illinois. He was a fellow Moose member. We were separated in



Lt. Rodgers, Plt. Leader 40thID, 160th Inf Regt

October 1950. I was assigned to the 2nd Division then later to the Masan, Korea perimeter opposite Pusan Perimeter. I believe he was assigned to an Artillery Battalion. Contact Angelo Conzachi, 903 Montrose Court, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431-3281.



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

Purpose

- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those that lost loved ones.
- Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA).— POWs: 7,140; Returned to Military Control: 4,418; Died in Captivity: 2,701; Refused to return: 21)
- Recognize the contributions of women and minorities to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War and the military's contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
- Remember United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea and strengthen the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as Allies.

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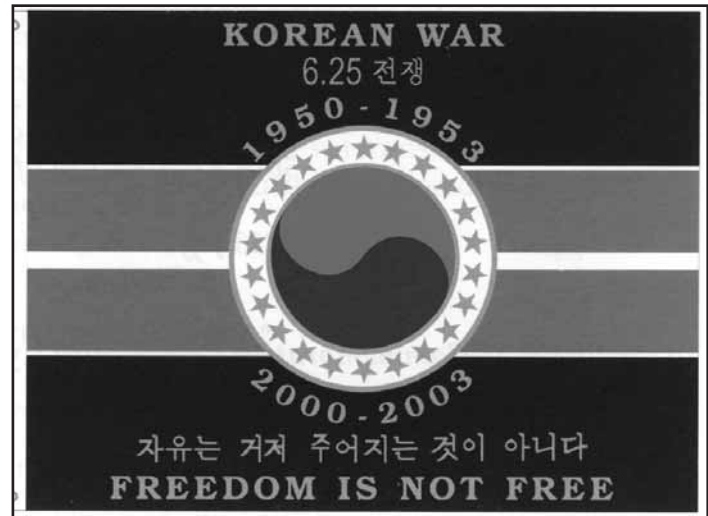
- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Partners to assist a Grateful Nation in thanking and honoring veterans in their home towns (to include hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes, etc.), and supporting schools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

For ordering Program Details Contact: Department of Defense,
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Planned Events 2003

Date	Event	Location	Lead
9 April, 2003	Nat'l Former POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony	Andersonville, Georgia	The Korean Veterans Assn , Allan Murray kvaainc@optusnet.com.au Contance Burns, 202-685-2470 US Congress Military District Washington (MDW)
25 April, 2003	ANZAC Day	Melbourne, Victoria, St. Kilda Rd	
16 - 19 April, 2003	African Americans in the Korean War Conf.	Morgan State University	
25 May, 2003	National Memorial Day Concert	U.S. Capitol (West Lawn), Wash., DC	Commander, US Naval Forces Korea, 50years@cnfk.navy.mil Sharon E. Corum, 1-888-295-7212,
26 May, 2003	Memorial Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	White House, Arlington National Cemetery and Korean War Memorial, Wash., DC	
30 May, 2003	Korean War Sea Services Commemoration	Pusan, Korea	The Korean Veterans Church, Assn of Australia, Allan Murray, kvaainc@optusnet.com.au National Commemoration Committee
6 - 7 June, 2003	50th Anniversary Commemoration Weekend The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library	KWVNM & Library, Factory Stores Mall, C500 Blvd, Tuscola , IL	
22 June, 2003	Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day	Korean Uniting Community Melbourne, Australia	50th Commemoration Committee (DoD) State of Hawaii Eighth US Army (EUSA)
30 June, 2003	MiG Alley Commemoration	National: Washington, DC Osan Air Force Base, Korea	
27 July, 2003	Korean War Armistice Day Commemoration	Korean War Memorial, Washington, DC	50th Commemoration Committee
27 July, 2003	Korean War Veterans Parade	Location: Honolulu, Hawaii	
1 October, 2003	Mutual Defense Treaty	Seoul, Korea	50th Commemoration Committee
11 November, 2003	Official Closing of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration	Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC	
11 November, 2003	Korean War Veterans Welcome Home Parade	New York City, NY	50th Commemoration Committee

