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On the cover...



Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun Memorial

Story contributed by F. Patrick Egan, Jr.

On June 3, 2001, in Pilsen, Kan., a bronze sculpture of a military chaplain comforting a wounded soldier was unveiled in honor of Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun. This Wichita, Kan., diocesan priest died as a prisoner of war in Pyotkong, North Korea, on May 23, 1951.

Father Kapaun was one of the most highly decorated military chaplains in the Korean War. An inspiration to all around him, Fr. Kapaun ministered to the sick, buried the dead and cared for those who had



Fort Riley, Kan., commanding Maj. Gen. Robert St. Onge, Archbishop for the Military Services Edwin O'Brien, and Chaplain Lt. Col. Lawrence Berry (1st Cavalry Fort Hood, Texas) spoke at the presentation. Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber was the main celebrant at the mass. Chaplain Kapaun's brother, Eugene Kapaun, and 20 veterans of the Korean War were in attendance.

succumbed to despair; he cared for the soldiers' physical ailments as well as their desperate need for spiritual guidance. Fr. Kapaun was captured after refusing to abandon the 8th Cavalry when it was overwhelmed on Nov. 2, 1950.

"Fr. Kapaun stole food from the potato fields and when burying the deceased he'd say a prayer for the repose of their souls, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving for favors granted by God," said fellow prisoner Lt. Mike Dowe. "Somehow his presence could turn a louse-ridden stinking mud hole into a cathedral." His compassionate ministry so inspired a Jewish POW that he carved a cross from scraps during his captivity as a memorial to Chaplain Kapaun.

Patriot priest immortalized in bronze

By Spc. Daniel Hobson,
journalist at Fort Riley, Kan.

FORT RILEY, Kan. (Army News Service, June 19, 2001) A statue honoring a Korean War chaplain was dedicated June 3 in Pilsen, Kan.

Father Paul Oborny and Eugene Kapaun unveiled the statue of Capt. Emil J. Kapaun, an ordained Catholic priest who died while imprisoned in a North Korean war camp in Pyotkong 50 years ago. The life-sized statue of Kapaun depicts him carrying a wounded soldier.

Maj. Gen. Robert J. St. Onge Jr., commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley, Kan., spoke about Kapaun to an estimated crowd of 1,000 gathered for the dedication ceremony.

"I was more inspired by his life than by any other hero I've known or studied," St. Onge said about Kapaun. "He was a true shepherd for his soldier flock, a true pastor for his unit and his parish of prisoners."

St. Onge told the people of Pilsen and the Kapaun family that, in giving up Kapaun for military service, they made a sacrifice that does not go unnoticed. "You gave the Army and the nation your son, and he made us proud," he said.

Kapaun served as a chaplain during World War II and then rejoined the Army in 1948. Two years later in Korea he was taken a prisoner of war. He died May 6, 1951, at age 35 while tending to others in a prison camp hospital.

Just before his capture on Nov. 2, 1950,

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

"Date: July 27, 1953 – Armistice Signed"

The beginning of the end of communism. The front line troops could come out of their bunkers and fox holes and feel reasonable safe. (there have been approximately 1,200 American

soldiers killed in or around the DMZ since that time.) All of the support troops could look forward to going home. Some of the Prisoners of War would have to wait for another 30 to 45 days before they would be released to return home. There are over 8,000 families still waiting for word on the fate of their fathers, sons, brothers and other family members.

Reunion

There appears to be a great turn out for the 50th Commemoration events in Washington D. C. Ted Day of Armed Forces Reunion has increased the number of rooms we need. The Shear Madness Show at the Kennedy Center is almost sold out. The MCI Center special program honoring Korean War Veteran's is attracting many veterans and will be a great success.

Elections

I have received many E-mails and phone calls from members wanting to know who they should vote for. Each



Harley Coon, KWVA President, speaks about his experience with African-American POW's at Morgan State College in Maryland, during the "African Americans in the Korean War" four day conference, April 16-19, 2003.

must make up our mind. Joseph Pirrello and Larry McKinniss have been good board members and have proven to be an asset to the Executive Council and should be re-elected. Joe has served on the finance committee and has kept an eye on our money. Both have kept the KWVA in their best interest.

I personally voted for Joseph Pirrello, Larry McKinniss, Thomas Nuzzo and Paul W. Sutphin, because I feel these members will be an asset to the Executive Council. I feel with their help that the KWVA will continue to prosper and grow as we have done for the last 5 years. I also think that Charles R. Wells and Stanley J. Grogan are well qualified to serve the Korean War Veterans. Be sure to vote. The KWVA is a "Proud" veteran's organization based upon "Honor", "Dignity" and "Integrity." I hope we can keep it this way.

President's Travel

Hawaii

This has been a busy time for me this past 2 months. I was in Hawaii between April 9-13, 2003. Nick Nishimoto (Nick Nishimoto, Henry Higa, Albert Chang and I were captured together and held prisoner in Camp # 5, Albert died in Camp #5.) had a great Memorial Service at the Punch Bowl Cemetery. Ray Unger (President, Korean War Ex-POW, Association) and about 40 other Korean War Ex-POW's were in attendance. I took a day and flew to Maui to visit with the Maui NO KA Oi

Chapter 282. There are 7 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands now. I would like to thank Jimmy Sims for providing transportation around Hawaii.

Morgan State College in Maryland

I returned from Hawaii on the 14th April and on the 15th I flew to Baltimore Md. to be on a panel to discuss Afro-American Prisoners of War in North Korea. My good friend Bob Fletcher was a panel member also. It was a very interesting discussion. I was representing Dr. Shadish. During the "brainwashing" process the Chinese tried to pit the races, age and education against each other. It didn't work, we all remained strong Americans.

Meeting Agenda

The meetings of both Executive Council and General Membership will be on Friday July 25, 2003. We have a busy day so we will try to keep the meeting moving.

- Executive Council at 8:00am till 11:30am. (Smoke Free Meeting):
- 8:00am Opening Ceremonies, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Bylaws Committee, Old Business, New Business and Good of the order.
- General Membership meeting at 12:30pm till 4:30pm (Smoke Free Meeting):
- Opening Ceremonies, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, By-laws

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KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

(See page .14 –Editor.)



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

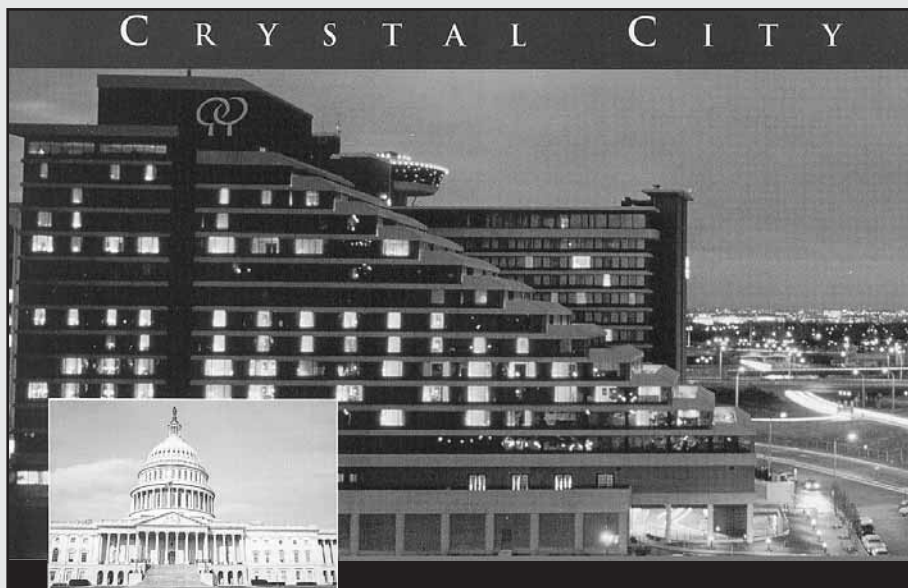
will be pleased with our selection.

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.

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 Spectradyn (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 20 – 22 for Reunion Information and Registration Form.

CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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SHARING ROOM W/ _____

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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.

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 4pm (EST) on your arrival day. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, will result in a \$50 fee.

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

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Kapaun carried a wounded soldier by the name of Herbert Miller out of battle. "Father Kapaun saved my life," said Miller, who drove from Pulaski, N.Y., for the dedication. "I was wounded with a broken ankle and the North Koreans were going to shoot me. He brushed them aside, reached down and picked me up and carried me. How he found the strength, I'll never know. He was the bravest man I ever saw."

The statue was placed at the town's St. John Nepomucene Church where the U.S. flag and the 50th anniversary flag of the Korean War fly. The statue's sculptor, Daniel Hunt, an assistant professor at Kansas State University, based the work on photographs of Kapaun aiding fellow soldiers.

Bill McCalin survived years in that prison camp and he remembered Kapaun, his floor mate, as a man who brought hope to an otherwise dire situation. "The survivors of that POW experience have had richer lives because of their association with Father Kapaun," McCalin told the crowd who came for the Mass and the statue dedication. "Now you'll keep his memory alive so future generations can learn of his bravery and the sacrifices he made both for his faith and his nation."

Catholic War Veterans Support Efforts To Obtain Sainthood For Martyred U.S. Army Chaplain Father Emil J. Kapaun

In the seven months in prison, Father Kapaun spent himself in heroic service to his fellow prisoners without regard to race, creed or color. To this there is testimony of men of all faiths. Ignoring his own ill health, he nursed the sick and wounded until a blood clot in his leg prevented his daily rounds. Moved to a hospital, but denied medications, his death soon followed on May 23, 1951.

Excerpts from a pamphlet written by 1st Lt. Ray M. (Mike) Dowe, Jr.

He wore the cross of the Chaplain branch instead of the crossed rifles of the infantry, but he was, I think, the best foot soldier I ever knew, and the kindest. His name was Emil Joseph Kapaun, and he was a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. The men he served in the prison camps of Korea didn't care whether he was Catholic or Baptist, Lutheran or Presbyterian. To all of them, Catholic, Protestant and Jew alike,

and to men who professed no formal faith at all, he was simply "FATHER," and each of them, when in trouble came, drew courage and hope and strength from him

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

I came upon him once sitting in the sunshine by the road. There was a smile on his face and a look of happiness in his eyes. I hated to break in on his meditations, but I needed cheering, so I asked him "What are you thinking of, Father?" "Of that happy day," he said, "when the first American tank rolls down the road, then I'm going to catch that little so and so, Comrade Sun, and kick his butt right over the compound fence."

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

How Can You Help

Small prayer cards and/or a 3 1/2" X 6" pamphlet giving a short but moving synopsis about Father Kapaun's life, may be obtained from Bishop Roque. A small donation is not required, but would be appreciated to offset printing expense. Send your request to: The Most Reverend Francis X. Roque, D.D., Bishop Protector, The Catholic War Veterans, USA, PO Box 4469, Washington, DC 20017 Even if you do not obtain the prayer cards and/or pamphlet, please spread the good word about Father Kapaun at various meetings, such as...AARP, senior groups, veteran, civic, fraternal, religious, and any public meetings that you might attend. Recite the prayer

daily and after all Catholic War Veteran meetings.

If you know of anyone who came in contact with Father Kapaun, please let Bishop Roque hear from you. If for instance you know of someone who had a serious or terminal illness and after praying to Father Kapaun, made a sudden recovery contact Bishop Roque. This would be a tremendous boost in obtaining SAINTHOOD for Father Kapaun. Thank you for your help!

(See web pages http://www.serraus.org/news_events/the_serran/the_aug01/v56_1aug01p21.htm or

Father Kapaun

[ue.html](http://www.cwv.org/kapaun/kapaun.html) or <http://www.cwv.org/kapaun/kapaun.htm>

To Learn More About Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun his heroic biography is available in the book "A Shepherd In Combat Boots" by William L. Mather. This book is readily available at Amazon.com as well as Barnes and Noble and other fine bookstores nationwide.

I am not sure who sent in the front photo for name is not on back. Please write me. Also wish to thank Kevin Wolff for VCR tape of Kapaun Memorial dedication (and maybe photo too) It was a great event to see on TV.

Also thanks Kevin for book "The story of Chaplain Kapaun" by Father Arthur Tonne. I am still reading it in between the many other books sent to me. Printed in 1954 by Didde Publishers, Emporia, KS. It may still be printed or found in your local library.

Thanks again to Jack Edwards, 1st VP KWVA National for the great story he sent to me printed on page 20 of the Sept-Oct 2002 "Graybeards." Many thanks to all named in web page stories from Yahoo! Search Father Kapaun. Found 280 total stories. I could only print parts of three. Last but not least thank you Father Kapaun a hero among heroes.— Editor.)

By Blair Cross

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

As I start this column I must say how disappointed I am that things are not moving along better. At the present time we only have nine (9) co-sponsors on our Bill. It makes me feel as though the Association members just don't care.

We met with Congressman Hoyer and his staff on the 16th of April and he indicated he was going to take a new

approach. Again he said he is working on a Bill to attach to the VA/HUD Appropriations Bill. The Chairman of the VA/HUD Committee is Mr. Walsh, who introduced our Bill with Mr. Hoyer.

Until we get away from the Immigration and Claims Committee we have a fight on our hands.

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair

PRESIDENT from page 4

Committee, Election Results.

- At 2:00 pm Under Secretary of Defense Jennings will give a report on the POW/MIA. We will interrupt the meeting when Mr. Jenning arrives.

After 2003

Many wonder what will happen to the KWVA after the year 2003. There will always be a remembrance at the National Korean War Memorial on July 27 each year. We cannot stop remembering the Korean War and reminding the American people that because of us there might still be communism in the world. I feel that the Korean War Veterans Association will continue to grow. We must always remem-

ber the MIA's, POW's and the fighting men and women KIA in Korea and their families. Relax and lets have the best reunion we have ever had.

Till next time I remain,

Harley

Eratta:

In March-April "Presidents Message," Shorty, "The Tiger" Estabrook's address was 5 years old. The following address is his latest one:

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Book Review



U.S. Prisoners of War in The Korean War

By Arden A. Rowley

Editor's Preface

Ever since I discovered the document from which this book is published in the early 1990s at the U.S. Army Center for Military History in Washington, D.C., I have had a great desire to have it published in book form so it can be placed in many homes and libraries across the United States. That desire stemmed from two factors: the Korean War has become "The Forgotten War"; and what happened to U.S. POWs, held in the POW camps by the North Korean Army and Chinese Communist Forces during the war has been misrepresented, in many respects, in the writings of individuals in a considerable number of publications in the years since hostilities ceased in Korea. My aim in publishing this book is to help the citizens of our nation become aware of what really happened to U.S. POWs during the Korean War.

The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War is upon us (2000-2003). With that has come a heightened interest in that event in our history from many perspectives. It is my hope that this book will become a valuable reference source for history teachers, high school and college students in writing research papers and theses on the subject, for researchers in general, Korean War Veterans and their families and the general citizenry of the United States.

The creators of the document from which this book was published have given an admonition that "... this report must be considered together with various war crimes reports, medical reports and other reports ..." In addition to that, the Acting Chief, Collection and Operations Division G2 (U.S. Army), indicated in a report dated March of 1955 that this report covered some aspects of treatment experienced by U.S. POWs during the entire period of the Korean War either inaccurately or incompletely.

In an attempt to satisfy both of these concerns, I have done considerable research on U.S. POWs in the Korean War in these areas and have found many documents in the National Archives of the United States and the

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It has now been over forty-nine years since as a seventeen year old boy I landed at a place called Inchon with the 92nd AFA Bn. SP. Soon it will be forty-eight years since I departed the unit from somewhere in Korea, and I have yet to forget.

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

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

We moved into position with one howitzer on each side of the road, aimed the howitzers in on a spot in the road and waited. Part of each crew was to stay on the howitzer awake and ready to fire, while part of the crew was to get some sleep. Sometime in the early hours before dawn I was given permission to bed down, which I did in a small building near the road. Daylight came, but no enemy tanks. Then someone called my name and instructed me to get up and wake the other men with me. With my eyes not ready to open, and my body not yet ready to wake up, I tried as best I could to follow orders. The first person I tried to wake was dead, and so was the second. They were soldiers killed in the battle for Seoul. Unknown to me and the men with me, we had bedded down where the KIA's had been collected for removal from the battlefield. When I saw

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The Forgotten War I Can't Forget

By Clyde F. Hancock

American blood brought by weapons of war from an enemy, the reality of war set in.

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

After fourteen days aboard Q074, we sailed into Pusan Harbor and were transferred to a navy ship for the sea voyage north by way of the Sea of Japan to a place called Iwon. It is now November, and the weather has already turned bitter cold. We supported the Mariners for about three weeks, and then we were told the war was all but over, and that we would be getting ready to leave Korea and would be home in the good old US of A by Christmas. However, we didn't know about the plans the Chinese had made that included us.

Thanksgiving Day 1950 until Christmas

**Thanksgiving Day 1950
until Christmas Eve 1950
will forever remain in this
old soldier's mind as one
continuous nightmare.**

Eve 1950 will forever remain in this old soldier's mind as one continuous nightmare. Either Thanksgiving or the day after we were given orders to load up lock, stock and barrel, and be ready to move with gas tanks full and weapons at the ready. The weather was bitter cold, snow was falling, and we were headed in the wrong direction to be going home. When the orders came down we headed out for a place we would

later refer to as the Frozen Chosen. After all these years, I cannot recall just how long it took us to make the move, but I can still see the narrow snow covered roads, the hair-pin curves and steep mountainsides in my mind. After much weary travel fighting sleep and the cold, we arrived at our assigned position and began to take the enemy under fire sometime around the last of November or the first of December, 1950.

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

One cold day while we were engaging the enemy in all directions we were told that help, food and supplies were on the way. The overcast skies then turned gray with blowing snow and the air drops would be at least hindered, if not prevented altogether. We then heard the roar of aircraft engines which we couldn't see. It seemed they had missed us altogether as they were flying north and the sound of the aircraft began to fade. Then, all of a sudden three or four flying box cars approached from the north at what appeared to be less than a thousand feet and dropped cargo in various colored chutes. It appeared that Christmas had come early for the 92nd AFA Bn, but it was not to be.

As we rushed to get the much needed food and supplies, we found much to our dismay that it was not for us. As I recall, it was all 30 caliber ammo for M1 's - no food. A day or so later, some soldiers that had been trapped just to the north of us broke out and began their march to the sea and safety. I watched as the column went by. Some of the

men had burlap sacks tied around their feet for warmth. Many of them never made it to the waiting ships at Hungnam.

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

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

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

I was sick when I got to the ship on Christmas Eve, but was so glad to be there I did not mention it. I was placed on kitchen duty for the cruise to Pusan. When we arrived in Pusan, I had a temperature of 106 and was placed in the aid station and given penicillin every four hours for a few days. When the orders came down for us to start our march back toward the north, my temperature was down to 102 and I was declared fit to man a 50 caliber machine gun mounted on a half track for the trip to once again engage the enemy.

Christmas 1950 is now history. We are in a new year and still going the wrong direction to be going home. The weather, though not as cold as it was in the Frozen Chosen,

is still a problem. We worry about freezing to death and even more so after two men went to sleep in a fox hole and froze to death one bitter cold night. We are moving a lot, and this helps in fighting the cold and time on our hands. Each new position requires us to dig personal fox holes, powder and ammo pits which is both time consuming and tiring but helped us to sleep better when we did get to bed down.

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

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

April, 1951 came with the arrival of replacements and talk of a truce. A program called rotation would allow some men to leave for home very soon. Also with April came the rain, but no May flowers - just mud. I had hopes every day that I might be told to pack up and go home. But the rains, mud, and extreme heat kept coming. I kept hoping - however, May turned to June, and June to July and on into September, and a few of us that left Fort Hood, Texas with the unit are still with it.

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

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

December found me still in Korea fighting a fight that I didn't start and wanting

very much to go home. Then the day came, the list was read and my name was on it, and I said goodbye to the best group of soldiers that ever put a pair of combat boots on. A few days later I departed Korea from the same place that I had entered the country, and on the same ship that I had left the US. And yes, I did make it home for that Christmas.

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

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

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all Korean War and DMZ Veterans

Department of Defense Armistice Day Weekend Schedule of Events

July 25-27, 2003 Washington, DC
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Friday 25 July 2003

5:00 pm: Fairfax High School - Korean American Cultural Foundation Dance Troupe Performance and Medallion presentation.

7:00 pm: Sylvan Theater on the Mall - Air Force Band USO Style Performance.

Saturday 26 July 2003

10:00 am: Arlington National Cemetery - Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

4:30 pm: MCI Center - National Salute to Korean War Veterans.

Sunday 27 July 2003

10:00 am: Korean War Veteran's Memorial - Armistice Day Ceremony.

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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.

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/s/ R. L. Hindman, Director

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrom (SARS) Advisory

WASHINGTON, April 10, 2003

The Department of Defense is advising military and civilian personnel to take precaution against the potentially deadly Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The advisory is especially for those traveling in the Far East, where the flu-like virus is believed to have originated.

SARS has killed more than 79 people worldwide and raised concerns within DoD about the potential impact to deploying forces and current operations.

However, Dr. David Tornberg, deputy assistant defense secretary for clinical programs and policy, emphasized that no component in DoD, to include the military services, had a SARS problem. He indicated there have been no reported cases of SARS in DoD.

Tornberg said, however, DoD is "taking precautions" because of concern for military personnel being exposed to the virus and someone subsequently catching the disease.

"Health risk communications have gone out to the force, the combatant commanders are aware of the threat, they're following the disease closely, and they are taking initiatives to protect the troops," Tornberg said.

"It's prudent to be very wary of any communicable disease, or any disease that adversely affects our service personnel, that decreases their efficiency and their combat readiness," he said.

SARS is a mysterious respiratory illness that has flu-like symptoms. Researchers studying the disease have yet to determine its exact cause or

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origin. Symptoms include fever, body aches, headaches, sore throat, dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the syndrome may be associated with other symptoms, including headache, muscular stiffness and loss of appetite, malaise, confusion, rash and diarrhea.

Tornberg said 90 percent of the people who have SARS-related infections recover uneventfully. "It's only 10 percent [of people] that have severe trouble, and consequences in the worst cases can lead to death," he noted.

As of April 10, the World Health Organization reported 2,781 probable SARS cases in 19 countries. According to CDC, the United States had 166 suspected cases, as of April 9.

Tornberg said that DoD is working with WHO and the CDC to track SARS and reduce the risks for catching the disease.

In doing so, Tornberg said that

DoD is discouraging travel to certain Far East countries and asking personnel to follow State Department and CDC travel advisories. He said only "essential travel" should be taken in countries that have high concentrations of SARS cases.

For example, Pacific Command, which includes the area where the virus has been most active, said Defense Department personnel may make only mission-essential trips to China and Hong Kong because of the disease's threat.

SARS is spread by contact with respiratory droplets from people ill with the disease. Despite its easy transmission, the virus appears to have a "relatively low" communicability, Tornberg said.

"To get the disease, you have to be in close contact with someone who has the condition, either an immediate household contact and be in contact with that person on a sustained basis," he said.

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Quality and Strength of Memories

By Letisha Luecking

Introduction

When faced with my senior project for Anthropology, I wanted to do something original. I wanted to be able to get into the field and practice what I have learned in class. The idea of memories and remembrances is a new and fresh topic within both fields of history and anthropology. This made me decide to do a series of interviews with Korean War veterans with the intent of analyzing their memories.

When I began this project, my intent was to discuss the theories involved in remembrances and find common theme among Korean War veteran's memories.

Methodologies

I set up a series of interviews with Korean War veterans. This group was primarily white males. The structure of the interviews was kept loose and informal. I talked casually with them only occasionally guiding them with a set of specific questions. These questions were an attempt to find a common theme in all of their memories. First, I asked the veterans a series of background questions to make them feel more at ease. Then I asked questions which can be grouped into two categories. The purpose of the first group of questions was to elicit memories about how they felt and the second was about what they actually did.

Quality and Strength of Memories

Everyone remembers differently and the memories can often range from vague to very vivid. It seemed that the less important memories such as names, dates, and places were easily forgotten. Yet, some memories are so intense they never fade from the mind. One veteran, Don Roush, spent a lot of time talking with me about the front line action he was involved in. At one point, he was telling a story about a sniper who was on watch for his unit. Roush was talking to the sniper and the sniper was hit in the chest by enemy fire. He tried to get the man medical attention. He was very detailed and descriptive when he was telling this story.

Another veteran, Courtney Woodrome, vividly remembered the children in Korea. He remembers very distinctly a child

standing on the other side of a fence. The child had blond, curly hair, blue eyes, olive complexion, and was two to four years old. He said this memory is the one that stands out in his mind the most and he still wonders what happened to that child. Oddly enough, Courtney was the only veteran to really mention the children in this way. The children had a definite impact on him and not on many others.

Another Issue is Re-Living Memories

Re-living memories has a direct relation to the vagueness or vividness of a memory. If a veteran's memories are especially strong, he may be able to actually re-live them in his mind. In some unique situations, veterans are able to recall memories without any embellishment of the original events. One veteran, Ross Millatti, was in the Marine Corp and he fought at the Pusan Perimeter, Chosin Reservoir, and Inchon Landing. These were three major campaigns in the war. Once he began to tell me about his experience at Chosin Reservoir, he seemed to be transported back in time. He was very emotional about the entire experience. It seemed as though he could very vividly see the entire event replaying in his mind.

Don Roush acted the same way. He told me that he spent more time than most soldiers on the front lines and he saw a lot of action. He was very emotional during our interview. When he told his stories, he seemed to be back in Korea narrating the events to me. He said the North Koreans used various different forms of psychological warfare on them. Don said to this day he still can not stand to hear Taps played because it brings back the memories of being on the front line.

These men talk about the past and their memories of the past because they enjoy remembering these things. It is a source of pleasure and it helps them cope. Recalling old memories also gives the person the opportunity to return to particular experiences and go over unresolved conflicts.

Memories Provide a Learning Experience and Teaching Tool

These memories should be considered to be very valuable because there is always a lesson to be learned. The veterans espe-

cially liked sharing their memories with me because they felt as though they were teaching me, which they were.

Most of the men I interviewed referred to the time they spent in the Korean War as just having done their job. They simply did what their government told them to do. They are showing the mentality of the people of that time period. Directly after World War II, Americans were very patriotic. This is an attitude reflected in all of the stories the veterans told.

They also spoke of the camaraderie of the military and how close everyone became during the war. This, of course, is only in reference to the white men I interviewed. It would be interesting to see the bonding relationships between African Americans, Koreans, and whites during this period.

Ross Millatti referred to his Marine Corp unit, as a "breed of our own." He said they fought for each other more than they fought for the country. They were very dependent upon one another and their very survival depended on their ability to work successfully as a team.

Another important lesson comes from Don Roush. He said that just because he received two purple hearts, doesn't mean that he was any kind of hero. He said all he did was go to Korea, do his job, and then come home. He is very thankful that he made it home. But, he said, "The real heroes didn't come home."

All of the men I interviewed were very proud and nationalistic. I think that each of these men was trying to convey a lesson that should be learned by the younger people of America. Bob Hulsey relates the lesson in his interview by saying that he thinks the United States is not currently prepared for war. He feels this is because of the lack of discipline in the younger generations of today. The citizens of this country no longer just do what they are told without questioning why they should do it. Marvin Donaldson said that the government took the young kids into the military because the kids were the ones who didn't know any better. I don't think this lack of awareness is true any longer of today's population.

Another important lesson to be learned

comes from Harry Reime. I asked him how he felt the war has affected his life. He said that he had a lot of fun during the war and this is mainly in reference to when he went on leave. He also said, "It made me appreciate what we have... in this country." He said that being in the war and traveling also gave him a better understanding and respect for other people.

Memories as Constructions of Who The Person Is

The stories told by the veterans become another way in which they can assess their life experiences. One of the most important things about memories is that they tell a story about what stake the individual feels he or she has in the situation. This allows for some insight into that person's view of the situation.

Memories are more than just a person's memory of an event. They are constructions of not only "what is" but also what should have been. A person can use the memory as a way to re-write history to what he or she thinks it should have been. These memories also function as a way to make the older person look more successful in later life.

Henry Weilmuenster was in the Army during the Korean War and he was stationed at Dugway Proving Ground in the Utah Desert. Weilmuenster said that he was part of a "regular testing outfit." He said the government performed various tests on the men. The testing was done without the knowledge of the men and was sometimes dangerous. He feels great pride because of his participation in the testing. He insisted that the results from that testing is still being used today. He tells this story to help illustrate how successful the testing was and to emphasize his participation in it.

Memories Used as a Reflection on Life Meaning

As a person ages, this leads him or her to reflect on his or her life to look for the meaning of it all. The older generations use these memories of what they have done to reflect. This reflection often enables them to find the linking ideas and overarching themes between all of their memories and they can look for answers within those memories. They learn and derive meaning from the connections they find in their memories.

Several of the veterans I interviewed

derived meaning from their reflections. I asked them all to look back on the Korean War and tell me how they feel about it now. The answers varied, but were formed in the same way each time. They would look back on every memory they had that involved the war to make the decision. These men came to these conclusions based on their feelings towards communism during the war. Propaganda during the war most likely contributed to these feelings.

Billy Gray looked back on the time period and determined that the United States was the first one to fight back against communism. He said that it took a long time to get rid of communism, but the United States finally did.

Marvin Donaldson felt much the same way as did Gray about the United State's role in fighting communism. He saw the Korean War as the result of the first communist effort of aggression towards non-communist states. He says that we stopped them and this was key to the downfall of communism in later years.

Ross Millatti agreed completely with Donaldson's and Gray's assessment of the situation. He felt the Korean War was the beginning of the end of communism.

All of these men drew upon their bank of many memories to form an all encompassing evaluation of the United State's involvement in the Korean War. By justifying the United States' involvement in the war in this way, these men are perhaps validating the war, their participation in it, and may somehow be trying to make sense of the horrors they have seen.

Personal Narratives and How They Affect the Historical Text

Each of these men had different experiences while in the war. Yet, all of the experiences together become a part of each individual's experiences. While the veteran's experiences also become a part of the historical text, this historical text can also influence the veteran's personal memories. This shows that memory can have much more meaning when it is expressed in various different ways; such as movies (MASH, Saving Private Ryan and Schindler's List), books, articles, etc.. For many veterans, movies made about their experience can often times become their memories and they are pulled into the script.

Conclusion

I noticed that each one of these men had different memories that were the most valuable to them. The one unifying factor found throughout all of the interviews was how the men used humor. Nearly all of them told of how they would use humor during the war to deal with the difficulties they faced. Most of them also used humor to tell the stories about the war to make the process of remembering a little easier on them.

Memories offer what no other text can; a true sense of what life was really like. This allows for a deeper understanding of events and a search for the links within life. As with all wars, there is a national history written. This exists in the accounts found in the textbooks of the country's schools. In order to have a complete understanding of what happened in Korea, I think it is very important to combine this national history with the oral history from the veterans involved. Also by combining the two sources, a student is more likely to get an accurate account of what really happened. Each of the sources act as evidence for the other. I think only after doing this can people truly begin to understand what the war was really all about.

At the time I wrote the paper, I was finishing my degree requirements at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. I now have a BA in History and Anthropology.

I greatly enjoyed working with these veterans. They are a wonderful group of people. You have my permission to read and publish this paper if you so desire. I think that it would be an honor not only to myself, but to the veterans who participated in the project.

Thank you very much.

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(Thank you Letisha for this great work. I believe it fits the memories of most veterans of the Korean War. Sorry I did not have room to show your full efforts by omitting your footnotes of 12 references of statements made by others. Our thanks also goes out to Harry Reime for sending this paper to us and the veterans that helped Letisha to learn about a war many had forgotten and still do. We will never forget. Editor.)

Activity Registration Form

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

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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

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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.

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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.

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After Meeting Combat Tested Veterans, We Transferred to the Infantry

By Fred A. Duve, Jr.

I would like to tell you about an incident that had taken place back in September of 1950, between myself and five other guys. At the time this took place it was very minor compared to the other major events that were taking place that time and that year. It was the one major event that will always live with me and one I will forever remember. It took place at the 1st US Cavalry Division replacement center, Reple Depple, and I with a couple hundred other guys were awaiting orders as to where we would be assigned to and I still recall how very hot and muggy it had been back in that early first day of September, 1950. We had departed McChord Air Force Base in the state of Washington on some of the big transport, C-54 Skymaster planes that were flying and rushing troops to Korea. Our first day in Taegu at the replacement center we were hearing all kinds of echoing of gun fire coming from the North (Pusan Perimeter) and the night skies were all lit up from the firing of the big guns, you had no doubt that you were now damn close to where the fighting was taking place.

I with about twenty other guys all had the MOS (Military Occupation Specialist) of military police, and had been informed that we would be assigned to a military police unit in the a.m. That evening when we were eating our chow, we got to talking to some other guys and learned that they had been in Korea and combat since July and had come over from Japan with the 1st US Cavalry Division and also they referred to themselves as HRs, Hospital Returnees. After having talked to these guys for some time, and some of the other guys that would be assigned to a military police unit had decided that we would like to go to the infantry (I know that some of you old infantry guys think we should all be in a rubber room with a keeper to watch over us) but hell back in those days we were all very young and as the old saying, "Young will go where the older knew better not to tread". Combat with an enemy was something none of us knew anything about but we sure would learn soon. As I now look at those orders that are beginning to turn brown with age, I see that those orders are dated 3 September 1950, and there

are twenty three individuals besides myself on these orders assigned to the military police company.

I still recall very vividly how Privates Francis (Frank) J. Callahan, William J. Dinsdale, George J. Fisher, Robert W. Kelly, Robert E. Reginer and I became Infantry soldiers. Reginer was to become my foxhole buddy and my assistant BAR man for my duration in the Korean War, 1950-1951.

We went and seen this sergeant about being assigned to the infantry and a strange look came over his face after he had heard us. He informed us that we would have to talk to a captain about transferring into the infantry. After talking to the captain he too also got a strange look on his face after hearing us all requesting to be assigned to the infantry but he again like the sergeant did not say anything to us. He asked us if we sure that we wanted to transfer out of that military police company and be assigned to an infantry company. We all informed the captain that we were sure this was what we all wanted, after some more conversation with the captain the captain did say that we had better be damn sure this was what we wanted to do for once the orders were cut and we were to be assigned to a infantry company and there would be no changes.

We were informed that we were to report back to our quarters and to await for the new orders and that we all would be notified as soon as the transfer orders were issued. Noon right after chow the next day we all reported to the captain and he informed us that we all were now assigned to the 7th Regiment. All of us were assigned not only to the 7th Regiment but we all were assigned to A Company of the 1st Battalion.

Of the six of us who had all volunteered for the infantry back in 1950, two of those guys, Francis J. Callahan and William J. Dinsdale were killed in action and will forever more remain young. The four others also had received wounds in action against the enemy. To this day I do not know how many of the other three guys are alive and still with us and to my regret I have lost track of the other three but I have over these many years had tried to find them and locate their whereabouts without any luck.

I know there will be many former infantry troops, that think we guys who had volunteered for the infantry had a screw loose. To this day I can't say if it was a change we wanted, some kind of adventure we had never been in before or that we all just were not thinking or maybe we didn't have no idea of what we would be getting ourselves into and this we all would soon find out for ourselves. I know that you never volunteer for anything but I also think you have to do what you think is right regardless of what may come.

This I will leave up to you who have all experienced the life of a combat infantryman of us six who had traded our cross pistols for the cross rifles back in September 1950. I can say to this day I have no regrets whatever of transferring into the infantry and I think and believe that there are no greater bunch than those guys who had served and who proudly have worn the blue of the infantry. I was to learn years later after taking a good look at some of my special orders that Callahan, Dinsdale and myself had been on the same transport plane that had taken us to the war via Japan to Korea but I had not known them then and they did not know me but in the months to come we all would become very close to one another. I made the military service my career and have had some most special assignments in my military career that few if any others have had.

I have had three different tours of duty in Korea at different times, the first being in January 1947 to August 1948, then assigned to the 24th Infantry Division of the 19th Infantry Regiment in Japan, again during the Korean War, September 1950 to August of 1951, and once again in May of 1957 to September 1958. I have not heard of any other individual who had served in the military services who had served tours of duty before the Korean War, during the war and after the war in Korea. Sure would like to know if there are any others out there who have served three tours of duty in Korea and especially on three different occasions as I have done. I would also like to hear from others that served with me.

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Reunion Showplace.....

780th Field Artillery Reunion

The 780th Artillery Reunion was held in Roanoke, VA. Over 165 were in attendance and Color Guard was presented with a copy of U.S. Army Reserve Historical painting of 790th F.A. in action at Kajon-ni, Korea near the 38th parallel. The 2nd Bn. of 319th Army reserve served as Color Guard.



Below, Bobbye Ellis presenting door prize to SSG. Greening



Above, Presentation of U.S.A.R. Historical Painting. Shown left to right are SSgt. Kevin Greening, Lary Fulp, Sfc. Anthony Darby, Lt. Col. Kulp, Robert Davis, Sgt. Charles Summers, Sfc. Ray Blankinship and Mrs. Davis.

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 lenght kept to a minimum.— Editor.

72nd Engineer Combat Company Reunion



Veterans who attended our reunion in October 2002. Left to right—George Gilcrest, Lunie Prim, Bud Schofield, Ray Bluey, J D Bolt, Dick Early, Joe Bridges, Bob Mount and Matthew Suddath. Fourteen of the 127 officers and enlisted men who left for Korea from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in July 1950, attended the reunion.

Activities included a dinner theater trip, a “Living Waters” theater performance, shopping and lots of story telling. Some of the stories may even have been true.

A Turncoat remembered prior to his captivity

By William F. Proctor

He was a tall, angular man usually accompanied by beard stubble shielding hollow cheeks. His eyes often displayed a gaze of despair. He gave little attention to his attire. Probably less than others did. Given that mien, outside of the possibility he was not eating enough, this soldier did not appear any different than any other medic assigned as an aid man to an infantry company of the 35th Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Lewis Griggs and I met at the Medical Company collecting station of the 35th on the Pusan Perimeter July, 3 1950. I had recently arrived as a replacement directly from Camp Carson, Colorado. Griggs had arrived in June at the outbreak of hostilities with the Med. Co. after occupation duty in Japan. He had returned that July day from the front apparently to register with the Company C.P. that he desired duties other than those on the front line. Like the rest of us. Pfc. Griggs was scared.

The best the First Sgt could do was give Griggs a clean uniform, toiletries, stationery and meals along with a few days duty at the collecting station. For that duty Griggs was assigned to me in the collecting platoon.

Something strange happens when you are a 21 year old Corporal and have some guys working at your direction in a combat zone. Must be something to do with the something called leadership. I found men not much younger than I confiding in me much as their father confessor. Griggs was no exception. He described himself as a religious man and would like to be a minister some day. On his time he was seen with his Bible and writing letters to family. Many times to me he spoke of the fear that engulfed his whole being

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when he had been committed to all those horrors of the war. Griggs was never explicit. No combat stories. Our talks always ended with some pronouncement by Griggs that he was scared and would like to continue with collecting station duty. I don't recall he ever questioned why we were in Korea and what we were doing there.

In a few days the First Sgt told him to return to his infantry unit. I didn't see Griggs again until winter and the Chinese arrived. Once again he was allowed a break at the Collecting Station. This time he was little bit more the worse for wear. But weren't we all? After this respite again he returned to the front with his infantry unit.

Come spring 1951. Was it March or April. Do you remember? The poop was another Chinese offensive was expected soon. The dreaded Spring Chinese offensive. The 35th was assigned a very narrow valley. The regimental commander was not happy about the regiment's prospects in this deployment. There was something said here and there that the regiment was to be the shock absorber of the initial attack by the Chinese. I would rather think of it as bait.

The first day we set up the collecting station in that valley Griggs arrived at the C.P. He had heard the attack was imminent. Griggs was in a real bad way. His physical appearance had deteriorated to a new low. His speech was without substance. Later in the afternoon Platoon Sergeant Turner directed us to dig in. We proceeded to dig foxholes on either side of the collecting station treatment tent. Turner, Griggs and I on one side with others digging in on the other side. Turner was called to a meeting at the C. P. while I continued to work on a hole for the two of us. I urged Griggs to keep digging, as his efforts were quite lackadaisical.

He did not seem to realize or care that the collecting platoon was preparing for a possible mortal confrontation with the Chinese army. An attack that would occur if Chinese infantry broke through the 35th's front or if the regiment was outflanked.

Sgt. Turner returned. He told me to get my gear together. I was to take two 2-1/2 ton trucks to the rear and out of the valley. Orders had come down from regiment to evacuate

out of the valley all excess vehicles and baggage. In our case the trucks assigned to me were loaded with gear, equipment and supplies of the second collecting station we used when the platoon was divided at different sites to better serve the casualties. I believe a third truck was also involved, taking the kitchen; hardware, utensils. stoves and some rations.

Turner told me who the drivers were assigned to this detail. Griggs asked to go with the detail. Turner informed Griggs he was to stay with the collecting station. Griggs implored, "Why? Why can't I go?" He didn't expect an answer. He knew, as an aid man, his job was with assisting with any wounded brought in that night.

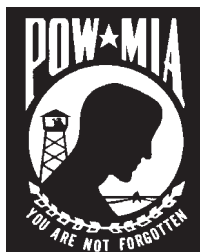
Then he begged repeatedly to go with the convoy. I looked at Turner and he at me. Without a "see you later" I grabbed my stuff and headed for my trucks. Turner didn't speak either. Just took the entrenching tool and started digging.

Our makeshift convoy of rear echelon vehicles; trucks, trailers, water tank trailers and jeeps was on the road just before dusk. If it had wheels and was not contributing to the initial battle it was out of there. Some time after darkness had engulfed us we stopped in a large stand of very tall old trees. I was amazed. I had not seen a real old fashion tree since I arrived in Korea. An officer came down the line ordering us to get some rest but stay with our respective vehicles. I crawled under the 2-1/2 and fell asleep, dreaming of seeing those tall trees at first light.

Before dawn an officer roused me out from under the truck. He told me the collecting platoon was overrun during the night and all the equipment was lost. He didn't have any numbers but stated many of the personnel had escaped over the hills and found refuge at an aid station of the Turkish Brigade. We were to rendezvous with our guys there.

I never did see those trees in the daylight. By early morning we arrived at the Turk's aid station. What a relief to see those guys and the doc. They did not appear to be overwrought or exhausted with the exception of one who had received a flesh wound from

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U.S., China Agree to Enhanced Cooperation on POA/MIA Matters

A Department of Defense delegation has concluded a visit to China to discuss additional cooperation in resolving POW and MIA cases.

Jerry D. Jennings, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW and Missing Personnel Affairs, led a team of specialists to China this week to explore opportunities with Chinese officials. During his five days in China, Jennings met with U.S. and Chinese officials to emphasize the commitment of the U.S. government to POW and MIA accounting.