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U.S. Prisoners of War in the Korean War



Their Treatment and Handling by the North Korean Army and the Chinese Communist Forces

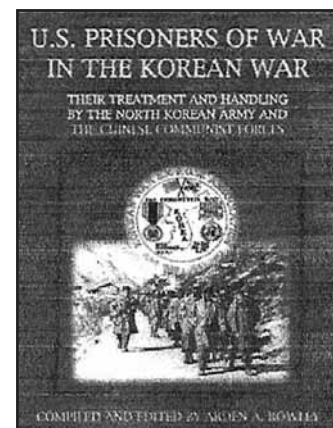
The Korean War Ex-POW Association joined forces with Turner Publishing Company and M.T. Publishing Company, Inc. to publish U.S. Prisoners of War in the Korean War in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary in 2003 of the end of the Korean War. This historical U.S. document has been reviewed and edited by Arden A. Rowley, Historian of the Korean War Ex-POW Association, and contains never before published reports, interviews, medical studies, and editorial comments regarding the treatment of U.S.- POWs captured during the Korean War. This publication is 312 pages and is an 8 1/2" x 11" coffee table size hardbound edition with Smythsewn binding and matte, acidfree pages for superior photo reproduction.

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National Salute to Korean War Veterans in Washington, D.C. – July 25 – 27 2003

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Under the auspices of the Department of Defense Korean War Commemorative Committee, a three day series of events will call the nation's attention to those veterans whose war has been titled in history as *The Forgotten War!* Perhaps more correctly *The Unknown War*, for it is not possible to forget that which has not yet become part of the consciousness of the American people, save for those who suffered the loss or maiming of a loved one.

To ensure that this period of our history does not remain in oblivion, it is incumbent upon the veterans of that war to make their presence known by mustering our surviving numbers one final time.

We must gather in numbers that will engender not only nationwide media attention but also to demonstrate the honor we accord our comrades who fell in battle or who have since departed from our midst.

If we fail to honor them by our presence we cannot fault those who have failed to honor them in the past!

This ambitious and all encompassing series of events begins on Friday evening, 25 July 03, with a Korean Cultural Concert featuring Korean entertainers and music. It will be held at the Kennedy Center and it will be at no cost to veterans and their family members.

On Saturday, 26 July 03, there will be two major events:

The first, in the morning will be a major ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, to include the traditional wreath laying ceremonies.

In mid-afternoon, at the MCI Center in downtown Washington, there will be a major Color Honors Ceremony during which the colors of all major units with Korean War service and battle honors will be paraded, presented and posted. Army and Marine unit colors down to Regimental and RCT levels; Navy Task Force and/or Flotillas; Air Force Wings and Groups; and, the USCG. The colors of the ROK Armed Forces and those of the other 20 nations that provided elements to the UN Forces, Korea, will also participate. Military and civilian entertainment will follow the colors ceremony. The President of the United States or his designee has been invited to address the assembled veterans and their families. Closing ceremonies will feature retirement of the massed colors, those of active units back to their units and those no longer in the active forces to storage and/or display at museum sites.

This event will be the first and perhaps, the last, time the massed Colors of the U.S. Armed Forces that participated

in the Korean War will be so honored. Something you don't want to miss!

The MCI Center can accommodate about 15,000 in the audience. Don't get left out. Let's fill the place and show the nation who and what we are! Worried about the summertime heat in D.C.? Don't be! The MCI Center is a roofed arena, air conditioned, with comfortable seats, snack bars, etc.

On Sunday mid-morning 27 July 03, the final closing ceremonies will be held at the site of the *Korean War Veterans Memorial* on the Mall. It will include an address by either the President or his designee. Each major unit of the U.S. Armed Forces and those of the other UN forces will present and lay wreaths at the Memorial. These ceremonies will be similar in scope to those conducted when the Memorial was dedicated on 27 July 95.