He met in Beijing with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Defense Foreign Affairs Office, and the Red Cross Society of China to discuss ways in which the Chinese government could be of assistance.

"Chinese records may well hold the key to helping us resolve many of the cases of American POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam War, the Korean War and the Cold War," Jennings said.

"The government of China has been very cooperative in our investigations of World War II and Vietnam losses, and has on several occasions notified the U.S. government of China's discovery of some loss sites. Both sides suggested ways to enhance cooperation on Korean War cases and acknowledged that we have limited time to achieve this goal. Toward this end, both sides agreed to increase the frequency of contacts," Jennings added.

Last year, China hosted teams of U.S. specialists to investigate two WWII aircraft crash sites and one Cold War crash site. Follow-on investigations are to continue at these sites.

During the delegation's meetings with Chinese officials, the team explored options for gaining information from Chinese archival materials at the national and provincial levels. These records may be helpful to analysts investigating American POWs and personnel who were lost during combat operations.

Mr. Jennings requested the assistance of Chinese civilian researchers who could conduct archival research on behalf of the U.S. government. Additionally, the U.S. visitors sought information from the Dandong Museum relating to two F-86 pilots who are missing in action from the Korean War.

U.S. officials also want to resume contact with Peoples' Liberation Army veterans from the Korean War in order to build upon information related to the Chinese operation of POW camps during the war.

Family Travel Assistance to Government Briefings (COIN ASSIST)

In 1970, the Department of Defense, using military training flights, started a program to transport the next-of-kin of Americans listed as prisoners of war and missing in action to Washington, DC, to attend annual meetings of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. The term "COIN" in "COIN ASSIST" was derived from the flights being coincidental with other training flights, and the term "ASSIST" referred to the term travel assistance. Hence the name "COIN ASSIST." In recent years, the use of commercial air transportation has become more economical and is now used to transport family members to these annual briefings. For the first time, in 2002, COIN ASSIST was extended to the next-of-kin of Americans unaccounted-for from the Korean conflict, the Cold War, and the Persian Gulf War.

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office is responsible for structuring and implementing the plan, through the Casualty Offices. The plan authorizes round-trip commercial air transportation for up to two family members of each unaccounted-for person. The travel assistance is for air travel, at the government rate, from the airport nearest a person's

home directly to and from Washington, DC. Vietnam War families attend their briefing in June. This year Korean and Cold War families will receive their briefing in July.

To apply for COIN ASSIST travel, family members should contact their respective Casualty Office to determine just who qualifies as an authorized family member. Each Casualty Office will designate a deadline for making travel arrangements and a travel agency for family members to use when making their flight reservations. Families are required to use the travel agency designated by their Casualty Office. Here are some other things to consider:

- Bylaw, family members traveling under the COIN ASSIST program must attend the scheduled Government briefings.

- COIN ASSIST covers the costs for travel to and from Washington, DC only; no other costs incurred by a family member are covered. Family members should arrange for ground transportation and lodging at their own expense.

- To qualify for COIN ASSIST, a family member must reside within the continental United States, and live more than 350 miles from Washington, DC.

- Travel must occur during the dates of the travel window designated by the Casualty Office.

- Family members may arrange for additional airline tickets, at their own expense.

- COIN ASSIST tickets are NON-EXCHANGEABLE.

- The Casualty Office will provide an Invitational Travel Order for each family member using COIN ASSIST. Travel Orders and a photo ID are needed when checking in at the airport.

The COIN ASSIST program makes it possible for family members to meet with U.S. Government representatives and receive information on the latest POW/MIA accounting efforts. Hopefully, family members will take full advantage of this tremendous opportunity.

Casualty Offices

Department of the Army
(800) 892-2490

Total Army Personnel Command
(TAPC-PER)
2161 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

Headquarters, US Marine Corps
(800) 847-1597
Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MRC)
Personal and Family Readiness Division
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5103

Department of the Navy
(800) 443-9298
Navy Personnel Command
POW/MIA Section (PERS-621P)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6210
<http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers62/POW-MIA/62P.htm>

USAF Missing Persons Branch
(800) 531-5501

HQ AFPC/DPWCM
550 C Street West, Suite 15
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4716

Department of State
(202) 647-6769
Office of American Citizens Services and
Crisis Management
CA/OCS/ACS/EAP
2201 C Street, Northwest, Room 4811
Washington, DC 20520

2003 Family & Veteran Update Schedule

Jun 25-28 - Washington, DC*
July 25-26- Washington, DC*
Aug 23 - Seattle, WA
Sept 20 - St. Louis, MO
Oct 18 Jacksonville, FL
Nov 22 Phoenix, AZ

*Annual Government Briefing

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Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW newsletter.

News From The President, Ray Unger

Hello to fellow POWs, surviving spouses and families. This newsletter is very important because it contains all the information regarding our Valley Forge Reunion. It has the registration forms for hotel, banquet and tours. Please fill out the forms and mail them in, it makes everything run smoother.

Another important item the membership can help with is the change of address. If you move please notify Tim Casey. His address is P.O. Box 447, Pepperell, MA 01463 or e-mail him at tfcasey@sprynet.com or send me the information. There have been over 100 January Newsletters returned.

Please keep Chaplain Norman Hale informed of members and spouses who are

ill or have passed on. His phone number is (256) 734-0864 and e-mail is korean-pow@juno.com.

Let's make this reunion the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War the best ever and have a great turnout. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ray

TAPS

MG Andrew J. Evans
MSG (Ret.) James H. Petty
Urban F. Publicover
Eugene L. Scott
Dode D. Smalley
Emil J. Wetzler
William H. White

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small arms fire. Everyone had escaped the valley except one.

No one seemed to know for sure but they believed Griggs had been captured. No details ever came forth from the group. Pfc. Lewis Griggs was listed as missing. I did not feel good and I am sure Sgt. Turner shared my illness.

Lewis Griggs apparently was imprisoned by the Chinese military from spring '51 until he and others were taken to China as defectors in Feb, 1954. The appellation of "Turncoat" was given to him by his native country. One day in 1955 a newscast I was watching reported the return of some turncoats. Among them was Lewis Griggs.

That sick feeling returned to my gut. I had presumed Griggs, if he had survived the rigors of the POW camps, he would have returned in the earlier prisoner exchanges.

Through the years many thoughts have gone through my mind. Did we let Griggs down? As soldiers? As Buddies? As a country? Was he predisposed to the ways of Chinese communism? Did he collaborate with his captors? Or was he punishing us for not releasing him in some way from the fear and horror of war? He would show us — he would join the enemy.

I have no need to have answers to these questions. They are not of my concern. Or even privy to me. They belong to another. A fellow soldier who undoubtedly helped many during those long and bitter days of war. A man as strong and weak as all of us.

I would not write of this today or any day except the July-Aug 2002 issue of "The Graybeards" in the article "Turncoats" of the '50s " it was written Lewis Griggs in 1959 was a college senior majoring in sociology. (Apparently fulfilling a desire to work with others. Maybe a prerequisite to the ministry)

That very short bio on Griggs concluded with the simple notation that he died in 1984.

"Lewis, I am sorry you could not come with my detail that spring day so long ago. Thank you for your service. — Rest easy."

Bill F. Proctor, S/Sgt Collecting platoon and 1st Bn. Aid Station Medical Co., 35th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div., July 1950-Aug. 1951, 4197 Marshfield Rd., Lawtons, NY 14091-9787. Tel: 716-337-0244

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Images of Korea



Shown left to right Dulles, Lodge, Stevens and Clarke.



Man with tie is a Russian newspaper reporter, others are American reporters and GI's.



Those in fancy uniforms are North Koreans, the others are Chinese.



Lineup is the high brass of I Corps. Shown left to right are BG Waleis - Chief of Staff, MG Bah - Commanding Gen. of 1st ROK Div., LG West - Commanding Gen. of the British Forces, MG Pollack - Commanding Gen. of the 1st Marine Div., MG Clark - Commanding Gen. of the I Corps, MG Fry - Commanding Gen. of the US 2nd Inf. Div., MG Trudeau - Commanding Gen. of the US 7th Inf. Div., Col. Pak - Commanding officer of the 101st KSC Div



622nd MP Bill Schmeltzer



Bill Schmeltzer with house boy Kim.

Truce Talks at Panmunjom

Photos from Bill Schmeltzer 721
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(Thank you Bill for photos and letter.)



Inside of conference hut at Panmunjom. Soldiers are all Chinese.



ABOVE: Hill AFB, Utah Fall of 1952, 2947th Dep.Tng. Sq. Squadron Beer Bust.



LEFT: Left to right Lex Moses, Pappy Morrison and myself at Tsuiki AFB, Tsuiki, Japan 1953



BELOW: Squadron Beer Bust Fall of 1952 at Hill AFB, Utah 2947 Equip. Rep.Sqdn.

Third from left back row Jerome Greico, 4th Mike Brandon, 8th Edward Murphy, 2nd front row from left Alberto Gioiosa.

Photos from Curtis J. Farley, Jr., 2947 Gran Lin Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63303 1-636-447-6788.

BELOW: Taken in Camera Repair Shop at Hill AFB, Utah in 1952 2947 Equip. Rep. Sqdn.: 1. Richard Hatfield, 2. ?, 3. Michael L. Brandon, 4. Richard J. Little, 5. Richard Lichfield, 6. Leland Mohler, 7. John Mohler, 8. Jerome Greico, 9. Morrison, 10. Alberto Gioiosa, 11. Eugene McMahon



Korea 1953 - 51st Fighter Interceptor Sq. some of the guys I went through Camera Repair at Hill AFB, Utah in 1951 and 1952



"Wonder where they are now?"

Photos are of guys I was stationed with at Hill AFB, Utah and Tsuikia FB, Japan. The names indicated I remembered but have forgotten most after all these years. We went through Camera Repair at 2947 EQUIP Repair Sq. at Hill AFB, Utah from 1950 to 1953. If you recognize yourself call or write Curtis J. Farley, Jr.

Images of Korea



The three men photo was taken in mid-June as we came off the line for the first time since the spring offensive that began April 22, 1951. We were in a rest area south of the East Central front. From the left are Ralph (Hank) Sibley of Vallejo, CA; Bill Ramsey of Council Bluffs, IA and John Fenwick of Baltimore, MD. Our outfit, Able Company, First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, First Marine Division.



The four men photo was taken after a patrol in October, 1951 at Eastern front. From the left Bill Cox from New Jersey, George Baggott from South Carolina, Gus Gustine, from Kentucky and Bill "Doc" Ramsey from Council Bluffs, fire team leader. I was wounded a month later on November 17, 1951 while on a patrol on Eastern front. Recovered in hospitals in Japan and the Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, in Oakland, CA. Medically discharged because of wound June 1952. I am a chapter member of the Nebraska chapter of KWVA.

Photos provided by: Bill Ramsey, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, Tel: 712-328-4650



PX. near Kimpo Air Base



Group Headquarters



1818th AACs Sqdn. 1952, Seoul, Korea



Kimpo Air Base



Bill Butts at Kimpo Airfield, Seoul, Korea

K-14 1952, Kimpo Air Base

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A Remembered War and Unsung Heroes

It was late summer of 1945 when my father, Jimmy Swann, heard his uncle Dick Swann's prophetic words. Uncle Dick had returned from World War II after the Japanese had surrendered. A pre-World War II Flying Tiger Pilot, and a World War II Air Force fighter and cargo pilot, Dick Swann was a highly trained and skilled fighter pilot. After the Japanese had surrendered, Dick had flown through North Korean air space and experienced something very unnerving. Gunfire had been directed at his plane. He told Jimmy, "I flew through North Korean air space and they started firing at me! I tell you, Jimmy, you'll be in Korea in another year!" Uncle Dick's words did come true, but the timing was off several years. In May of 1951, 21 year old Jimmy Swann, an Army 3rd Infantry Division, 15th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Easy Company soldier, stepped onto Korean soil in Pusan, Korea. By the Grace of God, human instinct, and skill, Jimmy's life and many other young soldiers' lives would be spared, during one of the most brutal and cruel wars of the 20th century. In many of the battles, American troops and their allies would be outnumbered by Chinese and North Korean troops, twenty to one. The climate that they fought in would range in tem-

peratures from fifty below zero in the winter, to one hundred plus degrees in the summer. Pins would freeze in grenades, and many died from shock brought on by the extremely cold weather.

Memories are very vivid for Jimmy Swann as he recalls situations he faced as an Infantry Sergeant and soldier. "I remember being at the Kumwha and Chorwon Valley where we encountered three T-54 Russian tanks. We took out two of the tanks, but the soldier operating the third tank escaped. I will never forget that soldier; he had blonde hair. I suspected that he was a Russian."

Outpost Harry was one battle he remembers in particular. "There were fifteen hundred of us at this particular battle. The Chinese hit us with five to six thousand soldiers, but we held them off." Some of the other major battles Jimmy fought in were Jackson Heights and Arrow Head Outposts. "The Chinese were very good at throwing mortars," Jimmy recalls, "they could pitch one into your back pocket. The Chinese and North Koreans would usually attack at night. They wore rubber chuggies on their feet. They were so quiet at times that you couldn't hear them coming. Other times they would start whooping and hollering before an attack to try and psyche us out. One way that I could tell if the enemy was

near was by the smell of garlic. They ate a lot of garlic."

Jimmy remembers one particular night when he and eleven other soldiers went out on patrol. "We had to go out twenty five miles or so from the line of departure. That was a long way out. Anyway we started to smell garlic, you could smell it from quite a distance, that's how strong it was. I told my men to split up and lay low in two rice paddy ditches that were on either side of the road. There were six of us on one side and six on the other side. As we lay there, five hundred or more Chinese soldiers quietly walked past us. I could have touched one; that's how close they were to us. We were told, if you were ever captured by the Chinese, save a bullet for yourself."

Many times when soldiers were coming back from patrol at night, bands of North Korean and Chinese soldiers would quietly move in behind the returning UN troops, infiltrate their lines and attack. Jimmy remembers such a night: "One night I and my men were coming in off of patrol. It was pitch dark; the only light we had was moonlight. Anyway, I started getting this peculiar feeling that we were being followed. About 25 yards from the entrance to our line of departure, I yelled for my men to hit the ground. I immediately fired two rounds into the air to signal the gunmen who guarded the entrance to our line that we had a "White Elephant" behind us. They immediately opened up with rounds of machine gun fire over our heads into the darkness behind us. A band of North Korean and Chinese soldiers were gunned down."

There were many horrible, unspeakable atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese armies on the South Korean people. South Korean villages mainly consisted of old men, women and children. All of the young and able-bodied men were out fighting the enemy. One incident that has and will always haunt my father's mind is coming into such a village. "There were twelve of us. We were on patrol when we entered this village. What we came upon I will never forget. Old men, all the women and the children had been herded into huts. The North Korean army had doused them with gasoline and burned them alive. It was horrible, just horrible. We knew that the sol-

By Kimberly Swann-King

diers who had done this were up on this hill next to the village. There were only twelve of us and not enough fire power. The Navy was nearby; we called their carriers and gave them the coordinates of the enemy. They took care of them.”

The “Forgotten War” is what the Korean War of 1950 through 1953 has been deemed. For many, it is a war that does not bring anything to memory. But for those who fought in it, and the family members who had loved ones who fought in it and died in it, it has many vivid memories that only the horrors of war can bring. A total of 5,720,000 Americans served in the Korean War. 54,246 lost their lives, (33,629 in country) 7,286 became Prisoners of War, 2,847 died in captivity, 8,207 remain unaccounted for today. 628,833 UN soldiers lost their lives. It was a war where twenty-one countries joined together to defend the people of South Korea from annihilation and the tyranny of the Soviet backed army of communist North Korea and Red China. These brave and courageous heroes gave their lives, flesh and blood to beat back the communist forces that threatened to devour, oppress and control all of Asia and the free world.

On June 25th, 2000, my father, Jimmy Swann, my mother, Shirley Swann, my husband, Mason King, and I, Kim Swann-King, had the great privilege of attending the commemorative events honoring the “50th Anniversary of the Korean War,” in Washington D.C. This highly honorary event was held at the Mall, beside the Korean War Memorial. We joined and estimated crowd of 7,000 vets, families of vets, adopted Korean children of war, and personnel. It was truly a day of recognition, honor, reunions, and new friendships.

A beautiful South Korean drum ensemble opened the ceremony. Navy vocalists and Connie Stevens sang. Guest speakers were Secretary of Defense, William Cohen, Republic of Korea Ambassador to the United States, Kon-Hoo Lee, distinguished Korean war veteran and astronaut, Senator John Glen, and President Bill Clinton.

President Clinton gave quite and honorable and thought provoking speech. In his opening he said, “Five years ago I had the honor of dedicating this remarkable

Korean War Memorial, and on that day many who were seeing the nineteen beautiful statues for the first time, commented on how very life-like they seemed. But one veteran wryly said, ‘they were very life-like in every way but one, they are seven feet tall. When I think of the courage of those that fought in Korea, I remember them as being twenty feet tall.’”

Including my father, I had the great privilege of meeting some of those “twenty foot tall” Korean veterans while at the ceremonies in Washington D.C. These particular veterans were from up state New York and had traveled to Washington to attend the commemorative events. They graciously took us into their group, where I got to hear some incredible sto-

ries and history.”

camps. They died in those prisons.” Raymond was also badly wounded at Kuniri. “We were covering the retreat for the 8th Army, that’s when they told us every man for himself. We had hand-to-hand combat. I got wounded. While I was lying on a stretcher we were overrun and someone stole my boots; it was twenty degrees below zero. We didn’t have helicopter transportation for the wounded. It took me three days to get to a M.A.S.H unit. I didn’t know they were called M.A.S.H units until I saw M.A.S.H on Television. I was shipped to a hospital in Japan where I spent 5 months. The doctor told me that the reason I didn’t bleed to death was because it was so cold. Yeah, I was pretty lucky.”

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ries and history.

Raymond Westpfal, from Lackawanna, NY, served in the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division while in Korea. Raymond recalls, “I went into the Army in January of 1949, and was stationed in Fort Lewis Washington. In 1950, I had come home on furlough for two days when the Korean War broke out. I was ordered back to Fort Lewis and we shipped out from Tacoma Washington to Korea. At that time the battle had started at the Pusan Perimeter. We held there for about a month and the Marines made a landing at Inchon. We pushed up the Yalu River, and at that time we thought the war was over, but the Chinese got into it. A lot of the weaponry we were using was from World War II. It was rusty and defective. The rocket launchers we had bounced off those Russian tanks like stones.” Raymond went on with his division to fight a major battle at Kuniri. “Our division had five thousand casualties at Kuniri,” Raymond recalls, “two of my closest friends that I enlisted with, were captured and put in prisoner of war

Leo Gorczyca from Lackawanna, NY, served in the Army’s 7th Division in Korea from 1952-1953. Leo recalls a very fierce battle that he was in, “Pork Chop Hill is the one major battle that I was in, on July 6th- July 10th. There were two hundred and forty men in our division. Only thirty-eight of us got off alive. I was one of the thirty- eight. I got wounded nine days before the war ended. I spent almost five months in a hospital in Japan. After recuperating, I was sent back to Korea for a short time and then rotated.”

Bob Moynihan, from Lackawanna, NY, was with the 25th Combat MP’s. He was at “Punch Bowl” in Korea and served from 1952-1953.

Richard Pelc, also from Lackawanna, served in E Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, from 1953-1954 on the ‘Line’, when the war ended. Richard was also wounded.

There are also some other Korean Veterans that I would like to bring to recognition. One was a veteran who could not attend the Korean War

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Letters



Copy of a letter I sent to my mother on November 16, 1950 just before we went up to Hagaru in North Korea.

November 16, 1950

Dearest Mom and Dad

Yep, me again finally. How is everything on your half of the world. Things over here are pretty well under control. We've taken our last objective (Water Reservoir) & fighting has just about stopped. The last we saw of the Chinese communists was two days ago about 10 mi. back. We are getting pretty well used to this cold weather. The mountain tops are covered with snow and we've already stood through two snow storms. It sure does get windy at times up here. We have been living day and night in the open with a fire going whenever possible. We moved into this position yesterday & it looks like we'll be here for a few days. Myself, I'm feeling pretty good. Some of the guys from the south just can't get used to the cold air. I've been carrying a few souvenirs I took from the enemy. We do not get any news out here so I've been wondering if you have read anything about us. We are I suppose called different names like the 7th Regiment or 7th Marines. There are 3 Battalions in a Regt. We are the 3rd. Our Bn. was the hardest hit and lost most men in the Regt. and our Regt. lost the most men in the Division.

Four nights ago we tried pushing the enemy off a hill. It was getting towards dark and we made the attack. There was about 80 of us when the fight started. The enemy was on top of the hill and had the advantage. I don't know for sure but the report came in that there were 300 gooks on the hill. As we started up they were throwing hand-grenades at us and that slowed us up. I wish the world could have seen us go up that hill. I swear that you could never have seen a better bunch of fighting men and all I can say is I am damn proud to be with them. I can tell a lot of stories that are true but believe me, they are hard to believe. Say, what do you mean, you are glad that I am alive? Don't you know that they can't kill this krout. If they did, you can be sure it took a hell of a lot. The last letter I received from Dad was dated October 19. Tell the girls, Aunt Florence and Kedziers for writing. Thanks. I am planning on getting more education when I get back. The way I have been writing lately, anybody would think I need an education but believe me, this is no time to try to impress anybody. A man can't think right in the position we are in. Well, folks, that's all for now. Still a little hope of being home for Christmas, not much though.

Bob

P.S. Love to Everyone.

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Korean Orphans

In early 1953, my sister in Michigan sent me one of my 3 year old niece's dolls and asked if I could get it to an orphan. On my first opportunity, I took the doll 50 miles south to Seoul, and had no trouble finding a group of orphans. I picked out a little Korean doll, and gave her the one sent to me. This was a highlight for me on my tour.



Pictured (then) – Sgt. Don Grudt, 999 AFA “Neverdie,” Spring 1953

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More Korean War Orphans

George Drake's piece on orphans in the War (Graybeards Jan/Feb 2003) brings to mind a yarn I have never written up. My step-father, the Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Cumming was a Southern Presbyterian missionary in Korea, where I myself graduated from high school in Pyongyang in 1938. By 1950 I was an RA major at Ft. Bragg, while the rest of the family was settling back into our home in Kwangju, after a long stay in the U.S. Of course, we all know what happened 25 June 1950! My dad drove the mission jeep over the back roads to Pusan, planning to return to Kwangju after sending my mother and teen-age sister on to Japan. This he was not allowed to do, but he was forced to go on to Japan with the others. Some readers will recall my earlier vignettes describing mother's incredible feats as a RN (nurse) of the old school. She finagled her way back to Kwangju as soon as the troops broke out of the Pusan Perimeter and reactivated the mission hospital single-handedly, just for openers. The Koreans recognized all this by erecting a granite shaft in her honor.

Meanwhile, Rev. Cummings joined the 1st Cavalry Division as a GA-11 Chaplain, fought all the way north with the division, and all the way back after the Chinese intervention. When the Cavalry rotated to Japan, he went to the notorious Koje-do PW camps as chaplain to the Korean staff and PWs. En route south, he stumbled upon a motley crew of Korean orphans, mostly NK, and undertook their protection and support. Eventually, this led to evacuating 40-odd kids from a “home” under Chinese artillery shelling, finally settling them near Taju. No monument for him, but my family still hears from some of those little ones (really their kids) after a half century, and the US Army remembered

too. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal – as a civilian employee!. How many of those did you ever hear of?

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US Navy in Korean War

Ships that were in TF -77 of the 7th Fleet during the Korean War. I was aboard the USS *Bon Homme Richard* CU/CVA-31 and served in the Korean waters in 1951 and 1952.

Being on the flight deck of the Aircraft carrier USS *Bon Homme Richard* CVA-31 and seeing 22 other ships in Task Force 77 of the 7th fleet on July 5th and 6th of 1952.

The Aircraft Carriers USS *Boxer* CVA-31, USS *Princeton* CVA-37 and USS *Philippine Sea* CVA-47. The Battleship USS *Iowa* BB-61, Heavy Cruiser USS *Helena* CA-75, Light Cruiser USS *Juneau* CLAA-119, The ten (10) Destroyers, USS *Van Valkenburgh* DD-656, USS *Barton* DD722, USS *John R. Pierce* DD-753, USS *Strong* DD-758, USS *Anderson* DD-786, USS *Jarvis* DD-799, USS *Porter* DD-800, USS *Agerholm* DD-826, USS *Bausell* DD-845, USS *Rogers* DDR-876. The six (6) Support Ships: US *Rainier* AE5, USS *Firedrake* AE14, USS *Platt* AO24, USS *Kaskaskia* AO-27, USS *Mispillion* AO-105 and USS *Alstede* AF-48.

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The refugees found a use for everything

Regarding the Voyage of Mercy article in the November-December issue of The Graybeards and the refugees transported to Kojedo resettlement.

I was sent to Kojedo in January with the advance party to set up the warehouse facilities to serve the POW camps being established there. We hired interpreters from the refugee population and also helped them out whenever possible. They were very dedicated people and a pleasure to work with, but had little clothing other than what they were wearing.

When the warehouse facilities were established, I was the outside storage foreman and had the responsibility of distribution. Much of the clothing received was obsolete from stateside facilities and received by the boatload. This clothing included a large amount of women's clothing, which was useless to us as there were no female POWs on the island.

The clothing was trucked over to the refugee settlement for their use and was both worn by them and sold for living expenses. Some also went to an orphanage established on the island.

We had a fire in the warehouse and the orphanage was sent GI soap scraps melted and also burnt scraps of GI blankets. We never did figure out what they could do with these scraps but did find out they sold some.

It was a pleasure to be able to help these people, and I also saw their introduction to the draft.

One day I was taking a work detail of prisoners back to their compound when we passed a group of men being escorted by Korean MPs. Some of my prisoners got all excited and started greeting them very loud. When I got them under control, I found

out the prisoners were recognizing friends and relatives in the group. The Korean draft consisted of the MPs going to the village and any men found were rounded up and put in the army. It was a far cry from our selective service, and they had no choice or opportunity to protest.

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A Rendezvous

I had a rendezvous, one day in May. The sky was a bright blue and the sun was encouraging the flowers of May to bloom in all their glory.

As we visited, my buddies of a long ago time and I, no words were spoken. They had come out of the trees nineteen strong and were crossing the evergreen waters of a rice paddy. I had patrolled with them, when I was a youth. I have ended my patrol. Theirs will continue on to eternity. They will remain forever young, as will my buddies who were not allowed to grow old. It was a time when tomorrow might not come.

When the cold rain of early spring falls on their helmets and ponchos, they will not feel the cold seep into their bones as did I. The muscles of their legs are taunt as they struggle to carry their instruments of death. These young men will never tire as I did trying to climb hills without number. Their sightless eyes peer ahead, seeking signs of the enemy. There is no fear in their eyes as there was in mine. Unlike me, they have no memories lurking in the deep recesses of their minds. As I gaze upon these men made of stainless-steel, they turn into human flesh. I see young men bound together by a common thread, who were called, "to defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

They were fulfilling an obligation accepted some 220 plus years ago. Men and women who were no different than those who sailed in wooden ships to fight to establish, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

They were no different than those who fought to preserve the union.

They were no different than those who stormed the trenches during the war to end all wars. Similar men fought in the sky during World War II. Those who fought in Viet Nam carried on the tradition.

As I communed with my friends, I noticed a diminutive oriental woman standing alone near the men made of steel. She was wearing a flower print dress, which reached to her ankles. I recalled I had seen a number of women like her. In my mind's eye they were dressed in floor length gowns of white cotton. They were bent over under their loads heading South down a road in another place and another time. They were fleeing the terror of war and heading towards sanctuary. I spoke to her in a language she did not understand. She answered in a language I did not understand. Using the universal language of sign, I pointed to one of the statues and then myself. I wanted her to know I was one of those who helped preserve her freedom. I know she understood, because her eyes told me so, as did the tears that welled up in her eyes. As she bowed to me, I knew she was saying "Thank you".

As tears streamed down my cheeks, I returned her bow. I

thought, "At long last someone is finally saying 'Thank You'. At long last someone finally knows what it means to be free".

Whenever you hear "Taps" being played on Memorial Day, remember the four words which best sums it all up. The words are inscribed on the Korean War Monument in Washington, D. C. The words are, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

When you hear the national anthem being played, stand up, take off your hat, and stop talking. Look at that symbol of our freedom. Remember, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

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The Gold Star Parents Monument



Here is a painting of a monument that will be done somewhere in Suffolk County.

The Symbolism of The Gold Star Parents Monument: The figures of the Gold Star Parents Monument are standing upright in turbulent water symbolizing the rising above the turmoil of loss and grief. The water also suggests ongoing spiritual purification and the essence of life.

The Gold Star Mother figure cradles the traditional, triangularly-folded, burial flag in her left arm,

close to her heart.

The Gold Star Father figure thrusts an upturned palm skyward from which a dove takes flight, symbolizing release from the pain of loss, the hope of a new birth of freedom and tranquility, and a continued solemn remembrance.

The joined arms of both figures are entwined, displaying the common sharing of loss and the mutual exchange of strength and emotional support.

The emotions of this sculpture can be epitomized in three words: LOVE, PAIN, and HOPE. LOVE at the birth of a child; PAIN felt at the loss of the child; and HOPE that the child's sacrifice for country has furthered the cause of peace and good will throughout the world.

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Remember our Combat Medics

Since this is the final year of the 3-year Korean War Commemoration (2000-2003) many stories have appeared in books and newspapers of individual and unit heroics in battle during the war. However, not too much has been mentioned

regarding first aid men or combat medics, who confidently went about performing the tasks each was trained for without any publicity or fanfare.

One of the finest, realistic and most descriptive versions of the combat medic was in the Graybeards Magazine submitted by an old Korean War veteran, Boyed H. Burnly, (unit unknown). With some minor additions and deletions to make it rhyme, in honor of all combat medics and with credit to Mr. Burnly, I would like to resubmit **"The Combat Medic"**.

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

In Korea, there was a lot for the medic to do. Check each man for frostbite and give first aid too.

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

They all liked the Medic, most called him "Doc". He would check on the wounded when the fighting would stop.

On the front line his job was extremely tough. To give first aid and stay alive in battle was rough.

When the shelling was heavy and the fighting so real, he was always there, on the battlefield. He would be with the wounded men that he found, while the shells were bursting, and hit all around.

These men, the Combat Medics, we can not forget. They helped to save many, those so close to death.

Some of the medics gave their lives for the men, when they were trying to carry them in.

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

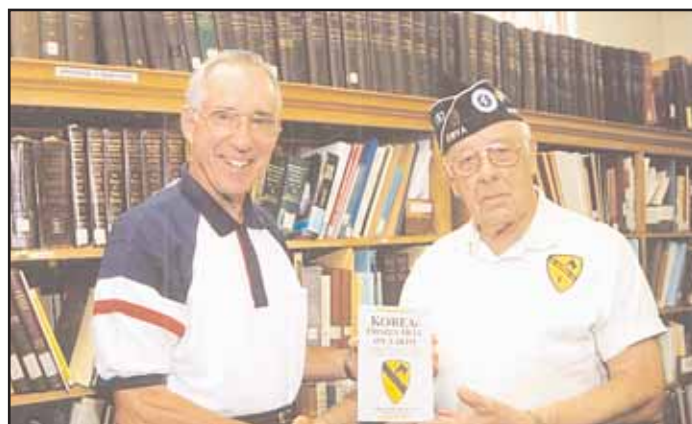
There were medics we knew so very well, that were wounded or killed by an incoming shell.

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

These Combat Medics, these number one guys, due to their help, many survived.

One wounded soldier had this to say, "Medics are heroes. One saved my life that fateful day".

Medics will be remembered by many GI's. Because of their help, many survived.



Boris Spiroff (r) presenting a copy of his book to Mr. Tim Mathison, President of Anne Arundel County Historical Society.

[Note] – When our platoon medic was killed on October 31, 1950, at Unsan, Korea the entire platoon members were not only saddened, but had lost morale. Only when we received J. R. Howard, a replacement medic, two weeks later was morale restored. A medic to a combat unit is a necessity and truly considered a guardian angel.

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The Youngest “Gold Star” Wife

The award of the Bronze Star Medal with Letter “V” for heroic achievement to PFC Rossie E. Wiles was presented to his widow, Mrs. Normia R. Wiles, age 15, one of the youngest members of the Gold Star Wives of America, by Brig. General Aubrey S. Newman, Deputy Commander of Fort Benning.

The citation for “Rocky” Wiles, who was from Rowlesburg, West Virginia, states in part: “Private Wiles, through his selfless courage, was a key factor in preventing an entire company from being overrun. Through this heroic act Private Wiles saved the lives of many Allied soldiers, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.”

Rocky wrote the following poem for his young wife shortly before he was killed

Till I Return

I'll count, the moments while I am gone
And for you I will yearn
And I will fashion dreams anew
Until I return.
Each hour will be lonely, dear
The days will seem like years,
And I will try to smile,
Although it will be through my tears.
And even little birds won't sing
The way they always do
Until I am home again with you.
Each love song that I hear
Will bring you closer to my heart,
To sort of ease the pain I'll feel
While we are far apart.
I'll tell you this my dearest one
Because my heartaches burn.
And life for me won't mean a thing
Until I do return.

(This article and poem was printed in Gold Star Magazine, Jan-Feb issue 1954. Thank you Virginia Hurley, President Gold Star Wives of America. The photo was too faded to print.

PFC Wiles was with the 180th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. and was KIA on July, 18, 1953. This was nine (9) days before the shooting stopped. PFC Wiles was 19 when he died. Still a teenager just like his wife. You will be remembered Rocky.—Ed)

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

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

Forty-eight years is a long time, but not long enough to make me forget.

once.

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

As a result of the unit reunion and the encouragement of my dear daughter, I endeavored to find the family of Calvin C. Grant. My daughter located two families with the last name of Grant, but they had a North Carolina address and Grant had been from the State of Virginia. The first number I called did not answer. I called the only other number I had and the lady that answered the phone was a sister-in-law to Calvin. She informed me that Calvin's wife had remarried and that she and the daughter were still living in Virginia. She stated that she would contact them for me and find out if it would be okay for me to get in touch with them. She called back in a few days and told me it would be okay to call, and I did. Once again I felt a little more healing and a closing to a chapter in my life that was long overdue.

Forty-eight years is a long time, but not long enough to make me forget. I can still today see some of the scenes of the Korean War as if it had only been yesterday. Once in a while it seems I can hear Lt. Turner saying "fire mission" and hear SFC David Cowan saying into the EE8 telephone "Number 3 is ready Sir". "Sometimes I wake in the middle of the night thinking someone has given CSM0 (close stations march order).

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

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

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

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

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Commemorative. His name was Private Eugene L. Jackson, RA 12326481. Howard Smith, his nephew, came to the "50th Anniversary Commemorative" with his Uncle Eugene's Purple Heart. Howard came from Maryland, to give honor to his Uncle Eugene, one of the "twenty foot tall" soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice, his life, to defend a people and a country he did not know.

Also in our hometown of Reidsville, NC, we have "twenty foot tall" Korean veterans who courageously served in the Korean War. They are R.A Robert, Arthur Pearson, Ralph Stone, W.R Smith Jr., and Preston Simmons. Those who died in the service for the people and country of South Korea were, Volney Gilliam and Arnold Joines. Those Korean Vets that returned to Reidsville but are now deceased are Jimmy Knight and Burwell Gentry. For all of those veterans, whom I have failed to mention, all honor and recognition of your heroic and courageous service goes to you as well.

And in loving memory of Caesar Goombar Moscovic, canine comfort and soldier's best friend of the 15th Infantry, 3rd Division- a lone dog that met my father on a war torn road in North Korea. "We were on a road in North Korea, when we came upon this little dog sitting on the side of the road beside a rice paddy. He was glad to see us. I got out, picked him up, put him in our jeep and took him back to the Company. He loved C rations. Caesar Goombar was a brave little dog, he hung out in the trenches and bunkers with us. He was a good guard dog. When it came time for me to go home I left Caesar Goombar with the newcomers."

I would like to close this article with the quoted close of President Clinton's speech, given at the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative; "The Americans, South Koreans, and our allies who fought in Korea, set a standard of courage that someday may be equalled

"The Americans, South Koreans, and our allies who fought in Korea, set a standard of courage that someday may be equalled but will never be surpassed. Korea was not a police action, nor a conflict, crisis or clash. It was a war. A hard, brutal war. And the men and women who fought in Korea were heroes."

.....President Bill Clinton

but will never be surpassed. Korea was not a police action, nor a conflict, crisis or clash. It was a war. A hard, brutal war. And the men and women who fought in Korea were heroes.

There is another subject that has to be addressed here today. When the guns fell silent, some asked what our forces in Korea had done for freedom. After all, for all the fighting had begun at the 38th Parallel and ended at the 38th Parallel. I submit to you today after looking through the long lens of history, it is clear that the stand that America took in Korea was indispensable to our ultimate victory in the Cold War. Because we stood our ground in Korea, the Soviet Union drew a clear lesson. America would fight for freedom. Had America and our allies, from South Korea, to as far away as Turkey, not shown commitment and fortitude, we could well later, as Harry Truman foresaw, have faced World War III.

My fellow Americans and our distinguished allies. We all know that Korea is not about "Hawkeye" and "Hulahan," but about honor and heroes. Young men and women willing to pay the price to keep a people that they had never met, free. To the veterans of the Korean War, those

here, those around the country, those are the ones we must remember here today. Let me say on behalf of a grateful nation, fifty years ago, you helped make the world that we know today possible. You proved to all humanity just how good our nation can be at its best. You showed us through your example that freedom is not free, but can be maintained. Today your fellow Americans say, 'We remember and We are very grateful,' "God bless you."

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Korean War Vets Receive 'Welcome Home' at In



Marine Corps veteran, retired Master Sgt. Fred Vinton, salutes Ryang Hong after receiving his Korean War Service Medal in the ceremony March 22 in Warren, Mich. John Salmonsens stands next to Vinton and awaits his medal presentation.



At left, Judy Erksa, a Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee member, pins a Korean War veteran pin on a veteran from the Canadian military March 22 at the Great Lakes Regional Korean War Commemoration Ceremony in Warren, Mich.



Bagpipe players from the Essex and Kent Scottish Canadian enter the commemoration ceremony. The Military Band from Canada also provided music.



Women from the local Korean community performing.

WARREN, Mich. — When Marine Sgt. William Gobert returned to the United States from his tour in the Korean War in 1951, there were no parades or cheering crowds. Unlike the mass return of service members from World War II, the Korean War veterans came back in small groups as they completed their tours and rotated home.

“There were 17 of us,” recalled Gobert. “We got as far as San Diego and then from there, we went our own way. I took a plane back to

Chicago. I finally got to Pittsburgh and took a bus up the Allegheny River. I’ll never forget. I had a Sea Bag and I was walking down the street and a dog started chasing me. That was my welcome home coming back from Korea.”

Gobert and more than 1,500 other Korean War veterans and family members received the recognition they deserved March 22 during an international Korean War veteran commemoration ceremony in Warren, Mich.

The event, sponsored by the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, the City of Warren, Mich. and the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, included U.S. Korean War veterans from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. South Korean and Canadian veterans also attended the event.

The keynote speaker, Ryang Hong, a Korean War veteran from South Korea, fought alongside the

service members from the United States and 20 other nations to halt the communist invasion from the north. For his sacrifices and service during the war, he was awarded South Korea’s highest decoration for combat valor, the Wharang Medal with Gold Star.

Hong told the group that 50 years ago they were all young, good looking and their eyes sparkled as they defended the freedom of the Republic of Korea. Now, he told the veterans that although they are all

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International Commemoration Event in Michigan



Scottish Highlanders Pipes and Drums from Windsor performed to open the event. Members of the Windsor Military Band also performed for the event.



perform during the ceremony



A Korean War veteran receives his Freedom Medallion during the Great Lakes Regional Korean War Commemoration Ceremony in Warren, Mich., March 22.

At right, Morris Allen receives the Republic of Korea – Korean War Service Medal from Ryang Hong on behalf of all U.S. Army service members who served during the Korean War. Morris traveled to the commemoration event from Illinois. Other veterans traveled from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Veterans from the Canadian military also traveled to Warren, Mich. for the ceremony.



old, "we are still good looking" and "our eyes sparkle with pride. "We fought like hell to do the job and we are proud of it.

The ceremony included international participation with guest speakers from South Korea and musical support from Canada including the Windsor Military Band and the Essex and Kent Scottish Highlanders Pipes and Drums.

During the ceremony, the Korean War veterans received the appreciation of the United States and

Republic of Korea for saving the people of South Korea from communist aggression.

To honor all veterans, service members representing each of the five U.S. services received the Korean War Service Medal. Five Canadians received an Appreciation Medallion from the Republic of Korea and five South Koreans received a special commemorative coin from U.S. Forces, Korea.

All veterans who attended the event also received the Freedom

Medallion, a gift from the people of South Korea, sponsored by Eugene Chin Yu with assistance from the Military Order of the Purple Heart and ladies from the local Korean community.

While receiving a medallion gives the veterans a tangible token of the Korean people's sincere appreciation for what the veterans did for their country 50 years ago, the real highlight for many veterans was hearing the words "thank you" and "welcome home."

"It makes you feel great. This is outstanding," Gobert said. "I think now, we've been recognized and we're very appreciative of things like this gathering.

"This is our last hoorah ... the end of the 50th year," he said. "(They call it) the 'Forgotten War.' It sure wasn't forgotten today."

Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert, and U.S. Army photo by Karen Sas, Ted Beaupre, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Michigan.

LETTERS HOME

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

20th Oct. 1950

Dear Family:

Well, we are rapidly moving into North Korea. First we were 15 miles over the border and spent several days, and then moved up to Seriwon, about 10 miles South of Pyongyang. We spent today here and then tomorrow we move to a point three miles south of Pyongyang. The war here seems to be just about over. Unless on road blocks, we usually stay in a village or city. The buildings in North Korea are an improvement over South Korea. Of course the weather is daily getting colder and we are moving further North each day. Fortunately we have been issued sleeping bags.

All organized resistance is about over but we still have to be careful. Last week an artillery Hq. outfit of 1st Cav. Div. was ambushed with 86 casualties (34 killed). The North Koreans let the infantry in trucks and artillery (guns) go by. Then they saw this Hq. outfit stop and take a break. The North Koreans (there were less than 50) fired with 2 machine guns and small arms. The Hq. outfit had been too relaxed and carelessly left arms on trucks, etc. They were caught bunched up. So you see we still have to watch out.