Sunday evening on 27 July, those veterans who are members of the Korean War Veterans Association and have signed up to attend the annual

reunion in Washington, DC, the featured speaker at the formal banquet, will be Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

OK my brothers-in-arms, that's what is planned to honor you! Don't let your failure to attend and participate signal to our countrymen that the Korean War is to remain an *Unknown War!*

Let us muster with our Colors one last time and by so doing elevate the Korean War in the consciousness of our countrymen to rank equal with those of all our Nation's wars. And, by so doing so too will the recognition of the veterans of that war ensure that they are no longer *forgotten!*

You deserve no less and you will not ask for more!

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for in this land I thought I would die.
We moved to a place of snow covered ground,
just a tent to sleep in, a place to lay down.
Food from cans was all we had to eat,
and in this tent there was not much heat.

Sleep came on very fast.
It was a short night, it did not last.

I thought of my home far away
and hoped I would see it again someday.
I thought of my Mother and Father, asleep in their beds
I did not want them to know I was afraid.

In this cold land across the sea,
I wondered, "Was anyone thinking of me?"

I thought of the job I had to do,
to look out for my men and do the best I knew.
I asked the Good Lord to watch over me
and take me home safe to my family.

Many years have passed since that day.
I have grown old and turning grey.

I cannot forget this land across the sea
where we fought, to make them free.

By an old Korean Vet, Boyed H. Burnley

The Forgotten War

"On 27 July, 1995 -42 years after the cessation of hostilities... a national monument to the Heroes of Korea was finally dedicated "

Where are those men, brave Veterans, who met the Wave and turned the Tide?
You'll find them marking Time today: one Last Patrol... they haven't died.

When Pusan roared - the gauntlet thrown - United Nations, armed once more,
Those weary Warriors heard the Call: Korea -The Forgotten War.

The Horde -a hundred thousand strong -at Chosin Reservoir's Campaign:
Three Regiments, surrounded, bled -and battled through that Icy Chain.

The temperatures were merciless, with Soldiers frozen where they fell;
The Yalu's waters' cold as Death: who thought they'd ever freeze in Hell?

The Punch Bowl, T-Bone, Jackson Heights -the madness of the massed attack
A murderous month on Heartbreak Ridge: they dug in deep; they drove 'em back!

To gain the slopes of Pork Chop Hill -the cruelest price they had to pay:
They bought it inch by bloody inch -then gave the whole damned thing away!

If you don't call a war 'a War' -declare 'Police Action' instead,
The chances are you'll 'save some Face'...but your Troops will still be just as Dead.

So I wonder who the Winner was... Is anyone still keeping score -
Beside those proud Korean Vets, who can't forget The Forgotten War?
No more... no more... no more The Forgotten War.

Pat and Ted Murphy

KOREAN WAR SCRAPBOOK

Staring at the yellowed pages, in another time
Re-living "The Forgotten War"
Watching myself two generations back,
Through an intimate telescope of time.
Flying through hearts, entranced in the
Emotions: trapped and forgotten.
Tangled inside the iris that surrounds me.

Porcelain beauty peeks out from behind
The faces of Korean mothers with their arms
Around their young sons.
Black eyes pierce somberly, in search of that
Lost childhood playing hide-and-go-seek
Somewhere in the dream-world of peace.

The mountains, such a pure green bend down
To valleys revealing lakes that sparkle like the eyes
Of a soldier's granddaughter, and are as deep as his fear.
'here all. men; enemy or ally share a taste of serenity
And breathe freely in the momentary absence of war.
Wishes, brothers, lovers, and mothers are exhaled
Deeper than those crystal lakes, deeper than fear.

Young men kiss their lives goodbye
For the madness of Korea's hell.
Amidst the streams of blood that flow
From a brother's bosom; praying for their lives

To be waiting for them back home.
The ringing of shots in sharp harmony with
The screams of the innocent become the
Twisted lullaby that sing them into slumber,
Into the peace of their unconscious.