The biggest interest is loot. Every soldier is looking for meat, cows, chickens, eggs, silk and money. Every village is checked. The people just sit there watching as our own G.I.s and the ROKs tramp through their houses looking for loot. I, myself, just can't make myself walk into a house and break open a closet. If I take anything, I take one look at some poor old creature watching me and end up giving it back. All I take are coins and little photos. As far as the men go, - well, for one meal we had steak and chicken. The men end up with everything. You see them wearing straw hats, plaid suits etc. Others get Russian boots, fur caps, Victoria's, etc. We even found a bugle. How they will carry it, I don't know.

As far as the political picture goes, here, all the party people seem to have fled. Their houses are all the better houses and all are abandoned. Those houses are full of pamphlets, pictures and the walls are littered with newspapers, pictures of Russia, Lenin, Stalin, etc. It scares me to see such a fanatic group. There are no other books but political books. Every piece of paper you find says something about the beautiful system or beautiful Russia. All the educated seem to be able to read Russian which makes me think that was where most were educated. Am afraid those educated in Japan and who did not desire to be party people have been liquidated. However, don't ever get the idea that the organization here is weak. The party here is just as well organized and the pamphlets written in Korean are just as well distributed as in other Iron Curtain countries.

This is our first penetration of the Iron Curtain and I am curious to know how the different classes are affected by the system. The capitalist (mill owner) (factory owner) is not as well off. I talked to a man who owned a mill for making flour. He seemed to have about five workmen. He said under the Japanese he was able to make reasonable profits. Now he said he could hardly scratch the surface. The government makes him mill its grain free. They give him a percentage of the grain for his own use but not much.

This part of the letter is written about four days later. We are on the move every day. We are now way beyond Pyongyang to Anju, up on the West coast. The British have been ahead and we are following them. The weather is very cold now. Each night it freezes. Fortunately we have been issued sleeping bags. We have had very little fighting so far. Loads of prisoners have been pouring in. Most resistance comes from die-hards who stay in mountains and come into villages at night for food. The local North Koreans come to us to protect them. Last night 100 North Korean soldiers came down on a village and killed every inhabitant (all N.K. civilians). The North Korean soldiers usually stay clear of us because the roads are packed and jammed with U.S. troops on the move. Occasionally they will snipe at our convoys at night.

We are living a lot off the country because supply is critical and we are down to two-thirds rations. Our Company is well organized at robbing and we have eggs for breakfast (to order) and stakes for lunch and chicken for supper. This will last as long as the land can bear it, I suppose. Didn't get much of a look at Pyongyang because we went through so fast.

The streets were full of sandbag barricades that were never used. It had been heavily bombed but didn't seem as in bad condition as Seoul. The British have proved themselves as fighters. There are only three Bns of them here, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, Middlesex, and Australians. We went by one place that was just covered with North Korean bodies, 95. I used up an entire roll of film on it. Am afraid it will turn your stomach. If the pictures come out I won't ever have to describe to anybody what war is or what a battlefield looks like. It includes everything. The most amazing thing about a battlefield is the amount of debris that is left about, such as clothing, letters, shoes, mess kits, ammo and weapons. I can always tell when I'm coming on a battlefield by just looking at the ground and noting how beaten down the grass is and how scarred the trees are. I found that this particular one had been fought by the Australians who had hit them from two sides. All the casualties were from small arms and had been a close contact fight. It was similar to several of ours but as you may recollect my saying, I was a little too busy to take pictures then.

Looting is a very popular sport and especially of dead bodies. Pistols and money are the objectives but you'd be surprised at the number of watches, rings etc, we get.

Yesterday we were in a town the paratroopers took from the rear the day before. It was Communist headquarters and supply point. I have so much loot and propaganda to send home I don't know if I can carry it all. We obtained a brand new Russian truck. We are beginning to take back everything looted from South Korea by Reds.

We have 7 officers in Company now; five 1st Lts. and two Capts. I'm executive officer (next in command) even though some of the others rank me by years. Here it's who can do the job.

Haven't received a letter in 3 weeks except from Mairaine, dated Oct. 7. Supply is so bad, not much gets through. Don't forget film.

Love, R.

P. S. It is rumored we are to leave (24th Div.) as soon fighting is over and we have No. 1 priority. Hope it is true.



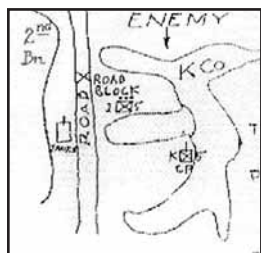
30 Nov. 1950

Dear Family:

I am going to relate an experience that happened last night to "K" Company, as I saw it or as was told to me by people around. This is the first time I have given you a full detailed account of a real battle. Up till now I've only given you a general picture of some battles. My part in this was insignificant. Show this to people if they want to know what its like fighting Chinese.

About a week ago we started our supposed big offensive. The 5th R.C.T. held a perimeter defense about 10 miles from Packchon. The 21st Inf. and 19th Inf. jumped through us and drove on to Chonju. On our right was the 1st R.O.K. Div. But since the front is too wide for all units on line, no unit covers entire area. Thus there was a gap between us and 1st R.O.K. "I" Co., 5th R.C.T. was sent up on the right flank to act as a flank security for the Div. The rest of us were reserves in Div. rear. The first night "I" ran into trouble. On a hill a platoon was assaulted but drove off the enemy. The enemy, however, comes out of the hills behind and blew a bridge behind. Anyway, the next day the entire regiment was sent up just in case this turned out to be something big and not just the usual guerrilla warfare.

We moved in on our designated hill (after dark) without opposition. The 2nd Bn. on our left ran into a little something but not bad. The next day we spotted some (8) enemy on the next ridge line and put artillery on them. Then the liaison plane spotted about a company of them on the rear of that ridge line. Then more artillery. We sent out patrols to that ridge but they were chased back by about 40 enemy as seen by "L" company. Thus we estimated about a company there and called for an air strike. They really worked them and the area over. Then more artillery.



Now as to our area. My map is poor but it should give you a general idea. Our area was a large U shaped one with fingers reaching down to the road. Inside were terraced rice paddies. The mountain was covered with a dense foliage of scrub pine. It was very steep and almost perpendicular at spots. "L" Co. had the right half and "K" the left half of the U. "I" Co. (1 platoon) was a roadblock

and was on a finger extending to the road. Three tanks were with "I" Co. Across the valley we placed trip flares. (The enemy watched us put them in). Our C.P. (Company) was on the road behind "I" Company in a building.

That night we all felt pretty secure. The enemy had taken a beating from the air and artillery. We were dug in on the hill. The C.P. was protected by the roadblock and 3 tanks. The trip flares would warn us if anybody came down the valley or road.

About 2 A.M. BN. called by phone and said we were to move out at 8 the next morning. As usual they didn't say where. Capt. Luckisch told the radio operator on watch at that time to have him awake at 5:30 A.M. We both then went back to sleep.

Suddenly at 2:30 A.M. we were awakened by the sudden crack of rifles and several dull thuds. Then an automatic weapon opened up. Instinctively I had my shoes on and buckled. No time to tie them. I threw on my jacket, grabbed my carbine and rushed out. Capt. Luckisch grabbed the phones and called all our platoons. Outside all the C. P. personnel were under cover and trying to see what was going on. The moon helped quite a bit. Suddenly several men from "I" Company came running

in and said, "Give us help, we've been overrun." During all this there was the constant chatter of small arms, and dull thuds (grenades). Then that familiar crack overhead. The tanks fired a round or two and then took off back down the road. The rest of us assuming that the road block was overrun and the enemy would overrun the unprotected C.P. fell back up the hill to high ground. Corporal Mac Cologan grabbed a 50 cal. machine gun on a jeep in our C. P. and stayed on the gun firing at the enemy after everyone else had left.

Capt. Luckisch, the 1st Sgt. and runners went up the hill where the company was dug in. I grabbed all the men around (Drivers, radio operators, the remnants of "I" Co.) and placed them along the rear of the hill to keep the enemy from coming up through our C.P. and hitting the company from the rear. (The "I" Co. men kept saying that the enemy was coming down the road in columns.)

Then Sgts. Smith and Jackson (both wounded) came walking by on their way to the aid station. Both are platoon Sgts. Jackson had a minor leg wound and Smith had a rib hit. They both said to get ammo and litters up the hill. Not having a radio I went back to "M" Co. mortars in a valley near the road and contacted Bn. to send them up. Also grabbed two tanks and a platoon of infantry that had withdrawn from the hill and set up a road block there to stop whatever came down the road. A couple of minutes later Bn. called me on the radio and told me to set up a road block at the exact spot and hold at all costs so that the 2nd Bn. on our left could get out through a road junction a few hundred yards behind.

Finally I was able to get Capt. Luckisch on radio who said, "For God's sake get our vehicles and equipment out of the C.P. It looked like a hopeless case when suddenly a jeep came down the road with two of my men who said the enemy hadn't overrun the C.P. yet. So up the road to the C.P. I went and found Sgt. Ackerly and several others quietly loading all the jeeps and trucks. He is the Supply Sgt. Some vehicles wouldn't start due to cold weather. Due to hook or crook and the 1st Platoon, who'd just come off the mountain, we got everything out of there. Why the enemy never overran it, I'll never know. They occupied the hill all around us.

During all this time I could hear bugles blowing and hear the chatter and yells of the Chinese soldiers. They die like all human beings and utter all kinds of screeches when hit. Above this, you could hear the yells of our soldiers such as "G.I. Don't shoot" or "Sgt. Smith over here" or "Medic, I'm hit". Then there would be a pause and no sound at all. The next minute one man would open up and then all "hell" broke loose again.

Now as to what happened on top of the hill. Corp. Avnett said to Corp. Bodie before the battle, "Do you hear anything or is that the wind in the leaves?" The next minute one of our own R.O.K. soldiers opened up and got return fire from down the hill. That was enough and everybody was out of his sleeping bag and ready. All hell broke loose when the firing began. Soon concussion grenades began landing all over our position. They knock a man over and caused him to black out. If near they will kill. The first few waves of Chinese carry just grenades. The waves behind them carry automatic weapons. Then machine guns are set up at the bottom of the hill and fire over the heads of the men in front who are crawling up the hill on their bellies. Our men began to toss our grenades back. Our mortars opened up on the bottom of the hill. Sgt. Falk of "M" Co. was directing 81 mortars. He was hit in the chest but refused to leave and kept yelling over the radio to his mortars to bring them in closer. They sent over only two rounds. He yelled again and then was hit in the head. He died on the way down the hill.

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Chapter Affairs

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 participated in the 108th consecutive celebration of July 4th parade in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. Led by Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole, members proudly marched in almost 100 degree weather. They showed love of country on the 227th birthday. Their efforts earned Taejon Chapter two trophies "Judge's Choices Award" and "Most Patriotic Marching Walking Group". The long parade was watched by a large crowd as Taejon members sang military marching cadence which kept them in step. Our thanks go out to Meg Botto, chairman and the Fourth of July citizens committee and Mayor George Fosdick.



Left to right Historian Lou Quagliero presenting trophies for Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, Police Captain Robert W. Lee, accepting trophies, Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and Activity Chairman Erwin Burkert.

The two trophies were presented on July 11th at the City Hall. In behalf of the City of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, Police Captain Robert W. Lee presented the trophies to Commander Onorevole who accepted for Taejon Chapter 170. Members who accompanied the Commander were activity chairman Erwin Burkert and historian Louis Quagliero.



Commander Onorevole leading Taejon Chapter Color Guard.



Left to right DiPaola, McGuinness, Burkert, Commander Onorevole, Ferrarini and Rista.



Left to right Cutrofello, Mrs. Meuser and Past Commander Meuser.



Left to right, Back Seat, Cohen and Castaldo, Left to right, front, Past Commander McGuinness and Cutrofello.



Left to right Cohen, Castaldo, Ottina, Quagliero and Burns.



Left to right After parade and almost 100 degrees, cold drink and hot dog was enjoyed by Cohen, Quagliero, Van Brunt, McGuinness, Atheras, in front Burns and DiPaola. (Thank You Louis Quagliero for photos and letter.)

Eagle Chapter #90 of Rockland County, New York



A dinner was given to the Kitchen Crew and our Honor Guard for their time and energy to our organization, by the KWVA Eagle Chapter, Rockland County, New York. (Thank you Rocky Marcarelli for letter and photo.)

Chorwon Chapter #48 of New Jersey

Members of Chorwon Korean Veterans of New Jersey and VFW Memorial Post 6192 of Twp of Washington arranged an outing for a group of veterans from the Paramus Veterans Home to Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum, and MASH exhibit at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

What was very emotional for me was one member of the group, Mr. James Lattimore, Sr. shown in the picture pointing to his cousin. The B51 plane at top right is the same plane that his brother Robert Lattimore flew in the 2nd World War. It was a nice service for Mr. Lattimore to see a picture of a relative in a museum.



Wartime helicopter



Hospital Tent



James Lattimore pointing to his cousin.



Group of Veterans. (Thank you John Valerio for letter and photos.)

Western Ohio Chapter # 108

Ken Williamson, President and chapter charter member, Fred Shively, have prepared a special VETERANS DAY format as part of our annual TELL AMERICA program. During the 2000-2001 school year 1,120 students were in attendance. Our TELL AMERICA program was presented to 3,215 students. During the 2001-2002 school year it is interesting to note the interest that the teachers indicated in requesting both formats. VETERANS DAY format 2,050 students were in attendance; for the TELL AMERICA program 1,944 students and 45 teachers and other adults were in attendance. Nineteen area schools, 64 classes, 118 periods with a classroom time total of 87 hours!

This 2002-2003 school year is beginning to indicate a continued interest in these formats to inform students and teachers regarding the KOREAN WAR and it's profound change in world history! President Williamson and charter member Shively display the official 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag during each classroom presentation of the "TELL AMERICA" program.

Chapter President, Ken Williamson and charter member, Fred Shively display the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag during each classroom presentation of our "TELL AMERICA" program.



The first Tuesday of each month, a group of veteran and associate members visit patients on the fifth and ninth floors at the Dayton VA Medical Center. We donated an American Flag and floor stand Tuesday evening January 07, 2003.

Attending this dedication were four veteran and three associates and a fifth floor VA staff member. After this presentation we proceeded to distribute bananas, oranges, small packages of



Presentation of the American Flag for display in the 5th floor dayroom at Dayton, Ohio VA Medical Center. Front row: Gene Bowser, WOC/PR, Sue Leisey, VA Staff, Barbara Zimmerman and Lee Mendenhall. Back row: Shirley Palsgrove, James Palsgrove, T. Dale Snyder, Treasurer, and Theresa Snyder.

raisins, and cookies. Patients enjoy our monthly visits and the opportunity to share their Korean War and WW II experiences and other memories.

(Thank you Gene Bowser for photos and letter.)



A monthly visit to the VA Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio. Barbara Zimmerman, associate and Harvey Zimmerman, WOC Chaplain, visit with patient Melvin Lynch.

Mahoning Valley Chapter #137 of Ohio

Members of Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 137 of Youngstown, Ohio held a Tell America Program December 4, 2002 at Matthews High School under the direction of Bob Brothers and Mr. Mike Miller teacher of the American History Class of 52 students. Eight of the students have grandparents who are Korean War Veterans. Mr. Miller told us one of his former students is in charge of one of the helicopters that our President uses. He was very proud to tell us that.



Members pictured are left to right: Bob Donelson, Pete Pizlulo; Chapter President, John Pariza, Joann Onstott; Associate Captain, Chuck Stepan, Bob Markowitz, Rocky Anobile and Bob Brothers; Tell America Chairman.

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."

Bob Brothers reading a poem at Matthews High School.



The Korean Association of Youngstown, Ohio held their New Years Gala Ball on Saturday night the 4th of January at the Metroplex in the Holiday Inn in Youngstown, Ohio. Two members of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter #137 were their invited guests John Pariza and Joann Onstott Associate Captain.



Pictured left to right is: John Pariza Chapter #137 Joann Onstott and Dr. Charles Sung. (Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter.)



This is some of the 52 seniors in attendance at the Tell America Program at Mathews High School on December 4, 2002.



Chuck Stepan telling his story about Korea



Pictured are the outgoing president of the Korean Association Mr. Jung Kim and his wife Jean Kim. He came to America 20 years ago. She came here 15 years ago.

Kansas Chapter #1 - KWVA # 181



Fall Festival in Overland Park, Kansas. Our chapter participated in the parade with several vehicles. The jeep in the photo shows: Ret. Colonel Tim Owens; Ret. Major General Robert L. Shirkey; 1stVP Jack Krumme; and Commander Jack DeLap, National Director. (Thank you Jack DeLap for photo and letter.)



Chapter members shown donating purchased underwear at Youngstown, Ohio V.A. Outpatient Clinic for distribution to veterans at the Brecksville and Louis B. Stokes V.A. Hospitals in the Cleveland area. Many chapter members also serve as van drivers for the clinic. Pictured left to fight Rocky Anobile, Richard Koker, Zeno Foley, Bob Brienik (volunteer coordinator), and Ed Mauer (clinic director). (Thank you Bob Bakalik for photo and letter.)

Ventura County KWVA Chapter 56 of Florida



Shown left to right Robert Bermudez, John Campos, Ben Espinoza and Rudy Avellano. With flags: l to r are Bill Cobos, Manuel Adams and Frank Torrez.

On rainy-windy day twenty members of the Ventura County KWVA Chapter 56, marched in the Santa Paula, California, Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 30, 2002. Commander for Chapter 56, is David Lopez who spearheaded a successful drive designating Highway 126 in Venture County as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Four signs were originally placed in February 1995 and four more in August 1995. Presently four additional signs will be placed which will extend the placement of twelve memorial markers on Highway 126 (Santa Paula Freeway) from Venture, to Interstate Highway 5 in Los Angeles County (Stretch of 39 miles).

On November 11, 2001, KWVA #56, dedicated a Korean War Memorial at Veterans Park in Santa Paula. The Monument lists the grim statistics of the war: 54,246 KIA; 103,284 WIA and 8,177 still considered MIA.

(Thank you Richard C. Ruiz for photo and letter.)

Manasota Chapter 199 of Florida



L to R is Chapter 199's Bill Gilkerson and George Staudt are shown at the registration desk with members of the Tampa Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, co-sponsor of the event

The Departments of Defense hosted the nation's first Korean War Commemoration ceremony in January for 2003 with the city of Tampa (See March-April Graybeards). Over 2500 west central Florida Korean War

Veterans joined Chapter 199 in the, momentous event. According to Manasota Chapter 199's president Bill Field, specially minted medallions from the South Korean people were presented to hundreds of Korean. War Veterans.



Young South Korean women present medallions to veterans wounded during the Korean War

Yung Dung Po Chapter #114 of Pennsylvania



Photo #1 - Seated at left Jerry Johns. Standing behind our banner, Joe Trucks, Bill Merideth, Chick Kazen, Dolores Shay, Sam Simon, Louis Shapiro, Tom McManaman, Eddie Papaycik and Luke Marsden.

Photo was taken at our annual year end celebration (which means we survived another glorious year) in December 2002.

(Thank you Jerome Shapiro for letter and photo.)

Texas Lone Star Chapter #76

On 21 October 2002 the Department of Texas, Korean War Veterans' Association received its charter from the National secretary, Howard Camp. For almost ten years we were the only chapter in the state of Texas.

With the formation of five other chapters recently it was felt a Department was needed to bring Texas veterans together. All chapters were polled and all replied in the affirmative that a Department was desired.

Chapter 76 took the lead and Articles of Incorporation were filed and approved, and the National Charter followed. Included

in the Department in addition to chapter 76 are chapters 217, 222, 223, 249 and Chapter 270.C Interim officers of the Department will be the existing officers of Chapter 76. They are: Carlos Ballard, President, Lee Henderson, 1st Vice President, Sal Gambino, 2nd Vice President, Charles Laird, Treasurer, Vito Susca, Secretary, and Manny Carnero JAG. These officers will remain in place until Statewide elections can be held next year.
(Thank you Carlos Ballard, Sr. for photo and letter.



Standing Howard Nathan, Director of National & State for TSLC Left to Right: Vito Susca, Sal Gambino, Carlos Ballard, Lee Henderson and Charles Laird.

Indiana #1 KWVA Chapter # 30



Our 2003 Chapter Officers. The first row (Left to Right) are as follows: President-Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski; 1st Vice - Lynn Shady; 2nd Vice - Bob Durga; Secretary - Marian Wisniewski; Treasurer - Dean Whitesell; Past Pres. -William Hullinger. The ones in back are trustees, News letter editor and etc. They all work hard to make this Chapter very successful.
(Thank you Mary Anna Roemke for photo and letter.)

Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282 of Hawaii

It was December 8, 2002 when the island of Guam was attacked and left ravaged by Super Typhoon Pongsona. Winds exceeded 185 mph. Concrete utility poles were snapped like matchsticks. All utilities were disrupted. Many homes and businesses were totally inundated by the torrential rains. Why should this be of concern to those of us on the island of Maui in Hawaii? It really should not. But a few days later a front-page story in the

Chapter President Abel Cravalho presenting our check for \$500.00 to Bobby Baker, M.D., Chairman of the Cancer Alliance of Maui.



Maui News described the devastation residents of Guam had experienced and specifically noted that cancer patients on the island of Guam could no longer get their treatments because the cancer treatment facility had been totally destroyed by the typhoon. This information caught our attention.

Several of our members had undergone radiation therapy for cancer in recent years. When the equipment experienced a glitch, it was always devastating. At least they could say that it would only be a day or two before the machine was fixed. The residents of Guam could be offered no such encouragement. They were told that they would have to travel 3,700 miles to Maui in order to continue their very important cancer treatments.

There were 12 other people, cancer patients and their escorts, that FEMA and the Red Cross were able to help with lodging, meals and transportation during December, January and February. The twelve people were housed at a local assisted care facility, Rosa Lani. Unfortunately, in late January, they were advised that they were going to have to leave Rosa Lani if additional funds could not be found to support their housing and meals. Some of them needed to stay just until the end of January but others needed to stay into the second week of February. The Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282 of the Korean War Veterans Association joined other veterans organizations and contributed \$500.00 to help these people in need. Some of those receiving treatment were veterans or members of military families - but not all. Fortunately, the comrades wanted to help their fellow man, not just veterans. The comrades of our chapter saw a need and responded. As a result our newfound friends from Guam were not forced to leave their housing arrangements. They were able to complete their treatments and return to Guam with the hope of a happy and healthy future.

(Thank you Doug Halbert for photo and great story.)

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: Mar-Apr 2003 articles must be received by editor no later than March 10. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

Third Annual Worship Service for Korean War Veterans

On July 20, 2002, KWVA Taejon Chapter and Chorwon Chapters of New Jersey participated in the third annual worship service for Korean War Veterans and the 52nd anniversary of the Korean War.

Pastor Rev. Jong Hyen Woo of the Palisades Park, New Jersey Emmanuel Presbyterian Korean Church hosted the event. Rev. Woo paid great honor to veterans of the Korean War and their sacrifice in defending South Korean from Communism.

Mentioned was the 52nd anniversary of the Korean War in Rev. Woo's opening prayer. The ceremony began when Taejon Chapter Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole gave orders for Captain James Lomauro to advance the colors. The Color Guard took their position in front of the altar and positioned the flags, two on the left and two on the right. The National Anthem of the two countries was played and a welcome and sermon by Rev. Woo. Commander Onorevole was guest speaker and presented Rev. Woo with a plaque of the painting by member Robert Henry of the Korean War and Taejon Chapter monument in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

The Korean Church put on a musical performance and group singing topped by "God Bless America". Rev. Woo gave the closing Benediction and the colors were retired. A dinner buffet, mainly Korean food was enjoyed by the large contingent of veterans and their guests, Rev. Woo's church members wore traditional Korean costumes and were honored to serve everyone. *(Thank You Louis Quagliero for photos and letter.)*



Commander Onorevole gave orders to advance the Colors.

Cake to Honor Korean War Veterans.



Taejon Chapter #170 Color Guard

Commander Onorevole presenting plaque to Pastor Rev. Jong Hyen Woo.



Commander Onorevole and Rev. Woo blowing out the candles.



Cutting the cake with ceremonial sword is Captain Lomauro on the left. Assisted by Commander Onorevole and Rev. Woo.



Korean Church members who served the veterans and guests.

Central Long Chapter #64 of New York

52nd Commemorative Anniversary.

On Tuesday June 25, 2002 we had our ceremony honoring the 52nd Commemorative Anniversary and our fallen comrades of the start of the Korean War at Armed Forces Plaza, Hauppauge, New York of Suffolk County. There were over 350 people, veterans and their families, veterans groups, other groups and politician from Government, New York State and Local Suffolk County and a lot of Korean-Americans. Mr. Kyu Ho Park who is our co-chairman helped to coordinate the Korean-American Association of Long Island, the Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful unification and members also seven churches and their congregation who did a barbecue for us as usual did a fantastic job. This event Central Long Island chapter #64 LWVA has been doing this event since 1990

(Thank you Sal Sacrlato for letter and photos).



On June 25, 2002, Honorable Kim Ji Young Deputy to the Ambassador honored (10) of our members with a special 50th Anniversary Commemorative Korean Appreciated Medallion Medal from Seoul, Korea. Left to right Artie Adinolf, Joe Horton, Leo Romeu, Bob Snider, Bill Arnaiz, Al Emanelo, Larry Bussini, Bill Beatty, Sal Scarlato, Honorable Kim Ji Young and Bob Morga, President. All from Central Long Island Chapter #64 KWVA.



This group picture consisted of Central Long Island Chapter #64 KWVA, CPL A. F. Kivlehan Chapter of Staten Island KWVA, Nassau chapter #1 KWVA and our loving singer Mrs. Norm Suh.

KWVA Members and Friends

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



Veterans and Korean-Americans standing behind Central Long Island Chapter Banner.



Boy Scouts and Korean-Americans with wreath.

Flag Retirement Day Ceremony



June 14, 2002 at our Flag Retirement Day Ceremony held at the Central Long Island Chapter #64 KWVA Headquarters in Bayport, New York. Left to right are Leo Romeu, Lou Caligiuri, Larry Busini, Bill Puls, Paul Fitzsimmons, Paul Zerafa, Anthony Melecca, Dan Wolfert, Jeff Quarles, Bob Snider, Joe Horton, Artie Adinolfi, John Gaughran Sr., and Bob Morga, President.



Flag Retirement Ceremony. *(Thank you Sal Scarlato for photos).*

Displaying the 50th Anniversary Flag.

On June 17, 2002, Edward K. Miller, Jr. SFC U.S. Army representing Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. He came down to Hauppauge, New York in Suffolk County to enter Honorable Robert Gaffile, County Executive who will be represented by Art Lozeav Director of Veterans Service Agency of Suffolk County



Left to right Sal Scarlato, 1st Vice President of Central Long Island Chapter #64 KWVA, SFC Edward K. Miller, DOD Representative, Art Lozeav, Director Veterans Service Agency and Joe Horton, Treasurer. (Thank you Sal Scarlato for letter and photos).

KWVA Chapter #235 of Santa Barbara, California

Our chapter was started in March 1987 by Jack Calderon who was commander for four years 1987-1990, our purpose was and is not let the Korean War Veteran be Forgotten any longer. We have been very active marching in parades doing Funeral color guards, memorial day and Veterans day ceremonies speaking in schools about the Korean War. This July 27, 2003 we are having our 50th Anniversary with a ceremony and guest speakers.

The Council General of Korea will be in attendance with a Korean Girls Dancing Troup, also the National Director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Mr. Eugene Chin YU, President of the Freedom League USA, and will be giving out 300 50th Anniversary Medallions and certificates.

Mayor of Santa Barbara, Ca, Congressperson Lois Capps, 22nd District and maybe a Representative from the President of



Our marching color guard.



Our Officers and members and mascot Brix too.

the USA will attend. On this Memorial Day we will once again pay Honor tribute to those men that were lost in the Korean War from here in Santa Barbara Ca. Our Commander Jack Calderon served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team 1950/1951. He also leads our color guards and is a member of the 187th Airborne Rakkasans Condor Chapter and color guard, Jack Calderon came back to the KWVA in 2000 and our group became Chapter #235 February 2001.

We have 35 members and our Mascot K9 Brix handled by his owner Mr. Art Kappelmann. Art is putting together a Television Documentary on our Korean War Veterans.

(Thank you Jack Calderon for photos and letter.)

Ocean State KWVA Chapter 117 of Rhode Island



The following members are all Korean War Veterans who attended the banquet and each member received a 50th Korean war anniversary medal. The following men and rank are as follows. Standing left to right Peter Paul Boyd Trustee, Leo Courtois Asst. Quartermaster. Roland A. Watts Sr. Jr. Vice. Maurice P. Trottier Commander. Roger Catineault Adjutant. John Pina Jr. Sr. Vice Commander. And partially kneeling Kenneth LaFountaine Chaplain.

(Thank you Maurice Trottier for photo and letter)

Citrus County Chapter #192 of Florida



This picture we are proud of. We won the best Veterans Marching Group in November 2002 of Citrus County, Florida. Holding the trophy is our President Jerry Stamberger.



New Officers of Citrus County Chapter 192. Left to right Sparky Hall, MIA/POW Officer - Donald Findlay, 2nd Vice President - Hank Butler, 1st Vice President - Paul Saylor, Sgt. at Arms - Ken Heisner, Secretary and Editor - Charles Barker, Treasurer and Chaplain - Pete Marquis, Quartermaster - Jerry Stamberger, President. Missing is Judge Henry Oppenborn, Historian. (Thank you Jerome Stamberger for letter and photos.)

A member of the chapter is proud to announce his granddaughter, Holly Yungmann is graduating AFJROTC. The following is her achievements: C/LT COL Holly Yungmann, a four year AFJROTC cadet. She is a Corps Commander at Hernando High School, currently enlisted in the delayed entry program for the US Air Force.



She will be leaving for basic training July 29th, 03, and enlisting as an E-3, and upon completion will list as an E-4 from basic training. She then plans to enter the Air Force in linguistics (Intelligence), currently learning Japanese. In photo: Granddaughter Holly on left and proud Grandfather, Paul in his Marine uniform on right. (Thank you Paul Salver for photo and letter.)

Northwest Alabama Chapter II

The basic goal of the Wheeler Rifles Drill & Ceremony team is to promote patriotism by volunteering their services to local veteran assistance programs. Mr. Wayne Higgins, who is a teacher at Hibbett Middle School, is the director (Founder) of the team. For the past 24 years the team has participated in several projects which have aided veterans in the Shoals area and veterans outside of the area. Donations to the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials in Washington, D.C.

On behalf of the Korean War Veterans Assoc., Northwest Alabama Chapter II, we want to express our appreciation for your outstanding gesture in presenting the \$250.00 check for the Wheeler Rifles Drill Team, Florence Middle School. Mr. Higgins is an associate member of the KWVA and we are very proud to be associated with Wayne and the drill team. They are a very dedicated and determined group of young people. Thanks again for all your help and the support of the KWVA national organization by taking donations of \$784.00 with our current raffle drive.



Presentation of appreciation. Shown left to right: Erica Higgins; Wayne Higgins (Wheeler Rifles Drill Team director); Ralph Dula (President, KWVA, N.W. AL Chapter II)



Wheeler Rifles Honor Guard with 50th Commemoration Flag (right)



Wheeler Rifles Drill and Ceremony Team. (Thank you Ralph Dula for photos and letters.)

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Reunion Calendar

June 2003

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>

National Association of Atomic Veterans July 14-16, Houston, TX Holiday Inn at Airport Contact: William A. Harper, 9308 Navajo Place, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Tel: 1-480-895-0676

8th Engineers, July 20 will meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL, 3000 Oirkson 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.

USS ALGOL AKA 54, Aug. 20-23 to be held at the Quality Hotel 2261 Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA. 70001 Tel: 504-833-8211 Mention "Algol" for the special rate!!! Contact Tony Soria Tel: 209- 722-6005 or Art Nelson <artbets@cs.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

USS Carmick DMS-33 with Tin Can Sailors in Portland, OR. Aug. 24-28 Contact: Bill Allmon, 231 Obispo Ave Long Beach, CA. 90803 Tel: 214-416-7433 Wba2409@aol.com Details at http://Destroyers.org

88th Inf. Div. Ass'n., "Blue Devils", Aug. 28-31, in Philadelphia, PA. Contact Bill Konze, 7318 Riverhill Rd., Oxon Hill, MD 20745-1031. Tel: 301-839-4427, Web Page: www.88inf'div.org

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 <eekhb@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>

USS Defense AM-317 with the Naval Minewarfare Assn. in San Diego, Sept. 3-7. Contact Marty Strauss, 24814 Eden Ave., Hayward, CA. 94545-2391. Tel: 510-782-4783 days, 510-887-4366 Evening. E-mail <vipmarty@aol.com>. Details at http://www.navalminewarfareassociation.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.

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.

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>.

51st Fighter Interceptor Wing Assn., Korea 1950-53, Sept. 5-7 at the Embassy Suites in Omaha Nebraska. Contact Gene or Shirley Zenk, 1417 Broadway in Denison, IA., 51442. Tel: 712-263-5051.

14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div., Korea 1950-53, Sept. 5-8. Contact Keith Walker, 529 W. Clinton Street, Logansport, IN 46947. Tel: 574-722-1069

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 <gddr5k@attbi.com>.

92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn., Sept. 7-10 at Settle Inn, Branson, MO. Contact Guy McMenemy, 12027 Westover Drive, Cypress, TX 77429. Tel: 281-469-2819 or e-mail <reddevilbn@aol.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>.

4th Inf. (IVY) Div. Assn., Sept 7-14, Contact Gregory Rollinger, 13507 Danube Lane R-1, Rosemount, MN 55068-3395. Web Page www.4thin-fantry.org.

GHQ 1st Raider Co/X Corps Sp Opns Co., Sept. 9-11 at Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN. Tel: 800- 872-2529 or 423-266-5000. Contact Joseph Myers at 423-510-8606.

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.

75th Air Depot Wing (Korea, Japan, Europe) Sept. 11-14 in Branson MO. Contact Walter Walko, 23459 E. Canyon PL, Aurora, CO 80016. Tel: 303-690-7399 or E-mail <wawlaw1@juno.com>.

USS SATYR Association, ARL 23, World War II - Korea - Vietnam. Sept. 8-12 in Branson, MO, at the Mountain Music Inn. Contact Bill Janosco, 2981 Anita Ave., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404. Tel: 928-453-6755 or Email: foo-

janosco@msn.com

51st Signal Bn., Sept. 9-11 in Dallas, Texas. Korean Vets, former members are welcome. Contact: Tommy Thompson, 4129 Fairway Dr., Granbury, TX 76049 Tel: 214-670-6322 or E-Mail: <tom@itexas.net>.

44th Engineer Bn. Assn., (Korea) Sept. 10-12 at Fort Leonard Wood, The Hampton Inn, St. Roberts. Contact Dave Clasby, Tel: 314-837-1449. e-mail <dclasby@earthlink.com>; or Ken Cox, Tel: 314-423-5483, e-mail <kdc@WANS.NET>; or Bernie Resnick, Tel. 603-434-6406, e-mail <BigBMR@aol.com>

28th Inf. Div. 109th Regt., Army, Sept. 10-14 in Portland, OR. Contact Jordan L. Stockton, 13321 NW Cornell Rd. #206, Portland, OR 97229. Tel: 503-466-0780

G-3-1 Korea, G Co. 1st Marines and FMF Corpsman Korea 1950-55, Sept. 10-14 at DoubleTree Hotel. Crystal City, VA. Contact Bob Camarillo, 19 Stanislaus Ave., Ventura, CA 93004. Tel: 805-647-9319.

USS Wright, CVL-49 (also AV1, AZ-1, AG-79, CG2) Sept. 10-14 in Dayton, OH, Contact Ed Harvey at 229-872-3940 or e-mail <edgin@CairoNet.com>.

38th Ordinance MM Co., Sept. 11-14 at Adams Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. (by airport) Contact Deke Dalasta at 208-746-6345 (after 5/31) 262-695-8338, or Bill Smith 260-418-5667.

USS TITANIA AKA 13, Sept. 11-14 at Amana, Iowa. Contact Cliff or Caroline Trumpold, 816 31st Ave. Box 31, Middle Amana, Iowa 52307. Tel: 319-622-3103

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. Okanagan 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.

79th ECB, Sept. 17-20 at the Radisson Hotel Opryland. 2401 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN. Room rates \$80.00. Call 615-231-8800 for reservations. Tickets for the Grand Ole Opry are \$30.00 ea. (main floor) and \$27.00 ea. (balcony). Call 704-482-2733 or write to Don Rhom, 811 Pleasant Dr., Shelby, NC 28152. 79th ECB Web Page: <http://geocities.com/bobbyb301>

F-2-5 1st Mar. Div. ('50-'53), Sept. 17-21 at Quantico MCB. Contact Mike Michael, 153 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury CT 06811, Tel: 203-748-5154 or e-mail <hnmich@snet.net>.

712th TROB. Sept 17-21 at Settle Inn, Branson, MO. Contact Robert G Shannon 910/949-3920 or email <rshannon@ac.net>.

USS Colonial, LSD 18, in Gaithersburg, MD, Sept 17-21. Contact Jim Roberts, at 615-833-1863 or e-mail at <lsd18@netscape.net>.

A-1-1 U.S.M.C. (Korea 1950-1953), Sept. 18-20 at the Best Western Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR. (Call 541-386-2200 for reservations. Any questions contact Bob Nippolt, P.O. Box 207, 9 Fordyce Road, Husum, WA 98623-0207, Tel: 509-493-4338.

Anti-Tank Co. 5th Marines Korea 1950-53, Sept. 18-20 at Clarion Hotel Bloomington, MN. All Co. personnel are invited to join 3rd Reunion. Renew old friendships. Contact person's: Chuck Batherson, Tel: 231-839-5476, E-mail <chuckandbarbat5@voyager.net> or George Barrette, Tel: 715-582-3835, E-mail: <grinandbarrett@cybrzn.com>.

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 Ogradnik, 26 Lagadia St., Chicopee, MA 01020. Tel: 413-598-8595 or E-mail: <jjogradnik@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>

96th FA Bn. (all batteries) Sept. 18-21, in Mentor, OH. Contact Frank Lewandowski, 6264 Kenyon Ct., Mentor OH 44060. Tel: 440-255-2459.

2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. (and 461st Inf. Bn.) (Korea 1950-53), Sept. 24-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO. Contact William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75254. Tel: 972-387-1247.

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

Veterans of the Korean War Reunion, Oct. 1-4 in Va. Beach, Va. All branches. Contact Floyd Newkirk, 608 Kingston Dr. Va. Beach, Va. 23452. Tel: 757-340-9801 or e-mail <fnewkirk1@cox.net>. See Web Site, VKWR.org

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

H-3-1 KOREA- Oct. 8-12 in Branson, MO. Contact Jack Dedrick, 10 Donna St., Peabody, MA 01960. Tel: 978-535-5451 or e-mail <jfdedrick@aol.com>.

Heavy Mortar Company, 5th RCT, 1950-1954, Oct. 9-11, at Executive Inn in Louisville, KY. Contact Bill Conley, 4442 Mulberry Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15227. Tel: 412-885-2053 or E-mail <Copconley@aol.com>

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.uss-saratoga.org

999th AFA Bn. (Armored Field Artillery Battalion) "Never Die" Army Korea 1950-1954, Oct. 10-12 at Best Western Midway Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contact Tom Talaska, 3941 W. Denis Ave., Greenfield, Wisconsin 53221-3937. Tel: 414-421-4189 or Email: <atalaska@att.net>.

44th Inf. Div., 1952-1954 Korean War. Oct. 10-12 Peoria, IL. All units & anyone who served at Cp. Cooke, CA. or Fort Lewis, WA. Contact Duane Heward, 505 W. Merle Ln., Peoria, IL. 61604. Tel. 309-682-6519. E-mail: <dfhe-ward@aol.com>. Paul Stern, 2258 Oaklawn Dr., Decatur, IL 62526. Tel: 217-428-0069.

86th Ordnance Co. Assn., Oct. 13-15 in Aberdeen MD. Contact Edward T. Reilly, Tel: 910-798-9865.

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 BAYFIELD APA 33, Oct. 16-19 to be held at the Sea Mist Hotel, 1200 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577 Tel: 1-800-732-6478. www.seamist.com or <artbets@cs.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>.

Subic Bay Reunion, Oct 17-27 at Subic Bay/Olongapo, Philippines. All Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airman who have served in the Subic Bay/Olongapo/Clark Airfield areas of the Philippines. Contact Judy Buzzell, 4600 Duke Street, # 420, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-212-0695 or <info@subicbayreunion.com> or web page www.subicbayreunion.com

1st Ordnance MM Co. 60th Ord.Gp. 328 Ord.Bn. All members. Oct. 22-24 in Chicago, IL. Contact Milan Laketa - Tel. 630-739-5008 E-Mail <Lainie550@aol.com> or George Suppes. Tel: 815-485-5398

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CV-CVA-CVS-39, Ships Company/airgroups. Oct. 23-26 in Cocoa Beach, FL. Contact Eugene Carroll, PO Box 131, Interlaken, NY 14847 Tel: 607-532-4735 or e-mail <gcarroll@rochester.rr.com>.

USS Norris (DD/DDE 859), Oct. 23-26 in Dallas, TX. Contact Ed Mehl at Tel: 302-541-0685 or e-mail <ussnorris@erols.com>

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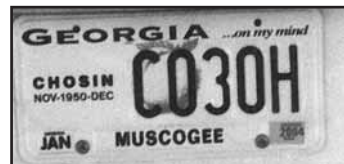
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Northern Michigan Chapter #38

The Northern Michigan Chapter of the KWVA held a memorial dedication ceremony on Sunday, 25 June 2000. The black African granite monument was placed upon City of Traverse City parkland located on the shore of Grand Traverse Bay on Lake Michigan.

The City of Traverse City graciously approved this site upon publicly owned property in order that we might obtain maximum visibility. Chapter member Jim Tompkins acted as master of ceremonies. Air Force Major General Alden Glauch (retired), was the day's keynote speaker. General Glauch is a native son of Traverse City.



Left to right: front row: Peter P. Brown (president) Albert Ockert, Dave Aslin, Ed Dietz (designer of monument); back row: John Hanell, Jerry O'Connell, Harry Webster, Lavern Meachurn, Joe Lada, Jim Tompkins, chapter member and master of ceremonies.



Jim Tompkins, master of ceremonies and chapter member on left and Ed Dietz, designer of monument and chapter member.



(Thank you Jim Tompkins for photos and letter.)

On left is Richard Lewis, City Manager, with Jim Tompkins, chapter member and master of ceremonies.



Left to right: Air Force Major General Alden Glauch (Retired), day's keynote speaker, Jim Tompkins (master of ceremonies and chapter member), Jerry O'Connell (chapter member)

M*A*S*H 4099 Chapter of New Jersey



Veterans shown in the photo are: Kneeling- Bill Huston, Joe Poggi (Secretary), Bob Bramley, Al Gonzales (Commander) and Sergei Leoniuk. 2nd Row: Paul Kimball, Col. Sung Ho Kim, Don Kuehn, (First Chapter Commander), Homer Vanides, Sr. Vice Cmdr; Jr. Vice Cmdr. Faust Faustini, John Smith, Billy Schettino, John Fisher, John Valerio, Homer Martelli, Bill Zimmer, back right.