The same twisted lullaby haunts the soldiers
So years later where some can't seem to find
The slumber that holds their peace.
"The Forgotten War" is an infinite memory,
In the battlefields of their minds.
To others, Nostalgia is a friend, who honors a man,
Reuniting him with the life he was once forced to leave.
Ensuring him peace and prosperity to one day remember,
With overwhelming honor in the place where
He once felt a fatal fear.

Looking in the eyes of his innocent children,
He knows it was all worth while.
"The Forgotten War" was never truly forgotten.
For it's story lives through the heroes that fought
Their bravery shines with honor in the irises
Of America's children.

*By: Erin Van Brunt
16 year old granddaughter of Gerald Van Brunt KWV
and all veterans of "The Forgotten War".*

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The PUSH to raise funds has begun. The Press Kit, our advertising campaign, has been sent to all of the major newspapers in the United States. Also, the Press Kit, was sent to a number of Korea War veterans who are assisting us in raising funds.

I met with the Consul General, Republic of Korea, and requested his assistance in raising at least \$7,000,000 from the Korean corporations. There are 6,300,000 Koreans that belong to the Korean Veterans Association. I have asked each member to contribute \$1.

We are going to build a replica of Heartbreak Ridge on the back 11 acres. The cost will be approximately \$7,000,000. I'm working with an Illinois Congressman and the Illinois congressional delegation to obtain federal funds for the battlefield replica. The Louisiana congressional delegation

obtained a similar amount for Federal funds for the D-Day Museum.

The Korean War veterans are going to have to support the project. There are 4,000,000 Korean War veterans living. If 1,000,000 veterans gave \$50 it would be sufficient to complete the project and established a minimum \$25 million endowment fund for the perpetuation of the Korean War veterans National Museum and Library, an educational research center. The Korean War veterans are the key to the success of this project. Without the veterans support it is going to be difficult. \$50 is not much - Freedom is not Free.

The Korean War generation fell between the cracks. As our members diminish with passing years, our memories will die with us and be lost forever to history. We cannot let

this happen.

There are hundreds of boxes containing documents from the Korean War stored in a government warehouse. The boxes are disorganized and un-cataloged. Nothing is being done to correct this situation. Eventually, the boxes will be lost or thrown out. If the Korean War Veterans Museum and Library, an education research center for the study of the Korean War, could get started this situation could be eliminated. The information could be of immense value to historians, but is currently inaccessible.

It is important that there be a central resource location to collect information. We need to know and understand where we have been so we can understand where we are going.

We need \$50 from each Korean War veteran in order to maintain our hard fought for place in history.

Jere Crise, CPA/CFSA
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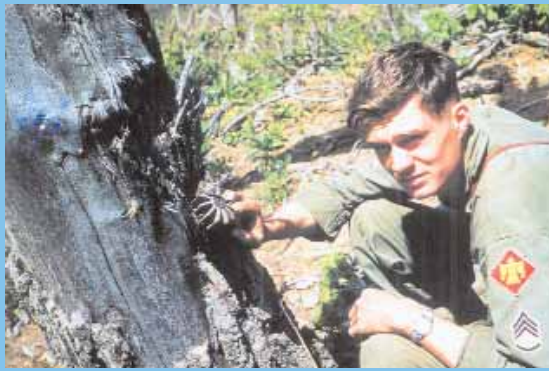
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**Old Japanese survey marker
(blown out of the ground).**



Old bridge at Sowha-Ri.



Burning houses to prevent infiltrator shelter.



Jimmy the Houseboy.



Hill 1220.



West Rim of Punchbowl, Oxenreid Road up to top.

120th Engineers in the Korean War.

I was a surveyor in the 120th engineers attached to the 45th Inf. Div. I was in Korea for the last 13 months. I got to a lot of mountain tops in my work and had a good camera.

I was mainly in the eastern half of the country - Punchbowl, Heartbreak, Hill 1220, M-1 Ridge, North of the Pukhan Reservoir.

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(Thank you Daniel for photos. I will try to print remaining in a later issue. Ed.)



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