Mash, Chorwon and Taejon Chapters were honored by the Bergen County Korean Businessmen Association held on April 23, 2003 at the Palisadium Restaurant. The dinner was in remembrance of the 50th Anniversary of the war and the sacrifices American servicemen made during the Korean War.

The Community Service Association comprised of 25 businessmen founded by Chang Kim and Charles Park (Korean American citizen, Vietnam Veteran) two years ago and have donated police bulletproof vests and various items needed by our county policemen.

Thank you Joe Poggi for photo and letter.

KOREA

When I was a young man down on the farm
I had no reason to do my neighbor harm.
Then one day in the rural mail box there came
A very formal letter addressed to my name.

Seems the Government had decided to change my way
So off to an Army Camp I headed, where I had to stay.
Where many others had met to start training
In the hot and cold, in snow and raining.

In due time we were trained and ready for war
So we boarded a ship headed for a foreign shore.
The ride was smooth, the ride was rough
But we were soldiers, taught to be tough.

In Korea a place we found to be cold
To stand guard at night in those days of old.
Sweethearts, Mothers and Wives were left in tears
We helped defend a Nation from oppression and fears.

This cost some their lives, others still carry scars
From cold and wounds as they fought beneath the stars.
Many forgot what we did for that far away land
Because they were busy marching to their own band.

Pick up you rifle, wipe off the mud
You may need it to shoot, or use as a club.
If all goes well, you are here only for a spell
Then return home, but never forget those who fell.

By Earl E. Bell

Freedom Is Not Free

We enjoy this country's freedom
from sea to shinning sea.
And that precious freedom
was bought for you and me.

It was bought by every serviceman
who heard his country's call
And was willing to make the sacrifice
if it be great or small.

God bless the servicemen at home
and over the sea
And tell them that we all know
that Freedom Is Not Free!

We pledge allegiance to this land
this land of the free and the brave.
And our hearts begin to swell
as we see "Old Glory" wave.

Tears begin to fall for them
who died for liberty.
They made the supreme sacrifice
to keep this country free.

God bless the servicemen at home
and over the sea
And tell them that we all know
that Freedom Is Not Free!

By Trudy (Wife of Korean War Vet.)

The following words were penned in memory of those young men who fell in battle and those gallant Marines and soldiers of the Korean War. ... The battle at the Chosin Reservoir will be remembered near and far of pain, of death, of glory, too of brave Marines,

THE CHOSIN FEW

Quick flashes of the battle the cold wet ground,
the snow, the mud
enemy hills on a blanket of white and dark red splotches of human blood.

And you know that death is everywhere you saw your buddies die
its freezing, yet you're sweating and you're alive! You know not why.

So many men fell there forever they will sleep
the living will remember in tribute bravery weep.

Reliving memories of the past, showing up their ugly head
and bringing death to the living and giving life to the now dead.

And now, a reunion of men recalling their past
remembering old buddies that fought to the last.

The last Gung Ho? To one and all no distinction of race or creed
you stand above the normal men you are a different breed.

Author: Jesus L. Rubio "Tio" (Uncle) of Cpl Joseph R Correa
(Submitted by: Joseph R Correa USMC DI2/7 1950
184 Jones Beach Dr, Lakehills, TX 78063)

HEAR YE

To Tin Can Sailors across the land
Who sailed our ships, crew on hand

To battles wide, we sailed afar
Some of us, still bear a scar

But all of us, who sailed our ships
To great large ports, and tiny slips

Weather changes gave us rock and roll
But out great slim ladies were in control

Other times we got pushed around and listed 30
degrees

With decks awash, those topside had wet dungarees

Our armor plating was as thin as a tin can
We enjoyed the sunshine and got a good tan

And that my mates, is what got us fame
Tin Can Sailors. that's our name

By Ron Bennett - A Tin Can Man

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

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 Taepyong, through Taejon to Waegwan, Yuhak Mountain, the Bowling Alley, Taegu and along the Nakdong 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:

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Rhode Island Remembers



Our monumnt in our National Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. We have just lost one of our life members John A. Caruso who planned and built this great monument. It's size is 60 feet long and 40 feet deep, it's pillars stand 12 feet tall. Members present are left to right, Bob Hartley, Commander, Ed Ruzzano, Cy Geary, Bill Kennedy, Joe Murniek, Bob Cushina, Joe Perry, ?, Mr. And Mrs. Chuck Deming, Tony Taratea, Ed Belbin, Doug Gamach, Walter Rezeivdez, Steve Anderson, Mel De Tomosso, John Sullivan, Virginia Piva, Billy Bower, Steve Chapman, ?, Joyce Kennedy, Ralph Nonamacher, and Jim O'Neil.

(Thank you Robert F. Hartley for letter and photo.)

Hawaii Remembers



Korean War Veterans Volunteers pose for photo after cleaning 3,474 headstones at both Veterans Cemeteries in Hilo, Hawaii. Front left, front row, Past Pres. Francis Pacheco, Hisashi Morita, Buddy Johnston, Vice Pres. Robert Montague, Lino Cabral; back row, Tats Kimoto, Stanley Sasaki, Hideo Gushiken, Take Imaizumi, Zac Abregano, Bill Sabayton, Pres. Joe Kaleikini.

The Korean War Veterans of Hilo, Hawaii Chapter 231, voted on the chapter's community service- project. Chapter 231 members decided to clean all of the grave headstones in Veterans Cemeteries I and II in Hawaii County, a total of 3,474 Headstones Markers for a total 140 man hours, those KWW members that contributed to getting the job done were, Francis Pacheco,

Hisashi Morita, Buddy Johnston, Robert Montague, Lino Cabral, Tats Kimoto, Stanley Sasaki, Hideo Gushiken, Take Imaizumi, Zac Abregano, Hiroshi Seto, Bill Sabayton, Joe Kaleikini, Hiroshi Shima and Elizabeth Christianson. The KWW members scrubbed and used pressure washers to clean headstones many of which were black with moss and mildew, and unable to read the inscription. After a good cleaning the headstones are now visible and can be clearly read by visiting family members and friends of the community.

(Thank you Robert Montague and Hiroshi Seto for letter and photo.)

California Remembers

San Joaquin Valley

The Remembrance Memorial for California Korean War Veterans is located in the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery just 3 miles west of 1-5 near the town of Santa Nella. There are Cal Trans Highway signs, 8 of them, within a few miles of Santa Nella so it is easy to find going north or south, east or west.

The Memorial was dedicated on 1 August 1998. The Memorial is made of white California Granite and there are 2496 names of the sixteen sentinels which make up the Memorial. The names represent only men from California who are listed as KIA, MIA, KWM or KWPOW. The Memorial cost \$150,000 to build.

Those of you from California should see the Memorial and I believe you'll be proud of what has been placed there. On 3 July 2002 the State of California passed a bill, AB-2508, signed by the Governor, which made the Memorial the Official State Memorial for California Korean War Veterans.

(Thank you Ron Jabaut for photo and letter.)



Turlock, CA

Korean War Veterans Association, 'War Dogs' Chapter #203, 280 Pedras Road, Turlock, CA 95382-1746 (209-632-9648) on Presidents day February 17, 2003 dedicated a Monument at the Grand Army of the Republic Park in Turlock, California. The Monument is a memorial to all dogs who served our country. This is a first for our town and state. The plaque reads: "Unconditional love; Man's best friend; Served his master and country in the wars of the 20th century." The Mayor of our town and our Turlock City Council Members all participated in the dedication ceremonies which were well attended by interested friends and neighbors.

(Thank you William E. Hoyle and George Sharp for photos and letter.)



Above, from left, W. Herbert, D. Strand, R. Barboza, S. Regalado, E. Gonzales, W. Hoyle, T. Pontes, J. Guinn, L. Ramos, R. Gross, M. Evenson, and L. Johnson.

At right, Korean War Veterans Association, 'War Dogs' Memorial.



Florida Remembers

At right, Veterans Memorial Park, Titusville, Florida, Symbol 7 is for the 7 lost astronauts.

Below, members of 2nd Infantry at reunion in Titusville, FL, October, 2002.



Trying to find my buddies, Picture of the Rangers & G Company not clear enough to print. If anyone knows of a Parkhurst, Quackenbush, Rudy, Malko, "Doc" Hanson, Sgt. Eric, Felex, Frost, Baxter Green, and Kim, please contact Manuel "Hank" Dematos, 13955 Danielle Court, Seminole, Florida 33776.

(Thank you Manuel Dematos for photos and letter.)

Belgium Remembers



Above, Claude Billiet, Belgium Korean Veteran, Dedication Stone for soldier Henry Tannenbaum, 83 rd Inf.Div.

Right: Claude Billiet and Dedication Stone
(Thank you Claude Billiet for letter and photos.)



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Pennsylvania Remembers



Korean War Memorial, Buck's County, Doylestown, Pa., 37 names who gave their all. (Thank you Frederick T. Quedenfeld for photos.)

Illinois Remembers

Each year the Rockford Park District of Rockford, IL host lighted Christmas Displays in it's Sinnissippi Park located on North 2nd Street. This year the Committee Chairman Mr. Joseph Marino invited the Greater Rockford KWVA Chapter 272 to participate with an exhibit. The photo at right shows the finished product which went on display December 15th and was taken down on January 2nd, 2003.



Illinois State Korean War Memorial Located in Springfield, Illinois.

(Thank you Jack F. Philbrick and George Sharpe for photos and letters.)



George Sharpe of Eatonville, WA standing in front of Illinois Korean War Memorial. Tablets are dedicated to those that died and MOH Recipients.

LETTERS HOME from page 43

One squad of the second platoon pulled back and some "Chinese" got on the hill and split the 1st and 2nd Platoons from the 3rd. The 4th was overrun. Sgt. Storms fired at a group of heads peeping over a grave. A grenade landed on his mortar base plate. He ducked and rolled. He was unhurt but his mortar was destroyed. Pvt. Armon (a mortar man) grabbed his carbine and pistol and began firing point blank from the top. An enemy mortar round landed and took off his foot. They carried him down the mountain. He asked to be shot. He was very brave however and only complained when the men carrying him on a shelter half slipped and fell on some ice.

Lt. Fife saw an enemy soldier trying to pull a pin out of a grenade. He emptied his clip into him. We continued to keep pulling on the pin so Fife beat him over the head with his rifle butt. The rifle butt broke. Pvt. More saw a grenade land in his hole. It would have killed both himself and Corp. Ferguson, and so he put his hand on it. His hand was blown off, but they were both saved.

Corp. Chickinanga saw someone jump in his hole. He turned to see who it was and came face to face with a Chinaman. The Chinaman yelled something and leaped out of the hole. Corp. Raines, a machine gunner, waited until they were about 10 yards away and then opened up. They seemed to crumble and pile like cord wood. A flare went up (one of our trip flares) and our men could see them as plain as day. The enemy was swarming up the hill like flies. Raines burned out the barrel and had to change it on his gun. He fired six full boxes. "M" Co. (2 machine guns) fired 14 boxes of ammo. In the 1st Platoon area, Sgt. Jackson was hit in the leg and walked down to the aid station. Sgt. Bannister was hit in the head and died instantly. Pvt. Hitchcock had three tracers (U.S. ammo given to China in '45) go through his chest. He died instantly. Sgt. Cole was hit in the arm (his second time in the Korean War.) He walked out but has never been seen since. Sgt. Yoshikou was hit in the arm (his second time in the war). He continued to direct. Pvt. Clark was hit in the nose. (his second time in the war). Sgt. Adams was killed instantly by a concussion grenade. Both he and Cole had only been back a week from hospital.. Both were hit before on September 17th near Waegwan on hill 268.

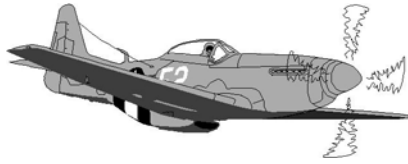
When every man in the first platoon and part of the 2nd on that hill had used up all his ammo the platoons withdrew down the back side of the hill. The 3rd Platoon remained in position and kept firing. Also part of the 2nd and part of the "I" company road block were there. They all kept up a steady fire. Only two men were hit.

Confusion was the big problem. Pfc. Butts heard some Korean spoken and fired. He hit one of our own R.O.K.'s. One of the men in the 3rd saw a figure coming up the hill. It was one of the "I" Co. roadblock. It was too late, however, and he was shot in the leg by mistake. Finally Bn. called and ordered "K" Co. to pull off the hill. "L" Co. had pulled back before. We were to pull back at 8 that morning anyway. They took the wounded with them.

Some "I" Co. men went back for wounded. The enemy had withdrawn from the hill when we did. They gave up trying to take it. They ("I" Co. men) saw 50 dead Chinese bodies in front of one machine gun. A liaison plane later counted 300 bodies on the hill. "K" Co. had 29 casualties, 5 of them were seen killed and 1 is missing. All 6 are considered missing. We were not allowed to go back for bodies.

We all then pulled back to Pakchon. Hope this is a clear picture.
Love, R

Splash Two Yaks



Aerial Combat: Mullins & Ausman

Fall 1950

First Lieutenant Harold J. "Ace" Ausman, of the 67th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, survived a rare aerial encounter with a pair of North Korean YAK fighter-bombers early in the war, and escaped unscathed.

In early November, 1950, Ausman was flying wingman with Major Arnold 'Moon' Mullins, who had assumed command of the 67th Squadron following the untimely combat loss of Major Lou Seville. They were returning from an interdiction mission north of Seoul and had found it necessary to climb above a broken cloud layer to leave the rugged mountain valley which they had recently attacked.

Coming across a hole in the clouds a few miles northeast of Seoul, and looking for recognizable landmarks, Mullins let down through an opening in the clouds unexpectedly find themselves overtaking a pair of airplanes directly ahead of them. With a quick double-take, Mullins realized that they were not F-51 Mustangs ...they were not even friendly aircraft, they were a pair of Russian-built North Korean YAKS; propeller-driven attack planes.

With their considerable speed advantage, descending unseen from the rear, Mullins quickly assessed the situation, and told his wingman, Ausman, to take the enemy YAK on the right, while he attacked the one on the left.

Their dive from high and to the rear had caught the enemy completely by surprise. Mullins pressed his trigger and quickly flamed the first enemy ship with his first burst of machine gun fire and saw it dive sharply to the ground. No parachutes were seen.

But Ausman was even more startled by their sudden, amazing stroke of luck; such a rare opportunity for an aerial 'kill'. He was so preoccupied with his extreme good fortune that he misjudged his high rate of closure on his target aircraft and, although firing his machine guns and getting a few hits, was not able to destroy the target on his first firing pass.

Instead, to his utter dismay, he found the momentum of his dive was carrying him helplessly past the enemy, overtaking the target and thereby drifting right into the sights of his quarry.

Where moments before he had been the attacker, he was suddenly and very unhappily becoming a sitting-duck target for the enemy YAK, who was about to be offered a beautiful straight-on, close-astern firing blast against his attacker!.

Chopping his throttle completely off, and kicking his rudder to skid the airplane in an attempt to dissipate excess airspeed, Ausman continued to slowly pass on the YAKs right side.

"Dive under", he heard Mullins shout over his radio, and he immediately did as

he was told.

Ausman hit the throttle, dove sharply and turned left under the enemy airplane as Mullins, who, fortunately, was still behind the surviving YAK was able to swing quickly and easily into trail position and shot down the second North Korean aircraft with a quick burst of machine gun fire, giving Major Arnold "Moon" Mullins two aerial victories in as many minutes ... the first aerial encounters for the 67th Squadron and the first aerial victories for the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group in the Korean war.

Lieutenant Harold Ausman, thankful for Mullins' prompt and accurate marksmanship was facetiously, and in honest good humor, given the nickname "Ace", which he cherished throughout his remaining Air Force career.

Arnold 'Moon' Mullins, a P-38 veteran of World War II in Europe, where he had been shot down and evaded capture was, at age 30, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel soon after leaving the 67th Squadron in Korea. He was reassigned to a Tactical Air Command base in South Carolina in early 1951, developing air-to-ground communications procedures for Close Support operations. He was killed in the crash of a T-33 jet trainer aircraft in 1952 while demonstrating those tactical maneuvers.

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: **Lt. Spud Taylor**

A deep part of "Chappie" died when Spud went.

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Looking for **64th Tank Bn. Co. "A" 1st Plt.**, period of May 1952 - March 1953. Some names I remember are Sgt. Sgt. Willie Perine, Bill Zandloe, Kennie, Smitty, Filipone, Krouse, Woody and any others. I was the gunner on Tank #11 and Tank Cmdr. on #12. Contact Glen Bitzer, 16006 Falls Road, Sparks, MD 21152, Tel: 410-771-4465.



Looking for others from **31st Regt., 7th Div. or 15th AAA AW(SP) Bn.** who were on a troop train from Hwachon Reservoir to Pusan, Korea in June 1951. While going through a tunnel, the locomotive stopped and spewing smoke and coal gas. The train had to be evacuated. Contact Robert A. Mook, 7111 Parkside Villas Dr., N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709-1379. Tel: 727-786-0884.



I served in **HQ Co., 65th Inf. Regt., 3rd Div.** in Korea from early January 1953 to July 1954. All pictures of me that I had with my friends were destroyed and I remain with not a single picture to show my granddaughter how I looked in those years. Does anyone who served with me in my unit have pictures of me and how I looked. Contact Sam Waxman, 167 Merrill Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314-3239.



Looking for former members of **49th FA Bn., 17th RCT, 7th Inf. Div.**, Korea 1950/1951. Contact John Hangey at e-mail <JRHangey@aol.com>



Looking for **Gene Lambert** of Dayton OH. Served in the Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Vesuvius AE15. 1951-54. Contact Ron Johnson at e-mail <evronccod@aol.com>



2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. Assn. is looking for veterans who served in our Battalion before or during World War II (1935-46) and before or during the Korean War (1949-53). Our Association includes those who served with our Battalion's successor unit - the 461st Inf. Bn. (Heavy Mortar). The next annual reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO, Sept. 24-28, 2003. Enlist today by phone or mail, providing your full name, address, phone number, unit and dates of service. You will then receive a current roster and future newsletters. No dues. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75254; Tel: 972-387-1247.



My name is Jim Hartling, F Co., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., I was designated sniper in our platoon. Looking for **SFC. Williams, SGT. Abel and SGT. Mohar** 1950-51. On Sept. 19th while breaking through the front lines of the Pusan Perimeter near Taegue, I was wounded near Waegwan and was sent to a hospital in Kyoto, Japan. After, returning to my platoon I was informed by SFC Williams that he had put me in for the Bronze Star. At that time the army had a quota on issuing medals. SFC Williams also informed me that Supply SGT. Mohar had taken my name off the list and replaced it with his own. At the time I was only happy to be alive and did not question his motives. Thru the years I have

often wondered how SGT. Mohar justified to family and friends the reason a Supply SGT. truly deserved the Bronze Star. Contact Jim Hartling, 870 N. Soy St., Pahrump, NV 89060. Tel 775-751-8138. (Jim, in the early 1950-51 Korean War years anyone wearing a uniform that could carry a rifle no matter what MOS could have earned any medal. In those days everyone was on the front lines at one time or another. I suggest that you go after your own medal with whatever proof you can find at this late date. By the way, being alive is still more important than any medal. Ask those that died with a Purple Heart and other medals including the MOH. I doubt there was any quota on any medal if earned. Editor.)



I am trying to obtain information on **Lt. Col Arnold Brandt** who died in Camp 5 early in the Korean War. Contact Chris Broussard at e-mail <res005as@gte.net>



My father, **Robert Lucas** served in Korea in the 70th Heavy Tank Bn., Co. A. His discharge papers listed the 1st Med. Tank Bn. Co. D. When I was 14 my dad had a stroke that left him unable to talk again. He died two years ago and I have been trying to find out all I can about his time in Korea. I was too young to care when he lost the ability to tell me stories. Now I wish I had taken the time. I'd really like to find someone that knew him and correspond. Contact Mark Lucas, 608 Morrison Ave. Salina, KS 67401 Tel: 785-342-8432 or e-mail <mjlucas2002@earthlink.net>



I am seeking the address or e-mail of **Sgt. Chester Bair**. He served with the 31st RCT, 7th Inf. Div. at the Chosin Reservoir. Contact Robert Butler, 22 Hayes Ave., Ellington, CT 06029 or e-mail at <beatrisbutler@msn.com>.



Looking for the fourth member of our team. His name is **Russell Wade**. Bill Thomas, Charles Tyler and I had a reunion of our Artillery Forward Observer Team recently. We were all from Battery B, 38th FA Bn, 2nd Inf. Div. We were FOs with various infantry companies from four different divisions in 1953 prior to the cease fire. We ended the war with Fox Co., 38th Inf. Regt. Contact Bob Lusk, 13925 W. Via Tercero, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Tel: 623-214-9113, E-mail <Lusk038@aol.com>.



Mr. Garland Foster is trying to locate **Benjamin Matteson**, "C" Co., 634th Bn., 1st Armor. Mr. Garland is not sure about spelling of last name, although he is confident the man was last known to be living in North Dakota. Contact Charles Jenner at Tel: 605-892-2073 or E-mail at <cbjenner@spe.midco.net>



Robert Henry Jensen, born 4th of Nov 1927 in Copenhagen, Denmark Served on the "Jutlandia" hospital ship in UN/EUSAK from 1951 to 1952 as a volunteer. 8th Army, 3rd Div. Apparently wounded in fight on Koje-Do-Isle with a POW revolt on June 10, 1952. Contact Martin Jensen with any details on my dad at e-

mail <martin.jensen@oracle.com>.

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Looking for information regarding **Harvey Hoeppner**, from St. Paul, MN who served with me in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea from 1950 to 1952. I believe he was in the 7th Marine Regt, T & R Command, 1st Div. I would like to know, if possible, which battallion he served with and his company. Thank you. I trained with Harvey for a few months after we were called up in August, 1950. .Contact Ray Barton at Email: <rdl047@earthlink.net>

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Looking for **Sgt. Raymond Free**, Medic and **Howard Sheldon** of F Co., 5th Cav. 1950-51. Contact Richard D. Clark, 221 Ferry Rd., Saco, Maine 04072. Tel: 207-282-2083

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Here is the information regarding **Frederick Theodore (Ted) Hoffman**. It is my sincere hope that it will be useful in helping to locate the men in his unit. My goal is to meet Ted's comrades, because perhaps they would be willing to speak with me and share stories, photos, or even letters. Every bit we learn about Ted and the things he did in his life, clarifies in our minds what kind of man he was. Thus far, I would have felt highly privileged to have met him. We weren't permitted the chance to get to know him because of the treacherous actions of the family. By the time we found out where he was, he had been dead ten years. It was a tragic loss. I do believe, though, that God Himself is using us to honor Ted the way he should have been. And the wonderful changes brought about in the hearts of his sons can never be taken from them.

Frederick Theodore (Ted) Hoffman Service number: ER56149 734 Auth: AR 135-133 & para 3a SR 140-177-1 Lived in Pasadena, Calif. at the time of his induction. Inducted April 20 1951 - Fort Ord. Most Significant duty assignment: Hq-Hq Co. 27th Inf. APO #25.

Ted was first a private, and later promoted to Corporal. He was a paratrooper and an Ammo supply specialist. He was later known among friends as a weapons expert.

The following experience was told to us by Ted's half brother, Bobby Zediker when we finally met him. I don't know how accurate the details are, but I think the basic idea is correct. At some time in mid to late 1952, while Ted was in Korea, he and his unit were ordered to hold a post. (I don't know which one, but it was near a bridge). Their post was attacked. One of his comrades was captured and wounded in the process. Ted and two or three others went to rescue their comrade as the captor was dragging him away. Ted received a bayonet wound to the stomach while fighting with one of the captors. Ted and his men killed the captors, threw them over the bridge, and returned to their post, carrying their wounded comrade. Ted was released from duty as a result of his wound. There was a court martial against Ted for leaving his post. He was found innocent of wrong doing, and given an Honorable Discharge.

Ted was transferred to Army Reserve January 17, 1953. January 1953 he returned to school, and finished his high school courses, and received his High School Diploma. Ted was approximately 5' 3, brown hair, & stocky build. While in the Army he received a tattoo on his upper right arm of what looks like a leap-

ing black panther. His walking stride was side to side, as opposed to one foot in front of the other (a peculiar [and inherited] way to walk). In his civilian life he was an expert mechanic. He loved deep sea fishing, and later after returning home, he purchased a commercial fishing boat named LUEV The boat had been converted from a WWII landing craft in 1956.

I thank you for your generous considerations. I understand that, even though I personally came from a traumatic background, I could never know what it is like to fight in wars, to see terrible sufferings and destruction on such a giant scale. The personal cost to each soldier is known only to those who've been there, and cannot be truly communicated to those of us who never have.

Lorraine Hoffman, P.O. Box 1191, Manhattan Beach, CA 90267-1191. Tel: 310-766-0999.

(Veterans, I can give Lorraine some of the answers to her questions but mainly what I interrupt from her letter that is more important is to find someone that knew him in Korea or any other place of duty. I received a telephone call from Lorraine in early January and asked her for more information to do a "Looking For..." in our Graybeards. I do not know the family problems but it would be a great gift to find someone who knew him.—Ed)

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I was with HQ Co. 1st Bn. 1st Marines 1st Marine Div. Communication Section. Looking for **W. Stanley Kentigh**, St. Louis, MO; **Donald F. Kenson**, Charlestown, NH; **G. E. Koenig**, Glenwood Springs, CO; **L. A. Koyl**, Lapeer, MI; and **Edwin L. Myers**, Grove Point, OH. Contact Casimir R. Kogut, 25766 South Polk Street, Monee, IL 61834. Tel: 708-534-2746.

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Looking for **William Boswell** Lt and Capt **Harry Hedlund** they were witnessed of Col Edgar Treacy, Jr. death. Need address, email address, or telephone number. Contact Carroll G. Everist at e-mail <sgt1@cox.net> or web page <http://members.cox.net/sqtl/>

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The **96th FA Bn.** is looking for members who served in Korea from Sept. 1950 to July 1958. We have 444 members located and on our roster. Our Assn. is active with reunions and comradeship. Please contact Arnold Anderson, HC 83 Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730. Phone 605/673-6313.

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When I was released by the North Koreans on 1 September 1953, after almost three years as a POW, I was met by General Ridgeway. A **photographer from Pacific Stars and Stripes**, took a photo of me saluting General Ridgeway. He said a copy would be sent to my family. It never was, or if it was, we never received it. I am trying to obtain a copy of that photo.

I wrote to *Pacific Stars & Stripes* but they disclaim any knowledge of it. I know it exists because a friend of mine was stationed in Tokyo at that time and saw the photo in that newspaper. But the Japanese gentleman who answered my letter was quite adamant and seemed to be irritated because I wrote and asked for the photo. If I remember correctly, his reply was something like, "We have more things to do than look for old photos."

Contact William F. Borer, 556 Osprey Drive, Hampstead, NC 28443-8302. Tel: 910-270-0049 or e-mail at <mrbill@cape-fear.net>.

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Update

Korea Revisit

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

Dear friends and fellow veterans,

We have received additional Revisit Korea Quotas for the 22 – 28 June Tour to Seoul. This is the annual commemoration tour over the historic 25 June when South Korea was attacked in 1950. This date is a National Holiday in Korea and the ROK President usually presents the medals to the veterans at the annual award banquet.

We have also received quotas for the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on 27 July 1953. The dates are 23 – 29 July 2003. These will go fast so please get your applications in early. We also anticipate additional quotas for the fall revisit tours in September, October and November.

KVA Seoul has informed us that the Revisit Korea program will continue into the foreseeable future. Consequently, we are now taking applications for the 2004 and 2005 tours.

If you have any questions please call me personally at: 703-212-0695; FAX to: 703-212-8567 or Email at: mht@miltours.com

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, President/CEO
 Military Historical Tours,
 Alexandria, Virginia

(See page 72 for Revisit Korea Application)

Public Radio Documentary Gives Voice to Korean War Veterans

In July, public radio stations across the country will air a documentary that helps tell the story of the Korean War through the words of its veterans—including *Graybeards* editor Vincent Krepps.

Produced by American RadioWorks (ARW), the national documentary unit of Minnesota Public Radio, the special report is timed to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. *Korea: The Unfinished War* explores how the conflict changed this country—for example, by hastening racial integration of the nation's armed forces and prompting a military build-up that's lasted to the present day.

The one-hour documentary draws on archival film and radio and includes interviews with historians and former government officials. But it also gives prominence to the voices of Korean War vets. Krepps, for example, tells the story of his landing in Korea in the 2nd Infantry with his twin brother—whom he later lost in battle.

The ARW team gave priority to collect-

...public radio stations across the country will air a documentary that helps tell the story of the Korean War through the words of its veterans...

ing the stories of veterans. While doing research for other historical documentaries, ARW Managing Editor Stephen Smith had been frustrated by the poor audio quality of many oral history collections. With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, ARW was able to partner with academics also interested in collecting interviews with Korean War veterans.

"We've developed an extensive database, so that the scholars working with us can analyze the info we've gathered in ways that suit the book projects they're working on," Smith said. "But they're also built to make the radio work more effec-

tively and efficiently."

Producer John Biewen said it was fascinating to interview Korean War veterans, after having interviewed Vietnam vets for a previous ARW project a few years ago. "The quintessential coming-home story for Vietnam vets was that of being criticized, called a baby killer, perhaps being spit upon," he said. "Korean War veterans told of having their service disregarded completely."

All of the interviews will be posted on the ARW Web site, along with the documentary itself, photos and other material about the Korean War. You can listen and look at www.americanradioworks.org.

Public radio stations generally will broadcast *Korea: The Unfinished War*, the week of July 20. Please call your local station to find out when it will air in your market. For more information, contact Suzanne Perry, 651-290-1276, or Misha Quill, 651-290-1049, at Minnesota Public Radio.

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U.S. Army Center for Military History in Washington, D.C. and the United States Military Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and other military research libraries in the United States. Relying on that research and my own experiences as a Korean War POW, I have added to and/or corrected or clarified certain information in this document with "Editor's Notes" throughout the text of the book and an "Editor's Appendix" at the end. Where I felt it was appropriate, I have referred the reader to the "Editor's Appendix" within the text of the book.

The publishing of this book has been a "labor of love" for me. As historian for the Korean War Ex-POW Association, it is my hope that those who read it will not only clearly understand the hardships endured and sacrifices made by U.S. POWs during the Korean War, but will be inspired to read, and learn even more, from the "Suggested Reading List" included at the end of this book. (Shortened due to Space. Editor.)

Arden A. Rowley, Compiler and Editor, Historian, Korean War Ex-POW Association
About the Editor

Arden A. Rowley enlisted in U.S. Regular Army 14 September 1948 after graduating from Mesa High School, Mesa, Arizona, in May.

He completed Basic Training at Ft. Ord, California: September - November 1948 and was shipped to Okinawa January of 1949.

He embarked on a fifteen-month tour of duty on Okinawa in 76th Engineer Construction Battalion: January 1949 -May 1950 during which time he attended a two-month heavy equipment mechanic school at Eight Army Engineer School at Maizuru, Japan.

Rowley returned to the U.S. in May of 1950 and was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Washington, Co. A 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division.

Soon after, the Korean War broke out on 25 June 1950, he was shipped out for Korea with the first elements of the 2nd Infantry Division on July 17, 1950. Arrived at Pusan, Korea, 31 July 1950.

He fought in combat with 2nd Engineers during the Pusan Perimeter phase of the war. In Co A, 2nd Engineers, he was committed to front lines as part of Task Force Bradley in the

Pohang-Dong area 10-20 August 1950. He fought with 2nd Engineer Battalion at the Battle of Yongsan and the Nakdong River Line 2-15 September 1950.

After the Inchon Landing on 15 September 1950, he advanced with 2nd Division to Seoul.

The 2nd Division as part of Eight U.S. Army's IX Corp, invaded North Korea early October of 1950 and advanced with other UN Forces to within 40 miles of the Yalu River by late November of 1950. The 2nd Engineers were again committed to front lines as infantry in late November 1950.

Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) intervened in late November 1950 and overran the 2nd Division which was engaged in fighting a delaying action during the Eighth Army's withdrawal.

At this time, he was taken a prisoner of war 1 December 1950 by the CCF along with 360 men from 2nd Engineer Battalion and thousands of other U.S. Soldiers of the Eighth Army.

For the next 33 months he was held in five different POW camps and was then repatriated on August 18, 1953 after the signing of the armistice on July 27 signaling the end of the fighting in Korea.

He returned to his hometown, Mesa, Arizona, on September 7, 1953 (Labor Day) and received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on October 19, 1953 at Fort Ord, California.

He enlisted in Arizona Army National Guard November 1956 after 5 years of Regular Army service. He continued service there for 18 years. Rowley retired from military service in March of 1974, with 23 years of service, at the rank of Major.

He received his BS degree at Arizona State College in 1958 and Master of Arts degree, Arizona State University in 1963. He taught school in Mesa Public Schools for 31 years, 1958-1989, retiring in June of 1989.

He published a book about his experiences in Korea entitled Korea -POW: A Thousand Days with Life on Hold -1950-53 in 1997. He is the historian for the Korean War Ex-POW Association. (Shortened due to Space. Editor.)

(When first hearing about this book I assumed this would be a detailed group of stories from POWs and their experiences

written in there own words. It is still that but its in a format that only a group of highly educated people compiled for historical records in a form of military documents. As I read chapter after chapter (which was hard to do) I almost stopped reading. Much of the detail I already knew. I wanted to see a story that covered all the POWs including those that died. Of course I was looking for my twin brother's name. The more I read I began to find many things I did not know. Many great photos, maps of POW Camps and other documents. I now know when reading other POW books I can separate truth from fiction.

This is a great book for library's and those that study the Korean War History. See page 61 in March-April "Graybeards" for ordering. Thank you Arden.—Editor)



In the Absence of Sun

By Helie Lee

"An all-out thrilling escape story, complete with dangerous border crossings, unexpected romance and touching family moments, makes for a terrific and beautiful chronicle."

—Publishers Weekly

A Korean Family, Separated for Decades, Undertakes a Daring Mission to Reunite.

Helie Lee made a vow to her ailing grandmother, Halmoni: that she would find and rescue Halmoni's son, still in North Korea, living under horrendous conditions. Helie felt even more urgency to save her uncle because she had learned that her novel, the best-selling *Still Life With Rice*, about her grandmother's daring escape from North Korea during the Korean War, may have further jeopardized her uncle's life, as well as that of his family living there.

This is the true story of what happened next. Determined to follow through on the promise she made to her grandmother, Helie embarks on a mission to free her uncle and finally rejoin her grandmother with her eldest son after forty years of separation. Helie and her father push through Korean rivers and forests, bribing and manipulating border guards and gangsters. Finally they connect with a mysterious and colorful man Helie calls "The Guide," who through several acts of heroism secures the freedom of her uncle and his extended family. But not before her uncle is forced to make a harrowing choice:

leave his North Korean family behind or continue to live in starvation and oppression never to see his mother again. And not before Helie is forced to confront her deep, sometimes ambivalent, feelings about her identity as a Korean-American woman. Mother and son are finally reunited in Seoul and cousins meet each other for the first time, in a moving, incredibly powerful scene.

Reading like an action-packed thriller, *In the Absence of Sun* is a real life daring escape and Helie Lee, honest and determined, is a woman to behold.

About the Author



HELIE LEE was born in Seoul, South Korea. She grew up in Los Angeles, where she now lives close to her family. She lectures nationwide, bringing awareness to the plight of North

Koreans and promoting peace between North and South Korea for future generations. She has been featured on Nightline, CNN, the Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times regarding this subject.

The Story

On June 25, 1950, civil war erupted after long-simmering clashes and tension boiled over. The Soviet-backed Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) invaded the U.S.-backed Republic of Korea (ROK) in an attempt to reunify the country by force. As a result, the United States, South Korea, and fifteen other nations under the flag of the United Nations waged war.

North Korean forces lost ground and manpower quickly. The soldiers ripped through the countryside, abducting new recruits to replace the dead and the injured. Halmoni refused to sacrifice her husband and sixteen-year old son Yong Woon to the communists. The communists had persecuted them for converting to Christianity and for being rich landowners. Instead she urged her men to flee to the South, while she stayed behind with her four younger children, her youngest just a newborn. When the police discovered the men had fled, they beat her brutally and threw her into prison. For several weeks Halmoni was locked up in a cold cell crammed with women before they finally released her.

When she returned home, she waited

nervously for the war to end and for her husband and son to return. However, the bombs kept blasting the capital city of Pyongyang. Halmoni could wait no longer. She strapped the infant to her back, held her six- and nine-year-old boys by the hand, and had her thirteen-year-old daughter cling to her long skirt. During the height of UN air assaults in late November 1950, they joined the mass exodus of refugees shambling south. They dodged bombs and low-flying B-29 planes strafing the ground. On frostbitten feet, they walked against the icy wind, past exhaustion. Then on Christmas Eve, almost four weeks after they began their perilous journey, they finally reached the capital of South Korea, only to find out that the Chinese People's Volunteer Army had joined the bloody battle with North Korea. Chinese troops poured across the Yalu River and slashed at UN and ROK forces, heading directly for Seoul.

Once again, Halmoni and her weary children headed farther down to the tip of the Korean peninsula, to the port city of Pusan. It was the only southern city that had not been invaded by the communists. In Pusan, Halmoni joyfully found her husband among the throng of refugees searching for separate family members. She never found her eldest son.

Dead? Alive? No one knew. The last she had heard of him was that he had been captured by North Korean troops along with two of his friends just north of the 38th parallel. One of the friends had managed to escape to the South and found Halmoni in Pusan,

When the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, to temporarily stall the bloody three-year fighting, Halmoni tried desperately to track down her son's whereabouts. But in the aftermath of the war, the ideological and political lines between the North and South didn't soften. They became violently opposed, and the cold war intensified. North Korea became one of the

most isolated societies in the world. Kim IL Sung created a tightly closed, centrally controlled regime in the North, while the South eventually developed into an economic powerhouse.

Still, Halmoni would not give up her search. She diligently wrote letters to ambassadors and missionaries, went on South Korean television, and repeatedly applied for a tourist visa to North Korea. When all her efforts failed, she prayed for reunification between the two Koreas. Every morning at dawn and every evening before she went to sleep, she would kneel and pray for an hour or two, sometimes longer. Reunification never came.

(The above text is only two partial pages of this wonderful story that deserves reading by all Americans and mainly those that fought in that 3 year war to free the people of Korea. Yes, many made it out of the North with our retreating U.N. forces but like our soldiers, civilians were left behind for many reasons. I am going to try as get Helie's first book "Still Life With Rice" and do a book review on that one also. Thank you Helie Lee, we are proud to have your family and you in America. This is what makes America so great for all of us. Stories like yours surly must make those of us born here realize how lucky we are.

Those of us that saw war already know. Your former country make all of us proud to be called Korean War Veterans.

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For more information, contact: Darlene Faster, Associate Publicist. (212) 572-2296, dfaster@randomhouse.com After reading the book, contact Helie at helie@helielee.com)

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

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VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

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Veteran's Signature: _____ Date _____

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

Background

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

KVA Eligibility

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

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

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

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

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

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

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Progress Report: May - June 2003

Importance of Education

Education and research is of great importance to the educators and youth of our nation. One of the goals of the KWVNM&L is to make available literature, artifacts, pictures, etc. to all generations of our nation to learn about the Korean War.

We have over a thousand books on the Korean War, videos, magazines, manuals etc. to be used for research library. Information has been sent to many schools in Illinois to let them know of our educational research center, what is available and we would be glad to have field trips. They are asked to give us two weeks advanced notice,

and I arrange to have veterans available to talk to them and answer questions.

On Friday, April 25, 2003 the Tuscola High School junior history classes were bussed to the educational research center. Six KW veterans from the Charles Parlier Chapter of Decatur, Illinois were available to talk to the students. We had 74 students and three teachers. The teachers later reported the students were very impressed and learned a lot from the veterans and seeing the artifacts.

The educational research center of the Korean War also plans on fixing up a foot locker with extra items for schools to be able to check out to use during their time teaching of the Korean War. We also copy maps and some liter-

ature to make a packet to be passed out to all students to use as study material and hopefully to draw their interest to research more on the Korean war.

Sharon E. Corum
Executive Secretary

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library staff will welcome all groups including students and veterans. Contact us using the following information: Phone: 217-253-5813 or Fax: 217-253-9421 or E-mail: kwmuseum@theforgottenvictory.org or visit our Web-Site: www.theforgottenvictory.org

We will help you plan a reunion or just a visit including directions. The photos on the following page only show a small portion of what we have on display. For non-veteran groups we will provide Korean War Veterans that will give a great history lesson from personal experiences from 1950 to 1953.

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The Korean War Veterans Association Executive Council at Branson, MO on October 6, 2002 passed a resolution stating their support for the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library and requested that all Korean War veterans support the fund raising for the construction of the museum and library

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Photos



Tour Guides from KWVA Parlier Chapter of Illinois. Sitting (L to R) Merle Sims, Charles Jenkins. Standing (L to R) Richard Teike, Richard Boulware, Wayne Semple, Eugene Baker and Richard Fischback.



Merle Sims answering students questions.



Richard Teike explaining artifacts from the Korean War.



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Date	Event	Location	Lead
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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	
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	The Korean Veterans Church, Assn of Australia, Allan Murray, kvaainc@optusnet.com.au National Commemoration Committee 50th Commemoration Committee (DoD) State of Hawaii Eighth US Army (EUSA) 50th Commemoration Committee 50th Commemoration Committee
22 June, 2003	Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day	Korean Uniting Community Melbourne, Australia	
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 State of Hawaii Eighth US Army (EUSA) 50th Commemoration Committee 50th Commemoration Committee
27 July, 2003	Korean War Veterans Parade	Location: Honolulu, Hawaii	
1 October, 2003	Mutual Defense Treaty	Seoul, Korea	
11 November, 2003	Official Closing of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration	Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC	50th Commemoration Committee 50th Commemoration Committee
11 November, 2003	Korean War Veterans Welcome Home Parade	New York City, NY	

(To be updated each issue as required)

Taps

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace. (Deaths which occurred over 6 months ago are not listed.)

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Papa-san taking a rest.



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Rest time near Kumsong, 1952.



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Digging in Near Kumsong, 1952.



Helping the children near Inchon, 1952.

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(Thank you Gordon for photos. I was taken up the side of U.S. Repose in Pusan Harbor prior to being air-evacuated to a hospital in Japan in late Sept. 1950. -Editor.)

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